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## Americas trade pact promised

**Clinton, 33 leaders wrap up summit with free-trade pledge**

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**SANTIAGO, Chile** — Amid pomp and promise, President Clinton and 33 other leaders wrapped up their second Summit of the Americas yesterday with a pledge to negotiate a trade agreement that would unite nearly 800 million people in democracy and the marketplace.

While years of negotiations lie ahead — between Clinton and Congress and between the United

States and other countries — the leaders confidently predicted they started a process that will lead to better incomes and lives for people from Alaska to Argentina.

"The people of the Americas... have launched a profound revolution in the past few years, a revolution of peace and freedom and prosperity," Clinton said at the concluding ceremony. "We embrace our responsibility to make these historic forces live the lives of all our people."

Chilean President Eduardo Frei said, "This dialogue is aimed at the creation of an authentic community of nations... A community of nations, arising out of the diverse

identities within it, is a wager on the future, a collective dream striving to become reality."

The centerpiece of that wager is the proposed trade pact, which Frei said would be "the largest free trade area in history."

The 34 leaders from North America and South America signed a joint statement summing up their agreements and hopes for the future, which include another summit in Canada in a few years.

Their optimistic launch of trade talks capped two days in which they celebrated the dramatic rise of democracy and booming free market economies through the Western

Hemisphere.

They promised to shore up those sometimes fragile democracies — taking hold in every nation except Cuba — by boosting education, improving health care and fighting corruption. They also promise to encourage better treatment of working people, make it easier for the poor to own land, expand immunizations and improve the quality of drinking water.

The leaders also launched a regional Alliance Against Drugs that will allow the United States to work more cooperatively with other countries to evaluate respective anti-drug efforts. But the United States will continue to act by itself

to certify foreign drug efforts as required by law.

Turning to trade in their final closed-door session yesterday, the leaders set up nine negotiating groups to start work on the free trade pact. The groups will meet in Miami for the first three years, then Panama, then Mexico.

They could start meeting as early as June, with a goal of making solid progress by 2000 and a full agreement by 2005.

The countries also agreed to address other areas, including:

- Infrastructure. The Inter-American Development Bank will set standards to ensure fair competition among international contractors vying for construction contracts.
- Energy and environment. The countries will work to integrate energy markets and alleviate global climate change.
- Corruption. They agreed to work on ways to fight corruption and bribery in business transactions.

### Airport fix puts PGA off course

**Sponsors, players may have to land in NYC**

*By Melissa Klein*  
*Staff Writer*

Located a virtual chip shot away from Westchester Country Club in Harrison, Westchester County Airport has provided easy access for players and sponsors arriving for the annual Buick Classic golf tournament in June.

But this year, many of those out-of-town visitors will have to detour outside Westchester as the airport's main runway closes for much of the tournament week.

A runway rehabilitation project is also disrupting the travel plans of thousands of passengers while the airport or its main runway closes during May and June.

Dede Patterson, director of the Buick Classic, said the tournament is alerting players and visitors to make other arrangements.

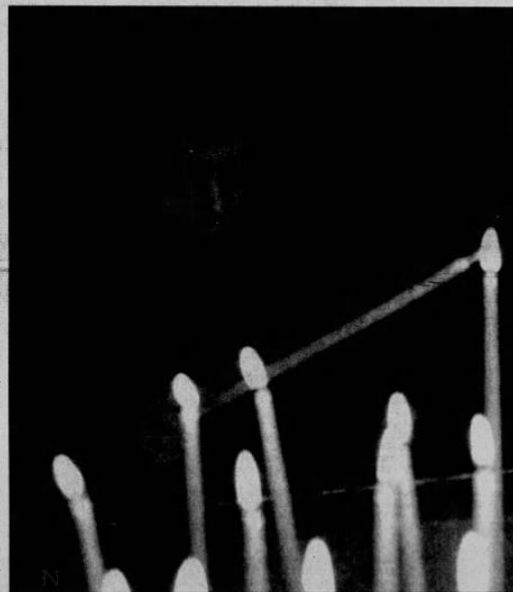
"What I would have preferred is that they would have scheduled it at a different time," Patterson said.

Last year, volunteers made 120 trips to the county airport to transport players and sponsors, Patterson said. The PGA tournament draws about 160 players.

She said she asked county officials to reschedule the tournament.

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### An Orthodox Easter



Peter Kentros of White Plains lights a candle yesterday on his way into the Church of Our Savior in Rye. The Greek Orthodox church's congregation was celebrating Easter.

### Tip prompts park search for victims of 'Son of Sam' cult

*By Alicia Maszy*  
*Staff Writer*

Acting on a tip by informants, Yonkers and New York City police used cadaver dogs to search an area of Untermyer Park in search of bodies that may be linked to the cult to which "Son of Sam" killer David Berkowitz belonged, police said yesterday.

LT Frank Moustiak said he was "unsure" if anything was found. Several calls to both police departments resulted in no comments on the case.

About nine dogs that can locate shallowly buried bodies helped in the search. An unidentified area of the 50-acre North Broadway park was canvassed Saturday by members of Yonkers Police Department's Special Investigations Division and the NYPD.

Berkowitz, an inmate at Sullivan Correctional Facility at Fallburg, admitted to terrorizing New York City as the "Son of Sam" in 1976 and 1977. He used a .44-caliber revolver in eight attacks, which resulted in six deaths and the wounding of seven others. He was living on Pine Street in Yonkers at the time of his arrest Aug. 10, 1977.

Berkowitz was part of a satanic cult based in Yonkers and linked to violent crimes throughout the nation. Maury Terry, a freelance writer who has been investigating the case for 20 years, said that while Saturday's search was a "roll of the dice, it was a proper roll of the dice."

"I believe it was the right thing to do. I know there were several informants who had alleged that bodies may be in Untermyer," Terry said yesterday.

Terry said he thinks there's some

truth to the matter because several informants have talked about bodies being buried in the park. However, he noted that if there are bodies there, they were not put there by Berkowitz, but by members of the cult he joined later. Informants said the bodies were put there between 1968 and 1973, maybe as late as 1974, Terry said. Berkowitz was in the Army until 1974.

Terry wrote "The Ultimate Evil," a 1987 book about Berkowitz and his connections to the cult.

At the time of his arrest, Berkowitz, a 24-year-old Bronx postal worker, said he acted alone on the orders of demons personified by a neighbor, Sam Carr.

Berkowitz believed a 6,000-year-old spirit invaded Carr's Labrador retriever and commanded him to do evil deeds. He later told Terry that a cult of about two dozen men and women planned the "Son of Sam" crimes and he pulled the trigger in only two attacks.

Carr lived around the corner from Joachim and Maria Neto on Warburton Avenue. The Netos were terrorized by Berkowitz. Someone opened fire and killed the family's dog on Christmas Eve 1976. That winter, a Molotov cocktail was flung onto their doorstep. The Netos also received an unsigned letter about demons in their attic and orgies in their basement.

Carr's two sons, John and Michael, regularly met with Berkowitz at Untermyer Park, a national historic landmark. Berkowitz began his campaign by sacrificing German shepherds in the Yonkers park.

Staff writer Lisa Conaway contributed information to this report.

### WEATHER

#### Storm pulls away

A storm system pulls away from the region today, and any morning showers will give way to partly sunny skies, high 94. Gusty winds diminish tonight, becoming clear and cool, low 40. Tomorrow will be mostly sunny and mild; high 67. Increasing clouds at night; low 46. **B**

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### Internet offering those 55 and up new freedom

*By Rob Ryser*  
*Staff Writer*

Americans older than 55 make up the fastest-growing market in the computer industry today, they are buying powerful PCs more quickly than younger consumers and are short-circuiting the myth that senior citizens don't mix with new technology.

"It isn't just that they have the time and the discretionary income," said Jonathan Hautf, president of the Westchester PC Users Group, about one-third of whose membership is people nearing retirement age and senior citizens. "This is about discovery and learning something new. People tell us, 'This stuff was all science fiction when I was a kid, and now it's here.'"

The computer industry is catching up as fast as it can to the 70 million people throughout America in the older-than-55 crowd who have been overlooked since the personal computer made its debut in the 1980s.

Nonprofit groups and city governments throughout the suburbs are re-



Ninth-grader Marielle Ceresa gives Mary Santella and Anne Dorien of Croton some computer tips at the Croton High School technology center.

sponding to a huge demand for computer training and Internet access with initiatives such as CyberSeniors, a new computer center unveiled this month in White Plains by Mayor Joseph DeF-

eo. The media message that computers are for everyone and the testimonials of their children and grandchildren have knocked down the walls of fear.

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### Environmentalists renew war with GE

**EPA's delay of PCB decision inspires 3 Hudson River groups**

*By Tom Anderson*  
*Staff Writer*

Public relations has rarely been a problem for Hudson River environmentalists.

They have well-known spokesmen-activists such as Pete Seeger and Robert F. Kennedy Jr. to make their case. They attract attention with the sloop Clearwater. And they have the river itself — the Palisades, the Tappan Zee, the Highlands — as a backdrop of stunning beauty.

But the mighty Hudson's environmental organizations have rarely had a foe such as the mighty General Electric Corp., which made \$8.2 billion last year. So, hearing GE might be winning the debate about PCBs in the Hudson, environmentalists have begun what they hope will be a sustained, intensified attack meant to win the hearts and minds of the public.

The tactics include newspaper ads, bumper stickers that proclaim "Blame GE," celebrity endorsements, shareholder revolts with intimations of moral responsibility, political pressure, and presentations at every public forum that will welcome them.

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