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- out political interference. (Page A11) ergy firms pursue acquisitions with-■ China's Hu plans to use a Sept. 7 ■ Russia and China wrapped up joint ■ Ingushetia's premier was wounded U.S. summit to urge Bush to let enwar games with a mock invasion of fore the Beslan massacre anniversary. southern Russian region a week bean unnamed country featuring para-In an attempted assassination in the
- Germany's high court cleared a fiing the early vote was set up illegally. missing a suit by two lawmakers saynal obstacle to elections Sept. 18, dis-
- South Florida feared floods as Kat voting sparked rioting that killed 42 to meet international standards, EU monitors said. Alleged abuses in the ■ Ethiopia's May 15 elections failed

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- boardwalk, pageant organizers said ing Atlantic City after 84 years on the ■ The Miss America contest is leavbut a new venue hasn't been chosen

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Chinese, become synonymous with pros aside to make way for highways and high eastern city of Suzhou—has been pushed cultural heritage. Traditional architectaking on the country's environment and rises. Western aesthetics have, for many to the formerly ubiquitous canals in the ture—from courtyard houses in Beijing

China has devastated much of its natu-In the race to rev up its economy Please Turn to Page A6, Column 5

> of the Internet phone industry is dizzying. leader with a target on its back. the industry's star to being the established gone from being a miniscule start-up to In three years, for example, Vonage has

with minimal distortion. While about 40 million households still rely on dial-up connections that can quickly handle muis the expansion of broadband Internet connections, most new subscribers sic downloads, video and phone calls Driving the popularity of the service

> slashing prices. The eventual winners were large, regional phone companies tance, Internet and wireless calls. Bells' sales packages of local, long-dislargely bled each other dry. The long-dislate stage. They faced rivals that had that joined the long-distance battle at a tance companies couldn't match the

among Internet-phone start-ups, while try insiders expect to see a shakeout Similarly, many investors and indus-

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Pentagon Envisions Operations With Small Satellites

For Cheaper, Flexible Birds With Big Ones Spark Push Technical, Budget Problems

By ANDY PASZTOR

surveillance and communications. ter of hours to benefit from high-tech launch their own mini-satellites in a mat defield commanders will be able to If the Pentagon has its way, local bat

of future satellites and rockets. is looking to slash the size and price tag projects that have often run over budget or faced technical snafus, the Pentagon increasingly complex and costly space After spending decades in pursuit of

jected to cost about \$30 million apiece, comveloping simpler, smaller satellites prodevoting more attention and funding to de advance warning before liftoff. Today's down rockets, using mobile launchers and requiring only days or even a few hours of nto a low orbit by a new class of slimmed nundred million dollars. They'll be blasted pared with current versions costing several Military planners and lawmakers are

Fueling Up

The Air Force's spending projections for its

rocket programs **警 Small rockets** Large rockets

Source: Air Force fiscal 2006 budget documents

Projections

elaborate, fixed launching pads. ing months preparing them for flight from

tion of ordering up a diminutive satellitemanders, for instance, may have the op assets in future conflicts. Local com projects envision a fundamental rethink the departing Air Force chief of staff ng of how the military can use space hese "operationally responsive space" Championed by Gen. John Jumper.

> a critical few weeks or months. and therefore easily shuttled around the lance of nearby enemy movements over battlefield—to provide targeted surveil perhaps weighing less than 1,000 pounds

beset by a string of high-profile cost over ambitious satellites, the shift means reduced revenue but also reduced outlay. tourism or other commercial endeavors. are likely to open the door to competition Furthermore, the anticipated changes lems affecting some of the largest, most runs and embarrassing technical prob nnovation potentially affecting space ry newcomers, not to mention ripples of rom a bevy of entrepreneurs and indus-For major U.S. aerospace contractors,

stresses versatility and affordability of a new way of doing business" that says Gen. Jumper. ments, a reshaped military must "think Instead of traditional space invest-

tary afford to "think in terms of years" Space Command. No longer can the mili by the war in Iraq, "if it's not affordable Leat, vice commander of the Air Force it's not responsive," says Gen. Danie or deploying new satellites, he stresses. We certainly can't think in decades." Given the budget constraints imposed

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