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3. [World](#)

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4. [NEWS IN BRIEF](#)

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5. [ANALYSIS UNEASY PEACE OVER N. IRELAND](#)

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6. [WORLD & NATIONAL REPORT BARAK RAPPED OVER SETTLEMENT INCREASE](#)

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7. [NO HEADLINE](#)

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8. [Thursday, October 23](#)

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9. [Unionists, Sinn Fein leaders to meet](#)

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10. [IRISH TEENAGERS SHARE SERENITY](#)

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11. [Detecting prying eyes; Couple markets devices to ensure a place you think is private actually is](#)

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12. [YUGOSLAVS HERE SAD, SCARED FOR FAMILIES AND HOMELAND](#)

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13. [AP Top News at 8 p.m. EST Wednesday, March 17, 1999](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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Search Type: Natural Language

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14. [SUSPECT IN THE OMAGH BOMBING IS CHARGED](#)

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15. [World datelines](#)

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16. [Tuesday, February 11](#)

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17. [Briefly](#)

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18. [New round of Northern Ireland negotiations seeks to plug holes in 1998 peace deal](#)

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19. [Wednesday, October 23](#)

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20. [Manchester: 'Party capital of Britain '](#)

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21. [UK report: 'IRA buys new arms from Russia '](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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22. [Protestant gang stabs teen-ager in head as Belfast tensions flare](#)

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23. [IRA vows to lay down its guns: Stockpiles to be 'put beyond use'](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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24. [U.S. -British relations: that's no way to treat a friend](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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25. [*Trimble's re-election as leader of Northern Ireland 's unity government 'too close to call'*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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26. [*Action urged in Afghan crisis*](#)

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27. [*Thursday, December 9*](#)

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28. [*A revealing Web site*](#)

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29. [*Britain Plots N. Ireland Plan*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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30. [*AP Photo NY112*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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31. [*As Gadhafi Gets Older, Successor Mulled*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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32. [*Britain handing power back to Northern Ireland hands, hopes to restore faith in peace deal*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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33. [*As Gadhafi gets older, succession question turns attention to his children*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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34. [*AP Top News at 4 a.m. EDT Friday, Aug. 3, 2001*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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35. [Britain handing power back to Northern Ireland hands, hopes to restore faith in Good Friday pact too](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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36. [AP Top News at 10 a.m. EDT Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2001](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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37. [Saturday, October 23](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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38. [Briefly](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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39. [Prep-Today in History](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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Search Type: Natural Language

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40. [*IRA Supporters Furious Over Decision*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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41. [*Saturday, October 23*](#)

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42. [*Britain rules out negotiating with kidnappers in Iraq*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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43. [*IRISH DREAM OF PEACE IS FADING*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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Search Type: Natural Language

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44. [*Blair counts cost of victory*](#)

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45. [*Theories abound about why suicide bombers haven't targeted U.S.*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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46. [*Theories abound about why suicide bombers haven't targeted U.S.*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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47. [*TESTAMENTS 2-12; TESTAMENTS: New Bible series shows what Southern Baptist battle is all about*](#)

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48. [*Clinton's swan song: one more try for N. Ireland*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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49. [WORLD DIGEST](#)

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50. [U.S. will not deport 9 IRA figures; Peace gesture?: Administration tries to give added boost to Clinton's visit](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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51. [Walls still divide Belfast two years after accord accord](#)

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52. [Blair says Libya can be partner in war against terror](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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53. [Tuesday, March 9](#)

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54. [Blair says Libya can be partner in war against terror](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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55. [World briefs briefs briefs](#)

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56. [Wednesday, February 11](#)

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57. [AP News Summary moved on this circuit in expanded form with "i" or "f" or "s" category codes:](#)

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58. [WORLD IN BRIEF](#)

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59. [*Iraq plans boost in oil production*](#)

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60. [*WORLD IN BRIEF*](#)

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61. [*HOLMES IS LOSING HIS SHIRT, BUT EASTON NIXES BID FOR TOPLESS BAR*](#)

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62. [*Prep-Today in History*](#)

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63. [*Updates FEA-2000-Calendar, sent Dec. 31, with additional events*](#)

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64. [WORLD IN BRIEF](#)

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65. [Thatcher's Confidante](#)

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66. [Unionist Trimble, Sinn Fein Adams meet](#)

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67. [Pioneering Troubles work the highlight of Irish visits:](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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68. [Monday, May 19](#)

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69. [AP Top News at 8 a.m. EDT Thursday, July 15, 1999](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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70. [Kudos for Canada: Involvement in N. Ireland peace process applauded](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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71. [WORLD IN BRIEF](#)

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72. [THE ART OF SECURITY; Preparing for terrorism](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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73. [AP Top News at 3 a.m. EDT Saturday, July 3, 1999](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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74. [CANADA LAUDED FOR HELPING N. IRELAND PEACE](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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75. [THE ART OF SECURITY; Preparing for terrorism](#)

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76. [N. Korea leaves summit, blaming South for clash](#)

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77. [AP Top News at 1 a.m. EDT Sunday, April 18, 1999](#)

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78. [Sunday, March 9](#)

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79. [AP Top News at 1 a.m. EDT Sunday, April 18, 1999](#)

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80. [AP Top News at 8 a.m. EST Tuesday, March 30, 1999](#)

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81. [AP Top News at 1 p.m. EST Monday, Jan. 4, 1999](#)

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82. [Boy in skirts faces IRA bombs in London; McCabe novel shows brutal waste of the Irish Troubles](#)

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83. [Friday, November 8](#)

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84. [Prep-Today in History](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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85. [WORLD DIGEST](#)

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86. [Wednesday, September 4](#)

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87. [Manchester determined to show Commonwealth a good time at opening ceremonies](#)

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88. [*Manchester primed for a party*](#)

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89. [*Manchester's chance to glitter; Queen to take part in tonight's opening ceremonies*](#)

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90. [*Police arrest six in IRA power bases in search for stolen anti-terrorist documents*](#)

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91. [*AP Top News at 2 p.m. EDT Saturday, May 6, 2000*](#)

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92. [*Veteran anti-British militant gets 14 years for role in Northern Ireland 's bloodiest bombing*](#)

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93. [Who's next in line to be scrutinized?](#)

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94. [Monday, November 8](#)

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95. [IRA PEACE GESTURE SEEMS TO BUCK WORLDWIDE TREND](#)

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96. [Nobel winner to speak at YWCA lunch](#)

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97. [Saturday, September 4](#)

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98. [AP Top News at 2 a.m. EDT Friday, Aug. 3, 2001](#)

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99. [AP Top News at 8 p.m. EDT Saturday, Aug. 11, 2001](#)

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100. [AP Top News at 5 a.m. EDT Friday, Aug. 3, 2001](#)

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Make world better place: Value women more

Deseret News (Salt Lake City)

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Section: OPINION;

Length: 606 words

Byline: By John RobinsonDeseret News editorial writer

Body

The aim of the British marksman was true, killing the ***Irish Republican Army*** soldier. That didn't end the incident on Aug. 10, 1976, in Belfast, however. The IRA member was driving a car when he was fatally shot. It spun out of control, killing three children nearby.

First on the scene was Betty Williams.

"As little JoAnn Maguire lay dying in my arms, I promised that I would not let another child die without doing something about it," she recounted in Logan, during a speech she made 11 years ago as part of ***Women's*** History Week.

Williams was soon joined on the scene on that 1976 day by Mairead Corrigan, the children's aunt. Their determination to end the violence resulted in the formation of Mothers Against Violence in Northern Ireland.

"We went door to door asking people to sign petitions for peace and to join in a peaceful march against violence in Northern Ireland, and our marches soon attracted hundreds of thousands of ***women*** and some men," Williams said.

Williams and Corrigan received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1977. Both are still dedicated to helping children. During a speech last year in Omaha, Neb., Corrigan told the audience how they could make a difference:

To "build a society of nonviolence," peace needs to start in individual communities. "Don't say, 'If I was in Bosnia.' Blossom where you are planted, bloom where you are."

This is the stuff ***women*** are made of.

They're healers, not destroyers. Williams, Corrigan, the late Mother Teresa and many other ***women*** dedicate their lives to helping others.

Whatever the reasons, ***women*** seem to be on an elevated plane in a lot of areas.

They have a better sense of priorities. Money and power, thankfully, don't affect them the way they do men. It's hard to imagine a ***female*** Saddam Hussein or Adolf Hitler. It's also hard to imagine ***women*** engaging in the types of atrocities that are taking place in Sierra Leone, even if they had the power to do so.

It wasn't the ***women*** who were embarking on ethnic cleansing campaigns in Bosnia and Kosovo.

Make world better place: Value women more

When a woman becomes president of the United States, she most assuredly will not disgrace the Oval Office because she can't control her personal conduct.

Women have proved that they can be tough-minded in leadership roles while still maintaining their dignity. Margaret Thatcher, the former British prime minister, and Golda Meir, the former Israeli prime minister, proved that.

But as Mother's Day 2000 nears, there are far too many parts of the world where **women** not only are not appreciated for their divine gifts and attributes but are denigrated. Not being allowed to vote is the least of their worries in some of these backward places. They are regarded as "property" with few rights.

Consider the following chilling account that human-rights lawyer Mufti Ziauddin gave to Boston Globe columnist Ellen Goodman in March regarding his native Pakistan:

"Suppose I kill my wife," he explains. "I walk like a king to jail. People come and hold a march for me. And I go free."

If the woman has been accused, justly or not, of some infidelity from flirting to an affair -- even if she has been raped -- she's "defiling the honor" of the man who claims her as his property. That's reason enough for murder, socially approved homicide. "They consider themselves heroes."

That, fortunately, may soon be changing. Pakistan's military ruler, Gen. Pervez Musharraf, last month announced a series of steps to improve human rights, including legislation to treat "honor killings" of **women** as murder.

The devaluing of **women** is an international disgrace. As long as it continues, the world cannot truly be considered civilized.

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WORLD IN BRIEF

The Atlanta Journal and Constitution

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Byline: From our news services

Body

Bomb rattles Northern Ireland

Suspected ***Irish Republican Army*** dissidents detonated a bomb outside a rural Northern Ireland hotel late Sunday, minutes after police evacuated people from the area. Nobody was reported wounded. The attack on the Mahon's Hotel in Irvinestown, a predominantly Protestant town about 90 miles west of Belfast, was the first such attack in Northern Ireland since 1998.CONSTITUTION

The blast happened less than an hour after a caller claiming to represent the Continuity IRA told the BBC in Belfast that two bombs had been left at two hotels in the area. The other hotel was evacuated but no device was immediately found. Irvinestown lies southwest of Omagh, the town where an IRA dissidents' car bomb in August 1998 killed 29 people --- the single deadliest attack in the past three decades of conflict. Town residents said the explosion came from a car parked behind the hotel. The front of the hotel suffered no serious damage, they said.

Woman is elected president of Finland

Finns elected their first ***female*** president on Sunday after a tight runoff race that focused more on personalities than issues. With 99.9 percent of the vote counted, Tarja Halonen had 51.6 percent to former Prime Minister Esko Aho's 48.4 percent. Halonen, who was foreign minister, takes office March 1 for a six-year term.

Austrian official backs Holocaust reparations

Right-wing populist Joerg Haider said Sunday the new Austrian government in which his party shares power will take appropriate measures to compensate Holocaust victims. In a televised interview, Haider also promised to moderate his tough talk and refrain from meddling in the coalition Cabinet. He will not hold a Cabinet post. Haider's comments came two days after the new government --- made up of his far-right Freedom Party and the center-right Austrian People's Party --- was sworn in by a stone-faced President Thomas Klestil.

Mideast peace talks await U.S. proposal

Palestinian and Israeli peace negotiators suspended talks Sunday to wait for U.S. proposals to get them back on track, a senior Palestinian negotiator said. The negotiations are aimed at meeting a Feb. 13 deadline for the outline of a final peace agreement between the two sides. They were suspended on what was to have been the seventh of 10 days of marathon talks, senior Palestinian negotiator Yasser Abed Rabbo told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

WORLD IN BRIEF

Highest court in Israel won't help Pollard

Israel's Supreme Court on Sunday refused to intervene to help convicted American spy Jonathan Pollard win his release from a U.S. prison. Pollard, a former civilian analyst for the U.S. Navy, was convicted of espionage in 1985 for giving Israel tens of thousands of top-secret documents. Israel has acknowledged that Pollard was its agent, and every Israeli prime minister has asked the United States to release him.

Lebanon bombing kills Israeli soldier

A roadside bombing in southern Lebanon on Sunday killed one Israeli soldier and injured seven others, prompting Israel to vow retaliation against the Muslim guerrillas who claimed responsibility. The death was the fifth Israeli fatality in southern Lebanon in less than two weeks.

Genocide suspect arrested in Britain

A Rwandan man accused of genocide during the 1994 slaughter in his homeland has been arrested in Britain, authorities said Sunday. Tharcisse Muvunyi, 46, was detained Saturday in southeast London on an extradition warrant issued by the International Criminal Tribunal of Rwanda alleging "genocide and acts of inhumanity," Scotland Yard said. Muvunyi, who faces a court appearance today, was allegedly in charge of soldiers who helped to slaughter more than 100, 000 Rwandans in the southern university town of Butare in April 1994.

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Byline: Robert Kilborn and Lance Carden

Body

Catholics were reporting to Protestants, and vice versa, as the departments of Northern Ireland's new government prepared to receive self-rule powers from Britain. But the process was not without incident as hard-line Protestants hissed at the election of reputed ex-**Irish Republican Army** commander Martin McGuinness to the post of education minister. Meanwhile, the Republic of Ireland government was to rescind articles in the Constitution that make territorial claims on the North.

Secret attempts have been made to arrange a meeting with the leader of the separatist rebels in Aceh, Indonesia's new president revealed. Abdurrahman Wahid said he sought the talks to prevent his sprawling nation from breaking apart since it is widely believed that if Aceh secedes other disaffected regions could follow. Separatist chief Hasan Tiro, in exile in Sweden, previously has refused to meet with government envoys and his spokesmen denied he has spoken with Wahid by telephone.

Five dissidents arrested for signing a petition that accuses Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat of corruption, backed away from it. In a new statement, they said they didn't intend to harm Arafat or to "create strife." The move came as the Palestinian Legislative Council was to debate lifting the immunity from arrest of nine of its members who also signed. One of the nine said he was "misled" to believe the petition would not be made public.

FBI agents were en route to an area near Ciudad Jurez, Mexico, to help recover and identify the remains of as many as 100 people believed to have been murdered by drug traffickers. The victims reportedly were found in mass graves on two ranches. The office of Mexico's attorney general said the FBI had been enlisted because 22 of the victims may have been US citizens. Ciudad Jurez has been the base of a cocaine cartel whose leader died in 1997.

Despite its landslide victory and a fifth consecutive five-year term for Prime Minister Malathir Mohamad, danger signs emerged for Malaysia's ruling National Front coalition. Following Monday's national election, the front's share of the vote dropped from its 1995 percentage, Islamic fundamentalists won control of two states for the first time, the opposition doubled its seats in parliament, and the wife of Malathir's chief rival, jailed former deputy Anwar Ibrahim, succeeded in her bid to take his place in the lower house.

The cause of political rights for **women** in Kuwait went down to defeat for the second time in two weeks in the oil-rich state's all-male parliament. By a two-vote margin, legislators rejected a measure that would have allowed

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females to vote and seek elective office. Last week, parliament exercised its right to veto a decree by Emir Sheikh Jaber al-Ahman al-Sabah granting full participation in elections to women, but proponents resubmitted it in the form of a bill and forced it to the top of the legislative agenda.

Welcoming ceremonies were held in Sierra Leone for the first wave of UN peacekeepers. When fully in place, the 6,000-strong force will be the largest such mission in Africa since 7,000 UN troops served in Angola from 1995 to mid-1997. The new peacekeepers are to disarm the combatants in Sierra Leone's civil war, monitor adherence to a peace accord signed in July, and ensure distribution of humanitarian aid.

The cost of repairing or replacing the property damaged by the Oct. 29 cyclone that struck the Indian coastal state of Orissa was set at \$ 1.5 billion by government officials. The storm also caused 9,885 deaths.

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IN THE NATION Two Southern Baptist congregations are preparing a crusade to teach their members how to convert "cult" members, including Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses. The Cult Awareness Impact Crusade is scheduled for Feb. 6-8 at Calvary Baptist Church and Oaklawn Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, N.C. Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses are not Christians, and Baptists should not join those groups, said the Rev. Mark Corts, Calvary's senior pastor. Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses members objected to the congregations' plans.

Dozens of students at Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio, were evacuated from their three-story dormitory after a fire broke out in the building's top floor early yesterday. The fire was confined to the top floor and no injuries were reported, college spokesman Jamie Abel said. The cause has not been determined.

Dallas-area residents will be urged to voluntarily conserve water beginning tomorrow as the region endures one of driest periods on record, the Dallas Morning News reported yesterday. Utility officials will ask customers to reduce the number of times they water lawns and plants and wash cars for up to 60 days, the newspaper reported.

An American Airlines flight bound for Los Angeles made an emergency landing in Lincoln, Neb., on Friday after its right engine lost oil pressure and filled the cabin with smoke. The plane landed safely and there were no injuries reported among the 125 people aboard the Boeing 757. The flight was en route from Newark, N.J.

A crude-oil slick floated on the Gulf of Mexico yesterday after an underwater pipeline was ruptured by an 8-ton anchor dropped accidentally from a drilling rig. The slick was floating slowly westward, about 115 miles south of New Orleans and 75 miles south of the closest land, and did not pose an immediate threat to coastal areas, the Coast Guard said.

IN THE WORLD Northern Ireland's fledgling Protestant-Catholic government will likely be suspended within weeks if the **Irish Republican Army** does not start to disarm, the major Protestant party warned yesterday. Ulster Unionist Party leader David Trimble said he would expect the British government to resume direct control of Northern Ireland in February if a disarmament commission reports too little progress in its negotiations with the IRA.

An International Atomic Energy Agency team began searching Iraqi nuclear sites yesterday, the first inspection by a world body in more than a year. The team arrived in Baghdad on Friday for the first visit by monitors from the

NEWS IN BRIEF

Vienna-based organization since U.N. weapons inspectors left the country in late 1998 on the eve of U.S.-British air strikes.

A Guatemalan army captain and his father were arrested Friday for the 1998 slaying of Roman Catholic Bishop Juan Gerardi, whose office had issued a human-rights report critical of the military. National Civil Police arrested Capt. Byron Lima Oliva and his father, retired Col. Disrael Lima Estrada.

A Kuwaiti court yesterday sentenced two female authors and a publisher to two months in prison each for distributing blasphemous books. The court said separate books by Alia Shuaib and Lalia Othman contained phrases that violated traditions in the Muslim state and "touch upon the personage of God," the official Kuwait News Agency reported. The writers are expected to appeal the verdict.

A fierce battle between Indian and Pakistani troops along their disputed Kashmir border yesterday left as many as seven Pakistani soldiers dead, India said. Two Indian soldiers and a civilian also were reported killed in the Himalayan territory claimed by both nations.

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ANALYSIS UNEASY PEACE OVER N. IRELAND

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BELFAST - On the eve of a historic week that will see Northern Ireland's two warring communities sitting down together in a power-sharing government, an uneasy quiet descended on the province.

"I think that it will happen, but it will not happen as quickly or smoothly as expected," said Monica McWilliams of the small Women's Coalition party.

Before the Northern Ireland Assembly was to gather at Stormont this afternoon, both sides were already warning that the great leap forward to peace could encounter more hurdles.

The four largest parties of the Northern Ireland assembly will appoint a new 10-member executive, in a move that begins the process of transferring power from London to Belfast.

Sinn Fein, the political wing of the Irish Republican Army - the province's largest paramilitary group - will join the executive alongside the Ulster Unionists, the pro-British Protestant party that has opposed them for decades.

Immediately afterward, Sinn Fein has promised to name a representative who will begin talks with John de Chastelain, the retired Canadian general overseeing the disarmament of all paramilitary groups.

But the Ulster Unionists only agreed to approve the arrangement temporarily, and say they will withdraw support unless the IRA makes real progress on handing over its weapons by February.

Party leader David Trimble also warned he will resign if Sinn Fein fails to turn in its guns.

"This is very disappointing," said Martin McGuinness of Sinn Fein, echoing the words of the party's leader Gerry Adams, who denounced the move as contrary to the recent review of the 1998 Good Friday peace agreement.

"I certainly think that talk of post-dated resignation letters from David Trimble . . . is not planning for success, it is planning for failure. I think that that is a very serious mistake," McGuinness said.

ANALYSIS UNEASY PEACE OVER N. IRELAND

Northern Ireland Secretary Peter Mandelson, playing an uneasy mediating role, encouraged the Ulster Unionists to go ahead with appointing the executive by promising they wouldn't be locked into a power-sharing arrangement if the IRA reneged on its first step toward disarming.

"As far as I am concerned, when devolution starts on Thursday the . . . IRA will appoint their own representative to (de Chastelain's) decommissioning commission," Mandelson said in a BBC interview.

But both sides know the history of decommissioning has been dismal in the months since the peace agreement was signed in April, 1998.

Only two groups, both Protestant paramilitaries, appointed go-betweens.

The largest, the Ulster Volunteer Force, turned over no weapons, while the small but vicious Loyalist Volunteer Force made one delivery then quit the process.

Meanwhile, security has been tightened in Northern Ireland and the British mainland, as fears of a renewed terrorist campaign to wreck the peace process have escalated.

Police have leaked information that a dissident group calling itself the Real IRA was holding meetings and beginning a recruitment campaign.

And their sources say terrorists from republican splinter groups have amalgamated, forming what appear to be assassination squads.

Disaffected Protestant groups also pose a threat, says one source. Protestant dissidents such as the LVF and the Orange Volunteers have resumed arming and training, he said.

In the imposing Stormont castle today, the security guards who normally protect the assembly will be beefed up by plainclothes officers.

It's a sign of the fragility of the peace in Northern Ireland.

The Rev. Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionist Party is expected to try to hold up the appointment of the executive, which it opposes.

Politicians and media say they are preparing for hours of debate, possibly stretching into tomorrow.

Graphic

PAUL McERLANE/REUTERS

NEW START:

Ireland's Deputy First Minister Seamus Mallon sits on a bench in front of Belfast's Stormont Parliament buildings yesterday. Pro-British Protestants and pro-Irish Roman Catholics gather this afternoon to appoint a new 10-member executive.

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WORLD & NATIONAL REPORT BARAK RAPPED OVER SETTLEMENT INCREASE

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JERUSALEM - Palestinians and Israeli peace activists yesterday accused Prime Minister Ehud Barak of endangering the peace process with an aggressive policy on Jewish settlement expansion in the West Bank.

Israel's Peace Now group said Barak's government had approved more Jewish settlement housing units since taking office in July than the number posted in an entire year by right-wing predecessor Benjamin Netanyahu.

He said the Israeli government under Barak so far had issued 3,196 "tenders," compared with 3,000 issued by the Netanyahu government during an average year.

The settlement issue and failure by the two sides to map out a further Israeli pullback in the West Bank were two of the main issues confronting Secretary of State Albright, who will visit Israel tomorrow.

"The Israelis will not find partners in this peace process if they do not find a way to resolve the problem of settlement activities within days," senior Palestinian negotiator Yasser Abed Rabbo said after meeting U.S. peace envoy Dennis Ross.

MORE NEWSIRA, panel meet

BELFAST - The **Irish Republican Army** yesterday said its representative met a Belfast-based disarmament commission - another step toward the arms handover vital to the survival of a new Protestant-Catholic administration.

The outlawed IRA did not say who - or where or when - had met with the commission. A brief statement said the IRA anticipated further discussions.

Bombing suspects

ELK GROVE, Calif. - Two California men with alleged militia ties were to appear in court today on federal weapons charges as authorities investigated whether they were plotting to blow up a huge propane storage facility.

Kevin Ray Patterson, 42, and Charles Dennis Kiles, 49, were arrested last week following a yearlong FBI investigation into a potential threat against Suburban Propane and other Sacramento-area targets, the U.S. Attorney's Office said. It did not identify the other threatened sites.

Rhodes scholars

WORLD & NATIONAL REPORT BARAK RAPPED OVER SETTLEMENT INCREASE

WASHINGTON - Two paratroopers from the U.S. Military Academy, AIDS researchers from William and Mary in Virginia and Kentucky's Centre College, and the University of South Carolina's marathon-running homecoming queen were among 32 American students named yesterday as Rhodes scholars for 2000.

West Point and Yale, with three selections each, led 26 colleges and universities with students chosen to receive Rhodes scholarships for two or three years' study at Oxford University in England. William and Mary and Harvard had two Rhodes scholars each.

Search for 7 teens

SALT LAKE CITY - Police using bloodhounds yesterday searched the rocky southern Utah desert for seven teenagers who allegedly beat a counselor unconscious while they were on a camping trip for troubled youth.

The seven had stolen radios to monitor police communications, wool coats and blankets, and one-day ration packs of food, authorities said.

Stampede injuries

VIENNA - Four people were in comas with life-threatening injuries yesterday after being crushed by stampeding crowds at a snowboard event in the Austrian Alps, officials said.

Five girls and women ages 14 to 21 were trampled to death and 39 were injured in the Saturday night incident, which authorities believe resulted after many in the crowd slipped on an icy slope and into a fence that gave way.

Iranians rally

TEHRAN - Hundreds of Iranian university students, some with their mouths taped shut, staged a peaceful rally yesterday against efforts by Islamic hard-liners to curb freedom of expression.

Floods in Vietnam

HANOI - Heavy floods battering large parts of central coastal Vietnam have killed at least 70 people and forced the evacuation of hundreds of thousands to higher ground, official media reported today.

The Vietnam News daily said rescue workers had been unable to contact about 1,000 families who live in isolated areas. The floods hit just one month after the worst flooding in a century killed nearly 600 people.

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China launches first shuttle

BEIJING -- China has launched its first shuttle into space, the official Xinhua news agency said today.

The unmanned space vehicle, named "Shenzhou," was launched with a new model of the Long March rocket from the Jiuquan satellite launch center in northwestern province of Gansu, Xinhua said. It returned to earth today.

China, which decided in 1992 to carry out space launches, would conduct more unmanned test flights before putting astronauts in space, the head of the program said.

Scandal ends mayor bid

LONDON - Jeffrey Archer, the best-selling novelist who was the Conservative Party candidate for mayor of London, dropped out of the race last night after admitting he had once asked a friend to lie for him.

Archer's statement came in advance of a story about him in a Sunday tabloid, the News of the World.

Archer, 59, admitted that he had asked a friend to lie 13 years ago when Archer was embroiled in a libel suit against the Daily Star newspaper, which had accused him of hiring a prostitute.

"Thirteen years ago, I asked a friend of mine, Ted Francis, to cover for me by saying that we were having dinner together on the evening of Sept. 9, 1986, when in fact I was having dinner with a close female friend at a restaurant in Chelsea," Archer said.

"This was the day I was accused by a newspaper of having slept with the prostitute Monica Coghlan."

Archer denied that accusation and won \$ 800,000 in damages in his suit against the Daily Star.

IRA splinter group

LONDON - British police are hunting a dissident ***Irish Republican Army*** guerrilla group believed to be planning a campaign of violence on the British mainland to disrupt the Northern Ireland peace deal, a newspaper said today.

The Sunday Telegraph said the group was believed to have bases in London and Manchester and was linked to guerrilla splinter groups the Continuity IRA and the Real IRA - which was behind last year's deadly Omagh bomb.

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Pope to Iraq?

BAGHDAD, Iraq - - A Vatican delegation arrived in Baghdad yesterday for talks with Iraqi officials to determine if and when Pope John Paul will visit the country.

"We are happy to be in Baghdad," delegation head Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano said after the 12-hour, road journey from Amman, Jordan. Vigano who is an official in the Vatican's Secretariat of State, declined to give details of his schedule in Iraq.

Two experts with the team will inspect the ancient biblical site of Ur in southern Iraq, where the patriarch Abraham was born, which the pope wants to visit.

Nazareth mosque

RAMALLAH, West Bank, - - Islamic leaders in Jerusalem yesterday urged colleagues in Nazareth, Jesus's home town, to postpone plans to build a mosque that have angered Christians.

A leader of the Islamic Movement in Nazareth rejected the appeal, saying a cornerstone would be laid as planned.

Churches throughout the Holy Land will close their doors tomorrow and Tuesday to protest at the building of a mosque next to Nazareth's Basilica of the Annunciation, where tradition has it that the angel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary she was pregnant with the son of God.

Israel gave permission to the Moslem Waqf religious council in October to build the mosque following months of protests by Nazareth Moslems. But the decision angered the Vatican and cast a cloud over prospects for a pilgrimage by Pope John Paul to Nazareth during a visit to the Holy Land in March.

Also in the world

Chinese authorities have charged 23 farmers with various crimes for their involvement in a protest against high taxes, a human rights group reported yesterday. ... The government plans to free 24 Hamas leaders soon under an agreement authorities claim will end the militant Palestinian group's activities in Jordan.

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Associated Press International

October 15, 2003 Wednesday

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Body

Today is Thursday, October 23, the 296th day of 2003. There are 69 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1596 - Turks under Mohammed III defeat Austrian Archduke Maximilian's forces near Erlau, Hungary.

1641 - Great Irish Massacre occurs after discovery of conspiracy against English.

1764 - Hector Munro's British forces defeat Nawab of Oudh at Buxar, Bengal.

1917 - U.S. troops see first action in World War I near Luneville, France.

1942 - British Eighth Army attacks Axis forces to begin Battle of El Alamein in Egypt during World War II.

1944 - Soviet Red Army enters Hungary.

1953 - Federal Constitution of Rhodesia and Nyasaland goes into effect.

1954 - Britain, France, United States and Soviet Union agree to end occupation of Germany.

1956 - Anti-Communist revolution breaks out in Hungary. It is crushed by a Soviet invasion November 4.

1958 - Soviet Union approves loan for Aswan Dam in Egypt.

1962 - Soviet Union warns that a U.S. blockade of arms shipments to Cuba may risk a thermonuclear war.

1969 - Laotian officials report that fresh North Vietnamese troops have reached the Plaine des Jarres and clashed with government troops on their border.

1973 - Israeli military command announces that Israel and Egypt have agreed to new cease-fire in Middle East war.

1976 - The first total eclipse of the sun visible in southeastern Australia since 1835 occurs for two minutes as darkness falls on a 161-kilometer (100-mile) corridor.

1983 - Suicide attackers blow up U.S. Marine headquarters building at Beirut Airport, Lebanon, and nearby French headquarters with bomb-laden trucks, killing 241 U.S. Marines and 58 Frenchmen.

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1988 - Long-awaited Soviet election reform calls for choice of candidates but limits sharply what they can advocate.

1989 - Tens of thousands of Hungarians demand end to communism on anniversary of 1956 uprising.

1990 - The U.S. Navy orders steps to improve the lot of women sailors and to curb sexual harassment and rape in the service.

1991 - The four warring factions in Cambodia sign a peace treaty in Paris paving the way for the return of refugees and democratic elections.

1992 - U.S. President George Bush announces the Vietnamese government will turn over all documents, photographs and personal effects of U.S. personnel it collected in the Vietnam War.

1993 - **Irish Republican Army** bomb kills 10 people in Belfast.

1994 - A suicide bomber at an election rally in Colombo, Sri Lanka, kills at least 50 people, including Gamini Dissanayake, opposition candidate for president.

1995 - After a meeting in New York, Russian President Boris Yeltsin announces accord with U.S. President Bill Clinton that Russian troops would help enforce peace in Bosnia.

1996 - A historian reveals that the Swiss bank accounts of presumed Holocaust victims were used to settle Switzerland's postwar compensation disputes with Poland and Hungary.

1997 - South African's Nelson Mandela receives a hero's welcome in Libya, and calls for the United Nations to lift sanctions that are harming "our African brothers and sisters."

1998 - Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat agree on a breakthrough land-for-peace West Bank accord after eight days of negotiations in the United States.

1999 - Illinois' George Ryan pays the first visit to communist Cuba by a U.S. governor since Fidel Castro's 1959 revolution, declaring he has come "to build bridges between people."

2000 - Vladimiro Montesinos, the former spy chief who set off Peru's worst political crisis in a decade, heads home to Lima from exile in Panama.

2001 - Indonesia's parliament passes a bill granting the rebellious province of Irian Jaya sweeping autonomy, a greater share of resource revenues and a new name - Papua.

2002 - British police detain Abu Qatada, a fugitive Muslim cleric who allegedly was an influential supporter of the al-Qaida terrorist network.

Today's Birthdays:

Louis Riel, Canadian rebel leader (1844-1885); Johnny Carson, former U.S. "Tonight Show" host (1925--); Pele, Brazilian soccer star (1940--); Michael Crichton, U.S. author (1942--); Ang Lee, Taiwanese director (1954--), Weird Al Yankovic, U.S. musical parodist (1959--).

Thought for Today:

It is the characteristic of the most stringent censorships that they give credibility to the opinions they attack - Voltaire, French author and philosopher (1694-1778).

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Unionists, Sinn Fein leaders to meet

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Body

Northern Ireland peace negotiator George Mitchell, the former U.S. senator who brokered last year's Good Friday agreement, is hoping to bring Ulster Unionists and Sinn Fein together Tuesday for their first face-to-face meeting since a previous peace effort collapsed in July. Irish sources said. "George Mitchell is hoping to bring the Unionists and Sinn Fein together today, though we don't know yet who will be attending," a senior Irish source told United Press International. He said Mitchell called the representatives of the largest party in Northern Ireland and the political wing of the *Irish Republican Army* to Stormont in Belfast in a bid to revive the peace process, which collapsed when unionists boycotted an Anglo-Irish initiative to form a power-sharing administration. Irish sources said the meeting would be the most significant step yet in Mitchell's review of the agreement, now in its third week, but its outcome would depend on who attended the talks. The Ulster Unionists have not said whether party leader David Trimble will attend, but Sinn Fein has indicated that its leader Gerry Adams and chief negotiator Martin McGuinness will be present. The Unionists refused to take part in a power-sharing deal negotiated earlier in the summer, insisting the IRA decommission its weapon stockpiles before Sinn Fein was allowed into a devolved executive. Hardliners in the Ulster Unionist Party still oppose a Sinn Fein role in the executive unless the IRA surrenders all weapons. They have also accused the IRA of breaking its cease-fire and condemned Northern Ireland minister Mo Mowlam for refusing to accept IRA violations.

Mitchell is aiming for the decommissioning of weapons by all paramilitary groups on both sides of the Protestant-Catholic divide. Mitchell began his latest round of talks Monday evening with a joint meeting with the representatives of four smaller pro-agreement parties, the Alliance Party, the *Women's* Coalition and the parties linked to loyalist paramilitaries, the Progressive Unionists and the Ulster Democratic Party. *Women's* Coalition Assembly member Monica McWilliams told the British Broadcasting Corporation, "Every party must play their part in helping Sinn Fein and the Ulster Unionists overcome their problems and move this process forward. But at the end of the day, those two parties are also going to have to be prepared to help each other." Davy Adams of the Ulster Democratic Party, which is linked to the loyalist Ulster Defense Association paramilitary force, said he believed a solution to the decommissioning impasse could be found. He told the BBC, "The Ulster Unionists and Sinn Fein must restrain themselves from apportioning blame and work together to overcome their difficulties." Sinn Fein criticized the Ulster Unionists for supporting a legal challenge to Mowlam, begun in the high court Monday, which aims to overturn her verdict that the IRA cease-fire is intact. The court case was brought by Michelle Williamson, whose parents were among nine people killed in 1993 by an IRA bomb that wrecked a fish shop in Belfast. Trimble and two other Unionist members of the British parliament backed the woman's case in court. Williamson was given leave to seek a judicial review. If the court decides in her favor, the government could be forced to reverse the IRA ruling. The Times newspaper said a court judgment on the IRA cease-fire could put Mowlam "under immense pressure to exclude Sinn Fein from the talks." Sinn Fein has said the legal challenge is part of an Ulster Unionist attempt to undermine the Good Friday agreement. Mowlam's office has said she would react vigorously to the

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challenge, and Irish sources said they are resigned to the possibility the court proceedings may drag on for months.

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IRISH TEENAGERS SHARE SERENITY

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Body

Richard Wilson and Kris Fursden can't go to the movies anymore in their hometown of Enniskillen, Northern Ireland. The only movie theater in town was flattened by an **Irish Republican Army** bomb.

The two 15-year-old boys have grown up amid violence and religious hatred. But this summer, Richard and Kris are moving their country toward peace.

For six weeks, the boys are living with Ali and Kevin Shute in Post Falls as part of the Children's Friendship Project for Northern Ireland Inc.

Since 1987, the project has paired Protestant and Catholic teenagers from Northern Ireland in neutral American homes. The goal is to trigger lasting friendships that transcend religious backgrounds.

Northern Ireland's Protestants and Catholics have killed each other on the streets for the past 30 years, keeping alive a religious split that dates back to the 17th century.

"I think this program's a brilliant idea," says Kris, whose father was raised Protestant and mother was raised Catholic. Kris attends an integrated school.

The boys are required to share a room and become part of the family that's hosting them. Neither requirement is a problem for them.

"My mom knows lots of Catholics," says red-haired Richard, who's been raised Protestant. "I don't see anything wrong with Catholics. They're humans."

The Children's Friendship Program staffs plenty of representatives in the United States to handle problems between partnered kids.

It requires host families to have one stay-at-home parent and a neutral religious environment. But problems are rare because the kids who apply want peace in their country.

Richard and Kris laugh together like any pair of teenage boys and marvel over the differences between their home and the Shutes'.

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They're mildly impatient about the violence in their country. They know nothing else, but realize it's not normal. They joke about the need to lock up everything they own, and reluctantly accept a general distrust that hangs in their neighborhoods like smog.

"This country is lovely, trusting. Everyone looks after each other," Richard says, still surprised that Ali's neighbor rescued them after their car broke down.

After they return home, the boys will speak about their experiences to groups and encourage other teens to participate.

"It'd be nice to get more of the hotheads (in the program)," Richard says.

Kris agrees, but shakes his head, understanding already that some minds never will open. "There are some people who could never do this."

Host families help pay their students' travel expenses. The Shutes will hold a wine and hors d'oeuvre reception Aug. 3 to raise part of the \$ 2,600 the boys' visit is costing.

For details, call Ali at 773-1725.

Magnificent music

Remember four-part harmony crooned by tuxedoed guys with innocent faces? "Love is a Many Splendored Thing," "Chain Gang"?

The Coeur d'Alene Summer Theater is reliving those days in North Idaho College's Schuler Auditorium this week and next with its production of "Forever Plaid."

Haven't heard of it? Doesn't matter. Go to hear Brian Maples' heart-melting tenor. The rest of the show is a bonus. Call 769-7780 for reservations.

Sale sense

Organizers of Coeur d'Alene's **Women's** Center's mega-garage sale Saturday are pretty sure they have vintage clothing and collector dolls. You'll never know unless you go.

The sale is at the Silver Lake Mall all day. Money raised will help support battered **women** and children.

Notes

What was your best garage sale find? Dig out the details for Cynthia Taggart, "Close to Home," 608 Northwest Blvd., Suite 200, Coeur d'Alene, ID, 83814; fax to 765-7149; call 765-7128; or e-mail to cynthiat@spokesman.com.

Graphic

Color Photo;

Richard Wilson, center, and Kris Fursden, right, are two teens from Northern Ireland reaching across religious divides while staying with Ali Shute's family. Photo by Liz Kishimoto/The Spokesman-Review

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Detecting prying eyes; Couple markets devices to ensure a place you think is private actually is

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Body

Inella McLean says Big Brother is here, big time. And he's a pervert.

But you won't catch him on your balcony or peering through the hedge. This peeping Tom is well concealed behind a veil of technology. He uses hidden cameras, secret recording devices and an Internet link that allows him to watch you from the relative safety of his living room.

The Hamilton Spectator

And according to McLean, who formed a Hamilton home-based business four years ago called M&B Direct Media, Big Brother is not necessarily a government official as George Orwell predicted in his futuristic novel 1984.

He's more likely Joe Citizen who pays his taxes, rides the subway and works at the next terminal. But why should we worry about some jerk who likes fiddling with high-tech toys and surfing the Internet?

Because he could be watching you in all sorts of places where you expect privacy, such as dressing rooms, hotel rooms, tanning beds, private offices or boardrooms, said McLean, who works with her husband, Alan, a computer and electronics whiz who acts as her technical consultant.

She referred to a recent incident in Hamilton in which a man was charged for allegedly rigging a secret camera in the bathroom of a Jackson Square hairdressing business.

There was also the guy in Toronto who installed a camera on his shoe to look up women's dresses. McLean is marketing a range of security devices, including one she described as the "hidden camera detector anti-spy privacy aid." It's about the size of a cigarette lighter and sells for under \$50.

It can pick up the presence of a hidden camera or any device that emits an electronic signal.

A woman can use this device to check her surroundings when she goes in a washroom or any place where a camera may be hidden.

She can also make sure the boss isn't taping her during a private meeting. He could be wearing a miniature camera or microphone in his bowtie.

"With a discreet check, you can have peace of mind as a result," said McLean, whose business background includes working for the Royal Bank from 1979 to 1992.

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Doesn't it all sound a bit paranoid? Aren't your chances of being secretly recorded about the same as being hit by lightning?

But husband Alan doesn't believe his wife is overreacting. Growing up in Britain, he said he became keenly aware of electronic surveillance more than 20 years ago when the government started installing cameras around the country to keep track of the **Irish Republican Army**.

It was supposed to be a temporary measure, but the cameras are still there.

"The cameras are everywhere. In London, it's known as the 'ring of steel.' You can see them. They can track you from one side of the city to the other," he said.

But he's more worried about the private video voyeur who now can buy all sorts of sophisticated surveillance equipment for a few hundred dollars that would have taxed James Bond's budget a generation ago.

With this electronic tool box, a hidden camera can be set up in a washroom or other place where people expect privacy and the images beamed around the world live on the Internet.

McLean booted up his computer and scanned a few pornographic sites where people were purportedly being watched without their knowledge.

The subscribers paid a fee to watch these sites, which appealed to a variety of kinky interests.

"They're everywhere. The perverts have been having a wonderful time on the Internet," he said.

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Graphic

Photo: Paul Hourigan, the Hamilton Spectator; Inella McLean shows tiny device that locates hidden video cameras. She says it can ensure a person's peace of mind.

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YUGOSLAVS HERE SAD, SCARED FOR FAMILIES AND HOMELAND

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Body

It was difficult to call people in Yugoslavia yesterday, but Dr. Sava Nenic, a medical resident at UPMC Health System, was lucky and reached his father.

Nenic's father spoke to his son on a cell phone from Novi Sad, a town 50 miles north of Belgrade.

"I told them what we heard on CNN," Nenic said, referring to the bombings.

"They said no, don't be silly," Nenic recalled, as he talked about the bombings.

Nenic's wife, Nada, reached her mother, who told her that the bombs had begun falling as she was walking her dog and that she thought: "Am I going to be able to reach home without dying? Nada Nenic said her mother told her: "This is worse than the worst nightmare. Sava Nenic seemed emotionally wrung out.

"It seems to me that I don't have tears anymore after these two days and nights," he said.

The Nenics, who have been in the United States for four years, were visiting yesterday at the Squirrel Hill home of their friends, Natasha and Radisav Vidic.

The television blared in the Vidics' family room and, as experts appeared on CNN to discuss the bombings in more dispassionate tones, Radisav Vidic became animated.

The environmental engineer, a native of Serbia who has spent the last 11 years in this country, is an associate professor at the University of Pittsburgh.

He believes Yugoslavia is being treated unfairly and harshly by the United States, NATO and its allies.

Instead of bombing Yugoslavia, Vidic said, NATO could have sent peacekeeping forces to Albania and Macedonia.

Several weeks ago, Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic was ready to sign an agreement during peace talks at a castle outside of Paris, he said. When Albania refused to sign, its delegation was given a few more days.

An altered version of that new agreement was offered to Yugoslavia by U.S. envoy Richard Holbrooke. But in Vidic's view, the altered agreement was an ultimatum, not a negotiation.

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Yugoslavia was unwilling to sign, he said, because it meant that, in three years, the region of Kosovo could become an independent state.

Kosovo was the birthplace of Serbia in the eighth century and, though largely populated by Albanians now, is still home to 1,100 Serbian Orthodox monasteries and churches.

Kosovo is to Serbs what Jerusalem is to Jews, Vidic said.

"Kosovo must stay in Serbia," he said.

By bombing Yugoslavia, Vidic said, "what the U.S. is doing is supporting a terrorist," referring to the Kosovo Liberation Army, a group he compared to the **Irish Republican Army**.

He said the Kosovo Liberation Army had shot Albanians who wanted to stay in Serbia, instead of seceding from it.

Vidic believes NATO is using the bombings to justify its existence.

"By protecting Muslims in Kosovo, they're scoring points with the Muslim world," he said.

The horror of what is happening overseas came through in numerous phone calls.

Sava Nenic, who also reached a **female** friend in his hometown of Novi Sad, said the woman told him people were sleeping in hallways of apartment buildings to avoid flying glass when bombs fall.

His friend, Nenic said, was crying and practically hysterical.

"She had bought milk for her 2-year-old son," he said. "She had just reached her apartment building" when the bombs began lighting up the sky.

All she could think about, Nenic said, was reaching her child.

"This is a humanitarian disaster," he said.

CONFLICT IN KOSOVO

Graphic

PHOTO, PHOTO: Sammy Dallal/Post-Gazette: Dr. Sava Nenic, a medical resident; at the UPMCHealth System, and his wife, Nada, hold two of their friends' children while expressing frustration with the bombings in Yugoslavia. The Nenic family, who have been in the U.S. for four years, were visiting friends in Squirrel Hill.

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Body

Amtrak Crash Is Investigated

BOURBONNAIS, Ill. (AP)

Investigators of Monday's Amtrak crash are focusing on the time right before the train slammed into a tractor-trailer loaded with steel bars at a crossing. The crash killed 11 people and injured 100 more. The National Transportation Safety Board says the engineer has been too shaken by the experience to provide a clear account of what happened. State police are analyzing two tire tracks in the mud at the crossing to determine if the truck driver tried to go around the gates.

Hale Takes Plea Bargain in Sex Case

FORT LEWIS, Wash. (AP)

A retired Army general who pleaded guilty to sexual misconduct has admitted that he targeted women in troubled marriages. Maj. Gen. David Hale pleaded guilty today to eight charges involving sexual improprieties with the wives of subordinates. In exchange, the Army dropped nine charges and Hale will get a reduced sentence.

Clinton Urges Irish Peace

WASHINGTON (AP)

President Clinton sent a St. Patrick's Day message to Northern Ireland's uncertain peacemakers, appealing for them all to cross "the last divide of the peace process" by finally forming their Protestant-Catholic government. Clinton met separately with Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams and Ulster Unionist Party leader David Trimble. The two have argued publicly for months over when, if ever, the Irish Republican Army will disarm.

Cities Celebrate St. Patrick

NEW YORK (AP)

Actress Maureen O'Hara led the 238th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade up Fifth Avenue with some 200,000 marchers and thousands of cheering spectators. The Irish-born Ms. O'Hara, the parade's grand marshal and star of such movies as "The Quiet Man," celebrated the Irish connection "that I feel so strongly in the United States." In

AP Top News at 8 p.m. EST Wednesday, March 17, 1999

Kansas City, Mo., thousands of people filled downtown for a parade that included an Elvis impersonator in a green rhinestone-studded suit, a Dixieland Jazz band and an Old West stagecoach.

Starr Prosecutors Defend Tactics

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)

Prosecutors put a former Whitewater grand juror on the witness stand at Susan McDougal's trial today to testify that Kenneth Starr's investigators were not out to get President Clinton. Mrs. McDougal's lawyer responded by subpoenaing a top Starr deputy. Mrs. McDougal's defense begins its case tomorrow. She is on trial for her defiance of a federal judge's order to testify before the Whitewater grand jury.

Microsoft Has New Internet Software

NEW YORK (AP)

Microsoft is releasing a new version of its Internet Explorer software that makes it easier to separate some Web navigation features from computer desktop functions. Critics said the features in Internet Explorer 5.0, which will be available starting tomorrow, are inconsistent with Microsoft's steadfast contention in its antitrust battle that its Web browser is an essential part of the Windows operating system.

Netscape Shareholders OK Merger

DULLES, Va. (AP)

America Online has completed its nearly \$10 billion acquisition of Netscape Communications, creating a powerful new Internet force. AOL completed its all-stock purchase after Netscape shareholders voted overwhelmingly in favor of the deal. The Justice Department said last week it wouldn't oppose the takeover.

Dow Ends Down 51.06

NEW YORK (AP)

Technology issues pushed the Dow industrials lower today, declining in reaction to the higher interest rates. The Dow closed at 9,879.41, down 51.06. NYSE decliners led advancers 1,604-1,364. The Nasdaq Composite Index was at 2,428.97, down 10.30.

NFL Brings Back Instant Replay

PHOENIX (AP)

NFL owners voted today to bring back instant replay for the first time since 1991. The system to help officials make the right calls will include coaches' challenges and an official in the press box who will control replays in the final two minutes of each half.

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SUSPECT IN THE OMAGH BOMBING IS CHARGED

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Body

THE FIRST person to be charged in connection with the Omagh bombing appeared in court yesterday in the Irish republic.

Colm Murphy is accused of conspiracy to cause explosions and membership of an illegal organisation - styling itself the **Irish Republican Army**.

The 48-year-old builder, who owns a pub in the border town of Dundalk, was remanded in custody during a five-minute hearing before Dublin's Special Criminal Court.

Murphy was one of several suspects arrested on both sides of the border in a co-ordinated police operation over the weekend.

Five men were last night still being questioned by police about last August's attack - the worst act of terrorism in the 30-year history of Ulster's troubles - which killed 29 people and injured 350 others.

The charges against Murphy came as the IRA was accused of carrying out an attack on a woman in South Armagh during which an armed gang carved death threats on her arms and legs.

Up to eight men, several carrying rifles, forced their way into the woman's home in Bessbrook early yesterday morning looking for her husband. When they could not find the man they held the woman down and used a knife to carve the threat on her limbs. The woman's four young children were asleep in the house during her ordeal. She was treated in hospital and discharged.

The attack was condemned by politicians and anti-violence campaigners. The Northern Ireland Secretary, Mo Mowlam, described the incident as "barbaric, inhuman and sadistic".

However, Dr Mowlam resisted renewed Tory and Unionist calls for the release of terrorist prisoners to be halted until decommissioning began and beatings stopped.

But she acknowledged it was "important that we break the cycle of violence and we get the Good Friday Agreement implemented".

The human rights group Families Against Intimidation and Terror said the IRA carried out the brutal attack and it questioned Sinn Fein's right to take seats in the government of Northern Ireland. A spokesman for the group,

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Vincent McKenna, said the woman's harrowing ordeal followed only a few weeks after the knife murder of the former IRA man Eamon Collins a few miles away in Newry, Co Down.

Mr McKenna said: "Already this year dozens of women have suffered human rights abuses at the hands of the terrorists and these are the people that the Secretary of State is telling us are ready to take their seats in the government of Northern Ireland.

"It is time that the Government and those elected to the Assembly lived up to their obligations to the law-abiding citizens of Northern Ireland and stopped pandering to the terrorist mutilators and murderers."

An Ulster Unionist Party local assembly member, Danny Kennedy, said he was appalled at the "gruesome attack by cowardly thugs".

The fact that they were armed raised serious questions about the IRA ceasefire, he said.

It was "further proof that the arms issue has to be addressed and decommissioning must take place".

IRenegade loyalist paramilitaries targeted a house full of children during an attack in north Belfast yesterday.

A pipe bomb was thrown at the house in Rosapenna Street, on north Belfast's peace line, which separates Catholics from Protestants, as the five children, aged between 13 months and nine years, played inside.

In a statement, the breakaway Red Hand Defenders said its members threw the device over the peace line.

Twenty homes were evacuated while the army defused the bomb.

Billy Hutchinson, of the Progressive Unionist Party, said loyalists should shun the renegade group.

"Acts like this will not secure the union and I would call on all loyalists to make sure these people do not get any support from the community. People should ignore them."

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World datelines

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Body

Afghanistan

BAGRAM -- U.S. and coalition jets pounded rebel positions on a central Afghanistan mountainside with bombs and bullets after U.S. ground soldiers came under attack, a U.S. military spokesman said Tuesday. No U.S. injuries were reported. The aerial assault was triggered Monday morning when U.S. Special Forces were targeted by machine gun fire and rocket-propelled grenades by forces overlooking the Bagran valley.

Australia

MELBOURNE -- Australian high school students who sent spiders into space on board the Columbia shuttle were presented with a commemorative plaque by a U.S. diplomat and a NASA envoy on Tuesday. U.S. Embassy deputy chief of mission Michael Owens presented a framed photograph of the space shuttle Columbia's seven crew members, who died on re-entry to the Earth's atmosphere last week.

Canada

VANCOUVER, British Columbia -- A Sikh man who acquired the materials for a bomb that killed 329 people aboard an Air India flight in 1985 pleaded guilty to manslaughter Monday and was sentenced to five years in prison. Inderjit Singh Reyat, 51, is one of three suspects charged in what is considered Canada's worst mass murder. Two other Sikh suspects still face first-degree murder and conspiracy charges.

China

BEIJING -- An unidentified virus that causes pneumonia has killed five people and left about 300 hospitalized in southern China. Rumors of a surging death toll prompted frightened residents to stock up on antibiotics, officials said Tuesday. Shares in drug companies on Chinese stock markets rose in apparent response.

England

LONDON -- Troops and light tanks were deployed at Heathrow Airport Tuesday to boost security after police warned of a potential terrorist threat to London by the al-Qaida group. Police said Osama bin Laden's network might time attacks to coincide with the end of this week's Muslim Eid al-Adha holiday.

Israel

World datelines

JERUSALEM -- Israeli troops killed an armed Palestinian in the Gaza Strip, and Israel imposed a blanket closure Tuesday on the Palestinian areas during a Muslim holiday because of warnings of possible attacks by militants. The closure, which bars Palestinians from entering Israel, reverses a decision to ease travel restrictions during the holiday, Eid al-Adha, which begins Tuesday.

Japan

TOKYO -- Three Japanese were found dead in an apartment Tuesday after apparently plotting suicide together on the Internet, police said. The unidentified 26-year-old man and two women are believed to have died of carbon monoxide poisoning at the apartment, where the door was sealed with tape and locked from the inside. Police found several portable cooking stoves in the apartment.

Mexico

MEXICO CITY -- Mexican army troops seized 2.2 tons of cocaine from a plane that landed in northern Mexico on Monday after it reported mechanical problems. The three men onboard were arrested. Also Monday, the Justice department announced that federal agents had arrested six police officers in the Gulf Coast state of Veracruz on organized crime charges, after they allegedly collaborated with drug traffickers.

Northern Ireland

ENNISKILLEN -- Irish Republican Army dissidents set off a small bomb Monday ahead of a meeting on the progress of the 1998 Northern Ireland peace accord. The explosion caused no injuries and little damage.

Paraguay

ASUNCION -- Paraguay's Senate opened a final floor debate Tuesday to decide on whether to impeach President Luis Gonzalez Macchi, whose government is surrounded by corruption scandals. As the debate carried on, Gonzalez Macchi went to work as usual, saying he had "great hope and a clear conscience" that his supporters in Congress would defeat the attempt. He said, however, that he would abide by the Senate's decision.

Russia

MOSCOW -- Russia said Tuesday it would welcome international monitoring of a referendum in Chechnya next month and the elections that are to follow in the war-ravaged republic. Russia is eager to win international approval of the constitutional referendum, an effort by the Kremlin to promote stability and further discredit militants while cementing the republic as part of Russia.

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Today is Tuesday, Feb. 11, the 42nd day of 2003. There are 323 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1254 - The British Parliament first convenes.

1531 - King Henry VIII is recognized as Supreme Head of the Church in England.

1744 - Naval battle of Toulon begins between Britain and combined Franco-Spanish fleet.

1798 - French forces take Rome.

1812 - Massachusetts Governor Elbridge Gerry signs a redistricting law that favors his party - giving rise to the term "gerrymandering."

1888 - King Lobengda of Matabele, Rhodesia, accepts British protection.

1889 - Constitution is granted in Japan, with two-chamber Diet, but Emperor retains extensive powers.

1922 - Nine-power treaty is signed in Washington for securing China's independence and maintaining "open door" policy; United States and Japan sign naval agreement.

1929 - Italy signs the Lateran Treaty; establishing an independent Vatican City.

1944 - U.S. carrier planes strike heavy blows against Japanese positions in Marshall Islands in Pacific during World War II.

1945 - U.S. President Franklin Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin sign the Yalta Agreement during World War II.

1956 - Referendum in Malta favors integration with Britain.

1967 - Military rule is imposed in Beijing during civil strife in China.

1968 - Communist troops execute 300 civilians in South Vietnam and bury them in a mass grave during fighting for city of Hue.

Tuesday, February 11

1971 - Treaty banning nuclear weapons from ocean floor is signed by 63 nations in ceremonies at Washington, London and Moscow.

1975 - Margaret Thatcher becomes the first **female** head of the British Conservative Party.

1979 - Followers of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini seize power in Iran, nine days after the religious leader returns to his home country following 15 years of exile.

1986 - Jewish dissident Anatoly Scharansky walks to freedom in Berlin after almost nine years in Soviet captivity on espionage charges.

1989 - Barbara Harris becomes the first consecrated **female** Episcopal bishop in United States.

1990 - African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela is released after 27 years in South African prisons.

1991 - Iraq fires one Scud missile at Israel, which explodes and does no harm, and one at the Saudi Arabian capital, which is intercepted by U.S. missiles.

1992 - Security forces arrest four Muslim guerrillas and confiscate weapons in Algiers.

1993 - A Somali gunman hijacks a Lufthansa Airbus over Austria with 104 people aboard and orders it flown to New York, where he surrenders peacefully and releases his hostages unharmed.

1994 - A NATO-enforced cease-fire takes hold in Sarajevo.

1995 - Three Peruvian warplanes are shot down while attacking Ecuadorean bases in the nations' border war.

1996 - Powerful car bombs kill 17 people and wound 93 in Algiers.

1997 - Ecuador's Congress names Fabian Alarcon, president of Congress, as the nation's interim president.

1998 - U.S. military says it is ready to strike Iraq within a week, but the stand-off over inspections is defused before the attack comes.

1999 - The U.S. Justice Department closes the books on a \$1.6 billion reparations program for ethnic Japanese interned in American camps during World War II.

2000 - Britain strips Northern Ireland's Protestant-Catholic government of power in a bid to prevent its collapse over the **Irish Republican Army**'s refusal to disarm.

2001 - About 7,500 counter-demonstrators turn out to demonstrate against a neo-Nazi march in western Germany that draws 250 people. Four police officers suffer minor injuries, and 17 demonstrators are arrested.

2002 - Jordan's State Security Court sentences U.S. born Raed Hljazi to death by hanging for plotting attacks on U.S. and Israeli targets in Jordan during New Year's 2000 celebrations.

Today's Birthdays:

Thomas A. Edison, U.S. inventor (1847-1931); Sidney Sheldon, U.S. author (1917--); Lloyd Bentsen, U.S. senator and former vice-presidential candidate (1921--); Burt Reynolds, U.S. actor (1936--); Tina Louise, U.S. actress (1937--); Sergio Mendes, Composer (1941--); Sheryl Crow, U.S. singer (1962--); Jennifer Aniston, U.S. actress (1969--); Brandy, U.S. singer/actress (1979--).

Thought For Today:

We had better live as we think, otherwise we shall end up by thinking as we have lived - Paul Bourget, French author (1852-1935).

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CANADA

Harcourt's recovery remarkable

VANCOUVER -- Former premier Mike Harcourt's recovery from a serious spinal injury is being called "remarkable."

Vancouver General Hospital spokeswoman Michelle Stewart says Harcourt is continuing to show signs of neurological improvement and sat up for five hours in a chair today.

She says that's remarkable only two days after he had surgery on his spine.

Stewart says Harcourt is also showing movement in the fingers of his left hand, while his right hand is stronger, although he still has no movement in one leg.

The Hamilton Spectator

Stewart says he was in such good spirits yesterday he was joking about politics.

Harcourt fell six metres from the deck of his Pender Island cabin on Saturday and suffered a serious spinal injury.

He was taken to hospital where surgeons performed two operations to relieve pressure on his spine and remove an injured disc.

ONTARIO

Cancer clinic will continue

TORONTO -- Cancer Care Ontario has quietly allowed a private company to continue operating a controversial after-hours radiation clinic for six more months, while it determines whether the province can finally treat its own cancer patients without sending them to the United States.

The contract was awarded in 2001 to Canadian Radiation Oncology Services, based at Sunnybrook and Women's College Health Sciences Centre.

Cancer Care Ontario president Dr. Alan Hudson said the contract was extended as a precaution while the agency waits to see how a new deal between the province and cancer specialists will affect patient care.

McClellan confident in Kyoto

Briefly

OTTAWA -- Health Minister Anne McLellan suggested yesterday she is so confident in the application of the Kyoto protocol, that she will resign if implementation harms her home province of Alberta.

McLellan said she will support ratification of the climate change treaty, which is to be put to a vote in the House of Commons on Monday.

But she added that she will set tough conditions, including a guarantee that implementation of the treaty won't limit economic growth.

Won't allow media ban

PORT COQUITLAM, B.C. -- Canadian media play a crucial role in providing information about court proceedings to the public and reporters must not be excluded from the preliminary hearing for a man accused of being the country's worst serial killer, a lawyer argued yesterday.

"The media is here to record history and a chapter of history is lost if they are excluded," Barry Gibson said during a pretrial hearing involving the case of Robert Pickton.

Gibson was the first of several lawyers representing various media outlets to argue before provincial court Judge David Stone, who is being asked by Pickton's defence lawyer, Peter Ritchie, to ban all media and public from the courtroom during Pickton's upcoming preliminary hearing.

Pickton, a Port Coquitlam pig farmer, is charged with killing 15 women who are among 64 identified as missing from Vancouver's downtown Eastside.

WORLD

Trial of Irish terrorists delayed

BOGOTA -- A Columbian judge suspended the trial of three suspected Irish Republican Army members accused of training rebels in southern jungles after prosecutors could not produce their star witness.

Testimony in the case will resume in early February.

The witness, John Alexander Rodriguez, a deserter from the rebel Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, was last heard of in a government rehabilitation program. But authorities could not find him before yesterday's hearing, prosecutors said.

Rodriguez was expected to testify that he met suspects James Monaghan, Niall Connolly and Martin McCauley in 1999 inside a rebel safe haven in southern Colombia, and that the three men brought rocket launchers with them to sell.

Chechen refugee camp closed

MOSCOW -- Russian authorities nearly completed their effort to shut down a refugee camp yesterday near the Chechen border, ignoring international pleas to keep it open.

Just 18 tents were left in a camp in Aki-Yurt, just across the border from Chechnya, where nearly 1,000 refugees had lived.

Russian officials said that about 70,000 Chechen refugees live in the nearby region of Ingushetia.

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New round of Northern Ireland negotiations seeks to plug holes in 1998 peace deal

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Body

Three of Northern Ireland's major parties launched negotiations Thursday designed to restore their Catholic-Protestant administration for this British territory.

But as they entered Stormont Parliamentary Building for negotiations overseen by the British and Irish governments, Protestants and Catholics offered widely conflicting reasons for last month's political breakdown.

Britain stripped power from the four-party coalition - the key achievement of the 1998 pact - and resumed sole control, keeping the coalition technically intact for potential revival.

The major Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, said continuing ***Irish Republican Army*** activity had undermined Protestant support for power-sharing with Sinn Fein, the IRA-linked party. They called for the IRA to renounce all forms of violence and continue disarming as the 1998 deal outlined.

"The real reason why we are here today is because the IRA by its actions has brought this process to this crisis," said Ulster Unionist chief negotiator Reg Empey, who had been economy minister in the nearly 3-year-old administration. "That issue has to be addressed, and the process will not be fixed until that issue is addressed and resolved."

The Ulster Unionists last month threatened to resign from the administration, triggering its collapse, after police uncovered an alleged IRA spying operation within government circles. Among four people charged with possessing stolen documents of use to the IRA was Sinn Fein's senior administrator at Stormont.

Underlining Protestants' belief that the IRA must do all the moving, Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble skipped Thursday's negotiations in favor of a political awards ceremony in London. And leaders of the harder-line Protestant party, the Democratic Unionists, boycotted the talks on the grounds that they had never accepted the Good Friday accord of 1998 in the first place.

But both Sinn Fein and its moderate rival for Catholic votes, the Social Democratic and Labor Party or SDLP, said the Good Friday pact included a trove of still-unfulfilled goals that would need to be nailed down alongside any IRA moves.

SDLP leader Mark Durkan, who had been Trimble's Catholic deputy in the administration, said the renewed diplomacy must "prove to the public that we are still all on for all of the agreement."

New round of Northern Ireland negotiations seeks to plug holes in 1998 peace deal

"We will not do that by ignoring the need to implement aspects of the agreement, or by just focusing on one issue, or grandstanding on one issue, or trying to gang up on particular parties in particular ways," said Durkan, who last month refused to support Ulster Unionist demands for Sinn Fein's expulsion from office.

Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams came bearing a 2,500-word document that lauded the IRA's contributions to peacemaking, including its 1997 cease-fire and scrapping of a few weapons dumps in the past year. It blamed the political breakdown on the Ulster Unionists, Britain and the SDLP and listed a range of unfulfilled demands, including an amnesty for IRA figures wanted on often decades-old warrants.

"The outstanding matters, the vast majority of them, are the responsibility of the British government," Adams said.

Some negotiators identified one of the 1998 deal's most divisive goals - reforming Northern Ireland's predominantly Protestant police into a force widely accepted by Catholics - as the key to a wider deal.

The police have adopted a new name, new uniforms, a new English commander and a recruitment process that favors Catholic applicants. But Sinn Fein has refused to join the SDLP and Protestants in a civilian board that is already overseeing that process of slow reform.

Monica McWilliams, leader of a small neutral party called the Women's Coalition, said if Sinn Fein joined the Policing Board, Protestants should accept that as equivalent to the IRA renouncing violence. She expected Sinn Fein to join once Britain presented amendments to police-reform legislation, a move being opposed by Protestants who think there have already been too many changes.

"What we would like to hear from Sinn Fein is their bottom line," McWilliams said.

"They are still saying they have issues with criminal justice reforms, human rights and policing. But when the new policing legislation comes out, we don't want this 'by the way, we have one more thing' approach," she said.

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Body

Today is Wednesday, October 23, the 296th day of 2002. There are 69 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1596 - Turks under Mohammed III defeat Austrian Archduke Maximillian's forces near Erlau, Hungary.

1641 - Great Irish Massacre occurs after discovery of conspiracy against English.

1764 - Hector Munro's British forces defeat Nawab of Oudh at Buxar, Bengal.

1917 - U.S. troops see first action in World War I near Luneville, France.

1942 - British Eighth Army attacks Axis forces to begin Battle of El Alamein in Egypt during World War II.

1944 - Soviet Red Army enters Hungary.

1953 - Federal Constitution of Rhodesia and Nyasaland goes into effect.

1954 - Britain, France, United States and Soviet Union agree to end occupation of Germany.

1956 - Anti-Communist revolution breaks out in Hungary. It is crushed by a Soviet invasion November 4.

1958 - Soviet Union approves loan for Aswan Dam in Egypt.

1962 - Soviet Union warns that a U.S. blockade of arms shipments to Cuba may risk a thermonuclear war.

1969 - Laotian officials report that fresh North Vietnamese troops have reached the Plaine des Jarres and clashed with government troops on their border.

1973 - Israeli military command announces that Israel and Egypt have agreed to new cease-fire in Middle East war.

1976 - The first total eclipse of the sun visible in southeastern Australia since 1835 occurs for two minutes as darkness falls on a 161-kilometer (100-mile) corridor.

1983 - Suicide attackers blow up U.S. Marine headquarters building at Beirut Airport, Lebanon, and nearby French headquarters with bomb-laden trucks, killing 241 U.S. Marines and 58 Frenchmen.

Wednesday, October 23

- 1988 - Long-awaited Soviet election reform calls for choice of candidates but limits sharply what they can advocate.
- 1989 - Tens of thousands of Hungarians demand end to communism on anniversary of 1956 uprising.
- 1990 - The U.S. Navy orders steps to improve the lot of women sailors and to curb sexual harassment and rape in the service.
- 1991 - The four warring factions in Cambodia sign a peace treaty in Paris paving the way for the return of refugees and democratic elections.
- 1992 - U.S. President George Bush announces the Vietnamese government will turn over all documents, photographs and personal effects of U.S. personnel it collected in the Vietnam War.
- 1993 - **Irish Republican Army** bomb kills 10 people in Belfast.
- 1994 - A suicide bomber at an election rally in Colombo, Sri Lanka, kills at least 50 people, including Gamini Dissanayake, opposition candidate for president.
- 1995 - After a meeting in New York, Russian President Boris Yeltsin announces accord with U.S. President Bill Clinton that Russian troops would help enforce peace in Bosnia.
- 1996 - A Swiss historian reveals that the Swiss bank accounts of presumed Holocaust victims were used to settle Switzerland's postwar compensation disputes with Poland and Hungary.
- 1997 - South African leader Nelson Mandela receives a hero's welcome in Libya, and calls for the United Nations to lift sanctions that are harming "our African brothers and sisters."
- 1998 - Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat agree on a breakthrough land-for-peace West Bank accord after eight days of negotiations in Maryland, U.S.
- 1999 - Illinois Gov. George Ryan pays the first visit to communist Cuba by a U.S. governor since Fidel Castro's 1959 revolution, declaring he has come "to build bridges between people."
- 2000 - Vladimiro Montesinos, the former spy chief who set off Peru's worst political crisis in a decade, heads home to Lima from exile in Panama.
- 2001 - Indonesian parliament passes a bill granting the rebellious province of Irian Jaya sweeping autonomy, a greater share of resource revenues and a new name - Papua.
- Today's Birthdays:
- Louis Riel, Canadian rebel leader (1844-1885); Johnny Carson, former U.S. "Tonight Show" host (1925--); Pele, Brazilian soccer star (1940--); Michael Crichton, U.S. author (1942--); Ang Lee, Taiwanese director (1954--), Weird Al Yankovic, U.S. musical parodist (1959--).
- Thought for Today:
- It is the characteristic of the most stringent censorships that they give credibility to the opinions they attack - Voltaire, French author and philosopher (1694-1778).
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Manchester: 'Party capital of Britain'

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The opening ceremonies of the 17th Commonwealth Games will be a chance for host city Manchester to shed its image as a down-on-its-luck industrial city and breed a reputation as a sophisticated sports town that knows how to have a good time.

Over 5,000 athletes from 72 Commonwealth countries will march into the new 38,000-seat City of Manchester Stadium tonight to usher in the 17th Commonwealth Games.

Olympic gold medal wrestler Daniel Igali will be the frontman and flag carrier for Canada's 281 athletes, who hope to surpass the 100-medal mark at these Games.

While Mancunians are proud of their city's industrial heritage and storied past, they want to show their northern English city can do more than work.

The Canadian Press

"We have a sense of humour, we have a bit of an attitude," said Sue Woodward, creative director of the Games, at a news conference yesterday.

"We like to think we are absolutely the party capital of Britain, if not western Europe."

Despite the organizing committee's best efforts to keep it quiet, the British press ferreted out that six-year-old Kirsty Howard of Manchester, who suffers from a terminal heart condition, will hand over to the Queen today the Golden Jubilee baton that has travelled to all of the Commonwealth countries, including Canada.

These Games are considered the centrepiece of the celebrations marking the 50th anniversary of the Queen's reign.

She and the Duke of Edinburgh will take part in the opening ceremonies and will be among an expected 200 heads of government and royalty to be in attendance along with British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

The Daily Mail speculated that Manchester United soccer star David Beckham would have Howard's role, but he may still have a part to play in today's ceremonies.

Organizers offered a glimpse of tonight's lineup, which appears to have a nightclub theme along with a pyrotechnic show and hundreds of children from Manchester schools chosen to perform.

Manchester: 'Party capital of Britain '

Medals will be determined even before the opening ceremonies at 8 p.m., local time.

Canadian divers are expected to win a medal or two in the men's and women's one-metre springboard in the late afternoon and they will have to hustle to get to the stadium from the aquatic centre.

"We'll get there somehow, even if it is late," said Montreal diver Alex Despatie. "We just hope we can get there for the big show."

The opening ceremonies are expected to be a sellout and Mancunians have been advised to allow for at least two hours to get to the stadium and get through security.

Since the terrorist attacks in the U.S. on Sept. 11, large-scale sporting events have been subject to massive security measures and these Games are no different. Manchester was the victim of an **Irish Republican Army** bombing six years ago in which no one was killed, but about 200 were injured.

The Games' security contingent includes specialists from 29 police forces, with firearms and explosives teams, underwater searchers, aerial search teams and criminal intelligence officers.

Sniffer dogs have been employed at all venues, the athletes' village and city hotels.

Multi-sport Games and the days leading into them often breed doping controversies and political intrigue in addition to stellar athletic performances.

Two members of the Scottish weightlifting team withdrew yesterday amidst doping allegations.

Scottish lawn bowler Willie Wood, who will become the first man to compete in seven Commonwealth Games, and his teammates staged a walkout of a reception hosted by Prince Edward because Wood was passed over to carry the flag at the opening ceremonies.

The Canadian swim team selection was a mess, prompting several appeals and a day in court.

English pole vaulter Janine Whitlock, considered a medal contender, was suspended by UK athletics for testing positive for anabolic steroids and will not compete here.

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UK report: 'IRA buys new arms from Russia'

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Body

The ***Irish Republican Army***, which has announced it is "decommissioning" at least part of its armory, is secretly rearming itself with new weapons, including rapid-fire Russia assault rifles, a London-based newspaper reported Sunday.

The Sunday Telegraph said it had learned from British intelligence officials that the IRA sent its agents to Moscow in late 2001 to purchase at least 20 of Russia's new AN94 rifles, which can fire 1,800 body armor-piercing bullets a minute.

The report said the high-velocity rifles, which firearms experts say could be used as a traditional machine gun or as a weapon for assassinations, were bought from a renegade band of Russian special forces officers to enable the IRA to "continue to be a well-oiled machine," as one UK intelligence officer described it.

An IRA spokesman declined to discuss details of the report, but he insisted in an interview with the British Broadcasting Corp. that it posed "no threat" to the peace negotiations in Northern Ireland.

The deal, detected initially by Russian security services who passed the information along to Britain, allegedly was made some time between the IRA's two announcements -- last October and again a few weeks ago -- that it was destroying what it described as "a substantial amount" of guns, ammunition and explosives.

The disclosure was termed by one Northern Ireland analyst as "the most damning evidence to date" that the IRA was continuing to build a "huge arsenal" for its battle against Britain despite the "decommissioning" of largely antiquated weaponry.

The Russian arms report immediately resulted in renewed pressure for the removal of Sinn Fein, the IRA's political arm, from government office in Northern Ireland. Senior Ulster Unionist parliamentarian Jeffrey Donaldson said he had been briefed about the weapons deal and that he considered Sinn Fein's position in the power-sharing Northern Ireland executive as "untenable."

Donaldson said such a deal was "in clear breach of the Good Friday agreement" aimed at ending the violence between Irish republicans and British unionists and restoring peace to the troubled province.

The report came only days after police in Belfast seized what they said was an IRA "hit list" that included the addresses of leading members of Britain's opposition Conservative Party, prompting fears that the republican

UK report: 'IRA buys new arms from Russia '

paramilitaries were planning more attacks -- a move that could scupper the Northern Ireland peace process for good.

Police said the list of Tories included former Prime Minister John Major, ex-chancellor of the exchequer Norman Lamont and the present leader of the Conservative Party, former British army officer Iain Duncan Smith.

"This is an issue we are taking very seriously," said Northern Ireland First Minister David Trimble. "The list includes information about army bases as well as politicians. (It) has information about the restaurants" that politicians frequent.

The documents were discovered in a house in north Belfast that police were searching in connection with a recent break-in at the top-security police Special Branch office in the Castlereagh area of the city.

The Castlereagh papers included alphabetical lists of Special Branch detectives and the code name of police informants were grabbed. That crime still has not been solved, and authorities believe the documents have been taken across the border into the Irish Republic by a female relative of a senior leader in the IRA.

The Sunday Times newspaper quoted police as saying the "hit list" of top Tories had been largely drawn up from the autobiographies written by Major and Lamont, but police said the information had been updated to include present-day Conservatives that the IRA considers "dangerous."

Fred Cobain, a member of the Ulster Unionist Party, told reporters that "if there is evidence that the Provisional IRA is targeting people, then that has serious repercussions. We cannot go on pretending that things are all right when one of the parties to the peace process may be undermining it."

Senior Northern Ireland police officers told authorities in the Irish Republic earlier this month that the IRA was still buying weapons and was still compiling lists of potential victims for assassination. Content: 02003000 11001000 11002000 11006000 16005000 16010000 16011000

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Protestant gang stabs teen-ager in head as Belfast tensions flare

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Body

A Protestant gang pretending to be Catholic stabbed a teen-ager in the head and terrorized a ***female*** motorist Monday, police said, as Northern Ireland suffered a violent start to a traditional season of Protestant marches.

Across Northern Ireland a Protestant fraternal group, the Apprentice Boys, mounted drum-pounding parades that stirred up sectarian passions in Belfast, particularly on the north side, home to a dangerous patchwork of Irish Catholic and British Protestant neighborhoods.

On the Limestone Road, an effective no-man's land between rival communities, Catholic and Protestant mobs pelted each other with stones, bricks and bottles, then turned their fire on police once they arrived in their armored vehicles. Such rioting has been chronic in north Belfast since clashes last June, which also centered on a disputed Protestant parade.

The violence grew more intense as darkness fell. Police and British soldiers on Limestone Road came under attack from gasoline bombs and homemade pipe bombs, while a truck and a car were hijacked and set ablaze. No serious injuries were reported.

But in the afternoon, as police battled the start of Limestone Road rioting, a Protestant gang went hunting for lone Catholics on another nearby boundary between Catholic and Protestant districts, Duncairn Gardens.

Police said the gang's leader was dressed in a green-and-white Glasgow Celtic shirt. The Scottish soccer team has a loyal Catholic fan base in Northern Ireland, while Protestants heavily favor the blue regalia of Glasgow's rival soccer team, Rangers. In Belfast riots, the two teams' colors are often prominent, with football scarves and caps being used to cover peoples' faces.

This time, the Protestant gang leader apparently donned the enemy's colors in hope of deceiving his victims.

First, the gang surrounded a Catholic motorist stopped at traffic lights and asked what her religious background was. When she responded Catholic, the henchmen smashed the car's windows while the ringleader punched her, police said. They let her run away and stole the car, which was later found abandoned.

Next, the gang accosted a 17-year-old boy who had just stepped off a bus. Though he was Protestant, he said he was Catholic because he thought they were too, largely because of the Celtic soccer shirt, police said.

Protestant gang stabs teen-ager in head as Belfast tensions flare

He fell down as he tried to run away, and was stabbed at least three times in the head. He was reported in serious but stable condition at a Belfast hospital.

Witnesses said the gang ran into Tiger's Bay, a militant neighborhood on the Protestant side of Duncairn Gardens.

On the Catholic side of that divide, Catholics rallied to commemorate dead **Irish Republican Army** members from their district, New Lodge. Larger IRA commemorations took place Sunday in cities and towns across Ireland.

Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams, addressing the New Lodge rally, said they shouldn't support or join the predominantly Protestant police, which he accused of coordinating many attacks on Catholics.

The IRA spent 27 years killing police officers before calling a 1997 cease-fire. Its Sinn Fein party is involved in a new Catholic-Protestant government for Northern Ireland but is refusing to take part in a new board overseeing police reforms. Both the government and police reform were important goals of the 1998 peace accord here.

Elsewhere, police launched renewed raids in Poleglass, a militant Catholic district on the western outskirts of Belfast, in search of secret anti-terrorist documents that were stolen from a Belfast police station two weeks ago.

Police on Saturday arrested six people, including at least two paroled IRA prisoners, on suspicion of involvement in the theft, one of the most embarrassing security lapses in Northern Irish history. But five of the six were freed without charge Sunday and Monday.

The documents are alleged to contain details about police agents and informers. Adams said British agents had mounted the raid themselves and were trying to "scapegoat" the IRA.

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IRA vows to lay down its guns: Stockpiles to be 'put beyond use'

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Body

LONDON -- For the first time in its long and bloody history, the ***Irish Republican Army*** said yesterday that it will disarm.

The stunning announcement, coming after months of behind-the-scenes negotiations led by the British and Irish governments, sets the stage for the reopening of the province's disbanded Catholic-Protestant assembly and breathes new life into Northern Ireland's moribund peace process.

In a statement issued to journalists in Belfast, the IRA leadership said the secret and potent underground army "will initiate a process that will completely and verifiably put IRA arms beyond use.

"We will do it in such a way as to avoid risk to the public and misappropriation by others and ensure maximum public confidence."

The statement said the IRA also would resume contact with an international disarmament commission it broke with in February after the British government suspended the new assembly rather than see it collapse under the weight of Protestant protests about IRA arms. The disarmament commission is headed by retired Canadian Gen. John de Chastelain.

The outlawed IRA -- which for decades has attempted through bombings and shootings to end British control of the six-county province in the island's northeastern corner -- made its significant new commitment a day after the British and Irish governments announced plans to transfer power back to the province's suspended assembly.

In a province long dominated by Protestants, the new assembly is designed to delicately balance political power between Catholics and Protestants.

The two governments set May 22 as the hopeful date the British government would again hand the assembly the reins of Northern Ireland government. Ironically, that was the original date, under the historic Good Friday peace agreement of 1998, that the IRA as well as Protestant paramilitary groups were to complete surrender of large stocks of illegally held weapons.

Instead, said the governments, the deadline for disarmament is now June 2001.

IRA vows to lay down its guns: Stockpiles to be 'put beyond use'

Attention immediately turned to Ulster's Protestants, most of whom have refused to form a Northern Ireland government with the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party until the IRA's arms are either turned in or rendered unusable in some way. It will be impossible for the assembly to reform without agreement on the new disarmament timetable by Northern Ireland's largest political party, the Ulster Unionists Party.

David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist leader, seemed almost jaunty yesterday afternoon after reading the IRA statement. "It does appear to break new ground," Mr. Trimble told a press conference in Belfast. "There are some quite positive elements in it." By Mr. Trimble's normally stern standards, that kind of language was downright effusive.

But "there are also some questions it raises," he said. "We want to get clarification about some of the procedures, particularly about ways of insuring that weapons will remain secure."

In Belfast, Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams cautioned the IRA has gone as far as it could go to resume the peace process and restore the province's self-rule.

"The IRA isn't just stretching itself -- it's actually over-stretching itself to facilitate and enhance and bring about restoration of the peace process," he said. "This is a life-and-death, blood-and-sinew, emotional, painful step for the IRA."

The IRA declaration that it would put its arms "beyond use" makes it clear there is scant possibility of republicans literally handing over weapons to other parties. Although the IRA has been under intense international pressure in recent weeks to give up its self-described "armed struggle," an actual handover of weapons would be viewed by most IRA members as a shameful surrender.

But significantly, the IRA statement said the group's leadership "has agreed to put in place within weeks a confidence-building measure to confirm that our weapons remain secure. The contents of a number of our arms dumps will be inspected by agreed third parties, who will report that they have done so to the Independent International Commission on Decommissioning. The dumps will be re-inspected regularly to ensure that the weapons have remained silent."

The statement isn't as definitive as some would like: The IRA didn't promise to destroy its weapons or hand them over to police; it didn't define the phrase "beyond use"; and it didn't set any time frame. Still, the promise goes further than the IRA has ever gone before, and it is a stunning break from the belligerent declarations the IRA had been making this spring. Just a few weeks ago, the organization reminded its followers that "an undefeated army has never disarmed itself."

In an indication that yesterday's IRA announcement was actually part of a well-orchestrated master plan, British Prime Minister Tony Blair and his Irish counterpart, Bertie Ahern, immediately said that former Finnish president Martti Ahtisaari and Cyril Ramaphosa, former secretary general of South Africa's ruling African National Congress, will lead the inspections of the IRA weapons dumps.

Mr. Ahtisaari is an astute international negotiator who joined Russian envoy Victor Chernomyrdin to deliver a Kosovo peace plan to Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic in June 1999, paving the way for the eventual end of NATO's air campaign.

And Mr. Ramaphosa's ANC is particularly respected by Sinn Fein and the IRA, which have used its successful struggle to end apartheid in South Africa as a model for their movement's change of policy from violence to a peaceful, democratic process in Northern Ireland.

Gen. de Chastelain will oversee the inspectors' actions.

The prime ministers' detailed proposal also calls for revamping and renaming the provincial police force, continuing the release of prisoners jailed for violent crimes during the province's long civil war, and speeding up the withdrawal of British troops and military installations from Northern Ireland.

IRA vows to lay down its guns: Stockpiles to be 'put beyond use'

The IRA is the biggest and best-armed of all the secular street armies in Northern Ireland, and it has the most lethal history. Police estimate that it has only a few hundred members yesterday. But those few hundred have disproportionate political clout, partly because most republicans admire the IRA's history, and partly because it owns tens of thousands of weapons, including anti-aircraft missiles, hidden all over Ireland.

The section in the IRA leaders' statement yesterday promising to prevent "misappropriation" of hidden weapons is important, because the IRA is not a single organization at the moment but rather a collection of mutually hostile units. One of those IRA splinter factions used explosives from an IRA arms cache to build a bomb that killed 28 people, mostly women and children, in the town of Omagh, Northern Ireland, in August 1998.

As positive as yesterday's development was, Northern Ireland's peace process has had as many leaps forward as severe setbacks in recent years, and there are sure to be more setbacks ahead before a peaceful democracy is insured.

On April 10, 1998, under the leadership of former U.S. Senate leader George J. Mitchell, the Ulster Unionists, Sinn Féin and the province's other leading political parties achieved the historic Good Friday peace accord. Among other major breakthroughs, it called for the establishment of the new power-sharing assembly. Northern Ireland's previous, entirely Protestant-dominated assembly was disbanded by the British government in 1972 as the province descended into bloody riots and chaos when Catholics began demanding political and social equality.

Although Mr. Trimble, Mr. Adams and anti-Catholic cleric Ian Paisley were among dozens elected to the new assembly and began meeting in the same room, the UUP boycotted the new body in July 1999 when the IRA failed to make any signs toward disarmament, causing the assembly to fall.

Mr. Mitchell was called in again to save the peace process, and by November 1999 the new assembly was back and running. But on Feb. 11 this year, British Northern Ireland Secretary Peter Mandelson and the British government suspended the nine-week-old government after an international arms decommissioning body could report no progress on disarmament. Without the move, Mr. Trimble would have resigned as assembly leader -- making it even harder to restart the process.

Since February, it was behind-the-scenes work between the British and Irish governments and the province's political parties that led to the breakthroughs of the last two days.

Graphic

CP Color Photo: Reuters / Cyril Ramaphosa, and Martti Ahtisaari (above) will monitor the IRA's weapon stockpiles.; Color Photo: Paul McFarlane, Reuters / Gerry Adams, president of the **Irish Republican Army**'s political arm, sits quietly as he prepares to address supporters yesterday in west Belfast. The IRA gave the Northern Ireland peace process a boost yesterday, vowing to put its weapons 'beyond use' and commit to 'a just and lasting peace.'; Color Photo: Reuters / Cyril Ramaphosa, above, and Martti Ahtisaari will monitor the IRA's weapon stockpiles.

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U.S.-British relations: that's no way to treat a friend

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Body

In London, the "special relationship" between the United States and Britain, originally defined by former British prime minister Winston Churchill, is often cited as a living, breathing thing allows the United Kingdom to "punch above its weight" in international affairs.

Not so in the United States, where, until recently, it was rarely admitted and frequently derided.

During Mexican President Vicente Fox's visit to Washington just before Sept. 11, the message went out from U.S. President George W. Bush that there was "no more important relationship" for the United States than that it shared with Mexico. But it did not take long for the old order to reassert itself.

LOS ANGELES TIMES NEWS SERVICE

Britain and its prime minister, Tony Blair, have given everything they can to the United States in its hour of need. In doing so, they continue a proud tradition. Some have argued in the past that the Brits are White House poodles, rolling over or baring their fangs, depending on what is required. Others, more fancifully, have referred to them as the Greeks to America's Rome. Whatever the truth, the British are always there when the United States needs them.

But who gives a high-five for Britain?

The Irish (of whom I am one) are beloved in the United States. The ***Irish Republican Army*** and Sinn Fein received the bulk of their funding over the years from the United States. Much of that cash enabled acts of terrorism against British interests and citizens.

The Jews are embraced as America's chosen people: Billions of dollars go out each year to Israel.

The United States humbles itself before the black and native American lobbies because of its guilt over past wrongs and its resolve to place things on a better footing.

Parades are held each year to celebrate the Italian connection and the Chinese connection. Even the Germans, after two world wars, are celebrated in the United States with Oktoberfests and other festivities.

But for England? Nothing. The silence is deafening. Brits must, it seems, suffer in perpetuity for the sins of their forefathers. Their heritage is denied or disguised.

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Even the pilgrim fathers, who landed in Cape Cod in 1620, are recalled not as English, but rather as proto-Americans, as if they had been born again in national as well as Christian conviction.

Hollywood has only confirmed the disdain. There was the attempt in *The Patriot*, starring Mel Gibson, to characterize British troops in the Revolutionary War as "butchers;" the pretence in *U-571* that a U. S. submarine, rather than a British boat, found the Enigma machine; the absence of any reference to British arms in the dramas *Saving Private Ryan* and *Band of Brothers*. These have caused real hurt.

Even battle brings no relief. The closeness between Franklin Roosevelt and Winston Churchill that ensured victory in the Second World War ended for Britain in the humiliation of "lend-lease," whereby London surrendered much of its gold reserves and overseas markets to the United States in return for armaments with which to continue the struggle, alone. To rub it in, post-1945, the (safely non-Communist) United Kingdom, though bled dry and exhausted, was studiously excluded from Marshall Plan aid.

Perhaps, though, change is at last in the air. Britain, like the United States, is in the fight against international terrorism for the long haul. The campaign, for which Blair has provided much of the rhetoric and diplomatic drive, has caused Washington to acknowledge in public that it has no stauncher friend in the world than the United Kingdom -- a sentiment that many Brits had not thought to hear expressed in their lifetimes.

Is it really too much to hope that Blair and his countrymen and women might now get a little back? Or must the spirit of 2001 be automatically negated by the spirit of '76?

It's not too late. Let's hear it, one time, for the Brits.

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Trimble's re-election as leader of Northern Ireland's unity government 'too close to call'

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Body

The future of Northern Ireland's Catholic-Protestant government hung by a thread Friday, as Protestant leader David Trimble faced a long-postponed re-election vote that analysts said was too close to call.

With two Ulster Unionist Party lawmakers warning they could vote against Trimble's re-election as government leader, his victory or defeat - and the survival of the power-sharing coalition at the heart of the peace process - could depend on a single vote.

If Trimble fails to get the required majority support from both Catholics and Protestants in the 108-seat legislature, Britain would be forced to suspend or dissolve the leaderless government - throwing wider peacemaking efforts into disarray just a week after a breakthrough on **Irish Republican Army** disarmament.

"It's just too close to call," said Robin Wilson, who directs Northern Ireland's only political think tank, Democratic Dialogue.

An opinion poll published Thursday indicated majority public support for Trimble's return to power. About 56 percent of Catholics and 52 percent of Protestants polled said they wanted lawmakers to reinstall Trimble as "first minister," the top post in the four-party government. The poll published in the Belfast Telegraph newspaper had an error margin of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Trimble resigned in July in protest at the IRA's refusal to scrap weapons as the 1998 peace accord and subsequent agreements envisioned. Britain had twice used legal maneuvers to postpone the make-or-break vote to fill Trimble's post, knowing that Protestants would reject any candidate unless the IRA moved.

Last week, disarmament officials announced that the IRA had disposed of an unspecified amount of its weaponry in a secret ceremony. Trimble welcomed the move and pledged to resume work in a 12-member Cabinet that includes two members of Sinn Fein, the IRA-linked party.

But Protestant suspicion of the Sinn Fein-IRA movement remains high. To win re-election, Trimble must receive a majority of votes from both the British Protestant and Irish Catholic sides of the three-year-old legislature, bedrock of the peace accord.

While sufficient Catholic support is guaranteed, the arithmetic in the 58-member Protestant bloc appears nail-bitingly close.

Trimble's re-election as leader of Northern Ireland 's unity government 'too close to call'

Twenty-eight Protestants led by Democratic Unionist Party leader Ian Paisley said they would vote no, while 28 others - 26 Ulster Unionists and two politicians linked to an outlawed Protestant group, the Ulster Volunteer Force - were likely to vote yes.

But two other Ulster Unionists, Pauline Armitage and Peter Weir, said they might side with the "no" camp against their party leader. Armitage said Thursday she definitely would not vote for Trimble, while Weir declined comment. Trimble would lose if both abstained and the Protestant vote split 28-28.

"Trimble has to win. A tie is a loss," Wilson said. "He needs 30 or possibly only 29 votes as things stand. He doesn't seem to have them."

Britain could postpone the vote by temporarily stripping power from local hands. But Britain's secretary of state for Northern Ireland, John Reid, remained a diplomatic silence as Trimble scrambled for votes.

A tiny feminist party, the Women's Coalition, mounted a last-minute effort to have one of its two lawmakers transferred into the Protestant voting bloc to give Trimble the margin of victory he needs.

But the Democratic Unionists said the legislature's rules require a 30-day notice for lawmakers to shift allegiances, and vowed to sue if Britain permitted the feminists to reclassify themselves as Protestants.

Both the Democratic Unionists and Sinn Fein want Britain to dissolve the legislature and call a new election if Trimble loses the vote. The parties are the minority Protestant and Catholic parties, respectively, in the government but expect to out-poll their moderate rivals in the next election.

That could render the formation of any future power-sharing government impossible, because the Democratic Unionists refuse to cooperate with Sinn Fein in any circumstances.

Instead, Britain could opt to resume direct control indefinitely in hopes that Trimble could win a future vote.

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Action urged in Afghan crisis

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The flood of refugees out of Afghanistan in anticipation of an military strike continued this week, creating a dangerous humanitarian crisis for more than four million people who were already facing hunger.

From Pakistan's Frontier Post, Oct. 2:

"A dreadful humanitarian crisis is in the making in Afghanistan, which could turn out even more catastrophic than the U.S.'s impending "get Osama" military action if the international community doesn't step in immediately.

"Due to the fear of U.S. military action, Afghans are fleeing their homes to seek safe havens for their children, women and elderly folk. This will be the biggest movement of a civilian population in recent times. The international community should not add to its past acts of omission in meeting this humanitarian crisis."

The Hamilton Spectator

From The Hamilton Spectator, Oct. 2:

"By taking action to relieve the worsening predicament of Afghan refugees, the United States and its partners will help to reassure the Islamic world that they are not at war with Afghanistan or Muslims. The Enemy is terrorism, and Afghanistan's hardline Taliban leaders who condone it."

Terrorism

While U.S. and allied pressure on Afghanistan's ruling Taliban increased, there were differing views on how to best wage the war on terrorism.

From The Statesman, India, Oct. 2:

"The need of the hour is a world-wide campaign against terrorism, destruction of their camps, their shelters, their leadership, indeed to cripple their capacity to strike anywhere anytime. If the Americans do not steel themselves for such a no-holds-barred struggle, Osama bin Laden and the much larger fraternity of those who are willing to die for their cause will be laughing their way to the next terrorist attack."

From The Times of India, Oct. 2:

"By conferring on Osama bin Laden the dubious distinction of being the sole repository of all evil, President Bush might have satisfied a transient domestic need to have an identifiable villain, but this also, ironically, secured for the

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Saudi dissident an undeserved larger-than-life legitimacy. It would further the cause of world peace better, therefore, if the focus of the current campaign against terrorism is not mindlessly confined to a single individual and his network."

From The Christian Science Monitor, Oct. 2:

"The Bush administration has been getting plenty of advice about whom to include in its campaign. Some critics say the **Irish Republican Army** (IRA), with its history of attacking civilians should be included. That would step on some toes. Some Irish-Americans have financially supported the IRA for years, thinking of them as fighters for freedom,

"That's why the U.S. is wise to keep its initial focus squarely on the Sept. 11 attacks. Varied perceptions of terrorism can't blur the sheer size and destructiveness of those acts or the need to find and punish the perpetrators."

Security

Canadian media commentators debated this week over domestic security and the balance that needs to be struck between civil liberties and protection.

From The Globe and Mail, Oct. 1:

"Canadians are impatient for evidence of meaningful activity to improve national security, and an out anti-terrorism bill should be completed quickly. Yet there must be time for a thorough debate of its implications, especially where the laws will grant new powers of surveillance to police and government."

From Gordon Barthos in Toronto Star, Sept. 29:

"Our banks are freezing and seizing terrorists assets. We're giving the police stronger investigative and wiretap powers. We're making it easier to prosecute or extradite people accused of terrorist acts abroad, and to exclude suspected terrorist and known criminals from the refugee process, for brisk deportation.

"Each day brings a new crackdown. How much is enough? Hard to say, just yet.

"A lot of holes need plugging. But we may want to give targeted measures a chance to prove their worth, before we criminalize protesters, harass citizens and jail children."

Compiled by Peter Zimonjic, The Hamilton Spectator

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Today is Thursday, Dec. 9, the 343rd day of 2004. There are 22 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1625 - England and United Provinces agree to subsidize Denmark's King Christian IV in his campaign against Germany.

1793 - Noah Webster establishes New York City's first daily newspaper.

1884 - Ball-bearing roller skates are patented in the United States.

1905 - Separation of church and state in France is decreed.

1940 - British 8th Army opens offensive in North Africa in World War II.

1941 - China declares war on Japan, Germany and Italy.

1946 - Indian Constituent Assembly is boycotted by Muslim League.

1951 - The United States invokes its Trading with the Enemy Act to prevent Chinese people in the United States from sending money to Communist China under extortion threats.

1962 - Tanganyika becomes republic within British Commonwealth.

1967 - The United States withdraws the last of three C-130 transport planes it sent to Congo in July to help the Kinshasa government airlift troops to suppress a rebellion of white mercenaries and Katangese soldiers.

1972 - North Vietnam and Soviet Union conclude agreement for economic and military aid to Hanoi.

1975 - Death toll is put at 160 in two days as war rages between Muslims and Christians in Beirut, Lebanon.

1976 - U.N. General Assembly calls for Middle East peace conference in Geneva with PLO taking part.

1982 - South African troops stage a pre-dawn raid on Maseru, the capital of Lesotho, in an effort to kill suspected members of the African National Congress, the black nationalist group banned in South Africa.

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1987 - Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev meets with U.S. President Ronald Reagan in Washington one day after the U.S.-Soviet nuclear arms treaty is signed.

1988 - West Germans demand curbs on NATO military flights over their densely populated country.

1990 - Poles elect Lech Walesa president in Poland's first free elections.

1991 - Gorbachev calls new Commonwealth of Independent States "illegal and dangerous."

1992 - Prince Charles and Princess Diana of Britain announce they are separating but have no plans to divorce.

1993 - Fighting continues in Sarajevo as international mediators fail to revive negotiations.

1994 - After 25 years of violence, the **Irish Republican Army** sits down with British officials to talk peace; U.S. President Bill Clinton fires Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders after learning she'd told a conference that masturbation should be discussed in school as a part of human sexuality.

1995 - In India, 75 million children get polio vaccines in an attempt to eradicate the crippling disease.

1996 - Riot police chase protesting students through the streets of Rangoon, Burma, and the military government closes universities.

1997 - Spain softens its long-standing claim on the British colony of Gibraltar, saying it can accept shared sovereignty.

1998 - British Home Secretary Jack Straw rules that Spain can start proceedings to extradite former Chilean dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet. Chile withdraws its ambassador from Britain.

1999 - U.S. Army private Calvin N. Glover, convicted of bludgeoning fellow soldier Barry Winchell to death, is sentenced to life in prison. Prosecutors accused Glover of homophobia.

2000 - The United Nations' top anti-narcotics official says the Taliban government in Afghanistan is succeeding in slowing the cultivation of opium poppies for the first time since the radical Islamic movement seized power four years earlier.

2001 - The United States discloses a video in which Osama bin Laden says he was pleasantly surprised by the extent of damage from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania.

2002 - The Indonesian government and the Free Aceh Movement sign a peace agreement to end the rebel group's 26-year-old separatist insurgency in Aceh province, which left as many as 30,000 people dead.

2003 - A **female** suicide bomber blows herself up outside the National Hotel across from Moscow's Red Square, killing five others and raising fears of a new wave of terror attacks in the heart of the Russian capital.

Today's Birthdays:

John Milton, English poet (1608-1674); Karl Wilhelm Scheele, Swedish chemist (1742-1786); Claude-Louis Ertholle, French chemist (1748-1822); Kirk Douglas, U.S. actor (1916--); Dick van Patten, U.S. actor (1928--); Bob Hawke, former Australian prime minister (1929--); Judi Dench, British actress (1934--); Beau Bridges, U.S. actor (1941--); John Malkovich, U.S. actor (1953--); Donny Osmond, U.S. singer/game show host (1957--);

Thought For Today:

The well of Providence is deep. It's the buckets we bring to it that are small - Mary Webb, Scottish religious leader (c. 1881-1927).

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The Palestinian resistance movement has turned to the Internet to tell its story to the American people, to seek approval and support, and, perhaps most important, to raise funds for the weapons it needs for what amounts to a war against Israel.

In going after American dollars, the Palestinian leadership has learned from the ***Irish Republican Army***, which raised money in the United States for guns, ammunition and bombs. The Web site, www.qudscall.com, carries a message from Hamas and the Islamic Jihad (or holy war) which claim credit for the almost daily attacks against not only Israeli soldiers but also civilian men, ***women*** and children.

Here is a sampling of the 85 items in what Hamas calls "The Glory Record":

24. Soldier Aloun Kervaty Being Kidnapped: A group belonging to Al Qassam Brigades was able to kidnap an Israeli soldier, Aloun Kervaty, near Al-breij Camp after they had disarmed him. They proceeded to exterminate him and threw his corpse near a bus station on 18 September 1992.

56. The Revenge Operation: As soon as the Israeli forces announced the execution of the six heroes, Al Qassam Brigade militants put explosives in a 15-story shopping center in Tel Aviv on 16 May 1993. The building was completely destroyed and several Israelis were killed and others injured. The Israeli forces admitted that one Israeli had been killed and 40 were injured as a result of a gas bottle explosion in order to cover up the operation.

81. Al-affouleh Operation: It was the first operation in a series of revenge operations for the Al-ibraheemy Holy Shrine massacre on 6 April 1994. The militant Ra'ed Abdallah Zakarneh, a member of Al Qassam Brigades, drove a booby-trapped vehicle with an Israeli registration plate into Al-affouleh bus station at 12:25 p.m. and detonated it. Nine Israelis were killed and more than 150 were injured. A statement revealed that the car was carrying 57 kilograms of explosives. It also warned the Israelis to leave their settlements and added, "otherwise we are not to be blamed for any operations against them."

When "militants" were killed, they were invariably described as being "martyred," meaning the highest honor in dying in service to the Jihad.

Other sections of the Web site, giving a history and theoretical basis for the war against Israel, leave no doubt that its objective is not peace or co-existence but the complete destruction of Israel. A related Web site, www.jihadislami.com, entirely in Arabic, calls for supporters to "donate money for the military Jihad." The request for funds goes on: "Our struggle with the sons of Israel in Palestine is on civilization, ideology, history, and existence. Our war with them is long and difficult. Our base is the Qur'an [Koran]; our way is the Jihad; our goal is to enter the (Al-Aqsa) Mosque as promised by he Lord, and as we did it the first time."

A revealing Web site

The translation was furnished by Steven Emerson, director of the Investigative Project, a pro-Israel research organization in Washington, D.C. Mr. Emerson is co-author of an article in the Aug. 13 Wall Street Journal calling attention to the Web sites and asking that the U.S. government close them down under a 1996 law authorizing it to freeze the assets of terrorist groups including the Islamic Jihad and Hamas.

There is no reason to believe the mutual tragedy in the Middle East is provoked solely by Palestinians to conclude that these web sites speak for themselves as efforts to enlist American support to perpetuate war by terrorist.

Palestinian leaders contend that their militants are freedom fighters and that the Israelis are the terrorists. Of course, one man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter. But there is a distinction: The Palestine Resistance seeks the destruction of Israel. Israel has offered land and self-government to the Palestinians, repeatedly but to no avail.

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Britain Plots N. Ireland Plan

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Britain ordered power to be handed back to Northern Ireland's Protestant-Catholic government at midnight Saturday, and plotted a longer-term effort to restore faith in the region's shaky 1998 peace accord.

Britain decided to take direct control of Northern Ireland for 24 hours, a maneuver aimed at allowing it to postpone a Saturday deadline for the territory's legislature to elect a new Protestant leader.

Ulster Unionist chief David Trimble resigned six weeks ago from the post and said his Protestant party would not fill it as required unless the **Irish Republican Army** scrapped weapons first. An abortive vote Saturday would have compelled Britain to dissolve the whole administration and legislature, which has taken years of painstaking negotiations to create.

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The new deadline was expected to be Sept. 24.

Britain's secretary of state, John Reid, signed the order authorizing the transfer of authority back to local control after he met Irish Foreign Minister Brian Cowen for a formal "review" of the crisis on Saturday.

A start to IRA disarmament is a key goal that Britain and Ireland have set in their latest joint plans, unveiled last month and still awaiting acceptance by local parties.

Cowen said the two governments have "put forward proposals that indicate the route map for the full implementation of the agreement."

"We have a common mind and a common commitment to make this process work," agreed Reid.

But reminders of the province's bloody past and polarized present were both on public display Saturday.

Emotions ran high in Omagh, a religiously mixed town west of Belfast where IRA dissidents committed the deadliest terrorist strike in Northern Ireland history, a 1998 car bomb that killed 29 people and wounded more than 300. Most of the fatalities were **women** or children. They included an English boy, three generations of one family, and two Spanish tourists.

Britain Plots N. Ireland Plan

Relatives of the dead gathered to publicize their unprecedented lawsuit against five alleged senior members of the so-called Real IRA, including three men awaiting trial in the Republic of Ireland on charges of terrorist activity. No one has been convicted in connection with the atrocity.

"Hopefully this will send a strong signal to those who go out and plant bombs," said Michael Gallagher, standing on the spot where he lost his only son, 19-year-old Aidan, in the blast. "It isn't just the police they'll have to worry about. Victims will fight back from now on."

The victims' relatives and their lawyers declined to say what damages they would seek in court.

"The important thing is that we have given the defendants the opportunity to answer our questions in a court of law," said Laurence Rushe, whose wife Libbi was killed. "What kind of people would we be if we did not seek justice for our loved ones?"

While the Omagh gathering united Catholics and Protestants, rival communities in north Belfast maintained a tense standoff related to Northern Ireland's traditional summertime Protestant parades.

One of the province's pro-British Protestant fraternal groups, the Apprentice Boys of Derry, staged hundreds of parades Saturday across Northern Ireland. A few threatened to stir up sectarian conflict with nearby Catholic areas, particularly in Ardoyne, a Catholic enclave of north Belfast that suffered protracted rioting in June and July.

Riot police, enforcing the ruling of a government-appointed Parades Commission, prevented a small group of Apprentice Boys from marching on a main road beside Ardoyne. They refused to let the marchers travel the route even by bus.

The marchers refused to leave, insisting they would stand their ground until other Protestants finished their marches in the evening.

"The situation is very volatile," said Billy Hutchinson, a Protestant politician from north Belfast linked to an outlawed Protestant gang, the Ulster Volunteer Force. "The Protestant community is being told they can't walk down a main road or even drive down it in a bus, and that's totally ridiculous."

On the Net:

Northern Ireland Assembly, www.ni-assembly.gov.uk

Omagh justice group, www.omaghlegalaction.com

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So Libyans have had to resort to gossip, speculation and reading between the lines, and many think power will pass to one of three people all surnamed Gadhafi.

Gadhafi's three eldest sons are increasingly sharing their father's limelight:

In June, Seif el-Islam Gadhafi, the leader's second son and chairman of the Gadhafi Foundation for Charitable Organizations, hosted peace talks in Tripoli between the Philippine government and Muslim separatists who have been fighting for autonomy for at least two decades.

Libya-Gadhafi's Children,0695

Soon after, Al-Saadi Gadhafi, the third son and president of Libya's soccer federation, was in Tokyo wooing Japanese investment in his country.

Earlier this year, oldest son Mohammed Gadhafi, who heads the Libyan Olympic committee, inaugurated an international trade fair attended by more than 30 European companies.

Libyan papers routinely refer to Libyan officials by post only. Only the leader and, recently, his three sons, are mentioned by name.

"It is just yet another symptom of a leader that wants his son to succeed him," said Anthony Cordesman, a Libya watcher at London's Center for Strategic and International Studies.

In Arab kingdoms like Jordan, father-to-son succession is tradition. But it raises eyebrows when it happens in other Arab states. Last year, Bashar Assad succeeded to the Syrian presidency after the death of his father, longtime dictator Hafez Assad. Other "republican dynasties" are believed to be developing in Iraq and Yemen, while Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has had to publicly rebut speculation he is grooming his son to follow him.

Seif el-Islam Gadhafi, whom Libyans call the Engineer, studied business in Austria. During the Philippine peace talks, he said he was "learning and following" in his father's footsteps.

Al-Saadi Gadhafi, 27, recently married the daughter of Lt. Gen. el-Khoweildi el-Hamidia, a close aide of his father and a comrade from Gadhafi's earliest years as Libya's ruler. An army colonel, he is a graduate of Libya's Military Engineering Academy, plays on the national soccer team and heads the local soccer federation.

His prominence in sports makes him popular.

Gadhafi has three other sons, Al Moatassim, Hannibal, and Khamees, all teen-agers.

Ayesha Gadhafi, the leader's only daughter, attracted attention last year during a private visit to London when she went to Speakers' Corner in Hyde Park and, in true Gadhafi style, delivered an impromptu speech praising the **Irish Republican Army**.

The twentysomething law student also visited Iraq and had a private chat with President Saddam Hussein. Now she is reportedly promoting investment in Libya's tourism industry.

Some, citing the elder Gadhafi's enlightened views about **women**'s education and work, are wondering whether Ayesha Gadhafi could be the Arab world's first **female** president. But it's considered unlikely since Libya is still largely conservative and tribal.

Speaking to reporters in Tokyo, Al-Saadi shrugged off questions about the succession, saying it was too early for such talk.

Saad Djabbar, a North Africa expert at Cambridge University in England, agreed it was premature, since Ghadafi is only 59, but said that when the time does come, there could be confusion.

The mechanism for replacing the leader has not been addressed, Djabbar said. The country has no constitution, only the Green Book that lays out Gadhafi's philosophy. It makes no reference to a head of state, only a "guide of the revolution."

Early last year, Moammar Gadhafi declared Libya needed a head of state. But since then, no steps have been taken.

Libya needs "a rethinking of the whole structure of society and the political system," Djabbar said.

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On the Net: Aid and development organization headed by Moammar Gadhafi's second son Seif el-Islam Gadhafi:

www.gaddaficharity.org

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Car Bomb Explodes Near London Railway Station

LONDON (AP)

Glass littered a west London street and smoke poured from the mangled wreck of a car early today after a car bomb explosion that shattered a busy area of pubs and cafes and injured six people. Police said the device, which exploded just before midnight, contained at least 88 pounds of homemade explosives. They blamed **Irish Republican Army** dissidents seeking to raise political temperatures in Northern Ireland at a crucial juncture in peacemaking efforts there.

ABA Backs Some Voting Proposals

CHICAGO (AP)

Weighing in on a slew of reports recommending election overhaul in the aftermath of the Bush-Gore experience, the American Bar Association says the burden should be on voters to exercise their franchise with full knowledge of their rights. The ABA introduced a wallet-size card today that spells out these rights and responsibilities. The card, to be distributed nationwide in polling places and through civic groups, has a generic voting rights primer on one side and voter responsibilities on the other.

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Rice Aims for New Russia Framework

WASHINGTON (AP)

Russia might share defense plans with the United States and buy American missile technology if a new strategic framework is worked out in talks that open in Washington next week, President Bush's national security adviser says. Even membership in NATO is not ruled out, Condoleezza Rice said in an Associated Press interview as she outlined the Bush administration's concept for converting a relationship rooted in Cold War hostility to one based on friendly cooperation.

House Republicans OK Patients' Rights Bill

WASHINGTON (AP)

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House Republicans passed patients' rights legislation that scaled back lawsuits against HMOs that the Senate-passed version would allow. Potentially bruising House-Senate compromise talks were certain. The administration celebrated the slim House approval of a deal brokered between Bush and Rep. Charles Norwood, R-Ga., who made the agreement without involvement of his original Democratic and moderate Republican allies.

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WASHINGTON (AP)

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War Crimes Tribunal Convicts Bosnian Serb

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP)

The U.N. war crimes tribunal yesterday handed down its first conviction for genocide, sentencing Gen. Radislav Krstic, 53, to 46 years in prison for his role in the deaths of up to 8,000 Muslims in 1995 at the U.N.-protected enclave of Srebrenica. The court ruled that even though Krstic may have received orders to carry out mass executions of men and deportations of women and children, he bore responsibility for genocide.

Senate Confirms Mueller as FBI Director

WASHINGTON (AP)

Senators overwhelmingly agreed yesterday to make federal prosecutor Robert Mueller the FBI's new director, voicing confidence he can lead the problem-plagued agency out of its troubles. The Democratic-led Senate voted 98-0 for the Republican prosecutor only hours after the Senate Judiciary Committee unanimously recommended his nomination.

Guerrillas Seize 16 Hostages in Raid

MANILA, Philippines (AP)

A band of Muslim extremist guerrillas raided a southern Philippine village and seized 16 Filipinos, including four children, a police chief said today. Abu Sayyaf militants swooped down last night on the village of Balugo on the island of Basilan and took the people hostage, Basilan provincial Police Chief Ahmadulla Pangambayan said.

Tokyo Stocks Fall

TOKYO (AP)

Tokyo stocks slid this morning as the Nikkei Stock Average shed 157.23 points to close at 12,241.97.

Mariners 2, Tigers 1

DETROIT (AP)

Rookie Joel Pineiro allowed one run in seven innings as the Seattle Mariners beat the Detroit Tigers 2-1 last night. The Mariners took two of three games from Detroit and have not lost a series on the road this season.

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Cloning Experts Gather for Talks

WASHINGTON (AP)

The National Academy of Sciences is bringing an international panel of scientists together today for a discussion of human cloning and the complex ethical issues it raises. As debate swirls around the potential for human cloning. At least three researchers scheduled to attend the meeting have said they plan human cloning experiments. The House of Representatives has voted to ban human cloning for any purpose. President Bush is contemplating whether to allow use of government funds in embryonic stem cell research, including such research that does not involve cloning.

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U.S. Workers' Productivity Rebounds

WASHINGTON (AP)

American workers' productivity, a key measure of rising living standards, rebounded in the second quarter for its best showing in a year. However, revisions to prior years showed the productivity boom has been slightly less than previously reported. The Labor Department reported today that productivity _ the amount of output per hour of work rose at an annual rate of 2.5 percent in the April-June quarter. That compared with a tiny 0.1 percent growth rate in the prior quarter, according to revised figures.

Workers in Afghanistan Fear Backlash

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)

International aid workers kept a low profile today, as the hard-line Islamic Taliban investigated charges that eight jailed foreigners, including two American **women**, propagated Christianity a crime punishable by death. In the war-ruined capital, Kabul, aid workers said they fear their jobs could become even more difficult if the workers with the Christian-based Shelter Now International are found guilty of trying to convert Muslims to Christianity. In Kabul, nearly two-thirds of the one million people living here are dependent on international assistance for their survival.

Palestinian Gunmen Kill Arab Israeli

JERUSALEM (AP)

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Palestinian gunmen killed an Arab Israeli motorist in an ambush shooting today outside a Jewish settlement in the West Bank, the second fatal attack in the area in three days. Israeli security officials are trying to determine if the Palestinian attackers targeted the Arab Israeli man, or if they killed him inadvertently, believing he was a Jewish settler. Today's shooting was just a few miles from where a pregnant Israeli woman, Tehiya Bloomberg, 40, was shot and killed Sunday night.

N. Ireland's Power-Sharing Remains in Doubt

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

The leader of Northern Ireland's major Protestant party said today he wasn't prepared to sustain the province's power-sharing administration unless the **Irish Republican Army** delivered on its promise to disarm. Though lauded by governments in London, Dublin and Washington, yesterday's carefully choreographed IRA move left the Ulster Unionist Party unimpressed. "Decommissioning isn't issuing statements, decommissioning is destroying weapons," said Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble.

Elizabeth Dole Considers Senate Run

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP)

Elizabeth Dole says she will consider running for the Senate from her native North Carolina if Sen. Jesse Helms decides to retire. Helms, 79, has said he would announce by September whether he will seek a sixth term. "If Jesse should make a decision not to run, I would have to give it serious consideration," Dole told The News & Observer of Raleigh through a spokeswoman for today's editions. Dole led the American Red Cross for eight years before launching an unsuccessful bid for the Republican presidential nomination in 1999.

Stocks Slip in Early Trading

NEW YORK (AP)

Just before 10 a.m. EDT, the Dow Jones industrial average is down 23.32 to 10,377.99 while the Nasdaq Composite Index is off 15.57 at 2,018.69.

Marion Jones Beaten in 100 Meters

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP)

Ukraine's Zhanna Pintusevich-Block edged Marion Jones at the finish in the 100 meters at the World Championships, ending Jones' magnificent winning streak of 42 consecutive finals and thwarting her bid for a third consecutive world title. The winner clocked a world-leading 10.82 seconds. Jones finished in 10.85, her first loss since her final race of the 1997 season when she was beaten in Japan by Merlene Ottey of Jamaica.

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Today is Saturday, October 23, the 296th day of 2004. There are 69 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1596 - Turks under Mohammed III defeat Austrian Archduke Maximillian's forces near Erlau, Hungary.

1641 - Great Irish Massacre occurs after discovery of conspiracy against English.

1764 - Hector Munro's British forces defeat Nawab of Oudh at Buxar, Bengal.

1917 - U.S. troops see first action in World War I near Luneville, France.

1942 - British Eighth Army attacks Axis forces to begin Battle of El Alamein in Egypt during World War II.

1944 - Soviet Red Army enters Hungary.

1953 - Federal Constitution of Rhodesia and Nyasaland goes into effect.

1954 - Britain, France, United States and Soviet Union agree to end occupation of Germany.

1956 - Anti-Communist revolution breaks out in Hungary. It is crushed by a Soviet invasion November 4.

1958 - Soviet Union approves loan for Aswan Dam in Egypt.

1962 - Soviet Union warns that a U.S. blockade of arms shipments to Cuba may risk a thermonuclear war.

1969 - Laotian officials report that fresh North Vietnamese troops have reached the Plaine des Jarres and clashed with government troops on their border.

1973 - Israeli military command announces that Israel and Egypt have agreed to new cease-fire in Middle East war.

1976 - The first total eclipse of the sun visible in southeastern Australia since 1835 occurs for two minutes as darkness falls on a 161-kilometer (100-mile) corridor.

1983 - Suicide attackers blow up U.S. Marine headquarters building at Beirut Airport, Lebanon, and nearby French headquarters with bomb-laden trucks, killing 241 U.S. Marines and 58 Frenchmen.

Saturday, October 23

1988 - Long-awaited Soviet election reform calls for choice of candidates but limits sharply what they can advocate.

1989 - Tens of thousands of Hungarians demand end to communism on anniversary of 1956 uprising.

1990 - The U.S. Navy orders steps to improve the lot of women sailors and to curb sexual harassment and rape in the service.

1991 - The four warring factions in Cambodia sign a peace treaty in Paris paving the way for the return of refugees and democratic elections.

1992 - U.S. President George Bush announces the Vietnamese government will turn over all documents, photographs and personal effects of U.S. personnel it collected in the Vietnam War.

1993 - **Irish Republican Army** bomb kills 10 people in Belfast.

1994 - A Tamil rebel suicide bomber at an election rally in Colombo, Sri Lanka, kills at least 50 people, including Gamini Dissanayake, opposition candidate for president.

1995 - After a meeting in New York, Russian President Boris Yeltsin announces accord with U.S. President Bill Clinton that Russian troops would help enforce peace in Bosnia.

1996 - A historian reveals that the Swiss bank accounts of presumed Holocaust victims were used to settle Switzerland's postwar compensation disputes with Poland and Hungary.

1997 - South African's Nelson Mandela receives a hero's welcome in Libya, and calls for the United Nations to lift sanctions that are harming "our African brothers and sisters."

1998 - Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat agree on a breakthrough land-for-peace West Bank accord after eight days of negotiations in the United States.

1999 - Illinois' George Ryan pays the first visit to communist Cuba by a U.S. governor since Fidel Castro's 1959 revolution, declaring he has come "to build bridges between people."

2000 - Vladimiro Montesinos, the former spy chief who set off Peru's worst political crisis in a decade, heads home to Lima from exile in Panama.

2001 - Indonesia's parliament passes a bill granting the rebellious province of Irian Jaya sweeping autonomy, a greater share of resource revenues and a new name - Papua.

2002 - British police detain Abu Qatada, a fugitive Muslim cleric who allegedly was an influential supporter of the al-Qaida terrorist network. 2003 - Former U.S. President Bill Clinton announces that his Clinton Foundation had reached a deal with four generic drug makers to significantly reduce the cost of AIDS antiretroviral drugs in African and Caribbean countries.

Today's Birthdays:

Louis Riel, Canadian rebel leader (1844-1885); Johnny Carson, former U.S. "Tonight Show" host (1925--); Pele, Brazilian soccer star (1940--); Michael Crichton, U.S. author (1942--); Ang Lee, Taiwanese director (1954--), Weird Al Yankovic, U.S. musical parodist (1959--).

Thought for Today:

It is the characteristic of the most stringent censorships that they give credibility to the opinions they attack - Voltaire, French author and philosopher (1694-1778).

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ONTARIO

OHIP changes rile audiologists

TORONTO -- Ontario's College of Audiologists says it will take the government to court over its plan to make them answer to doctors in order to bill the provincial health insurance plan.

In a letter yesterday to Health Minister Tony Clement, the registrar of the College of Audiologists and Speech Language Pathologists said the government's new requirements would make it hard or impossible for many vulnerable Ontarians to get essential services like hearing tests.

Vacancy rates dropping

TORONTO -- Vacancy rates for rental housing in Ontario dropped again in 2000, with Ottawa, Barrie, Toronto and Mississauga showing vacancies of less than 1 per cent, says a study released Wednesday by the Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association.

A three-per-cent vacancy rate is considered "healthy," said association spokeswoman and author of the report Noreen Dunphy.

The Hamilton Spectator

U.S. visitors skipping on bills

WINDSOR -- Young Americans who become injured during trips to this border city's downtown are running up medical bills running into the tens of thousands of dollars.

And a hospital official says they are having difficulty making them pay up.

Last year, for example, the city's Hotel-Dieu Grace Hospital billed non-residents more than \$400,000. But, even with help from a collection agency, the hospital could not collect on 35 per cent of the outstanding bills.

CANADA

Coke machine death lawsuit

MONTREAL -- The family of a man who was crushed to death while trying to shake a free drink out of a vending machine has sued Coca-Cola, two related companies and a Quebec university.

Briefly

Kevin Mackle, 21, of Toronto, was killed while trying to dislodge a drink from a vending machine at Bishop's University in Lennoxville, Que., in 1998.

In a \$1-million lawsuit filed in Quebec Superior Court, Mackle's family said the defendants are to blame for the suffering and "material loss" -- such as funeral costs -- that resulted from the accident.

Drug busts linked to bikers

MONTREAL -- Quebec provincial police seized 850 marijuana plants in several cities yesterday, arresting about two dozen people with alleged biker connections.

Most of the plants were seized in the Quebec City region after a police investigation that began in May, said Ann Matthieu, a provincial police spokeswoman.

Moonshiner gets the boot

NORTH SYDNEY, N.S. -- A 63-year-old man has been told to leave a Cape Breton seniors' residence, a few days after police raided his home and seized what they said was equipment for making moonshine.

The Cape Breton Island Housing Authority gave the man until next week to leave the residence in North Sydney, the man's sister told a Halifax newspaper.

WORLD

Muslims mourn massacre

SREBRENICA, Bosnia-Herzegovina -- Amid tight security, thousands of Bosnian Muslims who survived one of the worst massacres in recent history tearfully returned to the scene yesterday to remember the slaughter of up to 8,000 of their loved ones.

Survivors gathered for the unveiling of a monument erected in memory of those who were killed when Serb forces overran the United Nations "safe zone" of Srebrenica in July 1995, expelled the entire Muslim population and systematically executed the men and boys.

Irish peace talks on hold

LONDON -- Efforts to rescue the faltering Northern Ireland peace accord were put on hold last night after three days of intensive talks led by Prime Minister Tony Blair and his Irish counterpart Bertie Ahern failed to make progress on the central issue of Irish Republican Army weapons.

The talks, held at a hotel in the English Midlands to remove the participants from the hothouse atmosphere of Northern Ireland, had continued into a third unscheduled day and will reconvene Friday.

Four firefighters killed

WINTHROP, Wash. -- Firefighters were mopping up a small fire near a campground in the North Cascade mountains when the flames exploded, engulfing 1,100 hectares of fir and pine and trapping 23 people behind walls of flame.

Four members of one five-member crew -- two men and two women -- were killed, and their leader was hospitalized with serious burns.

--Spectator news services

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Prep-Today in History

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Body

Today is October 23rd.

Today's highlights in history:

On this date in 1958, 74 miners died after a deep underground explosion wrecked the Number Two Cumberland coal mine at Springhill, Nova Scotia. One-hundred survived the disaster, which occurred in the deepest coal mine in North America. Twelve men were brought to the surface alive on October 30th, and seven more were found alive on November 1st. The last body was recovered from the mine on November 6th.

On this date in 1993, the Toronto Blue Jays became the first team to win the World Series on Canadian soil. Joe Carter's three-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning gave Toronto an 8-6 win over Philadelphia. The defending champions won the series four games to two.

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Also on this date:

In 1837, the Lower Canada Rebellion of 1837 broke out in St-Charles, Quebec.

In 1847, telegraph service was opened from Montreal to Albany and New York City.

In 1874, Harvard beat McGill in the first intercollegiate football game in Canada.

In 1910, Blanche S. Scott became the first woman to make a solo, public airplane flight. She reached an altitude of four metres over a park in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

In 1924, Ontarians narrowly voted to maintain Prohibition in the province. It lasted from 1916 until 1927.

In 1942, during the Second World War, a British-led force launched a major offensive against Axis forces at El Alamein (el ah-lah-MAYN') in Egypt. The key African battle of the Second World War ended in an Allied victory on November 4th.

In 1950, University of Toronto researchers announced the development of an electronic heart pacemaker.

Also in 1950, entertainer Al Jolson, who starred in the first full-length talking movie, died at 66.

In 1952, Canadians in Korea fought their heaviest battle of the Korean war on Little Gibraltar Hill.

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In 1956, students and workers in Budapest, Hungary began an unsuccessful revolt against the Soviet Union.

In 1958, Soviet poet-novelist Boris Pasternak, author of "Doctor Zhivago," was awarded the Nobel Prize in literature. But Kremlin authorities pressured him into refusing the honour.

In 1966, Prime Minister Lester Pearson announced the federal government would pay 50 per cent of post-secondary education costs.

In 1967, Brenda Robertson became the first woman elected to the New Brunswick legislature.

In 1977, the Toronto Argonauts' Zenon Andrusyshyn set a C-F-L record with a 108-yard punt against Edmonton.

In 1980, the Globe and Mail became Canada's first newspaper to use satellite technology.

In 1981, Pearl McGonigal became Manitoba's first **female** lieutenant governor.

In 1983, more than 200 U-S marines and 58 French paratroopers died in Beirut when trucks loaded with explosives were driven into two buildings filled with sleeping troops from a peacekeeping force. In 1991, Cambodia's warring factions and representatives of 18 other countries signed a peace treaty in Paris.

In 1992, Emperor Akihito arrived in Beijing, becoming the first Japanese emperor to set foot on Chinese soil. He expressed deep regret for Japan's wartime atrocities, but stopped short of an apology.

In 1998, Buffalo-area abortion provider Dr. Barnett Slepian (SLEP'-ee-an) was slain by a sniper at his home. Police later said the shooting was related to the non-fatal shootings of abortion providers in Vancouver, Winnipeg and Hamilton. Anti-abortion activist James Kopp was later arrested in France and convicted in Slepian's killing.

In 2000, the largest charitable donation in Canadian history was made by Research in Motion founder and chief executive Mike Lazaridis. He donated 100- (m) million dollars to help launch a physics research institute.

In 2001, the Quebec government and the Crees of northern Quebec signed an agreement clearing the way for a giant extension of the James Bay power project. The 50-year pact will provide the 15-thousand Cree with approximately 3.5- (b) billion dollars.

Also in 2001, the **Irish Republican Army** announced it had begun to disarm in accordance with Northern Ireland's 1998 Good Friday peace deal.

Today's birthdays 2004:

Former "Tonight Show" host Johnny Carson is 79.

Former Toronto Raptors coach Lenny Wilkens is 67.

Soccer legend Pele (pay-lay) is 64.

Author Michael Crichton (KRY'-tun) is 62.

Movie director Ang Lee is 50.

Country musician Dwight Yoakam is 48.

Song parodist "Weird Al" Yankovic is 45.

N-F-L quarterback Doug Flutie is 41.

Actor Ryan Reynolds is 28.

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Thought for today: "What one has not experienced, one will never understand in print." -- American dance pioneer Isadora Duncan (1878-1927).

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IRA Supporters Furious Over Decision

Associated Press Online

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Byline: SHAWN POGATCHNIK

Dateline: BELFAST, Northern Ireland

Body

Britain ordered power to be handed back to Northern Ireland's Protestant-Catholic government at midnight Saturday, and plotted a longer-term effort to restore faith in the region's shaky 1998 peace accord.

Britain decided to take direct control of Northern Ireland for 24 hours, a maneuver aimed at allowing it to postpone a Saturday deadline for the territory's legislature to elect a new Protestant leader.

Ulster Unionist chief David Trimble resigned six weeks ago from the post and said his Protestant party would not fill it as required unless the *Irish Republican Army* scrapped weapons first. An abortive vote Saturday would have compelled Britain to dissolve the whole administration and legislature, which has taken years of painstaking negotiations to create.

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The new deadline was expected to be Sept. 24.

Britain's secretary of state, John Reid, signed the order authorizing the transfer of authority back to local control after he met Irish Foreign Minister Brian Cowen for a formal "review" of the crisis on Saturday.

A start to IRA disarmament is a key goal that Britain and Ireland have set in their latest joint plans, unveiled last month and still awaiting acceptance by local parties.

Cowen said the two governments have "put forward proposals that indicate the route map for the full implementation of the agreement."

"We have a common mind and a common commitment to make this process work," agreed Reid.

But reminders of the province's bloody past and polarized present were both on public display Saturday.

Emotions ran high in Omagh, a religiously mixed town west of Belfast where IRA dissidents committed the deadliest terrorist strike in Northern Ireland history, a 1998 car bomb that killed 29 people and wounded more than 300. Most of the fatalities were *women* or children. They included an English boy, three generations of one family, and two Spanish tourists.

IRA Supporters Furious Over Decision

Relatives of the dead gathered to publicize their unprecedented lawsuit against five alleged senior members of the so-called Real IRA, including three men awaiting trial in the Republic of Ireland on charges of terrorist activity. No one has been convicted in connection with the atrocity.

"Hopefully this will send a strong signal to those who go out and plant bombs," said Michael Gallagher, standing on the spot where he lost his only son, 19-year-old Aidan, in the blast. "It isn't just the police they'll have to worry about. Victims will fight back from now on."

The victims' relatives and their lawyers declined to say what damages they would seek in court.

"The important thing is that we have given the defendants the opportunity to answer our questions in a court of law," said Laurence Rushe, whose wife Libbi was killed. "What kind of people would we be if we did not seek justice for our loved ones?"

While the Omagh gathering united Catholics and Protestants, rival communities in north Belfast maintained a tense standoff related to Northern Ireland's traditional summertime Protestant parades.

One of the province's pro-British Protestant fraternal groups, the Apprentice Boys of Derry, staged hundreds of parades Saturday across Northern Ireland. A few threatened to stir up sectarian conflict with nearby Catholic areas, particularly in Ardoyne, a Catholic enclave of north Belfast that suffered protracted rioting in June and July.

Riot police, enforcing the ruling of a government-appointed Parades Commission, prevented a small group of Apprentice Boys from marching on a main road beside Ardoyne. They refused to let the marchers travel the route even by bus.

The marchers refused to leave, insisting they would stand their ground until other Protestants finished their marches in the evening.

"The situation is very volatile," said Billy Hutchinson, a Protestant politician from north Belfast linked to an outlawed Protestant gang, the Ulster Volunteer Force. "The Protestant community is being told they can't walk down a main road or even drive down it in a bus, and that's totally ridiculous."

On the Net:

Northern Ireland Assembly, www.ni-assembly.gov.uk

Omagh justice group, www.omaghlegalaction.com

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Associated Press International

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Body

Today is Saturday, October 23, the 296th day of 2004. There are 69 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1596 - Turks under Mohammed III defeat Austrian Archduke Maximillian's forces near Erlau, Hungary.

1641 - Great Irish Massacre occurs after discovery of conspiracy against English.

1764 - Hector Munro's British forces defeat Nawab of Oudh at Buxar, Bengal.

1917 - U.S. troops see first action in World War I near Luneville, France.

1942 - British Eighth Army attacks Axis forces to begin Battle of El Alamein in Egypt during World War II.

1944 - Soviet Red Army enters Hungary.

1953 - Federal Constitution of Rhodesia and Nyasaland goes into effect.

1954 - Britain, France, United States and Soviet Union agree to end occupation of Germany.

1956 - Anti-Communist revolution breaks out in Hungary. It is crushed by a Soviet invasion November 4.

1958 - Soviet Union approves loan for Aswan Dam in Egypt.

1962 - Soviet Union warns that a U.S. blockade of arms shipments to Cuba may risk a thermonuclear war.

1969 - Laotian officials report that fresh North Vietnamese troops have reached the Plaine des Jarres and clashed with government troops on their border.

1973 - Israeli military command announces that Israel and Egypt have agreed to new cease-fire in Middle East war.

1976 - The first total eclipse of the sun visible in southeastern Australia since 1835 occurs for two minutes as darkness falls on a 161-kilometer (100-mile) corridor.

1983 - Suicide attackers blow up U.S. Marine headquarters building at Beirut Airport, Lebanon, and nearby French headquarters with bomb-laden trucks, killing 241 U.S. Marines and 58 Frenchmen.

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1988 - Long-awaited Soviet election reform calls for choice of candidates but limits sharply what they can advocate.

1989 - Tens of thousands of Hungarians demand end to communism on anniversary of 1956 uprising.

1990 - The U.S. Navy orders steps to improve the lot of women sailors and to curb sexual harassment and rape in the service.

1991 - The four warring factions in Cambodia sign a peace treaty in Paris paving the way for the return of refugees and democratic elections.

1992 - U.S. President George Bush announces the Vietnamese government will turn over all documents, photographs and personal effects of U.S. personnel it collected in the Vietnam War.

1993 - **Irish Republican Army** bomb kills 10 people in Belfast.

1994 - A Tamil rebel suicide bomber at an election rally in Colombo, Sri Lanka, kills at least 50 people, including Gamini Dissanayake, opposition candidate for president.

1995 - After a meeting in New York, Russian President Boris Yeltsin announces accord with U.S. President Bill Clinton that Russian troops would help enforce peace in Bosnia.

1996 - A historian reveals that the Swiss bank accounts of presumed Holocaust victims were used to settle Switzerland's postwar compensation disputes with Poland and Hungary.

1997 - South African's Nelson Mandela receives a hero's welcome in Libya, and calls for the United Nations to lift sanctions that are harming "our African brothers and sisters."

1998 - Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat agree on a breakthrough land-for-peace West Bank accord after eight days of negotiations in the United States.

1999 - Illinois' George Ryan pays the first visit to communist Cuba by a U.S. governor since Fidel Castro's 1959 revolution, declaring he has come "to build bridges between people."

2000 - Vladimiro Montesinos, the former spy chief who set off Peru's worst political crisis in a decade, heads home to Lima from exile in Panama.

2001 - Indonesia's parliament passes a bill granting the rebellious province of Irian Jaya sweeping autonomy, a greater share of resource revenues and a new name - Papua.

2002 - British police detain Abu Qatada, a fugitive Muslim cleric who allegedly was an influential supporter of the al-Qaida terrorist network. 2003 - Former U.S. President Bill Clinton announces that his Clinton Foundation had reached a deal with four generic drug makers to significantly reduce the cost of AIDS antiretroviral drugs in African and Caribbean countries.

Today's Birthdays:

Louis Riel, Canadian rebel leader (1844-1885); Johnny Carson, former U.S. "Tonight Show" host (1925--); Pele, Brazilian soccer star (1940--); Michael Crichton, U.S. author (1942--); Ang Lee, Taiwanese director (1954--), Weird Al Yankovic, U.S. musical parodist (1959--).

Thought for Today:

It is the characteristic of the most stringent censorships that they give credibility to the opinions they attack - Voltaire, French author and philosopher (1694-1778).

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Britain rules out negotiating with kidnappers in Iraq

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Body

The British government would be willing to talk to the kidnappers of British engineer Kenneth Bigley, Prime Minister Tony Blair said Thursday, although officials stressed they would not pay a ransom or meet any political demands to secure his release.

"Of course, if they make contact, we are ready to talk to them - that is not the same as negotiating," Blair told ITV News television.

But "they have made no contact with us and, frankly, I think it is unlikely that they will," he added.

Bigley, an engineer, was kidnapped two weeks ago in Baghdad along with two American colleagues who have since been beheaded.

The militants claiming responsibility for Bigley's abduction have demanded the release of **female** Iraqi prisoners at American-controlled prisons - a move U.S. officials ruled out.

"We cannot negotiate ... in the sense of negotiating about the payment of ransoms or meeting any political demands," said Foreign Secretary Jack Straw. "That's always been the position of the British government and it always will be."

Blair insisted his statement was "not a change of emphasis," adding that "I am just asked the question 'If they make contact, are you prepared to talk to them?' Of course, the answer is yes.

The Arab news network Al-Jazeera on Wednesday broadcast footage of Bigley pleading to Blair to work for his release.

The footage showed a sobbing Bigley talking from behind bars of what appeared to be a prison cell. He was dressed in an orange jumpsuit and kneeling on the floor.

Bigley's brother Paul, who has pleaded with Blair to work for the hostage's release, acknowledged there was little the government could do.

"Anything that is in the direction of assistance has got to be good news," Bigley said. "But a terrorist is not going to pick up the phone and call you, it is just not going to happen.

Britain rules out negotiating with kidnappers in Iraq

"Mr. Blair is trying everything he can, but he has political handcuffs on."

Blair said the government would do what it could to aid Bigley's release. "In fact there is a lot that we are trying to do, which I won't go into," Blair told the British Broadcasting Corp. "But we are trying to do whatever we possibly can."

Iraq's interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi said Thursday that it was "repugnant" of the kidnappers to use Bigley as a "political pawn."

"The anguish and pain inflicted on his family and friends is indescribable," he told reporters in London.

But Allawi also said he was "saddened" by the media's coverage of the kidnapping.

"Can we justify showing videos of hostages or groups of armed and hooded men? Is this not exactly the publicity that the terrorists seek?" Allawi said.

Italian officials have denied reports a ransom was paid to secure the release this week of two kidnapped Italian aid workers, saying only that their freedom had been secured after unspecified negotiations.

British union leaders and senior Northern Ireland politicians joined calls for Bigley's release Thursday.

Gerry Adams, leader of the **Irish Republican Army**-linked party Sinn Fein, appeared on Al-Jazeera to appeal for the hostage to be freed.

"I am not here to lecture to people or to dictate to people but I believe that the cause of those who hold Mr. Bigley can be better advanced if they are magnanimous and generous and release him," Adams said.

Nobel Peace Prize winner John Hume, former leader of the moderate Catholic Social Democratic and Labour Party in Northern Ireland, also said he had appeared on Arab TV to call for Bigley to be returned to his Irish-born mother.

"I told them I had no doubt that I was speaking for the people of Ireland as a whole in my request," Hume said.

Leaders of some of Britain's biggest unions also urged Bigley's release.

"Ken is a plain working man who we know loves the Arab people and is deeply respectful of the Muslim faith," said John Hannett, general secretary of the shop workers' union USDAW, who read out a joint statement to be broadcast on Al-Jazeera. "His family miss him dreadfully and are in agony.

The leaders of several other major unions joined in recording the message.

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IRISH DREAM OF PEACE IS FADING

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Body

LONDON - Three years ago this summer, I was at a lunch in Northern Ireland that lasted more than six hours - not a long time, somebody said, compared with how long it took to get the company to that mixed table.

Nobody could remember the last time that Irish Protestants and Catholics of such status - academics, doctors, lawyers, politicians - had gathered to talk of a peace they felt was already allowing people to walk the streets with a mite less danger. The people of the south, Catholic and Protestant, had long before achieved their peace, and now the people of the six counties that make up the province of Ulster in the North had made many of the concessions that were needed for their peace.

Britain would still be sovereign, but Catholics and Protestants would govern in the first joint Northern assembly - a huge step toward unity. Some important obstacles remained, like the number of Catholics and Protestants still fanatically, even murderously, hostile to each other. But the assembly had been created, and everyone felt it would flourish - a triumph for all but the terrorists who would never willingly accept peace.

Now the entire structure of the assembly could topple. It may be suspended in six weeks. The Catholic ***Irish Republican Army***, through Sein Fein, its political arm, had agreed to give up its huge vault of weapons - but it has not only refused to go along with that agreement, it is stockpiling more weapons in case the day comes when it decides it's time again for heavy action.

The details of what is called decommissioning - gradually disarming - the anti-British forces in the North have not been spelled out by the IRA. Arabs negotiating for final terms of a peace with the Jews made the same kind of deal at Oslo: We will tell you the terms of peace when we have what we want - only if we feel a weakened enemy cannot make us abide by them.

As three years passed without any progress on decommissioning, the IRA and Protestant paramilitaries stepped up pressure on each other. A bombing-murder of 28 people, mostly ***women*** and children out shopping, took place a few days after the agreement for an assembly was reached - the terrorists' way of showing they rejected such peace-promoting mechanisms. But in Northern Ireland and in the Republic of Ireland in the south, top Catholic politicians, including the prime minister, have gotten increasingly furious at the IRA and its armed units. Just the other day, an IRA unit wounded some adolescent girls going to school - kids whose mothers had decided to show their freedom by taking a different path to the school instead of the one they usually used.

The traditional month of nasty parades is arriving in which each side ritually shows its anger and contempt for the other - attacks against Catholics matched by fury against Protestants. If that happens this time, David Trimble, the

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head of the Northern assembly, is likely to resign in anger and disgust. British Prime Minister Tony Blair may then use his right to suspend the assembly.

In Belfast, politicians expect President Bush to try to convince moderates in the IRA that allowing the militants on both sides to keep killing may end chances of peace for years. The President's involvement, if it comes, will surely help. But the real power of the peace leaders is that Catholics and Protestants are disgusted by the everlasting violence.

Catholics in the North have suffered, decade after decade, from inferior economic opportunity, from social insults from enemies who thought them trash and from the clubs of local and national police controlled by Protestants. Most of that has stopped. But the struggle continues, led by men whose hatreds have no end.

Since boyhood, I have been seized by Ireland - its music, poetry, drama, all of which glisten in America's culture. Seamus Heaney should get two Nobel prizes for his poetry, not just a measly one.

Writing now, I think of a piece of graffiti once scrawled on a wall in Belfast. "To those who understand, no explanation is necessary. To those who will not understand, no explanation is possible."

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Blair counts cost of victory

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Body

BRITAIN awoke yesterday to a strange new political reality with the Conservative Party in tatters, a dramatic power-shift in Northern Ireland and a worrying surge of votes for a far-Right party linked to racism and neo-Nazis.

As Prime Minister Tony Blair announced a new-look Cabinet with an emphasis on increasing the influence of women and demoting some old cronies, his triumphant New Labour had to confront an abysmal voter turnout that took the lustre from the landslide.

When final figures were counted, Labour's historic second term was won with only about 25 per cent of the eligible vote.

The Liberal Democrats, the election's big gainers, captured only one vote in 10.

It was in the race-torn Lancashire area of Oldham, near Manchester, that warning bells sounded when the British National Party -- accused of whipping up race hate -- won 16 per cent of votes cast in one seat won by Labour and 11 per cent in an adjoining seat.

While the BNP -- which has links to the fascist National Front -- is unlikely ever to win a British parliamentary seat, its return in Oldham could encourage it to run for a seat in the European parliament.

In Ulster there was a setback to the troubled peace process when the Rev. Ian Paisley's militant Democratic Unionist Party increased its seats.

The DUP, which is opposed to the Good Friday peace agreement, ended with five seats to the Unionist Party's six.

Mr Paisley claimed the DUP now spoke for the Protestant community in the troubled province.

Sinn Fein, the political wing of the Irish Republican Army, also gained, winning four seats and making chances of a settlement even more remote.

William Hague's intention to stand down as soon as a successor can be found underlines the problems facing the "party born to rule".

Michael Portillo was the 6-4 favourite to replace Mr Hague as Tory leader.

Blair counts cost of victory

Mr Blair paid generous tribute to his defeated foe, and it was reported Mr Hague gave up the leadership for the love of his wife, Ffion, who was by his side throughout the campaign and who yesterday fought back tears as her husband said he would stand down.

Mr Blair's Cabinet reshuffle gave the coveted Home Office portfolio to the blind David Blunkett, considered one of the government's success stories as Education Secretary.

Unpopular Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, has been eased out of the public eye to the portfolio of Foreign Secretary.

In promoting six women to Cabinet, Mr Blair included Australian Patricia Hewitt, who adds Trade and Industry to her Women's portfolio.

Two former Ministers were fired, Chris Smith (Culture, Media and Sport) and underperforming Ann Taylor (Leader of the House).

Mr Blair kept punchy John Prescott as his Deputy PM, but removed all his ministries. Mr Prescott celebrated by eating alone in the House of Commons cafeteria.

The Tories were taking cold comfort from the low turnout -- under 40 per cent in some seats.

"If we can get those who didn't vote to vote for us, we can rebuild," one party elder said.

Michael Heseltine, the Tory who brought down Margaret Thatcher, wrote yesterday: "The Tory campaign was a disaster . . . The focus on hard-faced Little Englander rhetoric created a disastrous image at odds with the real nature of Conservatism."

Writing of Mr Hague's insistence on Europe as the key issue, Mr Heseltine said: "We warned him."

The problems of the Tories could not be further from Mr Blair's mind.

He may indeed have trouble with a planned referendum on dropping the pound in favour of the Euro currency -- all polls show most people oppose it -- but he is the first Labour leader to win two full terms -- this term with the biggest second-term majority in British history.

His little-quoted pledge five years ago was to destroy the Conservative Party forever.

He and his campaign director, Chancellor Gordon Brown, must feel they are at least half-way there.

The final count: Labour 413 seats; Conservative 166; Liberal Democrats 52; Others 28.

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Theories abound about why suicide bombers haven't targeted U.S.

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Body

The United States so far has escaped the kinds of suicide bombings that have plagued countries across the Middle East, leaving senior U.S. officials with plenty of theories why - but no concrete evidence.

Perhaps terrorists are focusing on large-scale, mass-death events, says Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge. Or, perhaps it's harder getting explosives in America, or finding attackers willing to die.

Or, "Maybe we are just lucky," Ridge says.

Experts inside and outside the government have warned that an attack on U.S. soil by individual suicide attackers using truck or car bombs or explosive vests may be inevitable. And many agree it is among the most difficult of attacks to prevent.

As the government's most senior leaders warn that credible information suggests terrorists are plotting an attack soon - before the November elections - counterterrorism officials continue to analyze the seriousness of such a threat.

Publicly, officials have not been able to narrow down what type of attack may be coming.

The United States has suffered a suicide attack before, of course - the devastating Sept. 11, 2001, hijacking hits.

But so far it has not seen the kind of individual suicide bombings that have become almost commonplace in parts of Iraq, Israel and elsewhere. There, experts say, a deep sense of revenge and victimization - coupled with extremist interpretations of Islam promising a special place in heaven for martyrs - pushes a tiny fraction to act.

Suicide terrorism has its greatest effect when done in a sustained and systematic way to unnerve a society and change the way it operates - as in Israel, said Bruce Hoffman, a terrorism expert at the RAND Corp. research group in Washington.

Strictly guessing, he said, it may simply be that terrorist groups don't have the numbers to do suicide bombings in the United States.

"It may be all these measures we've taken - to control immigration, to keep a better handle on people coming in out of the country - have dissuaded them from embarking on that kind of campaign," he said.

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But, he warns, "I wouldn't completely rule it out."

Nor has the FBI.

Among cautions issued in a bulletin before the Fourth of July, the FBI asked authorities to be on the lookout for suicide bombers, who may wear irregular, loose-fitting clothing not appropriate for warm weather, possibly with "protruding bulges or exposed wires" or a noticeable chemical odor.

They may be sweating, mumbling prayers or displaying an unusually calm and detached behavior, the advisory said. It also warned authorities to watch for people in disguises - including military, police, medical or firefighter uniforms - or someone posing as a pregnant woman.

And, the FBI suggested looking out for large or heavy baggage not appropriate for a location, such as a big duffel bag carried into a restaurant.

In Europe, countries like Spain that are on alert for terror attacks have added patrols to subways and increased camera surveillance. The British government also has used millions of public and private surveillance cameras, a vestige of **Irish Republican Army** bombings.

Still, almost nothing can be done to stop a determined suicide attacker, most officials agree.

They differ, however, on just how tough it is to pull off such an attack. Information on bombs is widely available, some point out.

But U.S. officials also point to what's known about militant groups, including Hamas, to contend that recruiting bombers and giving them the tools for an attack takes more resources than is commonly believed.

"Do not fall victim to the narcotic that a suicide bomb costs pennies," David Aufhauser, then a Treasury Department official, told a House committee last fall.

"Hamas receives tens of millions of dollars a year to underwrite its political agenda" and much of that is diverted to make bombs, plan teen centers and "advertise or boast of the killing," he said.

U.S. officials believe there are production lines that essentially attract young people to the cause of martyrdom, preying on psychological factors like family, victimization, humiliation and desires for revenge, says J. Cofer Black, who heads the State Department's counterterrorism office.

Black sees a failure by moderate Muslim leaders to stop the root causes of such attacks - by clearly stating what is right and what is wrong.

"It is quite a trick, I think, to take a young person - and now it's even turned to young **women** who are prepared to leave their young children to become suicide attackers," he said.

On the Net: FBI site:

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As the government's most senior leaders warn that credible information suggests terrorists are plotting an attack soon _ before the November elections _ counterterrorism officials continue to analyze the seriousness of such a threat.

Publicly, officials have not been able to narrow down what type of attack may be coming.

The United States has suffered a suicide attack before, of course _ the devastating Sept. 11, 2001, hijacking hits.

But so far it has not seen the kind of individual suicide bombings that have become almost commonplace in parts of Iraq, Israel and elsewhere. There, experts say, a deep sense of revenge and victimization _ coupled with extremist interpretations of Islam promising a special place in heaven for martyrs _ pushes a tiny fraction to act.

Suicide terrorism has its greatest effect when done in a sustained and systematic way to unnerve a society and change the way it operates _ as in Israel, said Bruce Hoffman, a terrorism expert at the RAND Corp. research group in Washington.

Strictly guessing, he said, it may simply be that terrorist groups don't have the numbers to do suicide bombings in the United States.

"It may be all these measures we've taken _ to control immigration, to keep a better handle on people coming in out of the country _ have dissuaded them from embarking on that kind of campaign," he said.

Theories abound about why suicide bombers haven't targeted U.S.

But, he warns, "I wouldn't completely rule it out."

Nor has the FBI.

Among cautions issued in a bulletin before the Fourth of July, the FBI asked authorities to be on the lookout for suicide bombers, who may wear irregular, loose-fitting clothing not appropriate for warm weather, possibly with "protruding bulges or exposed wires" or a noticeable chemical odour.

They may be sweating, mumbling prayers or displaying an unusually calm and detached behaviour, the advisory said. It also warned authorities to watch for people in disguises _ including military, police, medical or firefighter uniforms _ or someone posing as a pregnant woman.

The FBI also suggested looking out for large or heavy baggage not appropriate for a location, such as a big duffel bag carried into a restaurant.

In Europe, countries like Spain that are on alert for terror attacks have added patrols to subways and increased camera surveillance. The British government also has used millions of public and private surveillance cameras, a vestige of **Irish Republican Army** bombings.

Still, almost nothing can be done to stop a determined suicide attacker, most officials agree.

They differ, however, on just how tough it is to pull off such an attack. Information on bombs is widely available, some point out.

But U.S. officials also point to what's known about militant groups, including Hamas, to contend that recruiting bombers and giving them the tools for an attack takes more resources than is commonly believed.

"Do not fall victim to the narcotic that a suicide bomb costs pennies," David Aufhauser, then a Treasury Department official, told a House committee last fall.

"Hamas receives tens of millions of dollars a year to underwrite its political agenda" and much of that is diverted to make bombs, plan teen centres and "advertise or boast of the killing," he said.

U.S. officials believe there are production lines that essentially attract young people to the cause of martyrdom, preying on psychological factors like family, victimization, humiliation and desires for revenge, says J. Cofer Black, who heads the State Department's counterterrorism office.

Black sees a failure by moderate Muslim leaders to stop the root causes of such attacks _ by clearly stating what is right and what is wrong.

"It is quite a trick, I think, to take a young person _ and now it's even turned to young **women** who are prepared to leave their young children to become suicide attackers," he said.

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TESTAMENTS 2-12; TESTAMENTS: New Bible series shows what Southern Baptist battle is all about

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The part-way schism in America's biggest Protestant denomination, the 15.7 million-member Southern Baptist Convention, is heating up again.

In it, a self-described "moderate" minority charges that conservatives (which it calls "fundamentalists") have taken control of seminaries and denominational agencies in order to enhance leaders' power.

There are power games aplenty, to be sure, but the fight revolves around matters of religious principle. In particular, the conservatives believe all details in the Bible are factual history and want teachers and policy-makers to defend that view, while the moderates favor flexibility in interpreting the Bible.

In addition, those running the denomination fall to the right in political attitudes.

One element in the split is a publishing house in Macon, Ga., named Smyth & Helwys. This company was founded a decade ago by moderates to compete with the official Southern Baptist publisher in Nashville, Tenn., which they find unacceptably right-wing.

Now the young firm is launching an ambitious 31-volume "Smith & Helwys Commentary Series" on the Bible. The Southern Baptists would never have sponsored the newly issued first volume, which covers 1 Kings and 2 Kings. Author Walter Brueggemann, a professor at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Ga., may be prolific, but he isn't even a Baptist.

More important, he's way too liberal for Nashville.

The books of Kings cover the death of David and the rise of Solomon in 962 B.C. down through the divided kingdoms of northern Israel and southern Judah, to the fall of Judah to Babylon in 587 B.C.

Is this accurate history? Brueggemann tells us that "to term this literature 'history' in any modern sense of an accurate 'factual' account of that past is widely recognized to be deeply problematic."

In his view, the details are "not consistently reliable," the material is often "confusing and unclear," and the books don't always confirm what is known from the limited sources we have outside the Bible.

He says this narrative doesn't intend to be history as modern readers understand that term. Instead, it's better understood as "theological commentary and not factual reportage."

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Conservative Baptists would reject that rigid either-or choice. To them, the Bible is both fact and commentary.

Getting down to specifics, Brueggemann doubts Solomon's kingdom reached from the Euphrates River in the north to the borders of Egypt (1 Kings 4:21). To him, this is an "imaginative expansion" of the actual territory and came from the ancient promise God gave Abraham in Genesis 15:18.

He also thinks the depiction of Solomonic splendor in 1 Kings 10 doesn't necessarily describe the actual situation but the king's place "in the imagination of Israel."

On the other hand, Brueggemann sees more credibility in these accounts than do the radical skeptics of the "minimalist" school, who claim the whole business is fiction.

On politics as well, Brueggemann's provocative comments follow a liberal line.

Solomon's kingdom is "a parable for the affluent success and domination of the U.S. as the last superpower," he writes. The "surface appearance" of the realm is impressive, but underneath, barely hidden, lies a "dangerous and growing gap between wealth and poverty."

So 1 Kings "illuminates our own distorted economy dependent on bloated military expenditure to maintain a consumer economy of seemingly limitless indulgence."

The story in 1 Kings 11 ends sadly with Solomon straying from fidelity to the one true God through involvement with foreign women and their gods. For Brueggemann, this passage raises the question of whether political dissent, revolution, and even terrorism may be means through which God may terminate power.

That doesn't seem likely in the case of the **Irish Republican Army** fighting Britain or the Palestinian conflict against Israel, he figures. But he does see biblical parallels in the Berrigan brothers' protests at U.S. military installations, or the successful revolutions that brought down the Shah of Iran and the apartheid regime in South Africa.

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Clinton's swan song: one more try for N. Ireland

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Body

On what is most likely his final foreign trip as US president, Bill Clinton today begins a visit to Ireland, Northern Ireland, and Britain, where he is expected to try to break one of the most intransigent stalemates in Europe.

Mr. Clinton will confront a tangle of disagreements that analysts say could still derail the peace process, which has been one of Clinton's major foreign-policy commitments. These include:

- * The long-delayed decommissioning of both Protestant and Catholic paramilitaries.
- * The future of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, Northern Ireland's heavily Protestant police force, which British Prime Minister Tony Blair has sworn to reform.
- * Demands by Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Fein, the *Irish Republican Army*'s political ally, to greatly reduce the number of British troops in Northern Ireland.
- * Political relations between the governments in Belfast and Dublin. David Trimble, first minister in Northern Ireland's self-rule government, currently refuses to let his ministers join in cross-border talks.
- * Sporadic violence by Protestant and Catholic groups opposed to the peace process.

Senior British officials appear to have only modest hopes for the Clinton visit. One told the Monitor: "At the very least, we would like to see him push the peace process ahead. His presence hopefully will remind all concerned of what stands to be lost."

Other reports, however, suggest Mr. Blair may be looking for more. Last week, the Dublin-based Irish Times reported that "senior British figures" have been pressing for a "concrete act of IRA decommissioning." The report said this could be taken quite literally, by encasing in concrete weapons dumps previously examined by

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international inspectors. The paper said this would put the arms "permanently beyond use" - echoing an IRA pledge in May.

But many here view Clinton's trip as an opportunity to deal with the "Real IRA." Though believed to have no more than 200 members, this IRA splinter group is considered one of the most dangerous opponents of the 1998 Good Friday peace settlement. It is responsible for a 1998 bombing in the city of Omagh, in which 29 people died.

Leading demands for a crackdown is Mr. Trimble, who is also leader of the Ulster Unionist Party. The mainly Protestant UUP supports British rule. The IRA and its offshoots are Catholic-based and want a united Ireland.

"We want to see what the president has to say ... with regard to the Real IRA, because I think one of the failures by the [British] government over the last few years is the failure to deal with Real IRA," Trimble said on Sunday.

His concern is shared by the London and Dublin governments as well as most political leaders in the province. They see Clinton's third visit as an opportunity to free up the peace process.

Last month, Britain asked the US Congress to impose a ban on the Real IRA. Hopes that Clinton may take this step were encouraged by his scheduled visit to Dundalk. The Irish border town has received millions in US aid, but it is also believed to be used by the Real IRA as a base for cross-border attacks. A source close to Trimble told the Monitor: "If the president were to declare a ban on the Real IRA during his visit to Dundalk, the impact would be considerable... The Real IRA's activities there are anomalous and a constant threat to the peace process."

Those who worry what Clinton's imminent retirement will mean for the peace process are encouraged by the fact that his wife, Senator-elect Hillary Rodham Clinton, is tagging along. Mrs. Clinton plans to meet women parliamentarians in Dublin and is scheduled to give a speech on the empowerment of women in politics.

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IRELAND

Vatican replaces embattled archbishop

The Vatican replaced Cardinal Desmond Connell as the archbishop of Dublin on Monday after years of criticism that he didn't do enough to stop sexual abuse by priests.

Pope John Paul II announced Monday in Vatican City that Diarmuid Martin, the coadjutor archbishop of Dublin, had succeeded Connell as leader of the archdiocese's nearly 1.1 million Catholics.

The pope's statement said Connell's resignation - originally offered in 2001 - had now been accepted because of his age. Pressure had been mounting on Connell, 78, to quit ever since the Irish television network RTE broadcast an October 2002 documentary into the scope of abuse cases within the country's largest archdiocese.

UKRAINE

Mourners remember Chernobyl disaster

Mourners laid flowers and lighted candles Monday in gatherings across the former Soviet Union to mark the 18th anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, which spread radiation over much of northern Europe.

In all, 7 million people in the former Soviet republics of Belarus, Russia and Ukraine are believed to have suffered physical or psychological injuries from the catastrophe on April 26, 1986, when reactor No. 4 at the Chernobyl nuclear plant exploded and caught fire.

An area roughly half the size of Colorado was contaminated, forcing the resettlement of hundreds of thousands of people and ruining some of Europe's most fertile farmland. Ukraine shuttered Chernobyl's last working reactor in December 2000.

JORDAN

In video, two suspects admit terrorist plot

Al-Qaida plotted bomb and poison gas attacks against the U.S. Embassy and other targets in Jordan, two self-proclaimed conspirators confessed in videotape that aired Monday on Jordanian state television.

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Azmi al-Jayousi, identified as the head of a Jordanian terrorist cell, said he was acting on the orders of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, a Jordanian wanted by the United States for allegedly organizing terrorists to fight U.S. troops in Iraq on behalf of al-Qaida. U.S. officials have offered a \$10 million reward for al-Zarqawi's capture.

Al-Jayousi said he met al-Zarqawi in neighboring Iraq to plot the attacks. The 20-minute taped program released by Jordanian authorities contained what were described as confessions by two detained suspects about the foiled plot. The suspects were arrested two months ago.

KYRGYZSTAN

Landslide buries village, killing 33

A landslide buried a village in southern Kyrgyzstan on Monday, killing 33 people, including 16 children, officials said.

The landslide covered 13 houses in the mountainous Budalyk village in the Central Asian nation's Alay district.

Emergencies Ministry spokesman Emil Akmatov said rescue workers at the site had confirmed 33 deaths. He said 12 other people had been injured. The village is in an area susceptible to landslides.

MEXICO

189 people are found in sealed semitrailers

Authorities at a roadblock in southern Mexico discovered 189 illegal migrants locked inside two overheated semitrailers that had been sealed with plastic.

Authorities used crowbars to pry open the trailers and rescue the Central American migrants. There were no reports of serious injury.

The trailers were lined with plastic siding to make them air tight, but the migrants had punched holes to breathe, said Vinicio Portello, a spokesman for the federal attorney general's office in Chiapas.

Inside authorities found 134 men, 36 **women** and 19 children, the youngest of whom was 7. The temperature inside the trailer had reached 109 degrees, he said.

The migrants told authorities that they had paid smugglers to slip them from Guatemala into southern Mexico en route to the United States.

COLOMBIA

Irish men are acquitted of training insurgents

A judge has acquitted three suspected Irish rebels of training Colombian insurgents in the use of explosives, but convicted them of the lesser charge of passport fraud.

The verdicts Monday came nearly three years after James Monaghan, Niall Connolly and Martin McCauley were arrested after leaving a rebel stronghold in Colombia's southern jungles.

Judge Jaime Acosta sentenced the suspected ***Irish Republican Army*** members to terms ranging from two years and two months to more than three years for traveling on false passports. But because of time served since their arrests, Acosta ordered them freed once they pay fines of \$6,500 each. Authorities had argued that the three had previous links to rebels.

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U.S. will not deport 9 IRA figures; Peace gesture?: Administration tries to give added boost to Clinton's visit

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WASHINGTON (AP) - Trying to prop up the shaky Northern Ireland peace process in advance of President Clinton's trip there, the administration dropped efforts Monday to deport nine men whose convictions for **Irish Republican Army** paramilitary actions should have barred them from ever entering the United States.

"While in no way approving or condoning their past criminal acts," Clinton said, "I believe that removing the threat of deportation for these individuals will contribute to the peace process in Northern Ireland."

Air Force One took off Monday evening from Andrews Air Force Base in suburban Maryland carrying Clinton and an entourage that included first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, the senator-elect from New York, and their daughter, Chelsea.

Hours before Clinton left for his third visit to Ireland and Northern Ireland, Attorney General Janet Reno announced the decision. She acted at the request of Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and national security advisor Sandy Berger to "promote the process of reconciliation ... in Northern Ireland."

Irish Foreign Minister Brian Cowen praised the move as a step to "help those involved to lead more normal lives in the country they have lived in for a long time now."

Reno suspended deportation proceedings against six men and announced that the Immigration and Naturalization Service also would forego deportation proceedings against three others.

All nine had finished serving sentences ranging from 3 to 14 years, in Britain for crimes including murder and attempted murder, bombing and weapons offenses, before they came to the United States. But they illegally concealed those convictions to gain entry to this country, according to a federal law enforcement official who requested anonymity.

"The British and Irish governments have been consulted, and this action parallels their efforts to reintegrate former paramilitary prisoners into society," Reno said. All prisoners in Northern Ireland with similar convictions were released from prison as of July 30, according to a senior administration official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

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Clinton was traveling Monday night for a three-day visit to Ireland, Northern Ireland and Britain to get a firsthand update on the peace accord he helped negotiate, a trip that will include an audience with Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday.

The senior administration official said there had been no specific requests from the IRA or the IRA-associated Sinn Fein party on behalf of the nine men nor had there been any promises of a specific response in Northern Ireland. However, he acknowledged that the action was aimed at helping persuade skeptics on the Catholic side to keep with the peace process.

This official said the nine posed no threat to the United States. All nine have work permits. Several have married American women and have children who are U.S. citizens. They live in Massachusetts, Missouri, New Jersey and New York. Families, friends and some members of Congress have mounted appeals on their behalf.

Reno gave the nine "deferred action" status which allows them to live and work here indefinitely, but which can be revoked any time by the attorney general and does not give them any claim on permanent legal residence.

The six in deportation proceedings suspended in 1997 at Albright's request, were: Brian Pearson, Gabriel Megahey, Noel Gaynor, Gerald McDade, Robert McErlean and Matthew Morrison. The three against whom the INS is dropping deportation proceedings are: Don Mulholland, Kevin Crossan and a third man whose name was withheld under the Privacy Act because he is currently a permanent legal resident.

Only one, Megahey, was convicted of crimes in the United States, administration officials said. He served five years for interstate transportation and exportation of explosives and firearms and attempting to buy surface-to-air missiles for the IRA from an FBI undercover agent in New York.

Two of the nine, Gaynor and Morrison, have generated a lot of support from Americans. Gaynor, 46, was convicted of murdering a policeman in 1973. He and his American wife live in Bloomfield, N.J. Morrison, 45, has lived in St. Louis with his American wife since 1985. He was convicted of attempted murder in 1976 after an IRA attack on a British Army barracks.

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Walls still divide Belfast two years after accord

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BELFAST, Northern Ireland - They live only a few hundred yards apart, these two hospitable and soft-spoken women with hair almost the identical shade of red. But they doubt they will ever meet.

Their working-class neighborhoods - one Roman Catholic, one Protestant, both relentlessly grim despite gaily colored Christmas decorations adorning the low-slung buildings - are separated by a high wall of solid brick, corrugated metal and wire mesh.

And neither woman would even think of visiting the other side. side.

"Peace lines," these barriers are called. They're a legacy of three decades of bitter sectarian conflict that has claimed hundreds of lives. More than a half dozen miles of the fortified walls snake across Belfast's cityscape, cutting through backyards, slicing residential streets, dividing desolate no man's lands.

Both sides say the walls provide a much-needed buffer between neighborhoods that have again and again been flashpoints for fighting. But they also serve as an emblem of a psychological divide: the mistrust that persists despite Northern Ireland's hard-won progress toward peace.

The province's landmark 1998 peace accord - to be commemorated in a visit this week by President Clinton, who worked tirelessly to bring the two sides together - is largely holding, but old hostilities die hard, and setbacks have mounted in recent months.

Paramilitary groups, including the Irish Republican Army, are supposed to be gradually disarming, but the IRA accuses Britain of lagging on promised troop withdrawals and police reforms.

And sectarian violence still flares despite the cease-fires. On Wednesday, a Catholic construction worker was shot dead, and a Catholic taxi driver was seriously wounded less than 24 hours after a Protestant cabbie was slain. No group claimed responsibility for any of the shootings.

On opposite sides of the "peace lines," even a dramatic ebb in the overall level of violence can take a long time to translate into life's daily realities.

Laura McAnoy, a 40-year-old Catholic mother of five, should know. Her back garden directly abuts a "peace line" that separates her neighborhood, known as the Falls, from the Protestant area called the Shankill, each named for the main road running through it.

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"Well, it's really more of a battle line, isn't it?" McAnoy says.

The glass in her back windows is bulletproof, and heavy metal grills cover the upstairs windows. The back wall is scorched black where firebombs have sailed over the barrier, and small stones litter the tiny yard.

On the Shankill side, 43-year-old Elizabeth Weir opens her door reluctantly to a stranger - but is soon offering tea and recalling her childhood, when children played stickball in the street that now dead-ends where the fortified wall cuts across it.

"We'd just play together, all of us," she says, shaking her head in wonder.

"It's hard to imagine now."

Weir crosses the "peace line" for one reason only: to go to Belfast's best hospital, the Royal Victoria, on Falls Road. Even though it would be only a short walk from her home, she takes a taxi - trembling hard, she says, as soon as it passes through the wall's metal gates.

Like so many zones of conflict, Belfast's scale is startlingly small, its geography intimate. Much of the worst violence of recent years has taken place within a few square miles. Traveling by car, a trip of only minutes can take you from a staunchly Protestant stronghold into a Catholic enclave and back again.

These days, less and less of Belfast lives the strictly segregated lives that McAnoy and Weir do.

In well-to-do outlying areas, Catholics and Protestants live peacefully side-by-side, united by a solid suburban concern for keeping up property values. Several religiously integrated schools have opened in recent years, although they draw only about 4 percent of the city's pupils, most of them from middle-class homes. homes.

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Blair says Libya can be partner in war against terror

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Hoping to forge a new alliance in the war on terror, Prime Minister Tony Blair has offered Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi a hand of friendship and said Britain's former foe could become a key ally in the Arab world.

Chatting cordially in a desert tent as camels grazed outside, Blair became the first British leader to visit Gadhafi since he seized power in a coup in 1969.

Blair acknowledged the visit was extraordinary, after decades of acrimony over Libyan sponsorship of terrorism. He also accepted that the visit could be painful for relatives of the 270 victims of the 1988 Pan Am bombing, for which Libya has accepted responsibility.

But Blair lauded Gadhafi's swift progress in scrapping his weapons of mass destruction and insisted the north African state could be an important partner in the fight against al-Qaida.

"I understand why people may say 'How is it you can sit down with Gadhafi, given the past?' My answer to that is because I have an overriding duty to try to preserve and enhance the security of my country and of the wider world," Blair told a news conference, following a 90-minute meeting at which fish couscous and camel milk was served by Gadhafi's personal chefs.

"If Libya really gives up, as it is doing, its chemical and nuclear weapons capability, and becomes a stable partner for us out here in the Middle East, that is a huge gain, not just for us in Britain or the United States, but the whole of the world."

Gadhafi didn't speak with reporters after the meeting, but his foreign minister, Abdel-Rahman Shalqam, said Libya shared international concerns about al-Qaida.

"For us, they are the real obstacle against our progress," Shalqam said. "They are against our security. They are against women. They are against the new culture. They are against political moderation, against any change in the region."

As a result of the rapprochement, Blair pledged stronger cultural and trade links with Libya. Economic benefits are well on their way, and Royal Dutch/Shell Group said Thursday it has signed a preliminary agreement with Libya to develop its gas resources. Blair said BAE Systems, a major British defense manufacturer, will announce a major deal in Libya shortly.

Blair says Libya can be partner in war against terror

British officials said that Blair's government would, in time, push for an EU arms embargo to be lifted, and would help Libya devise a new defense strategy. Libyan officers may be invited to train in Britain, as Gadhafi himself did as a junior army officer in 1966.

Blair's overture drew some criticism at home. "To give Col. Gadhafi this huge propaganda coup and to call him courageous for giving up terrorism is quite extraordinary," said opposition Conservative Party leader Michael Howard.

Britain's past relationship with Gadhafi has been violent and acrimonious.

Britain broke off diplomatic relations with Libya in 1984 after British policewoman Yvonne Fletcher was killed by a shot fired from a window of the Libyan embassy, or "people's bureau," in London.

Gadhafi sent shiploads of weapons and explosives to the **Irish Republican Army** in the 1980s.

In 1986, on the order of U.S. President Ronald Reagan and the cooperation of then Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, U.S. fighter jets based in Britain bombed one of Gadhafi's residences in Tripoli. Relations hit bottom with the 1988 bombing of a Pam Am jetliner over Lockerbie, Scotland.

Britain and Libya restored diplomatic relations in 1999, after Libya accepted responsibility for Fletcher's shooting, apologized and agreed to pay her family compensation.

Gadhafi's government took responsibility for the Lockerbie attack and agreed to compensate relatives of the victims - a move that resulted in the lifting of U.N. sanctions.

Libya's relations also have improved with the United States. In the highest-level meeting in decades, a U.S. envoy this week gave Gadhafi a letter from U.S. President George W. Bush commending Libya's progress in scrapping its weapons of mass destruction.

However, Washington remains more skeptical than London about Libya's progress. U.S. officials say Libya must further improve its human rights record and end support for terrorism before Washington restores diplomatic relations and removes wide-ranging sanctions.

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Today is Tuesday, March 9, the 69th day of 2004. There are 297 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1566 - David Rizzo, confidential secretary to Mary Queen of Scots, is murdered.

1661 - Cardinal Mazarin dies in France and King Louis XIV begins personal rule.

1715 - Portugal ratifies Peace of Utrecht, ending its war with Spain.

1796 - Napoleon Bonaparte, the future emperor of France, marries Josephine de Beauharnais.

1822 - Artificial teeth are patented by Charles Graham of New York City.

1846 - Treaty of Lahore ends first Sikh War in India, whereby Britain gains additional territory.

1860 - After centuries of isolation and years of delicate negotiations, Japan establishes diplomatic relations with the United States. The event is marked by Japanese ambassador Niimi Buzennokami's arrival in San Francisco.

1905 - Japan defeats Russian forces at Mukden.

1916 - Mexican rebel Francisco Villa attacks Columbus, a town in the U.S. state of New Mexico, setting off a punitive U.S. invasion of Mexico. It is the last time foreign troops invade the continental U.S.

1919 - Britain deports Egyptian independence leader Saad Zaghlul to Malta. Britain grants Egypt nominal independence in 1922.

1933 - Congress, called into special session by President Franklin Roosevelt, begins its 100 days of enacting New Deal legislation.

1942 - Japanese complete conquest of Dutch island of Java in Indonesia during World War II.

1945 - U.S. B-29 bombers launch incendiary bomb attacks against Japan, killing 80,000 people and leaves one million homeless in Tokyo.

1959 - Unsuccessful army revolt ends in Mosul, Iraq.

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1964 - Fighting breaks out in Ktima, Cyprus.

1969 - Lt. Gen. Moneim Riad, chief of staff of Egypt's armed forces, is killed during Israeli-Egyptian gun battle across Suez Canal.

1970 - United States declines to recognize new white-ruled Republic of Rhodesia, and closes consulate in that African nation.

1976 - Cable car plunges to ground near northern Italian city of Trento, killing 42 skiers.

1987 - Iran accuses Iraq of using chemical bombs in war.

1990 - Two Germanys begin preliminary reunification talks.

1991 - Yugoslav military moves into Belgrade with dozens of tanks after thousands of anti-communist rebels clash with police in fierce street battles, leaving at least two people dead.

1992 - A demonstration against Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic and the war in Croatia gathers 50,000 people in Belgrade.

1993 - The first U.S. airdrop of food lands in Gorazde, a Bosnian town besieged by Serbs.

1994 - **Irish Republican Army** launches first of a series of mortar attacks on Heathrow Airport in London.

1995 - The United States and its allies sign a deal to supply North Korea with two nuclear reactors.

1996 - Socialist Jorge Sampaio is sworn in as Portugal's new president.

1997 - Albanian President Sali Berisha agrees to his biggest concession yet to quell the stubborn rebellion in southern Albania - a broad coalition government and new elections.

1998 - A Bosnian Serb pleads guilty to a crime against humanity for raping four Muslim **women** in 1992, resulting in the first rape conviction at the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands.

1999 - In the first visit by an Iranian president to a Western nation since the 1979 revolution, Mohammad Khatami arrives in Italy for a three-day visit, including a visit with the pope.

2000 - Fire sweeps through a locked dormitory at a high school in the South Pacific nation of Tuvalu, killing 18 teenage girls and their supervisor.

2001 - Ethnic Albanian rebels attack Macedonian forces near a northern village, trapping senior government officials in a remote area despite U.S. moves to cut the flow of supplies to the insurgents from Kosovo.

2002 - David Trimble, first minister of Northern Ireland, calls for a referendum on whether the province should remain part of Britain, as advocated by unionists, who are mostly Protestant; or merge with the Republic of Ireland, as desired by Roman Catholic nationalists.

2003 - Thai police say nearly 1,500 people were killed during a nationwide crackdown on methamphetamines.

Today's Birthdays:

Amerigo Vespucci, Italian explorer for whom America is named (1451-1512); Ornette Coleman, U.S. jazz musician (1930--); Yuri Gagarin, Soviet cosmonaut, first man in space (1934-1968); Raul Julia, Puerto Rican actor (1940-1994); Charles Gibson, U.S. journalist (1943--); Juliette Binoche, French actress (1964--); Emmanuel Lewis, U.S. actor (1971--).

Thought For Today:

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It is the nature of man to rise to greatness if greatness is expected of him - John Steinbeck, American author (1902-1968).

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Blair says Libya can be partner in war against terror

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Prime Minister Tony Blair has offered Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi a hand of friendship and said Britain's former foe could become a key ally in the Arab world, although he acknowledged his visit could be painful for some.

Chatting cordially in a desert tent as camels grazed outside, Blair on Thursday became the first British leader to visit Gadhafi since he seized power in a coup in 1969.

Blair acknowledged the visit was extraordinary, after decades of acrimony over Libyan sponsorship of terrorism. He also accepted that the visit could be painful for relatives of the 270 victims of the 1988 Pan Am bombing, for which Libya has accepted responsibility.

But Blair lauded Gadhafi's swift progress in scrapping his weapons of mass destruction and insisted the north African state could be an important partner in the fight against al-Qaida.

"I understand why people may say 'How is it you can sit down with Gadhafi, given the past?' My answer to that is because I have an overriding duty to try to preserve and enhance the security of my country and of the wider world," Blair told reporters Thursday, following a 90-minute meeting at which fish couscous and camel milk were served by Gadhafi's personal chefs.

"If Libya really gives up, as it is doing, its chemical and nuclear weapons capability, and becomes a stable partner for us out here in the Middle East, that is a huge gain, not just for us in Britain or the United States, but the whole of the world," Blair said.

Gadhafi didn't speak with reporters after the meeting, but his foreign minister, Abdel-Rahman Shalqam, said Libya shared international concerns about al-Qaida.

"For us, they are the real obstacle against our progress," Shalqam said. "They are against our security. They are against women. They are against the new culture. They are against political moderation, against any change in the region."

As a result of the rapprochement, Blair pledged stronger cultural and trade links with Libya. Economic benefits are well on their way, and Royal Dutch/Shell Group said Thursday it has signed a preliminary agreement with Libya to develop its gas resources. Blair said BAE Systems, a major British defense manufacturer, will announce a major deal in Libya shortly.

Blair says Libya can be partner in war against terror

British officials said that Blair's government would, in time, push for a European Union arms embargo to be lifted and would help Libya devise a new defense strategy. Libyan officers may be invited to train in Britain, as Gadhafi himself did as a junior army officer in 1966.

Blair's overture drew some criticism at home. "To give Col. Gadhafi this huge propaganda coup and to call him courageous for giving up terrorism is quite extraordinary," opposition Conservative Party leader Michael Howard said.

Britain's past relationship with Gadhafi has been violent and acrimonious.

Britain broke off diplomatic relations with Libya in 1984 after British policewoman Yvonne Fletcher was killed by a shot fired from a window of the Libyan embassy, or "people's bureau," in London.

Gadhafi sent shiploads of weapons and explosives to the **Irish Republican Army** in the 1980s.

In 1986, on the order of U.S. President Ronald Reagan and the cooperation of then Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, U.S. fighter jets based in Britain bombed one of Gadhafi's residences in Tripoli. Relations hit bottom with the 1988 bombing of a Pam Am jetliner over Lockerbie, Scotland.

Britain and Libya restored diplomatic relations in 1999, after Libya accepted responsibility for Fletcher's shooting, apologized and agreed to pay her family compensation.

Gadhafi's government took responsibility for the Lockerbie attack and agreed to compensate relatives of the victims - a move that resulted in the lifting of U.N. sanctions.

Libya's relations also have improved with the United States. In the highest-level meeting in decades, a U.S. envoy this week gave Gadhafi a letter from U.S. President George W. Bush commending Libya's progress in scrapping its weapons of mass destruction.

However, Washington remains more skeptical than London about Libya's progress. U.S. officials say Libya must further improve its human rights record and end support for terrorism before Washington restores diplomatic relations and removes wide-ranging sanctions.

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Southern Russia rocked by explosion; 7 killed

MOSCOW - Two bombs exploded at an outdoor food market and a department store in southern Russia on Sunday, killing at least seven people and wounding 18 others.

The explosion at the market in Vladikavkaz, the regional capital of North Ossetia, came more than a year after a bomb at the same marketplace killed more than 50 people.

Russian officials blamed the March 1999 bombing on separatists from Chechnya, the breakaway republic that borders North Ossetia.

Sunday's market bombing killed at least five people and wounded 16, the Emergency Situations Ministry said. An explosive device was placed under a car near the market entrance, ministry spokesman Vasily Yurchuk said. said.

Television reports showed the shattered car and the street littered with debris and bloodstains. Two people died instantly and three more died later in a hospital, ministry officials said, adding that most of the injuries were caused by fragments from the device, which was packed with pieces of metal wire.

The other explosion Sunday, in a department store in the southern city of Rostov-on-Don, killed two people and wounded two others.

Protestant hard-liners vow to get their way

PORTADOWN, Northern Ireland - Offering bitter words but no violence, an estimated 3,000 Protestant hard-liners marched Sunday to a British army barricade that prevented them from parading through the main Catholic district of this fiercely Protestant town.

Compounding intercommunal tensions, a car bomb planted by ***Irish Republican Army*** dissidents detonated in front of a police station in Stewartstown, 10 miles north of Portadown. The blast wounded a policewoman in the leg and demonstrated that extremists on both sides want to tear apart Northern Ireland's 1998 peace accord.

In Portadown, leaders of the Orange Order, Northern Ireland's major Protestant fraternal group, promised they would eventually get their way and march down disputed Garvaghy Road by wearing down British authorities through mass civil disobedience. That tactic worked in 1996, but Britain has insisted it won't cave in this time, a message reinforced by the 2,000 soldiers reinforcing police units in Portadown.

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Standing on a podium in front of the 20-foot-high steel wall blocking their intended path, Portadown's senior Orangeman, Harold Gracey, denied responsibility for encouraging the Protestant riots of recent days - then in the same breath called for even more intense demonstrations starting today.

Coup leader, military sign agreement in Fiji

SUVA, Fiji - Rebels who have held Fiji's government hostage for 52 days got much of what they were looking for Sunday, signing a deal to release their captives in return for destruction of the country's multiracial democracy.

The agreement between the rebels and Fiji's military government calls for the captives to be freed Thursday, ending this Pacific island nation's long hostage crisis. But Commodore Frank Bainimarama, the military head of state, was not celebrating: He looked morose as he bowed to indigenous Fijian rebel leader George Speight's demands to disenfranchise Fiji's ethnic Indian minority.

The move signed away Fiji's democracy - and possibly its economic future.

Demonstration precedes world AIDS conference

DURBAN, South Africa - South Africa needs to struggle against HIV and AIDS with the same commitment it used to fight apartheid, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela told a crowd demonstrating Sunday for affordable access to AIDS drugs.

Thousands of protesters gathered a few hours before the 13th International AIDS Conference was to open to rail against pharmaceutical companies, high drug prices and governmental inaction that has kept people with AIDS from getting medication that could prolong their lives.

"We have failed to take HIV/AIDS seriously," said Madikizela-Mandela, head of the African National Congress' **Women's** League. Madikizela-Mandela, ex-wife of former President Nelson Mandela, attacked the government and drug makers.

Though the South African government saw how AIDS damaged eastern Africa in the 1980s and 1990s, it wasted time on ineffective policies and bogus drugs instead of stopping the epidemic from causing the same damage in South Africa, she said. About 10 percent of South Africans are HIV positive.

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Today is Wednesday, Feb. 11, the 42nd day of 2004. There are 324 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1254 - The British Parliament first convenes.

1531 - King Henry VIII is recognized as Supreme Head of the Church in England.

1744 - Naval battle of Toulon begins between Britain and combined Franco-Spanish fleet.

1798 - French forces take Rome.

1812 - Massachusetts Governor Elbridge Gerry signs a redistricting law that favors his party - giving rise to the term "gerrymandering."

1888 - King Lobengda of Matabele, Rhodesia, accepts British protection.

1889 - Constitution is granted in Japan, with two-chamber Diet, but Emperor retains extensive powers.

1922 - Nine-power treaty is signed in Washington for securing China's independence and maintaining "open door" policy; United States and Japan sign naval agreement.

1929 - Italy signs the Lateran Treaty; establishing an independent Vatican City.

1944 - U.S. carrier planes strike heavy blows against Japanese positions in Marshall Islands in Pacific during World War II.

1945 - U.S. President Franklin Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin sign the Yalta Agreement during World War II.

1956 - Referendum in Malta favors integration with Britain.

1967 - Military rule is imposed in Beijing during civil strife in China.

1968 - Communist troops execute 300 civilians in South Vietnam and bury them in a mass grave during fighting for city of Hue.

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1971 - Treaty banning nuclear weapons from ocean floor is signed by 63 nations in ceremonies at Washington, London and Moscow.

1975 - Margaret Thatcher becomes the first **female** head of the British Conservative Party.

1979 - Followers of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini seize power in Iran, nine days after the religious leader returns to his home country following 15 years of exile.

1986 - Jewish dissident Anatoly Scharansky walks to freedom in Berlin after almost nine years in Soviet captivity on espionage charges.

1989 - Barbara Harris becomes the first consecrated **female** Episcopal bishop in United States.

1990 - African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela is released after 27 years in South African prisons.

1991 - Iraq fires one Scud missile at Israel, which explodes and does no harm, and one at the Saudi Arabian capital, which is intercepted by U.S. missiles.

1992 - Security forces arrest four Muslim guerrillas and confiscate weapons in Algiers.

1993 - A Somali gunman hijacks a Lufthansa Airbus over Austria with 104 people aboard and orders it flown to New York, where he surrenders peacefully and releases his hostages unharmed.

1994 - A NATO-enforced cease-fire takes hold in Sarajevo.

1995 - Three Peruvian warplanes are shot down while attacking Ecuadorean bases in the nations' border war.

1996 - Powerful car bombs kill 17 people and wound 93 in Algiers.

1997 - Ecuador's Congress names Fabian Alarcon, president of Congress, as the nation's interim president.

1998 - U.S. military says it is ready to strike Iraq within a week, but the stand-off over inspections is defused before the attack comes.

1999 - The U.S. Justice Department closes the books on a \$1.6 billion reparations program for ethnic Japanese interned in American camps during World War II.

2000 - Britain strips Northern Ireland's Protestant-Catholic government of power in a bid to prevent its collapse over the **Irish Republican Army**'s refusal to disarm.

2001 - About 7,500 counter-demonstrators turn out to demonstrate against a neo-Nazi march in western Germany that draws 250 people. Four police officers suffer minor injuries, and 17 demonstrators are arrested.

2002 - Jordan's State Security Court sentences U.S. born Raed Hljazi to death by hanging for plotting attacks on U.S. and Israeli targets in Jordan during New Year's 2000 celebrations.

2003 - Paraguayan President Luis Gonzalez Macchi survives impeachment proceedings when the Senate failed to procure the two-thirds majority, needed to remove him from office. The impeachment trial was on charges of corruption and embezzling public funds.

Today's Birthdays:

Thomas A. Edison, U.S. inventor (1847-1931); Sidney Sheldon, U.S. author (1917--); Lloyd Bentsen, U.S. senator and former vice-presidential candidate (1921--); Burt Reynolds, U.S. actor (1936--); Tina Louise, U.S. actress (1937--); Sergio Mendes, Composer (1941--); Sheryl Crow, U.S. singer (1962--); Jennifer Aniston, U.S. actress (1969--); Brandy, U.S. singer/actress (1979--).

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We had better live as we think, otherwise we shall end up by thinking as we have lived - Paul Bourget, French author (1852-1935).

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Guerrillas clashed with pro-government forces at a strategic crossroads in Sierra Leone, even as the rebels released more U.N. hostages, U.N. and army officials said Saturday. A group of 180 U.N. peacekeepers was handed over Friday to authorities in Foya, a border town in neighboring Liberia, according to a government statement released in the Liberian capital, Monrovia. Liberia said fewer than 100 of the original 500 hostages are still in rebel hands. By Saturday evening, 102 of the released hostages had been airlifted from Foya to Monrovia and on to Sierra Leone, U.N. spokesman David Wimhurst said. An additional 30 freed captives were still waiting for transportation from Monrovia. U.N. officials were unable to confirm the number remaining in Foya, where the world body has no representation. The 100 Zambians and two Kenyans who arrived at Lungi airport, across the bay from the capital, Freetown, were unharmed, though a few have Malaria, Wimhurst said. (SIERRA LEONE)

ASMARA, Eritrea (AP)

Ethiopia's forces drove deeper into Eritrea on Saturday despite a new agreement for peace talks, shelling a city just 80 kilometers (50 miles) from Eritrea's capital. Civilians fled ahead of the Ethiopian move on Adikeyhe, joining what Eritrea says are hundreds of thousands of others displaced by Ethiopia's two-week-old offensive. Witnesses reported civilians streaming in single-file lines along the two-lane asphalt road leading north of Adikeyhe. They also described government troops hastily dismantling a ground-to-air missile battery on the outskirts of the city. Government-commandeered trucks and buses also moved 20,000 displaced Eritreans to a schoolyard outside the town of Dibarwa, 35 kilometers (22 miles) south of the capital, said Yusef Feshaye, a local official for the state-run relief agency. As night fell across the arid, rocky landscape, women and children huddled around wood fires to ease the cold. Farther south in Mandefera, Eritrean troops mingled among the newly homeless, and residents wondered whether they too should flee. African diplomats announced Friday that Eritrea had agreed to resume peace talks and to surrender two key towns demanded by its Horn of Africa neighbor. (HORN OF AFRICA-WAR)

PORCON, Peru (AP)

Indian peasants in this farming village in the lush, green mountains of northern Peru will be voting en masse for President Alberto Fujimori in Sunday's presidential runoff. They're not worried about vote fraud or the threat of international isolation. "We are for Fujimori," said Elena Castrellon Julca, who sported the tall straw hat popular with Indians in this region. "He has built a health clinic and a new hotel on the hill for tourists who want to visit. The people are going to vote for him, for certain." Fujimori is counting on solid support among Peru's poor majority to weather the international storm provoked by the refusal of election officials to postpone the flawed runoff. The 61-

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year-old Fujimori, known as "The Emperor" for his autocratic style, is running alone, disregarding a boycott by opposition candidate Alejandro Toledo, violent street protests and the withdrawal of foreign monitors. (PERU-ELECTION)

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

Northern Ireland's key Protestant politician narrowly won backing Saturday from his bitterly divided party to revive a coalition government with Catholics, but he warned it would survive only if the **Irish Republican Army** disarms. With his leadership on the line, Ulster Unionist chief David Trimble received 53 percent support from his party grassroots council to resume power-sharing alongside the IRA-linked Sinn Fein starting Tuesday. Trimble argued during a behind-closed-doors debate that his party must test the IRA's promise, unveiled three weeks ago, to put its weaponry "beyond use" if power-sharing resumed. "It is patently obvious that those promises must be delivered," said a relieved but still vulnerable Trimble after the 459-403 vote. "And let there be absolutely no doubt that I and my colleagues will hold the republicans to the promises they have made. If there's any foot-dragging, if there's any delay, there will be difficulties," said Trimble, who shared the Nobel Peace Prize with Catholic leader John Hume in 1998. (NORTHERN IRELAND)

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Body

Atlantic leaders push

trade in eastern U.S.

Boston

Prime Minister Jean Chretien and Atlantic premiers hawked fish and "chips" to American businessmen Monday, pitching Eastern Canada as a great place to buy things like smoked salmon and computer equipment.

But while they all spoke glowingly about trade opportunities in speeches to executives, away from the target audience the premiers complained about federal barriers to trade -- notably poor airline service.

The premiers said air service to the East has been declining since Air Canada took over Canadian Airlines.

Roads need to be improved and health care needs fixing, the premiers added at a news conference with Chretien, who accompanied them on the first day of their trade mission to the New England states.

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Chretien said he hoped a bill which gives regulators the power to act on complaints will ensure Air Canada lives up to commitments it made when it gobbled up Canadian Airlines.

Chretien told a gathering of 500 businessmen that Canada's Atlantic provinces offer competitive taxes, a skilled workforce, cheap power, sophisticated telecommunications and lower health care costs than the U.S.

London to close five Ulster military posts

Belfast

The British army will close two bases and three observation posts in Northern Ireland, the province's police chief said Tuesday, in response to the *Irish Republican Army*'s move to disarm.

"Notwithstanding a significant ongoing threat posed by dissidents, the weekend's events represent a real lowering of the overall threat," said Sir Ronnie Flanagan, the chief constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

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Troop strengths of just under 14,000, the lowest in 30 years, will not be affected by the closure of bases in Cookstown and Londonderry, officials said. The latter was the army's last outpost in the overwhelmingly Roman Catholic area of the city.

The announcement came three days after the IRA announced it would open its arms stockpiles to international inspectors in order to verify that the weapons have been put "beyond use."

New Jersey woman

gets early release

Wilmington, Del.

A young woman who pleaded guilty with her college sweetheart to killing their newborn son in a motel is being released eight months early.

Amy Grossberg will be released Wednesday, gaining time off from her 2 1/2-year sentence because of credit for time served and good behaviour.

The child's father, Brian Peterson, was released in January after serving 18 months of a two-year sentence. He received a lighter sentence because he co-operated with authorities.

Grossberg and Peterson, both from the wealthy community of Wyckoff, N.J., were in their first year of college when they went to a motel room near the University of Delaware campus on Nov. 12, 1996 and delivered a baby boy.

The baby's body was found wrapped in a plastic bag in a trash bin. The couple, both 18 at the time, had said they believed the child was stillborn but medical examiners said the infant died of skull fractures.

Ugandan troops shell Rwandans in Congo

Kisangani, Congo

Ugandan shells rained down on Rwandan positions and neither side's forces made a move to leave this port city Tuesday, a day after both Uganda and Rwanda agreed to withdraw troops.

Soldiers from both armies dug in for more fighting in Kisangani.

The shelling was the latest development in the conflict here, which is an offshoot of Congo's civil war.

Uganda and Rwanda each back a different group of rebels, both of which are opposed to Congolese President Laurent Kabila.

Newspaper picture

betrays peeping tom

Stockholm

Women bathers at a nudist beach in Sweden tracked down a peeping tom after his wife published his name and photograph in the local paper to mark his 50th birthday.

The man had used binoculars and a camera to spy on the **women**. The newspaper Hallards Nyheter at Varberg on Sweden's west coast, which carried the birthday message, reported the man had been charged with breach of the peace.

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Iraq plans boost in oil production

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Iraq will increase oil exports by 700,000 barrels a day within a few weeks - almost a quarter of what analysts say the market needs to curb soaring prices.

Senior Iraqi Oil Ministry officials said they would start raising exports next week and hope to go from 1.6-million to 2.3-million barrels a day in a few weeks.

Oil Minister Amer Mohammed Rashid confirmed plans to increase production in an interview with CNN on Saturday.

The decision appears to be a bid to grab the initiative from OPEC. The 11-member Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries meets in Vienna on Monday for crucial talks on whether to increase output as urged by the United States to lower prices.

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Trimble wins re-election

as Ulster Unionists leader

BELFAST, Northern Ireland - Assailed by critics of compromise, Nobel laureate David Trimble narrowly won re-election Saturday as leader of the Ulster Unionists, a Protestant party central to the success or failure of Northern Ireland's peace accord.

The Ulster Unionists' grass-roots council gave Trimble 457 votes to 348 for a last-minute challenger, the Rev. Martin Smyth. The party veteran argued Trimble had been wrong to attempt a coalition government involving Sinn Fein, the party linked to the outlawed *Irish Republican Army*.

Trimble's victory came by a much tighter margin than predicted. He also suffered a significant defeat when members voted to link the party's future participation in government to retention of the formal name of the predominantly Protestant police force, the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Elsewhere

SUSPECTS ARRESTED: Police have arrested 10 suspects in the shooting of a top Iranian reformer and none of them are affiliated with his hard-line conservative opponents, Iranian Intelligence Minister Ali Yunesi said Saturday.

Iraq plans boost in oil production

PINOCHET PROTECTION: Chile's congress passed a constitutional amendment Saturday that could protect former dictator Augusto Pinochet from prosecution - even if he is stripped of the immunity he now enjoys as a senator-for-life.

UGANDA KILLINGS: At least some of the 153 people killed at a secluded cult compound in southwestern Uganda died several weeks before hundreds of followers of the doomsday cult died in a raging inferno in their church eight days ago, police said Saturday.

LEGISLATOR RESIGNS: The president of Colombia's House of Representatives, Armando Pomarica, resigned Saturday amid a corruption scandal involving questionable contracts and exorbitant redecorating expenses.

PHONY SURGEON: A secondary-school dropout from Argentina, Washington Adolfo Roman Quinteros, was arrested Thursday by federal police in Monterrey, Mexico, the federal attorney general's office reported Saturday. The office said Quinteros had "deceived hundreds of Mexican women from various states of the republic" by posing as a plastic surgeon and convincing them to let him sketch them in the nude. "Afterward he carried out operations which put their life and health in grave risk," it said.

U.S. SERVICEMEN DIE: A U.S. serviceman who went down a waterfall while on a break from duty in flooded Mozambique was found dead Saturday, South African police said. Airman Basic Jeffrey Costa had been missing since Friday, the U.S. Air Force said in a statement.

In Bahrain, a U.S. Navy sailor died from injuries sustained in a fall from a hotel, the U.S. 5th Fleet said Saturday. The sailor was not identified, and the accident was being investigated, the fleet said.

And in Puerto Rico, two U.S. Navy servicemen - Michael S. Neal and Thomas Massey - died Saturday in a car accident, said police, who did not know their hometowns or ages.

LIBYA VISIT: Four U.S. State Department officials arrived in Libya on Saturday on what is thought to be the first such visit since diplomatic relations were cut in 1981. The consular officers have come to assess Libya's general security arrangements to determine whether to lift a ban on U.S. citizens visiting the country.

CHILLY STAY: Energy shortages have gotten so bad in North Korea that tourists staying in first-class hotels have had to sleep with their coats on, South Korean officials said.

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Body

Hijack 'refugees' are

refused U.K. asylum

London, England

Almost all the 79 remaining passengers from the hijacked Afghanistan plane which landed at England's Stansted airport recently are to be deported after their applications for asylum were found to be bogus, according to an announcement to be made within the next two days.

The decision is expected to meet protests from refugee organizations and is certain to face legal challenges that will prolong the passengers' stay in Britain for at least another month.

Ministers are convinced some of the passengers were involved in the hijack and want a tough response to deter others. Suspicions were aroused because many passengers were carrying an unusually large amount of luggage for what was ostensibly an internal flight to a wedding.

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A total of 37 men, 14 women and 28 children under 16 asked for asylum after the hijack, claiming they would face persecution if they were sent home to Afghanistan.

A total of 14 people have appeared in court charged with hijacking. Seventy-two other passengers have already flown back to Afghanistan, where they denounced Britain as an "infidel land."

Blair admits GM risk

London, England

British Prime Minister Tony Blair acknowledged Sunday genetically modified crops and foods were potentially damaging to human health and the environment.

Although his Downing Street office later denied his remarks represented a change of policy, they were seen as demonstrating he wanted to show that the government was more receptive to public concerns about GM crops.

Blair said "the jury is still out" on the new food technology and "there is cause for legitimate public concern."

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Last year, he accused the media of whipping up hysteria about "Frankenstein foods." He said then that he was sufficiently confident about the safety of GM foods to eat them.

In the Independent Sunday, Blair argued the potential benefits of GM technology were considerable, but insisted that his government was not an unquestioning supporter of GM food.

Solution out of reach

Dublin

Signalling a solution to Northern Ireland's political impasse could be months or years away, Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams said Sunday that his **Irish Republican Army**-linked party must become a more powerful player in future negotiations.

Adams said 1998's Good Friday peace accord appears to be "in tatters" following Britain's decision to withdraw powers from the province's power-sharing government.

Adams noted that Sinn Fein isn't the main Catholic-supported party in Northern Ireland, coming in second to the pacifist Social Democratic and Labor party.

Sinn Fein won 17 per cent of the vote in the last Northern Ireland election, compared with the SDLP's 22 per cent. But the party has narrowed the gap on its moderate rival in recent years, owing to its better grassroots organization, superior foreign funding and the popularity of the IRA's cease-fire.

DNA to identify dead

London, England

Relatives of those who died 53 years ago when a British aircraft crashed in a snowstorm in the Andes are hoping to hear whether DNA tests will begin in Argentina this week to identify their loved ones.

The mummified remains of at least three of the 11 victims, including those reported to belong to Iris Evans, a 26-year-old air stewardess, have been recovered from the wreck site. They were found, along with pieces of the Avro Lancastrian Mark III airliner 6,000 metres up the Tupungato volcano on the Argentine-Chile border.

The aircraft crashed in 1947 but search teams from England, Chile and Argentina found nothing.

Sheriff's role blasted

Littleton, Colorado

Embittered parents are campaigning for the dismissal of the sheriff investigating the Columbine High School massacre in which a teacher and 12 students were shot dead by two fellow pupils who then turned the guns on themselves.

Unhappy with police conduct before and after the killing spree, which was carried out by teenagers Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold almost a year ago, a parents' group has begun proceedings to strip John Stone, an elected official, of his sheriff's badge. Signatures are being collected for a petition that could force him from office.

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HOLMES IS LOSING HIS SHIRT, BUT EASTON NIXES BID FOR TOPLESS BAR

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The city of Easton, Pa., knocked down former heavyweight champion Larry Holmes' plans for a topless bar, but the fight might not be over.

City officials denied an application Wednesday in which Holmes sought to open a topless club in downtown Easton. Holmes' publicist, Jay Newman, said his client has not decided if he will appeal the decision.

City Zoning Administrator Robert O'Neil cited a provision in the zoning ordinance that allows the city to ban from the business district the exhibition of "obscene" material in rejecting the application. The U.S. Supreme Court also ruled last month that municipalities can restrict such businesses.

Holmes can appeal the decision to the city's zoning board. His first opportunity is at the panel's May 15 meeting.

The proposed club, which would employ seminude dancers, would not have a liquor license, but would serve food.

Holmes has struggled to find tenants for the building. A massage parlor occupies part of the building. John Henry's Millennium Club, a bar and restaurant he opened in 1979, was closed for part of the 1990s.

"We don't want to hurt the city. We tried to bring people in, but nobody wants to rent it," Newman said.

In other boxing news:

* Lennox Lewis is trying to stop Evander Holyfield and John Ruiz from fighting for the WBA heavyweight title that was stripped from Lewis until his appeal has been heard. Lewis still will defend the WBC and IBF titles against Michael Grant.

COLLEGES

* Leon Barmore ended his one-month retirement and returned as Louisiana Tech's women's basketball coach.

HOLMES IS LOSING HIS SHIRT, BUT EASTON NIXES BID FOR TOPLESS BAR

- * UCLA sophomores JaRon Rush and Jerome Moiso have decided to forgo their final two years of eligibility to make themselves available for the NBA draft, the Los Angeles Daily News reported.
- * Bob Knight feels betrayed by the release of a videotape showing him grabbing former player Neil Reed's neck during basketball practice, his son says. Pat Knight, a former Indiana player and now an assistant at Indiana, said the tape was taken by former assistant Ron Felling, who was fired in December. Felling could not be reached for comment.
- * Danny Nee, fired last month at Nebraska despite winning more games than any basketball coach in school history, was hired as the coach at Robert Morris College in suburban Pittsburgh.
- * Washington basketball coach Bob Bender's contract will be extended by one year later this month, athletic director Barbara Hedges said.
- * Four Austin Peay athletes have been charged in the case of a 17-year-old girl who authorities believe was videotaped having sex with at least two of them. The girl, who had been drinking alcohol that night, doesn't remember having sex with the men, but she says a friend told her about the videotape. Michael Farrell, a wide receiver on the football team, was charged with taping the sex and showing it to others, and tampering with evidence for allegedly destroying the tape. Three basketball players were charged with misdemeanors.
- * The Senate Commerce Committee voted to ban betting on college sports - a practice legal only in Nevada.

SOCCER

- * The world champion U.S. women will be joined by powerful China and Brazil in the eight-team Women's Gold Cup this summer. First-round games will be played at Hersheypark Stadium on June 23 and 26.
- * Chile was upheld as the winner of last weekend's violence-marred Davis Cup zonal match against Argentina, but was barred from playing home matches for three years.

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- * Simon Gratz High basketball product Jarrett Kears, who played two years at West Virginia, has signed a letter of intent to play for Massachusetts.

SPORT STOPS

- * An Irish councilor said he had found the skull of Derby-winning racehorse Shergar, believed to have been kidnapped by the Irish Republican Army in 1983.
- * Jared Jeffries, Indiana's Mr. Basketball, was selected Gatorade's national high school player of the year. The 6-10 Indiana recruit averaged 23.4 points, 10.3 rebounds and 4.3 assists a game.

Notes

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Today is October 23rd.

Today's highlights in history:

On this date in 1958, 74 miners died after a deep underground explosion wrecked the Number Two Cumberland coal mine at Springhill, Nova Scotia. One-hundred survived the disaster, which occurred in the deepest coal mine in North America. Twelve men were brought to the surface alive on October 30th, and seven more were found alive on November 1st. The last body was recovered from the mine on November 6th.

On this date in 1993, the Toronto Blue Jays became the first team to win the World Series on Canadian soil. Joe Carter's three-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning gave Toronto an 8-6 win over Philadelphia. The defending champions won the series four games to two.

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Also on this date:

In 1837, the Lower Canada Rebellion of 1837 broke out in St-Charles, Quebec.

In 1847, telegraph service was opened from Montreal to Albany and New York City.

In 1874, Harvard beat McGill in the first intercollegiate football game in Canada.

In 1910, Blanche S. Scott became the first woman to make a solo, public airplane flight. She reached an altitude of four metres over a park in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

In 1924, Ontarians narrowly voted to maintain Prohibition in the province. It lasted from 1916 until 1927.

In 1942, during the Second World War, a British-led force launched a major offensive against Axis forces at El Alamein (el ah-lah-MAYN') in Egypt. The key African battle of the Second World War ended in an Allied victory on November 4th.

In 1950, University of Toronto researchers announced the development of an electronic heart pacemaker.

Also in 1950, entertainer Al Jolson, who starred in the first full-length talking movie, died at 66.

In 1952, Canadians in Korea fought their heaviest battle of the Korean war on Little Gibraltar Hill.

Prep-Today in History

In 1956, students and workers in Budapest, Hungary began an unsuccessful revolt against the Soviet Union.

In 1958, Soviet poet-novelist Boris Pasternak, author of "Doctor Zhivago," was awarded the Nobel Prize in literature. But Kremlin authorities pressured him into refusing the honour.

In 1966, Prime Minister Lester Pearson announced the federal government would pay 50 per cent of post-secondary education costs.

In 1967, Brenda Robertson became the first woman elected to the New Brunswick legislature.

In 1977, the Toronto Argonauts' Zenon Andrusyshyn set a C-F-L record with a 108-yard punt against Edmonton.

In 1980, the Globe and Mail became Canada's first newspaper to use satellite technology.

In 1981, Pearl McGonigal became Manitoba's first **female** lieutenant governor.

In 1983, more than 200 U-S marines and 58 French paratroopers died in Beirut when trucks loaded with explosives were driven into two buildings filled with sleeping troops from a peacekeeping force. In 1991, Cambodia's warring factions and representatives of 18 other countries signed a peace treaty in Paris.

In 1992, Emperor Akihito arrived in Beijing, becoming the first Japanese emperor to set foot on Chinese soil. He expressed deep regret for Japan's wartime atrocities, but stopped short of an apology.

In 1998, Buffalo-area abortion provider Dr. Barnett Slepian (SLEP'-ee-an) was slain by a sniper at his home. Police later said the shooting was related to the non-fatal shootings of abortion providers in Vancouver, Winnipeg and Hamilton. Anti-abortion activist James Kopp was later arrested in France and convicted in Slepian's killing.

In 2000, the largest charitable donation in Canadian history was made by Research in Motion founder and chief executive Mike Lazaridis. He donated 100- (m) million dollars to help launch a physics research institute.

In 2001, the Quebec government and the Crees of northern Quebec signed an agreement clearing the way for a giant extension of the James Bay power project. The 50-year pact will provide the 15-thousand Cree with approximately 3.5- (b) billion dollars.

Also in 2001, the **Irish Republican Army** announced it had begun to disarm in accordance with Northern Ireland's 1998 Good Friday peace deal.

Today's birthdays 2003:

Former "Tonight Show" host Johnny Carson is 78.

Former Toronto Raptors coach Lenny Wilkens is 66.

Soccer legend Pele (pay-lay) is 63.

Author Michael Crichton (KRY'-tun) is 61.

Movie director Ang Lee is 49.

Country musician Dwight Yoakam is 47.

Song parodist "Weird Al" Yankovic is 44.

N-F-L quarterback Doug Flutie is 40.

Actor Ryan Reynolds is 27.

Prep-Today in History

Thought for today: "What one has not experienced, one will never understand in print." -- American dance pioneer Isadora Duncan (1878-1927).

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Monday, January 17:

Geneva First session of the Conference on Disarmament. Through March 24.

Friday, January 21:

Port-Au-Prince, Haiti The U.S. flag is lowered and the U.S. military base dismantled, signaling a lower-gear U.S. presence in Haiti.

Saturday, January 22:

Tokyo G-7 meeting of finance ministers and central bankers.

Sunday, January 23:

Los Angeles Golden Globe Awards.

Monday, January 24:

Geneva Executive Board of the World Health Organization holds annual meeting. Through January 29.

Croatia Croats choose a new president to replace the late Franjo Tudjman.

Wednesday, January 26:

Stockholm, Sweden International Forum on the Holocaust. Through January 28.

Thursday, January 27:

Davos, Switzerland Opening of annual World Economic Forum of leaders of business and government.

Monday, January 31:

Roseau, Dominica General elections.

Tuesday, February 1:

Jiddah, Saudi Arabia Iranian export trade fair.

New Hampshire U.S. presidential primary.

Friday, February 11:

Amsterdam, Netherlands World Press Photo award winners announced.

Saturday, February 12:

Bangkok, Thailand Tenth U.N. Conference on Trade and Development. 3,000 officials, experts and others expected from 188 countries. Through February 19.

Tuesday, Tuesday:

Los Angeles Academy Award nominations.

Wednesday, February 16:

North Korea North Korean leader Kim Jong Il's birthday.

Friday, February 18:

Iran Parliamentary elections.

Monday, February 21:

Caribbean Britain's Prince Charles visits Trinidad and Tobago, Guyana and Jamaica, where he will meet with heads of government in the three former British colonies. Through March 1.

Wednesday, March 1:

Montevideo, Uruguay Jorge Batlle is sworn in as president for five-year term, continuing rule of the Colorado Party.

Friday, March 3:

Brazil Carnaval.

Sunday, March 5:

Cairo, Egypt Mediterranean Development Forum. Through March 8.

Saturday, March 11:

Santiago, Chile New president starts six-year term.

Sunday, March 12:

Bern, Switzerland National referendum on judicial reforms, increasing the representation of women in government and reducing road traffic.

Saturday, March 18:

Taiwan National election.

Sunday, March 19:

Haiti National elections.

Monday, March 20:

Geneva U.N. Human Rights Commission meeting. Through April 27.

London High Court begins hearing former Chilean dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet's latest appeal against extradition to Spain.

The Hague, Netherlands Yugoslav war crimes tribunal holds hearings in the Foca case, a rape-as-war-crime trial.

Tuesday, March 21:

Rome Pope visits Holy Land. Through March 26.

Thursday, March 23:

Lisbon, Portugal EU summit. Through March 24.

Sunday, March 26:

Moscow Deadline for holding Russian presidential elections to replace Boris Yeltsin.

Los Angeles Academy Awards ceremony.

Thursday, March 30:

Caracas, Venezuela OPEC meeting.

Friday, April 7:

Bogota, Colombia 2000 VII Ibero-American Theater Festival, with 55 companies from 32 countries. Through April 23.

Sunday, April 9:

Peru Presidential election.

Saturday, April 15:

North Korea Birthday anniversary of late North Korean leader Kim Il Sung.

Sunday, April 16:

Copenhagen, Denmark Queen Margrethe II of Denmark turns 60.

Sunday, April 23:

Vatican City Pope Easter mass for Millennium.

Sunday, April 30:

Vietnam 25th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War.

Haiti Second round of national elections.

Monday, May 1:

Vatican City Pope leads Millennium year celebrations for workers.

Wednesday, May 3:

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Camp Zeist, Netherlands Trial of two alleged Libyan intelligence agents accused of blowing up Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988.

Thursday, May 4:

London Londoners vote for the capital's first elected mayor.

Wednesday, May 10:

Cannes, France Cannes Film Festival. Through May 21.

Monday, May 15:

Geneva Annual governing assembly of the World Health Organization. Through May 20.

Oporto, Portugal EU defense, foreign ministers meetings. Through May 16.

Tuesday, May 16:

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic Presidential elections.

Monday, May 22:

Geneva Second session of the Conference on Disarmament. Through June 7.

Belfast, Northern Ireland Deadline for the **Irish Republican Army** and other paramilitary groups to surrender arms.

United Nations Grassroots organizations from around the world attend a "people's millennium assembly," to shape role of United Nations in 21st century. Through May 26.

Wednesday, May 24:

Florence, Italy NATO foreign ministers meeting. Through May 25.

Thursday, May 25:

Lisbon, Portugal EU foreign and trade ministers meet counterparts from a dozen Mediterranean and Middle Eastern nations. Through May 26.

Paramaribo, Suriname General elections.

Tuesday, May 30:

Geneva Annual governing assembly of the International Labor Organization. Through June 15.

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WORLD IN BRIEF

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Peru president stirs storm with re-election bid

Alberto Fujimori, Peru's iron-fisted president, says he will seek a third straight five-year term in next year's elections.

The move came despite a controversy over whether the constitution bars him from re-election.

"I have decided to register my candidacy," Fujimori, 61, said in a televised address. He said his re-election would be the only way to assure that reforms would continue.

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Opposition leaders and constitutional experts denounced his decision, saying it violated the constitution and opened the way for a popular insurgency against an illegal government.

Polls show Fujimori with a wide lead over opponents in the April balloting.

Meanwhile, in Guatemala, a populist lawyer and ally of a former dictator soared to an easy victory in the nation's first presidential election since the nation's long civil war ended in 1986.

Alfonso Portillo of the right-wing Guatemalan Republican Front captured 68 percent of the vote in Sunday's runoff election, while Oscar Berger of President Alvaro Arzu's ruling National Advancement Party received almost 32 percent, according to final results announced Monday. Voter turnout was not quite 41 percent. The constitution barred Arzu from seeking re-election.

Portillo will take office with a strong majority in Congress --- 63 of the 113 legislators are from the Front --- and close ties to the Congress' president-elect, former dictator Efraim Rios Montt.

AFRICA: More peacekeepers urged for Sierra Leone

The U.N. Security Council should expand the U.N. peacekeeping force in Sierra Leone from 6,000 to about 10,000 soldiers because the Nigerian-led West African force is pulling out and a cease-fire is fragile, Secretary-General Kofi Annan said.

ASIA: Japanese railroads on terror alert

WORLD IN BRIEF

Japanese railroad officials and passengers have been urged to exercise extra vigilance after explosions in the past four days have raised fears of millennium terrorism. In the latest incident Monday, a maintenance worker was slightly injured when a device exploded in a locker at a railway station in Urawa, about 13 miles north of Tokyo.

Funeral shooting kills 12 in Pakistan

In Peshawar, Pakistan, a Shiite Muslim gunman opened fire on a funeral procession, killing 12 members of a rival Sunni Muslim group and injuring six others. Police have been deployed outside all Shiite Muslim mosques in the area to prevent retaliatory attacks.

EUROPE: Chechen rebels hold off Russians

Entrenched rebels fiercely defended Chechnya's capital against a faltering Russian offensive and fought to re-establish supply routes connecting Grozny to strategic southern mountains. Russian artillery and jets appeared to scale back their onslaught on the capital as a ground offensive launched Saturday failed to break through rebel positions.

Race track bomb scare forces Britons to flee

Some 20,000 racing fans were safely evacuated from a southern England horse track after a bomb threat from someone claiming to be from a dissident ***Irish Republican Army*** group.

MIDDLE EAST: Israeli airline awarded damages from Iraq

The United Nations commission on compensation for damage during the 1991 Gulf War has ordered Iraq to pay Israel's national airline nearly \$ 7 million. El Al Israel Airlines sued Iraq after Iraq fired 39 Scud missiles at Israel during the war.

THE AMERICAS: Clues to air crash sought in Venezuela

Cuban authorities joined investigators probing the Christmas Day crash of a Cubana de Aviacion airliner in Venezuela that killed all 22 people on board. Investigators were still searching for the plane's flight data recorder, which might hold clues to the cause of the Saturday night crash.

COMING UP

Bahrain's first ***female*** ambassador will take up her post in France next week. Sheika Hayya bin Rashid Khalifa, a lawyer and prominent feminist, said she looks forward to her Paris assignment, which starts Jan. 3.

Graphic

Photo

Volunteers on a French island off the coast of Brittany on Monday clean a beach fouled when an oil tanker broke up and sank. Meanwhile, protesters dumped sea birds killed by the oil at the offices of TotalFina in Paris, blaming the company for the spill. / BOB EDME / Associated Press

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Thatcher's Confidante

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Sir Denis Thatcher, husband and ever-supportive, self-effacing confidante of former British prime minister Margaret Thatcher, died Thursday at age 88, a family spokesperson said.

Thatcher, who had coronary bypass surgery in January and had been hospitalized for several weeks, died at London's Lister Hospital, the spokesperson said.

"His family were with him at his bedside when he died," the spokesperson said.

A tall, well-dressed and wealthy man who was always a step behind his famous wife during her years in power from 1979 to 1990, Thatcher learned to turn the self-effacing remark into a high art. He once described himself as the most "shadowy husband of all time."

AP

Lady Thatcher, 77, suffered a series of small strokes last year that forced her to give up most public speaking engagements.

Before that, she cited her husband's poor health in turning down an invitation to visit the Falkland Islands to mark the 20th anniversary of the 1982 war between Britain and Argentina.

"A great deal will have been lost in her life," said Sir Bernard Ingham, who was Margaret Thatcher's spokesperson when she was in power.

"She's not all that well in herself in terms of loss of memory. Therefore, I don't think she's going to find it easy to recover," Ingham told Sky News TV.

At the age of 80, Denis Thatcher looked back on his marriage and mused, "All I could produce, small as it may be, was love and loyalty."

But he was much more - a sort of national institution in his own right.

To satirists he was an amiable, boozy old buffer, golf-mad and hen-pecked, always trying to sneak off for a "tincture" with chums, and airing vigorously right-wing views.

To his wife, he was the bedrock; the wealthy provider of nannies and expensive boarding schools for their two children; and the love story that made the rest possible.

Thatcher's Confidante

Thatcher was 64 and a retired oil executive when his wife led Britain's Conservative Party to victory and became Europe's first **female** prime minister in May 1979.

He remained by her side through two more national elections, the 1982 Falkland Islands War, a 1984 assassination attempt and extensive foreign travel.

He chatted with the wives of other leaders at summit meetings, and was pushed around, often unrecognized, by crowds mobbing his wife on walking tours from Moscow to English regional cities.

He was still there, waving briskly beside his tearful spouse, as they left the prime minister's 10 Downing St. residence in November 1990 after she was ousted in a party revolt.

A month later he was made a hereditary baronet.

His image came partly from a satirical magazine, Private Eye, which ran spoof letters from Denis Thatcher to a golfing pal, Bill Deedes, now Lord Deedes, former editor of London's Daily Telegraph.

The "Dear Bill" letters were scattered with complaints about "pinkos" at the British Broadcasting Corp., the tedium of another visit with "old Hopalong" (U.S. President Ronald Reagan) and reproofs from "The Boss."

The letters hit some chords.

"There's a lot of Dad in Private Eye," daughter Carol Thatcher once remarked.

John Whittingdale, formerly the prime minister's political secretary, said the Private Eye character "was an awful long way from the real Denis Thatcher, who was an immensely successful businessman and a very sharp operator.

"But he didn't resent the fact that he was portrayed in this way, and occasionally played up to it," Whittingdale said.

After the **Irish Republican Army** blew up the prime minister's hotel during the Conservatives' 1984 party convention in Brighton, wrecking part of the Thatchers' suite and killing five people, Denis Thatcher responded with an English stiff-upper-lip classic.

"It was quite a thump," he said. "You should have seen the bathroom."

Born into an upper-middle-class family, Thatcher took over his grandfather's paint and chemicals company, Atlas Preservatives, after Second World War service as an army officer. His wartime first marriage had ended in divorce.

He met 25-year-old Margaret Roberts in 1950 at a Conservative Party function. They married a year later and their twins, Mark and Carol, were born in 1953.

Thatcher sold the family company in 1965 to Burmah Oil, but remained in the business until he retired.

Graphic

Photo: REUTERS; Margaret Thatcher, and her husband, Denis, arrive at Westminster Abbey recently for a service to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the coronation.

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Unionist Trimble, Sinn Fein Adams meet

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Northern Ireland peace negotiator George Mitchell, the former U.S. senator who brokered last year's Good Friday agreement, brought Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble and Sinn Fein's Gerry Adams together Tuesday for their first face-to-face talks since July. "It is heartening to see Senator Mitchell making headway with the planned meeting," a Northern Ireland Office spokesman in Belfast told United Press International. Trimble and Adams were accompanied by senior aides at the talks at Stormont in Belfast. Hours earlier, Irish political sources were speculating the Ulster Unionist leader might stay away from the negotiations to signal his displeasure both with Sinn Fein and the government. "It's an important meeting, but not a cliffhanger or a litmus test or anything of the kind," said a senior Irish source, discounting speculation on both sides of the divide since Mitchell began his peace bid three weeks ago. Senior Northern Ireland sources told UPI the talks were focused on seeking agreements on decommissioning of paramilitary weapons. When Unionists walked out of the July initiative they argued they could not work with Sinn Fein unless the **Irish Republican Army** surrendered all its weapons. Mitchell remained convinced that progress could be made in the talks, resulting in a much awaited power-sharing that would allow both sides to work together in a devolved executive. He invited the rivals to Stormont after vigorous behind-the-scenes diplomacy in a bid to revive the peace process, stalled since an Anglo-Irish initiative collapsed after a unionist boycott in July.

Irish sources said Mitchell was keeping the Clinton administration briefed about the progress of the talks. Hardliners in the Ulster Unionist Party still oppose a Sinn Fein role in the executive unless the IRA surrenders all weapons. They have also accused the IRA of breaking its cease-fire and condemned Northern Ireland Minister Mo Mowlam for refusing to cite IRA violations. Mitchell is aiming for the decommissioning of weapons by all paramilitary groups on both sides of the Protestant-Catholic divide. Mitchell began his latest round of talks Monday evening with a joint meeting with the representatives of four smaller pro-agreement parties, the Alliance Party, the **Women's** Coalition and the parties linked to loyalist paramilitaries, the Progressive Unionists and the Ulster Democratic Party.

Women's Coalition Assembly member Monica McWilliams told the British Broadcasting Corporation, "Every party must play their part in helping Sinn Fein and the Ulster Unionists overcome their problems and move this process forward. But at the end of the day, those two parties are also going to have to be prepared to help each other." Davy Adams of the Ulster Democratic Party, which is linked to the loyalist Ulster Defense Association paramilitary force, said he believed a solution to the decommissioning deadlock could be found. He told the BBC, "The Ulster Unionists and Sinn Fein must restrain themselves from apportioning blame and work together to overcome their difficulties." Sinn Fein criticized the Ulster Unionists for supporting a legal challenge to Mowlam, begun in the high court Monday, which aims to overturn her verdict that the IRA cease-fire is intact. The court case was brought by a woman, Michelle Williamson, whose parents were killed along with seven other people in 1993 by an IRA bomb that wrecked a fish shop in Belfast. Trimble and two other Unionist members of the British parliament backed the woman's case in court. Williamson was given leave to seek a judicial review. If the court decides in her favor, the

Unionist Trimble, Sinn Fein Adams meet

government could be forced to reverse the IRA ruling. The Times newspaper said a court judgment on the IRA cease-fire could put Mowlam "under immense pressure to exclude Sinn Fein from the talks. " Sinn Fein has said the legal challenge is part of an Ulster Unionist attempt to undermine the Good Friday agreement. Mowlam's office has said she would react vigorously to the challenge, and Irish sources said they are resigned to the possibility that the court proceedings may drag on for months. ---

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Pioneering Troubles work the highlight of Irish visits;

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Body

NO AMERICAN president had ever become involved in mediating the Irish Troubles, but Bill was determined to help work towards a solution - Senator Hillary Clinton writes in her memoirs, published yesterday.

She recalled that the agony of the Omagh bomb "was a reminder of the worthy risks Bill was willing to take for peace around the world".

Hillary said: "Bill spent innumerable hours trying to persuade the Irish, Bosnians, Serbs, Croats, Kosovars, Israelis, Palestinians, Greeks, Turks, Burundians and others to give up past grievances and overcome barriers to peace."

In her book, entitled Living History, she said that of all the trips during the eight years of Bill Clinton's presidency, their first visit to Ireland in 1995 was among the most special.

She remembered that it was on November 28 that year that they embarked on an official trip to England, Ireland, Germany and Spain.

Hillary had first gone to England in 1973 with Bill when they skipped their Yale Law School commencement.

As cash-starved students they flew on student stand-by fares for less than \$100 apiece and stayed in cheap bed and breakfasts or on friends' couches.

"In 1995, however, we were returning to England on Air Force One, driving the streets in an armoured limousine and scheduled to the minute."

According to Hillary Clinton, Bill's relations with prime minister John Major had gotten off to a rocky start when they learned that the British government cooperated with the first Bush administration by attempting to unearth records of Bill's activities in England during the student protests against the Vietnam War.

"No such records existed, but overt meddling in American politics by the Tories was disconcerting.

"Relations were further strained in 1994 when Bill granted a visa to Gerry Adams, the head of Sinn Féin, the political wing of the *Irish Republican Army*.

Pioneering Troubles work the highlight of Irish visits;

"No American president had ever become involved in mediating the Irish Troubles, but Bill was determined to help work toward a solution. There was no doubt that Adams had been somehow involved in IRA activities in the past, and the US State Department agreed with the British government's arguments against granting the visa.

"But the Irish government had decided that dealing with Adams and Sinn Fein made sense. They argued that Bill could play a role in creating an environment conducive to peace negotiations.

"In this case and others, Bill was willing to take political risks to demonstrate that you don't make peace with your friends and you can't make peace with your enemies unless you're willing to talk to them. He decided to grant the visa, and his bet paid off, " she said.

Of that trip to Ireland, Hillary said that Bill was proud of his Irish ancestry through his mother, a Cassidy.

Their daughter Chelsea "fell in love with Irish folk tales when she was a little girl." She first saw Ireland in 1994 in the middle of the night at Shannon airport during a refuelling stop on a flight to Russia.

Hillary writes: "Chelsea asked if she could go out into the field and touch Irish soil. I watched as she picked up some sod and put it in a bottle to take home."

One of Bill and Chelsea's favourite books was Thomas Cahill's How the Irish Saved Civilization, which Bill gave to friends and colleagues.

She said: "Yet except for the stopovers at Shannon airport, none of us had been to Ireland, north or south.

"Now we felt the emotional resonance of the beautiful traditional Gaelic greeting - Cead Mile Failte - one hundred thousand welcomes."

Their first stop in Belfast was the Mackie textile machinery plant, "one of the few in Northern Ireland that successfully integrated Catholic and Protestant employees in its workforce".

Hillary also recalls her meeting with women's leaders from the peace movement.

At the Lamplighter Traditional Fish and Chip restaurant she met 65-year-old Joyce McCartan, "a remarkable woman who had founded the Women's Information Drop-in Centre in 1987 after her 17-year-old son was shot dead by Protestant gunmen".

She had lost more than a dozen family members to violence. Joyce and other women had set up the center as a safe house, a place for women of both religions to convene and talk over their needs and fears. The First Lady was presented with an ordinary stainless steel teapot during this visit and "used that dented teapot every day in the small family kitchen at the White House".

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Today is Monday, May 19, the 139th day of 2003. There are 226 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1535 - Jacques Cartier sails from St. Malo on his second voyage to Canada, to explore the St. Lawrence River and discover the future site of Montreal.

1554 - France's King Henry II invades the Netherlands.

1585 - English shipping in Spanish ports is confiscated, serving as declaration of war on England.

1588 - The Spanish Armada sets sail for England; it is soundly defeated by the English fleet the following August.

1649 - England is declared a republic after King Charles I is executed by parliamentarians.

1792 - Russia invades Poland at the behest of Polish conservatives, resulting in the second partition of Poland.

1881 - The American Red Cross is founded by Clara Barton.

1897 - Armistice ends Thirty Days' War, with Greece conceding defeat to newly modernized Turkish army.

1898- Postcards are first authorized by the U.S. Post Office.

1900 - The Tonga Islands in the South Pacific become a British protectorate; the world's longest railroad tunnel, the 19-kilometer (12-mile) long Simplon Tunnel opens. The Tunnel links Switzerland to Italy through the Alps.

1916 - Britain introduces Daylight Savings Time, originally called "summer time."

1930 - White women are enfranchised in South Africa.

1935 - T.E. Lawrence, also known as "Lawrence of Arabia," dies in England from injuries sustained in a motorcycle crash.

1943 - In an address to the U.S. Congress, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill pledges his country's full support in the war against Japan.

Monday, May 19

1962 - Actress Marilyn Monroe performs a steamy rendition of "Happy Birthday" for U.S. President John F. Kennedy during a fund-raiser at New York's Madison Square Garden.

1964 - The U.S. State Department discloses that 40 hidden microphones had been found in the U.S. Embassy in Moscow.

1967 - The Soviet Union ratifies a treaty with the United States and Britain banning nuclear weapons from outer space.

1973 - Soviet Union and West Germany sign 10-year agreement calling for economic, industrial and technical cooperation.

1981 - Five British soldiers are killed in ambush by **Irish Republican Army** in Newry, Northern Ireland.

1990 - U.S. Secretary of State James Baker says all major obstacles to U.S.-Soviet nuclear arms agreement have been cleared.

1991 - Thousands of protesters wielding pipes battle riot police for more than 12 hours in Kwangju, South Korea, in fiercest fighting in three weeks of anti-government protests.

1992 - Pro-democracy protests break out across Thailand despite a bloody government crackdown on demonstrators in the capital. Hundreds disappear at the hands of soldiers in a month of rioting.

1993 - Colombian jetliner crashes near Medellin, killing 132.

1994 - Kamuzu Banda of Malawi, with 30 years at the helm Africa's longest ruling dictator, concedes defeat to Bakili Muluzi in the country's first multiparty election.

1995 - In Sarajevo, government troops burn Serb houses in the northwest and Serbs destroy a Croatian church to the east.

1996 - French troops move into downtown Bangui, Central African Republic, to help quell an army uprising.

1997 - More than 350 people are killed when a cyclone sweeps coastal Bangladesh.

1998 - Indonesian students storm the Parliament in Jakarta, demanding President Suharto's resignation.

1999 - Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic accepts "principles" of a Kosovo peace plan while NATO jets bomb Belgrade suburbs.

2000 - Masked men storm Fiji's parliament and seize the island's prime minister, his Cabinet ministers and lawmakers of the ruling coalition. The coup leader claims the coalition discriminated against ethnic Fijians.

2001 - The World Health Organization adopts diluted proposal on wider international access to cheap HIV/AIDS drugs. The WHO urges tackling the epidemic instead.

2002 - Senior U.S. government officials predict another major terrorist attack against the U.S. on a par with that of September 11 is inevitable.

Today's Birthdays:

Nellie Melba, Australian opera singer (1861-1931); Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, the founder of modern Turkey (1881-1938); King Faisal I, first king of independent Iraq (1883-1933); Ho Chi Minh, Vietnamese Communist leader and president of North Vietnam (1890-1969); Pol Pot, Cambodian communist leader (1925 or 1928-1998); Pete Townshend, British rock singer-composer of The Who (1945--); Glenn Close, U.S. actress (1947--); Grace Jones, Jamaican-born singer-actress (1952--).

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N.Ireland Party Refuses Nominations

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

Northern Ireland's major Protestant party today refused to nominate ministers for the new provincial administration here, a long-delayed decision that threw years of peacemaking efforts into disarray. The Ulster Unionists refused even to attend today's session of Belfast's year-old legislature. The legislature last year elected Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble to lead a four-party, 12-member Cabinet, the core institution envisaged in last year's Good Friday peace accord. But Trimble's party is refusing to support any administration that includes the IRA-linked Sinn Fein party, until the **Irish Republican Army** starts to disarm.

U.S. Launching Mideast Peace Drive

WASHINGTON (AP)

President Clinton today is launching a new U.S. drive for Mideast peacemaking, looking to Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak for a formula to reopen negotiations with the Palestinians and to affirm he will give up West Bank land to them. Clinton is holding to the idea that Israel's security depends on land-for-peace accords with all the Arabs. And from Barak the president hopes to hear that the stalled agreement to yield an additional 13.1 percent of the territory will be implemented soon.

Clinton To Meet Columbine Students

WASHINGTON (AP)

As the battle over gun measures enters a new phase on Capitol Hill, President Clinton today will discuss gun control efforts with students from Colorado's Columbine High. Lawmakers are trying to reconcile a Senate-passed juvenile justice bill with a House version that lacks Clinton-backed gun measures. Twelve students and a teacher were killing in April shooting rampage at Columbine High. Clinton, who visited Littleton in May, says the deaths caused a sea change in America's attitudes toward gun control. After their White House session, the students plan to go to Capitol Hill to lobby lawmakers.

Rugova Returns to Kosovo From Exile

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP)

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Kosovo Albanian political leader Ibrahim Rugova made his long-awaited return from wartime exile today in what will be a test of whether he has the power to unify Kosovo Albanians and temper their desire for vengeance. After he crossed into the province from neighboring Macedonia, a crowd of about 500 people waved flags and flowers and cheered "Rugova! Rugova!" Asked whether he was returning as president Rugova was elected twice in ballots not recognized by the Yugoslav government he put his arms in the air and said: "Yes. I am still president."

Iran Protesters Dragged Away

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)

Pro-democracy student protesters were tied hand-and-foot and dragged from a huge rally called by Iranian hard-liners, the Neshat daily reported today. The newspaper quoted Ali Afshari, a leader of weeklong pro-democracy demonstrations, as saying that the whereabouts of several of his fellow students were not known, the newspaper said. Tehran television, controlled by hard-liners, said at least a million people attended the rally. Witnesses estimated 100,000 people participated. Streets near Tehran University were quiet today for the first time since protests began July 9.

China's Military Threatens Taiwan

BEIJING (AP)

China's military today threatened to use force against Taiwan if President Lee Teng-hui declares independence on the island. In a sharply worded commentary run in newspapers nationwide, the military's newspaper, the Liberation Army Daily, said the armed forces stood ready to enforce a long-standing government policy to attack Taiwan, if need be, to uphold China's claim to the island. The commentary echoed warnings delivered yesterday and carried in newspapers today by Defense Minister Chi Haotian.

Japanese Stocks Finish Higher

TOKYO (AP)

Japanese stocks finished moderately higher today with the Nikkei gaining 74.00 points to close at 18,431.86.

West Wins 1st WNBA All-Star Game

NEW YORK (AP)

The Western Conference stars defeated the Eastern Conference 79-61 in the first-ever WNBA All-Star game. Lisa Leslie was named the game's MVP, while rookie sensation Chamique Holdsclaw suffered a chip fracture on her left index finger. The crowd of 18,645 included Garden courtside regular Spike Lee and five members of the U.S. women's World Cup soccer championship team.

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Slow handover of KLA arms worries NATO

Failure of the Kosovo Liberation Army to turn in a sufficient number of its heavy weapons, including mortars and anti-tank and anti-aircraft guns, has forced NATO commanders to extend the deadline for compliance with a disarmament agreement to Saturday.

NATO officials said it was apparent that the rebel commanders had hidden large stockpiles, and peacekeepers fear growing divisions among rebel leaders could lead to factional fighting.

They are also concerned by continuing attacks against Serb civilians remaining in Kosovo. An estimated 80,000 of the 200,000 Serb residents have left the Yugoslav province since the NATO peace force was deployed in June.

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EUROPE

Yugoslavia cuts aid worker sentences

A military court in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, reduced the prison sentences of three aid workers charged with spying for NATO, but denied international requests for their release, the private Glas newspaper reported Thursday. Steve Pratt's sentence of 12 years in prison was lowered to eight, while Peter Wallace's four-year term was slashed to one. The two worked for CARE Australia. The term of Yugoslav CARE worker Branko Jelen, sentenced with the Australians, was reduced from six years to three, the newspaper reported. The three were sentenced in May after being convicted of gathering and passing on sensitive military information.

London, Moscow signal new warmth

Declaring a new era of cooperation, Britain and Russia on Thursday traded material about the assassination of the last czar for belongings of British troops captured in World War II. Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov, ending a two-day visit to London, also said the international community must provide reconstruction aid to Yugoslavia. Britain maintains that Yugoslavia --- apart from Kosovo --- deserves no war reparations.

Britain fails to budge N. Ireland rivals

The key antagonists in the deadlock over forming a government in Northern Ireland met separately Thursday with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, but neither ceded ground. Gerry Adams, leader of IRA-allied Sinn Fein, accused the province's largest Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, of continuing to "ride roughshod" over last year's peace

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MIDDLE EAST

Israeli peace effort gains momentum

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THE AMERICAS

Women in Mexico send men a message

Housewives throughout Mexico took off their aprons and rested Thursday in a quiet protest against the macho culture that they say dominates Latino households. In Mexico City, where massive protests clog streets almost daily, homemakers simply stopped doing the laundry and cleaning the house and refused to go shopping. The daylong boycott captured public attention in a country where many husbands carry on brazen affairs, **women** often seek their husbands' approval to go to school, and **women** are regularly fired from jobs for getting pregnant.

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Photo

A Bangladeshi girl fills pots with drinking water Thursday in the Manikgonj district, 25 miles north of Dhaka. Monsoon rains have flooded hundreds of villages in the last two weeks, leaving 19 people dead and nearly 1 million homeless or marooned. Weather forecasters are warning that more rain is on the way. / PAVEL RAHMAN / Associated Press

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U.S. Sees Serb Threat to Montenegro

WASHINGTON (AP)

Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic and his army are threatening Montenegro with the presence of some 40,000 troops, four times the normal strength in the republic, the Clinton administration said today. State Department spokesman James Foley said the troops were a threat to the democratically elected government of President Milo Djukanovic. The smaller of Yugoslavia's two republics behind much stronger and larger Serbia, Montenegro has staked out an independent course from Belgrade, thereby pleasing the Clinton administration.

Anti-Gov't Rally Erupts in Serb City

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP)

Thousands of Serbs in the northern city of Novi Sad clamored Friday night for President Slobodan Milosevic to resign the second, large anti-government demonstration to erupt in Yugoslavia this week. Novi Sad was heavily bombed during the 78-day NATO air campaign. Three Danube River bridges in Novi Sad were destroyed and much of its infrastructure was damaged. Leaders of NATO countries that bombed Yugoslavia have refused to help rebuild the country while Milosevic remains in power.

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BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

Negotiations on a new government for Northern Ireland failed Friday, prompting the British and Irish prime ministers to launch an alternative plan to jump-start the government in the next 16 days. However, serious doubts remained that the plan devised by Britain's Tony Blair and Ireland's Bertie Ahern could ever get off the ground, since key parties in Northern Ireland did not endorse it. The talks this week stumbled over the long-running issue of disarming the ***Irish Republican Army***.

Barak Calls Arafat To Discuss Peace

JERUSALEM (AP)

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Prime Minister-elect Ehud Barak broke weeks of silence on peace issues Friday with a friendly telephone call to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. With his government due to take office next week, Barak told Arafat he would take up the mantle of slain Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to restore confidence in the stalled negotiations and bring peace to the region, his office said. The two leaders agreed to meet soon after Barak takes office, expected on July 7.

UN OK's Population Growth Proposals

UNITED NATIONS (AP)

Delegates from 180 countries Friday approved proposals to slow world population growth including calls for giving women greater access to abortion and adolescents to sex education. Approval came despite reservations from a few conservative countries and the Vatican. But women's groups hailed the agreement as a giant advance beyond what was agreed to at the landmark 1994 U.N. population conference in Cairo because it compels governments to take action to increase and improve access to reproductive health care.

Study: Fewer People Getting Married

NEWARK, N.J. (AP)

Marriage has weakened as an institution in the United States, with fewer people saying "I do" than at any time in the nation's history, according to a study. Moreover, fewer people who tie the knot report being "very happy" in their marriages, according to the study released yesterday by the National Marriage Project at Rutgers University. The study found that the national marriage rate has dropped 43 percent over the past four decades to its lowest point ever.

Second Quake Shakes West

SATSOP, Wash. (AP)

The second sharp earthquake in two days jolted an area from Oregon to British Columbia Friday night, toppling chimneys and rupturing gas and water mains. At least four people were injured. The quake, which hit at 6:43 p.m., was estimated at magnitude 5.5 by the U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colo. "This is essentially the biggest earthquake in this region since 1965," said Steve Malone, a University of Washington seismologist.

Stevenson Has Day To Remember

WIMBLEDON, England (AP)

Alexandra Stevenson's life changed forever today when she made history at Wimbledon and basketball great Julius Erving told the world he is her father. The 18-year-old Stevenson beat Jelena Dokic to become the first qualifier to reach the women's semis. Two hours later, Erving confirmed a report he was her father. As for the men, Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi advanced to the semifinals and a possible all-American clash for the title on Sunday.

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North Korea walked out of landmark talks with the rival South on Tuesday, warning it would stay away until the South apologized for a naval clash last week. The ultimatum by Pyongyang's chief negotiator came after talks finally got under way in Beijing. It appeared to signal the collapse of the second attempt to settle the emotional issue of reuniting families divided since the Korean War from 1950-53. The meeting between vice foreign ministers of each country lasted just 90 minutes and focused entirely on last week's naval clash, officials said. The head of the North Korean delegation, Pak Yong Su, said the North would not attend more talks until the South admitted responsibility for the clash and apologized. South Korean gunboats sank a North Korean torpedo vessel in the Yellow Sea. The meeting was also marred by the detention of a South Korean tourist in North Korea, which has accused her of spying.

IRISH PEACE: British Prime Minister Tony Blair, warned by Northern Ireland's Protestant leader not to give in on the issue of IRA weapons, said he is still fully committed to the decommissioning of guerrilla arms. David Trimble, leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, accused Blair of losing touch with the

Protestant pro-British majority in an article in *The Times*. "People in Northern Ireland, who last year believed him, are now beginning to lose faith," Trimble wrote. Blair has set a deadline of June 30 for rival Northern Ireland politicians to break a deadlock over guerrilla disarmament.

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PHOTO, B/W, AP; Ring of fire: Smoke spews from the cone of the Mayon volcano in the Philippines, about 210 miles southeast of Manila.

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Today is Sunday, March 9, the 68th day of 2003. There are 297 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1566 - David Rizzo, confidential secretary to Mary Queen of Scots, is murdered.

1661 - Cardinal Mazarin dies in France and King Louis XIV begins personal rule.

1715 - Portugal ratifies Peace of Utrecht, ending its war with Spain.

1796 - Napoleon Bonaparte, the future emperor of France, marries Josephine de Beauharnais.

1822 - Artificial teeth are patented by Charles Graham of New York City.

1846 - Treaty of Lahore ends first Sikh War in India, whereby Britain gains additional territory.

1860 - After centuries of isolation and years of delicate negotiations, Japan establishes diplomatic relations with the United States. The event is marked by Japanese ambassador Niimi Buzennokami's arrival in San Francisco.

1905 - Japan defeats Russian forces at Mukden.

1916 - Mexican rebel Francisco Villa attacks Columbus, a town in the U.S. state of New Mexico, setting off a punitive U.S. invasion of Mexico. It is the last time foreign troops invade the continental U.S.

1919 - Britain deports Egyptian independence leader Saad Zaghlul to Malta. Britain grants Egypt nominal independence in 1922.

1933 - Congress, called into special session by President Franklin Roosevelt, begins its 100 days of enacting New Deal legislation.

1942 - Japanese complete conquest of Dutch island of Java in Indonesia during World War II.

1945 - U.S. B-29 bombers launch incendiary bomb attacks against Japan, killing 80,000 people and leaves one million homeless in Tokyo.

1959 - Unsuccessful army revolt ends in Mosul, Iraq.

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1964 - Fighting breaks out in Ktima, Cyprus.

1969 - Lt. Gen. Moneim Riad, chief of staff of Egypt's armed forces, is killed during Israeli-Egyptian gun battle across Suez Canal.

1970 - United States declines to recognize new white-ruled Republic of Rhodesia, and closes consulate in that African nation.

1976 - Cable car plunges to ground near northern Italian city of Trento, killing 42 skiers.

1987 - Iran accuses Iraq of using chemical bombs in war.

1990 - Two Germanys begin preliminary reunification talks.

1991 - Yugoslav military moves into Belgrade with dozens of tanks after thousands of anti-communist rebels clash with police in fierce street battles, leaving at least two people dead.

1992 - A demonstration against Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic and the war in Croatia gathers 50,000 people in Belgrade.

1993 - The first U.S. airdrop of food lands in Gorazde, a Bosnian town besieged by Serbs.

1994 - **Irish Republican Army** launches first of a series of mortar attacks on Heathrow Airport in London.

1995 - The United States and its allies sign a deal to supply North Korea with two nuclear reactors.

1996 - Socialist Jorge Sampaio is sworn in as Portugal's new president.

1997 - Albanian President Sali Berisha agrees to his biggest concession yet to quell the stubborn rebellion in southern Albania - a broad coalition government and new elections.

1998 - A Bosnian Serb pleads guilty to a crime against humanity for raping four Muslim **women** in 1992, resulting in the first rape conviction at the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands.

1999 - In the first visit by an Iranian president to a Western nation since the 1979 revolution, Mohammad Khatami arrives in Italy for a three-day visit, including an audience with the pope.

2000 - Fire sweeps through a locked dormitory at a high school in the South Pacific nation of Tuvalu, killing 18 teenage girls and their supervisor.

2001 - Ethnic Albanian rebels attack Macedonian forces near a northern village, trapping senior government officials in a remote area despite U.S. moves to cut the flow of supplies to the insurgents from Kosovo.

2002 - David Trimble, first minister of Northern Ireland, calls for a referendum on whether the province should remain part of Britain, as advocated by unionists, who are mostly Protestant; or merge with the Republic of Ireland, as desired by Roman Catholic nationalists.

Today's Birthdays:

Amerigo Vespucci, Italian explorer for whom America is named (1451-1512); Ornette Coleman, U.S. jazz musician (1930--); Yuri Gagarin, Soviet cosmonaut, first man in space (1934-1968); Raul Julia, Puerto Rican actor (1940-1994); Charles Gibson, U.S. journalist (1943--); Juliette Binoche, French actress (1964--); Emmanuel Lewis, U.S. actor (1971--).

Thought For Today:

It is the nature of man to rise to greatness if greatness is expected of him - John Steinbeck, American author (1902-1968).

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NATO Steps Up Air Attacks on Serbs

WASHINGTON (AP)

The Pentagon is sending five B-1 bombers and additional radar-evading jets to Europe for intensified NATO airstrikes on Serb troops. A Pentagon spokesman said the planes will target troops and military vehicles. But he said that the Yugoslav military is widely dispersed in mountainous terrain, making for difficult targets. NATO has promised to continue airstrikes until Yugoslavia's military can't continue routing the ethnic Albanians in Kosovo or until President Slobodan Milosevic agrees to sign a peace agreement granting ethnic Albanians autonomy in the province. Meanwhile, a Yugoslav official for the first time acknowledged that atrocities by Yugoslav troops in Kosovo may be occurring.

Russia Premier Meets With Milosevic

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)

Russian Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov is in the Yugoslav capital to meet with President Slobodan Milosevic and push for a diplomatic solution to the Kosovo crisis. Russia has been a vocal opponent of the NATO airstrikes on Serb targets. In Moscow, Russian President Boris Yeltsin said the attacks violate international law, but said his country will not get involved militarily. He also said he doesn't want the crisis to undermine relations with the United States.

Blair Calls for Trust in N.Ireland

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

British Prime Minister Tony Blair appealed today for Northern Ireland's rival politicians to overcome their differences and form a coalition government. The Protestant-Catholic government is the linchpin of the nearly year-old peace accord. Blair called Protestant demands for **Irish Republican Army** disarmament before the government can be formed "a dispute that goes to the heart of the agreement, because it is about trust. Without trust between the parties, this agreement isn't going to work." The accord calls for the IRA to finish disarming in cooperation with an international commission by May 2000, but specifies no starting point.

Four Teens Killed in Texas Shooting

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ABILENE, Texas (AP)

Four teen-age girls were shot to death and a man was wounded at a duplex last night, and authorities are searching for a car seen speeding from the scene. Police described the scene as "very, very gruesome" and said it appeared some of the women might have been trying to escape. Police had no motive for the killings.

Death Toll in India Quake at 110

BIYASI, India (AP)

Rescue workers are searching today for survivors and more victims of yesterday's powerful earthquake in the lower Himalayas that left at least 110 people dead. In Chamoli, the devastated town near the epicenter, residents and army engineers pulled survivors and corpses from under collapsed homes and shops. Soldiers were breaking up concrete slabs with power tools, while townspeople dug with shovels and their bare hands.

Japan Jobless Rate Hits Record High

TOKYO (AP)

A shrinking economy and spreading layoffs drove Japan's jobless rate to a record 4.6 percent last month, jumping sharply from January and swelling the ranks of jobless to a historical 3.1 million. The figures come as Japan is battling its deepest economic slowdown in 50 years. The government has pumped billions of dollars into the economy in an all-out campaign to prod consumers to spend. A major factor behind spreading joblessness is corporate restructuring.

Tokyo Stock Prices Fall

TOKYO (AP)

Tokyo stocks fell today as concerns about Japan's weak economy overpowered the record close overnight for the Dow Jones industrial average. The Nikkei lost 149.72 points to close at 15,859.12.

UConn Beats Duke 77-74

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)

Richard Hamilton scored 27 points and Ricky Moore made two key stops in the waning seconds as Connecticut won its first NCAA men's basketball title with a 77-74 victory over Duke last night. The loss ended Duke's 32-game winning streak, kept the Blue Devils from an NCAA record for wins in a season, and prevented them from ending the '90s with a third national crown.

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Storm Spreads Misery Across East

CHICAGO (AP)

The misery created by the huge winter storm stretched into a third day today with frustrated air travelers still waiting for flights, highways slippery or clogged by snow and thousands of customers with no electricity. Hundreds of school districts canceled classes from Iowa to Ohio and in parts of New England. Police counted scores of accidents on ice-covered roads from Maine to South Carolina, and some Indiana roads were simply closed. At least 49 deaths had been blamed on the huge snow and ice storm. United Airlines canceled 60 percent of its flights out of Chicago yesterday, and American Airlines canceled at least half.

Ashcroft May Not Run in 2000 Race

WASHINGTON (AP)

Sen. John Ashcroft, R-Mo., a conservative former governor who spent the last year laying the groundwork for a presidential campaign, may be getting cold feet. Several supporters and Republican operatives said over the weekend that they believe he will not run for president. Ashcroft is scheduled to announce his intentions tomorrow. At the same time, Elizabeth Dole, wife of 1996 Republican presidential nominee Bob Dole, plans to resign today as president of the American Red Cross in what supporters hope will set the stage for her own run for the White House in 2000.

Kosovo Rebels Outline Their Demands

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP)

Rebel fighters outlined their vision of Kosovo's future today, saying the province must be free from Serbia's rule and the rebels recognized as a regular army. Kosovo is an overwhelmingly ethnic Albanian province in Serbia, the dominant republic in Yugoslavia. The Serbian government refuses to grant the province more than limited self-rule, while ethnic Albanians insist on independence. Until 1989, Kosovo enjoyed broad autonomy, which Serbia then revoked. The Serbian government was expected to reject the KLA demands.

Suspects in Omagh Attack Identified

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

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The detective leading the investigation into Northern Ireland's worst terrorist attack says he has identified key members of the IRA dissident gang responsible but does not yet have enough evidence to convict them, a newspaper reported today. Police have been working to capture the renegade ***Irish Republican Army*** members behind the Aug. 15 car bombing in Omagh that killed 29 people and wounded 370. The IRA dissidents, dubbed the Real IRA by Irish media because they refuse to use a different name, oppose the July 1997 cease-fire being observed by the parent organization.

Report: Priest Tortured in China

VATICAN CITY (AP)

A Roman Catholic priest in China was arrested, imprisoned and tortured by police, the Vatican missionary news service said today. Police arrested the Rev. Li Qinghua in November in Guan, a town in Hebei province in northern China, the news agency said. Li was interrogated by a police unit that included ***female*** agents who molested him and tried to force him to have sexual intercourse, the agency said. Authorities videotaped the episode to try to blackmail Li, the agency said.

13 Die in India Slum Fire

NEW DELHI, India (AP)

A fire swept through a densely populated slum in southern India today, killing 13 people, news agencies reported. Eight of the victims were children, the Press Trust of India reported. More than 300 huts were gutted in the fire.

Dow Gains About 120

NEW YORK (AP)

Stocks were higher this afternoon on the first day of trading in 1999, as computer stocks topped their blowout performance of last month. Just before 1 p.m. EST, the Dow industrials were up 118.44 points to 9,299.87. Advancing issues on the New York Stock Exchange led decliners 1,830-1,220. The Nasdaq was up 36.87 to 2,229.56.

Hewitt, Enqvist Win in Australia

ADELAIDE, Australia (AP)

Defending champion Lleyton Hewitt of Australia upset Nicolas Kiefer of Germany and second seed Thomas Enqvist overcame early nerves today to beat Mark Woodforde in first-round matches at the Australian men's hardcourt tennis championships, a warmup for the Australian Open. In earlier matches, Australians Jason Stoltenberg, Scott Draper and Michael Tebbutt won their first-round matches. Top seed Patrick Rafter plays his first match tomorrow.

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**Boy in skirts faces IRA bombs in London;
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Breakfast on Pluto

- By: Patrick McCabe.

- Publisher: HarperCollins, 202 pages, \$ 22.

- Review: Set in London in the 1970s during a time of frequent IRA bombings, this tells the story of Patrick (Pussy) Braden, a transgender prostitute from a small Irish border town. As he did in "The Butcher Boy," McCabe will wring your heart with his love-starved, damaged protagonist.

- Author reading: 8 p.m. Jan. 20 at the Hungry Mind Bookstore, 1648 Grand Av., St. Paul.

At first, "Breakfast on Pluto" seems nothing like Patrick McCabe's earlier novels: "Carn," the saga of an Irish border town nearly destroyed by the Troubles, or "The Butcher Boy," his heartbreaking story of an abused and murderous boy in a small Irish town in the 1950s.

"Breakfast on Pluto," which was short-listed for this year's Booker Prize, is set in London in the 1970s. It's the first-person story of Patrick (Pussy) Braden, a sassy transgender prostitute who plies her trade in Picadilly Circus. Pussy comes from an Irish border town, but she's not interested in politics or the **Irish Republican Army**; her gushy memoirs are peppered with exclamation points, but only when she's writing about men or clothes.

Pussy's mother was a young Irish girl, a dead ringer for actress Mitzi Gaynor, and her father was the village priest, a man who saw his opportunity and took it. The result was Pussy, whose young mom packed the baby neatly in an empty detergent box and left it on a doorstep before disappearing.

Pussy grows up, discovers **women**'s clothes and takes up with Eamon, a married politician. After Eamon is murdered by the IRA, Pussy takes off for London, hoping not just for a sugar daddy, but for true love: "Perhaps she might meet Sergeant Rock or Captain Yum Yum Be-My-Girl-For-Ever! And if the risk was not worth that, then life, she whispered to herself, it simply was not worth the living."

It's not clear, though, if Pussy's sad life really is worth living. She goes through man after man, pluckily looking for love, searching for her mother, plotting vengeance against her father and the church. Increasingly, as with Francie Brady in "The Butcher Boy," her grip on reality loosens and her vivid fantasy life takes over.

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As that happens, the gadabout narrative begins to reveal familiar McCabe themes: the brutal waste of the unrelenting Troubles; the sad vulnerability of such damaged children as Pussy and Francie; the evil arrogance of the church.

As London explodes with IRA bombs, it seems Pussy might be planting some of them. It's hard to know; the line between fantasy and reality gets hopelessly blurred.

She's dancing with a soldier in a London disco when the place blows up - a horrifying scene told with such gaiety and verve that you have to go back and re-read it. This is vintage McCabe, this casual way the most terrible events drop into the middle of a benign, everyday scene:

"The short-haired squaddie whispering in her ear: 'You fancy a drink of summat [something]? ' Puss coughing a little to summon up the courage to whisper, squeaky-voiced: 'Oh, yes!' and look into his eyes when one part of his head went to the left, the other part to the right and the brains which were inside to the floor pouring out like scrambled egg."

One of McCabe's most remarkable skills is his ability to induce compassion for the unlikeliest people. Pussy will break your heart with her desperate need for love and her self-destructive ways, just as Francie did in "The Butcher Boy."

"You must learn to forgive," a friend tells her. "For if you don't, you know what will happen? It will destroy you."

With the unsentimental, unyielding McCabe in charge, however, you know forgiveness is much less likely than destruction.

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Today is Friday, Nov. 8, the 312th day of 2002. There are 53 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1519 - Spanish conqueror Hernan Cortez reaches Mexico City with his small Spanish force and 1,000 Tlaxcaltec allies. The Aztecs, believing he is an incarnation of the Aztec god Quetzalcoatl, receive him with great honor.

1520 - Swedes loyal to Denmark's king Christian II execute over 80 political opponents in the central square in "the blood bath of Stockholm."

1620 - Catholic League under Count Tilly defeats army of Frederick of Bohemia at the Battle of White Mountain near Prague.

1793 - The Louvre Museum in Paris opens to public.

1892 - Former U.S. President Grover Cleveland beats incumbent Benjamin Harrison and became the first (and, to date, only) U.S. president to win nonconsecutive terms in the White House.

1895 - Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen, German physicist, discovers X-rays.

1917 - Vladimir I. Lenin becomes chief commissar in Russia and Leon Trotsky is named premier.

1923 - Adolf Hitler stages unsuccessful coup in Munich, Germany, that comes to be known as the "Beer-Hall Putsch."

1932 - New York Governor Franklin Delano Roosevelt is elected U.S. president.

1933 - U.S. President Roosevelt creates the Civil Works Administration, designed to create jobs for more than four million unemployed.

1942 - U.S. and British troops land in French North Africa during World War II.

1950 - First battle between jet planes breaks out as U.S. fighters are attacked by North Korean MiGs near Yalu River in Korean conflict.

1956 - U.N. General Assembly demands that Soviet troops withdraw from Hungary.

Friday, November 8

1960 - Massachusetts Sen. John F. Kennedy defeats Vice President Richard M. Nixon for the U.S. presidency

1966 - Italian city of Florence appeals to the world to help save art treasures damaged by floods; Edward W. Brooke of Massachusetts becomes the first black to be elected to the U.S. Senate by popular vote.

1977 - Israel shells Palestinian guerrilla concentrations in southern Lebanon.

1987 - A bomb planted by the **Irish Republican Army** kills 11 people and injures 55 at a memorial service for Britain's war dead in Enniskillen, Northern Ireland.

1988 - Nearly 9,000 foreign tourists are evacuated from Sri Lanka beach resorts after Sinhalese extremists threaten to attack south coast hotels.

1989 - Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega offers to end arms imports to his country in exchange for demobilization of Contra rebels.

1990 - U.S. President George Bush orders 200,000 more U.S. troops to the Gulf; United States readies U.N. resolution that would authorize an attack on Iraq.

1991 - The European Community and Canada impose economic sanctions on Yugoslavia in an attempt to stop the Balkan civil war.

1992 - U.S. Senator Bob Dole calls for an investigation into the action of the Iran-contra special prosecutor's office in connection with the indictment of former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, who was charged with making false statements to Congress.

1993 - Russian President Boris Yeltsin approves a draft constitution that will give him increased powers at the parliament's expense.

1994 - France arrests 95 people in its biggest sweep against Islamic militants.

1995 - Russia agrees to have peacekeeping troops in Bosnia report to an American division instead of having them directly under NATO command, which the Russians resisted.

1996 - U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali calls for an international military force to aid and protect a million refugees caught in a civil war in Zaire, but is blocked by the United States in the Security Council.

1997 - Chinese engineers divert the Yangtze River from its natural course, clearing way for the construction of the enormous Three Gorges dam.

1998 - In Bangladesh, 15 former military commanders are sentenced to death for the 1975 assassination of the country's first prime minister.

1999 - Israel's national airline graduates its first Arab flight attendant in nearly a decade, several months after it came under attack for discriminating against Arabs.

2000 - Fusako Shigenobu, a Japanese revolutionary responsible for terrorist massacres in Israel and Italy, is arrested in Japan after decades on the run.

2001 - The discovery of eight remains- five skeletons and the partially clad bodies of three young **women**- in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico ignites fear that the series of 57 rape-murders did not end in the 1990s.

Today's Birthdays:

Edmund Halley, British astronomer (1656-1742); John Milton, English poet (1608-1674); Hermann Rorschach, Swiss psychiatrist (1884-1922); Margaret Mitchell, U.S. author (1900-1949); Katharine Hepburn, U.S. actress (1907-); Alain Delon, French actor (1932--); Mary Hart, U.S. television host (1950-).

Friday, November 8

Thought For Today:

Man is born to live, not to prepare for life - Boris Pasternak, Russian author (1890-1960).

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Prep-Today in History

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Body

Today is October 23rd.

Today's highlights in history:

On this date in 1958, 74 miners died after a deep underground explosion wrecked the Number Two Cumberland coal mine at Springhill, Nova Scotia. One-hundred survived the disaster, which occurred in the deepest coal mine in North America. Twelve men were brought to the surface alive on October 30th, and seven more were found alive on November 1st. The last body was recovered from the mine on November 6th.

On this date in 1993, the Toronto Blue Jays became the first team to win the World Series on Canadian soil. Joe Carter's three-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning gave Toronto an 8-6 win over Philadelphia. The defending champions won the series four games to two.

CP

Also on this date:

In 1837, the Lower Canada Rebellion of 1837 broke out in St-Charles, Quebec.

In 1847, telegraph service was opened from Montreal to Albany and New York City.

In 1874, Harvard beat McGill in the first intercollegiate football game in Canada.

In 1910, Blanche S. Scott became the first woman to make a solo, public airplane flight. She reached an altitude of four metres over a park in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

In 1924, Ontarians narrowly voted to maintain Prohibition in the province. It lasted from 1916 until 1927.

In 1942, during the Second World War, a British-led force launched a major offensive against Axis forces at El Alamein (el ah-lah-MAYN') in Egypt. The key African battle of the Second World War ended in an Allied victory on November 4th.

In 1950, University of Toronto researchers announced the development of an electronic heart pacemaker.

Also in 1950, entertainer Al Jolson, who starred in the first full-length talking movie, died at 66.

In 1952, Canadians in Korea fought their heaviest battle of the Korean war on Little Gibraltar Hill.

Prep-Today in History

In 1956, students and workers in Budapest, Hungary began an unsuccessful revolt against the Soviet Union.

In 1958, Soviet poet-novelist Boris Pasternak, author of "Doctor Zhivago," was awarded the Nobel Prize in literature. But Kremlin authorities pressured him into refusing the honour.

In 1966, Prime Minister Lester Pearson announced the federal government would pay 50 per cent of post-secondary education costs.

In 1967, Brenda Robertson became the first woman elected to the New Brunswick legislature.

In 1977, the Toronto Argonauts' Zenon Andrusyshyn set a C-F-L record with a 108-yard punt against Edmonton.

In 1980, the Globe and Mail became Canada's first newspaper to use satellite technology.

In 1981, Pearl McGonigal became Manitoba's first **female** lieutenant governor.

In 1983, more than 200 U-S marines and 58 French paratroopers died in Beirut when trucks loaded with explosives were driven into two buildings filled with sleeping troops from a peacekeeping force. In 1991, Cambodia's warring factions and representatives of 18 other countries signed a peace treaty in Paris.

In 1992, Emperor Akihito arrived in Beijing, becoming the first Japanese emperor to set foot on Chinese soil. He expressed deep regret for Japan's wartime atrocities, but stopped short of an apology.

In 1998, Buffalo-area abortion provider Dr. Barnett Slepian (SLEP'-ee-an) was slain by a sniper at his home. Police later said the shooting was related to the non-fatal shootings of abortion providers in Vancouver, Winnipeg and Hamilton. Anti-abortion activist James Kopp was later arrested in France and charged with the killing.

In 2000, the largest charitable donation in Canadian history was made by Research in Motion founder and chief executive Mike Lazaridis. He donated 100- (m) million dollars to help launch a physics research institute.

In 2001, the Quebec government and the Crees of northern Quebec signed an agreement clearing the way for a giant extension of the James Bay power project. The 50-year pact will provide the 15-thousand Cree with approximately 3.5- (b) billion dollars.

Also in 2001, the **Irish Republican Army** announced it had begun to disarm in accordance with Northern Ireland's 1998 Good Friday peace deal.

Today's birthdays 2002:

Former "Tonight Show" host Johnny Carson is 77.

Toronto Raptors coach Lenny Wilkens is 65.

Soccer legend Pele (pay-lay) is 62.

Author Michael Crichton (KRY'-tun) is 60.

Movie director Ang Lee is 48.

Country musician Dwight Yoakam is 46.

Song parodist "Weird Al" Yankovic is 43.

N-F-L quarterback Doug Flutie is 39.

Actor Ryan Reynolds is 26.

Prep-Today in History

Thought for today: "What one has not experienced, one will never understand in print." -- American dance pioneer Isadora Duncan (1878-1927).

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WORLD DIGEST

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Body

NORTHERN IRELAND

Britain takes power back from coalition

The struggle to keep a Catholic-Protestant administration for Northern Ireland suffered a potentially fatal blow Monday when Britain stripped its local politicians of power.

The gambit prevented resignations by the Ulster Unionists, the major Protestant party, because of alleged spying by the **Irish Republican Army**. An Ulster Unionist walkout would have killed the four-party coalition, the key achievement of the 1998 peace deal.

"This was the least-worst option," Northern Ireland Secretary John Reid said after he ordered an indefinite return to sole British control. "There's going to be a lot of recrimination in the coming days, but my concern is to create a breathing space, so that we can focus on rebuilding the trust that's been lost," said Reid, who reports directly to British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Britain has successfully shut down and revived the Catholic-Protestant administration before.

YUGOSLAVIA

President's party will challenge election ruling

Yugoslav President Vojislav Kostunica's party said it would challenge the annulment of the Serbian presidential elections, claiming Monday that voter lists were inflated with the names of dead or nonexistent people.

The State Electoral Commission said Sunday's election will have to be repeated because the turnout was 45.5 percent, falling short of the required 50 percent minimum.

Kostunica, a moderate nationalist, won 67 percent of the vote in Sunday's election, more than twice as much as Miroljub Labus, a pro-Western deputy prime minister and an ally of Kostunica's main rival, Serbian Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic, according to the official count.

The commission said Serbs will have to vote again by Dec. 5, and the new election will be open to all candidates, including ultranationalist allies of former President Slobodan Milosevic, who is now on trial in The Hague, Netherlands, on war crimes charges.

WORLD DIGEST

SOMALIA

70 refugees perish after drifting in boat 2 weeks

At least 70 people who were headed to Persian Gulf states in search of jobs have died after drifting at sea for two weeks.

The boat was carrying 120 Somalis and Ethiopians from the village of Marear more than two weeks ago. The engine failed, leaving them drifting in the Gulf of Aden off the coast of Somalia, survivors said.

The remaining 50 passengers were given food and water after their boat beached Sunday near Las Qorey, about 750 miles north of Mogadishu, said Abdalleh Mohamud, a local official.

A Las Qorey elder, Mohamed Abdi, said five people died after the boat landed. Most of the others - including two women and the children they gave birth to while aboard the boat - were in critical condition at a small medical clinic in town.

Hundreds of people have died in rickety, run-down boats trying to reach Yemen since Somalia descended into chaos after the ouster of dictator Mohamed Siad Barre in 1991.

GERMANY

Suspect in murder of banker's son confesses

A law student arrested in the kidnapping and murder of the 11-year-old son of a prominent banker confessed Monday, the man's defense attorney and a prosecutor said.

Magnus Gaefgen, 27, made a "full and comprehensive" confession during questioning by investigators, said defense attorney Hans-Ulrich Endres. The body of Jakob von Metzler was found outside Frankfurt on Oct. 1, after Gaefgen gave officials the location. He was arrested Sept. 30 after Jakob was not released despite payment of the ransom.

The crime shocked Germany, and 800 people jammed into a memorial service Friday while some 1,000 listened on loudspeakers outside.

LIBERIA

U.N. says Liberia smuggled tons of banned weapons

Liberia smuggled more than 200 tons of military equipment into the country in violation of U.N. sanctions, according to a U.N. report that calls for an arms embargo to be expanded.

The report, obtained Monday by The Associated Press, details "a sophisticated trail of double documentation" designed to show that the weapons and ammunition were shipped to Nigeria - not to Liberia, which has been under an embargo.

The U.N. experts compiling the report said they had evidence that six cargo planes landed at Roberts International Airport in the Liberian capital, Monrovia, from June to August with more than 200 tons of ammunition, rifles, pistols, hand grenades, missile launchers, machine guns, mines and spare parts.

Graphic

WORLD DIGEST

PHOTO; Color Photo from THE ASSOCIATED PRESS - David Trimble, Northern Ireland's first minister and leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, passes the Belfast Government Building on Monday after Northern Ireland Secretary John Reid ordered an indefinite return to sole British control.

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Wednesday, September 4

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Body

Today is Wednesday, September 4, the 247th day of 2002. There are 118 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

422 - St. Boniface I ends his reign as Catholic Pope

476 - Romulus Augustulus, last Roman emperor in west, is deposed

1571 - Marian Party in Scotland stages successful coup in which regent Lennox is killed.

1576 - Members of the Netherlands Council of State suspected of Spanish leanings are imprisoned.

1627 - Turks sign treaty with Holy Roman Emperor Ferdinand II.

1669 - Venetians surrender Crete to Turks after one of the longest sieges in history, begun in 1648.

1781 - Los Angeles is founded by Spanish settlers.

1872 - Anglo-French dual control of Egypt is re-established.

1894 - Some 12,000 tailors in New York City go on strike to protest sweatshops.

1916 - British forces take Dar-es-Salaam in Tanganyika.

1917 - The American expeditionary force in France suffers its first fatalities in World War I.

1929 - German dirigible Graf Zeppelin completes trip around world.

1932 - France and Poland sign mutual assistance agreement.

1939 - South Africa and Canada declare war on Germany.

1948 - Queen Wilhelmina abdicates the Dutch throne for health reasons.

1951 - In America's first live coast-to-coast television broadcast, U.S. President Harry Truman addresses the nation from the Japanese peace treaty conference in San Francisco.

Wednesday, September 4

1957 - Egypt and Syria form economic union.

1964 - British Commonwealth troops move against Indonesian guerrillas in Malaya.

1970 - In Chile, Salvador Allende becomes the first Marxist freely elected president in the Western hemisphere.

1972 - U.S. swimmer Mark Spitz wins a record seventh Olympic gold medal in the 400-meter relay at the Munich Summer Olympics.

1974 - United States establishes diplomatic relations with East Germany, the last major western nation to do so.

1975 - Representatives of Egypt and Israel sign interim peace agreement in Geneva, Switzerland.

1980 - According to Iraqi count, the Iran-Iraq war starts this day with Iranian shelling of Iraqi border posts.

1987 - U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar says Iran has agreed to negotiate implementation of U.N. peace plan to end its war with Iraq.

1990 - Prime ministers of South and North Korea meet for first time; U.S. President George Bush asks Congress to write off Egypt's \$7 billion debt to the United States as a sign of appreciation for help in Gulf War.

1991 - Croatian guardsmen shoot four people at roadblock and Serb rebels block the Zagreb-Belgrade highway.

1992 - Fearing an influx of arms from Afghanistan, four former Soviet republics send troops to guard the Tajikistan border.

1993 - Fighting breaks out in eastern Liberia and spills over for the first time into the Ivory Coast.

1994 - A car bomb explodes outside the offices of the ***Irish Republican Army***'s Sinn Fein political allies. An outlawed Protestant paramilitary group, the Ulster Volunteer Force, claims responsibility.

1995 - The U.N. ***women***'s conference opens in Beijing.

1996 - New Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu shakes the hand of Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasser Arafat at a meeting on the Israel-Gaza border to help clear the air of animosity.

1997 - Three Buddhist nuns acknowledge in Senate testimony that their Los Angeles temple illegally reimbursed donors after a fund-raiser attended by U.S. Vice President Al Gore.

1998 - The first genocide sentence by an international court is handed down by U.N. tribunal in Arusha, Tanzania, which condemns a former Rwandan prime minister to life in prison for the slaughter of more than 500,000 Rwandans.

1999 - Pro-Indonesia militiamen rampage in East Timor, prompting the evacuation of U.N. staff just hours after the world body announced that residents overwhelmingly voted for independence.

2000 - Four people are killed in the Democratic Republic of the Congo when militiamen armed with guns and machetes launch a pre-dawn raid on a camp in a gorilla reserve in the rebel-held border town of Bukavu.

2001 - Mahendra Chaudhry, Fiji's first ethnic Indian prime minister, is elected to Parliament along with the George Speight, who overthrew Chaudhry's government 16 months ago.

Today's Birthdays:

Francois Chateaubriand, French author (1768-1848); Anton Bruckner, Austrian composer (1824-1896); Daniel Burnham, U.S. architect/city planner (1866-1912); Antonin Artaud, French poet (1896-1948); Henry Ford II, U.S. industrialist (1917-1987); Dawn Fraser, Australian Olympic swimming champion (1937--); Damon Wayans, U.S. actor/comedian (1960--);

Wednesday, September 4

Thought for Today:

Labor is the great producer of wealth; it moves all other causes - Daniel Webster, American statesman (1782-1852).

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Manchester determined to show Commonwealth a good time at opening ceremonies

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Body

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Manchester primed for a party

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Color Photo: Andrew Vaughan, Canadian Press; Gymnast Kate Richardson of Coquitlam gets in some vaulting practice before the official opening of the Manchester Commonwealth Games tonight.

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Manchester's chance to glitter; Queen to take part in tonight's opening ceremonies

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Photo: CANADIAN PRESS; Canadian gymnasts (background, from left to right) Heather Purnell of Metcalfe, Ont., Kylie Stone of Calgary, Kate Richardson of Coquitlam, B.C., Danielle Hicks of Oshawa and Vanessa Meloche of Longueuil, Que., wait their turn yesterday as competitors from Wales practise on the vault at the Commonwealth Games in Manchester, England.

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Police arrest six in IRA power bases in search for stolen anti-terrorist documents

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Body

Police and soldiers raided several properties in ***Irish Republican Army*** power bases and arrested six people Saturday, including a prominent IRA man and a civilian police employee, as the search for stolen anti-terrorist documents took a surprising turn.

The IRA-linked party, Sinn Fein, accused British intelligence of trying to deflect blame for the March 17 break-in at a Belfast office of Special Branch, the police's intelligence-gathering arm.

That break-in - one of the most embarrassing security lapses in Northern Irish history - involved several men walking past a checkpoint at the Castlereagh barracks in east Belfast, getting through code-locked doors, tying up the lone Special Branch officer on duty, rifling through files for more than an hour, then walking back out undetected.

Among those arrested Saturday, police said, were a civilian employee at the base and Bobby Storey, a well-known Belfast IRA figure. Two other men and two ***women*** were arrested.

Police have identified Storey as a member of the IRA's internal security unit responsible for identifying and executing police informers. The IRA has been particularly keen to identify an agent known only by the codename Steak-knife, which Special Branch has used for years to keep tabs on IRA activities.

Earlier this week the police commander, Chief Constable Ronnie Flanagan, said it was likely that the raiders had intimate knowledge of the base's layout. That raised already widespread suspicions of an "inside job" involving anti-terrorist intelligence officers from either the police or army.

Police have confirmed documents were stolen but have declined to say what they contained.

Police backed by soldiers mounted Saturday's swoops in Catholic parts of Belfast and Londonderry, the second-largest city. Sinn Fein said an office used by paroled IRA prisoners was among the properties raided.

Sinn Fein official Alex Maskey, a friend of Storey, said the idea that the IRA was involved in the Castlereagh raid was "ridiculous and insulting to people's intelligence."

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"It would seem to suggest that there is panic going on within the security services about this break-in, and I fear that we could be entering a dangerous period," Maskey said.

Maskey noted that Sinn Fein was staging its biggest rallies of the year on Sunday. The arrests, he said, would anger supporters at a time when the party hoped to keep them behind the province's 1998 peace accord.

And street riots erupted in one militant Catholic district Saturday when youths and men threw dozens of gasoline bombs at police armored cars near the New Lodge Flats in north Belfast. Sinn Fein accused Protestants from the neighboring district, Tiger's Bay, of triggering the clashes by erecting flags in honor of the major outlawed Protestant group, the Ulster Defense Association.

The IRA has been observing a cease-fire since 1997 but dissidents have continued to mount occasional attacks. On Friday a former British soldier spotted a booby-trap bomb beneath his car.

Among many potential motives for the Castlereagh break-in, much speculation has focused on the possibility that the raiders were seeking the top-secret identities of police informers, particularly well-paid agents who operate inside the ranks of the IRA and other illegal paramilitary groups.

For most of the past three decades of bloodshed, Castlereagh has been the major center for interrogating terrorist suspects. The round-the-clock "interview" rooms were closed down last year as part of Northern Ireland's wider peace process.

Storey was interrogated in Castlereagh following the IRA's 1996 car bombing of the British army headquarters in Northern Ireland, which killed one soldier and wounded 40 others. Storey faced charges for the attack but later had them dropped.

While police have assigned their top Belfast detective to investigate the Castlereagh break-in, Britain is pursuing a separate probe to allay public suspicions that police won't properly investigate a crime which might involve their own colleagues.

But Catholic politicians have criticized Britain's choice to lead the probe, Sir John Chilcot, because in recent years he has served as an adviser to Britain's domestic and international spy agencies, MI5 and MI6. The critics say either agency might itself have been involved in the break-in.

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Secession on Quebec's Agenda, Again

MONTREAL (AP)

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MEXICO CITY (AP)

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TORONTO (AP)

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A veteran anti-British militant was sent to prison for 14 years Friday for aiding the car-bomb attack on Omagh, a sentence applauded in court by some of the atrocity's several hundred victims.

The three-judge panel of Ireland's anti-terrorist Special Criminal Court accepted that Colm Murphy played only a supporting role in the Aug. 15, 1998 blast that left 29 dead and more than 300 wounded. He became the only ***Irish Republican Army*** dissident to be imprisoned for the bloodiest attack in more than three decades of Northern Ireland terror.

The senior judge, Justice Robert Barr, said Murphy, "as provider of a back-up service, must have realized that the planting and detonation of such a bomb is fraught with danger and risks, death and injury to many."

The judges earlier this week convicted Murphy of conspiring to cause the Omagh explosion. The 50-year-old pub owner and building contractor had three previous convictions dating to 1972, including one for a botched effort to buy machine guns from undercover FBI officers in New York in 1983.

He faces a new trial on a charge of membership in an IRA dissident group, which carries a maximum sentence of five years. The dissidents oppose the IRA's 1997 cease-fire and the Good Friday peace accord for Northern Ireland that followed a year later.

Before Friday's ruling, lawyers and the judges discussed what the maximum penalty was for Murphy's latest conviction. Prosecutors, who originally contended it should be life, agreed that recent amendments to Irish law meant it could be just 20 years.

Murphy's defense attorney, Michael O'Higgins, appealed successfully for a lesser sentence, arguing that his client had not helped assemble or deliver the car bomb. "The devastating and horrible consequences which were visited on Omagh were not in any way anticipated by Mr. Murphy," he said.

Murphy said nothing as he stood, stone-faced and arms folded, to hear he was receiving a 14-year term, though Ireland's parole laws could set him free as early as 2009. He had been free on bail since shortly after his February 1999 arrest.

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As two policemen led him away to prison, several relatives of Omagh dead sitting a row behind him in the cramped courtroom applauded.

"You ought to be ashamed of yourselves," Murphy's wife, Anne, said to the clappers, among them people who lost their spouses and children in the blast.

O'Higgins said he would seek to overturn Murphy's conspiracy conviction in Ireland's appeals courts, which currently have a 14-month backlog of cases to hear.

Outside the courthouse the survivors, angry that nobody has yet been charged with murder, said they hoped Murphy's conviction and imprisonment would be the first of many.

"It was obvious from this court case that Murphy was working with many other known figures. Now the pressure is back on to bring these people to court," said Michael Gallagher, who lost his only son, 21-year-old Aidan.

Murphy admitted supplying two mobile phones to a reputed IRA dissident, Seamus Daly, that police said were used to deliver a 500-pound (225 kg) car bomb to the center of the prosperous market town on a bustling Saturday afternoon. Police, responding to misleading phoned warnings, evacuated shoppers and workers towards the bomb, which killed mostly children and women when it detonated.

Daly, among more than a dozen suspected IRA dissidents that police intelligence officers have linked to the attack, has been interrogated by police but released without charge. Unlike Murphy, Daly said nothing to his questioners.

"Daly's the boy that the police think actually decided where to leave the bomb, the one who actually looked at all the people on the street, turned the ignition key off and walked away," said Laurence Rush, who lost his wife, Libbi, in the blast.

"But what the police know and what they can prove seems a far apart as ever," said Stanley McCombe, who also lost his wife, Ann.

The relatives of the dead are pressing ahead with a civil lawsuit, unprecedented in Irish legal history, to seek financial damages against Murphy, Daly and three other reputed senior IRA dissidents.

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Who's next in line to be scrutinized?

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I called the FBI today.

The woman on the other end of the line sounded pleasant, quite unlike an FBI receptionist should, or so I thought. I didn't think pleasant sounding women wore jack-boots?

I told her I wanted to come in for an interview. "To help with the whole terrorist thing you know?" She thanked me and asked me my name and nationality.
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"Ryan Cooper, Irish." I replied.

"But Mr. Cooper, we're interviewing mainly recent immigrants of Arab descent." She informed me. She was uncertain how I could be of assistance. "Are you a citizen? Are you aware of anything specific?"

I explained that I was taking the War on Terrorism (I think it should be capitalized, makes it so much more official and ominous sounding, don't you think?) very seriously. I explained that I was a citizen, but of Irish descent, and that perhaps the FBI would like to interview me.

She hesitantly asks me if I could elaborate. "Listen," I said. "This whole War on Terrorism -- it's way bigger than you or me or even George W."

That is when I heard the click of the tape recorder beginning. Well, I'm getting that FBI file I always wanted, I thought. But I continued to explain to her that this whole campaign against terror is just beginning in Afghanistan. After that mess is cleared up we'll have to direct our efforts at terrorists throughout the world. And that means the **Irish Republican Army** too.

I explained that if we're currently interviewing all young Arab men about this whole al Qaeda business than when we turn to other terrorists we should probably round up all those particular ethnics too. And, well, to be a good citizen I wanted to volunteer to be interviewed about the whole Irish thing before they had to come looking for me.

"I mean, this is no joke lady," I said, "We Irish can be just as every bit as nasty as the Arabs, and besides we drink too, Arabs don't. Could you imagine some drunk Irish S.O.B fashioning himself like he's some bin Laden type. I mean hey, the whole Irish thing is about religion too, possibly more explicitly than this whole al Qaeda/U.S. thing."

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Let's not get sloppy here. If we're going to be thorough with the Arabs we got to go after the Irish too! I mean I am one, I know, we can be crafty bastards.

"Look," I said, "maybe you want to know the names of everyone I know? Maybe I could give you a list of all the national monuments I've been too? I'll tell you what I do for a living, what my hobbies are, whether I've heard any whispers or something like that."

I wasn't getting through to her, I could tell. I gave it one last shot.

"Look, not only am I Irish but I hang out in a lot of bars, Irish ones, I even work at an Irish bar! You know, if any Irish IRA were around here I'm sure I'd hear about it before too long. Maybe you want to tap my phone, maybe give me a wire to wear? OK, what about having someone tail me, you know to see who I'm hanging out with."

Well, the problem with the government is that the bureaucracy is so big they just can't be efficient. I mean this woman wouldn't even acknowledge that I might have some credible information. She was trying to blow me off!

"Look, I once had a guy threaten to kill me cause I cut him off. I'm not sure if he was Irish but he might have been, couldn't tell, maybe he was a terrorist."

Click. She hung up! Can you believe that? So much for trying to be a good citizen.

So basically what I'm trying to get down to here is that we all have to be vigilant and turn ourselves in for interviews. It's for the good of the country. If we need to round up every single individual person then so be it.

Hey! What about domestic terrorists? Will they then have to interview every single American? Maybe we should only interview Americans living abroad about domestic terrorism? Nah, that's absurd. I should go call them back!

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Today is Monday, November 8, the 312th day of 2004. There are 53 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1519 - Spanish conqueror Hernan Cortez reaches Mexico City with his small Spanish force and 1,000 Tlaxcaltec allies. The Aztecs, believing he is an incarnation of the Aztec god Quetzalcoatl, receive him with great honor.

1520 - Swedes loyal to Denmark's King Christian II execute over 80 political opponents in the central square in "the blood bath of Stockholm."

1793 - The Louvre Museum in Paris opens to the public.

1892 - Former U.S. President Grover Cleveland beats incumbent Benjamin Harrison and becomes the first U.S. president to win nonconsecutive terms in the White House.

1895 - Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen, German physicist, discovers X-rays.

1917 - Vladimir I. Lenin becomes chief commissar in Russia and Leon Trotsky is named premier.

1923 - Adolf Hitler stages unsuccessful coup in Munich, Germany, that comes to be known as the "Beer-Hall Putsch."

1932 - New York Gov. Franklin Delano Roosevelt is elected U.S. president.

1942 - U.S. and British troops land in French North Africa during World War II.

1950 - First battle between jet planes breaks out as U.S. fighters are attacked by North Korean MiGs near Yalu River in Korean conflict.

1956 - U.N. General Assembly demands that Soviet troops withdraw from Hungary.

1960 - Massachusetts Senator John F. Kennedy defeats Vice President Richard M. Nixon for the U.S. presidency

1966 - Italian city of Florence appeals to the world to help save art treasures damaged by floods; Edward W. Brooke of Massachusetts becomes the first black to be elected to the U.S. Senate by popular vote.

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1977 - Israel shells Palestinian guerrilla concentrations in southern Lebanon.

1987 - A bomb planted by the **Irish Republican Army** kills 11 people and injures 55 at a memorial service for Britain's war dead in Enniskillen, Northern Ireland.

1988 - Nearly 9,000 foreign tourists are evacuated from Sri Lanka beach resorts after Sinhalese extremists threaten to attack south coast hotels.

1989 - Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega offers to end arms imports to his country in exchange for demobilization of Contra rebels.

1990 - U.S. President George Bush orders 200,000 more U.S. troops to the Gulf; United States readies U.N. resolution that would authorize an attack on Iraq.

1991 - The European Community and Canada impose economic sanctions on Yugoslavia in an attempt to stop the Balkan civil war.

1992 - U.S. Senator Bob Dole calls for an investigation into the action of the Iran-contra special prosecutor's office in connection with the indictment of former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, who was charged with making false statements to Congress.

1993 - Russian President Boris Yeltsin approves a draft constitution that will give him increased powers at the parliament's expense.

1994 - France arrests 95 people in its biggest sweep against Islamic militants.

1995 - Russia agrees to have peacekeeping troops in Bosnia report to an American division instead of having them directly under NATO command, which the Russians resisted.

1996 - U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali calls for an international military force to aid and protect a million refugees caught in a civil war in Zaire, but is blocked by the United States in the Security Council.

1997 - Chinese engineers divert the Yangtze River from its natural course, clearing way for the construction of the enormous Three Gorges dam.

1998 - In Bangladesh, 15 former military commanders are sentenced to death for the 1975 assassination of the country's first prime minister.

1999 - Israel's national airline graduates its first Arab flight attendant in nearly a decade, several months after it came under attack for discriminating against Arabs.

2000 - Fusako Shigenobu, a Japanese revolutionary responsible for terrorist massacres in Israel and Italy, is arrested in Japan after decades on the run.

2001 - The discovery of eight remains - five skeletons and the partially clad bodies of three young **women** - in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, ignites fear that a series of 57 rape-murders did not end in the 1990s.

2002 - A Yemeni-American, Ahmed Hijazih, is killed by a CIA airstrike in Yemen. He is believed to have links to alleged members of the al-Qaida cell in suburban Buffalo, New York, that was raided by U.S. authorities in September.

2003 - A car bomb detonates in a residential compound in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, killing at least 17 people and wounding more than 120 others. Most of the victims are believed to be Arab Muslims.

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Edmund Halley, British astronomer (1656-1742); John Milton, English poet (1608-1674); Hermann Rorschach, Swiss psychiatrist (1884-1922); Margaret Mitchell, U.S. author (1900-1949); Katharine Hepburn, U.S. actress (1907-); Alain Delon, French actor (1932--); Mary Hart, U.S. television host (1950-).

Thought For Today:

Man is born to live, not to prepare for life - Boris Pasternak, Russian author (1890-1960).

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IRA PEACE GESTURE SEEMS TO BUCK WORLDWIDE TREND

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Body

In a world gone mad, the **Irish Republican Army** seems to be the only organization on the right side of history this week.

By agreeing to put its vast arsenal of terrorist weapons beyond reach, the IRA is making a statement that few others seem interested in - that terrorism, the indiscriminate killing of civilians and innocents for the sake of a cause, is unacceptable.

Few others are doing so. The war on terrorism declared by the United States was endorsed loudly at the Asian-Pacific summit last weekend. But the response is "get lost" when Americans go asking enemies - India-Pakistan, Israel-Palestine - to stop terrorizing each other.

In the Arab and Muslim world, we are having trouble even getting lip service from our allies.

Kuwait owes its very existence to American willingness to risk its own sons and daughters in the war against Iraq a decade ago. It was invaded and absorbed as a province of Iraq until U.S. forces came to the rescue. Now, half of Kuwait's 50-member parliament has issued a statement calling on the United States to end its military campaign against Afghanistan. Some members proclaim "hate" for the United States because raids are targeting civilians.

While the evidence is that American forces are doing everything they can to avoid civilian casualties, the task is becoming more difficult. Taliban and al-Qaeda forces have begun to disperse into civilian neighborhoods and mosques to escape the pounding from the air, according to the Pentagon. It may become increasingly difficult to flush out the enemy without endangering civilians.

As the misery of Afghanistan's refugees and the people of Kabul grows, so does bitterness on the Arab streets.

The sincerity of world sympathy for American losses at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, for victims of hijacked aircraft and Americans dying of anthrax poisoning, seems to be dissolving in a wave of false parallels with accidental deaths in a shooting war. The ever-helpful United Nations was eager this week to spread reports, true and false, from its relief workers on the ground of American misfires.

In a hostile region, it used to be that Americans could take solace in their long-standing friendship with Israel. But their relations may now be at the lowest point in decades. The government of Ariel Sharon likened U.S. policy to that of Neville Chamberlain, and Israel's plight to that of Czechoslovakia whom the West abandoned. He took it

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back, but Sharon continues to turn a deaf ear to all U.S. pleas for restraint. He justifies the assassinations of Palestinian suspected terrorist leaders by noting that the Americans are following the same process by going after Osama bin Laden dead or alive.

The Israeli attitude toward the attack on America was, "Now you know what we've been through." And they were scarcely alone in that. Resentment of American geographic insulation from the world's dirtiest violence takes in most of Europe and Asia, where people lived like dogs in World War II while we American civilians were safe in our beds.

The only ones who seem to understand that the terrorist violence in America crossed into some new and dishonorable territory were the leaders of the IRA. Perhaps they have decided to get on the right side of history because they have been terrorists themselves and know what a special kind of horror it is. Perhaps IRA and Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams know better than all of us that terrorism does not belong exclusively to half-crazed radicals and mystical mullahs, but also has had blue eyes peeking through black hoods.

After decades of killing hundreds of innocent men, women and children while fighting for unification, the IRA has now announced an "unprecedented" move to put its entire cache of arms "completely and verifiably beyond use." That would include tons of Semtex explosives and hundreds of AK-47 rifles - the terrorist weapons of choice - many of them bought with generous contributions from its misguided American supporters.

If this war in Northern Ireland is really ending, it is only because of restraint and statesmanship, not terrorism or the bloody fight against it. It is hard to know whether to be encouraged or discouraged at that as Americans look down the long tunnel ahead and see nothing but violence.

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Nobel winner to speak at YWCA lunch

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A winner of the Nobel Peace Prize is coming to Utah next week. More than 20 years after she started a "Mothers Against Violence" group in Northern Ireland, Betty Williams remains a popular speaker and a role model for those who seek peace.

Williams, who was awarded the prize in 1977, will deliver the keynote address at the annual YWCA Leaderluncheon Tuesday, Sept. 25, at Little America Hotel in Salt Lake City. The Leaderluncheon is one of the YWCA's major fund-raising events.

Williams happened to be on the scene of a tragedy in August 1976, when a British soldier shot and killed an **Irish Republican Army** soldier. The car driven by the IRA soldier careened and smashed into three young children. Williams held one little girl in her arms as the child died. Williams knew then that the violence had to cease.

She joined with the aunt of the dead children, Mairead Corrigan, to form the mothers' group. They began with a petition drive. They also started a series of tea parties to help Catholic and Protestant **women** get to know each other. Then they sent Catholic and Protestant children away to camp together. At the time, Williams predicted it would take 30 years to bring peace to Northern Ireland.

In addition to presenting the featured speaker, the Leaderluncheon will honor six local **women** with the YWCA's Outstanding Achievement Award. Last week, as they prepared their acceptance speeches, peace was very much on their minds.

The world has changed for Corinne Hill since she found out she was going to get the YWCA award for education, she says. Hill, the retired principal of Wasatch Elementary, was also the governor's deputy of education during the mid-'90s.

From the first moment she learned she'd be getting the award, she felt honored, she says. She is proud of her profession and her passion for it. But since Sept. 11, the way we prepare our children to live in this world seems even more important to her. As she writes her speech, Hill wonders if Williams is busy reworking her remarks, as well, in light of the recent terrorism.

As for Khando Chazotsang, when she makes her acceptance speech, she plans to highlight the diversity of the Utah family and ask that each member of that family -- whether from the Pacific Islands, from Africa or from Bosnia -- be valued.

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Chazotsang is the coordinator of ethnic health at the Utah State Health Department and will receive the achievement award for government/public affairs. She has also been a member of a fact-finding delegation for the international Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children, which is helping to shed light on war crimes such as rape and on the continuing problems in refugee camps.

Chazotsang will also talk about Tibet. She feels Tibetans have been welcomed into the Utah family. "We want to give back to the community, and the only way we can is to share our language and our music and our knowledge of where we come from." Chazotsang, who is the niece of the Dalai Llama, says Tibetans strive to be tolerant, respectful and always peaceful.

Other achievement award winners are:

Roberta Harris Adams, the clinical director of the pediatric and blood marrow transplant program at Primary Children's Hospital, whose compassion and dedication have been praised by parents of children with cancer. Adams will get the science/technology award.

Debra Daniels, who will receive the health/human services award for her work as director of client services at the Rape Recovery Center, as well as for her many years of advocacy. Daniels is the former director of the Women in Jeopardy program of the YWCA.

Author and historian Helen Zeese Papanikolas is the recipient of the arts and communications award. "She has continually supported issues and measures aimed at empowering women and eliminating racism," said the YWCA award announcement.

Jill Jones, founder of AJC Architects, one of the first woman-owned architectural firms in the state, will receive the business/industry award -- not only for her business acumen but for her community service.

Tickets for the event are \$50 per person. Call 537-8609 for reservations.

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Today is Thursday, September 4, the 247th day of 2003. There are 118 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

422 - St. Boniface I ends his reign as Catholic Pope

476 - Romulus Augustulus, last Roman emperor in west, is deposed

1571 - Marian Party in Scotland stages successful coup in which regent Lennox is killed.

1576 - Members of the Netherlands Council of State suspected of Spanish leanings are imprisoned.

1627 - Turks sign treaty with Holy Roman Emperor Ferdinand II.

1669 - Venetians surrender Crete to Turks after one of the longest sieges in history, begun in 1648.

1781 - Los Angeles is founded by Spanish settlers.

1872 - Anglo-French dual control of Egypt is re-established.

1894 - Some 12,000 tailors in New York City go on strike to protest sweatshops.

1916 - British forces take Dar-es-Salaam in Tanganyika.

1917 - The American expeditionary force in France suffers its first fatalities in World War I.

1929 - German dirigible Graf Zeppelin completes trip around world.

1932 - France and Poland sign mutual assistance agreement.

1939 - South Africa and Canada declare war on Germany.

1948 - Queen Wilhelmina abdicates the Dutch throne for health reasons.

1951 - In America's first live coast-to-coast television broadcast, U.S. President Harry Truman addresses the nation from the Japanese peace treaty conference in San Francisco.

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1957 - Egypt and Syria form economic union.

1964 - British Commonwealth troops move against Indonesian guerrillas in Malaya.

1970 - In Chile, Salvador Allende becomes the first Marxist freely elected president in the Western hemisphere.

1972 - U.S. swimmer Mark Spitz wins a record seventh Olympic gold medal in the 400-meter relay at the Munich Summer Olympics.

1974 - United States establishes diplomatic relations with East Germany, the last major western nation to do so.

1975 - Representatives of Egypt and Israel sign interim peace agreement in Geneva, Switzerland.

1980 - According to Iraqi count, the Iran-Iraq war starts this day with Iranian shelling of Iraqi border posts.

1987 - U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar says Iran has agreed to negotiate implementation of U.N. peace plan to end its war with Iraq.

1990 - Prime ministers of South and North Korea meet for first time; U.S. President George Bush asks Congress to write off Egypt's \$7 billion debt to the United States as a sign of appreciation for help in Gulf War.

1991 - Croatian guardsmen shoot four people at roadblock and Serb rebels block the Zagreb-Belgrade highway.

1992 - Fearing an influx of arms from Afghanistan, four former Soviet republics send troops to guard the Tajikistan border.

1993 - Fighting breaks out in eastern Liberia and spills over for the first time into the Ivory Coast.

1994 - A car bomb explodes outside the offices of the ***Irish Republican Army***'s Sinn Fein political allies. An outlawed Protestant paramilitary group, the Ulster Volunteer Force, claims responsibility.

1995 - The U.N. ***women***'s conference opens in Beijing.

1996 - New Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu shakes the hand of Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasser Arafat at a meeting on the Israel-Gaza border to help clear the air of animosity.

1997 - Three Buddhist nuns acknowledge in Senate testimony that their Los Angeles temple illegally reimbursed donors after a fund-raiser attended by U.S. Vice President Al Gore.

1998 - The first genocide sentence by an international court is handed down by U.N. tribunal in Arusha, Tanzania, which condemns a former Rwandan prime minister to life in prison for the slaughter of more than 500,000 Rwandans.

1999 - Pro-Indonesia militiamen rampage in East Timor, prompting the evacuation of U.N. staff just hours after the world body announced that residents overwhelmingly voted for independence.

2000 - Four people are killed in the Democratic Republic of the Congo when militiamen armed with guns and machetes launch a pre-dawn raid on a camp in a gorilla reserve in the rebel-held border town of Bukavu.

2001 - Mahendra Chaudhry, Fiji's first ethnic Indian prime minister, is elected to Parliament along with the George Speight, who overthrew Chaudhry's government 16 months ago.

2002 - A court in Jakarta, Indonesia's capital, convicts the speaker of parliament, Akbar Tandjung, on charges of abuse of power and corruption, sentencing him to three years in prison.

Today's Birthdays:

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Francois Chateaubriand, French author (1768-1848); Anton Bruckner, Austrian composer (1824-1896); Daniel Burnham, U.S. architect/city planner (1896-1912); Antonin Artaud, French poet (1896-1948); Henry Ford II, U.S. industrialist (1917-1987); Dawn Fraser, Australian Olympic swimming champion (1937--); Damon Wayans, U.S. actor/comedian (1960--).

Thought for Today:

Labor is the great producer of wealth; it moves all other causes - Daniel Webster, American statesman (1782-1852).

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Blast Injures Six in London

LONDON (AP)

A suspected car bomb went off near a London subway station late Thursday, showering bystanders with glass and injuring at least six people in what police said was an attack by IRA dissidents. Police said they believed the blast, which struck just before midnight, was caused by a car bomb planted by **Irish Republican Army** dissidents seeking to raise political temperatures back home in Northern Ireland at a crucial juncture in peacemaking efforts there. "This is a completely reckless terrorist attack," said Deputy Assistant Commissioner Alan Fry, head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch.

War Crimes Tribunal Convicts Bosnian Serb

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP)

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The U.N. war crimes tribunal on Thursday handed down its first conviction for genocide, sentencing Gen. Radislav Krstic, 53, to 46 years in prison for his role in the deaths of up to 8,000 Muslims in 1995 at the U.N.-protected enclave of Srebrenica. The court ruled that even though Krstic may have received orders to carry out mass executions of men and deportations of women and children, he bore responsibility for genocide.

Senate Confirms Mueller as FBI Director

WASHINGTON (AP)

Senators overwhelmingly agreed Thursday to make federal prosecutor Robert Mueller the FBI's new director, voicing confidence he can lead the problem-plagued agency out of its troubles. The Democratic-led Senate voted 98-0 for the Republican prosecutor only hours after the Senate Judiciary Committee unanimously recommended his nomination.

Guerrillas Seize 16 Hostages in Raid

MANILA, Philippines (AP)

A band of Muslim extremist guerrillas raided a southern Philippine village and seized 16 Filipinos, including four children, a police chief said Friday. Abu Sayyaf militants swooped down Thursday night on the village of Balugo on the island of Basilan and took the people hostage, Basilan provincial Police Chief Ahmadulla Pangambayan said.

22 Rescued Cubans to Come to U.S.

MIAMI (AP)

Twenty-two Cubans rescued after their speedboat capsized will be brought to Florida and two will be charged with smuggling illegal immigrants, the Coast Guard said Thursday. The other 20 are considered witnesses against the accused smugglers and will be allowed to remain in the United States after they testify, the Immigration and Naturalization Service official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. The 22 Cubans and one body had been pulled from the Florida Straits on Wednesday.

Tropical Storm Churns Toward Louisiana

MIAMI (AP)

Tropical Storm Barry strengthened in the Gulf of Mexico Thursday and lashed parts of Florida with as much of 8 inches of rain as it churned toward the Louisiana coast. "We're expecting it to strengthen slowly over the next couple of days, possibly reaching hurricane force over the weekend," said Daniel Brown, a meteorologist with the National Hurricane Center.

Tokyo Stocks Fall

TOKYO (AP)

Tokyo stocks slid Friday morning as the Nikkei Stock Average fell 70.92 points to 12,328.28 at the end of morning trading.

Padres 4, Cubs 3

SAN DIEGO (AP)

Ryan Klesko hit a grand slam in the eighth inning and the San Diego Padres rallied past the Chicago Cubs for the second straight game, winning 4-3 Thursday. Jason Bere was cruising with a three-hit shutout and 12 strikeouts through seven when manager Don Baylor had left-hander Jeff Fassero start the eighth.

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Arab Leaders Condemn Israeli Takeover

JERUSALEM (AP)

Arab governments Saturday condemned the Israeli takeover of PLO headquarters, known as the Orient House, calling it an attempt to intensify the occupation of the traditionally Arab sector of Jerusalem. Protesters tried to march to the site, but were stopped by Israeli police who raided the compound Friday in retaliation for a suicide bombing that killed 15 people. Jordan's King Abdullah told Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat Saturday that it was a "flagrant aggression on Palestinian rights and the Arab identity of Jerusalem." A U.S. Mideast envoy, David Satterfield, called the seizure a "political escalation" and his Russian counterpart, Andrei Vdovin, said it was a violation of earlier peace accords.

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Stem Cell Decision Brings Mixed Reaction

WASHINGTON Families banking on the promise of embryonic stem cell therapy are hopeful yet disappointed when they realize President Bush's decision to allow federal funding for limited stem cell research could mean a long wait. Ann Campbell, who suffers from Parkinson's disease, worries that by limiting research, Bush has slowed progress. "Time is not neutral for us. Time is critical." Others say Bush's decision to fund research on existing stem cell lines offers a glimmer of hope. In his weekly radio address today, Bush said anew that in cautiously approaching his decision he confronted "fundamental questions about the beginnings of life and the ends of science."

Democrat: GOP Aims to Protect HMOs

WASHINGTON (AP)

The patients' bill of rights passed by the Republican-run House amounts to an "HMO and insurance company protection act," Rep. Marion Berry, D-Ark., said today. Berry, in the Democrats' weekly radio address, slammed Georgia Republican Rep. Charlie Norwood's "compromise" amendment announced last week with the blessing of President Bush as gutting provisions Democrats hoped would be in the House version of the bill. The Senate has passed a different patients' rights bill, so lawmakers will have to go into conference to draft a final version. Bush had threatened to veto Democratic legislation.

Power Handed Back to North Ireland

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BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

Britain ordered power to be handed back to Northern Ireland's Protestant-Catholic government at midnight Saturday, and plotted a longer-term effort to restore faith in the region's shaky 1998 peace accord. Britain decided to take direct control of Northern Ireland for 24 hours, a maneuver aimed at allowing it to postpone a Saturday deadline for the territory's legislature to elect a new Protestant leader. Ulster Unionist chief David Trimble resigned six weeks ago from the post and said his Protestant party would not fill it as required unless the **Irish Republican Army** scrapped weapons first. An abortive vote Saturday would have compelled Britain to dissolve the whole administration and legislature.

Gore Talks Politics in Tennessee

NASHVILLE, Tenn. Former Vice President Al Gore and former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander led a bipartisan workshop today at Vanderbilt University to persuade young adults to get involved in politics. This was Gore's first appearance at a public political event since he conceded the 2000 presidential election to George W. Bush.

Discovery Zooms After Space Station

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)

Space shuttle Discovery zoomed after the international space station today on its mission to drop off one crew and bring home another after a tiring five-month stay. The two-day, round-and-round-the-world chase will end tomorrow afternoon. The space station's next commander Frank Culbertson will move into the space station on Monday with two Russian cosmonauts and stay until December. The three will replace the two Americans and one Russian who have been living on space station Alpha since March. Today was their 156th day in space.

Grand Canyon Helicopter Crash Probed

LAS VEGAS (AP)

The cause of a tourist helicopter crash near the Grand Canyon that killed six people remained under investigation today, and the sole survivor was in critical condition. The flight that crashed yesterday was operated by Papillon Grand Canyon Helicopters of Las Vegas. The company called off all of today's scheduled flights out of Las Vegas.

U.S. Men's 400 Relay Team Reinstated

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP)

The United States men's 400-meter relay team, notorious for being disqualified, was reinstated after first being DQ'd in the quarterfinals of the World Championships today. While the relay problems were occurring, an overlooked Anjanette Kirkland spoiled Gail Devers' bid for a fourth world title in the **women's** 100 hurdles.

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Russia Court OKs Release of Tobin

ROSSOSH, Russia (AP)

A Russian court today approved the parole of John Tobin, an American Fulbright scholar serving a one-year sentence on drug charges, clearing the way for his early release, Judge Boris Gladko said. Gladko told The Associated Press that Tobin could be released later Friday. He said the court was preparing documents needed by the prison administration. Tobin became eligible for parole yesterday, the halfway point of his high-profile sentence, and the parole board unanimously recommended release.

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Thailand Court Acquitts Thaksin

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP)

Thailand's Constitutional Court on Friday acquitted Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra of charges that he concealed assets while serving in a previous government, one of the judges said. Judge Kramol Thongdamachart said the 15-member panel had voted 8-7 in Thaksin's favor. A corruption commission found Thaksin, a telecom tycoon, had intentionally failed to list all of his assets when he was deputy prime minister in 1997.

Car Bomb Explodes Near London Railway Station

LONDON (AP)

Glass littered a west London street and smoke poured from the mangled wreck of a car early today after a car bomb explosion that shattered a busy area of pubs and cafes and injured six people. Police said the device, which exploded just before midnight, contained at least 88 pounds of homemade explosives. They blamed **Irish Republican Army** dissidents seeking to raise political temperatures in Northern Ireland at a crucial juncture in peacemaking efforts there.

ABA Backs Some Voting Proposals

CHICAGO (AP)

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Weighing in on a slew of reports recommending election overhaul in the aftermath of the Bush-Gore experience, the American Bar Association says the burden should be on voters to exercise their franchise with full knowledge of their rights. The ABA introduced a wallet-size card today that spells out these rights and responsibilities. The card, to be distributed nationwide in polling places and through civic groups, has a generic voting rights primer on one side and voter responsibilities on the other.

Rice Aims for New Russia Framework

WASHINGTON (AP)

Russia might share defense plans with the United States and buy American missile technology if a new strategic framework is worked out in talks that open in Washington next week, President Bush's national security adviser says. Even membership in NATO is not ruled out, Condoleezza Rice said in an Associated Press interview as she outlined the Bush administration's concept for converting a relationship rooted in Cold War hostility to one based on friendly cooperation.

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War Crimes Tribunal Convicts Bosnian Serb

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP)

The U.N. war crimes tribunal yesterday handed down its first conviction for genocide, sentencing Gen. Radislav Krstic, 53, to 46 years in prison for his role in the deaths of up to 8,000 Muslims in 1995 at the U.N.-protected enclave of Srebrenica. The court ruled that even though Krstic may have received orders to carry out mass executions of men and deportations of women and children, he bore responsibility for genocide.

Tokyo Stocks Fall

TOKYO (AP)

Tokyo stocks slid this morning as the Nikkei Stock Average shed 157.23 points to close at 12,241.97.

Mariners 2, Tigers 1

DETROIT (AP)

Rookie Joel Pineiro allowed one run in seven innings as the Seattle Mariners beat the Detroit Tigers 2-1 last night. The Mariners took two of three games from Detroit and have not lost a series on the road this season.

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