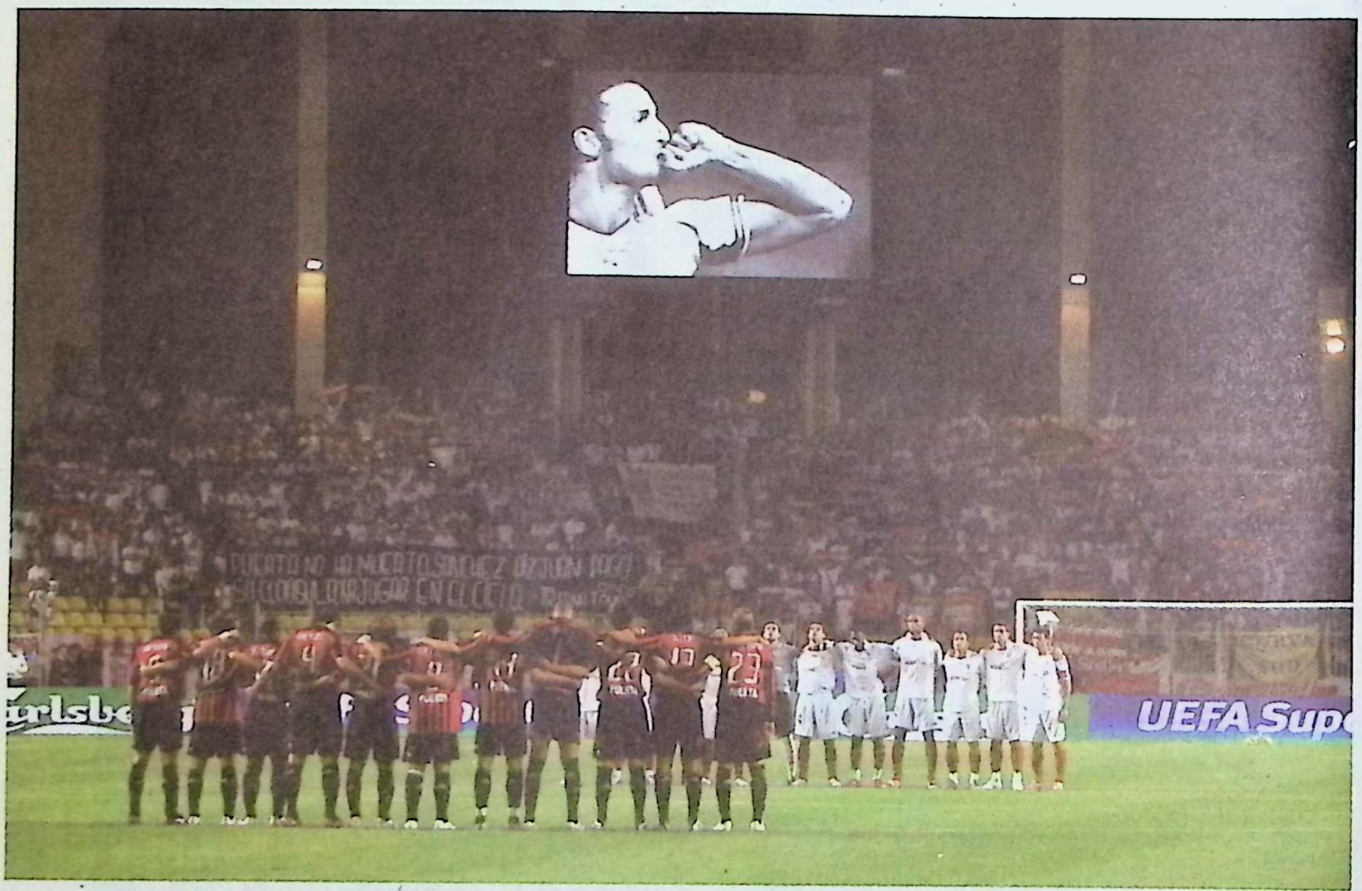



Sevilla (R) and Milan AC's players observe a minute of silent in honour of late Spanish defender Antonio Puerta (appearing on the screen) prior to the beginning of the European Super Cup football match Sevilla vs Milan AC at the Louis II stadium in Monaco. Puerta, 22, collapsed on the pitch during last 25 August's 4-1 win over Getafe and died on August 28 from multiple organ failure stemming from prolonged cardiac arrest.



An undated handout photo shows preparations to blast the tunnel at Seed Vault in Norway. Carved into the permafrost of a remote Arctic mountain, a "doomsday vault" housing samples of the world's most important seeds is taking shape to provide mankind with a Noah's Ark of food in the event of a global catastrophe.



A Somali girl wears a head wrap adorned with the Somali flag as she and other schoolgirls sit in a local hall on the last day of a Somali peace conference that got underway in Mogadishu after six weeks of negotiations that failed to make headway on an accord to end chronic fighting. The painting of the dove in the wall reads "Peace, Reconciliation, Unity, Sovereignty". Talks to halt fighting in Somalia ended in failure on Thursday, prompting foreign diplomats to press for a new and all-inclusive approach to rescue the African nation from deeper turmoil. Diplomats said a different approach was key to pacifying the country, where numerous UN-backed initiatives have unravelled under a welter of clan feuds and power struggles.




This handout image received shows the cover for "The Israel Lobby and US Foreign Policy". An upcoming book that challenges whether diplomatic and military support for Israel is in the United States' best interests is set to spark fresh debate on Washington's role in the Middle East. "The Israel Lobby and US Foreign Policy," written by two of the United States' most influential political science professors, is set to hit the bookshelves 04 September 2007 and promises to break the taboo on the subject. Written by John Mearsheimer from the University of Chicago and Stephen Walt from Harvard, the book follows an article they published last year that stirred impassioned debate by setting out a similar position.

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