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AURORAN ROBOTIST MURDERED

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EOS—Auroran officials stunned the Spacer worlds today with the announcement that foul play is suspected in the death of noted scientist Dr. Han Fastolfe.

Fastolfe's body was found last night on the grounds of his Auroran estate, and a prepared statement released this morning gave only sketchy details of the circumstances surrounding the scholar's death.

A spokesman for the World Legislature contacted by UNIVERSE TODAY disclosed that an investigation is underway, and a confidential source close to Legislator Chairman Rutlan Horder confirmed reports that famed detective Elijah Baley is being sent to Aurora.

Baley was not available for comment.

Fastolfe, best known for inventing the positronic humanoid robot, or "artificial human", was an outspoken member of the Legislature, Aurora's governing body. A prominent figure in the Hu-

manist party, the scientist-politician was frequently surrounded by controversy as a result of his anti-Globalist views. In a recent speech on the floor of the Legislature, Fastolfe remarked, "It saddens me that the Globalist party is the largest political movement on Aurora, because its leaders so often ignore the best interests of the human race."

Fastolfe's humanoid robots, identical to humans in appearance, are widely-regarded as the century's most significant advance in the field of robotics. During the years since the invention was made public, Fastolfe's work has been shrouded in secrecy. The robotist was 173 years old at the time of his death.

"This news is extremely tragic. Han still had half of his life ahead of him—his work might have led to incredible advances," stated a colleague.

Fastolfe is survived by two daughters, Lumen and Vasilia. Vasilia is a member of the Robotics Institute of Aurora.

USA—Balanced Budget? Yes!!

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WASHINGTON—After almost 2000 years of trying, the United States has presented a balanced budget to the Finance Committee of the Global Senate.

In a ceremony at the White House Space Garden yesterday, President Ron E. Reagan, a distant relative of famous 20th century actor-cowboy-politician Ronald Reagan, presented the budget to Finance Committee chairman Argus Beetlebottom.

"This achievement marks the beginning of a new age of fiscal responsibility. No longer will our country increase its debt to itself. No longer will we have to pass that burden of debt along to our descendants," the President said in a prepared statement read to the White House press corps.

Reagan closed his remarks by saying, "It gives me a profound feeling of satisfaction to complete the work begun by my ancestor. I feel as if he were standing next to me today, reaching across the years to give us this cherished gift of economic stability."

Centuries ago, Reagan's forebear campaigned for reelection with the promise that he would launch a program to balance the federal budget.

Pan-Galactic Gold for Soccer Team

ATHENS—In the first major upset of this year's Pan-Galactic Games, Team USA won the gold medal in men's space soccer yesterday by defeating the heavily-favored Andorans, 2-1.

Craig Crandall scored the winning goal with his patented "underfoot" kick, a move that has been banned in other