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00< ^AP-NewsBrief<,0827<^AP Top News At 1 p.m. EDT<<^Wednesday, Sept. 20, 1995<< SIMPSON LOS ANGELES (AP) \_ Judge Lance Ito barred O.J. Simpson's defense from calling an FBI scientist who has criticized members of the agency's crime lab, including an expert who gave damaging testimony against Simpson. Dealing the defense a severe blow at the end of its case, Ito also said FBI Agent Roger Martz can't be forced to face allegations from the FBI scientist that Martz slanted reports against defendants in other cases and committed wrongdoing in the Simpson case. In a written ruling, Ito cited the toll such testimony would take on the beleaguered jury, which has been sequestered since Jan. 11. WHITE HOUSE COUNSEL DENVER (AP) \_ White House counsel Abner Mikva has resigned to spend more time with his family and will return to the private sector, the White House said. Mikva becomes the third White House counsel to leave the Clinton White House. Deputy White House counsel Bruce Lindsey told reporters here that Mikva had notified his staff earlier Wednesday that he had decided to resign. "I have come to respect both his political judgment and his legal judgment," Lindsey said. He said that Clinton has already selected a successor but declined to say who. AT&T NEW YORK (AP) \_ In a stunning turn for one of the nation's best known companies, AT&T Corp. will split into three companies, jumping out of the computer manufacturing business while remaining the largest provider of long distance service and manufacturer of phone equipment. The action, approved by AT&T's board, is the biggest voluntary corporate breakup, eclipsed only by the government-ordered dismantling of AT&T that was arranged in 1982 and took effect in 1984. The three new companies will be publicly traded and turned over to AT&T shareholders. YUGOSLAVIA SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) \_ Rebel Serbs were on track to meet a U.N. deadline for withdrawing their heavy weapons around Sarajevo. NATO and U.N. officials said it appeared the Serbs would meet the 10 p.m. (4 p.m. EDT) deadline for withdrawing their weapons, rather than risk renewed NATO airstrikes. Meanwhile, and government and Croat troops in northwest Bosnia appeared to be easing up their attack on rebel Serbs, who were bolstered by the reported arrival of forces from Serbia. CLINTON DENVER (AP) \_ President Clinton, running flat out to raise millions of dollars in re-election cash, also is seeking to ignite popular anger against what he calls a "partisan, extremist" agenda that threatens both Medicare and chances for welfare reform. In Denver, Clinton discussed proposed GOP cuts in Medicaid with an audience of recipients. The proposed Republican cuts would have "a drastic effect," he said, adding

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