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1. [*Protestants, Catholics unite in grief, leaders push peace*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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2. [*AP Top News at 10 p.m. EDT Monday, Sept. 7, 1998*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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3. [*IRA dissidents 'suspend' bombing as its victims are laid to rest*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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4. [*Irish unite in grief, anger; Protestants and Catholics horrified as bomb kills 28, injures 220*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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5. [IRELAND SEEKS TO WIPE OUT IRA FACTION / ANTITERRORIST LAWS ARE BEING TOUGHENED. THE SPLINTER GROUP SAYS IT SET OFF THE BOMB THAT LEFT 28 DEAD.](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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6. [IRA dissidents 'suspend' bombing as its victims are laid to rest](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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7. [Ireland To Crackdown on Terrorists](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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8. [Orangemen launch 'battle of wills;' Northern Ireland peace on line](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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9. [OPINION](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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10. [Precede BELFAST Northern Ireland buries dead, as Dublin unveils new 'dracon](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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11. [Northern Ireland Car Bomb Kills 25](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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12. [AP Top News at 11 p.m. EDT Monday, Sept. 7, 1998](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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13. [IRA dissidents 'suspend' bombing as its victims are laid to rest](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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14. [AP Top News at 4 a.m EDT Saturday, July 11, 1998](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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15. [N. Ireland Protestant March Blocked](#)**Client/Matter:** -None-**Search Terms:** "Irish Republican Army"**Search Type:** Natural Language**Narrowed by:****Content Type**

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16. [AP Top News at 1 p.m. EDT Sunday, May 10, 1998](#)**Client/Matter:** -None-**Search Terms:** "Irish Republican Army"**Search Type:** Natural Language**Narrowed by:****Content Type**

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17. [Ireland Deal Wins in Exit Polls](#)**Client/Matter:** -None-**Search Terms:** "Irish Republican Army"**Search Type:** Natural Language**Narrowed by:****Content Type**

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18. [Ireland Deal Wins in Exit Polls](#)**Client/Matter:** -None-**Search Terms:** "Irish Republican Army"**Search Type:** Natural Language**Narrowed by:****Content Type**

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19. [AP Top News at 2:30 a.m. EDT Thursday, April 29, 1998](#)**Client/Matter:** -None-**Search Terms:** "Irish Republican Army"**Search Type:** Natural Language

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20. [AP Top News at 12:15 p.m. EDT Sunday, May 10, 1998](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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21. [AP Top News at 1 p.m. EDT Sunday, May 10, 1998](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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22. [WORLD & NATION BRIEFS](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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23. [AP Top News at 3 p.m. EST Friday, Feb. 27, 1998](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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24. [AP Top News at 1 a.m. EST Tuesday, March 10, 1998](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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25. [*AP Top News at 10 p.m. EST Tuesday, March 17, 1998*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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26. [*AP Top News at 3 p.m. EST Friday, Feb. 20, 1998*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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27. [*AP Top News at 1 a.m. EDT Tuesday, April 14, 1998*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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28. [*Cease-fire no remedy for random violence; Northern Ireland still tense: Easily identifiable targets, like taxi drivers, especially are concerned.*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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29. [*Foreign Briefs*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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30. [AP Top News at 11 a.m. EST Friday, Feb. 20, 1998](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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31. [AP Top News at 9 p.m. EST Saturday, Feb. 14, 1998](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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32. [Love Is N.C. , Not NC -17](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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33. [AP Top News at 11 p.m. EST Saturday, Feb. 14, 1998](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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34. [AP Top News at 8 a.m. EST Wednesday, Feb. 18, 1998](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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35. [AP Top News at 7 a.m. EST Wednesday, Feb. 18, 1998](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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36. [AP Top News at Noon EST Monday Feb. 16, 1998](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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37. [AP Top News at 1 p.m. EST Monday, Feb. 16, 1998](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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38. [AP Top News at 11 a.m. EST Sunday, Dec. 28, 1997](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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39. [NEWS SUMMARY](#)**Client/Matter:** -None-**Search Terms:** "Irish Republican Army"**Search Type:** Natural Language**Narrowed by:****Content Type**
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Releases, Newspapers; Timeline: Jan 01, 1997 to May 30, 199940. [AP Top News at 10 a.m. EST Sunday, Dec. 28, 1997](#)**Client/Matter:** -None-**Search Terms:** "Irish Republican Army"**Search Type:** Natural Language**Narrowed by:****Content Type**
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Releases, Newspapers; Timeline: Jan 01, 1997 to May 30, 199941. [AP Top News at 9 a.m. EST Thursday, Dec. 11, 1997](#)**Client/Matter:** -None-**Search Terms:** "Irish Republican Army"**Search Type:** Natural Language**Narrowed by:****Content Type**
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Releases, Newspapers; Timeline: Jan 01, 1997 to May 30, 199942. [AP Top News at 3 p.m. EST Saturday, Dec. 27, 1997](#)**Client/Matter:** -None-**Search Terms:** "Irish Republican Army"**Search Type:** Natural Language**Narrowed by:****Content Type**
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Releases, Newspapers; Timeline: Jan 01, 1997 to May 30, 199943. [CHANNEL SURFER; PBS on 'Frontline' in Northern Ireland](#)**Client/Matter:** -None-**Search Terms:** "Irish Republican Army"**Search Type:** Natural Language**Narrowed by:****Content Type****Narrowed by**

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44. [AP Top News at 5 a.m. EDT Wednesday, Sept. 3, 1997](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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45. [AP Top News at 11 a.m. EDT Saturday, Aug. 30, 1997](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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46. [AP Top News at 6 a.m. EDT Wednesday, Sept. 3, 1997](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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47. [AP Top News at 10 a.m. EDT Tuesday, Sept. 23, 1997](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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48. [Catholic cops walk lonely, tough beat in N. Ireland](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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49. [NO KILLERS NEED APPLY](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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50. [Ulster high on Blair agenda](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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51. [NATION/WORLD BRIEFS](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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52. [Soyinka no hero](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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53. [WORLD IN BRIEF; Ecuador 's leader bows to term limits](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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54. [*Revolutionary shenanigans*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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55. [*WORLD IN BRIEF; Ecuador crisis threatens to flare again*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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56. [*Bombs unsettle clinics after time of relative calm Second explosion could indicate new, disturbing tactic*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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57. [*NEWS SUMMARY*](#)

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58. [*AP News Digest*](#)

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59. [*Man Accused of Bicoastal Bilking*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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60. [*AP News Digest*](#)

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61. [*Man accused of bilking vulnerable victims coast-to-coast*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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62. [*World in Brief; VW paying WWII compensation*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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63. [*AP News Digest*](#)

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64. [*Ulster leaders' 'courage' nets Nobel prize: Cautious laureate hopes award 'doesn't turn out to be premature'*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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65. [*Don't let hate kill hope, Clinton tells N. Ireland : U.S. president urges leaders to stay committed to peace*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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Search Type: Natural Language

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66. [*IN N. IRELAND , CLINTON SAYS A NEW ERA OF PEACE DAWNS*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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67. [*Irish unite in grief and anger; Protestants and Catholics horrified as callous bombing kills 28, maims more than 200*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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68. [As funerals begin, 'Real IRA' claims responsibility for car bomb](#)**Client/Matter:** -None-**Search Terms:** "Irish Republican Army"**Search Type:** Natural Language**Narrowed by:****Content Type**
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73. [PROTESTANTS, CATHOLICS JOIN IN GRIEF AFTER BLAST; OFFICIALS VOW TERRORISTS WON'T DETER PEACE DRIVE; DEATH TOLL IS 28 IN N. IRELAND](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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74. [N. Ireland bomb kills 28 ; hurts hundreds Warning steered crowd toward site of explosion explosion explosion](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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75. [Car bomb kills 21, wounds 100 in Northern Ireland 's deadliest attack](#)

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76. [Ireland To Crackdown on Terrorists](#)

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77. [Dozens Die in Northern Ireland Car Bomb](#)

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78. [Northern Ireland Car Bomb Kills 25](#)

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79. [General](#)

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80. [Referendum churns Northern Ireland ireland ireland](#)

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81. [Grief and fury as Ulster bombing puts peace pact in crisis](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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Search Type: Natural Language

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82. [Car bomb blast kills 28, injures 200 in N. Ireland](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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83. [N. Ireland Self-Rule Starts With Loud Voice of Peace](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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Protestants, Catholics unite in grief, leaders push peace

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Body

28 dead: Irish, British prime ministers vow to find bombers

OMAGH, Northern Ireland (AP) - Determined that terrorism will not shatter Northern Ireland's fragile peace accord, Protestants and Catholics united in uncomprehending grief Sunday over the car bomb slaughter of 28 people.

With several residents still missing after the blast in Omagh, a religiously mixed town 70 miles west of Belfast, soldiers used heat-detecting equipment Sunday to determine whether more bodies are hidden in collapsed buildings on ravaged Market Street.

Saturday's blast came less than three months after voters in both parts of Ireland overwhelmingly approved plans for a new Northern Ireland government with power shared between its majority Protestants and minority Roman Catholics.

In Belfast, Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern and British Prime Minister Tony Blair pledged to do everything within their power to hunt down the bombers and keep the peace process moving forward.

"The purpose of that bomb was to destroy the work and hope and agreement we built up. Our determination has got to be, these people will never win, and that democracy will triumph over evil," Blair said.

"We will defeat them," declared Ahern at the joint press conference. Ahern vowed earlier to "crush" the IRA dissidents widely blamed for the worst terrorist strike in Northern Ireland's troubled history.

Blair, who cut short a vacation in France to fly to Belfast, pledged to "carry on to my last breath working for peace."

Northern Ireland's police chief Ronnie Flanagan said Sunday night that the maroon car used to transport the bomb was stolen last Thursday in the Irish Republic, near the border. It was given new Northern Ireland registration plates, he said.

The scene on Market Street grotesquely illustrated how 500 pounds of explosives packed into a stolen car can smash so many innocent lives in seconds.

In the rubble were shattered windows, ripped-off roofs, and collapsed walls. Children's diapers were scattered amid fallen glass, bricks and wood planks. A mangled and fire-blackened stroller rested near the carcass of the car bomb. Tatters of school uniforms littered the roadway like autumn leaves. At Old McDonald's side-street cafe, there was half-eaten bread and abandoned coffee.

Protestants, Catholics unite in grief, leaders push peace

And on buildings and pavements everywhere, stains of blood remained despite an incessant downpour.

Police said among those killed were 65-year-old grandmother Mary Grimes, her 30-year-old daughter Avril Monaghan who was pregnant with twins, and her 18-month-old granddaughter, Maura. They were on a shopping trip.

Also killed were two Spanish tourists - a 24-year-old woman and 12-year-old boy - and three boys aged 8 to 12 from the Irish Republic. In all, nine children died, along with 13 women and six men.

President Clinton, who is scheduled to visit Northern Ireland Sept. 3, condemned the attack. His spokesman said Clinton has no plans to cancel his visit to Belfast.

"I renew my pledge to stand with the people of Northern Ireland against the perpetrators of violence; they will find no friends here," Clinton said in a statement Saturday. "On behalf of the American people, I condemn this butchery."

Police had unwittingly herded a crowd of people toward the bomb because of a misleading telephone warning.

Of the 220 people wounded in Omagh, about 100 remained in hospitals across Northern Ireland on Sunday, including 11 people in critical condition.

"All of our patients will be disfigured in some way. Some will be disabled very severely, and some may not survive," said Dr. Laurence Roche, a surgeon at Belfast's Royal Victoria Hospital, which has treated the victims of many terror attacks.

"You keep thinking you're not going to see it again," he said, his eyes misting over after operating around the clock.

Ulster Unionist Party head David Trimble, the Protestant leader of Northern Ireland's fledgling government, asked church leaders to organize "a national day of mourning," perhaps Tuesday, "for the whole community to come together and express its sorrow, and to show that this evil act will not drive us back into violence."

No group claimed responsibility for the blast, but police and politicians in both parts of Ireland said they were certain **Irish Republican Army** defectors were responsible. Of three anti-British gangs, the "Real IRA" is considered the greatest threat.

Mary McAleese, the first Northern Ireland native to be elected president of the Irish Republic, arrived in Omagh to meet anxious relatives of people still missing.

McAleese condemned the IRA dissidents as "a posse of serial killers" who left their car bomb amid "a scene of simple, humble innocence."

Gerry Adams, leader of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party, appealed for people "not to give up hope. People need to have the conviction that we are going to see peace in this country."

Graphic

Irish President Mary McAleese (right) talks with an unidentified woman outside the Omagh Leisure Complex Sunday where an incident center has been set up following Saturday's explosion. (AP photo)

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McGwire's Hits 61st Homer

ST. LOUIS (AP)

Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals today belted his 61st home run, tying the record set by Roger Maris in 1961. McGwire's first-inning shot off Mike Morgan of the Chicago Cubs went 430 feet to left field. After he rounded the bases, McGwire lifted his batboy son Matt, 10, in his arms at home plate to cheers from the crowd of 50,530, which included Maris' sons. Chicago's Sammy Sosa, who has 58 home runs, applauded in right field. St. Louis beat the Cubs 3-2. McGwire said: "I admire everything that Roger went through because I know now what he went through. I am very, very happy to be linked to him."

Clinton Lawyers Wants Starr Report

WASHINGTON (AP)

President Clinton's lawyers today asked that they be provided an advance copy of any report to Congress from Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr on the president's affair with Monica Lewinsky and other matters. They want to craft a written reply that would accompany the document. David Kendall, the president's personal lawyer, made the request for an advance copy of the independent counsel's report in a letter to Starr, to ensure "elemental fairness" to the president. A report by Starr on Clinton could go to Congress as early as this month.

IRA Dissidents Call 'Cease-Fire'

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP)

The ***Irish Republican Army*** dissidents responsible for Northern Ireland's worst-ever terrorist atrocity have called a "complete" cease-fire Tuesday but didn't apologize for their actions. In its statement issued to the Irish state broadcasters RTE, the dissidents said they had decided on "a complete cessation of all military activity." This brings the group into line with the mainstream IRA and several other paramilitary groups. The splinter group, dubbed the Real IRA, committed the Aug. 15 car bombing that killed 29 in Omagh.

Rebels, Congo Make Breakthrough

VICTORIA FALLS, Zimbabwe (AP)

AP Top News at 10 p.m. EDT Monday, Sept. 7, 1998

The Congolese government and rebels reached a breakthrough in peace talks, the chairman of a regional summit said today. Zambian President Frederick Chiluba would not comment on whether a cease-fire had been reached. "Details of the agreement will be released tomorrow," he said. Chiluba said regional presidents will reconvene for further deliberations before issuing a statement.

Swissair Box Lacks Final Data

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia (AP)

The flight-data recorder recovered near the wreckage of Swissair Flight 111 contains no information from the six minutes before the plane crashed, investigators said today. Investigator Vic Gerden said the flight-data recorder retrieved yesterday should provide more than 100 types of information. But he said there was no data from the minutes just before the MD-11 jumbo jet crashed off Nova Scotia on Wednesday, killing all 229 people aboard. Gerden said the data recording may have stopped because the plane lost electric power. The setback was offset by news that a Canadian navy submarine has detected a signal from the plane's other "black box" the cockpit-voice recorder.

Seinfeld Is Top-Paid Entertainer

NEW YORK (AP)

Jerry Seinfeld, whose TV show ended a highly successful nine-year run in May, tops this year's Forbes magazine's list of the 40 highest-paid entertainers. He earned \$225 million. Larry David, the co-creator of the sitcom with Seinfeld, captured No. 2 on the list with \$200 million. They unseated film director Steven Spielberg. The boss of Dreamworks SKG studio earned \$175 million. TV star Oprah Winfrey, who topped the list in 1996, took fourth place with \$125 million.

Jerry Lewis Telethon Raises \$51.57M

LOS ANGELES (AP)

Jerry Lewis' annual muscular dystrophy telethon raised a record \$51.57 million during a 211/2-hour event featuring musicians, magicians and comedians. "Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!" Lewis said tonight as the 33rd Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Association Labor Day Telethon drew to a close. "What more can I say?"

Tokyo Stocks Rise

TOKYO (AP)

Japanese stock prices rose Tuesday in early trading. The Nikkei Stock Average of 225 selected issues rose 312.49 points to 15,102.55 in the first hour. Asian stock markets had rallied Monday with traders crediting everything from Japan's strengthening yen to speculation about lower U.S. interest rates.

Sampras Advances at U.S. Open

NEW YORK (AP)

Top-seeded Pete Sampras had 18 aces and never lost his serve in a 6-4, 6-3, 6-2 victory over Marat Safin to move into the quarterfinals of the U.S. Open, a tournament he has won four times. In women's action, Venus Williams won the final six points of the tiebreaker in her 6-1, 7-6 (7-4) win over No. 12 Mary Pierce. Also, No. 13 Amanda Coetzer slammed won 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 vs. No. 7 Conchita Martinez.

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IRA dissidents 'suspend' bombing as its victims are laid to rest

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Body

The *Irish Republican Army* dissidents who committed Northern Ireland's worst terrorist atrocity pledged Wednesday to stop bombing, hours before most of their victims were laid to rest.

The so-called "Real IRA," until now committed to wrecking the IRA cease-fire of July 1997, announced it had indefinitely "suspended" its efforts to bomb Northern Ireland towns "as a direct result of the Omagh tragedy."

Although they denied trying to kill anybody, the dissidents' car bomb Saturday in the religiously mixed town killed 28 civilians and wounded 220, mostly women and children.

While some politicians greeted the announcement with relief, Britain's minister responsible for governing Northern Ireland, Mo Mowlam, called it "an insult" to the dead and maimed.

Noting the 13 funerals taking place Wednesday in and near Omagh and three more in the Irish Republic seaside resort of Buncrana, she said: "The pain and grief are such that this is just a little too late."

In Buncrana, on Ireland's rugged northwest coast, an estimated 8,000 mourners bade an anguished farewell to the town's three lost boys James Barker and Shaun McLaughlin, both 12, and Oran Doherty, 8 who died after they accompanied Spanish exchange students across the border to visit a historical park near Omagh.

"We all feel responsible ... but there was supposed to be peace," said the school principal, Sinead McLaughlin, whose students formed a uniformed guard of honor alongside all three coffins en route to St. Mary's Catholic Church. Shaun was an altar boy at another local church.

James' parents, Donna and Victor Barker, who had moved to Buncrana from their native England last year for a better quality of life, looked like broken souls as they walked behind their son's casket.

Oran's six siblings, from his 3-year-old brother Oisin to 20-year-old Amanda, linked arms behind his coffin, which was draped in the green-and-white banner of the soccer team he loved, Glasgow Celtic.

Two Spaniards 24-year-old teacher Rocia Ramos and 12-year-old student Fernando Bancelga, who had been living with the Barker family also died in the blast and were buried Tuesday in their native Madrid.

In Buncrana, children led the congregation in special prayers for their souls in English, Spanish and Gaelic.

IRA dissidents 'suspend' bombing as its victims are laid to rest

Fernando's older brother and more than 30 Spanish students _ some bearing bandages from shrapnel wounds and perforated eardrums and their relatives attended the Buncrana service. Ten Spanish students remain hospitalized, including two girls with critical head wounds.

The Rev. Shane Bradley, Buncrana's Omagh-born priest, noted that more than 3,000 people had been killed in the past three decades of conflict over Northern Ireland, but that this appeared to be "our saddest moment, our darkest hour."

"This wound runs too deep, and the scar will be on us all 'til we go to our own graves," he said.

In the church were Irish President Mary McAleese and Jose Maria Sanz-Pastor, Spain's ambassador for Ireland. Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness, leaders of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party, walked closely behind the three boys' coffins.

Ulster Unionist Party leader David Trimble, the Protestant first minister of Northern Ireland's new cross-community government established by the agreement, also attended, before heading for Omagh for the funerals of a 60-year-old man and his 27-year-old son.

Trimble said he found the Real IRA's statement that it would suspend violence "pretty contemptible" and untrustworthy, since their misleading phoned warnings in Omagh had "herded the people directly to the car bomb like lambs to the slaughter."

He said the continuing threat posed by dissidents underscored his demand for IRA commanders to start handing over their hidden weaponry to international arms inspectors, as April's agreement calls for.

Trimble will meet Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern in Dublin on Wednesday evening to be briefed on plans by the Irish government to suppress the Real IRA and imprison its commanders.

Speaking before the Irish Cabinet met in emergency session to strategize with security chiefs, Deputy Prime Minister Mary Harney said she had "no doubt that we will agree to the introduction of what's necessary to destroy this organization. We are going to put them down and it's as simple as that."

The village of Dunnamanagh, midway between Buncrana and Omagh 40 miles (65 kms) to the south, also ground to a grief-stricken standstill for the Catholic burial of 21-month-old Breda Devine, who was born three months prematurely and spent most of her life ailing before being slain in the bombing.

Her mother Tracey, 27, remains hospitalized with burns over half her body.

The oldest victim, 65-year-old Mary Grimes, was buried after Requiem Mass in the village of Beragh. Her 30-year-old daughter and 18-month-old granddaughter were the first of Omagh's dead to be buried Tuesday.

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*Irish unite in grief, anger;
Protestants and Catholics horrified as bomb kills 28, injures 220*

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Body

OMAGH, NORTHERN IRELAND -- Determined that terrorism will not shatter Northern Ireland's fragile peace accord, Protestants and Catholics united in grief Sunday over a car bomb that killed 28 people and injured 220.

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"We will defeat them," declared Ahern at the joint press conference. Ahern vowed earlier to "crush" the IRA dissidents widely blamed for the worst terrorist strike in Northern Ireland's troubled history.

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Saturday's blast in Omagh, a religiously mixed town 110 kilometres west of Belfast, came less than three months after voters overwhelmingly approved plans for a new Northern Ireland government with power shared between majority Protestants and minority Roman Catholics.

With several residents still missing 24 hours later, soldiers used heat-detectors Sunday to determine if more bodies lay hidden in collapsed buildings.

An estimated 250 kilograms of homemade explosives packed into a stolen car smashed windows, ripped off roofs and collapsed walls.

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And on buildings and pavements everywhere, stains of blood remained despite an incessant downpour.

Irish unite in grief, anger; Protestants and Catholics horrified as bomb kills 28, injures 220

Among those killed were Mary Grimes 65, her pregnant daughter Avril Monaghan, 30, and her granddaughter, Maura, 18 months. Also killed were two Spanish tourists -- a 24-year-old woman and 12-year-old boy -- and three boys aged eight to 12 from the Irish Republic.

In all, nine children died, along with 13 women and six men.

U.S. President Bill Clinton, who is to visit Northern Ireland Sept. 3, condemned the attack. His spokesman said Clinton has no plans to cancel his visit to Belfast.

"I renew my pledge to stand with the people of Northern Ireland against the perpetrators of violence," Clinton said in a statement. "On behalf of the American people, I condemn this butchery."

Prime Minister Jean Chretien issued a statement in Ottawa Saturday condemning the bombing as "contemptible and cowardly" and saying he is confident it will not weaken the peace process. "Words cannot express our anger at this outrage," the statement read. "The bombing is a contemptible and cowardly assault on the hopes and dreams of the Irish people for peace. A murderous few seek to achieve with violence what they could not at the ballot box."

Police had unwittingly herded people toward the bomb because of a misleading telephone warning.

Of the 220 people wounded in Omagh, about 100 remained in hospitals across Northern Ireland on Sunday, including 11 in critical condition.

"All of our patients will be disfigured in some way. Some will be disabled very severely, and some may not survive," said Dr. Laurence Roche, a surgeon at Belfast's Royal Victoria Hospital, which has treated the victims of many terror attacks.

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No group claimed responsibility for the blast, but police and politicians in both parts of Ireland said they were certain Irish Republican Army defectors were responsible.

Of three anti-British gangs, the "Real IRA" is considered the greatest threat.

"They parked the car there deliberately. They must have seen the mothers and children all around them buying their school uniforms -- and just walked away," said Chief Supt. Eric Anderson, senior detective at the scene.

The "Real IRA" has been blamed for planting several car bombs that wounded people in Northern Ireland in the past six months.

"Whatever resources are necessary to crush this organization will be given," Ahern said.

Gerry Adams, leader of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party, appealed for people "not to give up hope. People need to have the conviction that we are going to see peace in this country."

Graphic

(David) Trimble (Bertie) Ahern

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**IRELAND SEEKS TO WIPE OUT IRA FACTION / ANTITERRORIST LAWS ARE
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Body

The Irish government announced yesterday that it would sharply tighten its antiterrorist laws in an effort to wipe out the dissident IRA faction responsible for planting the car bomb that killed 28 people and wounded 220 in this Northern Ireland town on Saturday.

Speaking in Dublin, Prime Minister Bertie Ahern said that he considered his government's initiatives "extremely draconian," but that he was not prepared to risk more attacks by dissidents of the "Real IRA" splinter group.

In Omagh, Catholics and Protestants suffered together yesterday the heartbreak of burying victims of Northern Ireland's deadliest terrorist strike. Columns of grief-stricken residents followed hearses that snaked slowly through the city's bomb-ravaged center.

The Real IRA refuses to adhere to the **Irish Republican Army's** July 1997 truce.

Yesterday, the dissident faction announced only that it had "suspended" its bombing campaign in light of the Omagh carnage, which it called unintentional.

SUSPECTS' RIGHTS LIMITED The proposals approved by an emergency session of Ahern's cabinet - most of which already are in place in Northern Ireland - included restricting the right to bail for suspected terrorists, allowing judges to infer guilt if a suspect refuses to answer questions, and extending the allowable time to hold suspects without charge from 48 to 96 hours.

Suspects also can be convicted of belonging to outlawed groups if a senior detective testifies they are members.

Ahern said the measures would be enacted into law within two weeks to defend both Northern Ireland's peace agreement "and the people of both parts of this island from attack by groups who have no legitimacy whatsoever."

IRELAND SEEKS TO WIPE OUT IRA FACTION / ANTITERRORIST LAWS ARE BEING TOUGHENED. THE SPLINTER GROUP SAYS IT SET OFF THE BOMB THAT LEFT 28 DEAD.

The prime minister spoke of his visit Tuesday to the Irish Republic town of Buncrana, where three bombing victims ranging in age from 8 to 12 were buried yesterday.

"When you stand . . . in a room with the body of a young boy, a beautiful young boy, who should be out playing football on what was a fine day, who should be looking forward to seeing his boyhood dreams come true . . . it brings home to you what you're dealing with," Ahern said.

Seeking to head off a crackdown, the dissidents - who began planting car bombs in Northern Ireland towns in February in hopes of poisoning the Belfast peace talks - said they had suspended "all military operations" pending internal debate on future strategy.

DISAVOWING THE ATTACK Bernadette Sands-McKevitt, whose husband, Michael McKevitt, is the reputed leader of the Real IRA, told Irish radio that she was pleased with the group's announcement.

"I have already condemned it, and we could not condone it," she said of the Omagh attack, which she claimed had nothing to do with her or McKevitt.

Politicians on both sides heaped scorn on the Real IRA statement.

"It's too late for those who were massacred," said Pat Doherty, vice president of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party.

And Ulster Unionist Party leader David Trimble, the Protestant who was named first minister of Northern Ireland's new cross-community government, called the statement contemptible and untrustworthy.

Yesterday, soldiers erected a steel wall at the Market Street crossroads in Omagh where the 500-pound car bomb detonated. That blocked the destruction from the view of the mile-long funeral processions that passed silently through the town from churches to cemeteries.

Those businesses not damaged by the bomb closed for the day, pinning messages and floral tributes to their front doors.

At every funeral - 16 bombing victims were buried yesterday - pews filled to overflowing. Hundreds of mourners stood outside in the rain as entire communities, Protestant and Catholic alike, rallied behind the victims' families.

"In our terrible experience of the last 30 years, Omagh was the worst atrocity of them all," said retired Catholic Bishop Edward Daly. "Is it too much to ask or too much to hope that it will be the last atrocity of all?" he asked at the Requiem Mass for 21-month-old Breda Devine.

The oldest victim, Mary Grimes, 65, was buried in her village of Beragh, southeast of Omagh. Her daughter, Avril Monaghan, and 18-month-old granddaughter, Maura, had been buried Tuesday.

Archbishop Sean Brady, who oversees Ireland's four million Roman Catholics, said the bombers appeared to realize that "something went terribly wrong. But they need to go further."

"They need to realize that their whole campaign is utterly wrong, totally evil, and completely devoid of justification," he said. "How could the murder of baby Maura, of baby Breda Devine, of 8-year-old Oran Doherty, of nine teenagers, 12 adult women, four adult men - all of them innocent victims - be other than something very evil?"

Graphic

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IRELAND SEEKS TO WIPE OUT IRA FACTION / ANTITERRORIST LAWS ARE BEING TOUGHENED. THE
SPLINTER GROUP SAYS IT SET OFF THE BOMB THAT LEFT 28 DEAD.

The coffin of Oran Doherty is carried to a cemetery. The 8-year-old was one of 28 people killed in Saturday's bombing in Omagh. The Irish government has vowed to wipe out the group responsible. (Associated Press, BRIAN LITTLE) (A01)

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IRA dissidents 'suspend' bombing as its victims are laid to rest

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The *Irish Republican Army* dissidents who committed Northern Ireland's worst terrorist atrocity pledged Wednesday to stop bombing, hours before most of their victims were laid to rest.

Unimpressed, the Irish government announced it would recall Parliament to pass tougher anti-terrorism laws, including one that would allow a suspect's silence to weigh against him.

The so-called "Real IRA," until now committed to wrecking the IRA cease-fire of July 1997, announced it had indefinitely "suspended" its efforts to bomb Northern Ireland towns "as a direct result of the Omagh tragedy."

Although they denied trying to kill anybody, the dissidents' car bomb Saturday in the religiously mixed town killed 28 civilians and wounded 220, mostly women and children.

While some politicians greeted the announcement with relief, Britain's minister responsible for governing Northern Ireland, Mo Mowlam, called it "an insult" to the dead and maimed.

Noting the 13 funerals taking place Wednesday in and near Omagh and three more in the Irish Republic seaside resort of Buncrana, she said: "The pain and grief are such that this is just a little too late."

Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern announced his country would beef up security at its border with Northern Ireland and pass several laws including one that would allow "inferences" to be drawn from a suspect's failure to answer police questions.

Several new offenses also would be created, Ahern said _ directing an unlawful organization, "possessing items" for purposes connected with firearms and explosives offenses, withholding information, and training people to use firearms or explosives.

Also Wednesday, Bernadette Sands, the companion of Michael McKevitt, the man reputed to lead the Real IRA, called a radio program to condemn the Omagh bombing and applaud the group's announcement it was suspending its military operations.

"The loss of innocent lives cannot be justified," she said, adding she did not know why she and McKevitt were being singled out in the wake of the bombing.

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The couple reportedly have moved out of their house in the Irish Republic town of Dundalk because of fears for the safety of their children.

In Buncrana, on Ireland's rugged northwest coast, an estimated 8,000 mourners bade an anguished farewell to the town's three lost boys James Barker and Shaun McLaughlin, both 12, and Oran Doherty, 8 who died after they accompanied Spanish exchange students across the border to visit a historical park near Omagh.

"We all feel responsible ... but there was supposed to be peace," said the school principal, Sinead McLaughlin, whose students formed a uniformed guard of honor alongside all three coffins en route to St. Mary's Catholic Church. Shaun was an altar boy at another local church.

James' parents, Donna and Victor Barker, who had moved to Buncrana from their native England last year for a better quality of life, looked like broken souls as they walked behind their son's casket.

Oran's six siblings, from his 3-year-old brother Oisin to 20-year-old Amanda, linked arms behind his coffin, which was draped in the green-and-white banner of the soccer team he loved, Glasgow Celtic.

Two Spaniards 24-year-old teacher Rocia Ramos and 12-year-old student Fernando Bancelga, who had been living with the Barker family also died in the blast and were buried Tuesday in their native Madrid.

In Buncrana, children led the congregation in special prayers for their souls in English, Spanish and Gaelic.

Fernando's older brother and more than 30 Spanish students _ some bearing bandages from shrapnel wounds and perforated eardrums and their relatives attended the Buncrana service.

The Rev. Shane Bradley, Buncrana's Omagh-born priest, noted that more than 3,000 people had been killed in the past three decades of conflict over Northern Ireland, but that this appeared to be "our saddest moment, our darkest hour."

"This wound runs too deep, and the scar will be on us all 'til we go to our own graves," he said.

In the church were Irish President Mary McAleese and Jose Maria Sanz-Pastor, Spain's ambassador for Ireland. Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness, leaders of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party, walked closely behind the three boys' coffins.

Ulster Unionist Party leader David Trimble, the Protestant first minister of Northern Ireland's new cross-community government established by the agreement, also attended.

Trimble said he found the Real IRA's statement that it would suspend violence "pretty contemptible" and untrustworthy, since the group's misleading phoned warnings in Omagh had "herded the people directly to the car bomb like lambs to the slaughter."

He said the continuing threat posed by dissidents underscored his demand for IRA commanders to start handing over their hidden weaponry to international arms inspectors, as April's peace agreement calls for.

Sinn Fein chairman Mitchel McLaughlin disclosed Wednesday that his party had been in contact with the Real IRA through intermediaries to press its demand that the dissident group renounce violence completely.

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Ireland To Crackdown on Terrorists

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Body

The Irish government announced Wednesday it will sharply tighten its anti-terrorist laws, and Catholics and Protestants suffered together the heartbreak of burying 16 victims of Northern Ireland's deadliest terrorist strike.

Columns of grief-stricken residents followed hearses that snaked slowly through the bomb-ravaged center of Omagh. In a sad distinction, more funerals for victims of political violence were held Wednesday than in any other single day throughout Northern Ireland's troubles.

In Dublin, Prime Minister Bertie Ahern announced plans to wipe out the *Irish Republican Army* dissidents who planted Saturday's car bomb that killed 28 people and wounded 220.

Ahern said he considered his government's initiatives "extremely draconian," but added he was not prepared to risk more attacks by dissidents of the Real IRA splinter group.

The group refuses to adhere to the IRA's July 1997 truce and announced Wednesday only that it had "suspended" its bombing campaign in light of the Omagh carnage, which it called unintentional.

The proposals approved by an emergency session of Ahern's Cabinet most of which already are in place in Northern Ireland _ included restricting the right to bail for suspected terrorists, allowing judges to infer guilt if a suspect refuses to answer questions, and extending the allowable time to hold suspects without charge from 48 hours to 96 hours.

People also could be convicted of belonging to outlawed groups if a senior detective testifies they are members.

Ahern said the measures would become made law within two weeks to defend both Northern Ireland's peace agreement "and the people of both parts of this island from attack by groups who have no legitimacy whatsoever."

With controlled anger, he noted his visit Tuesday to the Irish Republic town of Buncrana, where three bomb victims ranging from 8 to 12 were buried Wednesday.

"When you stand ... in a room with the body of a young boy, a beautiful young boy, who should be out playing football on what was a fine day, who should be looking forward to seeing his boyhood dreams come true ... it brings home to you what you're dealing with," Ahern said.

Ireland To Crackdown on Terrorists

Seeking to head off a crackdown, the dissidents who began planting car bombs in Northern Ireland towns in February in hopes of poisoning the Belfast peace talks said they suspended "all military operations" pending internal debate on future strategy.

Bernadette Sands-McKevitt, the common-law wife of Michael McKevitt, the reputed leader of the Real IRA, told Irish radio that she was pleased with the group's announcement.

"I have already condemned it and we could not condone it," she said of the Omagh attack, which she added had nothing to do with her or McKevitt.

Local reports said the couple had moved from their home in the Irish Republic border town of Dundalk for fear of attacks.

Politicians on both sides heaped scorn on the Real IRA statement.

"It's too late for those who were massacred," said Pat Doherty, vice president of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party.

And Ulster Unionist Party leader David Trimble, the Protestant who was named first minister of Northern Ireland's new cross-community government, called the statement contemptible and untrustworthy.

On Wednesday, soldiers erected a steel wall at the Market Street crossroads where the 500-pound car bomb detonated. That blocked the destruction from the view of the mile-long funeral processions which passed silently through the town from churches to cemeteries.

Those businesses not damaged by the bomb closed for the day, pinning messages and floral tributes to their front doors.

And at every funeral, pews filled to overflowing. Hundreds stood outside in the rain as entire communities Protestant and Catholic alike rallied behind the families.

"In our terrible experience of the last 30 years, Omagh was the worst atrocity of them all," said retired Catholic Bishop Edward Daly. "Is it too much to ask or too much to hope that it will be the last atrocity of all?" he asked at the Requiem Mass for 21-month-old Breda Devine.

The oldest victim, 65-year-old Mary Grimes, was buried in her village of Beragh, southeast of Omagh. Her daughter, Avril Monaghan, and 18-month-old granddaughter Maura had been buried Tuesday.

The remaining eight burials were to take place Thursday.

Archbishop Sean Brady, who oversees Ireland's 4 million Roman Catholics, said the bombers appear to realize that "something went terribly wrong. But they need to go further."

"They need to realize that their whole campaign is utterly wrong, totally evil, and completely devoid of justification," he said. "How could the murder of baby Maura, of baby Breda Devine, of 8-year-old Oran Doherty, of nine teenagers, 12 adult women, four adult men all of them innocent victims be other than something very evil?"

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Orangemen launch 'battle of wills;' Northern Ireland peace on line

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Body

Northern Ireland's two-century-old Protestant fraternity launched a "battle of wills" Sunday with British security forces who blocked them from parading through this town's main Catholic neighborhood.

Sporadic violence broke out in other cities by nightfall - more than eight hours after 1,000 Orangemen dug in for a long standoff at a barricade blocking their route down this town's predominantly Catholic Garvaghy Road.

In a show of support, Protestants in Belfast blocked minor roads with burning tires and debris, while a gasoline bomb was thrown and cars stoned in north Belfast. No arrests or injuries were reported.

Protestants also erected road blocks in several smaller towns, the British news agency, Press Association, reported.

"There are lots of groups on the streets in loyalist areas of Belfast, but there is no evidence of major disorder," said a Belfast police spokesman on condition of anonymity. "Many minor streets are blocked but all main roads remain open."

At Portadown, the protest began at midday when the Orangemen and four accordion bands marched from their annual church service to the base of a 15-foot-high wall of iron, barbed wire and cement blocks erected by the British army.

"I can assure her majesty's government that we will be staying here until such time as we are allowed our legitimate right to walk the road," said Portadown's senior Orangeman, Harold Gracey.

Some four hours after the start of the standoff, two men broke from the crowd, wiggled through an outer ring of barbed wire to cheers from onlookers, and were hauled off by riot police. Both were arrested, police said.

About 60 Protestant women and children carrying Ulster banners marched to British army headquarters to protest curbs on the march, which has taken place every year since 1807.

Police chief Ronnie Flanagan insisted, however, that he would enforce a decision by a government-appointed commission barring the Orangemen from marching down the road, where militant Catholics have converged the past three summers to block the march.

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The four rows of coiled barbed wire that engineers built Saturday underscored that resolve, turning the pasture flanking Drumcree Anglican church, the focal point of the Orangemen's annual parade, into a no-man's land.

Riot police in helmets and flame-retardant jumpsuits stood by, watching for any Protestants who might try to breach the barrier and head for the nearby Garvaghy Road. Army spotter planes and helicopters hovered overhead.

Such showdowns have plunged Northern Ireland into sectarian chaos the past two summers. Disagreement over this year's march has already triggered a round of arson attacks on Catholic churches and halls belonging to the Orange Order, Northern Ireland's largest fraternal organization.

While such violence cannot unravel April's multiparty peace agreement, it tests its basic assumption - that Catholic and Protestant politicians will be able, for the first time in history, to effectively govern this divided land together.

David Trimble, Protestant first minister of the new government, is an Orangeman and defends their right to march. His moderate Catholic deputy, Seamus Mallon, wants the Orangemen to avoid antagonizing Catholics.

Orange leaders emphasized Sunday that they would not negotiate with Catholic protesters and that they expected to win this year's confrontation.

Underlining their plans for a long standoff, some marchers brought backpacks with sleeping bags, rain gear and food, and erected tents in the fields around Drumcree. Many more members of the 80,000-strong organization were expected to travel to Drumcree in a show of support.

"This will be a battle of wills to see who gives in first," said Joel Patton, leader of a hard-line Orange faction called Spirit of Drumcree, which opposes any negotiations with Catholic demonstrators.

"Our enemies know that if we lose the right to march on Garvaghy Road, every Orange march will be in jeopardy. We will disappear into oblivion," said Patton.

Since 1807, as part of their annual demonstration of Protestant solidarity, members of the 203-year-old Orange Order have marched along the road beneath emblems of a British crown on an open Bible.

Orangemen insist that the parades should offend nobody. But many Catholics consider the marches deliberately provocative and designed to make them feel like second-class citizens.

Catholic protest leader Breandan MacCionnaith said his community remained deeply suspicious that authorities would relent to Orange pressure. "How can you trust people who beat you into the ground?" he said of the predominantly Protestant police force.

Orangemen have refused to negotiate directly with MacCionnaith, a former **Irish Republican Army** prisoner.

In 1996, when police last blocked the march, Orangemen massed in tens of thousands at Drumcree, blocking roads across Northern Ireland, and Protestants rioted for four nights. Police finally caved in and cleared Catholic protesters off Garvaghy Road for the parade.

Last year, fearing more Protestant rioting, the security forces cleared Garvaghy Road so the parade could pass, sparking four nights of Catholic disturbances.

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OPINION

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Body

Omagh tragedy

A bombing that lacerates the soul

The headline had the devil's fingerprints all over it: "Ireland bombing kills 28."

Beneath were tales of bodies mangled, lives shattered in Omagh, Northern Ireland, by the **Irish Republican Army** or one of its splinter groups.

These primitives, dazzled by their own virulent rhetoric, would rather build bombs that kill **women** and children than build bridges to their neighbors. They scrawl freedom's slogans on walls by night and practice murder by day. Through their violent acts, they have destroyed any claim to legitimate political grievances. They are criminals whose hands will be ever stained by the blood of innocents.

Omagh is now the tiny town ravaged after the people of Ireland voted for a peace accord. Among the 28 victims were three from one family: Mary Grimes, 65, her daughter Avril Monaghan, 30, and her 18-month-old granddaughter, Maura.

Yet Ireland, north and south, has no choice but to continue on until the hard men who set off bombs have been converted or captured. Only then can true healing begin.

The Irish, it's often said, are a people of poetry. Perhaps in the face of the raw rage this tragedy has provoked they can find inspiration in the words of one of their greatest poets, Patrick Cavanaugh (1905-1967).

THE ROAD TO HATE

He said: The road you are going down will lead you to Hate

For I went down that way yesterday and saw it away

In the hollow a mile distant and I turned back

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Glad of my escape.

But I said: I will persist,

For I know a man who went down the hill into the hollow

And entered the very city of Hate

And God visited him every day out of pity

Till in the end he became a most noble saint

SeaLife Center

A remarkable institution

At the Alaska SeaLife Center, you won't see a trainer riding Shamu like a rocket or a synchronized leap of dolphins. "We're not Sea World," executive director Kim Sundberg said.

Delights are less spectacular at the Seward research center. Here you can lightly touch an array of starfish and learn about them by talking with an attendant on the spot. You can fall under the spell of the sea lions' graceful glide under water and marvel at the subsurface flying of puffins as they dive for their dinner.

Marine life puts on a show, but the center isn't theater. Its role is research, rehabilitation and education.

Mr. Sundberg points out, for example, that the puffins' underwater display has surprised even veteran marine scientists, who are now talking about different research into buoyancy and how the birds swim under water.

Steller sea lions have been in decline for years and still no one is certain why. "We're working hard to try to turn that around," Mr. Sundberg said.

The hard work here isn't all behind closed doors, either. Those \$ 12.50 and \$ 10 admission tickets pay for most of the research in progress. In return, researchers are expected to give something of themselves in explanations about their work.

"We've been fortunate to have researchers who enjoy that interaction," Mr. Sundberg said.

It brings the work of the center closer to home for Alaskans and out-of-state visitors, and gives people a better idea of what their tickets buy.

Those tickets also help cover the costs of making such research possible. Exxon Valdez oil spill money paid for most of its construction, but the sea life center aims to be self-sustaining. Part of that sustenance is covering costs that include monthly utility bills of \$ 35,000 and a yearly \$ 1.7 million bond repayment. Monthly payments on the bond go up to \$ 149,000 in September.

"Our costs of operation are probably higher than anywhere else in the country," Mr. Sundberg said. "We'd love to be able to discount our tickets ... but that wouldn't make our operating expenses."

The Alaska SeaLife Center has even more ambitious plans for the future, including a sea otter habitat, auditorium, cooperative ventures with the University of Alaska, an Internet data base and an endowment for a research chair. Those dreams will take a bigger bankroll than gate receipts and gift shop sales will provide.

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But those sales remain vital to the center's mission. When we put our money down, we gain knowledge, enjoy wonder and pay for the rescue of marine life. At the same time, we invest in the discovery of more knowledge and understanding. Like much research, the work of the center likely will pay off in ways we haven't imagined yet.

The Alaska SeaLife Center is only three months old. Already it's worth the price of admission.

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Precede BELFAST Northern Ireland buries dead, as Dublin unveils new 'dracon

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Northern Ireland Car Bomb Kills 25

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A car bomb tore apart the center of a bustling market town Saturday, killing at least 25 people and injuring more than 200 in the deadliest attack in three decades of conflict in Northern Ireland.

Among those slain Saturday in Omagh, 70 miles west of Belfast, were women and children, Protestant and Catholic alike. Many of them were unwittingly evacuated towards the bomb by police after authorities received a misleading phone call.

"We have had men, women and children slaughtered here this afternoon, slaughtered by murderers who wanted to murder ... who gave us a totally inaccurate warning," said Northern Ireland Police Chief Ronnie Flanagan.

The attack coincided with the 29th anniversary of the deployment of British troops in Belfast, a traditional rallying point for Irish Republican Army supporters. It also came several weeks before President Clinton was to visit Belfast to celebrate Northern Ireland's historic peace accord.

No group claimed responsibility for planting the 500-pound bomb in Omagh, which was crowded with weekend shoppers and families attending a festival.

But politicians unanimously blamed IRA dissidents who hope to shatter the IRA's 13-month-old truce and the peace agreement it helped inspire.

IRA dissidents have planted several car bombs in other Northern Ireland towns in recent months, which caused many injuries but no deaths because of swift action by police.

A police official, speaking on customary anonymity, gave the death toll of 25, while hospitals reported treating over 200 wounded.

"I saw bodies lying everywhere, dead people being zipped into bags," said resident Dorothy Boyle.

"The bodies were lying there with water running over them from burst pipes. There were limbs lying about that had been blown off people," she said, noting that one young pregnant woman had lost her legs.

Among the dead was an 18-month-old child.

Northern Ireland Car Bomb Kills 25

The local Tyrone County Hospital overflowed with wounded late Saturday. Survivors used blown-off doors as makeshift stretchers. Others were ferried by ambulance or helicopter to hospitals in Belfast and Londonderry. The streets surrounding the bomb site were strewn with glass and rubble, and streaked with blood.

Earlier, a phoned warning to the BBC newsroom in Belfast claimed a bomb had been left outside Omagh's courthouse on High Street, on the west end of town.

Police began directing people away from the area many of them east down Market Street. Twenty minutes later the bomb blew up behind the security cordon, tearing apart buildings and people alike.

A retired fireman, Paddy McGowan, said his car "lifted off the ground" when the Omagh bomb went off. He, like many drivers, saw the billowing smoke, and ran to the scene to try to help.

"It was absolute carnage, the most horrific I have ever seen," said McGowan, a 25-year veteran of the fire service.

"There were bodies everywhere, and people covered in blood screaming," he said, shaking.

Clinton, who is scheduled to visit Northern Ireland Sept. 3, condemned the attack. His spokesman said Clinton has no plans to scrap his visit.

"I renew my pledge to stand with the people of Northern Ireland against the perpetrators of violence; they will find no friends here," Clinton said in a statement. "On behalf of the American people, I condemn this butchery."

Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern vowed that breakaway IRA members believed to number no more than 100 and mostly based in the Irish Republic would be "ruthlessly suppressed."

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, on vacation in France, told the BBC that he found it "impossible to get in the mind of anyone who could possibly do such a thing."

Queen Elizabeth II said she was "shocked to hear of the appalling crime" and offered her condolences in a statement.

Northern Ireland's moderate Catholic leader, John Hume, said the atrocity was "carried out by undiluted fascists. Obviously they're trying to impose their will by murder on the people of Ireland, north and south."

Martin McGuinness, chief negotiator of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party, said he was "appalled and disgusted" by this "indefensible action."

"It's designed to wreck the peace process, and everyone should work to ensure that the peace process continues," said McGuinness, the IRA's reputed former commander.

The attack harkened back to the province's darkest days of the 1970s, when the IRA bombed commercial centers in Belfast, Londonderry and England.

Omagh's death toll eclipsed the previous worst attack in Northern Ireland, when the IRA killed 18 soldiers with two bombs on Aug. 27, 1979.

The IRA killed 21 people in a double bombing of two pubs in Birmingham, England, in Nov. 21, 1974. The worst atrocity remains May 17, 1974, when three car bombs planted by a pro-British gang fatally wounded 35 people in the Irish Republic.

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McGwire Smashes HR No. 61

ST. LOUIS (AP)

Mark McGwire belted his 61st home run today, tying the record set in 1961 by Roger Maris. The St. Louis Cardinals slugger hit a first-inning shot off Mike Morgan of the Chicago Cubs. The HR soared 430 feet to left field. After rounding the bases, McGwire lifted his 10-year-old son Matt, the batboy, in his arms at home plate. The crowd of 50,530, which included Maris' sons, cheered wildly. Chicago's Sammy Sosa, who has 58 home runs, applauded in right field. St. Louis beat the Cubs 3-2. "I admire everything that Roger went through because I know now what he went through," McGwire said. "I am very, very happy to be linked to him."

Clinton Wants Starr Report

WASHINGTON (AP)

President Clinton's lawyers today asked for an advance copy of any report to Congress from Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr on the president's conduct. They want to craft a written reply that would accompany the document. David Kendall, the president's personal lawyer, made the request for an advance copy of the independent counsel's report in a letter to Starr, to ensure "elemental fairness" to the president. A report by Starr could go to Congress as early as this month.

IRA Dissidents Call 'Cease-Fire'

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP)

The ***Irish Republican Army*** dissidents responsible for Northern Ireland's worst-ever terrorist atrocity have called a "complete" cease-fire. Tuesday but didn't apologize for their actions. In its statement issued to the Irish state broadcasters RTE, the dissidents said they had decided on "a complete cessation of all military activity." This brings the group into line with the mainstream IRA and several other paramilitary groups. The splinter group, dubbed the Real IRA, committed the Aug. 15 car bombing that killed 29 in Omagh.

Rebels, Congo Make Breakthrough

VICTORIA FALLS, Zimbabwe (AP)

AP Top News at 11 p.m. EDT Monday, Sept. 7, 1998

The Congolese government and rebels reached a breakthrough in peace talks, the chairman of a regional summit said today. Zambian President Frederick Chiluba would not comment on whether a cease-fire had been reached. "Details of the agreement will be released tomorrow," he said. Chiluba said regional presidents will reconvene for further deliberations before issuing a statement.

Swissair Box Lacks Final Data

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia (AP)

The flight-data recorder recovered near the wreckage of Swissair Flight 111 contains no information from the six minutes before the plane crashed, investigators said today. Investigator Vic Gerden said the flight-data recorder retrieved yesterday should provide more than 100 types of information. But he said there was no data from the minutes just before the MD-11 jumbo jet crashed off Nova Scotia on Wednesday, killing all 229 people aboard. Gerden said the data recording may have stopped because the plane lost electric power. The setback was offset by news that a Canadian navy submarine has detected a signal from the plane's other "black box" the cockpit-voice recorder.

Seinfeld Is Top-Paid Entertainer

NEW YORK (AP)

Jerry Seinfeld, whose TV show ended a highly successful nine-year run in May, tops this year's Forbes magazine's list of the 40 highest-paid entertainers. He earned \$225 million. Larry David, the co-creator of the sitcom with Seinfeld, captured No. 2 on the list with \$200 million. They unseated film director Steven Spielberg. The boss of Dreamworks SKG studio earned \$175 million. TV star Oprah Winfrey, who topped the list in 1996, took fourth place with \$125 million.

Jerry Lewis Telethon Raises \$51.57M

LOS ANGELES (AP)

Jerry Lewis' annual muscular dystrophy telethon raised a record \$51.57 million during a 21 1/2-hour event featuring musicians, magicians and comedians. "Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!" Lewis said tonight as the 33rd Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Association Labor Day Telethon drew to a close. "What more can I say?"

Tokyo Stocks Rise

TOKYO (AP)

Japanese stock prices rose Tuesday in early trading. The Nikkei Stock Average of 225 selected issues rose 312.49 points, or 2.11 percent, to 15,102.55 in the first hour. Asian stock markets had rallied Monday with traders crediting everything from Japan's strengthening yen to speculation about lower U.S. interest rates.

Sampras Advances at U.S. Open

NEW YORK (AP)

Top-Seeded Pete Sampras had 18 aces and never lost his serve in a 6-4, 6-3, 6-2 victory over Marat Safin to move into the quarterfinals of the U.S. Open, a tournament he has won four times. In women's action, Venus Williams won the final six points of the tiebreaker in her 6-1, 7-6 (7-4) win over No. 12 Mary Pierce. Also, No. 13 Amanda Coetzer slammed won 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 vs. No. 7 Conchita Martinez.

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IRA dissidents 'suspend' bombing as its victims are laid to rest

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Dateline: BELFAST, Northern Ireland

Body

The IRA dissidents who committed Northern Ireland's worst terrorist attack pledged today to stop their bombing, a vow given only hours before most of their victims were laid to rest.

Unimpressed, the Irish government announced it would recall Parliament to pass tougher anti-terrorism laws, including one that would allow a suspect's silence to weigh against him.

The so-called Real IRA, until now committed to wrecking the ***Irish Republican Army*** cease-fire of July 1997, announced it had indefinitely "suspended" its efforts to bomb Northern Ireland towns "as a direct result of the Omagh tragedy."

Although they denied trying to kill anybody, the dissidents' car bomb Saturday in the religiously mixed town killed 28 civilians and wounded 220, mostly ***women*** and children.

While some politicians greeted the announcement with relief, Britain's minister responsible for governing Northern Ireland, Mo Mowlam, called it "an insult" to the dead and maimed.

"The pain and grief are such that this is just a little too late," she said, noting the 13 funerals taking place today in and near Omagh and three more in the Irish Republic seaside resort of Buncrana.

Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern announced that his country would beef up security at its border with Northern Ireland and pass several laws - including one that would allow "inferences" to be drawn from a suspect's failure to answer police questions. Several new offenses also would be created, he said.

Also today, Bernadette Sands, the companion of Michael McKevitt, the reputed head of the Real IRA, called a radio program to condemn the Omagh bombing and applaud the group's announcement it was suspending its military operations.

"The loss of innocent lives cannot be justified," she said, adding she did not know why she and McKevitt were being singled out after the bombing. The couple reportedly have moved out of their house in the Irish Republic town of Dundalk, fearing for the safety of their children.

IRA dissidents 'suspend' bombing as its victims are laid to rest

In Buncrana, on the Irish Republic's rugged northwest coast, an estimated 8,000 mourners bade an anguished farewell to three of the town's boys - James Barker and Shaun McLaughlin, both 12, and Oran Doherty, 8 - who died while taking Spanish exchange students to visit a historic park near Omagh.

"We all feel responsible ... but there was supposed to be peace," said school principal Sinead McLaughlin, whose students formed a uniformed honor guard alongside all three coffins en route to St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Shaun was an altar boy at another local church.

James' parents, Donna and Victor Barker, who had moved to Buncrana from their native England last year, looked like broken souls as they walked behind their son's casket.

Oran's six siblings, from his 3-year-old brother Oisin to 20-year-old Amanda, linked arms behind his coffin, which was draped in the green-and-white banner of the soccer team he loved, Glasgow Celtic.

Two Spaniards who had been living with the Barker family also died in the blast and were buried Tuesday in their native Madrid.

In Buncrana, children led the congregation in special prayers for their souls in English, Spanish and Gaelic.

Fernando's older brother and more than 30 Spanish students - some bearing bandages from shrapnel wounds and perforated eardrums - and their relatives attended the Buncrana service.

The Rev. Shane Bradley, Buncrana's Omagh-born priest, noted that more than 3,000 people had been killed in the past three decades of conflict over Northern Ireland, but that this appeared to be "our saddest moment, our darkest hour."

"This wound runs too deep, and the scar will be on us all 'til we go to our own graves," he said.

In the church were Irish President Mary McAleese and Jose Maria Sanz-Pastor, Spain's ambassador to Ireland. Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness, leaders of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party, walked closely behind the three boys' coffins.

Ulster Unionist Party leader David Trimble, the Protestant leader named to be first minister of Northern Ireland's new cross-community government, also attended.

Trimble called the Real IRA statement "pretty contemptible" and untrustworthy, since the group's misleading phoned warnings in Omagh had "herded the people directly to the car bomb like lambs to the slaughter."

He said the threat posed by dissidents underscored his demand for IRA commanders to start handing over their hidden weapons to international arms inspectors, as April's peace agreement calls for.

Sinn Fein chairman Mitchel McLaughlin said today that his party had been in contact with the Real IRA through intermediaries to press its demand that it renounce violence completely.

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Body

Japan PM Faces Tough Election Test

TOKYO (AP)

Politicians hit the streets today in their final day of campaigning for nationwide elections that have the prime minister anxiously guarding his job. The campaign has been dominated by concerns over the country's worst recession in decades. The ruling Liberal Democratic Party is not in danger of losing its hold on power in tomorrow's elections which will decide half of the 252 seats in Parliament's upper house because of its strong majority in the more influential lower house. But concerns over the economy have sent Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto's support ratings plunging to record lows over the past several weeks, and rivals within his party are waiting in the wings in the event of a weak showing.

Simpson Appeals Civil Verdict

LOS ANGELES (AP)

In their appeal of his \$33.5 million civil trial verdict, O.J. Simpson's lawyers suggest that there should be a third trial. The appeal claims the civil trial was "fundamentally tainted" by erroneous rulings of Superior Court Judge Hiroshi Fujisaki. Daniel Petrocelli, a lawyer who represented Fred Goldman and his family in their civil suit, said he's confident the verdict and award to the families of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman will stand. Simpson's attorneys contended in their appeal that the awards are "excessive and the clear result of passion and prejudice on the part of the jury."

Northern Ireland Opponents To Talk

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

After six nights of violence, Protestant marchers and their Catholic opponents will now try talking their way out of a confrontation that has sorely tested Northern Ireland's recent turn toward compromise. Representatives of the Orange Order and Catholic residents in Portadown accepted British Prime Minister Tony Blair's invitation to seek a solution to a controversial march that has sparked street battles. Also yesterday, police in London and Ireland arrested 10 people linked to **Irish Republican Army** dissidents who allegedly were preparing to plant bombs in the city.

Albright Urges Mideast Talks

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WASHINGTON (AP)

After months of watching her own efforts fail, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright says only Israel and the Palestinians can clear the remaining hurdles to a West Bank agreement. Albright and other U.S. mediators have been trying to persuade Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to relinquish 13 percent of the West Bank to the Palestinian Authority. They also have urged Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to take a tougher approach to Palestinian militants.

McCaffrey Remark Irks Ambassador

WASHINGTON (AP)

The Clinton administration's drug czar raised the ire of the Dutch ambassador by criticizing the Netherlands' permissive drug laws. Retired Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, who was traveling to Europe yesterday, said the Netherlands' policy of letting its citizens use marijuana and other soft drugs was "an unmitigated disaster." The Dutch ambassador to the United States, Joris M. Vos, said he was "confounded and dismayed" by McCaffrey's description. A Drug policy spokesman said McCaffrey hoped the incident would not affect the outcome of his European trip.

Unwanted Napalm Finds Home in Texas

HOUSTON (AP)

GNI Group Inc. has been awarded a \$10 million contract to recycle more than 3.4 million gallons of the surplus napalm stored by the Navy near San Diego. The first shipment should arrive in about a week at the company's facility just east of Houston, GNI spokeswoman Carolyn Magnuson said yesterday. The napalm will be transported by train and will travel the last 22 miles by truck. In April, the Navy thought it had found a company to accept the chemical. But after community protests, Pollution Control Industries in East Chicago, Ind., refused to accept a 12,000 gallon shipment. The Navy train was forced to turn around.

Griffey Hits 37th Homer in Loss

SEATTLE (AP)

Ken Griffey Jr. tied Mark McGwire for the major league lead with his 37th homer, but the Anaheim Angels scored two unearned runs in the 11th inning and broke a six-game losing streak with a 5-3 victory over Seattle. Three of Anaheim's runs were unearned as the Mariners committed three errors. The Mariners tied the score at 3 when Griffey led off the seventh with a 439-foot drive into the Kingdome's third deck. It was Griffey's fourth homer in seven games this month.

Pak's 61 Is Lowest in LPGA History

SYLVANIA, Ohio (AP)

Se Ri Pak shot a 61 in the second round of the Jamie Farr Kroger Classic the lowest score ever on the LPGA Tour. Four days after winning the U.S. Women's Open championship, the 20-year-old South Korean rookie's 10-under score moved her from being in danger of missing the cut to first place in the span of four hours not to mention into the record books.

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N. Ireland Protestant March Blocked

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Body

Northern Ireland's two-century-old Protestant fraternity launched a "battle of wills" Sunday with British security forces who blocked them from parading through this town's main Catholic neighborhood.

Sporadic violence broke out in other cities by nightfall more than eight hours after 1,000 Orangemen dug in for a long standoff at a barricade blocking their route down this town's predominantly Catholic Garvaghy Road.

In a show of support, Protestants in Belfast blocked minor roads with burning tires and debris, while a gasoline bomb was thrown and cars stoned in north Belfast. No arrests or injuries were reported.

Protestants also erected road blocks in several smaller towns, the British news agency, Press Association, reported.

"There are lots of groups on the streets in loyalist areas of Belfast, but there is no evidence of major disorder," said a Belfast police spokesman on condition of anonymity. "Many minor streets are blocked but all main roads remain open."

At Portadown, the protest began at midday when the Orangemen and four accordion bands marched from their annual church service to the base of a 15-foot-high wall of iron, barbed wire and cement blocks erected by the British army.

"I can assure her majesty's government that we will be staying here until such time as we are allowed our legitimate right to walk the road," said Portadown's senior Orangeman, Harold Gracey.

Some four hours after the start of the standoff, two men broke from the crowd, wiggled through an outer ring of barbed wire to cheers from onlookers, and were hauled off by riot police. Both were arrested, police said.

About 60 Protestant women and children carrying Ulster banners marched to British army headquarters to protest curbs on the march, which has taken place every year since 1807.

Police chief Ronnie Flanagan insisted, however, that he would enforce a decision by a government-appointed commission barring the Orangemen from marching down the road, where militant Catholics have converged the past three summers to block the march.

N. Ireland Protestant March Blocked

The four rows of coiled barbed wire that engineers built Saturday underscored that resolve, turning the pasture flanking Drumcree Anglican church, the focal point of the Orangemen's annual parade, into a no-man's land.

Riot police in helmets and flame-retardant jumpsuits stood by, watching for any Protestants who might try to breach the barrier and head for the nearby Garvaghy Road. Army spotter planes and helicopters hovered overhead.

Such showdowns have plunged Northern Ireland into sectarian chaos the past two summers. Disagreement over this year's march has already triggered a round of arson attacks on Catholic churches and halls belonging to the Orange Order, Northern Ireland's largest fraternal organization.

While such violence cannot unravel April's multiparty peace agreement, it tests its basic assumption that Catholic and Protestant politicians will be able, for the first time in history, to effectively govern this divided land together.

David Trimble, Protestant first minister of the new government, is an Orangeman and defends their right to march. His moderate Catholic deputy, Seamus Mallon, wants the Orangemen to avoid antagonizing Catholics.

Orange leaders emphasized Sunday that they would not negotiate with Catholic protesters and that they expected to win this year's confrontation.

Underlining their plans for a long standoff, some marchers brought backpacks with sleeping bags, rain gear and food, and erected tents in the fields around Drumcree. Many more members of the 80,000-strong organization were expected to travel to Drumcree in a show of support.

"This will be a battle of wills to see who gives in first," said Joel Patton, leader of a hard-line Orange faction called Spirit of Drumcree, which opposes any negotiations with Catholic demonstrators.

"Our enemies know that if we lose the right to march on Garvaghy Road, every Orange march will be in jeopardy. We will disappear into oblivion," said Patton.

Since 1807, as part of their annual demonstration of Protestant solidarity, members of the 203-year-old Orange Order have marched along the road beneath emblems of a British crown on an open Bible.

Orangemen insist that the parades should offend nobody. But many Catholics consider the marches deliberately provocative and designed to make them feel like second-class citizens.

Catholic protest leader Breandan MacCionnaith said his community remained deeply suspicious that authorities would relent to Orange pressure. "How can you trust people who beat you into the ground?" he said of the predominantly Protestant police force.

Orangemen have refused to negotiate directly with MacCionnaith, a former **Irish Republican Army** prisoner.

In 1996, when police last blocked the march, Orangemen massed in tens of thousands at Drumcree, blocking roads across Northern Ireland, and Protestants rioted for four nights. Police finally caved in and cleared Catholic protesters off Garvaghy Road for the parade.

Last year, fearing more Protestant rioting, the security forces cleared Garvaghy Road so the parade could pass, sparking four nights of Catholic disturbances.

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Sinn Fein Accepts Irish Peace Pact

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP)

Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams led his IRA-allied party down the road from revolution to reform today, winning full backing for the Northern Ireland peace accord against the odds of history. In a fundamental reversal of decades-old policy, 331 out of 350 Sinn Fein activists voted in support of their leaders' recommendation that they accept their place in a new Belfast administration. Adams emphasized that the decision wouldn't mean they accept the right of Northern Ireland to exist. That key issue has driven the past 30 years of bloodshed and is spurring dissidents to try to wreck the **Irish Republican Army** cease-fire of July 1997.

Democrats Want Rep. Burton Out

WASHINGTON (AP)

Democrats today insisted that Rep. Dan Burton be replaced as head of the House probe into campaign fund raising. Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., said he has written to Speaker Newt Gingrich demanding Burton, R-Ind., be replaced and told CBS today that Democrats will keep blocking immunity for key witnesses if Burton stays. On ABC, the chairman of the Democratic party, Colorado Gov. Roy Romer, called Burton's handling of the Webster Hubbell tapes "the most serious abuse of power" he's seen in a long time. Burton denies any wrongdoing and says he will not step down.

Italy Mourns Mudslide Victims

SARNO, Italy (AP)

Thousands of wailing, angry townspeople, joined in silence by Italy's premier and president, attended a mass funeral today at a soccer field to mourn some of the 118 victims of the mudslides that devastated several towns. At least 97 of the victims of the slides, unleashed Tuesday by torrential rains, were found in Sarno. Eight-two of those dead were buried here today. Deafening applause went up when Bishop Gioacchino Illiano recalled Sarno's "miracle" survivor, who held out for three days buried in mud before rescuers found him at the bottom of a well.

Some 737s Grounded Until Inspected

WASHINGTON (AP)

AP Top News at 1 p.m. EDT Sunday, May 10, 1998

Some 152 older Boeing 737-100 and -200 model jets cannot carry passengers until their operators have inspected wiring in a wing fuel tank, the government said today, revising an urgent inspection order issued three days ago for those planes. The order Thursday by the Federal Aviation Administration gave operators seven days or five flight hours to inspect two sets of fuel pump electrical lines in each wing. The FAA also ordered inspections for both sets of electrical lines in 737s with between 40,000 and 50,000 flight hours. The expanded order covers an additional 118 domestic-registered planes and 282 worldwide, including U.S. aircraft.

Envoy Says Mideast Meeting Is Off

JERUSALEM (AP)

U.S. envoy Dennis Ross has called off a Mideast summit that was scheduled for tomorrow in Washington, and the collapse of the American diplomatic effort is touching off a round of finger-pointing. Palestinians blame Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for not compromising on the scope of an Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank. The daily Maariv reported today that Netanyahu accused the Americans of portraying him as an obstacle to peace. "You want to depict me as the one who is thwarting the peace process, and I'm not prepared to accept that," Netanyahu told Ross Friday, according to Maariv.

Mob Attacks Mourning Pakistanis

FAISALABAD, Pakistan (AP)

A mob of Muslim extremists terrorized a Christian neighborhood in this northeastern Pakistani city as thousands of mourners gathered today to bury a bishop, who killed himself as an act of protest. Police later arrested 16 Muslim radicals in connection with the anti-Christian assault, although police say no charges have been filed. Roman Catholic Bishop John Joseph killed himself to protest the death sentence given to a Christian accused of insulting Islam.

Mother's Day Is Top Day for Calling

BASKING RIDGE, N.J. (AP)

Millions of Americans will be calling Mom today, traditionally the busiest day of the year for long-distance telephone calls. AT&T says 145.3 million calls were placed on Mother's Day last year. Moms in Arizona get the most calls on Mother's Day. Second place goes to Southern California, followed by Florida and Texas. An AT&T spokesman suggests people call the Sun Belt states early to avoid the last-minute evening rush.

Hingis Beats Venus in Italian Open

ROME (AP)

Top-ranked Martina Hingis overcame upcoming star Venus Williams in three sets today to win the Italian Open in a match showcasing the hottest rivalry on the women's tour. Hingis won 6-3, 2-6, 6-3, in just under two hours to capture her fourth title of the year. The victory gives the Swiss star a big lift leading to this month's French Open.

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Ireland Deal Wins in Exit Polls

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Body

Voters have heavily approved a new government designed to bring peace to Northern Ireland, but almost half of the province's pro-British Protestants cast their ballots against it, exit polls indicate.

The official counts from Friday's voting in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland began this morning. Exit polling showed about 73 percent in Northern Ireland and 96 percent in the republic voted "yes." A simple majority was needed for ratification.

Protestants, who represent 55 percent of Northern Ireland's people, were split, according to the poll commissioned by RTE, the republic's state broadcasting service.

That was no surprise, following a vociferous campaign against the agreement by Protestant hard-liners. The next question is what they intend to do if they win seats in a new Northern Ireland assembly.

"Obviously everybody has doubts about each other still at this stage, and we have to use the agreement to build trust to improve understanding," said Mark Durkan, election director of the Social Democratic and Labor Party, which gets most of the Catholic vote in Northern Ireland. The RTE survey indicated that 99 percent of Catholics in Northern Ireland voted "yes."

The turnout was especially heavy in Northern Ireland, with people lined up waiting for some polling stations to open. There was no official figure on the turnout, but electoral sources quoted by the British news agency Press Association said it was more than 80 percent. Initial reports said turnout in the Irish Republic was a little under 57 percent.

After the polls closed, all 1,228 ballot boxes from across Northern Ireland were delivered to Belfast's King's Hall, where more than 200 people were counting votes. At about noon, the table with "yes" ballots had significantly more piles than the table with "no" ballots.

The exit poll was based on interviews with 2,000 voters in the Republic of Ireland and 1,750 in Northern Ireland, with a margin of error of 3 percentage points.

Another poll commissioned by the Sunday Times of London also pointed to a "yes" vote in Northern Ireland at around 70 percent. Business consultants Coopers and Lybrand, which conducted the poll, said 17 of Northern Ireland's 18 constituencies and an overwhelming majority of women backed the agreement.

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If the official result matches the exit polling, it would be a triumph for Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern, British leader Tony Blair and President Clinton, who all invested time and effort in the long months of negotiations.

But the onus of making it work will fall on the party leaders: Trimble; Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams, who persuaded his party and the **Irish Republican Army** to try politics rather than violence to promote a united Ireland; and John Hume of the Social Democratic and Labor Party, the first mainstream political figure to cooperate with Adams.

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The next step would come on June 25, when voters in Northern Ireland would elect 108 members of the new assembly. The Rev. Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionist Party, which worked hard against the agreement, has indicated that it will be seeking seats.

DUP spokesman Sinclair McAlister said Friday night that his party would use its seats to work against cross border bodies. If the agreement "means putting terrorists into government and terrorists into executive positions, we'll be against that," he said.

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He told BBC Radio he also looked forward to helping translate "massive international good will" into tackling economic problems and building trust "that will erode the out-of-date divisions and prejudices that have divided our people."

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The official counts from Friday's voting in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland began this morning. Exit polling showed about 73 percent in Northern Ireland and 96 percent in the republic voted "yes." A simple majority was needed for ratification.

The first official results in the Irish Republic from seven of 41 constituencies showed an overwhelming 94.77 percent voting "yes."

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Clinton Seeks Better China Ties

BEIJING (AP)

President Clinton assured Chinese President Jiang Zemin Thursday he intends to strengthen strategic ties with the world's most populous nation on a state visit in June. However, Clinton also registered concern over China's limitations on human rights and religious freedom. In a letter delivered by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Clinton also said China's technology exports are a matter of concern to the United States. To strengthen ties with China, Clinton proposed exchanges of scientists and specialists in health and education, as well as young people.

Judge Denies Lewinsky Immunity

WASHINGTON (AP)

A judge has decided there was no deal granting Monica Lewinsky immunity from criminal charges in the investigation into an alleged presidential affair and cover-up, The Associated Press has learned. The decision, still under seal, is a setback for Ms. Lewinsky's lawyers, who had maintained that Whitewater prosecutors had a binding agreement not to prosecute the former White House intern in exchange for her cooperation. Now, Ms. Lewinsky's lawyers will have to appeal or seek other avenues to remove their client from the possibility of criminal prosecution.

IRA Won't Lay Down Its Weapons

LONDON (AP)

The ***Irish Republican Army*** issued a statement Thursday ruling out giving up any of its weapons, saying the Northern Ireland peace agreement reached on Good Friday is significant but "falls short of presenting a solid basis for a lasting settlement." The IRA's verdict on the agreement reached by Northern Ireland's political leaders and the British and Irish governments on April 10 marks the group's first comment on the accord. The IRA statement commended the efforts of Sinn Fein, which meets in Dublin on May 10 to decide whether to endorse the accord.

More Medflies Found in Fla.

MIAMI (AP)

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State inspectors have found more than 50 Medflies in a central Florida orange grove and are scrambling to eradicate the pest, which could threaten Florida's \$6 billion-plus agriculture industry. The new Medfly discoveries in Lake County, north of Orlando, on Wednesday come as agriculture officials are hoping to wind down their eradication program in the Miami area with the release of millions of sterile flies. Just two weeks ago inspectors declared the Tampa area free of the pest.

Beef Is Recalled Nationwide

WASHINGTON (AP)

The Agriculture Department says much of 282,000 pounds of contaminated ground beef being recalled may already have been eaten. Meat-packing company IBP is recalling the beef after a strain of E. coli bacteria was found in a sample. The recalled amount represents an entire day's production from April 14, which was shipped to numerous states.

Abortion Pill Found Effective

BOSTON (AP)

The abortion pill RU-486 successfully ended pregnancies in 92 percent of women tested in the United States, according to research published Thursday. The study found the drug was most effective when given within the first 49 days of pregnancy. The longer a woman had been pregnant, the less likely the pill was to work.

Web Plan Nears Final Form

NEW YORK (AP)

White House senior policy adviser Ira Magaziner told an Internet conference Wednesday he expects the final plan of turning over management of the Internet to an international nonprofit group to be finished within two weeks. Among the possible changes are new Web address suffixes, called domains. Current domains include .com, .net and .org. The administration hasn't described what new domains it might suggest, but proposals have

ncluded .firm, .web, .arts., .nom, .rec, .info and .store.

Stocks Rise in Tokyo

TOKYO (AP)

Stock prices jumped Thursday morning following hefty losses earlier in the week. The Nikkei closed up 245.83 points at 15,641.26.

Blues 2, Kings 1

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP)

Pavol Demitra scored his third goal of the series and Craig Conroy added his first career playoff goal as the St. Louis Blues held off the Los Angeles Kings 2-1 Wednesday night to sweep their first-round series 4-0. The Blues became the first NHL team to advance, something they failed to do last year when they were beaten in the first round by eventual Stanley Cup champion Detroit.

Rockets 89, Jazz 85

HOUSTON (AP)

Thanks to Houston's three biggest stars, the Rockets are on the verge of pulling off one of the biggest upsets in NBA playoff history. Hakeem Olajuwon, Clyde Drexler and Charles Barkley led the Rockets over the Utah Jazz 89-

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85 Wednesday night, giving Houston a 2-1 lead in the best-of-5 opening-round series. The Rockets need one more victory to become only the second No. 8 seed to beat a No. 1 seed. No. 8 Denver upset top-seeded Seattle in 1994.

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JERUSALEM (AP)

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U.S. envoy Dennis Ross has called off a Mideast summit that was scheduled for tomorrow in Washington, and the collapse of the American diplomatic effort is touching off a round of finger-pointing. Palestinians blame Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for digging in his heels and not compromising on the scope of an Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank. The Israelis are critical of U.S. diplomacy, saying the invitation to the summit had come in the form of an ultimatum. Officials said Ross will consult tomorrow with President Clinton on the possibility of rescheduling the meeting.

Daimler-Benz Said To Talk to Nissan

TOKYO (AP)

Daimler-Benz, which last week said it would buy Chrysler, is in talks with Nissan Motor Co. to buy a controlling stake in its truck-manufacturing affiliate, Japanese media reported today. The German maker of Mercedes-Benz luxury cars is negotiating with Nissan to buy a controlling share in Nissan Diesel Motor Co., Japan's fourth largest truck maker, the Yomiuri Shimbun and others reported. Nissan Diesel is struggling with poor earnings in the wake of the Asian economic crisis and a weakening sales at home.

Mob Attacks Mourning Pakistanis

FAISALABAD, Pakistan (AP)

A mob of Muslim extremists terrorized a Christian neighborhood in this northeastern Pakistani city as thousands of mourners gathered today to bury a bishop, who killed himself as an act of protest. Police later arrested 16 Muslim radicals in connection with the anti-Christian assault, although police say no charges have been laid. Roman Catholic Bishop John Joseph had killed himself to protest the death sentence given to a Christian accused of insulting Islam. There are about 2 million Christians in Pakistan. Most of the country's 140 million people are Muslim.

Mother's Day Is Top Day for Calling

BASKING RIDGE, N.J. (AP)

Millions of Americans will be calling Mom today, traditionally the busiest day of the year for long-distance telephone calls. AT&T says last year, 145.3 million calls were placed on Mother's Day. Moms in Arizona get the most calls on Mother's Day. Second place goes to Southern California, followed by Florida and Texas. An AT&T spokesman suggests people call the Sun Belt states early to avoid the last-minute evening rush.

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Italy Mourns Mudslide Victims

SARNO, Italy (AP)

Thousands of wailing, angry townspeople, joined in silence by Italy's premier and president, attended a mass funeral today in a soccer field here to mourn some of the 118 victims of the mudslides that devastated several towns. At least 97 of the victims of the slides, unleashed Tuesday by torrential rains, were found in Sarno. Eight-two of those dead were buried here today. Deafening applause went up when Bishop Gioacchino Illiano recalled Sarno's "miracle" survivor, who held out for three days buried in mud before rescuers found him at the bottom of a well.

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PRISTINA, Yugoslavia

Serb police turn back women protesters

Serb riot police turned back about 2,000 women marching to a troubled region of Kosovo province today, intervening for the first time in more than a week of pro-independence demonstrations by Kosovo Albanians.

Clutching long, white loaves of bread, the marchers from teen-agers to women more than 50 years old set off from Kosovos capital, Pristina, in a column stretching nearly a mile.

The women carried signs saying Stop Genocide! and We are a nation in danger! Men lining the dilapidated roads cheered on the women.

They planned to march 30 miles to the Drenica region, where ethnic Albanians say more than 80 of their kin died in violent sweeps by Serb police this month. The women said the bread was for the hungry people of Drenica, which has been surrounded by Serb checkpoints and roadblocks ever since the police offensives.

Kosovo is part of Serbia, the largest republic remaining in Yugoslavia. Most Serbs treasure Kosovo as the cradle of their culture and Orthodox religion, though ethnic Albanians make up 90 percent of the provinces 2 million people.

About 30 police with shields, helmets and masks blocked the road and stopped the women four miles west of Pristina. The women dispersed without incident, saying they were going home.

CAMP DOHA, Kuwait

Anthrax inoculations begin in Gulf area

Slightly squeamish, Cpl. Robert Popham turned his head today as an Army medic jabbed a needle in his arm to vaccinate him against anthrax a biological toxin Iraq once mass-produced and is feared to still possess.

Stepping up its inoculation plan, the Pentagon announced earlier this month that it would vaccinate all 36,000 U.S. service members in the Persian Gulf against anthrax.

The inoculations for the 8,000 U.S. soldiers and Marines in Kuwait started Sunday. To be fully immunized, each person needs six shots over 18 months, followed by a booster shot every year.

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Col. Gary Matteson, a surgeon, said the first round of shots was expected to be finished in 13 days.

CHICAGO

85-year-old gets scary ride to impound yard

An 85-year-old woman sat frightened and apparently unnoticed in her sons Corvette while it was hooked up to a tow truck and hauled off to an impound yard.

Ruth Wexler stayed in the car after her son parked it at a shopping center and went across the street to run an errand. While she was reading her mail, the car started to move.

I realized that the car was going backward and there was something wrong, she said. Of course, I was scared.

However, she sat tight Friday because she initially thought the car may have had a flat tire and that her son was having it towed.

Two hours later, Bruce Wexler found his mother sitting patiently in the car at the impound lot a few blocks away.

Hes considering a lawsuit.

She could have had a heart attack, said Wexler, an insurance broker.

The car was towed because Wexler used the shopping center lot while going to an outside store, the Chicago Sun-Times said.

Judy Sutton, a dispatcher at Phillips Towing, said it was unclear if the driver knew he had human cargo. Sutton said company drivers wouldnt necessarily see a person in a car because they dont have to get out of their trucks to hook up to a car and tow it away.

DUBLIN, Ireland

U.S. envoy to Ireland decides to step down

Jean Kennedy Smith is stepping down as U.S. ambassador to Ireland this summer after five years in the post and returning to the United States.

Prime Minister Bertie Ahern today saluted Kennedy Smith as an outstanding diplomat, especially in her contribution to the search for peace in Northern Ireland. In particular, Ahern praised her for helping to get a U.S. visa in 1994 for Sinn Fein party leader Gerry Adams, whose party is allied with the **Irish Republican Army**.

Kennedy Smith is the sister of the late President John Kennedy and Sen. Edward Kennedy.

NEW DELHI, India

Sonia Gandhi elected to Indian partys helm

Indias Congress Party elected Sonia Gandhi to the powerful post of party chairwoman today, pinning its hopes once again on the Gandhi-Nehru dynasty and putting her in line for prime minister should a rival bid by Hindu nationalists fail.

The 224 Congress Party lawmakers in Parliament unanimously elected Gandhi as chairwoman, re-creating a post previously held only by her mother-in-law, Indira Gandhi.

Graphic

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SRDJAN ILIC/The Associated Press * Protest: Ethnic Albanian women hold loaves of bread and the Albanian flag during a demonstration in Pristina, Yugoslavia, today. Police turned back about 2,000 marching women, who were protesting recent ethnic violence that has left more than 80 people dead.

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Court To Review Line-Item Veto

WASHINGTON (AP)

The Supreme Court today agreed to judge the legitimacy of the law that gave the president the power to cancel specific items in spending and tax bills approved by Congress. The court indicated today it will give the line-item veto a fast-track review. The case will go before the justices April 27. President Clinton used the line-item veto 82 times last year, the first year it was available. But a federal judge struck down the law earlier this month, saying it surrenders too much of Congress' power to the president.

Tobacco Cos. Post Documents Online

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)

The tobacco industry today posted hundreds of thousands of internal documents on the Internet to keep a promise that tobacco executives made to Congress last month. The material covers a wide range of smoking and health issues. Industry officials say releasing the documents shows a new attitude of cooperation. But critics note that the industry did not release many documents it is fighting to keep secret. The Internet address for the documents is www.tobaccoresolution.com.

Brit Soldier's Conviction Upset

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

A British soldier convicted of murdering a Belfast teen-ager won a retrial today. The move raised fears of new violence over a case that has provoked riots in Northern Ireland. A judge said the evidence used to convict Cpl. Lee Clegg was flawed. Clegg's platoon shot and killed two teen-age joy-riders in September 1990 in Catholic west Belfast. He was convicted in 1993 but was freed in 1995 after serving less than four years of his life sentence. His early release sparked rioting in some Catholic areas where support for the ***Irish Republican Army*** runs high.

Germany Breaks Up Sex Slave Ring

DUESSELDORF, Germany (AP)

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German police yesterday raided bordellos, apartments and refugee homes to break up a gang believed responsible for forcing Eastern European women into slavery as prostitutes. Sixteen suspects were arrested and police were looking for six others. They were expected to face charges of trafficking in human beings, kidnapping and rape. The gang allegedly had been luring young women, mainly from Poland and Russia, to Germany for years and then forcing them into prostitution, beating and raping those who resisted.

Chelsea Clinton Turns 18

PARK CITY, Utah (AP)

President Clinton and his family celebrated daughter Chelsea's 18th birthday today on the ski slopes. The president had said earlier that he would not be skiing he tried it once 14 years ago and injured a knee but would instead relax with a book at the home of Hollywood executive Jeffrey Katzenberg, who lent the Clintons his gated, multimillion-dollar, mountain-top home for the weekend. Last year, for Chelsea's 17th birthday, her parents took her and several girlfriends to New York for two hit Broadway musicals and a slumber party at the Waldorf Astoria.

Report: China To Cut 4 Million Jobs

BEIJING (AP)

China plans to eliminate 4 million jobs from government payrolls in the next three years, an official newspaper said today. Word of the reduction came a day after Communist Party leaders approved a government streamlining plan to be presented at the national legislature's annual session. Chinese officials and foreign diplomats estimate that up to 21 ministries and ministry-level commissions will be merged, eliminated or spun off into holding companies. The state payroll covers 33 million people.

Queen Abandons Male Succession

LONDON (AP)

Queen Elizabeth II agreed today that the British crown always should pass to a monarch's oldest child be it male or female abandoning centuries of tradition. The ending of succession through the male line won't make any immediate difference: the first three people in line to succeed the queen are male her son, Prince Charles, and his sons, Prince William and Prince Harry. If women had equal rights to succeed, Queen Victoria would have been succeeded by her daughter, Victoria, rather than her son Edward, who became Edward VII.

Dow Up 27

NEW YORK (AP)

Just before 3 p.m. EST, the Dow industrials were up 27.65 to 8,518.32. Decliners led advancers on the NYSE 1,414-1,384. The Nasdaq was down 4.60 to 1,772.51.

North Carolina 76, Virginia 56

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)

Tracy Reid scored 31 points today as No. 10 North Carolina beat No. 15 Virginia 76-56 in the quarterfinals of the Atlantic Coast Conference women's basketball tournament. Reid added 12 rebounds, five steals, four blocks and three assists as the Tar Heels moved closer to a shot at their fourth conference title in five years.

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Sinn Fein Head Wants Blair Audience

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams signaled Monday he will keep his IRA-allied party out of Northern Ireland's peace talks until he returns from a fund-raising trip to the United States. The British and Irish governments, which cosponsor the talks, suspended Sinn Fein for two weeks because of two killings blamed on the **Irish Republican Army**. They invited the party back into Monday's session. Hours after Adams spoke, a salvo of mortar shells struck an evacuated police station in the town of Armagh. There were no injuries or claims of responsibility, but authorities blamed anti-British dissidents opposed to the IRA's cease-fire, a condition of Sinn Fein's participation in the talks.

Indonesia Re-Elects Suharto

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)

President Suharto was elected Tuesday to five more years as chief of the nation he has steered with an authoritarian grip since the 1960s. A loyalist assembly awarded a seventh term to Asia's longest-serving leader as his government wavered on an economic reform plan that the International Monetary Fund says is crucial to Indonesia's recovery. Government delegates, who chose Suharto in a ceremonial re-election, extended his already ample authority by granting him wide emergency powers Monday night.

McDougal Was in Solitary Lockup

WASHINGTON (AP)

Whitewater figure James McDougal, who died Sunday, was in solitary confinement when he collapsed of an apparent heart attack in a jail cell, a federal prison official said Monday night. McDougal had been placed in "administrative detention" Saturday night because he had refused to give a urine sample as part of random drug testing for inmates, said Todd Craig, chief spokesman for the U.S. Bureau of Prisons. McDougal has a long history of medical problems. Prison guards monitor inmates in solitary confinement every 30 minutes and McDougal was in good health at the 10:30 a.m. check Sunday, Craig said.

Paper: Pilot Suicide Caused Crash

SINGAPORE (AP)

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Investigators are exploring pilot suicide as a cause of the SilkAir jet crash in Indonesia that killed 104 people last December, the Asian Wall Street Journal reported Tuesday. Investigators reportedly had been puzzled about why the black boxes which record the pilots' conversations and details of the airplane's functions stopped operating before the jet hit the ground. Also under question is that the Boeing 737-300 was cruising at 10,620 feet when it suddenly fell from the sky most plane crashes occur on takeoff or landing.

Hungry Americans Include More Working People

WASHINGTON (AP)

A survey by a hunger-relief organization finds the profile of America's hungry contradicts almost every stereotype. Chicago-based Second Harvest found the majority of America's hungry live outside big cities and are mostly white, overwhelmingly **female**, and either very old or very young. The study also found that 39 percent of all households that received emergency food had one adult with a job. Experts said corporate downsizing could be to blame.

Water Begins To Recede in Alabama

ELBA, Ala. (AP)

President Clinton has declared a federal disaster area in five counties affected by flooding over the weekend that left at least nine dead. The declaration makes disaster housing, grants, low-cost loans and other aid available to individuals and businesses.

Gov't Shows Off High-Tech Devices

WASHINGTON (AP)

The Energy Department unveiled an array of new, high-tech wizardry Monday that is supposed to make it easier to detect nuclear, chemical or biological threats and thwart the development and smuggling of weapons of mass destruction. Officials said most of the technology already is in use, although in some cases only on a limited basis. Some 30 items were on display including a device the size of a pager that detects the presence of radioactive material. Security officers at some major airports already are using the devices.

Stocks Drift Lower in Early Trading

TOKYO (AP)

Japan stock prices drifted lower early Tuesday. The Nikkei declined 2.50 points to 16,970.03 after morning trading. On Monday in New York, the Dow industrials fell 2.25 points to close at 8,567.14.

Jazz 100, Rockets 93

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)

Karl Malone had 29 points, 21 rebounds and six assists as the Utah Jazz came from behind for their seventh successive win, 100-93 over the undermanned Houston Rockets on Monday night. The Rockets played the game without Hakeem Olajuwon, Kevin Willis and Mario Elie, who were suspended for their part in a fight near the end of Houston's 108-89 win at Phoenix on Saturday. Eddie Johnson led Houston with 37 points.

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Lawyers: Clinton's Word Worthless

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)

An alleged campaign to suppress evidence should make President Clinton's testimony worthless in deciding whether Paula Jones gets her day in court, Mrs. Jones' lawyers said today. The filing accuses the president of a campaign to cover up a pattern of rewarding **women** who granted him sexual favors, punishing those who didn't and using promises or threats to keep them quiet. Clinton has asked that the case, which is scheduled for May 27, be dismissed without a trial and has until Friday to respond to Mrs. Jones' plea.

Publisher: Willey Sought Book Deal

WASHINGTON (AP)

Kathleen Willey solicited a \$300,000 book deal for her story just weeks before going on national television to accuse President Clinton of making unwanted sexual advances, a publisher said today. Michael Viner, head of New Millennium Entertainment in Beverly Hills, Calif., said he changed his mind about the possible deal after seeing Willey's interview on CBS' "60 Minutes," saying he "wasn't comfortable with it."

Dow Jones Sells Information Service

NEW YORK (AP)

Dow Jones & Co. said today it was selling its money-losing financial information service to rival Bridge Information Systems Inc. for \$510 million, ending six months of silence about the fate of Dow Jones Markets. The agreement concludes a six-month review by Dow Jones directors of what to do with the troubled financial information service, which was formerly known as Telerate. Dow Jones bought the service for \$1.6 billion in the late 1980s.

Chase Manhattan To Cut 4,500 Jobs

NEW YORK (AP)

Chase Manhattan said today it would eliminate 4,500 jobs, or 50 percent more than previously announced. The largest bank in the country said the staff cuts would save about \$460 million per year. Some of the savings will be

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used to "create a substantial number of new jobs" and bring actual job loss down to 2,200, Thomas Labrecque, president and chief operating officer, said.

Officials Try To Ease Kosovo Crisis

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP)

Serb authorities reported a new attack on police in the turbulent province of Kosovo today, the same day U.S. and Russian officials toured the Balkans to try to defuse the crisis. Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott, visiting nearby countries, said diplomacy should be given a chance and ruled out sending more American or NATO troops to the region for now. Ethnic Albanians in Kosovo outnumber Serbs 9-to-1 and want independence. Serbs refuse to allow Kosovo to secede, but have offered talks that could lead to a restoration of Kosovo's autonomy, which was taken away in 1989.

Two Bombing Investigations Merged

WASHINGTON (AP)

Federal officials said today they will combine the investigations into three Atlanta bombings with the probe of a blast at a Birmingham, Ala., abortion clinic. Officials say they have found some tenuous links between Eric Robert Rudolph, a fugitive who is charged with the Birmingham clinic bombing, and some of the Atlanta bombs, but not enough to charge him in those blasts.

Pentagon Limits Anti-Nerve Gas Drug

WASHINGTON (AP)

The Pentagon said today it won't give U.S. troops an experimental drug that has been implicated in post-Gulf War illnesses except when a specific nerve gas attack is imminent. During the Gulf War, the Pentagon didn't tell U.S. troops they were given the experimental drug because the military did not want to tip off Iraq about its preparations for such attacks. The drug is under scrutiny for possible links to Gulf War illnesses.

N.Y. Celebrates St. Patrick's Day

NEW YORK (AP)

New York's traditionally joyous parade today past St. Patrick's Cathedral and Central Park took on more meaning this year as tenuous talks go on in London, Dublin and Belfast to bring peace to Northern Ireland. Marchers also included Martin McGuinness, chief negotiator for Sinn Fein, the political arm of the **Irish Republican Army**. Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams was in Washington.

Tokyo Stocks Mixed

TOKYO (AP)

Stock prices were mixed early Wednesday as investors awaited the announcement of stimulus measures to prop up Japan's economy. The Nikkei fell 25.97 points to 16,971.23 in the first 30 minutes of trading. In New York, the Dow rose 31.14 to 8,749.99, the second straight record close for the blue-chip barometer..

King Wins Third Iditarod

NOME, Alaska (AP)

Jeff King earned his third victory in the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race today. King, of Denali Park, crossed the finish line of the 1,100-mile race from Anchorage to Nome at 4:52 p.m., Alaska time, with an unofficial time of 9 days, 5 hours, 52 minutes.

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Annan Opens Final Peace Mission

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)

With the world watching and the U.S. military poised to attack, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan opened a final peace mission today to try to end the crisis over U.N. weapons inspections. He called his effort "a sacred duty," and said he is "reasonably optimistic" about reaching a peaceful solution during his trip. Annan is scheduled to talk with Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz and Foreign Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf tomorrow.

U.S. Advises: Leave Israel, Kuwait

WASHINGTON (AP)

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright today advised the families of U.S. officials to leave Israel and Kuwait. The decision was based on "anxieties" expressed by Americans in Israel and Kuwait and not "on intelligence of an imminent threat," State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said. Keeping up the pressure, President Clinton warned Iraq today to give U.N. inspectors free access to suspected weapons sites or face military action. "Either Saddam acts or we will have to," the president said.

Clinton Signs Medical Rights Order

WASHINGTON (AP)

President Clinton established a "bill of rights" today for people enrolled in federal health-care programs and urged private insurers to follow the example. He said a third of all Americans will now be covered by the protections. "We must not stop here," Clinton said as he signed an executive order extending protection to more than 80 million people. The order establishes a set of minimum standards, including direct access to specialists for patients with serious conditions and right of appeal to an outside panel for any denial of medical coverage.

Tucker Pleads Guilty to Cable Fraud

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)

Former Gov. Jim Guy Tucker pleaded guilty Friday to setting up a sham bankruptcy that saved him and a partner \$3 million in federal income taxes after the sale of a cable television business in Florida. In a plea agreement with

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Whitewater prosecutors who filed the charges, Tucker will be placed on probation. Tucker resigned after being convicted in a separate case brought by Whitewater prosecutors in 1996.

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Police Arrest 5-Year-Old for Biting

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP)

A 5-year-old kindergartner was arrested for allegedly biting and scratching her 51-year-old school counselor. The counselor, Linda Green, told authorities about the Feb. 3 incident at Edgewater Elementary, and a warrant for battery of an elected official or educator a felony was issued that day. The girl's father, Lee Ernest Middleton, said the arrest is the most ludicrous thing he's ever experienced.

Dow Falls 0.99 to 8,376.57

NEW YORK (AP)

Stocks were rebounding this afternoon as a pricey market grew more attractive after a second session of profit-taking on Wall Street's month-long rally. Just before 3 p.m., the Dow was down 0.99 at 8,376.57, recovering from an early 57-point extension to yesterday's 75-point decline. Most broader stock indicators also reversed course after falling in the morning as investors secured some more gains from the market's record-setting advance. The Nasdaq composite index was down 3.56 at 1,723.45 despite another strong day from Intel, up 63/64 at 91 35/64, and Dell Computer, up 2 11/16 at 125 7/16.

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Albright Asks Va. To Stop Execution

WASHINGTON (AP)

Virginia Gov. James Gilmore will wait for a U.S. Supreme Court ruling on an appeal by a Paraguayan death-row inmate before deciding how to respond to Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's request to delay the execution. Angel Francisco Breard was convicted of a 1992 murder and is scheduled for execution Tuesday. Albright wants it delayed to protect "the safety of Americans overseas." The immediate execution of Breard could be seen as a denial by the United States of international law and the World Court, she said. The Justice Department has asked the court to let the execution proceed.

Study Shows Condom Use Rises

LOS ANGELES (AP)

Young men used more condoms when they were given away at their high school, but were no likelier to have sex because of the giveaway, according to a study released Monday. The findings reinforce research indicating condom distribution programs designed to curb the spread of sexually transmitted diseases and teenage pregnancy don't encourage sexual activity, as critics contend. According to the new study, the percentage of sexually active male students at one Los Angeles high school who reported using a condom every time they had intercourse increased from 37 percent to 50 percent after the condom program went into effect.

Co. Wants Out of Napalm Contract

FALLBROOK, Calif. (AP)

Two days after a train carrying Vietnam War-era napalm left for Indiana, the president of the disposal company that had agreed to receive it said he wants to back out. A letter Monday to the Navy and Battelle Memorial Institute, the primary contractor, Pollution Control Industries attorney Steven Jay Katz advises Battelle to cease shipments and to recall all shipments already made. The nation's supply of Vietnam War-era napalm was stored in Fallbrook for decades. Some of it began a journey to Indiana Saturday to be used as fuel for cement kilns. Proponents touted the project as a safe way to dispose of the napalm, but politicians in the Midwest were concerned that the fuel could spill and burn along the rail journey or explode during recycling.

SKorea To Pay Wartime Sex Slaves

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SEOUL, South Korea (AP)

The Seoul government has approved a plan to compensate South Korean women who were enslaved as prostitutes in Japanese army brothels during World War II. The government said it would pay \$27,000 by early May to each of 152 former sex slaves registered in South Korea. Most of the women are in their 70s, never married and have no children to support them. The government originally said it would try to recover the money from Japan, but it said Tuesday it no longer intended to ask for Tokyo's aid.

Irish Try To Give Peace a Chance

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

Protestant marchers took a cue Monday from Friday's peace agreement and avoided a hostile Catholic neighborhood that has frequently been a sectarian battleground. They were blocked by police, but rather than mounting the kind of lengthy standoff that has often ended in violence, they left to join another parade in a mostly Protestant town. Later, speakers at Protestant rallies condemned the compromises in the accord, including the promise to release several hundred Irish Republican Army prisoners. Northern Ireland's largest Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, has supported the agreement.

IMF: Asia Crisis Has Bigger Impact

WASHINGTON (AP)

The International Monetary Fund says Asia's financial firestorm will slow world economic growth more than previously believed. The IMF forecast that the world's output of goods and services will rise by 3.1 percent this year, the slowest pace in five years. Growth in 1997 and 1996 was 4.1 percent. It also said that Japan, the world's second-largest economy, will see no growth at all.

Tokyo Stocks Rebounding

TOKYO (AP)

Tokyo stocks edged higher Tuesday morning. The Nikkei gained 69.48 points to 16,387.06 in morning trading. In New York, the Dow Jones industrial average wiped out a nearly 70-point deficit Monday and rose 17.44 to close at 9,012.30.

Pacers Beat Bulls at Their House

CHICAGO (AP)

Reggie Miller and the Indiana Pacers made a statement tonight in a possible playoff preview, forcing the Chicago Bulls' Michael Jordan into 7-of-19 shooting, and beating the Bulls 114-105. The Pacers moved one game ahead of Miami in the race for the No. 2 seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs.

Griffey Hits 300th Career Homer

CLEVELAND (AP)

Ken Griffey Jr. hit his 300th career home run tonight, becoming the second-youngest player in baseball history to reach the milestone. Griffey is 28 years, 143 days old. Jimmie Foxx was 27 years, 328 days old when he hit his 300th.

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**Cease-fire no remedy for random violence;
Northern Ireland still tense: Easily identifiable targets, like taxi drivers,
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He's 6 feet 4 inches tall and weighs 230 pounds, which means his friends don't call Louis Gabriel Lowry "Big Gabe" for nothing. But when "Big Gabe" ducks into his taxi, fear boxes him into a corner. As it does with other taxi drivers in this tense city, he nervously awaits the next bomb or shooting that is intended to provoke a return to all-out violence and scuttle the lumbering talks that seek to bring peace here. One constant during the past decade in Northern Ireland has been that when the **Irish Republican Army** or one of its splinter groups kills a pro-British activist, a Protestant paramilitary group retaliates by killing a Catholic, any Catholic. That usually means an easily identifiable taxi driver or nightclub doorman. Since Dec. 27, 13 people, including two taxi drivers and two bouncers, all Catholics, have been killed in the province, and numerous bombs have exploded. Each attack is viewed as a sign that extremists see a proposed political settlement heading their way and wish to derail it. "We take it as understood that the people know certain parts of the population are in danger," a policeman said. "Certainly taxi drivers have been targeted. Their jobs make them vulnerable. They move through all parts of the city, so it's easy to set them up." By comparison with Algeria, where an indiscernible blend of fanatic Muslim insurgents and shady government security forces kills 13 people in an afternoon warm-up to a more serious nighttime slaughter, violence in Northern Ireland seems like inner-city gang warfare.

Northern Ireland, where more than 3,200 people have been killed in political violence since 1969, has just 1.5 million people. In a clannish and religious sense, everyone knows everyone else, which increases the tension. Colin Donnelly, a bouncer at a hotel disco, recently bought a bulletproof vest after a man pulled a gun on him. Donnelly says the danger is worse now than when there were no cease-fires because then both Catholics and Protestants knew the rules and were alert to danger. Now, Donnelly said, the peace talks create a false sense of security. People let down their guard just enough to become vulnerable to the random violence. Since late December, the High Mark Manufacturing Co. of Belfast has sold 70 bulletproof vests in the province at an average of about \$ 500 each. That may not seem like many, but before then the company, which deals primarily in exports, hadn't sold any vests in the province. And High Mark is the only manufacturer of body armor on the entire island. "People are afraid," said Martin O'Neill, a former bar doorman who now works for High Mark. Lowry, a Catholic, operates his taxi alone at night. He says that because of random violence people are "starting to get very nervous again, and starting to retreat to the safety of their neighborhoods" where few outsiders venture. Unlike freelance drivers such

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as Lowry, British-style black taxis operate only along designated routes that serve either Protestant or Catholic areas. Those cabs can be safer; they also can be easy targets. Despite the fact that he carries a small knife, a cell phone and a pager, Lowry, 33, relies on his wits for protection. "You feel very vulnerable because you don't have a two-way radio in the car. You're alone. You're very much alone," he said. Lowry's survival statute is simple: "If I'm in any doubt about whether to pick up a person, the answer is no. If I even ask myself that question, I don't make the pickup. Your life's not worth it for the sake of a couple of pounds." Michael McVeigh, owner of City Cab Co., said, "Drivers are very worried. They won't pick up anyone they don't know." Anyone wearing gloves, a cap and a shirt or coat with a high collar hasn't a chance of riding with Lowry. He makes sure a passenger doesn't sit behind him, and he's extra careful about picking up two passengers at once. Given a choice, Lowry said, he will accept a female passenger before a male anytime. "Nervousness is what you look for when they're talking to you. Nobody's that cool. They must be nervous if they're going to shoot you," he said. Like many young men in Northern Ireland, Lowry has experienced violence. He was shot at while providing security at a bar seven years ago, and whacked over the head with a hammer. Once he was attacked while leaving a bar and stabbed 17 times with a knife and a razor-sharp screwdriver before he fought off his abductors. And like many who work as bouncers and taxi drivers, Lowry takes the risks for the money. "It's something you just keep going back to pay your bills," Lowry said.

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IRA sidesteps bomb responsibility

BELFAST, Northern Ireland - The **Irish Republican Army** has sidestepped responsibility for bombing a hard-line Protestant town, an attack that has stoked sectarian passions as Catholic and Protestant negotiators are supposed to be compromising over Northern Ireland's future.

The outlawed IRA issued a statement late Monday to RTE, the Irish national broadcast company, that avoided commenting on Monday's blast in downtown Portadown, 30 miles southwest of Belfast.

In its statement Monday, made by a man using a recognized codeword, the IRA said the cease-fire it called in July 1997 "remains intact."

Relief flight ban threatens southern Sudan refugees

MAPEL, Sudan - Refugees who had trekked for miles in search of food greeted the first relief flight to reach war-ravaged southern Sudan in weeks. Emerging from a cloud of dust, they smiled, clapped - and soon were disappointed.

Hundreds of men, **women** and children walked more than 50 miles southeast to Mapel in search of food.

But there was none on Sunday's flight, the first into Bahr el Ghazal state since President Hassan el Bashir's government banned U.N. relief flights to the region on Feb. 4 - claiming it was unsafe for aid workers.

The DC-3, chartered by the Swiss Doctors Without Borders, was ferrying in medicine for a Belgian medical team in the region.

Pope condemns abortion of malformed embryos

VATICAN CITY - Pope John Paul II condemned Tuesday what he called a growing practice of screening fetuses for genetic defects and then aborting them if malformations are found.

"It is not right to discriminate against human beings according to genetic defects revealed before or after birth," John Paul said.

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He said there was a "serious discrepancy" between the expanding ability to diagnose malformations before birth and the treatments to cure them.

Bomb thrown in Mostar

MOSTAR, Bosnia-Herzegovina - Police closed down the road that splits the divided southern city of Mostar Tuesday after a bomb was thrown at a cafe and seven cars were stoned.

As a result of Monday's violence, the Boulevard of Revolution - Mostar's unofficial dividing line between its Croat and Muslim halves - was closed for traffic by the police of the Muslim-Croat federation.

Bikers give food to poor

JAKARTA, Indonesia - Bikers in leather vests and black boots roared into south Jakarta on their Harleys on Tuesday, bearing sacks of rice and sugar for the city's poor.

About a dozen members of the Harley-Davidson Club Indonesia held a one-day handout of more than 10 tons of food to help ease the suffering in the nation's economic crisis.

Politician, 4 others killed

PATNA, India (AP) - A candidate for India's parliament and four of his supporters were gunned down Tuesday in a state notorious for its lawlessness, raising India's election-related death toll to 62.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack shortly after midnight on Devendranath Dubey, a candidate of the socialist Samajwadi Party.

All five victims were found dead in a jeep at Sangrampur village, 115 miles north of Bihar's capital Patna, said police officer T.P. Sinha.

The nationwide parliamentary election has focused attention on the pressures on India's democracy, and violence has been fiercest in northern Bihar state. Dubey himself was under investigation for murder.

The vote was called three years ahead of schedule after no party won a majority in the last balloting in 1996, and the rivalries that kept politicians from forming a stable government over the last two years are echoed in the current unrest.

In three days of balloting, voting has been completed for three-fourths of the 543 districts at stake. Voting was staggered over a total of six days to allow security forces time to move to different trouble spots. A fourth round will be held Saturday and vote counting will begin March 2, with only a few seats being contested on the last voting days March 7 and June 21.

A government is expected to be in power mid-March, in time to present a budget for the new financial year that begins April 1.

Elections in Dubey's Motihari constituency were held Sunday, amid allegations of vote rigging by other candidates. The Election Commission was likely to rule late Tuesday on whether polling would have to be held again in Motihari.

Dubey, like dozens of other politicians in Bihar, was facing trial on murder charges. Four days ago, he got a court order restraining police from arresting him in another murder case.

Meanwhile, the Supreme Court Tuesday ordered the state assembly in neighboring Uttar Pradesh to meet Thursday for a vote on which political faction should govern.

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U.N.'s Annan Arrives in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan arrived today in Iraq on what he called a "sacred duty" to resolve peacefully the crisis over U.N. weapons inspections. "I am reasonably optimistic that we will find a peaceful solution," Annan said after arriving at Saddam International Airport on the outskirts of Baghdad. Annan will meet Iraqi officials, likely including President Saddam Hussein. His arrival followed a caution by an Iraqi government cleric that Annan should not present a peace formula so unacceptable that it gives the United States an excuse to strike Iraq in the standoff over weapons inspection.

Clinton Plans 'Consumer Bill of Rights'

WASHINGTON (AP)

President Clinton is establishing a "consumer bill of rights" for patients covered by federal health care programs and is urging the private sector to follow suit, an administration official says. An executive order from Clinton lays out a long list of rights guaranteed to more than 80 million federal employees, enlisted soldiers, veterans and American Indians. Clinton was expected to issue the order at a senior citizen's center today in the Washington suburb of Wheaton, Md. Federal agencies will have until next year to comply.

Report: AOL, MCI Execs Subpoenaed

NEW YORK (AP)

The Justice Department has subpoenaed executives from two Internet service providers as part of its antitrust investigation against Microsoft, The Wall Street Journal reports. The subpoenas were sent to America Online and MCI, sources close to the investigation tell the paper. The formal civil investigative demands apparently seek documents and contracts with Microsoft. The government is trying to determine whether the companies agreed to favor Microsoft's Internet browser, the Journal reports.

Navajo Nation President Resigns

PHOENIX (AP)

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The president of America's largest Indian tribe has resigned to avoid being indicted. Navajo Nation President Albert Hale has denied wrongdoing as he steps down over allegations he abused the tribe's American Express card. Vice president Thomas Atcitty was sworn in as president in Window Rock, Ariz., the headquarters of the 250,000-member tribe.

Sinn Fein Expelled From Talks

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

The British and Irish governments have expelled the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party from Northern Ireland's peace talks until March 9, after the **Irish Republican Army** was blamed for two recent killings. Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams told a news conference he is seeking meetings with Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern and British Prime Minister Tony Blair "to discuss with me the crisis created by today's decision." Sinn Fein was invited to join the talks on condition that the IRA maintain its July 1997 cease-fire and that Adams pledge, on behalf of Sinn Fein, a formal renunciation of the use of violence for political purposes.

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Stocks Mixed; Dow Down 21

NEW YORK (AP)

Stocks opened mixed today, with the Dow Jones industrials falling to profit-taking for the second straight session, while strength in technology shares pushed the Nasdaq market higher. Just before 11 a.m. EST, the Dow was down 21.18 at 8,354.40, extending yesterday's 75-point decline. Declining issues outnumbered advancers 1,369-1,031. The Nasdaq composite index was up 1.97 at 1,728.98.

Lipinski Wins Figure Skating Gold

NAGANO, Japan (AP)

Tara Lipinski of the United States won the Olympic gold medal in **women's** figure skating. Her teammate, Michelle Kwan, won the silver and Lu Chen of China the bronze. Lipinski did a jig on the ice when she finished a magnificent program, including her trademark triple loop-triple loop and a wonderful triple toe loop-half loop-triple salchow that was the finishing touch of gold.

Russians, Czechs Go To Hockey Final

NAGANO, Japan (AP)

The Czech Republic will play Russia for the Olympic gold in hockey after defeating Canada today. Dominik Hasek stopped all five shots he faced in the post-overtime shootout and Robert Reichel beat Patrick Roy as the underdog Czechs defeated the Canadians 2-1. Pavel Bure scored five goals to lead the unbeaten Russians past Finland 7-4 and into the final. Canada and Finland will play for the bronze.

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WASHINGTON (AP)

A source says the woman who was Monica Lewinsky's confidante gave a tip to lawyers in Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit against President Clinton. The source says on Jan. 16, the day before Mrs. Jones' lawyers took a deposition from Clinton, Linda Tripp met for two hours with those lawyers and discussed what Ms. Lewinsky had said in some 20 hours of secretly recorded conversations. With the information from Tripp, the Jones lawyers were able to ask Clinton specific questions about his relationship with and gifts to Ms. Lewinsky, according to a person informed about the president's testimony. Meanwhile, a new Newsweek poll shows that 54 percent of those surveyed disbelieve Clinton's denials of a sexual relationship with Ms. Lewinsky.

Report: 100 Die in Cameroon Tanker Crash

YAOUNDE, Cameroon (AP)

As many as 100 died today when a cargo train hauling oil exploded in flames after derailing and colliding with an oncoming train. A witness told The Associated Press that a lit cigarette sparked the blast. The report could not be confirmed. One official said many of the victims were cab drivers and other bystanders who had rushed in with pails to scoop up oil gushing from the ruptured tanker cars and were engulfed in flames when the tankers exploded.

Leader: Sinn Fein May Be Ejected

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP)

Ireland's prime minister indicated today that the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party could be ejected from Northern Ireland's peace talks when they move to Dublin next week. Sinn Fein was admitted to the negotiations after the **Irish Republican Army** declared a cease-fire in July 1997. But a pair of killings in Northern Ireland this week has given Bertie Ahern second thoughts about Sinn Fein's participation in the talks. No group has claimed responsibility for the killings of alleged drug dealer Brendan Campbell on Monday and Protestant militant Robert Dougan the following day, but the British government accepted the assessment of Northern Ireland's police chief that the IRA was behind the both killings.

Dornan To Run for Congress Again

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GARDEN GROVE, Calif. (AP)

Former U.S. representative Robert Dornan, who claimed illegal voting contributed to his election defeat in 1996, said tonight he will run again for the congressional seat. The announcement comes two days after the House closed a probe into alleged voting improprieties in an election won by Democratic Rep. Loretta Sanchez. Dornan lost his seat in November 1996 to Sanchez, who defeated the veteran congressman by 979 votes.

Abortion Bombing Warrant Issued

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)

A man federal authorities first sought as a witness in a deadly bombing at an abortion clinic is now being called a suspect in the attack. Federal agents offered a \$100,000 reward in the case and pleaded with Eric Robert Rudolph, 31, to turn himself in. Rudolph's truck was spotted near the New Woman All Women Clinic in Birmingham on Jan. 29, the morning an explosion killed an off-duty policeman working as a security guard and critically injured a nurse. Rudolph faces charges of using an explosive device to damage a building resulting in death, which carries a penalty of life in prison or death.

US Pilots Practice for Iraq Strike

ABOARD THE USS INDEPENDENCE (AP)

U.S. Navy pilots are targeting areas for possible air strikes as they fly over southern Iraq enforcing a no-fly zone. One pilot said planes are carrying live bombs and missiles and are focusing their weapons systems on potential targets. The southern third of Iraq is a no-fly zone that was created in 1992 by the United States and its allies to protect Shiite rebels from Iraqi forces.

Austrian Pop Star Falco Buried

VIENNA, Austria (AP)

About 10,000 fans and friends attended the funeral today for Austrian pop star Falco. The 40-year-old musician died in a car crash in the Dominican Republic last week. Falco had fleeting fame in the 1980s for the song "Rock Me Amadeus." In recent years, though, he had become more well known for his financial woes and drug problems.

Oilers Sign Thigpen for \$21 Million

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)

Former Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Yancey Thigpen signed a \$21 million, five-year contract today with the Tennessee Oilers, an AFC Central rival of the Steelers. The deal makes Thigpen, who had 79 catches for 1,398 yards last season, the highest-paid receiver in NFL history. At least 12 other teams had lined up to talk with Thigpen, including Dallas, where Thigpen's former offensive coordinator, Chan Gailey, is now the head coach.

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Love Is N.C., Not NC-17

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If Jim Sheridan, whose latest film is a love story, knows a thing or two about love, it's hard to get it out of him or his wife.

The director has been married for a quarter-century but says, laughing, "That's only a cover."

"I'm joking," he adds, in case you had any doubt.

"FRAN!" he then yells to his wife, wondering if she's heard him while getting dressed in another room of their hotel suite. She walks in a few minutes later, wearing a bathrobe, to get a cup of coffee.

"He's asking me about love," Sheridan says.

She laughs.

Does she have anything to say about love?

"No ... Nothing," she says.

"You'll never get Fran to give any comment," Sheridan says. "Fran's father had a sentence: 'All Fran says is N.C. no comment.'"

Not even the full words?

"No, just N.C."

Which means no NC-17 dirt from this couple.

Sheridan says he's happily married.

"She's the one I depend most on if I get into a crisis, even in the making of a film, even in the script. I go to her and ask her. Usually she's very clear. She's the champion in Ireland at precis," the filmmaker says, adding that if someone can summarize 500 words in 50 his wife can do it in 25.

The couple has three daughters, ages 25, 21 and 12, and Sheridan sometimes draws upon them for his writing.

"You know, I live with women all the time. So you get to know them after a while. Never truly, though."

The director-screenwriter-producer, who was born in Dublin in 1949, cross-pollinates the romantic, the political and the pugilistic in his newest film, "The Boxer."

It stars Daniel Day-Lewis as a fighter who is released after a 14-year prison term for his activities with the Irish Republican Army. He returns to his old home, wanting to remain apolitical and reopen a gym where both Catholic and Protestant boys can learn some Marquis of Queensberry rules. One complication lingers though: The embers still smolder between him and the love of his life (Emily Watson) even though she's married to his best friend, who's still in prison for political activity.

Since she's a prisoner's wife, she must serve as a model of behavior, almost to the point of being a chaste martyr. So the reunited couple can barely exchange glances or speak to each other without the watchful, judgmental eyes of neighbors, relatives and the IRA who in some cases are one and the same.

"The love story is about people trying to be independent of 'the troubles,'" Sheridan says. "And that's the conflict."

He thinks Irish literature has few genuine love stories because in a society "where there's no freedom, it's very hard to have a true love story, because one of them (the lovers) is going to be dominated by the politics, or the small town or small-mindedness.

"It seemed to me that it's very difficult to tell a love story in Ireland. And I was trying to figure out why that is, and the only thing I could come up with was that there's no independence within the people. It's like they're sublimated by society," Sheridan says.

He thinks the restraint in his love story gives it more power.

"The problem with love stories is that as soon as they kiss, the conflict is over, and conflict is the way to keep a story going."

Of the four films Sheridan has directed, "The Boxer" marks the third collaboration with Day-Lewis, following 1989's "My Left Foot" and 1993's "In the Name of the Father." The first received five Academy Award nominations, and Day-Lewis won the best actor Oscar; the second received seven nominations, including best actor. For each, Sheridan was nominated for his direction and screenplay.

Sheridan usually projects himself into Day-Lewis' character. But this time, it didn't work that way.

As the love story unfolded, Day-Lewis reverted to his own tendency to be withdrawn and quiet while Sheridan projected his gregarious nature into Watson's character.

"I suppose in working it out, rehearsal-wise in my head, I always played Emily," Sheridan says. "She's more out there; she's more outward. Which is what I am. ... Daniel's very shy."

While the link between the actor and director endures, Sheridan intends to break from making films set against the "troubles" of Northern Ireland.

The co-producer and writer of "Some Mother's Son," he says he had hoped to help the situation by making movies, and thinks maybe he succeeded with "In the Name of the Father," which some critics thought was unfair to the British.

His latest film may anger the other side, since it shows an element of the IRA that's intransigent, bitter and irrationally violent.

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Report: E-Mails Discussed Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP)

Newsweek is reporting that Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr has a series of four e-mails from Monica Lewinsky to Linda Tripp in which Ms. Lewinsky talks about her alleged affair with President Clinton. The magazine says the correspondence covers a period from Feb. 13 to March 6 of last year. In the e-mails, Newsweek says, Ms. Lewinsky complains that the "Big Creep didn't even try to call me on V-Day (Valentine's Day)." Meanwhile, a source says Tripp gave Paula Jones' lawyers a jump-start in a sexual harassment suit against the president. The source says Tripp met for two hours with those lawyers and discussed what Ms. Lewinsky had said in some 20 hours of secretly recorded conversations.

Envoy May Sway China on Iraq Crisis

BEIJING (AP)

The U.S. ambassador to the United Nations may have persuaded China to abstain from voting against U.S. plans in Iraq after providing China intelligence details about Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. While China remains firmly opposed to a military attack on Iraq to force unfettered access to weapons sites by U.N. inspectors, U.S. envoy Bill Richardson said, "I believe this trip has been an investment in future Chinese actions" in the Security Council. A U.S. official said he believes China was now more likely to abstain from voting against the United States or to mute its criticism.

Trains Crash Near Cameroon

YAOUNDE, Cameroon (AP)

A train hauling oil exploded into flames today after derailing and colliding with an oncoming train on the outskirts of Cameroon's capital. Up to 100 people were killed in the blast. Many of the victims were cab drivers and other bystanders who had rushed in with pails to scoop up oil gushing from the ruptured tanker cars. They were engulfed in flames when the tankers exploded. One witness told The Associated Press that a lit cigarette sparked the blast. The report could not be confirmed.

Leader: Sinn Fein May Be Ejected

AP Top News at 11 p.m. EST Saturday, Feb. 14, 1998

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP)

Ireland's prime minister indicated today that the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party could be ejected from Northern Ireland's peace talks when they move to Dublin next week. Sinn Fein was admitted to the negotiations after the **Irish Republican Army** declared a cease-fire in July 1997. But a pair of killings in Northern Ireland this week has given Bertie Ahern second thoughts about Sinn Fein's participation in the talks. No group has claimed responsibility for the killings, but Northern Ireland's police has said the IRA was behind both killings.

Dornan To Run for Congress Again

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. (AP)

Former U.S. representative Robert Dornan, who claimed illegal voting contributed to his election defeat in 1996, said tonight he will run again for the congressional seat. The announcement comes two days after the House closed a probe into alleged voting improprieties in an election won by Democratic Rep. Loretta Sanchez. Dornan lost his seat in November 1996 to Sanchez, who defeated the veteran congressman by 979 votes.

Abortion Bombing Warrant Issued

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)

A man federal authorities first sought as a witness in a deadly bombing at an abortion clinic is now being called a suspect in the attack. Federal agents offered a \$100,000 reward in the case and pleaded with Eric Robert Rudolph, 31, to turn himself in. Rudolph's truck was spotted near the New Woman All **Women** Clinic in Birmingham on Jan. 29, the morning an explosion killed an off-duty policeman working as a security guard and critically injured a nurse. Rudolph faces charges of using an explosive device to damage a building resulting in death, which carries a penalty of life in prison or death.

Funaki Wins Ski Jumping for Japan

HAKUBA, Japan (AP)

Kazuyoshi Funaki unloaded a spectacular jump to win the gold medal in the 120-meter ski jump and give the host nation its first Winter Olympic triumph in the sport since Sapporo 1972. After teammate Masahiko Harada had soared to a hill-record 136 meters to take the lead and Finland's Jani Soininen replaced him, Funaki came up with 132.5, also better than the previous record, to total 272.3 and take the gold. Soininen collected silver Sunday (Saturday night EST).

Bucks 99, Cavaliers 93

CLEVELAND (AP)

Glenn Robinson scored 27 points and Ray Allen added 25 to lead the Milwaukee Bucks to a 99-93 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers tonight. Bob Sura, who missed two months with an ankle injury, led Cleveland with a career-high 30 points in 30 minutes.

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U.N. Experts Finish Palace Mapping

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)

U.N. experts mapped out the last of eight Iraqi presidential compounds today, while Iraq urged U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan to arrive in Baghdad free of American prejudices. The three-man team of U.N. experts visited the eighth site today after finishing their survey of seven other sites, the official Iraqi News Agency said. The team's leader gave no details as he embarked today on the team's final day of work in Iraq. Annan announced yesterday he would travel to Iraq in what is seen as a last-ditch effort to solve the crisis with diplomacy. He is expected to arrive Friday.

Southeast Swamped With Storms

Record-breaking rains, tree-toppling winds and flooding hammered the Southeast, knocking out power and swamping boats from Florida to North Carolina. At least four people were killed. Authorities today are also searching for four fishermen feared drowned off the coast of North Carolina. The 68-foot Josephine, fishing for summer flounder, was last heard from early Tuesday. A Marine helicopter found the capsized vessel Tuesday afternoon, some 20 miles offshore and about 100 miles south of Cape Hatteras. Twelve miles away, searchers found a life preserver and an empty six-man life raft.

Alcohol, Breast-Cancer Risk Linked

CHICAGO (AP)

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Dollar Up, Japanese Stocks Decline

TOKYO (AP)

The Nikkei closed down 176.82 points at 16,613.89. In New York, the Dow rose 28.40 to close at 8,398.50, continuing a rally that began last week. The Nasdaq closed at 1,703.43, down 6.99.

Kwan, Lipinski Stand 1-2

NAGANO, Japan (AP)

Michelle Kwan floated majestically through her short program at the Olympics today, taking the lead over American rival Tara Lipinski midway through the competition. Kwan was awarded a sweep of 5.9s for artistry, and of the nine judges, only the French judge had Lipinski ahead. The third American, Nicole Bobek, is scheduled next-to-last in the short program, which is worth one-third of the total score.

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FDA Endorses Psyllium Bran Cereal

WASHINGTON (AP)

The Food and Drug Administration says All Bran Bran Buds cereal sold by Kellogg Co. contains enough psyllium to reduce the risk of heart disease. The FDA's decision Tuesday also allows dietary supplements containing this type of soluble fiber to advertise its heart benefit and FDA officials expect more psyllium-containing foods, from waffles to biscuits, to hit the market soon. The FDA already had ruled that another fiber, from oats, reduced heart disease risks, a decision that prompted new advertising from dozens of cereals.

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UNITED NATIONS (AP)

U.N. chief Kofi Annan will head to Baghdad to try to resolve the conflict with Iraq, but Washington has warned that it will not accept a settlement that doesn't give U.N. inspectors full access to all weapons sites. The United States gave its conditional endorsement Tuesday for the trip, which could be the last chance to solve the crisis peacefully. The secretary-general announced his decision just hours after President Clinton laid the groundwork for a possible air strike. U.N. officials said Annan will leave Thursday and arrive in Baghdad on Friday.

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China Airlines Jet Crashes in Taiwan

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)

A China Airlines A-300 jetliner returning from Bali with 197 people on board crashed, skidded into a residential area and burst into flames today just short of a runway at Taipei's airport. The deputy director-general of Taiwan's Civil Aeronautics Administration, Chang Kuo-cheng, said the plane carried 182 passengers and 15 crew, and that no survivors had been found so far. A 2-month-old infant and 28-year-old woman on the ground were killed when the plane slammed into houses and cars, state television reported.

Iraqi VP Plugs Diplomacy

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)

In a sign that Baghdad could be willing to offer concessions, state-run newspapers today quoted Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan as saying Iraq "is serious and earnest" in its pursuit of a diplomatic solution to the present crisis. Iraq welcomed a U.N. team working to map presidential compounds. But Iraq was not budging from its insistence that the palaces are symbols of its sovereignty, and emphasized that Iraqis would fight to the death to defend them. U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan was to meet at the U.N. later today with the ambassadors of the five permanent Security Council members in an effort to speed a diplomatic solution. Several hard-line Russian lawmakers visiting Iraq, meanwhile, plan to stay there as a "human shield" against possible U.S. strikes.

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World's Working Moms Face Obstacles

GENEVA (AP)

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NASA Prepares for Martian Microbes

PHILADELPHIA (AP)

Several federal agencies are working to design and build a high-tech laboratory to protect Earth against live bacteria or viruses that could be contained in rock samples NASA plans to scoop up from Mars. A living Martian germ might pose a risk of disease or infection for the Earth's people, plants or animals when the samples are returned in about 10 years. "Samples from Mars should be considered hazardous until proven otherwise," Jonathan Y. Richmond, a biological containment expert for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said yesterday at the national meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Nashville Banner To Cease Publishing

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)

After 122 years, the Nashville Banner newspaper is closing its doors. The paper announced today that Friday's edition will be its last. A copy editor who's worked there since 1971 says there was a "stunned silence" in the newsroom. The publisher says the afternoon paper has a circulation of less than 40,000, compared with 63,000 ten years ago.

Eurotunnel Trims Losses

PARIS (AP)

Eurotunnel, the debt-laden operator of the Channel Tunnel, said today it trimmed its losses in 1997 due to an increase in passengers traveling by train and car. Eurotunnel said it lost 611 million pounds, or \$978 million, last year, compared to a loss of 685 million pounds in 1996. The latest results were in line with analysts' expectations. The losses would have been almost half that amount if the company's current debt restructuring plan had been implemented in 1997, the company said at a news conference.

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Canada has emerged as the favorite in Olympic men's hockey, winning its first three games including a 4-1 victory over the U.S. today. Goaltender Patrick Roy made 30 saves _ including six over a 1:40 span of the first period as the Canadians killed off a two-man U.S. power play. In other Monday results, Finland beat Kazakhstan 8-2, Russia topped the Czechs 2-1 and defending Olympic champion Sweden beat Belarus 5-2.

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Midshipman Trial Nears Close

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)

Jurors have begun deliberating in the trial of a former Naval Academy midshipman, Diane Zamora. A prosecutor today asked jurors for justice in what he called the "assassination" of a 16-year-old girl caught in a love triangle. He told jurors that Zamora is a liar and a sociopath and that she's guilty of murdering Adrienne Jones. But defense lawyers said it was Zamora's then-boyfriend, David Graham, who devised the plan to kill Jones. They said Zamora didn't know anything about the plan. Although a conviction on the capital murder charge could result in the death penalty, prosecutors have said they will accept a life prison term.

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U.S., Canada Face Off in **Women's** Hockey

NAGANO, Japan (AP)

The **women's** hockey teams from the United States and Canada face off Tuesday for the gold medal. The game starts at 6 p.m. Nagano time (4 a.m. Wednesday EST). The U.S. team is 5-0 while Canada is 4-1. Finland and China play for the bronze (2 p.m. in Nagano, midnight tonight EST). Sweden and Japan didn't make the medal round. The Japanese team went 0-5, scoring just two goals while allowing 45.

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Hong Kong To Slaughter All Chickens

HONG KONG (AP)

The Hong Kong government announced today it will slaughter all chickens in the territory in a drastic move to prevent the spread of a mysterious bird flu that has killed four people. The slaughter of the estimated 1.2 million chickens will begin tomorrow, Stephen Ip, secretary for economic services, told a news conference. Ip says the birds will be buried in three massive landfills. The action comes after health authorities declared a chicken farm and part of Hong Kong's largest poultry market as infected areas after some chickens were found to have the virus.

Mayor Charged in Mexico Massacre

ACTEAL, Mexico (AP)

Authorities have charged the mayor of this mountain community with murder, accusing him of providing weapons used to slaughter 45 villagers, then trying to cover up the killings. Jacinto Arias Cruz and 23 supporters from villages near the Maya hamlet of Acteal were formally charged with homicide, causing injuries and illegal association. Sixteen other people have been formally charged with murder, bringing to 40 the number of villagers from the Chenalho area now under arrest for the massacre.

Mich. Police Question Dr. Kevorkian

DETROIT (AP)

Dr. Jack Kevorkian was questioned by police after dropping off the body of a woman at the Oakland County medical examiner's office, his lawyer said. The drop came about an hour after Kevorkian and an associate delivered the body of a man to POH Medical Center in Pontiac. Kevorkian attorney Michael Schwartz said the retired pathologist was seen by officers from the sheriff's department while bringing the woman's body to the medical examiner's office. Kevorkian has acknowledged attending more than 70 suicides.

Paintball Game Leads To Shooting

FALLS, TOWNSHIP, Pa. (AP)

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A paintball game that got out of hand has left a 19-year-old man and his father in critical condition and their neighbor charged with criminal attempt at homicide. It started on Christmas Day when Joseph Bachman Jr. and his 13-year-old brother got a paint ball gun as a present and apparently began using an adjoining house for target practice. Police say their neighbor John Mazzone started firing with a real gun, hitting the elder brother in the stomach. His father, Joseph Bachman Sr. intervened, but was shot as he struggled with Mazzone. Police say there is no history of trouble between the two households.

Top Israel Cop Pleads for Restraint

JERUSALEM (AP)

Israel's police chief said today he has appealed to rabbis and right-wing politicians to restrain Jewish extremists after two militants were detained in a plot to incite Muslim-Jewish conflict. Assaf Hefetz, the outgoing commissioner, told a gathering of police in Jerusalem there are hundreds of other Jewish extremists prepared to break the law to halt the Arab-Israeli peace process. He spoke two days after a court ordered two extremists detained on suspicion of planning to throw a pig's head into crowds of worshipers at the al-Aqsa Mosque, Islam's third holiest shrine.

Belfast Gunmen Retaliate for Killing

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

Protestant leaders in Northern Ireland are urging their followers to stay calm, following the jailhouse assassination of a notorious Protestant militant. A spokesman for the Ulster Volunteer Force says the killers of Billy Wright want the Protestants to retaliate and then get blamed for blowing the peace process apart. Wright was fatally shot inside the top-security Maze prison by members of an ***Irish Republican Army*** splinter group. Hours later gunmen fatally wounded a Catholic security guard outside a hotel disco 40 miles west of Belfast.

Woman Bites 84-Year-Old Woman

CHEEKTOWAGA, N.Y. (AP)

Competition over a parking space at a crowded mall grew so fierce, it led one woman to bite an 84-year-old woman in the hand during an altercation, police say. It happened when two ***women*** confronted Cynthia Hall as she tried to muscle her way into an empty parking space at a mall. According to police, the 37-year-old Hall hit one woman and bit the other. "People were pretty nasty (at Walden Galleria) on the whole," said Ken Jezioro, the police officer who arrested Hall. "Ho, ho, ho, and the Christmas spirit is over."

Broncos, Jaguars Win Wild-Card Games

DENVER (AP)

Terrell Davis ran for 184 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Denver Broncos to a 42-17 victory over the Jacksonville Jaguars in yesterday's AFC wild-card game. The Minnesota Vikings won their first playoff game since 1988 with 10 points in the final 1:30, beating the New York Giants 23-22 in the NFC. In today's wild-card games, the New England Patriots host the Miami Dolphins and the Detroit Lions travel to Tampa Bay.

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INTERNATIONAL 3-11

Algerian Violence Grows, Village by Village

One town 15 miles south of Algiers paid a costly price for Algeria's five-year-old civil war, when a band of killers paid a visit three months ago, and left at least 95 people dead. An increasingly desperate fight between religious militants and the Government leaves many villagers wondering which side to fear most. 1

Guerrilla Killed in Ulster

One of the most feared Protestant guerrilla leaders in Northern Ireland was shot and killed inside a top-security prison, apparently by fellow inmates belonging to an **Irish Republican Army** splinter group. 8

Bosnian Parliament Disrupted

Bosnia's new parliament met, with Westerners hoping it would take a moderate course. But hard-liners immediately flexed their muscles by shutting off television coverage of the inaugural session. 8

For Naples, a Long Crime Siege

Italy has cracked down on organized crime with remarkable results, but in Naples the criminal network is far from obliterated. 3

A Coin Bonanza in Europe

Companies are eager to provide the metal for billions of coins needed for the common European currency. 5

Mexican Official Charged

The Mexican Attorney General's office tonight alleged that a link existed between the local government and the massacre of 45 people earlier this week in southern Mexico. A top regional administrator was charged with murder and providing a paramilitary group with the weapons used in the killings. 8

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NEWS SUMMARY

Clinton to Ask for Money To Help Insure Food Safety

The Clinton Administration, responding to public alarm over the safety of meat and produce, will propose a significant increase in spending for food inspection and safety research in the budget to be presented to Congress early next year, Administration officials said. After a year that saw outbreaks of food-borne illnesses from tainted Guatemalan raspberries, Louisiana oysters and Midwestern ground beef, President Clinton is seeking an additional \$71 million for food safety programs at the Department of Agriculture, the Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. 1

Disabled in Regular Classes

As the debate over how and where to educate the nation's six million children with disabilities has become increasingly polarized -- and litigious -- Vermont is singular in its commitment to integrating disabled students into regular classrooms, keeping almost 9 of 10 in regular classes for most of the day. 1

New Strategies as Deficit Fades

After years dominated by Federal budget deficits, the capital faces a new quandary: how to deal with the prospect of surpluses. 1

New Interest in Sex Studies

Half a century after a mild-mannered Midwestern biology professor named Alfred C. Kinsey essentially created a new academic discipline with publication of his best-selling tome "Sexual Behavior in the Human Male," the study of sexuality on American campuses is again being revolutionized. 1

NEW YORK/REGION 23-27

The Race for Governor

While New York City Democrats have largely shunned Lieut. Gov. Betsy McCaughey Ross, who switched from the Republican Party four months ago, upstaters have treated her like a star. Now, prominent Democrats privately say it has dawned on them that she has a chance of winning the Democratic gubernatorial primary next September. 23

The Legacy of Levittown

Levittown, the pioneering suburb on Long Island, is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. But blacks and other minorities say of the original whites-only policy of Levittown -- which remains more than 97 percent white -- has left a legacy that should not be celebrated. "It's symbolic of segregation in American," said a black man denied a home in the community 50 years ago. 23

Dress for Success

When Ricky Butler goes to work, she is smartly attired in clothing with designer labels like Evan Picone, Perry Ellis and Anne Taylor. Mrs. Butler, who fled an abusive husband in south and was penniless -- and homeless -- when she came to New York in 1995, is one of the clients of "Dress for Success," a program that provides business clothes for low-income women trying to find a job. 23

Station Restoration

The latest project in the \$175 million restoration of Grand Central Terminal is an elaborate section of terrazo flooring on the lower concourse. The area where the floor pattern is being installed will house a 500-seat food court with 12 specialty food shops, four cafes, two coffee bars and two newsstands. 25

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Lieut. Gen. Thomas Moorman

An expert in meteorology who navigated the Air Force Academy through a squall of ethical lapses as its longest-serving superintendent in the 1960's, was 87. 29

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A prominent Cuban dissident and human rights campaigner who fought the dictatorships of Fidel Castro and Fulgencio Batista, was 65. 29

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Hong Kong To Slaughter All Chickens

HONG KONG (AP)

The Hong Kong government announced today it will slaughter all chickens in the territory in a drastic move to prevent the spread of a mysterious bird flu that has killed four people. The slaughter of the estimated 1.2 million chickens will begin tomorrow, Stephen Ip, secretary for economic services, told a news conference. Ip says the birds will be buried in three massive landfills. The action comes after health authorities declared a chicken farm and part of Hong Kong's largest poultry market as infected areas after some chickens were found to have the virus.

Mayor Charged in Mexico Massacre

ACTEAL, Mexico (AP)

The mayor of this mountain community has been charged with murder in a massacre that left 45 villagers dead. Jacinto Arias Cruz is accused of providing the weapons for the slaughter and trying to cover up the killings. Twenty three from villages near the Maya hamlet of Acteal were arrested on homicide and other charges. They were taken to a prison in the state capital, Tuxtla Gutierrez. Sixteen other people have been formally charged with murder, bringing to 40 the number of villagers from the Chenalho area now under arrest for the massacre.

Mich. Police Question Dr. Kevorkian

DETROIT (AP)

Dr. Jack Kevorkian was questioned by police after dropping off the body of a woman at the Oakland County medical examiner's office, his lawyer said. The drop came about an hour after Kevorkian and an associate delivered the body of a man to POH Medical Center in Pontiac. Kevorkian attorney Michael Schwartz said the retired pathologist was seen by officers from the sheriff's department while bringing the woman's body to the medical examiner's office. Kevorkian has acknowledged attending more than 70 suicides.

Paintball Game Leads To Shooting

FALLS, TOWNSHIP, Pa. (AP)

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A paintball game that got out of hand has left a 19-year-old man and his father in critical condition and their neighbor charged with criminal attempt at homicide. It started on Christmas Day when Joseph Bachman Jr. and his 13-year-old brother got a paint ball gun as a present and apparently used an adjoining house for target practice. Police say their neighbour John Mazzone started firing with a real gun, hitting the elder brother in the stomach. His father, Joseph Bachman Sr. intervened, but was shot as he struggled with Mazzone. Police say there is no history of trouble between the two households.

Vandals Attack D.C. Islamic Symbol

WASHINGTON (AP)

Someone vandalized the Islamic crescent and star symbol displayed at the national Christmas tree site near the White House, U.S. Park Police said. Police called it a hate-crime and said someone defaced the symbol yesterday, but did not immediately release a detailed report. The president of the National Council on Islamic Affairs said someone put a swastika in place of the star. This is the first year the Islamic symbol has been displayed alongside Christmas and Hanukkah symbols on the Ellipse, he noted.

N. Ireland Leaders Appeal for Calm

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

Protestant leaders in Northern Ireland are urging their followers to stay calm, following the jailhouse assassination of a notorious Protestant militant. A spokesman for the Ulster Volunteer Force says the killers of Billy Wright want the Protestants to retaliate and then get blamed for blowing the peace process apart. Wright was fatally shot yesterday inside the top-security Maze prison by members of an **Irish Republican Army** splinter group. Hours later gunmen fatally wounded a Catholic security guard outside a hotel disco about 40 miles west of Belfast.

Egypt Upholds Circumcision Ban

CAIRO, Egypt (AP)

An Egyptian appeals court today upheld a regulation preventing government-certified doctors and health workers from performing **female** circumcisions. The decision ends a long battle between Islamic fundamentalists who support circumcision known by opponents as genital mutilation and human rights and **women's** groups. The Supreme Administrative Court said it upheld the ban because Islam does not demand the operation. The ruling cannot be appealed. Doctors and health workers who perform such surgery now face revocation of their licenses and three years in prison. Hospitals risk closure.

Broncos Defeat Jaguars 42-17

DENVER (AP)

Terrell Davis ran for 184 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Denver Broncos to a 42-17 victory over the Jacksonville Jaguars in yesterday's AFC wild-card game. Denver enjoyed a huge advantage in yardage and time of possession, avenging last year's playoff loss to Jacksonville. Also yesterday, the Minnesota Vikings beat the New York Giants 23-22 in the NFC wild-card game.

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Israel Denies Report on Withdrawal

JERUSALEM (AP)

In response to U.S. pressure, Israel has improved its offer and is now ready to withdraw troops from at least 10 percent of the West Bank, Israeli media report. Israel radio said a map of final borders to be presented at a Cabinet meeting Sunday by Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and Infrastructures Minister Ariel Sharon would allow Israel to hand over up to 13 percent of the West Bank in the upcoming redeployment. The report was denied by the Defense Ministry. The Maariv daily reported Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Foreign Minister David Levy decided in a 90-minute meeting yesterday they will hand over at least 10 percent.

Yeltsin Cancels Radio Address

MOSCOW (AP)

Russian President Boris Yeltsin, battling a viral infection, called off his weekly radio address on doctors' advice, officials said. The 66-year-old Yeltsin was hospitalized yesterday and told to rest for 10 to 12 days. Though Yeltsin looked tired in brief footage shown on state television, the Kremlin emphasizing he remained in charge said Yeltsin signed a decree aimed at shoring up the government's shaky finances by cutting spending and tightening fiscal controls. One of the president's doctors said the infection had no connection to his heart bypass 13 months ago, and that Yeltsin's overall health is good.

Global Warming Pact Approved

KYOTO, Japan (AP)

Delegates from 150 nations have reached a historic pact to control greenhouse gasses. But Republican critics in Congress immediately predicted it would never be ratified by the U.S. Senate. The agreement will for the first time commit nations to rolling back emissions like carbon dioxide from burning fossil fuels to pre-1990 levels. President Clinton called the accord a first step for dealing with what many scientists believe is a threat to the Earth's climate because of warming caused by heat-trapping gases.

Blair To Meet Sinn Fein Leader

LONDON (AP)

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Tony Blair will become the first British prime minister in 76 years to meet with an ally of the **Irish Republican Army** when he speaks with Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams today. Blair called the meeting a chance to promote a united Ireland. No British premier has met with IRA allies since 1921, when Prime Minister David Lloyd George met a group of Sinn Fein leaders for treaty negotiations that led to partition. Sinn Fein's demand for a united Ireland is not supported by the other seven parties now involved in negotiations on Northern Ireland's future.

Cops Confident of Kids' Release

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)

Police say they are in constant contact with the murder suspect who is holding two children hostage and are optimistic he will release them unharmed. The standoff began Tuesday when John Armstrong led police on a chase after he allegedly shot and killed another man. When Armstrong's car rammed another car, he broke into a nearby home, releasing two **women** but keeping their children. Police say Armstrong was taking good care of the children a 4-year-old boy and 2-year-old girl even asking for pizza and blankets for them.

Report: AOL To Offer More Content

WASHINGTON (AP)

A published report says America Online is poised to announce today that it will offer more content for people cruising the Internet. The Washington Post says AOL's web site will be beefed up, as a means of winning greater exposure for its advertisers. AOL is the largest online service with about 10 million subscribers, but executives acknowledge that more people are getting online in ways other than through AOL. One change planned for next year would allow AOL subscribers to check e-mail without having to use its proprietary software.

Asian Stocks Fall on S.Korea Drop

HONG KONG (AP)

A plunge in the South Korean currency led to steep losses in other Asian markets. In Seoul, the benchmark composite index fell 5.6 percent amid worries over corporate failures. In Tokyo, the Nikkei fell more than 21/2 percent to close at 16,050.15. Hong Kong stocks tumbled on rising interbank rates as the Hang Seng index lost 51/2 percent.

Magic 106, Bulls 98

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)

The Orlando Magic, missing star guard Anfernee Hardaway, broke an 11-game losing streak against the Chicago Bulls with a 106-98 win last night. Rony Seikaly had 26 points as Orlando beat the Bulls for the first time since November of 1995. Hardaway, the team's leading scorer, had arthroscopic surgery on his left knee earlier in the day and will be sidelined 8 to 10 weeks.

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Medicare Cancer Tests To Cost Less

WASHINGTON (AP)

The nation's 39 million Medicare beneficiaries will pay less for a wide variety of cancer tests beginning Jan. 1, a development touted by President Clinton today in his weekly radio address. Steps to make annual breast cancer screenings more affordable, expand coverage for the early detection of cervical cancer and cover regular examinations for colon cancer were part of the balanced budget agreement that Clinton and Congress reached last summer. The option of annual mammograms for every woman over 40 will now be guaranteed. And for the first time, Medicare will cover colon-rectal cancer screening tests.

U.S. Executes Most Since 1955

WASHINGTON (AP)

More murderers were executed in U.S. prisons in 1997 than at any time in the past 42 years, and the pace of executions is expected to rise as the 20th century ends and the 21st begins. Seventy-four of the nation's more than 3,200 death row inmates were executed this year, the most since 76 were put to death in 1955. No state has additional executions scheduled for the rest of this year. Texas was far and away the death penalty leader with 37 executions. Catholic bishops in Texas recently criticized the lead their state has taken.

D'Amato Calls for Teacher Testing

WASHINGTON (AP) - Sen. Alfonse D'Amato says teachers should be evaluated every five years to see if they deserve to keep their jobs and is proposing new powers for principals to remove violent students. D'Amato, R-N.Y., at odds with powerful teachers' unions in his home state, also recommended today an end to the practice of granting tenure, lifetime job protection for teachers. The senator also said in the Republicans' weekly radio address that teachers should be tested to ensure they are competent in their subjects.

Militant Killed in N.Ireland Prison

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

A senior Protestant paramilitary commander was shot dead inside Northern Ireland's top-security Maze prison today, threatening to upset fragile paramilitary cease-fires in the British-ruled state. Loyalist Volunteer Force chief

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Billy Wright was fatally shot by two gunmen from an **Irish Republican Army** splinter gang in the facility. Three members of the Irish National Liberation Army (INLA), a group opposed to the IRA's July 20 truce, handed in two handguns to a prison chaplain and were arrested.

Italy Illegal Immigrants Rescued

SOVERATO, Italy (AP)

Italian tugboats rescued 825 illegal immigrants, most of them Kurds, from a Turkish ship that ran aground off the southern coast here today in one of the largest-ever attempts to smuggle people into Italy. By mid-afternoon, all the passengers had been brought ashore, the Italian news agency ANSA reported. Two men and a woman were hospitalized for dehydration after the six-day voyage in which passengers said they were given only bread and cheese to eat. In all, 165 of the passengers were **women** or children, authorities report.

Council Seat Decided by Coin Toss

BELLINGHAM, Wash. (AP)

Yvonne Goldsmith won re-election to her Ferndale City Council seat simply by saying "tails." State law, which makes no provision for additional elections in event of a tie, required the coin toss after recounts showed Goldsmith and rival Lloyd Zimmerman tied with 954 votes each. Zimmerman would not attend the 1921 silver dollar coin toss by Superior Court Judge Michael Moynihan, saying he wanted another election.

Favre, Sanders Tie for NFL MVP

NEW YORK (AP)

In the first tie for NFL most valuable player since 1960, Brett Favre earned an unprecedented third straight award, sharing the honor with 2,000-yard rusher Barry Sanders today. In balloting conducted by The Associated Press, the Green Bay quarterback and the Detroit running back each collected 18 votes from a nationwide panel of 48 sports writers and broadcasters. Favre, who easily won the award the past two years, led the league in touchdown passes (35) and was second in yards passing with 3,867. Sanders became the third player to rush for 2,000 yards in a season when he gained 2,053, second most in league history.

Woods' Victory Voted Top Story

NEW YORK (AP)

Tiger Woods' overwhelming victory in the Masters, which not only broke records but shook social barriers and pushed golf to unprecedented popularity, was voted top sports story of 1997 by members of The Associated Press. The 12-stroke victory by Woods at Augusta National Golf Club in April won out over the heavyweight title fight in June when Mike Tyson bit off a piece of Evander Holyfield's ear. Those two events dominated the voting. The World Series victory by the Florida Marlins and its fire sale of high-priced players was third.

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"Frontline," bloody "Frontline."

The PBS documentary series takes on Northern Ireland's war ---the frequently used phrase "the troubles" seems like a mockery ---in a new two-hour BBC special "Behind the Mask: The IRA and Sinn Fein" (9 tonight WGTW/Channel 8 (56150)). Despite yet another new round of peace talks between the Irish and the British, it is a story with no end, no closure, no justice and no peace. Just plenty of casualties.

It is also a remarkable act of journalism by Peter Taylor, the BBC correspondent who has been covering the *Irish Republican Army* for more than 25 years, since shortly after "Bloody Sunday," the 1972 slaughter of 13 unarmed Catholic protesters by British soldiers (and inspiration for the U2 song).

Of course, as Taylor points out, "unarmed" can be a dicey judgment. He interviews the elderly mother of an IRA soldier killed by police, who insists her son was unarmed. Under Taylor's prodding, she admits that her son was carrying a lighter ---the lighter with which he lit the fuse of the bomb that blew up the police headquarters right before he was gunned down.

And so it goes, through car bombings, imprisonment, hunger strikes, retaliation, repression, escalating firepower and clandestine negotiations for cease-fires that seem to last only long enough to bury the latest round of dead.

What's extraordinary about Taylor's reporting is how many members of the notoriously secretive IRA and Sinn Fein (the more open political arm of the IRA) he has persuaded to appear on camera. He is sympathetic to the IRA only insofar as he allows them to defend their cause, which they do with fervor and conviction.

But this is not myth-making on the order of Liam Neeson's movie "Michael Collins." It is real, and it is disheartening.

Grade: B+

SEEN AND HEARD The science of love Walter Goodman, New York Times

Among the propositions advanced on tonight's "Love, Lust and Marriage: Why We Stray, Why We Stay" (10, ABC (2044)) are these: Romance is an evolutionary side effect. When it comes to love, the conscious brain might as well be asleep. Sexual appeal may seem just skin deep (men with symmetrical features report having more sex), but

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looks are often indicators of healthy genes. Nature demands that a man enjoy sex "with as many women as will let him." The seven-year itch usually begins around the fourth year of marriage, but only about half as many women as men scratch. (Beavers are monogamous for life, so what is all this about being busy as a beaver?) And there is a lot to be said in favor of arranged matings.

Avoiding the earnestness in which TV expertise is ordinarily drenched, John Stossel brings an edge of skepticism to this hourlong peep show into the anthropology of doing good by making out.

In the numerical tradition of self-help manuals, libido-watchers divide sex into three parts: lust, infatuation (which turns out to be just a rise in brain chemicals) and attachment, otherwise known as the happy ending. The camera catches a couple married for 67 years who seem satisfied or resigned to staying that way. And there are Steve Allen and Audrey Meadows, who are in their 44th year of union.

Among the researchers on call are a team that says it is able to predict with 90 percent accuracy which couples will divorce. These diagnosticians divide all separations into four parts: criticism, defensiveness, contempt and withdrawal. The hour ends with a therapist recommending marriage counseling to a couple in jeopardy. No shock there. Have you ever seen a television therapist who did not recommend counseling?

Grade: B+

Renaissance for Rosie

Funny gal Paula Poundstone is dressing up Shakespeare-style and heading to Georgia to film at the Georgia Renaissance Festival for an upcoming bit on "The Rosie O'Donnell Show." Poundstone is O'Donnell's new "roving reporter" for a monthly feature on the daily talk show. On Sunday, Poundstone will participate in the Renaissance Festival's Royale Parade, the Birds of Prey Show, Dominique's Amazing Flying Housecats, the Magic of Peter Gross, the Zucchini Brothers Danger Theatre, the Sisters Grimm and the Knights of the Pendragon Joust. Her "report" will tentatively air Nov. 13. The festival will be in operation Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Location: Near I-85 at Exit 12 south of Hartsfield International Airport.

QUICK HITS

John Tesh will appear as himself on the Nov. 10 episode of "The Naked Truth." He'll be irate on an airline. . . . HBO Sports is planning an hourlong documentary on Babe Ruth to air Aug. 15, 1998, on the 50th anniversary of his death from cancer.

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Correction

AN ITEM IN TUESDAY'S LIVING SECTION INCORRECTLY IDENTIFIED COMEDIAN STEVE ALLEN'S WIFE. HE IS MARRIED TO JAYNE MEADOWS.

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Formal Probes Ordered in Diana Case

PARIS (AP)

A second police toxicology test shows the driver who died with Princess Diana and Dodi Fayed had an even higher level of blood alcohol than the initial test indicated. Officials say the second test showed Henri Paul had nearly four times the legal limit in France. Paul had worked for Fayed's father for 13 years in Paris. The elder Al Fayed said he was mortified to hear accusations against Paul of drunkenness, speeding and taunting photographers.

Gore Pushes for Anti-Smoking Money

WASHINGTON (AP)

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Florida Postal Clerk Shoots 2

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)

A postal clerk left his counter to get a gun from his car, then walked back in and shot and critically wounded his ex-wife and her friend as the two women waited in line. After the shooting, the clerk walked outside and fatally shot himself. The gunman was a longtime counter clerk at the post office, said a witness. The U.S. Postal Service identified the gunman as 64-year-old Jesus Antonio Tamayo, and said he worked for the service for 21 years.

Opera Impresario Rudolf Bing Dies

NEW YORK (AP)

Sir Rudolf Bing, the autocratic impresario who propelled the Metropolitan Opera to new heights in popularity and artistic achievement during 22 years as general manager, died Tuesday. He was 95. During his tenure, beginning in 1950, the Met season expanded from 18 to 31 weeks and the subscribers list grew from 5,000 to 17,000. At the end of his run, there was no argument that the Met featured more than its share of the world's leading singers.

Dow Rallies to 257 Points

NEW YORK (AP)

The Dow Jones industrial average surged by a record 257.36 points on Tuesday. The Dow closed at 7,879.78. That eclipsed nearly all of last week's 265-point retreat. The Dow's previous one-day point gain high had been 186.84, two days after the October 1987 crash that became known as "Black Monday." Tuesday's 3.4 percent advance was the Dow's biggest one-day percentage gain since a 4.6 percent climb in 1991.

Dollar Down, Stocks Up in Japan

TOKYO (AP)

The dollar cost 121.27 yen, down 0.30 yen at 3 p.m. Wednesday. The Nikkei closed at 18,735.17 points on the Tokyo Stock Exchange, up 502.65 points.

Chang Wins, Agassi Loses in US Open

NEW YORK (AP)

Irina Spirlea of Romania is in the semifinals of a Grand Slam tennis tournament for the first time in her career. Spirlea Tuesday upset second-seed Monica Seles at the U.S. Open 6-7, 7-6, 6-3. Seles had to rally to win the opening tiebreaker 7-5, then Spirlea had to come from behind to win the second tiebreaker 10-8. Spirlea broke Seles in games three and nine in the third set to clinch the victory.

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Clinton Presses Education Plan

EDGARTOWN, Mass. (AP)

Pressing his plan to measure the achievements of the nation's school children through tests, President Clinton said today he is encouraged by a new report showing improvements in math and science. In his weekly radio address, the president said he will respond to Republican criticism of his proposed voluntary nationwide testing program by moving the responsibility for developing a national testing program from the Education Department to an independent, bipartisan board. Clinton's plan calls for fourth graders to take a national reading test and for eighth graders to take a mathematics exam.

Saudis Sentence British Nurse To Death

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)

A Saudi court has found one of two British nurses guilty of murdering an Australian colleague and has sentenced her to death, sources close to the case said today. Deborah Parry was found guilty of intentionally murdering Yvonne Gilford, the sources said, speaking on condition of anonymity. The second defendant, Lucille McLauchlan, was found guilty of being an accessory to murder and was given an undisclosed jail sentence. Dozens of people are decapitated under the nation's Islamic laws every year. But no Westerner, male or **female**, has ever been beheaded in Saudi Arabia, a close ally of the United States

Chemical Leak Affects Thousands

MIDLAND, Mich. (AP)

A leak of a chemical that can cause eye injuries is forcing some 4,000 neighbors of a Dow Chemical plant to remain indoors today. No injuries were immediately reported, but residents in a mile radius of the plant were instructed to remain inside, close all doors and windows, extinguish open flames, and shut off ventilation systems. The chemical, styrene monomer, is used in the manufacture of plastics. An unspecified amount leaked from a rail car about 3:15 a.m. Dow Chemical spokeswoman Catherine Maxey says monitors show that the amount released was below hazardous levels.

Massive Bank Merger Investigated

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JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP)

Surprised by NationsBank's \$14.6 billion stock deal to buy Florida's Barnett Banks, investigators went to work making sure the proposed megabank would not have an unfair competitive advantage. The industry's largest deal ever, announced Friday by the Charlotte, N.C.-based NationsBank, would create the nation's third-biggest bank and make NationsBank an even stronger banking powerhouse in the Southeast. The Florida attorney general's office said NationsBank and Barnett executives should receive subpoenas by Tuesday for takeover-related documents.

Britain Invites Sinn Fein To Talks

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

The IRA-allied Sinn Fein party can soon join negotiations on Northern Ireland's future, the British government has ruled. Northern Ireland Secretary Mo Mowlam says Sinn Fein is entitled to attend multi-party talks when they resume Sept. 9 because the Irish Republican Army had not breached its 6-week-old cease-fire. Protestant leaders are vowing to either shun the talks or try to block them. Sinn Fein this year won more than 16 percent of the vote in Northern Ireland, a state it wants to see abolished and united with the rest of Ireland.

U.S. Envoy Meets Serb Officials

BANJA LUKA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP)

Armed with threats of NATO force against broadcasters who foment violence, a U.S. envoy crisscrossed the political front lines in Bosnia today to quell the latest crisis imperiling the peace. Robert Gelbard met with top international officials in Sarajevo before moving on to the hard-line Bosnian Serb headquarters in Pale to meet with the chief aide to the Bosnian Serbs' wartime leader, Radovan Karadzic. Later in the day, he is expected to meet with Karadzic's rival, Bosnian Serb President Biljana Plavsic, in her stronghold of Banja Luka.

Esquire Magazine Offends Co-Worker

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP)

Jonnie Barr might lose his job, because he brought a men's magazine to work. But it wasn't Playboy, Penthouse or Hustler. The Olympia, Wash., waste water treatment plant operator bought Esquire to work. The city says Esquire is "inappropriate and offensive reading material." Barr says he threw the magazine away but somehow it wound up on the desk of a female co-worker. She complained that the lingerie ads were offensive. The Seattle Post-Intelligencer says Barr is on paid leave while the city decides how to discipline him.

Holyfield, Moorer Set for New Match

LAS VEGAS (AP)

Evander Holyfield will try and unify two parts of the heavyweight title when he fights fellow heavyweight champion Michael Moorer Nov. 8. Holyfield, the WBA heavyweight champion, reportedly will get \$20 million to fight Moorer, who holds the IBF version of the title and will be paid about \$8 million.

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PARIS (AP)

Buckingham Palace is still grappling with the details of Princess Diana's funeral, set for Saturday. Two-thousand invites have gone out. Now, officials are trying to figure out how to accommodate about a million mourners expected to crowd the funeral procession to Westminster Abbey. Meanwhile, new details on the photographers' alleged role in the crash that killed Diana emerged today, with a police report saying paparazzi pushed back the first officer on the scene as he tried to reach the victims. Until more police arrived to help him, all the officer was able to glimpse of Diana was "a blonde head," the French daily Le Figaro reported. Six photographers and a motorcycle driver were named yesterday as official suspects in the case.

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Vanity Fair To Publish Ramsey Note

BOULDER, Colo. (AP)

The full text of the JonBenet Ramsey ransom note has been published in a Denver newspaper. The note in The Rocky Mountain News instructs the girl's father, John Ramsey, to fill a brown paper bag with \$118,000 and then wait for a phone call. It warns "You stand a 99 percent chance of killing your daughter if you try to outsmart us." JonBenet's mom says she found the note in their home last December 26th. Hours later, the 6-year-old girl's body was discovered in the basement.

Fla. Postal Worker Shoots 2 Women

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)

A postal clerk calmly walked to his car and returned with a gun to shoot his ex-wife and her friend as they stood in line, police said. He then walked back outside and killed himself. The women were in critical condition at Jackson Memorial Hospital early today following surgery, but a hospital spokeswoman said both were expected to live. Each had been shot once in the abdomen. The man, 64, and his ex-wife, 66, were divorced four years ago. The two women lived together at an apartment a few blocks from the post office.

Dollar Down, Stocks Up in Japan

TOKYO (AP)

The dollar cost 121.27 yen, down 0.30 yen at 3 p.m. Wednesday. The Nikkei closed at 18,735.17 points on the Tokyo Stock Exchange, up 502.65 points.

Chang Wins, Agassi Loses in US Open

NEW YORK (AP)

Irina Spirlea of Romania is in the semifinals of a Grand Slam tennis tournament for the first time in her career. Spirlea Tuesday upset second-seed Monica Seles at the U.S. Open 6-7, 7-6, 6-3. Seles had to rally to win the opening tiebreaker 7-5, then Spirlea had to come from behind to win the second tiebreaker 10-8. Spirlea broke Seles in games three and nine in the third set to clinch the victory.

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2 Killed on College Campus

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP)

A University of Michigan police officer shot to death a man who was attacking a **female** student with a knife early today. The woman later died of multiple stab wounds. The Ann Arbor News reported that the officer drove into the parking lot shortly after midnight, spotting a man who was stabbing a woman. The woman's assailant was then shot by the officer, it said. Names of the two people who were killed were being withheld this morning, and the university was not releasing the name of the officer involved in the shooting. The university's public safety department serves as the police force on the Ann Arbor campuses.

200 Killed in Algeria Violence

Algiers, ALGERIA (AP)

Hospital sources say at least 200 people are dead after a violent attack in Algeria early today. At least 100 others were wounded in the attack that took place near Baraki in the suburbs of the Algerian capital. The official government news agency put the number of deaths at 85 in the massacre. A bomb attack this morning in Reghaia, a town 19 miles east of Algiers, killed two and wounded 25, hospital sources added. There was no claim of responsibility for either attack. Such massacres are frequently blamed on the Armed Islamic Group, one of several organizations trying to topple Algeria's military-backed government.

2nd Body From Military Crash Seen

WINDHOEK, Namibia (AP)

A search aircraft has spotted a body believed to have come from the wreckage of two planes that crashed off the Namibian coast 10 days ago, officials said today. Neither a French frigate nor a Namibian patrol vessel helping with the search could locate and retrieve the body, South African air force Lt. Col. Eddie Brown said. Only one body has been recovered since German and U.S. military transport aircraft carrying 33 people apparently collided and crashed into the ocean Sept. 13.

Report: Israel ID's Suicide Bombers

NABLUS, West Bank (AP)

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Israeli security forces tightened their siege of a West Bank village today after they reportedly identified the Islamic militants who carried out two suicide-bombings in Jerusalem. Dozens of soldiers took up positions around the village, and troops set up tents along the main road leading into it. Israeli radio stations and newspapers reported today that the security forces had found out who the bombers were and where they were from. Israel's military censor did not permit journalists to report all available details in the case, including the name of the village under blockade.

Enemies To Meet at N.Ireland Talks

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

Leaders of two of Northern Ireland's most implacably opposed parties will confront one another for the first time today in a meeting Britain hopes will prepare the way for all-party talks. David Trimble, leader of the main Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, has said he will enter the same room as Gerry Adams only to get the leader of IRA-allied Sinn Fein thrown out of the negotiations. Some of Trimble's followers oppose his decision to confront Sinn Fein, which won a place at the negotiations after the **Irish Republican Army** declared a cease-fire in July, and held to it.

Senate Panel To Review IRS

WASHINGTON (AP)

Opening a three-day review of the IRS, a Senate committee chairman said today tax collectors have used false identification and agents pursue taxpayers "who can't afford to fight back" to meet collection quotas. Senators, authors and tax-related trade groups are among the first witnesses called to describe the agency's troubles. But the hearings are generating quite a buzz over expected whistleblower testimony from current and former agents later in the week, some of whom will have their identities concealed. They are expected to say the agency unfairly singles out small taxpayers least likely to defend themselves for collections, an accusation the IRS says is against its procedures.

Dow Down 4 in Early Going

NEW YORK (AP)

Stock prices are mixed today in directionless trading. The Dow industrials are down 4.17 to 7,992.66. NYSE decliners led advancers 166-144. The Nasdaq is up 4.36 to 1,693.81.

Albert Accuser To Testify Today

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP)

Marv Albert's accuser is expected to testify today as the NBC sportscaster's trial resumes this morning. Prosecutors say Albert, who pleaded innocent yesterday, expected three-way sex, and became angry when the woman arrived at his hotel room alone. The defense portrays the woman as vengeful and unbalanced and says the sex was consensual. Albert is charged with sodomy and assault. If convicted, he could get life in prison.

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Catholic cops walk lonely, tough beat in N. Ireland

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Body

BELFAST, Northern Ireland -- At a time when many Catholic men his age were enlisting in the ***Irish Republican Army's*** war against the British, Paddy Timoney quietly did something unusual. He joined the Queen's police force, the Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC).

That was in 1971, at the height of the conflict between ruling Protestants loyal to the British crown and the minority Catholics, most of whom want a united Ireland free of British rule. Catholics saw the mostly Protestant RUC as an agent of British oppression. Many still do.

"If I wasn't careful about my personal security, I have no doubt they'd try to murder me," Timoney, 49, says of the IRA. Timoney, who today commands a division of about 1,000 officers, bucked his neighbors' disapproval and joined the RUC to combat what he saw as societal collapse.

But Catholic police officers remain a rarity in Northern Ireland. About 10% of the RUC is Catholic, vs. more than 40% of the population. Many say that imbalance makes it difficult for the police to act impartially and is at the root of the clashes like the one that occurred Sunday during a Protestant parade in the village of Drumcree.

Catholic officers, as well as those aspiring to join the force, face harassment from fellow Catholics. In Turf Lodge, a West Belfast neighborhood where male unemployment approaches 65%, there's little

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interest in police jobs that pay up to \$ 45,000 annually. Why?

The Rev. Matthew Wallace, a local priest, says, "Their family would have to leave."

Each July, the Orange Order, a fraternal Protestant organization that dates to 1796, stages more than 2,400 parades across Northern Ireland. Most pass without incident. But a handful are controversial because they involve a Protestant group marching through Catholic areas.

The Drumcree parade sparked four days of Catholic riots, injuring at least 60 police officers and 56 civilians. Most parades commemorate a Protestant military victory over Catholic armies in 1690. More than three centuries later, emotions about that battle remain strong. The Protestant Orangemen see the parades as an important cultural symbol.

But Catholics, remembering generations of Protestant discrimination, see the marches as insulting.

Police angered Catholics by swooping in at 3:30 a.m. and clearing the road of protesters who were keeping an all-night vigil. "Women were dragged with their heads banging on the road," says Brid Rogers, the neighborhood's Social Democratic Labor Party representative. Chief Constable Ronnie Flanagan denied police used excessive force, saying his officers encountered a "pre-prepared onslaught" of Molotov cocktails when they moved in.

Still, there is a long history of allegations of police brutality. On June 28, several of Timoney's officers allegedly charged into a Catholic man's home and beat him with nightsticks during a Belfast parade. Officers said rocks had been thrown at them from the house. The RUC is investigating the incident.

Though Flanagan is credited with boosting the force's professionalism, Sunday's clashes have further poisoned the RUC's relations with the minority Catholic community.

Ironically, the worsening of tensions comes after the RUC's traditional link with Protestants had appeared open to change. Last year, the RUC found itself virtually at war with its traditional allies when it tried to prevent the Drumcree parade. That move triggered several days of Protestant protests before the RUC reversed itself and allowed the march. And this spring, the police were praised by Catholics for defending parishioners during a 41-week standoff with a Protestant mob outside a Harryville Catholic church.

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But Sunday's actions reinforced the RUC's image as defenders of the Protestant majority. Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing, says the force should be disbanded and replaced with a more representative police department. "I was arrested by the RUC, detained by the RUC. I was beaten until I was unconscious (in 1972)," says Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams. "I still have scar marks on my wrist from their cigarettes."

Most expect that police reform must await an end to the conflict, which has claimed more than 3,200 lives since 1969. Peace, however, would make boosting the number of Catholic officers even more difficult. At 8,400-members, the RUC is far larger than warranted for Northern Ireland's 1.5 million residents, says Seamus Dunn of Ulster University.

Meanwhile, Timoney is girding for difficult times. His division includes Catholic West Belfast, where cars were set afire in protest of Sunday's march. A genial man who resembles TV's Captain Kangaroo, Timoney says he's spent 26 years meting out even-handed justice. He knows that some Catholics call him and others "turncoats who've turned our backs on nationalism." But he says, "I'm Paddy Timoney -- what people take from it is a matter for themselves. I'm a policeman first."

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NO KILLERS NEED APPLY

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IN ANOTHER 'BATTLE' in its pathetic, self-styled "war," the **Irish Republican Army** has ambushed and killed two Northern Ireland police officers. And in so doing has shot itself in the foot. Is there no end to the terrorists' barbarism? Or their stupidity?

Over in London, there's a new British government that had been bringing fresh energy and determination to the search for a new ceasefire and a firm peace agreement. Now, that government has cut off all official contact with Sinn Fein, the political arm of the IRA, noting correctly that the murders appear to be a "deliberate attempt to place obstacles in the road to peace."

Said recently elected Prime Minister Tony Blair, "Their actions defy normal understanding." Quite so. Even supporters of the tight-lipped Gerry Adams a man pathologically unable to denounce violence might wonder at Sinn Fein's penchant for self-destruction. At its compulsion for undermining what little validity it might have gained on the world stage.

In English, Sinn Fein means "Ourselves Alone." Rather than referring to Irish self-determination, Adams and his cohorts appear to interpret this as license to distance themselves from what the rest of the world considers civilized conduct. They are losing the benefit of the doubt about their motives.

In Washington, the Clinton administration denounced the killings as brutal, vicious and inexcusable. If a mote of good can come out of these latest murders in Northern Ireland, it will be to blast some sense into those misguided Americans who have continued to rally to the IRA's long-tarnished cause. These are not soldiers waging a just war; they are cowardly terrorists who would not last a minute on a real battlefield. Bombs in shopping malls and snipers in back alleys are more their style.

Last week, America breathed a sigh of relief as a home-grown coward received the ultimate sentence for his act of terrorism. Only hypocrites could denounce Timothy McVeigh while offering support philosophical, political or monetary to the IRA. McVeigh was simply more effective.

Sinn Fein has the gall to describe itself as seeking to "construct a peace process which reaches out and embraces everyone on the island on the basis of equality." Sure. Unless you're an Ulster cop. Then its "warriors" will reach out and put a bullet in your brain.

Save the children

When it comes to protecting children from their drug-addicted mothers, Assemblyman Roger Green is well-intentioned, but wrongheaded. The Assembly soon will consider his bill for the testing of newborns for alcohol and

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drugs. Problem is, the sole purpose of the test would be "to provide rehabilitation services for parents who are substance abusers." Swell. But what about the babies? The Green bill doesn't make their lives a priority.

Instead, it would provide grants to community-based groups "to create and enhance caregiver rehabilitation services to substance-abusing pregnant women or a caretaker parent."

No one can argue against the need for long-term addict rehabilitation. But in this case, it is only half a solution. And the wrong half. While mothers are going through detox and counseling, their drug-addicted children should not be in their care. Only after mom is clean and can prove that she will remain so, should her children be returned.

Remember little Elisa Izquierdo. Or Nadine Lockwood. Or Rayvon Evans. All were taken away from junkie moms, then given back to die.

Assemblywoman Nettie Mayersohn has a better idea. Her bill would make positive toxicology in a newborn prima facie evidence of child abuse, allowing the infant to be placed in foster care until the mother can prove she kicked the deadly habits that put her life and the life of her child in danger.

The state Senate has passed its own version of the Mayersohn bill. Yet in the Assembly, the legislation languishes in Green's Children and Family Services Committee. That's a mistake that could prove fatal to some child in the horrible clutches of abuse.

Joined in history

Timing is everything, the saying goes. Just don't remind former Rep. Liz Holtzman. A state appeals court has ruled that the Conflicts of Interest Board finding against her should stand. While city controller, she got very favorable loan terms for her failed 1992 U.S. Senate race from a bank that was seeking business before her office.

Coming at the 25th anniversary of the Watergate break-in, the ruling's timing is extraordinary. Holtzman made her name serving on the House Judiciary Committee and voting for the articles of impeachment of Nixon.

Like him, Holtzman still insists she did nothing wrong. Unlike her, Nixon probably would appreciate the irony.

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Ulster high on Blair agenda

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BRITAIN'S new Prime Minister, Mr Blair, has quickly set in motion his agenda for sweeping change, with the first new Labour Cabinet in 23 years announcing immediate action on Northern Ireland, constitutional reform, social security, transport and education.

Within hours of gaining a 179-seat majority in a landslide, Mr Blair summoned a succession of potential ministers to Number 10 Downing Street.

The appointees quickly indicated plans to restructure the Royal Ulster Constabulary one of the key sticking points in the Northern Ireland issue.

They also vowed to proceed this year with limited self-rule for Scotland and Wales, promised to make privatised rail companies provide efficient and cost-effective services, and force senior public servants in the Education Department to explain policy to the media.

The new Labour Government also flagged a shake-up of the social security system, including a crackdown on people on the dole who make insufficient effort to find work, and hinted at an Australian-style superannuation system in which employees would be encouraged to contribute to pension funds.

The move on Northern Ireland was seen as particularly significant, coming after the election of two MPs for the nationalist Sinn Fein organisation and after the US President, Mr Clinton, called on Mr Blair to "take up the torch" for peace.

The Cabinet was officially sworn in on Saturday, while other appointments to non-Cabinet posts were expected to be announced last night.

While most of Mr Blair's lineup had been predicted, there were some surprises which were interpreted as stamping his authority over the party, particularly the Left, while still making efforts to make the Cabinet representative of the political spectrum.

While Mr Blair gave a Cabinet seat to controversial left-winger Ms Clare Short, who becomes International Development Secretary, he excluded two hardline leftists, Mr Michael Meacher and Mr Tom Clarke, who will have to settle for junior jobs even though they were members of the front bench in opposition.

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Ms Short's appointment brought to five the number of women in Cabinet. Her inclusion is viewed as a move to internalise dissent, although after her appointment the outspoken Ms Short made a characteristically blunt remark, saying: "I always try to be good, but I can't help being me."

Signalling his intention to make the potentially explosive policy of referendums for a Scottish parliament one of his top priorities, Mr Blair appointed the former chief whip, Mr Donald Dewar, to the role of Scottish Secretary.

Mr Dewar, a lawyer regarded as one of the most capable

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operators in dealing with difficult issues, won the post from Mr George Robertson who held the portfolio in opposition.

Mr Robertson moves to defence.

One other surprise seen as reflecting Mr Blair's preparedness to demote under-performers was the appointment of Mr Frank Dobson as Health Secretary instead of the shadow in opposition, Mr Chris Smith, who becomes Heritage Secretary.

Most of the other key appointments had been as expected, with Mr Gordon Brown becoming Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Robin Cook appointed Foreign Secretary, Ms Harriet Harman taking Social Security, Ms Margaret Beckett made president of the Board of Trade, Mr David Blunkett appointed Education and Employment Secretary, Ms Marjorie Mowlam Northern Ireland Secretary and Lord Derry Irvine appointed Lord Chancellor, which makes him head of the court system.

Mr Blair's deputy in opposition, former merchant seaman and union leader Mr John Prescott, got the post of Deputy Prime Minister with special responsibilities for the environment, transport and the regions.

The ministers wasted no time in seizing the reins of government, calling meetings with their senior public servants and making media statements providing clear indications of the agenda.

In a television interview yesterday, Mr Prescott identified jobs, education and health as key issues, and also indicated that devolution for Scotland and Wales and decentralisation of some powers to the regions of England would be early priorities in constitutional reform.

Ms Mowlam went straight to Northern Ireland where she forcibly restated government policy that Sinn Fein would not be admitted to peace talks until its military associate, the Irish Republican Army, agreed to a permanent ceasefire.

Ms Harman also took to the airwaves, where she seemed to confirm reports the Government is considering a review of the pension system.

While there would not be compulsory contributions, she said "we want to make sure the schemes are such that people do want to put money into them". She also said the State would not support alternative ways of life, saying that when job or training offers were made, unemployed people would be required to take them up.

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Labour....418 seats

Conservative....165

Liberal Democrats....46

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Ulster Unionists (N.Ireland)....10

Scottish National Party....6

Plaid Cymru (Wales)....4

SDLP (N.Ireland....)3

Sinn Fein (N.Ireland)....2

DUP (N.Ireland....)2

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CALIFORNIA

Judge In Cosby Case Issues Gag Order

Moving to stem leaks about the Ennis Cosby killing, a judge in Los Angeles issued a gag order Friday forbidding lawyers from discussing the case with the news media. Superior Court Judge John Reid issued the order during a private hearing.

The order was issued after the defense attorney, Charles Lindner, said Thursday that initial police reports showed no identifiable fingerprints on the gun police believe was used in the shooting. The gun was retrieved about five miles from the slaying.

Cosby, 27, was killed on Jan. 16 when he stopped on a freeway exit ramp to change a flat tire on his Mercedes-Benz.

Michael Markhasev, 18, who was arrested March 12, has pleaded not guilty to murder and other charges in the case.

Deputy District Attorney Anne Ingalls turned over a box of evidence to defense lawyers, who have complained about not receiving information from the prosecution. The prosecution and defense, under California law, must share evidence they discover about the case.

AP

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CALIFORNIA

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Cosby Defendant Lawyer Assails Case

A lawyer for the man charged with killing Bill Cosby's son said Friday the fact police reportedly found no fingerprints on the murder gun showed flaws in the prosecution case.

"In any capital case, before you speak of executing somebody, you'd better make damn sure you've got the right guy," the lawyer, Darren Kavinsky, said.

His client, Mikhail "Michael" Markhasev, has been charged with murdering Ennis Cosby on Jan. 16. The only son of Bill Cosby was shot by the side of a Southern California freeway while he was changing a flat tire.

The Los Angeles district attorney's office declined to comment, saying it would try the case in court, rather than outside.

Reuters

ARMY SEX SCANDAL

Judge Deals Defendant A Setback

A military judge ruled Friday that drill sergeants have so much power over trainees that they don't need to use a weapon or threaten force to be found guilty of rape.

In a major setback for the defense in the court-martial of Staff Sgt. Delmar Simpson, 32, the judge further stated that the women need not resist or object.

The judge, Col. Paul Johnston, refused to dismiss the 19 rape counts against Simpson, the first soldier to stand trial in the sex scandal at the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland.

At the same time, the judge said he does not believe that just because a drill sergeant and a trainee have sex, it is rape. He said the six-member jury must decide whether the circumstances constituted rape and could still find Simpson innocent.

The prosecution completed its case Friday, and the judge dropped or merged three indecent assault counts that duplicated other charges. Simpson now faces 55 charges in all.

AP

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PRESIDENTIAL VETO LAW

Clinton Aide Pushes Measure In Court

President Bill Clinton's administration Friday urged the Supreme Court to uphold the constitutionality of a new law that greatly expanded presidential veto power.

Acting Solicitor General Walter Dellinger asked the high court to hear the case and to overturn a federal judge's ruling declaring the line-item veto law unconstitutional.

AP

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HONG KONG

Clinton Warns Chinese On Rights

President Bill Clinton insisted Friday that Chinese leaders "live up to their agreement" to preserve civil liberties after they regain control of the colony.

He met at the White House with Martin Lee, chairman of Hong Kong's top vote-getting political party and a member of the elected legislature. China plans to abolish the legislature when it takes over Hong Kong from Britain on July 1.

"The United States has to make it clear that Hong Kong is important to us - the people of Hong Kong are important," Clinton said afterward.

AP

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WORLD

BRITAIN

Explosions, Bomb Threats Snarl Traffic

Explosions and bomb threats blamed on the **Irish Republican Army** snarled rail and road traffic between northern and southern England on Friday but caused little damage.

Prime Minister John Major and Labor challenger Tony Blair claimed the IRA was trying to disrupt Britain's election campaigns. They pledged it would not succeed.

AP

KOREA N.

Korea Unprepared, Talks Delayed

Talks aimed at convening a four-nation conference to improve relations between North and South Korea Friday night were put off until today after North Korean delegates repeatedly pushed back the starting time and finally said they were unprepared.

The talks involving the two Koreas and the United States now are scheduled to resume this morning.

The United States and South Korea want a conference, also involving China, that would seek to end tensions on the Korean peninsula by replacing the uneasy armistice that ended the 1950-53 Korean War with a formal peace treaty.

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Body

Two soldiers died in a bomb blast the day I arrived here; there was an attempt to assassinate a leader of the anti-government opposition just before I left. The bombing, the third against the military in a month, may be thought of as the work of a political left, but the assassination attempt was more ambiguous. The only clear thing is that violent men want to stop Nigeria from becoming a democracy. A dreary historical pattern is reasserting itself in the largest country in Africa.

The first two bomb attacks were aimed at the army colonel who is the military governor of the Lagos region. By virtually everyone's reckoning he is an able administrator and an honest man, popular with Lagosians. The third was less discriminate. It shattered an army bus that was passing by a hospital clinic, killing the two soldiers and injuring 26 more, as well as two civilians. Blood was splattered on the wall of the clinic. No one claimed credit for the bombings, but official speculation centered on the National Democratic Coalition, or NADECO, the best known organization opposing the military government. NADECO denied any involvement, though it has a self-proclaimed armed wing that calls itself the National Liberation Council of Nigeria, or NALICON, and has the same relationship to NADECO as the *Irish Republican Army* has to Sinn Fein. The IRA, however, is led by faceless men, while NALICON is led by Wole Soyinka, 1986 Nobel laureate in literature.

Mr. Soyinka, a self-exile, taught last year in the Afro-American studies department at Harvard. He also wrote a book that was featured on the cover of the Sunday Book Review of the Times. The review did not associate Mr. Soyinka with violence, and it took him seriously as a moral thinker. It assumed he would never condone bomb attacks against other Nigerians. But he does; like many other literary intellectuals, Mr. Soyinka believes violence has its uses in politics. When BBC Radio asked him about the recent Lagos bombings, he said, "I cannot condemn violence directed at Abacha's regime ... I approve of action that is necessary to terminate the existence of the Abacha regime -- so does any organization to which I belong." That organization is NALICON, while Abacha is Gen. Sani Abacha, Nigerian head of state. He has promised to move Nigeria to democracy by next year, and while there is no guarantee, signs are encouraging. Nigeria held local elections last year. Dissident politicians called for a boycott, but some 60 per cent of those eligible to vote did so. Since then the military government has certified five parties to contest further local elections in March. National elections are scheduled for next year, and most Nigerians seem to expect them to take place. The great imponderable, however, is the violence. If it increases, the government almost surely will call the elections off.

Consequently, the bomb attacks that Mr. Soyinka declines to condemn will not terminate the existence of the military government as he suggested. The opposite is more likely: continued bombings will prolong the

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government's existence. The army would not want Gen. Abacha to give up power if the country was being destabilized, and the only purpose violence might serve is to prevent the transition to democracy. This may be what the violent men want. Nigerian politics are tortuous, and even the best informed Nigerian may not know how to explain them. The bombing attacks that Mr. Soyinka refused to condemn may have been inspired by left-wing revolutionary logic, but the attempted assassination of the anti-government opposition leader seemed bizarre.

For one thing, it was announced in advance on Radio Kudirat, the pirate station Mr. Soyinka founded. It said an attempt would be made to kill Abraham Adesanya, 74-year-old deputy chairman of NADECO, by soldiers from the Second Mechanized Division of the army. Mr. Adesanya then called a press conference and announced the plot himself. He said he had heard about it from Radio Kudirat. Four days later, the would-be assassins struck. As Mr. Adesanya was being driven from his law office in his Mercedes Benz, he was followed by gunmen in another automobile. They fired seven shots through the back of the Mercedes, and then they sped away. Mr. Adesanya, who somehow was not hit, said afterwards that the market women who saw what had happened said the gunmen were all wearing uniforms.

The whole episode was strange. An assassination is announced in advance and the assassins identified as soldiers. Then the attempt takes place on a crowded street in bright daylight by gunmen so dopey they wear their uniforms. There is no doubt shots were fired, and Mr. Adesanya was fortunate to escape unharmed, but other than that it was all murky. Agents provocateurs were a possibility, of course, although the only sure thing was that violent men wanted to stop democracy.

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WORLD IN BRIEF;
Ecuador's leader bows to term limits

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Heading off a crisis that threatened to deepen Ecuador's political instability, the new president has accepted Congress' authority to replace her with an interim president, her advisers said late Monday.

Rosalia Arteaga had challenged the terms of her emergency appointment, insisting that despite an agreement engineered by the powerful military she would step down only when the constitution is amended to provide for election of an interim president.

Arteaga ascended from Ecuador's vice presidency Sunday following political tumult last week, during which Congress dismissed President Abdala Bucaram for "mental incapacity."

Ecuador's Congress is to convene today to debate who the interim president should be.

THE AMERICAS Fatal train crash

A passenger train crashed into a locomotive Monday near Caguasal in eastern Cuba, killing at least 13 people and seriously injuring 65, the Mexican government news agency Notimex reported, quoting the Cuban Interior Ministry. The train, headed from Santiago to Havana, was carrying a large number of conscripts doing military service, the report quoted Cuban state television as saying. The train crashed into a locomotive belonging to the Sugar Ministry.

Inquiry inconclusive

A U.S. Justice Department investigation has ended without identifying any suspects in the alleged kidnapping and torture of an American nun in Guatemala in 1989, and investigators still aren't certain that a crime occurred. A 282-page classified report corroborates some details of Sister Dianna Ortiz's description of being abducted and brutally tortured by Guatemalan security forces, but it casts doubt on other aspects of her account.

MIDDLE EAST Women to be freed

WORLD IN BRIEF; Ecuador 's leader bows to term limits

The Supreme Court in Israel cleared the way Monday for the release of 23 Palestinian **female** prisoners, throwing out an appeal by families of Israeli terror victims. The **women**, whose release was promised in the Israeli-Palestinian agreement signed by the previous Israeli government, were expected to be freed today. Yasser Arafat planned to greet them in the West Bank town of Ramallah after their release from the Tel Mond prison in central Israel.

EUROPE Croats attack Muslims

Croat gunmen fired Monday on about 200 Muslims visiting a cemetery in the divided city of Mostar on a religious holiday, killing one person, wounding many and jeopardizing a key element of Bosnia's peace agreement. The attack was one of the worst outbreaks of violence since the 1995 Dayton agreement. The mayor of Muslim east Mostar, Safet Orucevic, was beaten; the city's Islamic leader, Seid Smajkic, suffered a minor gunshot wound. The attack jeopardized the Muslim-Croat federation and cast even more doubt on the viability of institutions that also include Serbs.

Bomb found

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MICHAEL COLLINS (M). Starring Liam Neeson, Alan Rickman, Julia Roberts, Aidan Quinn, Stephen Rea. Directed by Neil Jordan.

Reviewed by CHRIS BARTLETT

MICHAEL who? Many people may have never heard of him, but Collins is credited with founding the *Irish Republican Army*'s guerrilla wing and being the man who inspired -- among others -- Mao Zedong.

He's the man who signed the treaty that split Ireland into north and south; a gamble which led to (in chronological order) civil war, his assassination at 31, and 70 years of ensuing turmoil.

There's plenty of turmoil too in Neil (The Crying Game) Jordan's ambitious story. From the disastrous Easter Uprising of 1916 through killings, street battles, a lot of running down alleys and across rooftops with the British in hot pursuit, Collins' split with his old comrades, the civil war and his death at the hands of some renegades a few miles from his ancestral home. Pitched alongside this is the love triangle of Collins, his best mate Harry Boland (Quinn) and Kitty Kiernan (Roberts).

Collins was a role tailor-made for Neeson. For once, his Irish accent could be put to good use. He strides through the film looking commanding, gets the best lines, in fact, the camera rarely leaves his sights. He's the pillar the film is built around (although Jordan's treatment of his subject has been slammed as too one-sided and simplistic) and he does the job well, even if he does come across as less enigmatic than the real Collins.

Not so Roberts as Kiernan (the weakest link and an obvious nod to Hollywood sensibilities). She carries too much baggage from previous appearances to be convincing. Rickman, so used to playing quirky bad guys, impresses as Eamon De Valera, the president of the Irish republic who turns on Collins and precipitates the civil war after the latter signs the treaty with London.

Michael Collins is not an epic on the Gandhi scale, but it does have some of the same ingredients: A cause, love, betrayal, plenty of action and the underdog giving the horrible Brits a bloody good thrashing. Hurrah

So, for a bit of history, a bit of blood, a bit of romance, plenty of derring-do and a great deal of stirring of nationalistic passions (whether you're Irish or not), this is good solid fare. Like a pound or two of boiled potatoes.

DATING THE ENEMY (M). Starring Guy Pearce, Claudia Karvan. Directed by Megan Simpson Huberman.

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Boy meets girl. Boy and girl fall in love. Boy acts like asshole. Girl gets stroppy. Boy and girl break up. Boy and girl swap bodies . . . er, can you run that by me again?

That's the laboured premise this lightweight romantic comedy relies on and if you don't buy into it, forget it. If you can suspend belief for long enough, however, there are some rewards in this Aussie pot-pourri, but be warned, they are few and far between.

Pearce and Karvan are Brett and Tash. He's a rising TV star, she's a studious science journo. They make an unlikely couple. He flirts. She waits by the phone. He's shallow. She's got more substance.

After a bust up on their first anniversary (St Valentine's Day, how quaint), they go to their separate homes and their separate beds and for some totally unexplained reason while they are asleep, swap places. Tash enters Brett's body and vice-versa. There's never any explanation (although there is a full moon) -- like a New Zealand batting collapse, it inexplicably just happens.

From there the film descends into a series of sight gags concerning willies, women's undies and whatnot and some contrived set pieces as our two bods get used to their new bods.

Naturally, after a few mishaps and hiccups, everything turns out swell in the end.

The point to all this is the old adage about "serious" relationships: "I'll never change." But, as we all know, people do.

Pearce no doubt found his previous turn as a drag queen in The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert helpful in playing a woman trapped in a man's body. Karvan is more convincing as a testosterone-enhanced sheila - - watching her swig beer, and generally act blokish brought home a few home truths.

As for a moral, seeing things from the other side is not all it's cracked up to be. Something the makers of this piece of puffery could do well to consider the next time they get behind a camera and shout "action".

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Just a day into her job, the president of Ecuador challenged the terms of her emergency appointment, stirring new turmoil Monday by insisting she will step down only when the constitution is amended to provide for an interim president.

Rosalia Arteaga, 40, ascended from Ecuador's vice presidency to the top position Sunday after a weeklong political crisis in which Congress dismissed President Abdala Bucaram for "mental incapacity."

Under an agreement engineered by the powerful military, Arteaga is to fill the presidency only until legislators elect an interim president.

Congress plans to convene today to debate who the interim president should be.

THE AMERICAS Rebels issue warning

On the eve of talks between leftist rebels and the government of Peru, the guerrilla commander holding 72 hostages in the Japanese ambassador's residence warned Monday that the negotiations do not necessarily mean an end to the crisis. Rebel chief Nestor Cerpa said in a statement sent via shortwave radio that his group was willing to talk but remained firm in its demand for freedom for hundreds of jailed Tupac Amaru comrades. President Alberto Fujimori has rejected that demand.

Inquiry inconclusive

A U.S. Justice Department investigation has ended without identifying any suspects in the alleged kidnapping and torture of an American nun in Guatemala in 1989, and investigators still aren't certain that a crime occurred. A 282-page classified report corroborates some details of Sister Dianna Ortiz's description of being abducted and brutally tortured by Guatemalan security forces, but it casts doubt on other aspects of her account.

MIDDLE EAST **Women** to be freed

The Supreme Court in Israel cleared the way Monday for the release of 23 Palestinian **female** prisoners, throwing out an appeal by families of Israeli terror victims. The **women**, whose release was promised in the Israeli-

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Palestinian agreement signed by the previous Israeli government, were expected to be freed today. Yasser Arafat planned to greet them in the West Bank town of Ramallah after their release from the Tel Mond prison in central Israel.

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After a recent period of only sporadic violence at women's health clinics throughout the USA, the threat of terrorism as a bloody tool in the war over abortion rights was dramatically renewed Thursday.

The two bomb blasts apparently aimed at the Atlanta Northside Family Planning Services office were all the more stunning because an uneasy national quiet had settled over many abortion clinics.

Clinic employees said there were no mysterious phone calls before the blasts, and no significant number of protesters had gathered there in recent days.

"There was nothing, in terms of a warning," said Antoinette Sims, 20, a medical assistant who was inside the building during the first explosion. "I felt very safe here."

That sense of security, however, was shattered about 9:30 a.m. when the first explosion rocked the ground-floor clinic offices. None of the three employees inside was injured. The facility, however, sustained heavy damage.

Sims, who only minutes before the blast had stepped into a business office one floor above the clinic, said she returned to find the operating room ceiling "blown away."

Only 45 minutes later a second bomb, believed to have been planted in a trash bin or car outside the building, detonated.

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That blast is thought to have caused all seven injuries. The casualties included three federal investigators, a local firefighter and an ambulance attendant who were responding to the first explosion. A local TV cameraman and a bystander also were hurt.

Although none of the injuries appeared to be serious, authorities suspect that it was not by chance that emergency workers were felled by the second concussion.

No abortion procedures were scheduled for Thursday, so the clinic had only three staffers on duty when the first blast went off. But Fulton County Sheriff Jackie Barrett said the second bomb may have been deliberately planted to injure or kill police and rescue workers, who always are among the first to respond to such emergencies.

If that's true, terrorism experts believe, the tactic, generally associated with international terror organizations such as the **Irish Republican Army**, could take the abortion rights war to a more extreme and deadly level.

"I would describe that tactic as very sophisticated," said Vincent Cannistraro, the CIA's former counterterrorism chief. "The object of that strategy is to kill. The first blast is designed to attract a crowd. The second is to inflict harm."

Described as the "congregation effect" in the book *Counter Bombs* by Lawrence Myers, the assaults generally require intense advance planning.

"This would appear to be a very textbook attack," Myers said. "It's essentially a booby trap. I'm very surprised that investigators might have been caught unaware by this."

U.S. Attorney Kent Alexander said it was troubling that a second device exploded at a time when law enforcement agents were on the scene.

"Of the many images that I'm seeing on the news today," Alexander said, "one was a friend of all of ours, an agent who lay with his face bloodied and his hands bloodied."

"We will not tolerate this in our community. We are looking at every possible motive."

Ironically, the attack came about the same time that three abortion rights groups in Washington were releasing surveys showing that violence against abortion clinics had declined in 1996.

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Eleanor Smeal, president of the Feminist Majority Foundation, said about 30% of the clinics polled reported an act or threat of violence in 1996, down from nearly 39% in 1995 and 50% in 1993.

Vicki Saporta, director of the National Abortion Federation, said a separate survey of about 175 clinics found that violence and threats were down about 21% over the past year.

Although visibly disturbed by the attacks Thursday, the activists credited enforcement of a 1994 federal law, the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act, with contributing to the decline.

Still, they pointed to the Atlanta bombings as evidence of an ongoing threat for the nation's estimated 1,000 abortion clinics outside hospitals.

"It would be a terrible mistake to assume that the reign of abortion terror is over," Saporta told reporters.

Not since 1984 has the northside clinic been targeted for such a violent attack. Then operating at a different location, it was the scene of an after-hours firebombing resulting in no injuries and minimal damage.

In subsequent years, the same clinic was plagued with other troubles, including health violations, lawsuits to collect delinquent debts and a 1987 court-ordered shutdown because of reported unsanitary conditions.

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Two mail clerks were injured when a letter bomb sent to an Arabic-language newspaper exploded in London; at the United Nations headquarters, three other bombs were found and disarmed. A1

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Israeli and Palestinian negotiators working with American mediators pored over every dot and comma in their drafts, delaying again an elusive agreement on Hebron. A1

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In South Korea, where the bearing of sons is felt to be an age-old social obligation, one of every 12 fetuses is aborted because of its sex, leaving the country with an impending shortage of women. A3

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Acknowledging that an increasing number of Catholics in Belfast have begun to inform on their planned violent attacks, the Irish Republican Army warned that it will punish such informers. A4

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The local electoral commission in Nis, Serbia's second-largest city, has balked at fulfilling a Government promise to honor election results and give an opposition coalition control of the city. A4

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A Chinese court found an American businessman guilty of smuggling American garbage into China, fined him \$60,000 and will expel him. A3

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President Clinton renewed his drive to win Senate ratification of a treaty banning chemical weapons. A8

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Leftist insurgents fired eight gunshots from the Japanese Ambassador's residence in Lima, where they have been holding 74 hostages, but no injuries were reported. A9

Russia promised to remove nuclear materials from Georgia. A8

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The Supreme Court heard arguments in a lawsuit against President Clinton, with the main issue being whether a President can be made to face trial.. A1

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Though some leaders in his own party object, President Clinton is drafting a budget that would set firm limits on Federal Medicaid spending as a way to help balance the budget. A1

CLASH AT THE CITADEL

The head the Citadel, South Carolina's historic military college, expressed his determination to make coeducation work at the institution despite the departure of two female cadets. A1

LONG-DELAYED HONORS

Half a century after most of them died in combat, seven black men were awarded Medals of Honor at a ceremony. A1

CONCERN ABOUT SELDANE

The Food and Drug Administration proposed to ban Seldane, a widely prescribed antihistamine, because of rare but potentially deadly side effects. A1

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The school board in Oakland, Calif., will scratch parts of a plan involving the use of black English in the classroom. A10

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With the number of permanent, year-around residents increasing steadily and putting new pressures on its limited supplies of fresh water, Cape Cod is now wrestling with the question of how many more people can be permitted to move here. A10

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WORLD AT 1700 GMT

NEW:

YUGOSLAVIA-BITTER EASTER. Air raids cast pall on Orthodox Christian holy day.

NIGER-UNREST. Military to name new president after assassination.

RUSSIA-POLITICS. Prime minister appeals for stability in television address.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia Bad weather puts a damper on NATO's bombing campaign against Yugoslavia, but the allies warn Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic Saturday that the lull won't last. YUGOSLAVIA-KOSOVO. Lead has moved; developments will be expedited. By George Jahn. AP Photos KUK101,103,105, XSKJ103,105.

BRAZDA, Macedonia Scores of frightened ethnic Albanians make it out of Kosovo on Saturday, some saying Serb police forced them from their homes on pain of death and terrorized them throughout their harrowing journey. KOSOVO-REFUGEES. Lead has moved. By Elena Becatoros. AP Photos XSKJ101-105,107-109.

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia It's a bitter Easter this year for Belgraders, who would normally shopping for decorations and special meals ahead of the most festive Christian Orthodox holiday. YUGOSLAVIA-BITTER EASTER. Has moved. By Veselin Toshkov. AP Photos BEL104-105.

ALSO MOVED:

US-KOSOVO The Pentagon prepares to deploy dozens more jet-fighters, bombers and other warplanes for NATO airstrikes in Yugoslavia as defense officials move to intensify the battle against Serb forces. Pentagon briefing scheduled for 1800 GMT.

RUSSIA-KOSOVO Russia reiterates anger over NATO airstrikes.

NATO-KOSOVO Weather hampers air campaign, but allies take out radio relay station.

CYPRUS-KYPRIANOU MISSION, NATO-THE CONSENSUS, KOSOVO DEVELOPMENTS.

AP News Digest

NIAMEY, Niger A day after the president died in a hail of gunfire, residents return to the notably calm streets of Niger's capital on Saturday, while military leaders meet to name a successor. NIGER-UNREST. Lead expected by 1800 GMT. By Tim Sullivan.

MOSCOW Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov delivers a nationally televised address on Saturday to give an accounting of his government's first seven months in office and to appeal for political stability. RUSSIA-POLITICS. Lead has moved. By Judith Ingram. AP Photos MOSB101-102,105.

DUBLIN, Ireland Spokesmen for the **Irish Republican Army** confirm Saturday that the outlawed group opposes the latest compromise plan for making Northern Ireland's peace accord work. NORTHERN IRELAND. Has moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik.

ISTANBUL, Turkey The military and the courts have been relentless in their crackdown on the opposition Islamic party, and experts are divided as to whether it will maintain its position as parliament's largest in April 18 parliamentary elections. TURKEY-ISLAMIC PARTY. Has moved. By Louis Meixler. AP Photo IST105.

ALSO MOVED:

TURKEY-NO TOURISTS Tourists shy away from Turkey after Kurdish threats. AP Photos IST104.

DENVER Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji, disappointed by the failure of trade talks in Washington, visits a state Saturday that will benefit from some of the few breakthroughs. US-CHINA. Lead has moved. By Robin McDowell. AP Photos planned.

ALSO MOVED:

PAKISTAN-CHINA Ex-Chinese premier Li Peng blames West for East Asian economic crisis. AP Photo ISL101.

DJIBOUTI The hand-picked successor to Djibouti's longtime leader has won a landslide victory in presidential elections, state-run radio says Saturday. DJIBOUTI-ELECTIONS. Lead has moved. By Dianna Cahn.

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa Six years after popular black leader Chris Hani was gunned down, politicians and supporters gather Saturday to commemorate the anniversary of his death and kick off election campaigns. SOUTH AFRICA-HANI. Lead has moved. By Pat Reber. AP Photo JOH101.

KAMPALA, Uganda Twenty years after Idi Amin Dada was forced from power after eight years of terror that bled Uganda dry, few in this East African nation even want to think about the man who lives quietly in exile in Saudi Arabia. UGANDA-FORGETTING IDI AMIN. Expected by 1900 GMT. By Henry Wasswa.

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida Come 2001, **women** may have an inside track in the male-dominated world of space. Within the next two years, NASA may be flying all-**female** space shuttle crews for science. US-**WOMEN** IN SPACE. Expected by 1800 GMT. By Marcia Dunn.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Sunday, voters across Japan participate in local and parliamentary by-elections being watched as an indicator of the popularity of Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi. On Monday, in The Hague, Netherlands, two notorious Bosnian Croat war crimes suspects go on trial before the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal.

FEATURES MOVED:

FEA-REFUGEES IN AMERICA Chased by war, aided by 'angels,' refugees find uneasy peace. AP Photos NY417-419.

FEA-INDIA-WARRIOR SAINTS Followers of India's youngest religion a divided lot. AP Photos ASR203,204.

INDIA-SIKH SCHOOL Foreigners head to India to join Sikh faith. AP Photos ASP201-203.

TRAV-JAMAICA-PADDLING PEDDLERS Jamaican souvenir vendors take to the water. AP Photos NY408- 409.

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TRAV-US-TUNICA'S LUCK Las Vegas-style action in a Delta cotton field. By David L. Langford. AP Photos NY400-402.

With TRAV-TUNICA'S LUCK-CASINOS, TRAV-TUNICA'S LUCK-TIPS.

TRAV-US-SPRINGFIELD Lincoln lore, if not Bart Simpson, lures visitors. AP Photos NY403-407.

With TRAV-SPRINGFIELD-TIPS.

TRAV-US-MYSTERY TOURS Private investigator shows the dark side of Seattle. AP Photo NY410.

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Man Accused of Bicoastal Bilking

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Body

Michael Dean Rockey has been many things to many people.

Police say that in the course of duping vulnerable women out of tens of thousands of dollars, he posed as a Cornell University psychiatrist, a prospective Irish Republican Army member and a British wool-business scion just to name a few.

Rockey's trail of deception leads from California to New York, "and who knows where in between," said Robert Weiner, a deputy district attorney in this mountain town.

Rockey is supposed to show up in May for trial on charges of bilking a woman out of more than \$30,000. He's out on bail, and Weiner doesn't know where Rockey is. California wants him in May, too, for sentencing in another case.

The affidavit for Rockey's arrest reads like a cross between a bodice-ripper romance tale and a cheap crime novel: Stranger comes to town, seduces women and makes off with their money.

"It seems to be his chosen profession," Weiner said.

The Glenwood Springs trial will focus on the charges involving Sonya Doyal, a bail bondsman who is married with two children. But the affidavit lists several others mostly women whom the 47-year-old Rockey also has allegedly conned out of money.

"He's got a way with women and he's got a way with the talk," Doyal said of Rockey, a tall, bulky man with a perpetually ruddy complexion.

The tools of his trade, according to the affidavit, include a British accent, a list of aliases including Mikal Dhalgren, Michael Finnegan and Michael Beckett, and a story about a wife, Kathleen, who died of cancer.

"To my knowledge, Kathleen never existed," said John White, a Colorado Springs private investigator who looked into Rockey's past.

"It's just a ploy to get in close," White said. "He gets in close, takes them for as much money as he can and just disappears."

Man Accused of Bicoastal Biking

Rockey's public defender, Peter Rachesky, declined to discuss the Doyal case.

Doyal said she met Rockey in 1992, when she was a jailer in Glenwood Springs and he was held on felony theft and impersonation charges. They exchanged letters during his two years in state prison for those crimes.

She didn't hear from Rockey for a year after his release, but in November 1995 he wrote from California with news: He loved her, he was terminally ill, he had become a Christian and he wanted to go straight.

They arranged to meet, but first he needed a \$2,200 loan, he said. Doyal sent him a cashier's check.

That launched a relationship marked by rare meetings at hotels, motels, even a highway exit and a sheaf of receipts from the Western Union office where Doyal wired Rockey money.

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NEW:

EGYPT-TRAIN CRASH. At least two killed, 46 injured in train crash in northern Egypt.

US-CHINA-SCIENTIST. FBI raids home of scientist fired in China investigation.

JAPAN-ELECTION. Ballots cast in election for Tokyo governor that has drawn national attention.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia Air-raid sirens sound in the Yugoslav capital as residents prepare to usher in Orthodox Easter in the midst of a NATO bombing campaign. Refugees making their way out of Kosovo, meanwhile, tell harrowing stories of Serb atrocities. YUGOSLAVIA-KOSOVO. Recap by 0200 GMT. By Veslin Toshkov. AP Photos KUK101,103,105, XSKJ103,105.

BRAZDA, Macedonia Burned villages. Corpses. Trapped, terrorized refugees. Reaching safety in Macedonia over mountain passes, ethnic Albanians joining the exodus from Kosovo tell a tale of horror along the route. KOSOVO-REFUGEES. Recap by 0200 GMT. By Elena Becatoros. AP Photos KUK101,103,105; XSJK105.

LARNACA, Cyprus A jubilant but tired Spyros Kyprianou flew into Yugoslavia, expecting to win the release of three captured American soldiers. He left bitterly disappointed two days later, returning home after riding a rollercoaster of hopes and recriminations. CYPRUS-KYPRIANOU MISSION. Recap by 0200 GMT. By Alex Efty. AP Photos NIC102-105.

ALSO:

YUGOSLAVIA-BITTER EASTER Air raids, wartime cast pall on Orthodox Christian holy day. AP Photo BEL105.

US-KOSOVO Pentagon readying more planes for NATO airstrikes. Has moved.

RUSSIA-KOSOVO Political solution to Kosovo crisis ever more elusive. Has moved.

NATO-KOSOVO Weather hampers NATO airstrikes; radio relay station destroyed. Has moved.

KOSOVO DEVELOPMENTS, KOSOVO-REFUGEES BOX.

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NIAMEY, Niger A day after the president died in a hail of gunfire, residents return to the notably calm streets of Niger's capital on Saturday, while military leaders meet to name a successor. NIGER-ASSASSINATION; was NIGER-UNREST. Recap by 0300 GMT. By Tim Sullivan.

SHIRBIN, Egypt Two trains collide head-on in northern Egypt, killing at least two people and injuring 49 others, the government says. EGYPT-TRAIN CRASH. Lead has moved. By Tarek El-Tablawy.

LOS ALAMOS, New Mexico FBI agents search the home of a fired Los Alamos National Laboratory scientist for nearly six hours, hauling away boxes of evidence in their investigation into whether nuclear weapons secrets were leaked to China. US-CHINA-SCIENTIST. Lead has moved. By Barry Massey.

WITH:

US-CHINA. Chinese premier visits Denver after trade talks fail in Washington. Lead has moved. AP Photos DX106; DXR200-201; NY138.

MOSCOW Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov delivers a nationally televised address to give an accounting of his government's first seven months in office and to appeal for political stability. RUSSIA-POLITICS. Lead has moved. By Judith Ingram. AP Photos MOSB101-102,105.

DUBLIN, Ireland Spokesmen for the Irish Republican Army confirm Saturday that the outlawed group opposes the latest compromise plan for making Northern Ireland's peace accord work. NORTHERN IRELAND. Has moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik.

CAIRO, Egypt Sudanese rebels overrun two camps of the pro-government militia, killing more than 120 militia fighters and wounding about 300, their spokesman says. SUDAN-REBELS. Has moved.

TOKYO Voters heading to the polls to cast ballots in an election for Tokyo governor that has drawn nationwide attention. JAPAN-ELECTION. Expected by 0300 GMT.

KAMPALA, Uganda Twenty years after Idi Amin Dada was forced from power after eight years of terror that bled Uganda dry, few in this East African nation even want to think about the man who lives quietly in exile in Saudi Arabia. UGANDA-FORGETTING IDI AMIN. Has moved. By Henry Wasswa. AP Photo NY190.

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida Come 2001, women may have an inside track in the male-dominated world of space. Within the next two years, NASA may be flying all-female space shuttle crews for science. US-WOMEN IN SPACE. Has moved. By Marcia Dunn. AP Photos NY123-124.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Monday, in The Hague, Netherlands, two notorious Bosnian Croat war crimes suspects go on trial before the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal. On Tuesday, negotiations aimed at forming Northern Ireland's new Protestant-Catholic government resume.

FEATURES:

POPAYAN, Colombia Anger is brewing on the Indian reserves that blanket Andean ridges rising above this colonial capital. The somewhat surprising targets of the discontent are leftist rebels who having been fighting for decades in the name of Colombia's poor and oppressed. FEA-COLOMBIA-INDIANS IN MIDDLE. To move as wire time permits. By Jared Kotler. AP Photos NY335-337.

With BC-FEA-INDIANS-RESERVE.

HAVANA The passion for Cuba's high-quality cigars has fired up in recent years. American politicians, actors, businessmen and a growing number of women are indulging in what, for many people, remains a politically incorrect habit. FEA-CUBA TOBACCO. To move as wire time permits. By Anita Snow. AP Photo NY343-348.

AP News Digest

TULA, Russia Even for this atrophying country, the state of Russia's penal system is horrendous. It's broke and bursting at the seams with more than 1 million inmates, and rampant tuberculosis is making things worse. Up to 20,000 inmates have died of the disease the past two years. FEA-RUSSIA-SICK PRISONS. To move as wire time permits. By Angela Charlton. AP Photo NY331-333.

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Body

Michael Dean Rockey has been many things to many people.

Police say that in the course of duping vulnerable women out of tens of thousands of dollars, he posed as a Cornell University psychiatrist, a prospective Irish Republican Army member and a British wool-business scion - just to name a few.

Rockey's trail of deception leads from California to New York, "and who knows where in between," said Robert Weiner, a deputy district attorney in this mountain town.

Rockey is supposed to show up in May for trial on charges of bilking a woman out of more than \$ 30,000. He's out on bail, and Weiner doesn't know where Rockey is. California wants him in May, too, for sentencing in another case.

The affidavit for Rockey's arrest reads like a cross between a bodice-ripper romance tale and a cheap crime novel: Stranger comes to town, seduces women and makes off with their money.

"It seems to be his chosen profession," Weiner said.

The Glenwood Springs trial will focus on the charges involving Sonya Doyal, a bail bondsman who is married with two children. But the affidavit lists several others - mostly women - whom the 47-year-old Rockey also has allegedly conned out of money.

"He's got a way with women and he's got a way with the talk," Doyal said of Rockey, a tall, bulky man with a perpetually ruddy complexion.

The tools of his trade, according to the affidavit, include a British accent, a list of aliases including Mikal Dhalgren, Michael Finnegan and Michael Beckett, and a story about a wife, Kathleen, who died of cancer.

"To my knowledge, Kathleen never existed," said John White, a Colorado Springs private investigator who looked into Rockey's past.

"It's just a ploy to get in close," White said. "He gets in close, takes them for as much money as he can and just disappears."

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Rockey's public defender, Peter Rachesky, declined to discuss the Doyal case.

Doyal said she met Rockey in 1992, when she was a jailer in Glenwood Springs and he was held on felony theft and impersonation charges. They exchanged letters during his two years in state prison for those crimes.

She didn't hear from Rockey for a year after his release, but in November 1995 he wrote from California with news: He loved her, he was terminally ill, he had become a Christian and he wanted to go straight.

They arranged to meet, but first he needed a \$ 2,200 loan, he said. Doyal sent him a cashier's check.

That launched a relationship marked by rare meetings at hotels, motels, even a highway exit - and a sheaf of receipts from the Western Union office where Doyal wired Rockey money.

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German automaker Volkswagen has made its first payment to compensate slave laborers who worked in its factories during Nazi rule, the company said Wednesday.

Out of a \$ 12 million fund created by the company, payments of \$ 6,000 each were made to 17 former slave laborers in Poland and 31 in the Netherlands, it said. The fund, directed by former Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres, recently took out advertisements in 22 countries publicizing the fund to inform former slaves how to apply for compensation.

Most German companies have refused to honor back wage claims, arguing the workers were forced on them by the Nazis and so the current government, as legal successor to the Nazi regime, should be responsible. But Volkswagen, facing lawsuits in the United States, broke ranks this year and created the fund to provide "humanitarian aid" directly to survivors.

AFRICA Move made to ban **female** circumcision Senegal's government has drafted a law banning **female** circumcision, a controversial traditional operation performed on about one-fifth of the girls in this West African country. The decision was made during a Cabinet meeting and is expected to be passed through the National Assembly early next year, a government spokesman said. Under the proposed law, offenders could be sentenced up to five years in prison.

EUROPE Ex-NATO chief guilty of corruption A multimillion-dollar European bribery scandal climaxed with the corruption convictions of former NATO Secretary-General Willy Claes of Belgium and French aerospace tycoon Serge Dassault. The Belgian Supreme Court sentenced the two men to suspended jail terms for their part in kickback schemes a decade ago involving major Belgian defense contracts awarded to Agusta SpA, the Italian helicopter manufacturer, and the French aerospace company Dassault Aviation SA.

Victims' daughter protests IRA leave A Protestant woman who lost both her parents in the bombing of a fish shop in Belfast, Northern Ireland, five years ago handcuffed herself to the Maze Prison as she protested their killer being granted Christmas leave. **Irish Republican Army** member Sean Kelly, was one of 170 terrorists freed for 10 days' parole. He was allowed to leave by a side entrance to avoid Michelle Williamson, 31, who called him a murdering coward.

World in Brief; VW paying WWII compensation

Pinochet denied leave for church A British judge ruled that Gen. Augusto Pinochet may leave his house detention if he needs urgent medical care, but the 83-year-old former Chilean dictator will not be going out for Christmas Mass. Pinochet is under house arrest until a ruling on his extradition to Spain on charges of crimes against humanity.

Yeltsin's doctors say he can travel Russian President Boris Yeltsin plans to make several trips abroad next year, after doctors have judged him able to travel. The schedule for Yeltsin's foreign travels is still being drawn up, but the president has promised several foreign leaders that he will visit their countries, his chief of staff said. Yeltsin, 67, has spent most of his time lately quietly recuperating from illnesses.

Ailing pope reduces Christmas schedule With a busy schedule of Christmas celebrations ahead of him, Pope John Paul II cut short his public appearances to rest after a weekend bout with the flu. The 78-year-old pontiff, leaning on a cane and looking wan from his flu, attended his weekly general audience with the public in Vatican City, but his speech and greetings were among the shortest in recent years.

ASIA Tojo, 6 others get quiet honor A half-century after they were hanged by the Allies, wartime Japanese leader Hideki Tojo and six other convicted war criminals were honored quietly in a memorial service in Tokyo. More than 600 people gathered for a three-hour service at Kudan Kaikan hall. The memorial was sponsored by a group planning to build a permanent hall for those executed.

Suharto facing tax charges Former Indonesian President Suharto is expected to be formally charged in a corruption case involving a tax-exempt national car project headed by his youngest son. Suharto was implicated in tax evasion involving his son son, Hutomo "Tommy" Mandala Putra, and the PT Timor Putra Nasional company. Suharto also faces separate investigations into a multibillion-dollar fortune he is alleged to have amassed during his 32 years in power. He denied having even one cent in any foreign accounts.

Soldiers begin toxic waste cleanup Cambodian soldiers began cleaning up 3,000 tons of suspected toxic waste, hoping its removal will halt an exodus of frightened residents from the coastal city of Sihanoukville. Initial tests show the waste contains poisonous mercury, but the level of toxicity is not yet known. Prince Norodom Ranariddh, president of the legislature, alleges the government and port officials took a \$ 3 million bribe to allow the waste into the country. A Taiwanese company, Formosa Plastics, says it obtained the proper permits.

Press law threatens entertainers, others China appeared to move another step closer to a full-scale political tightening when its state-run press published tough new rules threatening film directors, singers and computer software developers with life in prison if they attempt to "overthrow state power" or "endanger national security." Meanwhile, President Jiang Zemin, in his second hard-line speech in six days, told a gathering of security officials that their task next year is to ensure China's stability.

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WORLD AT 1800 GMT:

NEW:

US-STARR-ADVISED RESIGNS. Ethics adviser quits because Starr testified.

PAKISTAN-MILITARY COURTS. Minister declares emergency to end violence.

FRANCE-IRAQ. France criticizes reports it tipped off Iraq about strikes.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

QABATIEH, West Bank Palestinian policemen triumphantly hoist assault rifles into the air and fire quick volleys to celebrate their takeover Friday of the town of Qabatieh after Israel's troop pullback. ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Lead has moved. By Mohammed Daraghme. AP Photos JRL104,106,110,111,114.

BAIKONUR, Kazakstan The first part of the international space station is smoothly orbiting Earth on Friday after a faultless launch that marks the start of a new age in space exploration and colonization. RUSSIA-SPACE STATION. Lead has moved. By Vladimir Isachenkov. AP Photos BAIK101-104.

WASHINGTON Kenneth Starr's ethics adviser resigns Friday to protest the independent counsel's decision to testify in the House impeachment hearing against President Bill Clinton. US-STARR-ADVISED RESIGNS. Lead has moved; developments will be expedited. By Pete Yost. AP Photos NY116,117.

ALSO:

US-CLINTON-IMPEACHMENT. New subpoenas approved in impeachment inquiry.

KABUL, Afghanistan The Saudi millionaire accused of orchestrating the U.S. embassy bombings in Tanzania and Kenya is declared a free man Friday in Afghanistan, where he has lived for years with the permission of the hard-line Islamic Taliban militia. AFGHANISTAN-BIN LADEN. Lead expected by 2000 GMT. By Kathy Gannon. AP Photo ISL101.

KARACHI, Pakistan Pakistan's Prime Minister suspends civil rights in a southern province on Friday and orders the army to quell violence in the port city of Karachi, where 1,000 people have died in factional fighting. PAKISTAN-MILITARY COURTS. Lead expected by 1900 GMT. By Ghulam Hasnain.

AP News Digest

PARIS Still incensed about reports France tipped off Iraq about impending air strikes last weekend, a French Foreign Ministry spokesman says Friday that such insinuations are "idiotic." FRANCE-IRAQ. Has moved. By Deborah Seward.

ALSO MOVED:

IRAQ. U.N. weapons teams in Iraq inspect on Muslim Sabbath. AP Photos BAG101,102.

SEOUL, South Korea U.S. President Bill Clinton brings assurances of political and military support to South Korea on Friday after questioning whether communist North Korea is "moving toward a more hostile posture." US-CLINTON-ASIA. Lead expected by 2000 GMT. By Terence Hunt. AP Photos SEL105, TOK110, ATK102, ATY101.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland The detective leading the investigation into Northern Ireland's worst-ever terrorist attack appeals for public help Friday, three months after Irish Republican Army dissidents killed 29 people with a car bomb. NORTHERN IRELAND. Has moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik.

ROME A Rome court frees a Kurdish rebel leader on Friday pending a ruling on his appeal for political asylum from Turkey, drawing immediate threats of retaliation against Italy by angry Turkish leaders. ITALY-TURKEY-KURDS. Lead has moved. By Alessandra Rizzo. AP Photos ROM105, 108.

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia Ethnic Albanian rebels are accused of killing two policemen and severely wounding three others in Kosovo on Friday as snow disrupted aid convoys. YUGOSLAVIA-KOSOVO. Lead has moved. By Jeffrey Ulbrich. AP Photos PRI101.

ALSO MOVED:

US-NATO-KOSOVO. Solana says rescue force will be all European.

NEW YORK More than three-fourths of 46 eligible states have endorsed the \$206 billion deal with Big Tobacco as of Friday's noon deadline, but industry approval depended on a "sufficient" number of states signing on. US-TOBACCO DEAL. Lead expected by 2200 GMT. By Skip Wollenberg.

BRASILIA, Brazil The burgeoning trade dispute between Brazil and Argentina does not represent a threat to the South American Mercosur trading bloc, Brazil's foreign minister says Friday. BRAZIL-MERCOSUR-TRADE. Has moved. By Claude E. Erbsen. AP Photos RIO101.

PRAGUE, Czech Republic The second round of the Senate elections begins Friday, with one third of 81 seats at stake and the opposition a likely winner. CZECH-ELECTIONS. Lead has moved to some points, expected to others by 2000 GMT. Polls close 1300-2100 GMT Friday, reopen 0600-1300 GMT Saturday. By Jan Sliva. AP Photos CTX102.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Sunday, Albania holds a referendum on its constitution. On Monday, OPEC opens a meeting in Vienna.

FEATURES:

BAGHDAD, Iraq The United Nations' oil-for-food program is helping Iraqis keep food on the table, but there are growing fears it also is hurting the country's efforts to end eight years of harsh sanctions. FEA-IRAQ-FOOD. Has moved. By Eileen Alt Powell. AP Photo NY107 of Nov. 19.

Also moved:

FEA-GREECE-PROSTITUTION. Police officers are implicated in gangs forcing women from the former Soviet Union into prostitution. AP Photo SAL101.

FEA-BRITAIN-DESIGNER CRIME. British fashion designers fall victim to string of robberies. AP Photo NY190.

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FEA-RIO'S STREET KIDS. A judge is conducting a census of Rio's street children. AP Photo NY301

FEA-IVORY COAST-GENERATIONS. The Ebie people celebrate a rite of passage every three years. AP Photos NY363-NY368

FEA-GERMAN JUDAISM. Reform Judaism experiences a renaissance in Germany. AP Photo NY345.

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Body

John Hume and David Trimble, joint winners of this year's Nobel Peace Prize, have traveled dramatically different roads as brokers of the historic Northern Ireland accord.

For Mr. Hume, 61, the single-minded peacemaker who leads the province's major Catholic party, yesterday's honour from the Norwegian Nobel Committee caps a remarkable career that culminated in an agreement he envisioned decades ago.

For Mr. Trimble, 54, embattled chief of the Protestant party pivotal to the peacemaking efforts, the Nobel was more controversial -- particularly considering the omission of his nemesis, Gerry Adams, leader of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party.

The Oslo Nobel judges previously have used their award to encourage progress in peacemaking -- most notably in the Middle East, where Israel's Menachim Begin and Egypt's Anwar Sadat shared honors in 1978, and when Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasser Arafat joined Israel's Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres in 1994.

It also has gone to Northern Ireland before. In 1976, early in the British province's three decades of strife, it was won by two **women** who founded a peace group.

Although Mr. Hume and Mr. Trimble are not friends and their relations are cool, their work culminated in an agreement ratified by voters this spring that sets up a governing structure in which Protestants and Catholics share power.

Yesterday's citation -- accompanied by \$ 963,000 U.S., which will be divided equally between the two men -- credited them for work toward ending "the national, religious and social conflict in Northern Ireland that has cost over 3,500 people their lives."

Of Mr. Trimble, head of the Ulster Unionist Party, the citation said he showed "great political courage when, at a critical stage in the process, he advocated solutions which led to the peace agreement."

That included remaining in negotiations when Sinn Fein gained admission following the **Irish Republican Army's** 1997 ceasefire, and agreeing to a deal that would free more than 200 IRA prisoners without a cast-iron guarantee that the IRA would start disarming.

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Of Mr. Hume, leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, the citation said he had "throughout been the clearest and most consistent of Northern Ireland's political leaders in his work for a peaceful solution."

Mr. Hume rose to prominence in the 1960s as the leader of nonviolent Catholic protests for equal rights in what was then a Protestant-ruled state. From 1970 on, he did more than anyone else to minimize Catholic support for IRA violence.

Most critically, he weathered huge personal criticism in 1993 by seeking common ground with Mr. Adams, a groundbreaking initiative that encouraged the IRA's ceasefires and made Mr. Hume -- not Mr. Adams -- Northern Ireland's most likely Nobel laureate.

In Washington, U.S. President Bill Clinton saluted Mr. Trimble's "rare courage," but emphasized that other figures "deserve credit for their indispensable roles, beginning with Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein leader without whom there would have been no peace."

Mr. Clinton also praised former U.S. senator George Mitchell, who chaired the peace talks.

Mr. Mitchell, speaking in New York, congratulated the winners and wished them continued success.

"Without John Hume there would not have been a peace process," he said. "Without David Trimble there would not have been a peace agreement."

The Nobel recognized Mr. Trimble's risky struggle -- successful so far -- to keep a slim majority of the north's British Protestants supporting a peace process that he himself frequently criticized as offering too many concessions to Sinn Fein and the IRA.

"I hope very much that this award doesn't turn out to be premature," Mr. Trimble said in Denver, his latest stop in a week-long push to attract more North American investment to Northern Ireland.

Speaking in Belfast, Mr. Hume said yesterday's honour represented "very powerful international approval of the peace process in Northern Ireland."

"I think that today's announcement from the Nobel committee strengthens our peace process enormously because it tells all the people what the world wants to see on our streets," he said.

In New York, Mr. Adams -- embroiled in a dangerous showdown with Mr. Trimble over how the peace agreement should proceed -- said he was not disappointed about his lack of recognition, and voiced pleasure at Mr. Hume's recognition.

"The big prize is the peace settlement, and that's the prize for us all to keep our eye on," Mr. Adams said.

Asked if the committee shunned Mr. Adams because of the IRA's terrorist history, Francis Sejersted, the Nobel chairman, refused to discuss the deliberations.

"Many people have contributed to this process, not in the least Gerry Adams," he said.

Mr. Sejersted said the committee knew that setbacks and renewed violence still are possible in Northern Ireland, but said the peace agreement "indicates that the process is going in on the right track. We wanted to give it a push."

Graphic

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Black & White Photo: The Associated Press / Catholic leader John Hume, left, and Protestant leader David Trimble, right, are congratulated on their peace deal by Irish rock singer Bono. The two men were yesterday awarded the Nobel peace prize.

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Don't let hate kill hope, Clinton tells N. Ireland: U.S. president urges leaders to stay committed to peace

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Body

Amid more signs of progress toward peace, U.S. President Bill Clinton travelled to this war-weary province yesterday to celebrate the agreement he helped broker ending three decades of sectarian strife and to implore both sides not to let fringe terrorists destroy "a magic thing."

Mr. Clinton, reprising his 1995 tour here, huddled with newly elected leaders from both sides to urge them to stay committed to the peace process despite last month's deadly bombing in Omagh, where he travelled later in the day to console survivors and relatives.

"Even more than when we were here three years ago," Mr. Clinton said during the emotional encounter in Omagh, "people are saying to me it's high time that the few stop ruining the lives of the many. High time that those who hate stop bullying those who hope. High time to stop the lilt of laughter and language (from) being drowned out by bombs and guns and sirens. High time to stop yesterday's nightmares from killing tomorrow's dreams."

Nearly 3,600 people have been killed in three decades of sectarian strife in British-ruled Northern Ireland. Most of the province's minority Catholics want to reunite the province with the Republic of Ireland; the Protestant majority favours continued union with Britain.

For all the grief wrought by the Omagh tragedy, Clinton's return to Northern Ireland yesterday was mostly a cause for celebration, both for a community that sees him as a hero and for a president badly in need of a lift.

Large, enthusiastic crowds turned out wherever he went and enveloped him in unreserved adulation.

"The fact that both communities are here to see him shows he's brought everyone together," Sharon Conlon, 36, a supermarket clerk and Catholic, said in Armagh.

"It wouldn't have happened if only for him," agreed Neill Johnston, 40, a hauling contractor and Protestant. "He's a good man."

Mr. Clinton arrived here after a two-day summit in Moscow with Russian President Boris Yeltsin that yielded few concrete results.

Don't let hate kill hope, Clinton tells N. Ireland : U.S. president urges leaders to stay committed to peace

That visit also put the president on the spot as he was confronted at a news conference with questions stemming from his extramarital affair with Monica Lewinsky.

At a time when domestic politics are torturous and the Russian economic crisis seemingly intractable, Mr. Clinton's whirlwind one-day tour of Northern Ireland spotlighted one of his most notable foreign policy successes and reaffirmed his ability to influence events on the world stage.

In fact, before leaving for Dublin last night, the president held up the peace agreement as a model for other hot spots he has been unable to resolve. "When I go to other troubled places, I point to you as proof that peace is not an idle daydream, for your peace is real and it resonates around the world," Mr. Clinton told an outdoor rally in Armagh, the spiritual capital of the Irish island and seat of both Anglican and Catholic archbishops. "Now when I meet Palestinians and Israelis, I can say, 'Don't tell me it's impossible, look at Northern Ireland.' When I meet Albanians and Serbs in Kosovo, I can say, 'Don't tell me it's impossible, look at Northern Ireland.'"

If Mr. Clinton needed any further evidence of his influence here, it came in the days before his visit as the province took another step closer to enacting the Good Friday peace agreement approved by voters in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland last spring.

Gerry Adams, leader of the legal political wing of the outlawed *Irish Republican Army*, this week came as close as he ever has to declaring that the IRA's bloody campaign to end British rule is over when he said that violence is "a thing of the past." And David Trimble, head of the Ulster Unionist Party, Northern Ireland's largest Protestant party, agreed to speak with Mr. Adams next week for the first time.

Both sides gave Mr. Clinton credit for the developments, saying everyone wanted to be able to show him the progress they have made. "The president of the United States has done more for peace in Northern Ireland than any president in history," British Prime Minister Tony Blair said here last night.

During a groundbreaking ceremony for an educational facility yesterday, Mr. Clinton offered his appreciation to Mr. Adams for his renunciation of violence. "Those words were music to ears all across the world, and they pave the way for the progress still to come," the president said. "Thank you, sir."

Graphic

Color Photo: The Associated Press / U.S. President Bill Clinton, shown with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, was greeted by enthusiastic crowds in Northern Ireland.

Black & White Photo: The Associated Press / While U.S. President Bill Clinton was in Russia, which he left yesterday morning for Northern Ireland, street vendors were selling nesting dolls painted with images of him and women to whom he has been linked -- Monica Lewinsky, Paula Jones and Gennifer Flowers.

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Body

In a bittersweet celebration of one of his greatest foreign-policy accomplishments, President Clinton hailed the nascent Irish peace accord yesterday while mourning the victims of a recent deadly bombing that sullied its passage.

It was a day of sharp contrasts, of exuberance, of heedfulness; a day that took Clinton from the agony of one teenager blinded last month by the terrorist bomb to the dreams of another longing for a peace her lifetime has never known.

Most of all, it was a time for hope.

"Your faith and tolerance are making a new era of peace possible," Clinton told several thousand people who waited hours to see him at a nighttime rally in this historic religious capital. "For yourselves and all the world, in every act of genuine reconciliation, you renew confidence that decency can triumph over hatred."

Still, Clinton warned here and in Belfast, the threat of violence that has torn at Northern Ireland for 30 years continues to loom large. A bomb that killed 28 people in Omagh last month, in the deadliest single attack in Northern Ireland's modern history, will not be the last, he said. Rather, "it was the opening shot of a vicious attack on the peace."

The question, Clinton said, is how Catholics and Protestants, who overwhelmingly voted for peace last spring, will respond. He exhorted them not to give up their quest for peace.

"Do not let it slip away," he said. "It will not come again in your lifetime."

Clinton arrived in Belfast yesterday morning to news of a breakthrough in the peace process that his administration helped shape. David Trimble, leader of the Ulster Unionist Party and of the new Northern Ireland Assembly, has agreed to meet Monday for the first time with his longtime foe, Gerry Adams, leader of Sinn Fein, which is allied with the **Irish Republican Army**.

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Although the two have been in the same room together a number of times, they have never spoken directly or gone through the simple gesture of shaking hands.

"This is a very important step forward in terms of the process of building the peace," said Samuel R. Berger, Clinton's national security adviser, who bounded off Air Force One yesterday morning waving a newspaper bearing the news.

Clinton's second visit to Northern Ireland was billed as something of a "victory lap" for his administration's role in the adoption of the Good Friday peace agreement, intended to close the door on three decades of sectarian warfare known as the Troubles. More than 3,000 people have died in the violence.

But the day's jubilation was necessarily tempered as the President and Hillary Rodham Clinton, together with British Prime Minister Tony Blair and his wife, Cherie, paid tribute to the 28 who died and 220 who were injured when an estimated 500-pound car bomb exploded Aug. 15 in the heart of Omagh.

In an emotional ceremony on a basketball court, Clinton thanked some 500 survivors and relatives of bombing victims for "standing up in the face of such a soul-searing loss and restating your determination to walk the road of peace."

While he decried the bombing, Clinton said it was so shocking that it "has perversely had exactly the reverse impact that the people who perpetrated this act intended."

"By killing Catholics and Protestants, young and old, men, women and children, even those about to be born, people from Northern Ireland, the Irish Republic and abroad . . . it galvanized, strengthened and humanized the impulse to peace," he said.

As the President spoke, the grieving people of Omagh fell silent, said Berger, the only other American official present. "Even the children were quiet," he said.

Berger said Clinton was moved and saddened by the event, and stayed nearly an hour later than planned so he could hear people's stories.

Somber, the Clintons and Blairs stepped carefully through the bombing site. Then, as if to show that even such ghastly devastation has not killed hope, they waded into a cheering crowd of thousands and eagerly shook hands in the grand style of a political campaign.

Clinton first came to Northern Ireland in 1995, and since then has been regularly engaged in the peace process. His last-minute calls to Trimble, head of the leading Protestant party; Adams, leader of the Catholic Sinn Fein; and John Hume, of the Catholic nationalist Social Democratic and Labor Party, were widely viewed as having stopped the peace accord from falling apart in April.

The President and former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell of Maine, who chaired negotiations on the agreement and has become something of a hero in Northern Ireland, were heartily welcomed in Belfast by crowds of Catholics and Protestants, opposing political leaders and just plain folks.

"We are sitting here looking at the greatest world leader that has lived for a long time," said Olga Theron, a nurse who drove 20 miles from her home in Donaghadee to take a chance on seeing Clinton speak in a Belfast concert hall. "He's had his ups and downs, but he has stayed with us. He promised he would come back and he fulfilled his promise.

"It's one of the best days of my life," said Theron, a Protestant.

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The "Real IRA," a splinter group opposed to Northern Ireland's peace accord, admitted Tuesday that it carried out the bombing that killed 28 people and injured 220. It apologized for the deaths, saying its warnings were not properly followed.

"Despite media reports, it was not our intention at any time to kill any civilians," the group said in a statement telephoned to a newspaper in Dublin. "It was a commercial target, part of an ongoing war against the Brits."

"We offer apologies to these civilians," the statement added.

Britain's top official in the province, who was accompanying Prince Charles on a tour of this shattered town, denounced the apology as a "pathetic attempt to ... excuse mass murder."

"It is contemptible and it is an insult to the people of Omagh," said Northern Ireland Secretary Mo Mowlam. "The sole responsibility lies with the bombers and we and the Irish government will continue to do what we can to hunt them down."

The police and Ulster Television in Belfast also rejected the group's claim that it gave clear warnings.

The splinter group called the Dublin office of a Northern Ireland newspaper, Irish News, using a recognized codeword.

News media said the claim appeared authentic and reflected embarrassment over Saturday's bombing, which killed mainly women and children and was the deadliest attack in three decades of sectarian conflict.

On Monday, police arrested five suspected members of the "Real IRA," which rejects the peace accord approved by the Irish Republican Army and its political ally Sinn Fein because the pact does not provide for a united Ireland. The reputed commander is a former IRA commander, Michael McKevitt, who broke away in October.

"Real IRA" said it warned Ulster Television twice and a branch of the Samaritans that the bomb was 300 to 400 yards from Omagh's courthouse.

However, both the police and Ulster TV said the warnings stipulated the bomb was at the courthouse. Police cordoned off the building, unwittingly driving people closer to the blast in crowded shops of Market Street. The Royal Ulster Constabulary reiterated Tuesday that the warnings said the bomb was "near the courthouse."

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British Prime Minister Tony Blair's Downing Street office said Tuesday night that at 2:32 p.m. on Saturday a warning was called in to Ulster TV.

The exact words used were: "There's a bomb, courthouse, Omagh, main street, 500 pounds, explosion 30 minutes," a spokesman for the prime minister said, speaking on customary condition of anonymity.

One minute later, the television station received a second call, and the caller said: "Bomb, Omagh town, 15 minutes," the spokesman said.

Another minute later the Samaritans, a group which runs a helpline for suicidal people, received a call. "This is a bomb warning. It's going to go off in 30 minutes," the caller said, adding that the bomb was on Main Street about 200 yards from the courthouse. No description of any vehicle was given, Downing Street said.

The bomb exploded at 3:10 p.m.

As dusk fell Tuesday, 5,000 people gathered in the center of Omagh in a candlelit vigil for the victims.

Earlier in Augher, a tiny, grieving village 15 miles south of Omagh, 30-year-old Avril Monaghan and her 18-month-old daughter Maura were laid to rest in a hilltop rural cemetery, the first of a string of funerals. At least 12 more victims, including Mrs. Monaghan's 65-year-old mother, will be buried Wednesday.

The brown wooden casket of the young woman, heavily pregnant with twin daughters, dwarfed the white coffin of her child as the procession entered St. Macartan's Roman Catholic church.

Her husband, Michael, clasped the couple's other young children, two girls and a boy, and joined in singing "My soul is longing for peace" at the Requiem Mass.

"We are bereaved as a nation as a whole, Protestant and Catholic," said Bishop James Duffy.

The Rev. James Grimes, Mrs. Monaghan's uncle and one of the priests who celebrated the Mass, prayed that the Omagh tragedy "would be the last of the terrible agonies our people have suffered over the past 30 years."

Such hopes have risen from the despair of every mass killing in Northern Ireland.

After visiting with some bombing victims who were still hospitalized, Charles recalled the IRA's 1979 assassination of his great-uncle Lord Mountbatten.

"I remember hoping 19 years ago that something positive would come out of that," Charles said. "But unfortunately things have gone on. Let us pray this time will be an end to all the horrors that poor Ireland has had to suffer."

In Madrid, 250 people gathered Tuesday for the funerals of 12-year-old Fernando Blasco and Rocio Abad Ramos, 23, the two Spaniards killed in the Omagh car-bomb blast. The two had been on an exchange visit to Ireland to improve their English. Twelve Spaniards were among the injured.

The British and Irish governments have pledged to do all they can to track down the bombers. They are discussing changing laws to make it easier to convict suspected terrorists.

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Bomb-Ravaged N. Ireland Grieves

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In Belfast, Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern and British Prime Minister Tony Blair promised to do everything in their power to hunt down the bombers and keep the peace process moving forward.

"The purpose of that bomb was to destroy the work and hope and agreement we built up," Blair said. "Our determination has got to be, these people will never win, and that democracy will triumph over evil."

"We will defeat them," Ahern said at a joint news conference. He promised earlier to crush the IRA dissidents widely blamed for the worst terrorist strike in Northern Ireland's history.

Blair, who cut short a vacation in France to fly to Belfast, pledged to "carry on to my last breath working for peace."

Blair said the police chiefs of Ireland and Northern Ireland would meet today to discuss measures that could lead to the capture of the bombers and increase security in the region.

Northern Irish Secretary Mo Mowlam also will meet with Irish Justice Minister John O'Donoghue to discuss steps to strengthen security.

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Saturday's blast in Omagh, a religiously mixed town 70 miles west of Belfast, occurred less than three months after voters in both parts of Ireland overwhelmingly approved plans for a new Northern Ireland government, with power shared between its majority Protestants and minority Roman Catholics.

With several residents still missing 24 hours later, soldiers used heat-detecting equipment Sunday to determine whether more bodies lay hidden in collapsed buildings in ravaged Market Street.

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Also killed were two Spanish tourists - a 24-year-old woman and a 12-year-old boy - and three boys ages 8 to 12 from the Irish Republic. In all, nine children were killed, along with 13 women and six men.

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Of the 220 people wounded in Omagh, about 100 remained in hospitals across Northern Ireland on Sunday, including 11 in critical condition.

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Former Sen. George Mitchell of Maine, considered the architect of the Northern Ireland peace accord, said the bombers had little public support.

"This is a very tiny minority of cowards and murderers that are trying to destroy a process that is supported by an overwhelming majority of the people of Northern Ireland," he said. "This will obviously have a negative effect, but it will not be a fatal effect, insofar as the peace process is concerned."

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"Any man who puts that (bomb) there," he said, pointing angrily at the bomb site, "and says, 'We're the "real" IRA' _ they're cowards."

The attack coincided with the 29th anniversary of the deployment of British troops in Belfast, a traditional rallying point for Irish Republican Army supporters. It also came 17 days before U.S. President Bill Clinton arrives to salute the compromise April agreement among eight local parties on how this British-ruled territory should be governed. The White House said Clinton's plans would not be affected.

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Shaking, he said: "There were bodies everywhere, and people covered in blood screaming. Everywhere there seemed to be a terrible loss of blood, a terrible loss of limbs, and people obviously dead."

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The Irish government announced Wednesday it will sharply tighten its anti-terrorist laws, and Catholics and Protestants suffered together the heartbreak of burying 16 victims of Northern Ireland's deadliest terrorist strike.

Columns of grief-stricken residents followed hearses that snaked slowly through the bomb-ravaged center of Omagh. In a sad distinction, more funerals for victims of political violence were held Wednesday than in any other single day throughout Northern Ireland's troubles.

In Dublin, Prime Minister Bertie Ahern announced plans to wipe out the *Irish Republican Army* dissidents who planted Saturday's car bomb that killed 28 people and wounded 220.

Ahern said he considered his government's initiatives "extremely draconian," but added he was not prepared to risk more attacks by dissidents of the Real IRA splinter group.

The group refuses to adhere to the IRA's July 1997 truce and announced Wednesday only that it had "suspended" its bombing campaign in light of the Omagh carnage, which it called unintentional.

The proposals approved by an emergency session of Ahern's Cabinet most of which already are in place in Northern Ireland _ included restricting the right to bail for suspected terrorists, allowing judges to infer guilt if a suspect refuses to answer questions, and extending the allowable time to hold suspects without charge from 48 hours to 96 hours.

People also could be convicted of belonging to outlawed groups if a senior detective testifies they are members.

Ahern said the measures would become law within two weeks to defend both Northern Ireland's peace agreement "and the people of both parts of this island from attack by groups who have no legitimacy whatsoever."

With controlled anger, he noted his visit Tuesday to the Irish Republic town of Buncrana, where three bomb victims ranging from 8 to 12 were buried Wednesday.

"When you stand ... in a room with the body of a young boy, a beautiful young boy, who should be out playing football on what was a fine day, who should be looking forward to seeing his boyhood dreams come true ... it brings home to you what you're dealing with," Ahern said.

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Seeking to head off a crackdown, the dissidents who began planting car bombs in Northern Ireland towns in February in hopes of poisoning the Belfast peace talks said they suspended "all military operations" pending internal debate on future strategy.

Bernadette Sands-McKevitt, the common-law wife of Michael McKevitt, the reputed leader of the Real IRA, told Irish radio that she was pleased with the group's announcement.

"I have already condemned it and we could not condone it," she said of the Omagh attack, which she added had nothing to do with her or McKevitt.

Local reports said the couple had moved from their home in the Irish Republic border town of Dundalk for fear of attacks. Several hundred people rallied in the town after dark Wednesday in support of the Omagh victims and against McKevitt, although they canceled plans to march to his home.

Dundalk peace campaigner Joan Brady said the protesters decided it would look like "vigilantism to go up to somebody's house who has not been proved 100 percent guilty yet."

Politicians on both sides heaped scorn on the Real IRA statement.

"It's too late for those who were massacred," said Pat Doherty, vice president of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party.

And Ulster Unionist Party leader David Trimble, the Protestant who was named first minister of Northern Ireland's new cross-community government, called the statement contemptible and untrustworthy.

On Wednesday, soldiers erected a steel wall at the Market Street crossroads where the 500-pound car bomb detonated. That blocked the destruction from the view of the mile-long funeral processions which passed silently through the town from churches to cemeteries.

Those businesses not damaged by the bomb closed for the day, pinning messages and floral tributes to their front doors.

And at every funeral, pews filled to overflowing. Hundreds stood outside in the rain as entire communities Protestant and Catholic alike rallied behind the families.

"In our terrible experience of the last 30 years, Omagh was the worst atrocity of them all," said retired Catholic Bishop Edward Daly. "Is it too much to ask or too much to hope that it will be the last atrocity of all?" he asked at the Requiem Mass for 21-month-old Breda Devine.

The oldest victim, 65-year-old Mary Grimes, was buried in her village of Beragh, southeast of Omagh. Her daughter, Avril Monaghan, and 18-month-old granddaughter Maura had been buried Tuesday.

The remaining eight burials were to take place Thursday.

Archbishop Sean Brady, who oversees Ireland's 4 million Roman Catholics, said the bombers appear to realize that "something went terribly wrong. But they need to go further."

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Northern Ireland Car Bomb Kills 25

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Body

A car bomb tore apart the crowded center of this bustling market town Saturday, killing at least 25 people, maiming more than 100, and dealing a barbaric blow to Northern Ireland's peace agreement.

The blast in Omagh, 70 miles (110 kms) west of Belfast, was the single most deadly act in three decades of conflict in Northern Ireland. Among those slain were women and children, Protestant and Catholic alike, many of them unwittingly evacuated towards the bomb after police received a misleading phoned warning.

The local Tyrone County Hospital overflowed with wounded. Survivors used blown-off doors as makeshift stretchers. Others were ferried by ambulance or helicopter to hospitals in Belfast and Londonderry. The streets surrounding the bomb site were strewn with glass and rubble and streaked with blood.

"I saw bodies lying everywhere, dead people being zipped into bags," said Dorothy Boyle, 59, a Catholic resident of the town.

"The bodies were lying there with water running over them from burst pipes. There were limbs lying about that had been blown off people," she said, noting that one young pregnant woman had lost her legs.

Among the dead was an 18-month-old child.

"The carnage, the children, a young baby pure black, unrecognizable," said a Protestant local, Frank Hancock, too stunned to cry over what he'd seen. "A young girl down a manhole that we had to pull out. A young lad burning, his hair pure singeing.

"Any man who puts that (bomb) there," he said, pointing angrily at the bomb site, "and says, 'We're the "real" IRA' _ they're cowards."

The attack coincided with the 29th anniversary of the deployment of British troops in Belfast, a traditional rallying point for Irish Republican Army supporters. It also came 17 days before U.S. President Bill Clinton arrives to salute the compromise April agreement among eight local parties on how this British-ruled territory should be governed. The White House said Clinton's plans would not be affected.

No group claimed responsibility for planting the 500-pound (200 kg) bomb in the religiously mixed town, which was crowded with weekend shoppers and families attending a festival.

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But politicians unanimously blamed IRA dissidents who are committed to shattering the outlawed group's 13-month-old truce and the peace agreement it helped inspire. Dissidents have planted several car bombs in other Northern Ireland towns in recent months, which caused many injuries but no deaths because of swift action by police.

This time, a phoned warning to the BBC newsroom in Belfast claimed that a bomb was left outside Omagh's courthouse on High Street, atop a slope on the west end of town. Police began directing people away from the area many of them east down Market Street. The blast 20 minutes later occurred behind the security cordon, tearing apart buildings and people alike.

"We have had men, **women** and children slaughtered here this afternoon, slaughtered by murderers who wanted to murder ... who gave us a totally inaccurate warning," said Northern Ireland Police Chief Ronnie Flanagan.

Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern vowed that breakaway IRA members believed to number no more than 100 and mostly based in the Irish Republic would be "ruthlessly suppressed."

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, on vacation in France, told the BBC that he found it "impossible to get in the mind of anyone who could possibly do such a thing."

In a statement Queen Elizabeth II said she was "shocked to hear of the appalling crime in Omagh."

Northern Ireland's moderate Catholic leader, John Hume, said the atrocity was "carried out by undiluted fascists. Obviously they're trying to impose their will by murder on the people of Ireland, north and south."

Martin McGuinness, chief negotiator of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party, said he was "appalled and disgusted" by this "indefensible action."

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The residents of normally content Omagh had never witnessed anything like Saturday.

A retired fireman, Paddy McGowan, said his car "lifted off the ground" when the Omagh bomb went off. He, like many drivers, saw the billowing smoke, stopped their cars and ran to the scene to try to help.

"It was absolute carnage, the most horrific I have ever seen," said McGowan, a 25-year veteran of the fire service "through the worst of years."

Shaking, he said: "There were bodies everywhere, and people covered in blood screaming. Everywhere there seemed to be a terrible loss of blood, a terrible loss of limbs, and people obviously dead."

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JANUARY: In Britain, a new authority is to co-ordinate electricity supplies, linking them in a national grid. And in London, moving pictures are demonstrated by Scottish inventor John Logie Baird on a device known as a "televisor". Arab leader Abdul Aziz ibn Saud proclaims himself King of the Hejaz - later he will name his kingdom Saudi Arabia. Germany applies to join the League of Nations, and by the end of the month British troops are pulling out of the Rhineland.

FEBRUARY: Young women are warned by an eminent doctor that drink and tobacco, which they are using to cope with their hectic lifestyles, are not good for them - another doctor recently denounced the fad for ultra-slim figures. In Mexico, five cities built by the ancient Mayan civilisation are found by archaeologists.

MARCH: In Britain it is decided that broadcasting should be run by a public body which by next year will be known as the British Broadcasting Corporation - the licence for now remains at ten shillings. The BBC's brief will be to "educate, inform, and entertain" the public, under the control of general manager John Reith.

APRIL: A new dynasty is born in Persia when Ali Rheza Khan, a former cavalryman, crowns himself Shah at Teheran's Royal Palace. In New York City, actress Mae West is arrested for "corrupting the morals of youth" with her play Sex - she will end up in jail on obscenity charges. Riots are again rocking India with Hindus and Moslems at war on the streets of Calcutta - more than 100 have died in savage attacks.

MAY: Another flying first - this time by a team who land in Alaska, having flown over the North Pole in an airship. Only days before, two Americans, Floyd Bennett and Richard Byrd, had flown over the Pole in a Fokker trimotor aircraft. In Dublin, the Fianna Fail ("soldiers of destiny") party is founded by members of Sinn Fein and the **Irish Republican Army** (IRA) who oppose the Anglo-Irish Treaty.

JUNE: In Lytham St Anne's, US lawyer Bobby Jones takes the golf Open by storm - he's the first amateur since 1897 to win the sport's greatest prize. Australian diva Dame Nellie Melba gives a farewell performance at Covent Garden. Born this month is Norma Jean Mortenson (or Baker), who will become blonde icon Marilyn Monroe - her films will include Gentlemen Prefer Blondes, Some Like it Hot and The Misfits.

JULY: Extraordinary scenes erupt in the House of Lords when the Coal Mines Bill - allowing longer working hours and in some cases less pay for miners - is enacted to the wrath of Labour Party members, who shout "Murder Bill" at shocked peers. In London the Sale of Food Bill is brought in to regulate foodstuffs by standard measures - enterprising vendors who have been defrauding the public will not be amused.

General

AUGUST: American Olympic swimmer Gertrude Ederle strikes a blow for women in sport when she swims the English Channel in record-breaking time - 14 hours, 31 minutes. The first woman to achieve the feat, her time beats the previous record by more than two hours. And The Oval erupts in jubilation as the triumphant opening team of Jack Hobbs and Herbert Sutcliffe ensures that England regain the Ashes after 14 years in the fifth Test against Australia - later in the month, the glorious Hobbs will score 316 at Lords, the ground's highest individual innings.

SEPTEMBER: New Orleans jazz pianist Jelly Roll Morton and the Red Hot Peppers cut their first disc - Morton's unique blend of blues, ragtime, Creole and Spanish music is a seminal influence on jazz development. Born this month is jazz virtuoso John Coltrane in North Carolina.

OCTOBER: Britain is delighted by the entrance of Winnie the Pooh, a "bear of little brain", whose stories feature engaging characters including author A. A. Milne's already famous son, Christopher Robin. Harry Houdini, escapologist extraordinaire, dies in Detroit - he has spent his life dicing with death in his famed escape routines, but couldn't escape a burst appendix. Rock musician Chuck Berry is born in St Louis, Missouri; and in New York, Greta Garbo thrills as The Temptress.

NOVEMBER: In London, an Imperial Conference announces self -government for the dominions of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Newfoundland as members of the British Commonwealth. Delivering a Hailey Stewart lecture in the capital, prominent scientist and spiritualist Sir Oliver Lodge tells his audience that some scientific men are beginning to face the problem of survival - the common idea of the dead waiting centuries for a general resurrection he denounces as "medieval superstition".

DECEMBER: A new era begins in Japan when Prince Hirohito ascends the throne - he is the first of the emperors to have travelled to Europe and North America and to have a university degree. His chosen title for his reign is Showa - "Illustrious Peace". The first and last Impressionist painter, Claude Monet, dies at his Giverny home aged 86 - he founded the art movement in 1873 with his picture "Impression, Sunrise", and went on to produce magnificent works inspired by differing qualities of light.

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Body

BELFAST, Northern Ireland - Two pleasant, auburn-haired Irish women,

ushers at the waterfront concert hall and delighted to chat with

strangers at the start of the U2 rock concert that was supposed to

bring the referendum campaign back to life, cheerfully confided how

they would vote. They wore plastic name tags, first names only -

people here will talk about anything but often ask not to give their

names - because "you know how they are."

Evelyn, the older of the two, said, "You've come over to report how

crazy we are. We know people think we're crazy because we're always

killing each other." other." other."

That's why she plans on voting today for the hard-fought agreement.

All it really does is tell the **Irish Republican Army** there'll be no

United Ireland and the Protestants they should treat Irish Catholics

like human beings. It's a knack they never acquired in three centuries

of occupation.

Evelyn is Protestant, a retired microbiology lecturer. She just thinks

that enough is enough, and that life should be about more than guns

and bombs and weeping women. Elizabeth is a Catholic, age 37, and she

would like to but can't vote yes.

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"I grew up in Shankill Road," Elizabeth explains, where the IRA bombed. "And when I grew up and went to work, we had to lie down on the floor if the bus was going through certain neighborhoods, because the IRA shot at the windows and threw petrol.

"And now the man who did all this, Gerry Adams, wants to be in the government. You know he will always want more; he won't ever stop. And he could end up being even at the head of the government under the agreement and he would be telling me how to live my life.

"I just can't do that."

British Prime Minister Tony Blair's daring initiative has churned up the soul of Ulster. He might never have attempted to cool Northern Ireland's inconvenient passion for the crown if he had known the perversity and touchiness of this constituency.

These are people who call themselves British, not Irish - no hyphens please. They never tell just why it is Britain is their homeland.

Everyone here has a story about death and injustice, stories that go back to 1690 and the Battle of the Boyne through the last 30 years of blood and tears. They cannot forget.

Said a teen-ager with downy cheeks and cracking voice, "My humanity tells me I must forgive." The "Yes" slogan is very apt: "Make your own history."

Kevin McNally, a part-time English teacher, was one of several people who suffered from both sides. The Royal Ulster Constabulary robbed him of his youth - as a teen-ager he could go nowhere without being slammed up against the wall by one of them and questioned in minute detail about his family and their activities. He stopped going out.

When he went to work in an auto parts shop, the IRA shot his workmate, Norman, who was 19. He's voting yes because "I don't want my children to go through all that."

Bill Clinton is well out of all this. His disinvitation from the "Yes"

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people should not be taken personally. They also vetoed Nelson Mandela.

Had he come here, Clinton would have suffered zingers such as he gets on late-night talk shows.

The other day, at the grubby headquarters of "No," the Rev. Ian Paisley said contemptuously that Clinton in a speech beamed from England had said if he lived in Ulster, he would vote yes for his daughter.

"And what," Paisley thundered, "about all those people whose daughters he has maligned?"

If "Yes" wins, it will not be because of the campaign. "No" is ferocious and focused, but "Yes" is so badly organized, it would make a junior advance man weep.

Three days before the vote at their breakfast briefing, a Church of Ireland clergyman said he knew a man who knew Unionist leader John Taylor, and he thought he could get in touch with him. The main trouble is many of the managers have their eyes on the new Assembly, where they hope to win seats if the agreement passes.

The "Yes" seems, however, to have weathered a devastating attack of friendly fire from Gerry Adams, supposedly a member of the "Yes" coalition.

Two weeks ago, he paraded furloughed terrorist prisoners, many with earrings and tattoos, beards and skinheads, at the Sinn Fein convention. The prisoners got a 10-minute ovation, and Adams got a 97 percent endorsement of the agreement.

The Balcomb Street Gang had run an odious bombing campaign in England. Shrieks were heard all over Northern Ireland from both sides. He had opened old wounds.

Adams said he had "misjudged" the situation.

Now, with the rock concert a smash and the young people of Ireland

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willing to guide their snake-bitten and scarred elders into the light,
there's a good chance that the pursuit of happiness will no longer be
a crime in Ulster.

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Grief and fury as Ulster bombing puts peace pact in crisis

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Body

Vowing that the culprits would be brought to justice, British Prime Minister Tony Blair flew to Ulster Sunday as a huge hunt was being mounted for those behind the province's worst-ever bombing that left 28 dead and over 220 injured.

"The future belongs to decent people and not to criminals and psychopaths," a grim Blair said before breaking off a hardly-begun holiday in southern France to fly to the market town of Omagh.

With the four-month-old Ulster peace pact in crisis, politicians of every political hue were holding meetings to discuss what now happens to the already fragile pact reached among Protestant and Catholic groupings and the British and Irish governments.

While grief and fury were being expressed across the political and religious spectrum, a special task force was being set up by Ulster security forces.

In Dublin, there were similar moves as Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern called a meeting of security staff as the huge search for the culprits got under way.

The main suspect group was the so-called "Real IRA" - a dissident splinter group of the *Irish Republican Army*, the mainstream renegade republican grouping which backed the peace accord after months of wrangling with Protestant counterparts.

Martin McGuinness, a leader of the Sinn Fein party viewed as an IRA mouthpiece, was among party leaders across the province and beyond who condemned the bombing.

Blair's British government deputy John Prescott, who already arrived in Omagh earlier Sunday, called on all the province's population to help in the search for those behind the blast.

"This attack was designed to harm as many people as possible, especially women and children" he said. "It is a crime against the entire population, whatever their faith."

Northern Ireland Secretary Mo Mowlam was also flying to Ulster as pro-peace pact politicians from U.S. President Bill Clinton to Ahern, Blair and mainstream Northern Irish politicians all expressed determination not to let the bombing stop the peace process.

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But aspects of it were already coming under severe pressure from Protestant Unionist quarters - in particular, provisions for the early release of some extremists held in Ulster prisons.

Also under severe scrutiny was the whole issue of when, and under what circumstances, weapons known still to be in the hands of both Protestant and Catholic extremists would be decommissioned.

There was still no claim of responsibility by early Sunday for Northern Ireland's worst-ever terrorist bombing, but the general assumption was that it was carried out by dissident republicans determined not to let the peace process go ahead.

The car bomb detonated without warning Saturday in a crowded shopping street where thousands of people were gathering for the annual carnival in Omagh - and many of the victims were women.

The quiet town of 18,000 people located 85 kilometres west of Belfast had never previously figured in the 30 years of political violence known in Ulster as the Troubles.

Authorities said 21 victims were declared dead at the scene and seven others succumbed to their injuries in hospital emergency rooms. Among the victims were several women and children, including an 18 month-old infant.

Two Spanish nationals also died, while ten more Spaniards were among the injured, including a woman and four children, authorities said Sunday as the full extent of the bombing was assessed.

Other victims were three generations - mother, daughter and grand- daughter - of a shop-owning family in the town, while a pregnant woman lost both legs.

The terrorists appeared to have given security forces a false tip- off. Police were told the bomb would go off outside the town's courthouse at the top end of Omagh's High Street.

As police mounted an evacuation, people were herded back towards where the car bomb, estimated at 250 kilograms, had been planted and went off 40 minutes later.

The street where the bomb exploded was a scene of devastation. Shops were blown apart, the streets were littered with broken glass and the pavements were splattered with blood.

Blair, holidaying in France with his family, strongly condemned the attack Saturday and vowed to do everything possible to ensure the bombers were brought to justice.

"This is an appalling act of savagery and evil by people who are determined, whatever the cost to innocent people, to wreck the prospects for peace in Northern Ireland," he said in a statement.

"We will pursue them to the utmost in order to bring them to justice for this terrible deed. These people will never be allowed to win. My thoughts are with the families of the dead and injured."

Irish Premier Ahern pledged to "ruthlessly suppress" terrorist organizations that opposed the wish for peace on both sides of the Ulster border.

In Washington, the White House said Clinton would go ahead with his planned trip to Belfast on September 3. He said the attack must not disrupt the reconciliation in Northern Ireland.

The previous worst attacks were a 1979 bombing that killed 18 British soldiers at Warrenpoint and a 1982 bombing by Republican terrorists of a pub in Ballykelly, County Tyrone, in which 17 died. dpa sc

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Car bomb blast kills 28, injures 200 in N. Ireland

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Body

A car bomb tore apart the center of a bustling market town Saturday, killing at least 28 people and injuring more than 200 in the deadliest attack in three decades of conflict in Northern Ireland.

The blast shattered a busy shopping street in Omagh, a religiously mixed town 55 miles west of Belfast, after a telephoned warning encouraged police to evacuate people in the wrong direction. The dead included an 18-month-old child, a hospital official said.

"We have had men, women and children slaughtered here this afternoon, slaughtered by murderers who wanted to murder, by murderers who have nothing else to offer - murderers who gave us a totally inaccurate warning," Northern Ireland police Chief Ronnie Flanagan said.

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The attack, which came on the 29th anniversary of the deployment of British troops in Northern Ireland, raised fears for the survival of the peace agreement between majority Protestants and minority Roman Catholics as the people of Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic watched scenes of spilled blood and destruction on evening television news.

"There was one boy had half his leg blown off and it was lying there with the wee shoe still on it," said Dorothy Boyle, 59.

A caller, giving a code name recognized as one used by the Irish Republican Army, told police the car bomb was outside Omagh's courthouse on the west end of town. Police began directing people away from the area - many of them east down Market Street. But 40 minutes after the 3 p.m. call, the blast exploded behind the crowd gathering near pubs and shops.

"Police moved everybody away from this area to where the bomb really was," said pub owner Nigel O'Kane. "It was awful - people running around crying. Nobody could believe it."

Several shops were devastated, and the streets, a half-mile from the center of town, were covered with rubble as British soldiers, police officers, firefighters and paramedics searched for survivors and more dead.

A retired firefighter, Paddy McGowan, said his car "lifted off the ground" when the bomb went off. He, like many drivers, saw the billowing smoke, and ran to the scene to try to help.

Car bomb blast kills 28, injures 200 in N. Ireland

"It was absolute carnage, the most horrific I have ever seen," McGowan said. "There were bodies everywhere, and people covered in blood screaming."

No group claimed responsibility for planting the bomb in Omagh, which was crowded with weekend shoppers and families attending a festival. Ken Maginnis, a member of the British Parliament and a leader of the mainstream Protestant Ulster Unionist Party, however, said it was obvious that the bombers were a Catholic Republican splinter group opposed to the peace accord that was approved in May in referendums in the North and in the Irish Republic.

He called on Dublin to crack down on the group, which is thought to operate out of the Irish Republic, calling itself the real IRA, and crossing the border into the North for attacks.

The IRA has observed a cease-fire for 13 months and the dissidents think the peace agreement is a sellout of republican goals, particularly the establishment of a unified Ireland with the mostly Protestant north subsumed in the overwhelmingly Catholic Irish Republic.

Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern said the blast was "the most horrific act in years, a tragic day." He said the Irish Republic would seek "to crush these people."

British Prime Minister Tony Blair called the blast "an appalling attack of savagery and evil."

Paddy McGann, a local official in Omagh, said the Protestants and Catholics in the town had lived peaceably together, free of terrorist attacks for years.

He said that the attacks, attributed to Catholic dissidents, came on the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, an important feast day for Catholics.

"I hope whoever did this say their prayers tonight," he said.

Clinton still plans trip

WASHINGTON - Hours after a car bomb bloodied a Northern Ireland market town, President Clinton condemned the "butchery" and a spokesman said the president has no plans to scrap his Sept. 3 visit to Belfast.

"I renew my pledge to stand with the people of Northern Ireland against the perpetrators of violence; they will find no friends here," Clinton said in a statement from the White House. He called the terrorist blast "a barbaric act intended to wreck Northern Ireland's aspirations for peace and reconciliation."

"On behalf of the American people, I condemn this butchery," the president said.

His trip to Northern Ireland, including a planned speech to the newly elected Parliament and meeting with victims of communal violence, was meant to celebrate the province's historic peace accord negotiated under his administration's urging and guidance.

"I'm not aware that there would be any changes to the trip as a result of this" bombing, said P.J. Crowley, a spokesman for Clinton's National Security Council.

Clinton is scheduled to visit Northern Ireland on his return trip from a summit in Moscow.

He is to make a daylong visit in Belfast and nearby Armagh before heading to the Irish Republic.

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Graphic

COLOR MAP; COLOR PHOTO, Associated Press; Map locating Omagh, Northern Ireland, the site of the bombing.; Police and firefighters inspect the damage in the market district.

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N. Ireland Self-Rule Starts With Loud Voice of Peace

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Highlight: Direct British rule ends tomorrow when assembly meets. Pro-peace parties rule.

Body

Tomorrow, a newly elected assembly will choose Northern Ireland's first prime minister, ending 16 years of direct rule by London.

The choice, likely to be the pro-British David Trimble of the Ulster Unionist Party (UUP), will open a new partnership government between the region's different communities.

A 108-seat assembly, elected last Thursday, includes 80 members who campaigned in support of April's peace accord, a sign of widespread public support to end decades of sectarian violence.

But beyond the election and choice of leaders, the assembly may face a bumpy road in working out the details of self-rule and meeting the accord's provisions on handing over weapons and setting up links between Ireland and Northern Ireland.

Since 1972, when the unionist-controlled parliament was abolished, the British government has made political decisions on all aspects of life in Northern Ireland.

But now the region has a chance to "build a new society," says John Hume, leader of the moderate nationalist Social Democratic and Labor Party (SDLP).

The assembly members will have little time to savor their election victories.

The controversial Protestant parade at Portadown is planned for July 5 - just four days after the assembly convenes. The parade has been the scene of violent standoffs between Protestants and Catholics over the past four years, as the parade route includes a Catholic area.

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Yesterday, a parade commission ordered march organizers to avoid the Catholic neighborhood. Still, Britain has beefed up its forces to prevent any violence.

The issue of the march may affect the opening days of the new assembly, which will meet at Stormont's Castle Building outside Belfast.

After choosing a first minister, in effect a prime minister, the assembly will try to elect a deputy first minister. The winner is expected to be a senior member of the SDLP - either John Hume or Seamus Mallon.

The region's historic tensions will be played out in the new democratic body according to the number of seats won by the winning political parties.

On the pro-British side, Mr. Trimble's moderate UUP won 28 seats, while the hard-line Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) led by the Rev. Ian Paisley took 20 seats.

On the pro-Ireland side, Mr. Hume's moderate SDLP won 24 seats, while Sinn Fein, which is the political wing of the **Irish Republican Army**, took 18.

The moderate cross-community Alliance Party got six, independent unionists and loyalists five, and the **Women's** Coalition, two.

The strong showing of the pro-British unionist parties opposed to the Belfast agreement, led by Mr. Paisley, may bring political problems for Trimble.

This so-called "United Unionists" oppose any involvement by Sinn Fein in the new Northern Ireland government until the IRA hands over its weapons to the authorities.

The assembly's rules require a minimum 40 percent support, from both nationalist and unionist representatives, before any proposal can be passed. The United Unionists may be short of the numbers required to block legislation in the power-sharing assembly, but Belfast-based political scientist Eamon Phoenix believes "they will still seek to disrupt the business of the assembly."

Even within Trimble's party, serious splits have emerged due to his less-than-expected election result. But the UUP still has the most representatives in the assembly. Frank Miller, a commentator for The Irish Times newspaper noted there were "bitter recriminations swirling around unionists wherever they gathered across Northern Ireland."

But a defiant Trimble declared that "the show is on the road" and that "despite the tendency of unionism to shoot itself in the foot - those feet are still moving."

For Mr. Hume, ending direct-rule by London is an opportunity not to be missed and he argues that "the whole world will see the United Unionists as fascists if they try to wreck this process."

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When the assembly meets, all facets of political life in Northern Ireland will be present.

Several of those elected were, in the past, perpetrators of violence. Gerry Kelly of Sinn Fein served a jail term for his part in several London bombings in 1973, which left more than 100 people dead. Both of the successful Progressive Unionist Party members have terrorist backgrounds - David Irvine served a five-year sentence for having possession of a bomb while Billy Hutchinson was found guilty of murdering two Catholics in the early 1970s.

The youngest member is DUP's Paul Berry, a gospel singer, who may open the assembly with pro-British song.

Graphic

PHOTOS: 1) POLITICS ON THE STREET: Rioters in favor of a united Ireland confront police in Belfast on Saturday. The April peace accord may reduce tensions on the street by setting up a new democratic body. That new assembly, elected on Thursday, meets tomorrow. BY PETER MORRISON/AP 2) A STRONG TRADITION: A boy marches in Saturday's Protestant parade in Belfast. BY DAN CHUNG/REUTERS

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**PEACE ACCORD WINS SINN FEIN APPROVAL;
THE PARTY ALSO ALLOWS ITS POLITICIANS TO TAKE SEATS IN A NEW
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Body

Sinn Fein, the political wing of the overwhelmingly Roman Catholic ***Irish Republican Army***, on Sunday approved almost unanimously the agreement that is intended to end sectarian warfare in Northern Ireland. The action marked a significant change in the party's traditional policies.

Despite several speeches of emphatic, but unemotional, dissent at a party conference here, the peace accord was approved, as was permission for Sinn Fein politicians to take seats in a new Northern Ireland Assembly. The Assembly would be a pivotal institution of the new political structure envisioned for the North, the mostly Protestant British province.

After a show of hands, the party leadership announced that 96 percent of the approximately 350 delegates had voted in favor of the two resolutions.

In his comments, the party president, Gerry Adams, sent a conciliatory message to the Protestants in the North, saying: "When we call for the end of the British presence in Ireland, we do not mean our unionist neighbors. You have as much right to a full and equal life on this island as any other section of our people."

Until Sunday Sinn Fein had refused to take seats in any Northern parliament, because the party said it felt that the body would be Protestant-dominated and that it would ride roughshod over Catholic interests. But the new Assembly is to have a weighted voting system to give Catholics additional power, probably including ministerial posts for Sinn Fein members.

Adams said the voting Sunday was a watershed for his movement. He acknowledged complaints that the agreement did not provide Republicans with their principal goal, a united Ireland, free of British control, run from the largely Catholic Irish Republic.

He said the agreement, approved by Catholic and Protestant leaders on April 10 in Belfast, provides a transitional step toward unity. Dissidents in Sinn Fein and radical Republicans had argued that the agreement was effectively a sellout.

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The accord will be presented to Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic in referendums on May 22.

The British and Irish governments helped Adams win the approval Sunday. Britain transferred five prominent IRA prisoners from jails in Britain to one in Ireland, giving some of them a day of furlough to attend the conference and lobby for a yes vote. Britain also allowed two female IRA prisoners from the North to go to the conference for that purpose.

The prisoners' approval was vitally important, because many Republicans have contended that the agreement, which does not promise a united Ireland, meant that the IRA guerrillas had fought and died in vain for 30 years. When they appeared Sunday, the prisoners received thunderous applause.

One inmate, Padraic Wilson, imprisoned for possessing explosives, told the conference that the agreement was "just another part of the struggle."

"It will take a lot of courage," Wilson said. "We need to heal. We've all suffered. We've all inflicted hurt."

Martina Anderson, in jail since 1980 for a bombing in England, said the approval would "enhance our struggle, provide fresh possibilities for the demands of the people."

As the prisoners walked about the convention hall chatting with other Sinn Fein members who have served sentences for bombings and shootings, Sinn Fein security monitors thoroughly searched the bags of reporters and other visitors.

One of the 10 delegates who spoke against the leadership, Don O'Leary, said under the agreement the Protestant majority in the North would control the new Assembly. "To say no is not a step backward," O'Leary said. "We can go back and negotiate."

Most speakers ended their short speeches with the Republican motto, the Gaelic for "Our day will come," invariably eliciting cheers.

Under the agreement the British and Irish governments promise that if a majority of people in the North eventually vote to unite with Dublin, the governments would make that possible with legislation. But the Northern majority is likely to remain Protestant until well into the new century, and most Protestants want to remain part of Britain.

The agreement is ultimately intended to end 800 years of strife, including 300 years of sectarian violence, over the British presence on this island of 5 million people. Sinn Fein members cheered themselves for about a minute Sunday after they had approved the agreement.

Britain has ruled the North as a province since the South became independent in 1922. In the last 30 years, more than 3,200 people have been killed in guerrilla warfare that pitted the IRA against Protestant paramilitaries and British security forces. About half the killings are attributed to the IRA.

With Sinn Fein support, politicians expect the agreement to be approved in both referendums.

Graphic

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Associated Press Sinn Fein's Martin McGuinness, left, an;

President Gerry Adams, right, welcome IRA representative Hugh Doherty, center, during Sinn Fein's Ard Fheis (party conference) Sunday in Dublin, Ireland. Doherty was released from prison to attend.;

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Does steady diet of hunger strikes really effect change?: Weapon of principle being used frequently, with mixed results

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Body

From convicted criminals to world leaders, during this century the hunger strike has been embraced as the weapon of principle.

But if the past predicts the future, the hunger strike is not usually a recipe for political success.

On Tuesday, Canadians Christine Lamont and David Spencer abandoned their 15-day-long hunger strike, which was originally meant to put pressure on the Brazilian government to free them from prison. Authorities, however, offered to put them on a work-release program if they ended their fast.

Also this week, Indian police forced Tibetans protesting Chinese rule to end a 49-day hunger strike. The police claimed to be acting on humanitarian grounds. Responding to the forced end to the protest, a Tibetan exile set himself on fire in New Delhi on Monday and died yesterday.

"What can happen is the actual activity can get the attention, but it doesn't necessarily get a resolution," said Amnesty International spokesman John Tackaberry. "Basically, (hunger strikes) can be counter-productive in the sense that doing violence against yourself or being engaged in that sort of activity can make it more difficult to get a resolution."

Although more prevalent this century, the act of staging a hunger strike is rooted in an ancient Celtic tradition and considered an act of some nobility.

Hunger striking was given recognition in the Irish legal system during the Middle Ages. When a person had a complaint against another, he or she would hunger strike on the other's doorstep either until the dispute was settled or until the protester died. If the protester died, the law recognized the justification of the grievance and the person who was the protest target was required to compensate the grieving family.

Consequently, hunger striking became an appeal of last resort. It was the ultimate stand on principle.

More recently, people have starved for attention in attempts to free an individual or even an entire nation. However, depending on the perspective, hunger striking has had varying degrees of success.

"For most people, (hunger striking) is desperate," said Robert Gaucher, a criminology professor at the University of Ottawa. "The real key, as in any civil disobedience, is whether or not you get attention in the media and you can

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create some sort of public discourse around it. What these acts of civil disobedience do is they're an attempt to reveal to the public often the conditions that are being protested."

The practice of hunger striking to attract public attention gained momentum and notoriety when adopted by the **Irish Republican Army** in protest of British occupation of their land. The IRA has staged a series of hunger strikes, the most infamous of which was the protest led by Bobby Sands. In 1981, Mr. Sands and nine comrades starved themselves to death in Ulster's Maze Prison, in a failed protest designed to secure political-prisoner status. The effort did have the effect of rallying public sentiment around the IRA cause.

To measure success depends on what the hunger striker is trying to achieve; whether the protest is meant to gain personal interests or is it meant to address larger social or political goals.

"Things that are very personalized. Things that can't be universalized in any way. Those tend to be terrible failures. Desperate last acts of desperate people," Mr. Gaucher said.

The most celebrated hunger strike achievement is probably that of Mahatma Gandhi who staged 14 fasts between 1918 and his death in 1948, thereby successfully protesting British colonialism and ethnic violence in India.

In Canada, there have been few examples of successful hunger strikes and even fewer aimed at achieving some larger social purpose.

Among them:

- Most recently, activist Roderick Louis ended his 11-day hunger strike in British Columbia in January, thereby raising political discussion about the lack of mental health services in B.C.
- In 1989, Kingston Prison for **Women** inmate Gayle Horii was flown to B.C., less than a month after ending her 15-day hunger strike aimed at forcing the transfer so she could be closer to her husband.
- In 1991, Fortunato Pacios-Rivera, a Saskatchewan man, ended a 53-day hunger strike on Parliament Hill after the Indian affairs department agreed to an independent investigation of a provincial Indian tribal council, which Mr. Pacios-Rivera said owed him more than \$ 1 million.
- In 1996, former submarine commander Dean Marsaw went on a 29-day hunger strike to demand a judicial review after military court convicted him of behaving disgracefully physically and verbally abusing his crew. In September 1997, an appeal court threw out convictions on five charges. It was never clear how much influence his hunger strike wielded, but his actions did attract nationwide attention.

It was also clear the navy did not relish the idea of a new trial -- nor did it want Lt.-Cmdr. Marsaw back on any kind of boat.

"We don't keep statsitics," Mr. Tackaberry said.

"It varies in terms of different circumstances so there's no definitive analysis of whether it works or it doesn't work. It can go either way."

Graphic

Black & White Photo: Mahatma Gandhi staged 14 fasts between 1918 and his death in '48.

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Poll points to agreement in Northern Ireland, many unhappy Protestants

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Voters have heavily approved a new government for Northern Ireland, and a lot of pro-British Protestants don't like it, exit polls indicate.

The official counts in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland began Saturday morning and results were expected late Saturday afternoon. Exit polling showed about 70 percent in Northern Ireland and more than 90 percent in the republic voted "yes." A simple majority was needed for ratification.

Protestants, who represent 55 percent of Northern Ireland's people, were evenly split, according to the poll commissioned by RTE, the republic's state broadcasting service.

That was no surprise, following a vociferous campaign against the agreement by Protestant hard-liners. The next question is what they intend to do if they win seats in a new Northern Ireland assembly.

"Obviously everybody has doubts about each other still at this stage, and we have to use the agreement to build trust to improve understanding," said Mark Durkan, election director of the Social Democratic and Labor Party, which gets most of the Catholic vote in Northern Ireland.

Ulster Unionist David Trimble, leader of the largest Protestant party, predicted that the "yes" vote would exceed the party's target of 65 percent. Other party leaders had put the target at 70 percent.

The turnout was especially heavy in Northern Ireland, with people lined up waiting for some polling stations to open. There was no official figure on the turnout, but electoral sources quoted by the British news agency Press Association said it was over 80 percent. Initial reports said turnout in the Irish Republic was a little under 57 percent.

After the polls closed, all 1,228 ballot boxes from across Northern Ireland were delivered to Belfast's King's Hall, where more than 200 people were counting votes. At about noon (1100 GMT), the table with "yes" ballots had significantly more piles than the table with "no" ballots.

In the Irish Republic, ballots were being counted locally and relayed to the results center in Dublin Castle. Party officials watching the count said poll projections of a 96 percent "yes" vote appeared accurate.

The exit poll was based on interviews with 2,000 voters in the Republic of Ireland and 1,750 in Northern Ireland, with a margin of error of three percentage points.

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Another poll commissioned by the Sunday Times of London also pointed to a "yes" vote in Northern Ireland around 70 percent. Business consultants Coopers and Lybrand, which conducted the poll, said 17 of Northern Ireland's 18 constituencies and an overwhelming majority of women backed the agreement.

If the official result matches the exit polling, it would be a triumph for Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern, British leader Tony Blair and U.S. President Bill Clinton, who all invested time and effort in the long months of negotiations.

But the onus of making it work will fall on the party leaders: on Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams, who persuaded his party and the Irish Republican Army to try politics rather than murders to promote a united Ireland; on David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist leader who was a strong Protestant voice for compromise; and on John Hume of the Social Democratic and Labor Party, the first mainstream political figure to cooperate with Adams.

"I think those who were part of that peace process have a responsibility to reach out to those who still have doubts, who are fearful of the idea of change," Sinn Fein chairman Mitchel McLaughlin said on RTE television.

The agreement leaves Northern Ireland under British rule so long as a majority of its people wish. But it also creates new mechanisms for cooperation across the border which has divided the island since 1920, and recognizes that a united Ireland is a legitimate aspiration.

"If God spares me to live long enough, I hope to grow old in a united Ireland," the 49-year-old Adams told BBC radio Saturday morning.

The next step would come on June 25, when voters in Northern Ireland would elect 108 members of the new assembly. The Rev. Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionist Party, which worked hard against the agreement, has indicated that it will be seeking seats.

DUP spokesman Sinclair McAlister said Friday night that his party would use its seats to work against cross border bodies. If the agreement "means putting terrorists into government and terrorists into executive positions, we'll be against that," he said.

Adams said it would "make sense" for his party to cooperate with Hume's SDLP to elect the maximum number of nationalist members of the assembly. Hard fights between those two parties have sometimes let Protestant unionists win seats in the British parliament.

"The objective of the SDLP," said Hume, "is to see the institutions proposed in the agreement put into place, because they give victory to no section of our people."

He told BBC Radio he also looked forward to helping translate "massive international good will" into tackling economic problems and building trust "that will erode the out-of-date divisions and prejudices that have divided our people."

The conflict has claimed 3,400 lives in three decades, and left 40,000 people injured.

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Whose side are the agents on?; * CLOAK AND DAGGER Africa

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South Africa's intelligence services are suspected of being involved in a sinister game of bluff designed to destabilise the Government of President Nelson Mandela. ED O'LOUGHLIN in Johannesburg investigates the murky plot.

SOUTH AFRICA'S Government believes disaffected white intelligence agents bent on undermining the state may have fabricated recently leaked evidence of a planned left-wing coup.

The careers of several white South African army commanders, including the chief of the defence forces, General George Meiring, now depend on President Nelson Mandela, who is studying the recommendations of a judicial commission which investigated how

the report was researched, written and handled.

While neither the report nor the commission's findings have been published, a government spokesman, Mr Joel Netshitenzhe, said this week that the commission concluded that the military intelligence report was "flawed" and "impossible to take seriously".

He said the Government believed there were elements within the state security apparatus who were still loyal to the ousted apartheid regime and were intent on destabilising the new order.

"It could be that this report, the process through which it went and perhaps the intention of those who prepared it is linked to that destabilisation campaign," he said.

Sources close to the African National Congress say the military intelligence report was a crude effort to discredit elements within the ANC, and especially the new generation of black generals waiting to take over from the military's still predominantly white high command.

The report alleges that disaffected radical supporters or former supporters of the ANC were planning to mount a coup against Mr Mandela's Government and had already started to stockpile weapons and train fighters in neighbouring countries.

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Among those named as plotters were the military chief of staff, General Sphiwe Nyanda, the former ANC minister and Transkei homeland dictator Mr Bantu Holomisa, President Mandela's former wife Mrs Winnie Madikizela-Mandela and the foreign ministry official and former ANC guerilla fighter Mr Robert McBride.

The report was handed to Mr Mandela on February 5 by General Meiring. It was leaked to a Johannesburg newspaper last month after the arrest of Mr McBride in Mozambique on suspicion of buying illegal arms.

While anonymous military intelligence sources were trying to persuade the media that Mr McBride's arrest proved the existence of a conspiracy by armed radicals, the Government was focusing its suspicion on the opposite end of the political spectrum.

A source close to the Government said early inquiries revealed that the military intelligence report was based on the unconfirmed evidence of one man, Mr Vusi Madida (alias Mbatha), a former associate of Mrs Madikizela-Mandela with long-standing ties

to the apartheid security forces. Mr Madida was with Mr McBride when he was arrested.

The facts behind Mr McBride's arrest are clearer now than they were three weeks ago. His wife Paula said this week that he travelled to Mozambique with Mr Madida, whom he knew as an informant, to investigate links between former ANC guerillas, organised crime and the police. South Africa's newspapers, on the other hand, have speculated that he may have been seeking weapons on behalf of East Timorese rebels or the **Irish Republican Army**.

The South African Government and the ANC have denied any knowledge of his mission, but one source close to Mr Mandela said the Government had ruled out the possibilities that he was working against the South African state or on behalf of organised crime. WHATEVER his mission was, many ANC supporters believe Mr Madida's involvement in both the arrest of Mr McBride and the coup report suggest he was set up by elements in the security forces, possibly bent on covering up their own involvement in cross-border racketeering.

Mr McBride, notorious for his part in a Durban pub bombing that killed three young **women** in 1986, has long been a hate figure for white South Africans. Conservative elements in the police and army will have been further alarmed by his involvement in the shadowy world of intelligence and crime monitoring, an underground role which seems to have continued after he was hired by the foreign ministry in 1995.

While it has openly done little so far to protect Mr McBride, once a favourite son, the ANC has reacted angrily to the way military intelligence prepared, presented and then leaked its report on the alleged coup conspiracy. Sources close to the Government say that General Meiring acted improperly in presenting the report to Mr Mandela without the knowledge of the Defence Minister, Mr Joe Modise.

The ANC's anger also extends to elements within the police. The deputy police commissioner, Mr Suiker Britz, a veteran white officer who announced shortly after Mr McBride's arrest that the evidence showed Mr McBride was guilty of gun-running, has been removed from the case and now faces a disciplinary investigation for improper conduct.

ANC supporters say it is suspicious that during the 1980s and 1990s, Mr Britz - so quick to judgment in the McBride case - was unable to find any evidence linking the security police to a number of political killings.

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Northern Ireland gets a chance for peace after marathon talks

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The historic peace agreement for Northern Ireland announced in Belfast Friday means a radical new beginning for the province after 30 years of civil war.

For the first time in its history - since Protestants from England and Scotland settled in Catholic Ireland more than 300 years ago - the parties to the conflict have reached agreement on a political package which offers all sides the chance to build a more just and peaceful society.

According to all parties to the negotiations, the hostile population groups have been given a unique opportunity to replace confrontation with cooperation.

An Irish newspaper recalled the words of the poet Seamus Heaney: "It may be the time when hope and history would rhyme."

More than 3,200 people have died in the violence of the past 30 years.

At the same time it was being emphasised in Belfast that the deal is only a beginning. There was no sign at all of triumph or euphoria at the scene of the talks, Stormont Castle where the agreement was announced by peace talks Chairman, Senator George Mitchell.

The negotiating parties said there were no victors or losers. A long-time peace campaigner Brenda Bodenham predicted during her night-time vigil under the light of two lamps: "Everybody will have to give a bit of his dreams."

In what has been a tough tug-of-war, all sides have issued demands and at times played poker with their conditions. But they have also made concessions.

Now the politicians will have to go back to their constituents - many of whom remain in polarised and hostile groups - and persuade them that the agreement is a good one for them.

Monica McWilliams, of the Women's Alliance, said after the marathon negotiations: "We all feel buoyant, but we all recognise that a lot of work is still to be done. We are still a deeply divided society."

The proof of that came shortly before midnight Thursday from veteran Unionist minister Ian Paisley as, accompanied by a swarm of demonstrators, he burst through the metal-grill doors of Stormont and stormed into the media centre, protesting loudly like a bulldog.

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Paisley, head of the Democratic Unionist Party, boycotted the negotiations, which he describes as a "treacherous sellout of Ulster".

In contrast, a leading member of the Catholic-dominated moderate Social Democrat and Labour Party (SDLP), described the agreement as "a foundation. We have to build the peace around it."

For the first time, the Catholic minority and the Protestant majority will share power in a Northern Ireland assembly, sort of regional government, and be able to decide alone on their interests.

Protestant leader David Trimble accepted this after his demand - that the assembly have a say in the Council of the Isles, which will include the Irish Republic - was agreed to.

Up until the 11th hour, the Council of the Isles seemed to be unacceptable to the Unionists, who saw in it as the threatening beginnings of an all-Irish government.

The Irish nationalist Sinn Fein party, the political wing of the **Irish Republican Army** (IRA), wanted a totally independent North-South body. So did the Irish government

A clause in which the "continued striving for Irish unity" is retained in the document after Ireland gave up its constitutional claims to the province of Northern Ireland.

The basis of the treaty is consensus: Protestants cannot be confronted with a fait accompli by the North-South body but neither will they be able to push through their demands without the agreement of the Catholics.

While that appears to have the potential for a blockade, a writer who specialises on Northern Ireland, John O'Farrell, said: "If the respective vetos are exercised responsibly, they may give rise to a political system where both communities will come to a consensus on the basis of trust and not on the basis of mutual fear."

Last but not least, the agreement fills a political vacuum which in the past offered fertile ground for terrorists. But observers think splinter groups might continue bombing. The decisive factor will be the behaviour of the IRA.

In addition, hostile politicians such as Trimble and Sinn Fein boss Gerry Adams will have to learn to talk to each other.

After four years of the peace process and two years of negotiations, they still avoid each other like the plague, walking past each other without a word whenever they meet.

The way to the agreement was smoothed in 1995 by Blair's Conservative predecessor, John Major, and the then Irish Prime Minister Albert Reynolds.

At a meeting in London, they agreed on a declaration under which the people of Northern Ireland would retain the right to decide on the province's future.

On this basis, Major and Reynold's successor, John Bruton, opened the negotiations which concluded Friday.

The prospects for success only opened up however after the IRA in July 1997 renewed its original ceasefire and Protestant terrorists extended their truce which came into force in 1994.

Blair and his Northern Ireland Secretary, Mo Mowlam, have been driving the peace talks on since Labour came to office in Britain in May 1997. dpa ur mb

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Violent bunglers

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Another supergrass tells his story as peace dawns in Ireland

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Dead Ground: Infiltrating the IRA By Raymond Gilmour, Little, Brown, 339pp, \$39.95

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CONTRARY to popular belief, kneecapping -that dramatically cruel punishment favoured by Irish terrorists -is done from behind. Few victims obligingly hold still during the procedure, so two or three men hold the victim face down on the ground while another puts a gun to the back of a leg.

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When he pulls the trigger, the kneecap is blown off.

Sometimes, however, a trigger-finger falters at the moment of truth. Some victims continue to struggle despite the weight of their oppressors. Either way, instead of a shattered kneecap, a flesh wound is inflicted somewhere between the calf and the thigh, though the victim is likely to bleed to death if the bullet pierces an artery.

Kneecappings were common currency in the dead-end squalor of the Londonderry estate where Raymond Gilmour grew up. So were murders, explosions and thrashings from drunken fathers.

No women were kneecapped, though some were shot for serious offences such as informing. Soldier dolls -young girls who went out with soldiers or were simply seen talking to them on the street -were tied to lamp-posts and hot tar or red lead paint was poured over them, then a feather pillow was emptied over that. If the heroes of the *Irish Republican Army* had not already shaved the girls, hospital staff had to crop them as they tried to clean them up.

On an ordinary day in Gilmour's scarcely intelligible world, everyone rushes to hear the morning radio news for its catalogue of the previous night's bombings, shootings, hijackings, kneecappings, riots, arrests and arms seizures -a list read out, he says, like the football results.

At one stage, he writes, the IRA went completely overboard about kneecapping and someone was being done almost every day. Two of his brothers were among the victims -one was shot in both knees -and in this, he says, his hatred for the IRA was born.

Violent bunglers

Gilmour was only 16 when he began working undercover for the police Special Branch with a brief to infiltrate the IRA and subvert its operations. During the next few years, he writes, under constant threat of exposure, torture and execution, he saved many lives.

One might imagine this extraordinary double life put him at the sharp end of the armed struggle from which he could offer new insights into the mind-set of the terrorists. Books by other supergrasses, however, have done that already and what he describes, for the most part, is botchery rather than butchery -an incredible collection of cock-ups and boneheaded bungling.

His own Londonderry mob, which specialised in extortion and the murder of policemen and soldiers, seems to have been particularly thick. Plan after plan fell apart because Gilmour alerted his police contact, yet he was never suspected. He never fired a gun or threw a bomb and still they did not wake up. The IRA paid full-time operatives about pound stg. 20 a week, but Gilmour received pound stg. 200 a week from Special Branch and the terrorists believed him when he said the money came from a good win on the horses. One wonders what it is that they breathe in that Londonderry air.

Gilmour's descriptions of a pretty 16-year-old he calls Mary Cobbe make clear the IRA does not object to being used for the opportunities it affords to wallow in sadism. Mary comes close to orgasm when she hears men talk of murder, and she and her lover would prefer to kill after sex rather than smoke a cigarette. What the IRA might do for the greater good of Irish freedom has never crossed their minds.

With wide readership in view, Gilmour's narrative leans heavily on the stagecraft of sensational fiction: "My heart started to pound. Christ, I thought, this is it, they've come to get me. My first thought was to jump out the window . . .

I knew it would be suicide. I had to face it.

I put on a pair of trousers and went to the door scared shitless." His memory is phenomenally able to recall verbatim pages of conversations of 20 years ago.

Gerry Adams, incidentally, showed a similar skill in his autobiography.

Life as a double agent ended when Gilmour exposed a valuable cache of weapons and he was taken into protective custody for the rest of his days. His testimony put 35 hit men, psychos, hijackers and mindless thugs in the dock -all to be acquitted because the judge said Gilmour could not be relied upon to distinguish between truth and lies. Gilmour's response is persuasive; if he had not lied to survive, he would have died in a ditch with bullets in his head.

After 15 years of hiding in safe houses, the prospect of lucrative royalties from his book is apparently not enough to prevent him waking in a cold sweat, terrified that an IRA assassin is creeping up the stairs. Now he carries a gun and sleeps with it under his pillow.

Red Harrison is a Sydney broadcaster and journalist.

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Nireland's Biggest Party Backs Deal

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

Northern Ireland's biggest party voted today to back the historic peace deal aimed at ending 30 years of violence a victory for Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble. Facing rebels in his ranks, Trimble appealed to his pro-British Protestant followers to accept the compromise peace accord reached yesterday. During an acrimonious five-hour meeting, opponents argued that the agreement was a sell-out to the ***Irish Republican Army***. But the party's 110-member executive committee voted 55-23 to back the peace deal, the British news agency Press Association quoted sources as saying. The accord will be subject to a referendum on May 22.

Clinton Promises N. Ireland Support

WASHINGTON (AP)

After his own late-night diplomacy, President Clinton likened the Northern Ireland peace accord to the Easter morning triumph of life over death. He promised in his weekly radio broadcast today "the continuing aid, support, encouragement and prayers of the United States to the effort to build a lasting peace and an enduring prosperity in Ireland and Northern Ireland." Clinton taped the address yesterday, hours after the peace agreement was announced in Belfast. He had been on the telephone to negotiators nearly a dozen times to help broker the deal.

Two Koreas Hold Talks in Beijing

BEIJING (AP)

Rivals North and South Korea held their first official talks in four years today, ending two hours of initial discussions with an agreement to continue their meetings tomorrow. South Korean officials emerged from the meeting with an upbeat assessment, saying the North had indicated it was willing to work on thorny issues such as the reunion of families divided by the antagonism between the rival governments. On both sides there appeared to be a greater willingness to cooperate in resuming official contacts that were suspended after the death of the late North Korean leader Kim Il Sung in 1994.

Cancer-Cell Drug Resistance Studied

LOS ANGELES (AP)

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Researchers say the discovery of why some cancer cells are resistant to chemotherapy drugs represents a major step toward defeating one of the biggest obstacles in treating the disease. Valerie Kickhoefer's findings were published yesterday in The Journal of Biological Chemistry. The article says cancer cells that have more of a certain type of protein particle is more resistant to drugs. Researchers say the particles can pump the drugs away before they take effect. Kickhoefer says the research could help design ways to make cells that have become multidrug resistant more sensitive to drug therapies.

Albanians Protest in Kosovo

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP)

More than 10,000 Kosovo Albanians opposed to Serb rule packed the main street of their capital today, heeding calls for daily pro-independence demonstrations. The "walk-through" the second in two days was more subdued than yesterday's demonstration in which about 20,000 ethnic Albanians flooded Pristina's main thoroughfare, clapping and carrying posters of leader Ibrahim Rugova. Rugova today met with U.S. Rep. Patrick Kennedy, who blamed Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic for the tensions. "This situation would not be where it is, if it were not for the suspension of political rights by Mr. Milosevic," Kennedy told reporters.

Mir Cosmonauts Head Into Open Space

MOSCOW (AP)

The two Russian cosmonauts on the Mir will head into open space today for the first of three such missions aimed at replacing an engine that keeps the station properly aligned toward the sun. The old thruster engine ran out of fuel during the previous spacewalk last week, forcing the cosmonauts to rush back to the station and switch on another engine that restored the Mir's orientation. The spacewalk is to begin shortly after 2 p.m. Moscow time, and would last for about six hours.

Rubella Breaks Out in Mexico

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)

Those traveling south of the border during the Easter holiday, especially pregnant women, are being warned about an outbreak of rubella in Mexico blamed for more than two dozen cases in Texas. About 10 cases of rubella, which is spread by droplets from the nose or throat of an infected person, are reported in Texas each year. So far this year, 26 cases have been reported.

FDA Issues Food Handling Guidelines

WASHINGTON (AP)

The Food and Drug Administration is issuing farm and processing guidelines to reduce bacteria in fruit and vegetables by improving practices ranging from hand-washing to disposal of manure. The voluntary guidelines detail a series of practices in fields and in the food industry intended to curb growing incidences of illness from such microbes as E. coli and salmonella on lettuce, tomatoes and other produce. Farm groups are concerned that the guidelines could lead to more regulation.

Yankees Win Wild One, 17-13

NEW YORK (AP)

Oakland and New York opened Yankee Stadium's 75th anniversary season with the highest scoring game ever in Yankee Stadium, a 17-13 Yankees' victory. Tino Martinez hit a three-run homer, drove in five runs and scored four to lead New York. The 30 combined runs eclipsed the previous high, a 17-11 win by New York over the Philadelphia Athletics on June 3, 1933.

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Graphic

Film director Jim Sheridan, who directed the new release "The Boxer" knows a lot about love and women, but he's not saying so. (Associated Press)

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UN-IRAQ. U.S. envoy rejects Iraqi offer of limited access for inspectors.

INDONESIA-SECURITY CRACKDOWN. Suharto orders crackdown on protesters.

SKOREA-ECONOMY. South Korean markets unsettled by fear of labor unrest.

HONDURAS-PRISON BREAK. Honduran inmates riot, flee with assault weapons.

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WASHINGTON The U.S. commander in the Gulf says he will be ready for an airstrike "within a week or so." US-IRAQ. Has moved. By John Diamond. AP Photos WXS109-112, WX121, BHN104-106.

UNITED NATIONS Secretary-General Kofi Annan meets with key U.N. ambassadors, but the meeting fails to produce enough agreement for the U.N. chief to go to Baghdad for negotiations to end the Iraq crisis. UN-IRAQ. Has moved. By Robert H. Reid.

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IRAQ. Iraq makes a new offer to end weapons standoff; US, Britain reject it. AP Photos BAG101-105, 109.

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SADDAM'S NEIGHBORS. Iraqi civilians neighbors to potential U.S. targets.

RUSSIA-US-COHEN. Defense secretary says meetings will not focus on Iraq.

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NEW YORK In spite of the Asian financial crisis, tensions over Iraq and the political storm surrounding President Bill Clinton, the bull market is back on Wall Street. US-STOCK MARKET. By Chet Currier. Has moved. AP Photos XNYR101-104.

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SEOUL, South Korea South Korea's financial markets are unsettled Thursday as militant labor unions threaten to go ahead with plans for a nationwide strike this weekend. SKOREA-ECONOMY. Has moved. By Kyong-Hwa Seok.

JAKARTA, Indonesia Indonesian President Suharto orders the Southeast Asian nation's armed forces Thursday to crack down on protesters he accuses of wanting to trigger "national disintegration" ahead of a presidential election next month. INDONESIA-SECURITY CRACKDOWN. Has moved. By Geoff Spencer.

LA PAZ, Bolivia A mudslide caused by heavy rains blamed on El Nino sweeps through a gold mining camp, killing up to 50 people. BOLIVIA-MUDSLIDE. Lead has moved.

ALGIERS, Algeria The outlawed Islamic Salvation Front chastises the head of a delegation of visiting European lawmakers for publicly tearing up a letter from its leaders. ALGERIA. Has moved. By Rachid Khiari.

WASHINGTON The Clinton administration, taking on an ever-larger mediation role, is now telling Israel how much West Bank territory it should relinquish to the Palestinians. US-MIDEAST TALKS. Has moved. By Barry Schweid.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland The IRA-allied Sinn Fein party defends its place in peace talks, distancing itself from suspicions that the **Irish Republican Army** killed two men this week. NIRELAND-KILLING. Lead has moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photo LON110.

WASHINGTON While a White House intern awaits her turn before the grand jury, her mother is ready for more "emotionally draining" testimony about what she may know regarding her daughter's alleged sexual affair with President Bill Clinton. US-CLINTON CONTROVERSY. Lead expected by 1000 GMT. By Larry Margasak. AP Photos WX102,4.

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras Scores of inmates riot at a prison in northern Honduras, and 243 of them armed with AK-47s flee into nearby hills after overwhelming guards and setting a building on fire. HONDURAS-PRISON BREAK. Lead has moved. By Freddy Cuevas.

PANAMA CITY, Panama European officials are meeting with their Latin American counterparts in hopes of increasing ties in an area where U.S. influence is widespread. LATIN AMERICA-EUROPE. Has moved. By Juan Zamorano.

MEXICO CITY Cuba frees several dissidents, but the move doesn't appear related to the pope's call for prisoner releases, a leading rights activist says. CUBA. Lead has moved. By John Rice.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Friday, Turkish police officers stand trial for the beating death of a journalist.

FEATURES:

CALGARY, Alberta Led by a savvy oil magnate and indignant clergymen, a backlash against Alberta's most lucrative form of gambling video lottery terminals is spreading like a prairie brush fire. FEA-CANADA-GAMBLING BACKLASH. To move as wire time permits. By David Crary.

ANKARA, Turkey With Turkey's Islamic movement forced out of office and banned by the courts, the secular government and military are doggedly rolling back its gains. FEA-TURKEY-ROLLING BACK ISLAM. To move as wire time permits. By Daniel J. Wakin. AP Photos ANK101-2

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MED-US-HEARTBURN SURGERY. Surgery with tiny cameras can ease chronic heartburn. AP Photo NY345.

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SCI-US-FAST FINGERPRINTS. Hidden prints, other evidence glow under new technology. AP PHOTO NY450

MED-US-LEAD POISONING. Researchers urge higher calcium intake to block lead toxicity.

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FEA-US-HARDWORKING COLLEGE. At U.S. college, the price of admission is hard work. AP Photos SPU101-3.

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Such a beautiful land, such hatred

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Dateline: DUBLIN, Ireland

Body

As luck would have it, I decided to take the 2 p.m. train from Belfast back to Dublin on Wednesday. Had I gone earlier I would have had to ride a bus part way, due to the latest "troubles" in Northern Ireland.

As I reported Wednesday, many fear that the current peace talks will collapse and violence will resume between Protestants who want the north to remain part of Britain and Catholics who want it reunited with the Republic of Ireland.

What could be a foretaste of that occurred Tuesday night when armed and hooded gangs rampaged through two towns south of Belfast, setting fire to cars, trucks, buses and a Royal Post Office van. No one was injured, but a teenage girl had a gun pointed in her face and passengers, including several school kids, were ordered off a crowded city bus. Damage estimates run close to \$ 1-million.

MARTIN

The nationalist louts, as the press likes to call them, were protesting the continued jailing of a suspected *Irish Republican Army* member accused of assaulting officers of the predominantly Protestant police force. He says he was being roughed up as part of the systematic harassment of Catholics.

Whatever the reasons, a side effect was temporary disruption of train service between Belfast and Dublin. Passengers had to be bused from Belfast to Portadown after one of the burning cars was dragged across the tracks.

The timing of the violence is especially unfortunate because rail service between Ireland's two largest cities has been enjoying a spectacular revival. During the troubles of years past, most travelers avoided the train for fear of exactly what happened Tuesday night. Though Belfast and Dublin are only about 110 miles apart, it is estimated that 80 percent of the people in the south have never been to the north.

All that changed with recent IRA cease-fires. Cross-border train service has been improved and expanded to the point that there are now 50 round trips a week along the scenic coast. Ridership is up at least 70 percent.

"Our problem now is crowded trains - it's crazy," a conductor said. "With the cease-fire people felt comfortable making day trips. If anything happens again the trains will be deserted."

Such a beautiful land, such hatred

I was seated near a woman who had just moved back to Belfast from the countryside. When I asked how she liked the city, she looked uncomfortable, then said in a low voice: "I'm Catholic."

Recently separated, she had bought a house in a Protestant neighborhood, intending to live there by herself and keep quiet about her religion. "My last name is Stevenson, which could be either Catholic or Protestant," she explained. But then one of her sons moved in with her and her cover was blown - his name is Eugene, an Irish Catholic name if ever there was one.

The woman said her neighbors fly the British Union Jack and rarely speak to her. Although she hasn't had any trouble, she is concerned about what might happen to her sons (another has since moved in) because "it's the young boys you have to worry about."

We both fell silent and resumed gazing out the window. Perhaps we were thinking the same thing - in such a beautiful land, where people can be so friendly to visitors, how sad that there's so much distrust and even hatred of their own countrymen and women.

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One of the better things about Ireland is that you can get the newspapers from England, which - for an unusually polite society - has some fairly lurid and sensational crimes.

A particularly interesting trial is under way in Norwich, where a Royal Air Force officer is accused of murdering his wife in 1995 so he could take up with his Bosnian-Serb interpreter.

According to London's Daily Telegraph, 46-year-old Nicholas Tucker was part of a peace-keeping mission in Bosnia, where he became infatuated with the blond and voluptuous 21-year-old Serbian woman assigned to his team.

So smitten was Tucker that he used to fetch her food and beer from parties - this was in a low-risk part of Bosnia - and take her on shopping trips to Zagreb, a colleague told the court this week. That tied up two military vehicles all day because no one could travel without an escort.

"In effect, he was her lap dog," said Lt. Tim Stear. "The military operations of the team were based around her whims."

On a trip home, Tucker and his 52-year-old wife were in a car wreck that occurred - he claimed - when he swerved to avoid a deer and ran off a bridge at high speed. However, tests showed he had been going about 10 mph and that his wife, who ostensibly drowned, had been half-strangled. Tucker himself had such minor injuries he was released from the hospital soon after arriving.

This week the jury was taken to the scene, where Tucker, the father of two, was seen dabbing at his eyes. His colleague had no sympathy for him.

"In my opinion as a British officer," Stear said, "he was letting the side down in terms of professionalism."

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AM-Diana-World-Reaxn ; World mourns Diana, hails good works and humanity

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From Reuters-CP

Hundreds of millions of people worldwide joined with Britons on Saturday to bid farewell to Diana, Princess of Wales, celebrating her unique mixture of glamor and zeal as she coped with problems faced by women everywhere.

From housewives in Thailand to AIDS sufferers in the United States and landmine victims in Bosnia, people watched a broadcast of Diana's funeral in what was likely to be one of the largest live television audiences in history.

Illustrating her reach across international, cultural and social borders, yachts in "millionaires' piers" on the French Riviera lowered flags to half-mast as people everywhere left flowers and tributes to "the people's princess."

The funeral broadcast reached 60 countries, with an estimated audience of 2.5 billion people, and radio reports were transmitted in at least 44 languages.

As millions of people converged on London to witness Diana's final journey, others around the world remembered her in their own way - from candlelit vigils in the United States to a traditional wake on the South Sea island of Tonga.

In Poland, a prominent sociologist, Lena Kolarska-Bobinska, said: "For years many people have got to know Diana better than their own neighbors or colleagues.

"She was different from most average people because she attended fancy balls, travelled aboard yachts and belonged to the upper class. But she was also the same as us because she, too, had problems with her husband, her mother-in-law and herself with which she had to cope.

"For many women she became a model of how to cope.

"In a world devoid of values and ideals, she filled a void. The reaction to her death shows how much people are seeking values and role models."

In violence-torn Northern Ireland, Diana's death has succeeded in uniting warring pro-Irish Roman Catholics and pro-British Protestants - however briefly - in mutual admiration for her humanitarian work.

As British-ruled Northern Ireland came to a standstill for her funeral, the neighboring Republic of Ireland paid her a signal honor. Flags flew at half-mast from public buildings, the first such gesture for a British national since the

outlawed **Irish Republican Army** assassinated Lord Mountbatten, the former viceroy of India, while he holidayed in County Sligo in 1979.

In Ottawa, Prime Minister Jean Chretien said Diana was "a good example for a lot of people. She was not obliged to do all the things she did for people having difficulties in life.

"For us Canadians we have particular thanks to her because we have taken an initiative two years ago on personal landmines and she has exposed that cause very forcefully. She will be remembered as a very special person."

U.S. President Bill Clinton linked Diana with the memory of Mother Teresa, the Calcutta-based nun who was widely regarded as a saint for her work for the poor. Teresa died Friday at the age of 87.

"Their lives were very different but ultimately bound together by a common concern for, and commitment to, the dignity and worth of every human being, especially those too often overlooked, the desperately poor and abandoned, the sick and dying," said Clinton.

In San Francisco, some 14,000 people marched in a candelight procession on Friday night to pay tribute to Diana, particularly her work on behalf of AIDS patients.

Most walked in silence until the end of the march where they were greeted by a recording of Elton John's Candle in the Wind. John sang a version of the song, with new words, at Diana's funeral.

Cleve Jones, creator of the AIDS memorial quilt which remembers tens of thousands of AIDS victims, said San Franciscans had a special place in their hearts for Diana, killed in a car crash in Paris last Sunday.

"We who are living with HIV and AIDS especially remember Diana's courage during the darkest days of the epidemic when her country and our own were swept by bigotry, hatred and hysteria," Jones told the crowd.

"It was then that Diana visited a hospice and with ungloved hands embraced a gay man dying of AIDS. That image of simple compassion flashed across the world and changed the way the world saw AIDS."

Landmine victims in Bosnia and Angola joined in the mourning, saying Diana's humanitarian visit to their country last month had helped focus attention on the suffering caused by mines.

Among the million of people across the world tuning in to the funeral was a housewife in Thailand who called Diana "the most loved princess in the world."

In Tonga, itself a monarchy, a group of Diana's devotees planned a traditional wake, or pongipongi, after the funeral.

"Diana was a very kind princess who helped poor people in all the nations, poor people like us in Tonga," said wake organizer and songwriter Kilisimasi Mouna.

In Paris, locals and tourists laid bouquets, candles and messages near the mouth of the road tunnel where she died.

"Goodbye to the real Queen of England," read one in English.

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A summary of top world news Monday:

LONDON - It's too soon to say if the tide has turned on the influx of Gypsies heading to Canada as would-be refugees, Canada's Embassy in the Czech Republic says.

But Canadian officials in Prague are using all means available to try to persuade Czech Gypsies that selling everything to go to Canada is a high risk venture.

"We're trying to stop them by indicating that they're taking an enormous risk in going," Terry Mooney, charge d'affaires at the embassy, said in a telephone interview.

Mooney said embassy staff have been interviewed on Czech TV, radio and by the newspapers in a bid to inform Gypsies, also known as Roma, that rumors of Canada as a haven or land of plenty simply aren't true.

He believes the efforts are beginning to bear fruit.

A month ago it was thought as many as 15,000 Gypsies might come to Canada, but now the estimates have dropped to 3,000 and less. ---

LONDON - The Irish government denied it has vetoed retired Canadian general John de Chastelain as head of a commission working out how IRA and loyalist paramilitaries in Northern Ireland will give up their weapons.

An official of the Irish government phoned de Chastelain in Ottawa to assure him that reports featured Sunday in several prominent London papers were untrue.

"De Chastelain is and remains certainly our preferred candidate and the person we expect to chair the (decommissioning) commission," an Irish government official said Monday.

"He's the very logical choice," the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said of Canada's former top soldier.

Several newspapers had reported that Dublin was balking at the selection of de Chastelain because they feared he would be "too rigorous" in demanding that the **Irish Republican Army** begin giving up its weapons during the peace talks. ---

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WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. - Florida claimed victory in its battle against the tobacco industry, announcing an \$11.3 billion US settlement in its lawsuit to recover medical costs and punish cigarette makers.

Gov. Lawton Chiles told a news conference after signing the settlement in a West Palm Beach courtroom with industry lawyers that "we have a settlement of historic proportions."

"Florida's victory today truly is a win for all of our people. Most of all it's a victory for our children and their future. The victory is the straw that broke Joe Camel's back," he said.

Chiles said that under the 25-year accord the tobacco industry would pay Florida "at least \$11.3 billion, and the first payment, \$1 billion, is due within the next 12 months."

He said the deal would immediately end tobacco advertising within 300 metres of Florida schools.

All cigarette advertising billboards in the state would have to be taken down within six months. The accord also bans cigarette advertising in sports arenas, kiosks and mass transit stations, including trains. ---

DETROIT - Dow Corning Corp. offered to settle breast implant legal claims for up to \$2.4 billion US as part of a \$3.7 billion plan to get out of bankruptcy, but refused to accept blame.

In making the offer, Midland, Mich.-based Dow Corning did not concede that breast implants cause disease. Company officials said they made the offer to "agree to disagree" with the nearly 200,000 women worldwide who claimed they suffered from auto-immune and other disorders due to the implants.

About 100,000 Canadian women had breast implants.

"We still believe very strongly that the scientific evidence shows there's no connection between breast implants and medical conditions, although we do know there are local complications and that implants can occasionally rupture," Dow Corning chief executive officer Richard Hazleton said.

The \$2.4 billion plan, in addition to \$1.3 billion for commercial claims against the company, requires the approval of a bankruptcy court and a two-thirds majority of women suing the company. ---

BANJA LUKA, Bosnia-Herzegovina - The Bosnian Serb president took on three crucial elements - the police, army and media - in her campaign to strip power from war crimes suspect Radovan Karadzic.

The struggle over who controls the Serb half of Bosnia has split the Bosnian Serb republic, but President Biljana Plavsic has made it clear she wants to see it whole again.

She appointed a new police chief, then summoned army commanders to a meeting in her northwest headquarters of Banja Luka to determine the army's allegiance.

Pro-Karadzic officials have accused Plavsic supporters of treason for broadcasting TV programs critical of Karadzic. Plavsic has accused Karadzic and his allies of amassing fortunes in black market wealth.

Fending off charges that she is working with western powers to weaken the republic and allow the capture of Karadzic, Plavsic said Serbs should work things out on their own. However, NATO troops played a key role last week in protecting Plavsic from pro-Karadzic police.

What's Ahead

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- Defence Minister Art Eggleton leaves on eight-day trip to Bosnia and Italy.
- UN disarmament conference in Oslo, Norway, focusing on land mine issue.

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Odd, what we will remember. Ironic, considering the circumstances.

But Bay area residents say they are prepared to see it. They know it's coming, that photograph. The one they'll take at Princess Diana's funeral today. The one that every American will recognize - of a stoic son (or sons) sending their final salute to a parent. Someone who is a beloved national hero. Someone who will remain forever royal.

Yesterday, the photographers shot John F. Kennedy Jr. saying goodbye to his father. Today, Prince William and Prince Harry pay tribute to their mother. Tomorrow, it could be the rest of us, frowning in naked confusion.

Yes, local residents are wrestling with the death of Diana, trying to comprehend events that led to this emotional moment. Says Connie Crook, a 51-year-old legal secretary, "Everybody seems to be feeling guilty."

The death of the "people's princess" is a topic of conversation in hair salons and conference rooms, at lunch breaks and happy hours. The consensus is there is no consensus. The paparazzi are to blame. The monarchy, too. The drunk driver, of course. And that guilt - arising from our curiosity about the rich and famous - is at once shared and dismissed.

Funny. No one, not one person, will admit to buying tabloids on a regular basis.

"Oh, I've bought them for my mother," says a woman in a Tampa watering hole, who prefers not to give her name. "Never again."

Instead, locals have invested their emotion in a woman rich with admirers. Many say they never realized how much they cared about the 36-year-old Brit.

"Diana took the spotlight away from the monarchy and threw it right back in their face," says 77-year-old Arnold Mitchell, sitting in West Shore Plaza. "Diana did so much good yet she put up with so much nonsense ... that's why she will be missed."

"She was just so down-to-earth. When she stuck that little hand out, everyone shook it. Everyone wanted to," adds Arnold's wife, Garnet. "This whole thing just makes me want to cry."

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Others haven't shed a tear. They are weary of the whole affair - sad, of course, that Diana was killed, but downright disgusted with the media frenzy.

"Seven people are jailed trying to earn a living and the driver has an alcohol level three times the limit," says Bill Hetzel, a 34-year-old sales representative who, in 1981, watched the royal wedding. "Diana married at 19. Maybe it was for power and prestige, maybe it wasn't. But there are a lot of humanitarians out there."

There seem to be few, though, that the public relates to. Over and over, people - women in particular - claim a kinship with the former princess. They see her as a loving mother who tried to protect her vulnerable sons.

Karen Chapman, Erin Loew, Carole Bond and Sandi Chapman, who gathered in Lavarone's Steak House Wednesday night, believe Diana was part of a symbiotic, suffering sisterhood. Married to a man who didn't love her, used by a family who didn't like her, insulted by a mistress who didn't respect her, Diana turned her pain inward, they say. Suicide attempts, bulimia, divorce - they know them all too well. They can relate.

"There just wasn't anything bad you could say about her," says Bond.

"This happens, just when she was beginning to find herself and to find happiness," laments Loew.

Nonetheless, folks seem to know that Diana wasn't a saint. "Oh, no, she was no angel," says hair stylist John Theo, standing in the salon that bears his name. Nearby, stylists Carmen Centeno-Pagliaro and Vicki Cater chime in.

"She was the first to come out of the royal setting to have contact with the public, to show emotion. It's similar to our fascination with Elvis," Cater says.

Similar, indeed. Like Elvis' untimely demise, Diana's death has fed the rumor mill around town. There is the one about the Irish Republican Army hoping to cripple the monarchy. Another has the royal family plotting Diana's death because she was too popular. A third questions Diana's choice of a Muslim suitor.

Yet there are few who question Diana's power to distract. Whatever it was, she had it. Even natives of England are surprised at her international appeal.

English-born Bridget Davis, who operates a yogurt shop and British grocery in Northdale, says she is "stunned at the outpouring of emotion from Americans. This raw emotion ... I have had people standing at my counter crying. Perhaps they saw she didn't have much happiness in her life and when she did, it was snuffed out."

So many ironies seemed to have shaped the life and death of Diana, including one final blow. One parting shot.

"Isn't it strange," asks 33-year-old hair stylist George Blume, "that now, the world is totally focused on Diana? It was the very thing that she was trying to get away from."

Notes

THE FUNERAL OF PRINCESS DIANA

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New Labour government sets new pace

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The breathtaking pace of change under Britain's three-week-old Labour government has even caught the country's agenda-setting media by surprise.

"Government stuns...", "Government moves on...", "Government takes City and MP's by surprise" are now common headlines in newspapers used to setting the pace.

"This government does not need the traditional 100 days to prove it can act, look what we've done in ten days," Prime Minister Tony Blair told MP's last week.

Apart from almost daily announcements of policy alterations, there has been a distinct change of tone.

"Yes, Prime Minister", has given way to informal first-name terms at the cabinet table. "Call me Tony", Prime Minister Blair instructed his colleagues at the first session.

While "Blairites" believe the gesture could reduce the potential for cabinet disputes, some ministers and top civil servants are reported to feel that upholding conventions could prevent people from claiming "special familiarity or favours."

The first shock announcement came within days of the May 1 poll, when Gordon Brown, Labour's flamboyant Chancellor of the Exchequer, dispensed of any government role in fixing key interest rates and granted the Bank of England "full operational independence" over monetary policy.

The move immediately earned "The amazing Mr Brown" (The Economist) the image of the proverbial magician, pulling a rabbit out of the hat.

But the unconventional batchelor, known for his reluctance to consult, did not stop there. "Dynamic Brown stuns City", said the Guardian's headline after the Treasury Chief announced a rigorous shake-up of Britain's financial supervisory system, robbing the Bank of England of its watchdog role over smaller banks and transferring surveillance to a new all-powerful regulatory body.

Some 24 hours later it emerged that Eddie George, long-standing governor of the Bank of England, briefly considered resigning over the move of which he was given only a few hours notice.

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For the opposition, Brown's predecessor, Kenneth Clarke, put the new Chancellor's "undue haste" down to "a mixture of inexperience and the intoxication with power".

"They are 18-year-olds in the saloon bar, trying out every bottle on the shelf," castigated Clarke.

But such criticism has not impeded the government's speed or enthusiasm behind which many observers detect the infatigable drive of the 44-year-old Prime Minister himself.

When announcing Britain's ban on lethal landmines this week, and underlining the government's commitment to a global eradication of the lethal weapons, Blair revealed his involvement when he told MPs: "These mines have caused enormous carnage, often to innocent civilians and children, and the sooner Britain took a lead in getting rid of them, the better."

Similarly, Blair has set the pace over Labour's policy on Northern Ireland. He used his first visit to the troubled province to hold out the prospect of a just negotiated settlement to both communities, while at the same time dampening nationalist hopes that they would "see a united Ireland in their lifetime".

Blair has despatched his energetic Northern Ireland Secretary, Mo Mowlam, to talk to Protestants and Catholics in the province, and to oversee the resumption of official contacts between British government officials and representatives of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the outlawed ***Irish Republican Army*** (IRA).

But he has also warned Sinn Fein leaders in no uncertain terms that they cannot expect to be given a seat at the negotiating table unless there was a "credible and unequivocal" IRA ceasefire.

"It's the carrot and stick approach, but at least things are happening which is what people want to see after months of paralysis," one commentator said Thursday.

In his area of policy, Foreign Secretary Robin Cook has moved - apart from the landmines initiative - on hosting a conference over the possible compensation of Holocaust victims in the wake of the Nazi gold scandal and the role of allied and neutral governments after the war.

Cook has also placed new emphasis on human rights in foreign policy and has promised a shake-up of the diplomatic service that would see more ***women*** in top positions.

While making conciliatory gestures to his main European partners - France and Germany - over a constructive British role in mapping out the future of the European Union (EU), Cook remains tough on upholding British border controls and adhering to strict asylum and immigration laws.

For his part, the new defence secretary, George Robertson, has announced fresh research into the so-called Gulf Syndrome illness, giving war veterans some hope that their plight is being taken seriously.

There have, however, been rumblings of criticism and discontent. The main trade unions have challenged openly the government's minimum wage policy by suggesting a pay level they know will be unacceptable to industry and policy makers.

Commentators have also been wondering whether the Blair government will be able to reconcile its radical overhaul of health, education and crime combatting policies with its pledge to adhere to the previous government's strict spending limits for its first two years in power.

Amid all the change, some habits remain. Education Secretary David Blunkett, blind from birth, has had trouble with his guide dog "Lucy", who can't kick the habit of pulling her master to the opposition benches in the House of Commons. dpa at mu

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ARMY SEX SCANDAL

Still No Verdict From Court-martial Panel

The six member court-martial panel in the rape trial of Staff Sgt. Delmar Simpson recessed for the weekend after deliberating for five hours Saturday without reaching a verdict.

The panel got the case Thursday afternoon after a 10-day trial - the first in a major sexual misconduct scandal at the Army's Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland.

Simpson, 32, is charged with 19 counts of rape, involving six female trainees, and 35 other counts on charges including forcible sodomy, indecent assault and maltreatment. Because of his authority over the trainees, he could be convicted of rape even if his victims did not protest or report him.

Five members of the panel must agree on any sentence over 10 years.

Reuters

COMMERCE DEPARTMENT

Oregon Exempted From Ruling On Salmon The Commerce Department exempted most of Oregon from giving special protection to the Pacific coho salmon Saturday, so the ruling only applies to California.

The ruling Saturday, declaring the coho an endangered species, came under the Endangered Species Act. In Oregon it could have had an impact on activities such as logging, mining and road development near waterways that support coho spawning. It still can affect the activities up to 150 miles inland from the northern California coast if it's found that runoff from such operations threatens the fish.

Reuters

CDC

BRIEFS

Agency Head To Be Named Surgeon General

Dr. David Satcher, director of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, will be named surgeon general of the United States, a White House spokesman said Saturday.

The acting surgeon general, Dr. Audrey Manley, is scheduled to leave office July 1.

The surgeon general's post has been filled on a temporary basis since President Bill Clinton demanded the resignation of Dr. Joycelyn Elders in 1995 because of her controversial views on sex education.

AP

SAN FRANCISCO

Garbage Collectors Agree To End Strike

Striking garbage collectors have voted to accept an agreement with trash hauling contractors, ending the two-day walkout that left refuse piled waist deep on the sidewalks of San Francisco. It was the city's first strike by garbage collectors in 57 years.

Union leaders said they expected trash collections to be back to normal Monday.

Reuters

WORLD

GERMANY

Kurds Demonstrate, Demand Negotiations

About 45,000 Kurds demonstrated in Duesseldorf, Germany, Saturday, demanding that Germany apply pressure to Turkey to negotiate with Kurdish rebels in eastern Turkey.

Germany is home to over 400,000 Kurds, and Kurdish militants have frequently staged violent protests in the country to draw attention to their cause.

But police said Saturday's demonstration was peaceful.

Reuters

YEMEN

PARLIAMENT

Candidates Make Last Campaign Pitch

Candidates for seats in the Yemeni parliament made their final campaign pitches Saturday in preparation for Sunday's election.

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A total of 2,306 candidates, including 17 women, are seeking 301 parliamentary seats under the banner of 12 parties or as independents.

Western diplomats expect President Ali Abdullah Saleh's ruling General People's Congress to win the majority of seats, followed by its coalition partner, the Islamist Islah Party.

The main opposition is the Yemen Socialist Party, some of whose former leaders launched the southern separatist campaign that sparked a civil war in Yemen, a small oil producer and one of the Arab world's poorest countries. Some Yemenis are worried that reforms could bring more austerity.

Reuters

LONDON

Newspaper Backs British Labor Party

Prime Minister John Major was dealt a fresh blow in his fight to retain his job Saturday when Britain's best-selling Sunday newspaper, The News of the World, deserted him for the opposition Labor party.

The News of the World, which sells around 4.5 million copies a week, said Major was no longer fit to rule Britain and should make way for Labor leader Tony Blair.

It is the second newspaper owned by media magnate Rupert Murdoch to switch from the ruling Conservatives, who have been in power for 18 years.

Labor was further boosted when an opinion poll in the Sunday Mirror newspaper, also released Saturday, put the party 24 points ahead.

Reuters

NORTHERN IRELAND

Police Suspect Protestants In Church Fire The St. Nicholas' Church in Carrickfergus, Northern Ireland, was set on fire early Saturday in a suspected attack by Protestant gangs. It was the fifth Roman Catholic church to be set afire in the last month.

The arsonists got in by removing wire-mesh security grills on a window. They tried to light fires in seven different places. The roof and interior were damaged.

Over the last 16 months, rival groups have been blamed for attacks on 56 Protestant and Roman Catholic churches and 45 town halls used by the divided communities.

Elsewhere in Northern Ireland, two houses were torched in Londonderry, but no one was injured. Police said the motive was unknown.

Tension has been high in the province since Irish Republican Army fighters, who are supported by some members of the Catholic minority, resumed a guerrilla campaign against British rule last year.

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WORLD AT 1700 GMT

NEW:

YUGOSLAVIA-FEARFUL FOES. Opposition fears ill effects from indictment.

PAKISTAN-INDIA-KASHMIR. Pakistan's prime minister pleads for peace.

RUSSIA-POLITICS. New first deputy prime minister resigns.

CUBA-FOREIGN MINISTER. Fidel Castro's protege is replaced.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia Russia's Balkan envoy meets Friday with Slobodan Milosevic, declaring that Yugoslavia's elected president remains the key person to negotiate with regardless of his indictment as a suspected war criminal. YUGOSLAVIA-KOSOVO. Lead expected by 1900 GMT. By Candice Hughes. AP Photos BEL101-103,111.

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia The opposition in Serbia fears the international war crimes tribunal's indictment will provoke yet another government crackdown and further erode their ebbing support. YUGOSLAVIA-FEARFUL FOES. Has moved. By Candice Hughes.

ALSO MOVED:

NATO-KOSOVO TALKS NATO is anxious to work with Moscow, but Russian envoy Viktor Chernomyrdin is speaking only for his own government in talks with Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic, a top U.S. official insists.

ALBANIA-WAR GAMES The Albanian army on Friday simulates a defense of its territory against a cross-border strike by Serbian forces. AP Photos XKUK102-103.

US-KOSOVO U.S. defense secretary has growing confidence in airstrikes.

DRAS, India An Indian helicopter gunship is shot down Friday over the disputed territory of Kashmir, where India's campaign against Pakistan to dislodge secessionist Islamic militants has escalated tensions between the two nuclear powers. INDIA-PAKISTAN. Lead has moved. By Arthur Max. AP Photos SRI107, ISL103-104.

AP News Digest

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif telephones his Indian counterpart Friday to plead for peace, and a captured Indian jet fighter pilot is shown on Pakistani TV. PAKISTAN-INDIA-KASHMIR. Lead expected by 1900 GMT. By Kathy Gannon. AP Photo KAR103.

ALSO MOVED:

PAKISTAN-INDIA-DOWNED AIRCRAFT Indian aircraft downed well within Pakistani territory.

UN-INDIA-PAKISTAN, PAKISTAN-INDIA-REACTION, PAKISTAN-NUCLEAR CELEBRATIONS.

MOSCOW In the biggest blow yet to Russia's new prime minister, one of his top deputies resigns Friday less than a week after being appointed. It marks the second power struggle Stepashin had lost since being appointed. RUSSIA-POLITICS. Lead has moved. By Judith Ingram. AP Photo MOSB103.

ALSO:

RUSSIA-RUNAWAY AMBITION Last week, Nikolai Aksyonenko was the relatively obscure chief of Russia's railroad network. Then he was named first deputy prime minister. By this week, Aksyonenko's ambition has assumed stunning proportions.

HAVANA The former Communist Party youth leader once seen as President Fidel Castro's protege is replaced Friday as foreign minister by an even younger man the 34-year-old chief of staff who handles Castro's daily schedule. CUBA-FOREIGN MINISTER. Lead has moved. By Anita Snow. AP Photos HAV101-104.

JERUSALEM Acting in its final days, Israel's hard-line government decides to connect the West Bank's largest Jewish settlement to Jerusalem, undercutting Palestinian hopes of setting up a capital in or near the disputed city. ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Has moved. By Karin Laub. AP Photos JRL101-103.

LOME, Togo A West African mediator says Friday that Sierra Leone's government has conceded to demands by the country's feared rebel movement to release the rebels' charismatic founding leader. SIERRA LEONE-PEACE TALKS. Lead has moved.

WARSAW, Poland Poland's government and Roman Catholic church take a major step toward ending an embarrassing controversy Friday by removing about 300 crosses from a lot that borders the former Auschwitz Nazi death camp. POLAND-AUSCHWITZ CROSSES. Lead has moved. By Tom Cohen. AP Photos planned.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland The ***Irish Republican Army*** on Friday begins handing over the bodies of nine secretly buried victims, a gesture designed to build goodwill at a critical moment in peacemaking. NORTHERN IRELAND. Lead expected by 2000 GMT. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photos XBFT101-102.

JAKARTA, Indonesia Security is tight Friday when hundreds of thousands of people turn Jakarta's main streets red again in a show of support for Indonesian presidential frontrunner Megawati Sukarnoputri. INDONESIA-ELECTION. Lead has moved. By Ali Kotarumalos. AP Photos. AP Photos JAK101-104,107.

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa Election officials and church leaders appeal for tolerance Friday in the two regions considered most vulnerable to political violence in the final days of South Africa's election campaign. SOUTH AFRICA-ELECTION. Has moved. By David Crary. AP Photos LOS101-105, JOH101-103.

ST. GEORGE'S, Grenada The United States and its allies succeed Friday in maintaining a 13-year ban on commercial whaling as an often-acrimonious meeting of the international Whaling Commission closes. WHALING CONFERENCE. Lead expected by 1900 GMT. By Chris Hawley. AP Photos planned.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Saturday, Nigeria's military ruler is scheduled to hand over power to the elected government. On Monday, Kurdish rebel leader Abdullah Ocalan goes on trial on treason charges in Turkey.

FEATURES MOVED:

New:

CAIRO, Egypt After winning admiration on both sides of the Atlantic, the al-Sabah exhibition has opened in Cairo, its debut in an Islamic country outside Kuwait. ARTS-EGYPT-LUCKY ART. By Vijay Joshi. AP Photo NY302.

Also:

FEA-EGYPT-UNBURIED TREASURE New Cairo exhibit to trace stolen, recovered Egyptian treasures. AP Photos NY318-319.

FEA-MEXICO-WOMEN'S TOWN Migration to United States leaves women behind to care for town. AP Photos NY364-366.

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