Document 1930 INSURERS ARE FACING billions of dollars in damage claims from the California quake n:x _ v:e-i-p x:x-i _ n:x p:e-u-i n_to:x-i n_of:x-i p:e-u-i q:-h-h named:x-c n:x r and software companies in the region are expecting virtually no long-term disruption in shipments . - n:x n_of:x-i p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n_of:x-i _ v:e-i-p x:e-u q:i-h-h n_of:x-i p:e-u-i n_of-to:x-i _ investors quickly singled out stocks of companies expected to profit or suffer from the disaster n:x a:e-e v_out:e-i-i _ n:x p:e-x-i n_of:x-i v:e-i-h _ v_from:e-i-i _ v_fr The provisions , in deficit-reduction bills recently passed by the House and Senate , could raise the price tags of such deals by up to 10 % and q:i-h-h n:x _ p:e-u-i n_of:x-i n_of:x-i a:e-e v:e-i-p _ q:i-h-h named_n:x-c _ named_n:x-c _ v_modal:e-h v_cause:e-i-p q:i-h-h n_of:x n:x p:e-x-i q:i-h-h n:x p:e-u-i x:e-u x:e-u card:i-i-c n_of:x _ v A bill giving the Transportation Department the power to block airline leveraged buy-outs cleared a House panel q:i-h-h n_of:x-i v:e-i-i-i q:i-h-h named:x-c n_of:x-i v:e-i-p n:x v:e-i-p n:x v:e-i-p n:x v:e-i-p q:i-h-h named_n:x-c n_of:x-i v:e-i-p n:x v:e-i-p But Secretary Skinner said he would urge Bush to veto the bill . c:i-i-i n_of:x-i named:x-c v_to:e-i-h-i pron:x v_modal:e-h v_to:e-i-i-h named:x-c _ v:e-i-p q:i-h-h n_of:x-i _ Housing starts sank 5.2 % in September to a seven-year low n:x n:x v:e-i card:i-i-c n_of:x p:e-u-i mofy:x-c p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x n:x [21930010] ARG2 The drop , following a 6.2 % decline in August , indicates the industry is still being hurt by the Fed 's anti-inflation battle q:i-h-h n_of:x-i _ v:e-i-p q:i-h-h named_n:x-c _ n_of:x-i n:x [21930011] IBM plans to buy back \$ 1 billion named:x-c v:e-i-h _ v_back:e-i-i _ n:x card:i-i-c card:i-i-c ARG2 The buy-back , which was n't a complete surprise , was announced after the stock market had closed q:i-h-h n:x _ v_id:e-p-i v_id:e-p-i q:i-h-h a_with:e-p-i n:x _ v_to:e-i-p-i x:e-h-h q:i-h-h n:x n:x _ v:e-i A capital-gains tax cut plan has been worked out by Senate Republicans q:i-h-h n:x n:x n:x n:x = v_out:e-i-i = named_n:x-c n:x A similar proposal may be introduced soon by Senate Democrats . q:i-h-h a_to:e-i n:x v_modal:e-h _ v_to:e-i-p time_n:x p:e-u-i named_n:x-c n:x _



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British Airways said it is seeking improved terms and a sharply lower price in any revised bid for United Air 's parent named:x-c named:x-c v_to:e-i-h-i pron:x _ v:e-i-p v_cause:e-i-p n_of:x-i _ q:i-h-h a:e-e a:e-i n_of:x p:e-u-i q:i-h-h v:e-i-p n:x p:e-u-i named:x-c named:x-
The British carrier also confirmed it is n't committed to going forward with any new bid q:i-h-h a:e-p n_of:x-i a:e-h v_as:e-i-h-i pron:x _ neg:e-h v_to:e-i-p-i _ v:e-i p:e-i p:e-u-i q:i-h-h a:e-p n:x _
         UAL 's stock fell $ 6.25 , to $ 191.75 named:x-c _ n:x v:e-i n:x card:i-i-c _ p:e-u-i n:x card:i-i-c
      Stock prices rose slightly as trading slowed , while bonds ended little changed despite a slumping dollar n:x n_of:x v:e-i a:e-e x:e-h-h v:e-i-p v:e-i-p x:e-h-h n:x v:e-i a:e-e v_cause:e-i-p p:e-u-i q:i-h-h v:e-i n:x
  The Dow Jones industrials gained 4.92 , to 2643.65 . q:i-h-h named:x-c named:x-c n:x v:e-i-p card:i-i-c _ p:e-u-i card:i-i-c _
But investors remain wary about stocks , partly because of turmoil in the junk-bond market c:i-i-i n:x v:e-i-h a_of:e-p-i p:e-u-i n:x _ x:e-u p:e-u-i p:e-u-i n:x p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x n:x
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                                                                                                                      may delay part of its defensive restructuring plan , including the sale of its Saks Fifth Avenue and Marshall Field v_modal:e-h v:e-i-p part_of:i-i _ q:i-h-h a:e-p v:e-i n:x _ v:e-i-p q:i-h-h n_of:x-i _ q:i-h-h named:x-c named
The British conglomerate cited the recent turmoil in financial markets q:i-h-h a:e-p n:x v_for:e-i-p q:i-h-h a:e-p n:x p:e-u-i a:e-p n:x
         WCRS Group announced a major restructuring that largely removes it from the advertising business named:x-c named:x-c v_to:e-i-p-i q:i-h-h a:e-p v:e-i _ a:e-e v:e-i-p-h pron:x p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x n:x
The London-based concern will sell most of its ad unit to France 's Eurocom q:i-h-h v:e-i-p n:x v:e-i-i-i q:i-h-h q:i-h-h n:x n_of:x-i named:x-c n
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      Jaguar hopes to reach a friendly accord with General Motors within a month that may involve producing a cheaper executive model named:x-c v:e-i-h _ v:e-i-p q:i-h-h a:to:e-p-i n:x p:e-u-i named:x-c p:e-u-i card:i-i-c n:x _ v:modal:e-h v:e-i-p v:e-i-p q:i-h-h a:to:e-i-n:x n_of:x-i
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     Sears is negotiating to refinance its Sears Tower for close to $ 850 million , sources said named:x-c _ v:e-i-p x:e-h-h v:e-i-p q:i-h-h named:x-c _ n_of:x-i p:e-u-i x:e-u x:e-u n:x card:i-i-c card:i-i-c _ n_of:x-i v_to:e-i-h-i
  The retailer was unable to find a buyer for the building q:i-h-h n:x _ a:e-i-h _ v:e-i-p q:i-h-h n_of:x-i p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x
     Whitbread of Britain put its spirits division up for sale , setting off a scramble among distillers named:x-c p:e-x-i named:x-c v:e-i-p-h q:i-h-h n:x n_of:x-i p:e-u-i n_of:x-i v_off:e-i-i _ q:i-h-h n:x p:e-u-i n:x
  The business includes Beefeater gin . named:x-c n:x _
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      Stocks : Volume 166,900,000 shares n:x n_of:x-i card:i-i-c n_of:x
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