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4. [100 HURT AS ISRAELI TROOPS FIRE ON RIOTERS; ISRAELI TROOPS YESTERDAY USED LIVE AMMUNITION AND TEAR GAS TO QUELL RIOTS BY PALESTINIANS](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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5. [ISRAEL : STOP MILITANTS](#)

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6. [Israel to start releasing Palestinians today](#)

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7. [ISRAELIS RAID DORM, ARREST 30 STUDENTS](#)

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8. [NUTS AND BOLTS OF THE ELECTION](#)

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9. [Palestinians say prisoner release is too little too late](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: Hamas

Search Type: Natural Language - Expanded Results

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10. [TROOPS QUELL RIOT AFTER BOMBING](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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Search Type: Natural Language - Expanded Results

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11. [Israeli soldier killed in axe attack](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: Hamas

Search Type: Natural Language - Expanded Results

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12. [RABIN LAYS BLAME FOR BOMBS](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: Hamas

Search Type: Natural Language - Expanded Results

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13. [Bad Advice for Arafat](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: Hamas

Search Type: Natural Language - Expanded Results

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14. [BATTLES RAGE ON WEST BANK; Israeli soldiers wound at least 20 Palestinians in West Bank](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: Hamas

Search Type: Natural Language - Expanded Results

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15. [SOLDIERS GUN DOWN RIOTERS; Dozens injured by Israeli soldiers in West Bank](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: Hamas

Search Type: Natural Language - Expanded Results

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16. [WEST BANK SETTLERS RIOT AFTER ISRAELI IS SLAIN](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: Hamas

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17. [Rivals Arafat and Hamas Edge Toward Partnership](#)

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Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: Hamas

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Search Terms: Hamas

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Search Terms: Hamas

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Search Terms: Hamas

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22. [The News in Brief](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: Hamas

Search Type: Natural Language - Expanded Results

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Publication Type: Newspapers; Timeline: Jan 01, 1987 to Dec 31, 1997

23. [To Cap Radical Islam, Algeria Tries Poll](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: Hamas

Search Type: Natural Language - Expanded Results

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24. [A Zeal to Kill For Islam Sets Algeria Apart In Violence](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: Hamas

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Search Terms: Hamas

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Search Terms: Hamas

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Search Terms: Hamas

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28. [The News in Brief](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: Hamas

Search Type: Natural Language - Expanded Results

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Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: Hamas

Search Type: Natural Language - Expanded Results

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30. [Jewish Roots Deepen Role For Albright](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: Hamas

Search Type: Natural Language - Expanded Results

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31. [Israeli Political Scandal May Reset Mideast Peace Clock](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: Hamas

Search Type: Natural Language - Expanded Results

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Publication Type: Newspapers; Timeline: Jan 01, 1987 to Dec 31, 1997

32. [No Headline In Original](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: Hamas

Search Type: Natural Language - Expanded Results

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Publication Type: Newspapers; Timeline: Jan 01, 1987 to Dec 31, 1997

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Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: Hamas

Search Type: Natural Language - Expanded Results

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34. [No Headline In Original](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: Hamas

Search Type: Natural Language - Expanded Results

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Publication Type: Newspapers; Timeline: Jan 01, 1987 to Dec 31, 1997

35. [No Headline In Original](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: Hamas

Search Type: Natural Language - Expanded Results

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Publication Type: Newspapers; Timeline: Jan 01, 1987 to Dec 31, 1997

36. [With Islam's Crescent Rising Over Turkey , the Army Howls](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: Hamas

Search Type: Natural Language - Expanded Results

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Publication Type: Newspapers; Timeline: Jan 01, 1987 to Dec 31, 1997

37. [Where Islam, Democracy Try to Mix](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: Hamas

Search Type: Natural Language - Expanded Results

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Search Terms: Hamas

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Search Terms: Hamas

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40. [Unravelling Peace Pushes Netanyahu Into a PR Corner](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: Hamas

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Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: Hamas

Search Type: Natural Language - Expanded Results

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42. [No Headline In Original](#)

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Search Terms: Hamas

Search Type: Natural Language - Expanded Results

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Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: Hamas

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44. [The News in Brief](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: Hamas

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45. [The News in Brief](#)

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Search Terms: Hamas

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46. [The News in Brief](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: Hamas

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47. [The News in Brief](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: Hamas

Search Type: Natural Language - Expanded Results

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Narrowed by
Publication Type: Newspapers; Timeline: Jan 01, 1987 to Dec 31, 1997

48. [*The News in Brief*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: Hamas

Search Type: Natural Language - Expanded Results

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Narrowed by
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49. [*The News in Brief*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: Hamas

Search Type: Natural Language - Expanded Results

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Narrowed by
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50. [*No Headline In Original*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: Hamas

Search Type: Natural Language - Expanded Results

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Narrowed by
Publication Type: Newspapers; Timeline: Jan 01, 1987 to Dec 31, 1997

51. [*No Headline In Original*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: Hamas

Search Type: Natural Language - Expanded Results

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Content Type
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Narrowed by
Publication Type: Newspapers; Timeline: Jan 01, 1987 to Dec 31, 1997

52. [*The News in Brief*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: Hamas

Search Type: Natural Language - Expanded Results

Narrowed by:

Content Type
News

Narrowed by

Publication Type: Newspapers; Timeline: Jan 01, 1987 to
Dec 31, 1997

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

International Herald Tribune (Neuilly-sur-Seine, France)

February 11, 1993

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Section: OPINION

Length: 58 words

Body

Outrage and Silence

One cannot help but compare the expressions of ire and outrage that came from Western democracies when Israel temporarily exiled **Hamas** terrorists to a sympathetic Arab country, to the West's silence over the Kuwaiti expulsion of a quarter of a million Palestinian men, **women** and children 22 months ago.

MICHAEL KAUFMAN.

Jerusalem.

Load-Date: February 12, 1993

Netanyahu cops it sweet

The Daily Telegraph (Sydney, Australia)

March 25, 1997, Tuesday

Copyright 1997 Nationwide News Pty Limited

Section: WORLD; Pg. 31

Length: 110 words

Body

JERUSALEM: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu took it on the chin yesterday in a rare appearance on Arab TV.

One talk-show caller compared him to Adolf Hitler, and the host accused him of evading questions and passed on a call to resign.

Appearing on Orbit Satellite Television, a Saudi-run service broadcast throughout the region, Mr Netanyahu insisted that he was not responsible for the recent deterioration in Israeli-Palestinian relations.

He said Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat should crack down on Islamic militant groups such as Hamas, that claimed responsibility for Friday's suicide bombing in a Tel Aviv cafe that left three Israeli women dead.

Load-Date: March 4, 2002

Palestinians freed

Herald Sun

October 27, 1993 Wednesday

Copyright 1993 Nationwide News Pty Limited

Length: 119 words

Body

JERUSALEM - Israel freed the first batch of Palestinian prisoners yesterday, ahead of a fresh round of talks on the implementation of its peace accord with the PLO.

As nearly 700 prisoners were driven to freedom in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, Israel buried two soldiers killed a day earlier by the Moslem *Hamas* group opposed to the peace deal.

Palestinian negotiator Nabil Shaath, who was to resume talks with Israelis late yesterday, said he called chief Israeli negotiator Amnon Shahak to express his condolences.

Israel freed the low-risk prisoners - *women*, youths, old men and the sick - as a first step towards mass releases aimed at reinforcing its peace deal.

REUTER

END OF STORY

Load-Date: November 28, 2003

**100 HURT AS ISRAELI TROOPS FIRE ON RIOTERS;
ISRAELI TROOPS YESTERDAY USED LIVE AMMUNITION AND TEAR GAS
TO QUELL RIOTS BY PALESTINIANS**

Sunday Mirror

March 23, 1997, Sunday

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Section: NEWS; Pg. 7

Length: 116 words

Body

Israeli troops yesterday used live ammunition and tear gas to quell riots by Palestinians...a day after an Islamic militant killed three women in a Tel Aviv cafe.

More than 100 Palestinians were injured in yesterday's clashes reminiscent of the 1987-1993 uprising in the West Bank and Gaza.

Israel Radio said firebombs were hurled at the homes of the 500 Jews who live in the city among 130,000 Arabs.

The trouble started after Mussa Abu Deiyah Ghneimat, a Hamas member, set off a bomb which killed himself and the three Israeli women.

In reaction, Israel sealed the West Bank and Gaza.

The mother of the baby girl seen screaming on the cafe floor after the bombing has died. The baby is in hospital.

Load-Date: March 24, 1997

ISRAEL: STOP MILITANTS

Philadelphia Daily News

MARCH 24, 1997 Monday PM EDITION

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Section: NATIONAL; Pg. 15

Length: 180 words

Byline: Associated Press

Dateline: JERUSALEM

Body

Israel's Cabinet called on the Palestinian Authority yesterday to crack down on Islamic militant groups, but stopped short of suspending peace talks. Angry Palestinians stoned Israeli troops again, and soldiers shot two Palestinians at a roadblock.

Israel braced for more attacks after the Islamic militant group Hamas, which claimed responsibility for Friday's cafe bombing in Tel Aviv, threatened to continue its campaign until Israel stops a construction project in disputed east Jerusalem.

Funerals were being held yesterday for the three women killed in the bombing.

Friday's suicide bombing ended a yearlong lull in such attacks. And for the first time, Israel's government blamed Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat directly for having given the go-ahead.

Arafat accused Israel of bowing to "extremist religious parties who we know are hostile to the peace process and to the rights of the Palestinian people."

Relations have deteriorated sharply since Israel began building the Har Homa neighborhood last week in east Jerusalem, where the Palestinians hope to establish their capital.

Load-Date: October 17, 2002

Israel to start releasing Palestinians today

The Independent (London)

October 25, 1993, Monday

Copyright 1993 Independent Print Ltd

Section: INTERNATIONAL NEWS PAGE; Page 10

Length: 137 words

Body

Israel is to start freeing Palestinian prisoners today under an agreement with the PLO, cabinet ministers said yesterday, Reuter reports from Jerusalem. "The overall number of 760 was agreed. The release will be gradual," the Economics Minister, Shimon Shetreet, said.

In Cairo the PLO, seeking to boost Palestinian support for its peace deal with Israel, said it expected the release of 750 Palestinians today and to discuss further releases during talks in Taba, Egypt, resuming tomorrow. The first batch will include only the sick, old, young and women. Israeli police say Israel holds about 13,000 Palestinian prisoners.

In Rafah, in the Gaza Strip, Muslim militants from Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement, who are opposed to the PLO-Israeli peace agreement, kidnapped and killed two Israeli soldiers, the army said.

Load-Date: October 25, 1993

ISRAELIS RAID DORM, ARREST 30 STUDENTS

Dayton Daily News (Ohio)
January 28, 1995, SATURDAY,
CITY EDITION

Copyright 1995 The Dayton Daily News

Section: NEWS,

Length: 158 words

Byline: Associated Press

Dateline: ABU DIS, WEST BANK

Body

Israeli soldiers broke into a Palestinian college dormitory Friday, smashing windows and doors and arresting 30 students, school officials said. The army said those arrested belonged to Islamic militant groups.

The pre-dawn raid was part of Israel's widening crackdown on Muslim extremists after a suicide bombing Sunday killed 20 Israelis, most of them teen-age soldiers.

The College of Science and Technology at Abu Dis is known as a stronghold for Islamic fundamentalism, and the Israeli army said those arrested belonged to the fundamentalist Hamas and Islamic Jihad movements.

Muhammed Nusseibeh, director of the Board of Trustees at east Jerusalem's Al Quds University, which runs the college, denied the institution was a cover for Islamic militant groups.

The director of student affairs, Ziyad Abu Ilal, said four women were slightly injured.

Since Sunday's attack, Israel has rounded up several dozen Muslim militant suspects in the West Bank.

Load-Date: January 29, 1995

NUTS AND BOLTS OF THE ELECTION

Christian Science Monitor (Boston, MA)

January 19, 1996, Friday

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Section: THE WORLD; INTERNATIONAL; BRIEFING; Pg. 10

Length: 148 words

Body

- * 1,013,235 voters are registered to vote Jan. 20 for both an 88-member Palestinian Council and a president of the Palestinian National Authority.
- * The election will be monitored by more than 600 international observers - including 300 from the European Union. The precedent that the election process will set for Palestinian democracy is as important as the election result.
- * 672 candidates are running for the Council, 27 of whom are women. Yasser Arafat, PLO chairman, and Samiha Khalil, a leftist social activist, are running for president.
- * Christians, who account for 3 percent of the Palestinian population, are allotted six seats. Some 400 Samaritans are allotted one seat.
- * The Council will draft a constitution.
- * The main opponents of the peace process - the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas) and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine - are boycotting the election.

Graphic

PHOTOS: 1) YASSER ARAFAT: Expected to be elected president., R. NORMAN MATHENY/STAFF; 2) SAMIHA KHALIL: Arafat's sole opponent in race., KHALED ZIGHARI/AP/FILE

Load-Date: January 19, 1996

Palestinians say prisoner release is too little too late

Hamilton Spectator (Ontario, Canada)

October 7, 1995 Saturday Final Edition

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Section: NEWS; Pg. A12

Length: 163 words

Dateline: JERUSALEM

Body

Israel says it will release 1,200 Palestinian prisoners over the next few days, signalling its intention to swiftly honor a key commitment under the newly ratified accord with the PLO.

Palestinians called yesterday's announcement too little too late and said Israel's refusal to free at least two of 27 **female** detainees broke promises made at the negotiating table.

ASSOCIATED PRESS Talks are scheduled next week between Israeli and Palestinian officials to work out the takeover that will end 28 years of Israeli occupation in West Bank cities.

In a possible boost for the accord, Palestinian officials said the militant Islamic **Hamas** movement, which vehemently opposes peace with Israel, has tentatively agreed to stop attacking Israelis from PLO-run areas. The pact barely won approval in Israel's parliament yesterday, squeaking by with a 61-59 vote. It calls for Israeli troop withdrawal from Palestinian cities by the end of the year and Palestinian general elections by spring.

Load-Date: October 13, 2002

TROOPS QUELL RIOT AFTER BOMBING

Dayton Daily News (Ohio)

March 23, 1997, Sunday,

CITY EDITION

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Section: NEWS,

Length: 154 words

Dateline: HEBRON, WEST BANK (AP)

Body

A day after a suicide bomber killed three women in a Tel Aviv cafe, Israeli troops used bullets and tear gas Saturday to quell a riot by hundreds of Palestinians in the worst West Bank clash in months.

More than 100 Palestinians were injured from live bullets, rubber bullets, tear gas and stun grenades.

"We don't want peace, we want Hamas," shouted Palestinians, referring to the Islamic militant group that claimed responsibility for Friday's blast.

Tensions between the two sides are at a new high and the peace process is paralyzed after Israel's decision to build more Jewish housing in east Jerusalem apparently prompted the suicide attack.

The clashes were the worst Hebron has seen in a long time but mild compared with September's deadly gun battles elsewhere in the West Bank after Israel's decision to open a tunnel entrance near an Islamic holy site in Jerusalem. That fighting killed 79 people.

* More details. 3A.

Graphic

COLOR PHOTO: Israeli soldiers face off against Palestinian stone throwers during clashes in the West Bank city of Hebron on Saturday. CREDIT: GREG MARINOVICH/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Load-Date: March 24, 1997

Israeli soldier killed in axe attack

The Ottawa Citizen

December 1, 1994, Thursday, FINAL EDITION

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Section: NEWS; Pg. A8

Length: 156 words

Byline: AP; REUTER

Dateline: JERUSALEM

Body

Fears of reprisals were circulating in Afula after an Arab man with an axe killed a **female** Israeli soldier.

The soldier was killed Wednesday in the northern city where a suicide bomber killed eight Israelis in April.

Israel sent 150 soldiers to reinforce police who escorted Arabs home as angry Jewish residents gathered on the streets. Police also advised Arab laborers to go home.

Afula, 100 kilometres north of Jerusalem, has a large population of Arabs with Israeli citizenship.

The soldier was waiting at the city's bus station when the attacker hit her in the head with the axe several times before he was chased down by passers-by.

Liat Gabai died a few hours later in hospital.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said violence would not stop Middle East peace talks.

The captured man was identified as an unemployed 24-year-old from Qabatiya in the occupied West Bank whose brother is a jailed **Hamas** member.

Load-Date: December 2, 1994

RABIN LAYS BLAME FOR BOMBS

COURIER-MAIL

August 24, 1995 Thursday

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Length: 173 words

Body

KEYWORD-HIT Rabin lays blame for bombs GOLAN Heights: Palestinians from the occupied West Bank carried out the suicide bombing of buses in Jerusalem on Monday and in Tel Aviv last month, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday. ""The two attacks in Jerusalem and Ramat Gan (Tel Aviv) were carried out by the inhabitants of the West Bank," Mr Rabin said.

QNP""The preparation of the bombing, the background to the operation and the recruiting of people took place in the area." Four bus passengers died on Monday, as well as the bomber, and six Israelis were killed in the Tel Aviv bombing on July 24. Neither of the two bombers has been identified but anonymous telephone callers to Israel state radio claimed responsibility, both times in the name of the Islamic Resistance Movement **Hamas**. Forensic scientists and the police have so far been unable to put names to one male and one **female** among the five bodies found in the wreckage after Monday's blast aboard a rush-hour bus in a Jewish quarter of east Jerusalem. Agence France-Presse

Load-Date: October 1, 2003

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Bad Advice for Arafat

The New York Times

July 26, 1995, Wednesday, Late Edition - Final

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Distribution: Editorial Desk

Section: Section A; ; Section A; Page 18; Column 5; Editorial Desk ; Column 5; ; Letter

Length: 180 words

Body

To the Editor:

Thomas Friedman's column ("Muffled Militants," July 19) on the Islamic fundamentalist challenge cites the new Palestinian state as an example of "secular authorities" improving living conditions because Yasir Arafat "today has 60,000 people on his payroll in Gaza," thus providing employment and weakening the ability of **Hamas** to recruit.

In the same column, Mr. Friedman attacks such "secular Arab states" as Egypt and Algeria for "heavy-handed bureaucracies," which quash "commerce and entrepreneurship."

But the Arafat statist achievement he praises is in direct opposition to the economic advice he gives other Islamic states. Similarly, his plea for the "liberation of **women**," if heeded, would flood Arab labor markets and further depress wages. His call for "privatization of state industries" would result in unemployment of many of those 60,000 workers in Gaza. Encouraging Mr. Arafat to repeat the mistakes of other secular Arab regimes is surely not a solution.

WILLIAM J. PARENTE
Professor of Political Science
University of Scranton
Scranton, Pa., July 20, 1995

Load-Date: July 26, 1995

BATTLES RAGE ON WEST BANK;
Israeli soldiers wound at least 20 Palestinians in West Bank

Sunday Mail
March 23, 1997, Sunday

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Section: Page 7

Length: 193 words

Byline: By Colin Wilson

Body

At least 20 Arabs were injured by rubber bullets and tear gas in clashes with Israeli soldiers in the West Bank town of Hebron yesterday.

Trouble flared as hundreds of Palestinians hurled petrol bombs and rocks at the troops.

The protesters were chanting the name of a suicide bomber who killed three people in Tel Aviv on Friday.

It was the second day of battles along a line dividing the Palestinian and Israeli- controlled sections of the city.

The Israeli Army said four soldiers were hurt, and one Palestinian was said to have lost an eye.

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Islamic militant group **Hamas** has claimed responsibility for the bombing.

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SOLDIERS GUN DOWN RIOTERS;
Dozens injured by Israeli soldiers in West Bank

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Byline: By Colin Wilson

Body

Dozens of Arabs were shot as Israeli soldiers in the West Bank town of Hebron opened fire on rioters yesterday.

And hundreds were hurt as troops used live shots and tear gas to break up rock- throwing Palestinians.

The protesters were chanting the name of the suicide bomber who killed three people in Tel Aviv on Friday.

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Islamic militant group **Hamas** called the suicide bombing "a wonderful act of martyrdom."

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WEST BANK SETTLERS RIOT AFTER ISRAELI IS SLAIN

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Dateline: JERUSALEM

Body

Thousands of Jewish settlers smashed and stoned Arab cars, burned tires and blocked most highways in the West Bank on Saturday to protest the killing of a settler by Palestinian militants.

Police and soldiers diverted Arab motorists from many Jewish settlements to avoid clashes.

The Muslim fundamentalist group **Hamas** claimed responsibility for the slaying.

Israel and the PLO are reporting progress in working out the details of their Palestinian autonomy agreement, but the violence demonstrates the deep hatreds that pervade the Israeli-occupied territories.

Israeli reports have said that in the fourth round of talks, Israeli negotiators would submit timetables for troop withdrawals and for the release of Palestinian prisoners. That round is to begin Monday in the Egyptian resort of Taba.

In Gaza's Rafah refugee camp, meanwhile, about 3,000 Palestinian **women** marched Saturday to demand the immediate release of the approximately 9,500 Palestinians jailed by Israel.

In the West Bank, settlers staged protest vigils at two intersections Saturday after word spread that troops had found the body of Haim Mizrahi of the Jewish settlement of Beit El, Israel radio said. Mizrahi was kidnapped Friday.

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Rivals Arafat and Hamas Edge Toward Partnership

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Byline: Ilene R. Prusher, Special to The Christian Science Monitor

Dateline: GAZA CITY, GAZA

Body

The editor of Al-Wattan, the newspaper of the Islamic militant group **Hamas**, found himself out of a job last year when Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat slammed the paper's doors as part of a crackdown on Muslim extremists.

Now, Ghazi Hamad is back in business as managing editor of the two-month-old Al-Risala, the official paper of the Islamic Salvation Party, a **Hamas** offshoot.

The reemergence of an Islamic "opposition" paper is one of many signs that Mr. Arafat has recently invited Muslim guerrilla organizations opposed to the peace process back into the Palestinian political fold. Whether Arafat gave **Hamas** what Israeli leaders say is a "green light" to carry out bombings, like the one that killed three Israeli women in Tel Aviv last week, remains more ambiguous. What is clear is that many **Hamas** activists read Arafat's decision to release Islamic militants from jail and break off security cooperation with Israel - while refusing to cut short a support-seeking trip to several Islamic countries in order to quell clashes in the West Bank - as an implicit signal that acts of violence will be seen as within the national interest.

Arafat denies Israel's accusation that he gave a nod to terror following a day of "national reconciliation" that brought mainstream and radical factions together earlier this month. Palestinians dismiss the charges as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's bid to deflect attention from his controversial plans to build in East Jerusalem.

But **Hamas** members acknowledge that they view the gaps between their agenda and the Palestinian Authority's (PA) as narrowing to a point of negligibility.

"The national dialogue has brought the Palestinian Authority closer to **Hamas**," says Mr. Hamad, who doubles as Al-Risala's editor and a spokesman for the **Hamas** movement's political wing. "All the Palestinians feel that they are sailing in one boat, facing one enemy, and we have to be unified against it."

Unlike the wide roundups of suspected Islamic militants after a week of lethal bombings a year ago, there have been no parallel sweeps by Palestinian police.

Rivals Arafat and Hamas Edge Toward Partnership

"I haven't heard of them arresting people since this operation," the wiry-bearded Hamad adds, referring to last Friday's suicide bombing. Having received little more than a perfunctory condemnation by Arafat, Hamas's military wing has threatened additional bombings if bulldozers continue clearing the way for new Israeli homes on land Palestinians claim as the site of their future capital.

Israeli and US officials are warning that the alleged go-ahead from Arafat must be turned into a red light if the peace process is to continue. The PA's top security brass now says that, while it is not orchestrating attacks, it will not suppress militants and act as a "client militia" if Israel continues in what Arabs see as violations of the accords. And members of Arafat's own Fatah party called on Palestinians this week to start a new intifadah against Jewish settlements and settlers.

With clashes in the streets daily, it seems the new uprising has begun. And with Palestinians from both Fatah and Hamas taking part, the movements are acting more like partners than rivals.

Hamas, Arabic for the Islamic Resistance Movement, has found itself in a very different position from the one it was in this time last year, when Israel's clampdown on the West Bank and Gaza in the wake of Hamas bombings brought about hardships that made some Palestinians resent Hamas. With the peace process crumbling, Hamas has been quick to remind Palestinians that the Islamic opposition has long predicted the demise of the Oslo Accords. It also knows that Arafat would be seen as more concerned with Israeli security than Palestinian nationalism if he were to squelch Hamas.

"It is not in the Palestinian Authority's interest to put all of Hamas in jail," says Dr. Mussa Zaboud, an independent Palestinian councilman from Gaza affiliated with Hamas. "The situation has reached a point where the PA can't control all people, and this is not [their] responsibility."

If there is hope for the peace process, it is that both sides are trying to keep the fighting from spiraling out of control as it did last September, when riots left 80 dead. That, and the imminent arrival of US peace envoy Dennis Ross, seem all that is available to avoid a new era of bloodletting propelled by people who never gave peace a chance.

Graphic

PHOTO: A MOVEMENT GROWS: Palestinian takes aim at Israeli troops in West Bank town of Bethlehem. Many such clashes now include Palestinians from both Arafat's Fatah party and the hard-line Islamic group Hamas. GREG MARINOVICH/AP

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Body

Cal Thomas critic

It is surprising that the Herald printed Cal Thomas' Aug. 27 column in which he unleashed, once again, a campaign of hate against Muslims. This is a free country, of course, and Thomas is entitled to his views. But to use the cloak of freedom of speech as a means of denigrating a major world religion is neither American nor Christian. It is also poor journalism.

Thomas, who did not research his column and who does not read or speak the languages of Islam, refers to the **Hamas** Charter as a "distinctly religious document." Apparently he is unaware of the fact that the only religious documents in Islam are the Holy Book, the Quran and the Traditions of the Prophet, Ahadith. What **Hamas** writes is a **Hamas** document, not a religious document. What **Hamas** does is the result of poverty, injustice and desperation, not religious directives.

I, like most Muslims, believe in the peace process and the land-for-peace approach as the only hope for the people of the Middle East. Thomas sees it differently, perhaps hoping for another era of continued conflict. As much as I disagree with him, I respect his right to state his opinion. But what I do not respect is his tendency to demonize Arabs and Muslims. In fact, some of the things he writes about Muslims reek of bigotry, and would be considered crimes of hate were they written about some other major religion. For example, he writes of Muslims killing Jews as a favor to Allah! An appalling statement to any Muslim and a direct attack on the Islamic faith.

However, Thomas is entitled to his views. The only thing I ask of the Herald is to give equal space to fair-minded and well informed writers to balance the Cal Thomas column.

Darneer Sharqi

Lombard

Fund family planning

Congress will vote on Title X funding in early September. Title X provides family planning and health services to low income **women**. I am asking my congressmen to vote in favor of funding Title X. The Capitol switchboard is 202-224-3121.

Carol Schuh

Lombard

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Body

An Israeli soldier wipes his face as he investigates the bus hit by a suicide bomber near the Jewish settlement of Kfar Darom in the Gaza Strip.

Militants targeted as suicide bombers kill seven on Gaza Strip Gaza PALESTINIAN police yesterday launched a crackdown on Islamic militants in Gaza after suicide car bombers killed seven Israelis in two attacks near Jewish settlements, residents said.

An aide to PLO leader Yasser Arafat, under pressure from Israel and peace talks patron Washington to make more than a token effort to cripple Muslim guerilla cells in self-ruled Gaza, also issued a rare denunciation of radical Islamists.

Islamic Jihad has confirmed Khaled Mohammed Khattib, 24, one of its members, crashed a car full of explosives into a bus carrying soldiers and settlers near Kfar Darom.

Six soldiers, including two women, died and more than 30 were injured.

Two hours later a second suicide bomber belonging to Hamas ran his explosives-laden car into an Israeli convoy at the nearby settlement of Netzarim, killing a border guard and wounding five others.

In Zion Square in the heart of Jerusalem, scores of right-wing Jews angry over the bombings, blocked streets and fought with police trying to disperse them, witnesses said. Palestinian police later detained more than 140 suspected Hamas and Islamic Jihad activists opposed to the peace accord between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

In the Hamas stronghold of Khan Yunis in southern Gaza, police exchanged fire with Hamas gunmen before arresting two of them, Palestinian sources said.

They said the two were wanted for the killing of suspected collaborators with Israel.

High-profile roundups of militants have sometimes followed past attacks on Israelis, but PLO officials, treading gingerly with the Islamic groups that enjoy near-mythic popularity in Gaza, have often later ordered discreet, wholesale releases.

Khaled Salam, economic aide to Arafat, said such actions served only to spur Israel into continuing to bar job-starved Gaza residents from working in the Jewish state.

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Body

IF YOU'VE BEEN FOLLOWING THE NEWS THIS WEEK, THESE QUESTIONS WILL BE EASY. TEST YOURSELF.

1. Pandas may soon be extinct. Why?
2. What is Dyngus Day?
3. At which stadium did President Clinton throw out the first ball for opening day of the 1994 baseball season?
4. Why are thousands of Muslims and Croats being evacuated from the northwestern Bosnian town of Prijedor?
5. Which colleges won the 1994 NCAA men's and women's basketball championships?
6. Who heads the National Endowment for the Arts?
7. U.S. Supreme Court Justice Harry A. Blackmun has said that he wants to retire this year. When was he appointed to the country's highest court, and by whom?
8. What is the Nutrition Labeling and Education Act?
9. What is scheduled to occur at Cape Canaveral, Fla., today?
10. A suicide car bomber believed to be from the militant Islamic group Hamas blew up a bus in northern Israel this week, killing eight people, including four teen-agers, and wounding about 50. Why did the attack take place?

ANSWERS:

1. Some conservationists believe that pandas are dying at American zoos because zookeepers can't figure out how to induce the animals to breed in captivity -- and when they do, how to keep the rare young animals alive.
2. It's a Polish tradition, also known as "Wet Monday," that dates back to pagan Europe when people splashed water on single women.
3. Jacobs Field, the Cleveland Indians' new \$ 169 million baseball stadium.
4. To be saved from nationalist Serbs who want to destroy them.

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5. Arkansas won the men's, North Carolina the women's.
6. Actress Jane Alexander.
7. He was appointed in 1970 by President Richard M. Nixon.
8. The legislation, which goes into effect May 8, requires companies to list calories, fat, sodium, carbohydrates and other nutrients on food packages.
9. Liftoff of NASA spaceshuttle Endeavour.
10. Hamas said it was avenging the massacre of about 30 Arabs by a Jewish settler in Hebron on Feb. 25.

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Body

WOMEN KILLED IN M1 SMASH

Two young London women killed when van smashed into their car parked among roadworks on M1 near A41 Edgware turn-off while they waited for breakdown services. Police hoping to interview van driver, unable to give them details after accident because he was suffering from shock.

SOLDIERS HURT IN 50FT PLUNGE

Six soldiers from 58 Battalion, The King's Regiment, Territorial Army unit based in Warrington, taken to hospital after Land Rover plunged down steep 50ft bank from narrow track on Army range road in Alwinton, Northumberland, and landed on roof.

MURDER PROBE

Bedfordshire police launched murder inquiry after man was found with stab wounds in Luton. Man helping with inquiries. 4 FLEE BLAZE

Four people escaped fire which engulfed house in Green Lanes, Finsbury Park, by climbing down builder's ladder. Twenty firefighters wearing oxygen masks tackled blaze.

BOGUS GUARDS ESCAPE WITH £1m

Police forensic experts examining burned-out remains of van after gang posing as security guards walked into post office in South St, Romford, asked politely for cash bags, and walked out with £1 million cash. 'No threats were issued, and there was no sign of any firearm,' said Scotland Yard.

MITTERRAND TO STAY IN HOSPITAL

President Francois Mitterrand, 77, recovering from urinary tract operation, will not leave Cochin Hospital, Paris, before end of week, said Prof Bernard Debre. But reports that he would need two months' convalescence were 'excessive.'

TRAMP CRUSHED IN RUBBISH

Tramp sleeping in rubbish bin crushed to death by refuse compactor in Germiston, near Johannesburg. Machine operator found body after hearing scream.

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HAMAS AMBUSH

Hamas guerrillas shot and seriously wounded Israeli army officer in ambush just inside Gaza Strip border with Egypt.

NEW TESTS FOR MINIBUS DRIVERS

Transport Secretary John MacGregor announced that anyone behind wheel of minibus would have to take new driving test. That could include medical examination and also, following consultation, tightening of rules for charities and voluntary groups. On seatbelts, Mr MacGregor merely announced intention to 'seek agreement' with other European countries on making fitting compulsory.

PREGNANT MOTHER IN FIRE HORROR

Heavily pregnant bank clerk Susan Guest, 30, of Downend, Bristol, fighting for life in burns unit of Frenchay Hospital after pouring methylated spirit on to barbecue. Condition said to be critical. ROSPA spokesman warned public: 'Any petrol-based substance has the potential to blow back.'

FLIGHT MISERY

Holidaymakers facing flight delays this weekend as French air traffic controllers in Marseille threaten industrial action. Likely to hit flights to Majorca, Minorca and Ibiza. Greek controllers already working to rule in effort to force introduction of updated equipment.

WILDFIRE MENACE

Wildfires ripped through eastern Spain, with three blazes burning out of control in Catalonia, Aragon and Castilla-La Mancha.

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The News in Brief

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Body

The US

The White House turned over previously unknown videotapes of some of President Clinton's controversial coffees with financial supporters to congressional investigators, Time magazine reported in its Oct. 13 edition. Meanwhile, Attorney General Janet Reno said the Justice Department has no evidence that Clinton violated federal law by having campaign donors as guests at White House coffees or for overnight stays. But she announced a 60-day preliminary inquiry of Vice President Al Gore's telephone fund-raising.

Affirmative action, sexual harassment, and police chases are some of the issues the US Supreme Court will take up when it begins its new term today.

Astronaut Michael Foale said he was looking forward to family activities, windsurfing, and lasagna when the space shuttle Atlantis landed in Cape Canaveral, Fla. Foale's turbulent 144 days in space - the second-longest space mission for an American - included repeated equipment failures on the Mir space station and a harrowing collision with a cargo ship. Some 27 anti-nuclear activists were arrested for trespassing while protesting the planned liftoff of a plutonium-powered spacecraft Oct. 13. The 500-strong demonstration at Cape Canaveral, Fla., was held one day after the White House approved liftoff of the Cassini spacecraft. NASA needed clearance for the \$ 3.4 billion mission to study Saturn because it is carrying 72 pounds of plutonium. The plutonium is shielded, but protesters say Cassini still poses a serious health risk in the event of an accident.

Clinton planned to host a day-long conference today on climate change. The president and several members of his administration hoped to convince scientists, economists, and business leaders of the need for a binding agreement with other countries to cut carbon gas emissions. He is expected to push the idea that technology, energy efficiency, and sensible policies can significantly cut pollution without harming the economy.

US Defense Secretary William Cohen ordered the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz to skip a port call at Singapore and head directly to the Persian Gulf. The ship was ordered to the region from the South China sea after the US warned Iran not to repeat cross-border air attacks into southern Iraq. Such attacks violate a US-enforced "no fly" zone.

The News in Brief

Hundreds of thousands of men gathered in Washington to pray and profess their devotion to God during an evangelical revival meeting. Organized by the Promise Keepers, the fastest-growing Christian evangelical movement in America in recent years, the male-only event may have been the largest religious gathering ever held in the US.

BeefAmerica, a meatpacker in Norfolk, Neb., recalled more than 440,000 pounds of hamburger because of suspected contamination by E.coli bacteria. It was the second major beef recall in the US in less than two months. Meanwhile, South Korea said it will send experts to Nebraska to check quarantine procedures after finding E. coli in beef imports from the US.

Serious crimes reported to the police in the US were down by 3 percent in 1996 for the fifth annual decrease in a row, an FBI report said. And the number of murders dropped by 9 percent over 1995 figures. But even with the decrease, a murder was committed in the US every 27 minutes, the report said.

The Congressional Budget Office lowered its estimate of the fiscal 1997 federal deficit to \$ 23 billion from its August estimate of \$ 34 billion. "As a percentage of GDP [gross domestic product], the deficit would be only 0.3 percent, the lowest level since 1970," it said.

Chicago's Field Museum of Natural History walked away with a Tyrannosaurus rex fossil for \$ 8.4 million after intense bidding at Sotheby's auction house in New York. Sotheby's had expected to sell "Sue," named in honor of discoverer Susan Hendrickson, for upwards of \$ 1 million. The 65 million-year-old fossilized skeleton has a five-foot skull and is 90 percent complete. It is expected to go on display in 2000.

The World

Israel "is prevented at this stage from making reference" to reports that it was behind a bungled attempt to assassinate militant Hamas leader Khaled Meshal, a senior official said. Alleged Israeli agents, using Canadian passports, injured Meshal in Amman, Jordan, but did not succeed in killing him. The incident caused an international storm of protest, with Canada recalling its ambassador for consultations and opposition leaders demanding that Prime Minister Netanyahu resign. Hamas founder Ahmed Yassin was abruptly released from an Israeli prison last week, reportedly in trade for the intelligence agents. Netanyahu met with his Cabinet Sunday amid reports that more Hamas members would be freed.

Early voter turnout appeared light in Serbia but heavier in Montenegro for their respective presidential elections. Analysts said Slobodan Milosevic, president of the Yugoslav federation would be weakened politically if his protege, Zoran Lilic, lost in the Serbian runoff against ultranationalist Vojislav Seselj or if incumbent Momir Bulatovic was defeated by staunch rival Milo Djukanovic in Montenegro. A less than 50 percent turnout at the polls would force yet another election.

A possible new confrontation with President Yeltsin loomed as nationalist and Communist leaders in the lower house of Russia's Parliament said they would block his proposed 1998 budget today. Deputy Speaker Sergei Baburin said consideration of the budget would only follow a no-confidence vote in the government. But the vows came as creditors were to meet in London to re-schedule Russia's \$ 35 billion debt, opening the way for a higher credit rating when the government wants to borrow more money. Last week, Yeltsin hinted he might dissolve the Communist-dominated Duma for obstructing economic reforms.

The News in Brief

Muslim rebels believed to be from the Armed Islamic Group took their insurgency against Algeria's government to a new level, firing rockets at a town 30 miles south of Algiers that is used as a garrison by government troops. The attack left 12 people dead and 85 others hospitalized, newspaper reports said. Another 95 people died in assaults elsewhere, among them 20 members of a wedding party.

The volatile border between India and Pakistan was reported quiet for the first time in weeks after the prime ministers of the two countries ordered their forces to stop shelling each other. Forty-seven people died last week in the artillery duels, which each side accused the other of starting.

Indonesia "deeply apologizes" for the thick blanket of smoke over much of southeast Asia but needs more time to put out the fires causing it, President Suharto said. It was his second such apology in recent days. At Armed Forces Day ceremonies, he ordered the military to do more to quench the hundreds of fires, which have brought angry complaints from across the region. Two Australian planes designed to drop water on fires were due to arrive tomorrow.

Afghanistan's Taliban movement acknowledged losing several key positions around Mazaar-e-Sharif, the last opposition stronghold in the country. Among them was the airport. The Taliban had threatened the city for more than three weeks and only last Wednesday said its troops were at the city gates.

Donations of food by the international community have staved off mass starvation, malnutrition, and waves of refugees from North Korea for now, a UN official said. Namanga Ngongi, director of the World Food Program, said more than 90 percent of the projected aid needs had been donated and that children who were in "terrible condition" only a few months ago now look-ed much healthier. But he said twice as much assistance would be needed next year.

"In well-ordered countries, prime ministers ... resign over such things."

- Israeli columnist Zeev Schiff, joining calls for Prime Minister Netanyahu to quit in the wake of a failed assassination attempt against **Hamas** leader Khaled Meshal.

Etceteras

What does a police department do when its search-and-rescue dog turns up missing? Search for him, of course. Caesar, a 135-pound Rottweiler, was no longer in an Amherst, Mass., cruiser when his handler finished an errand in neighboring Chic-o-pee. The force put its best retrievers to work, and, happily, six hours later Caesar was found about a mile from where he had disappeared.

"Candle in the Wind," revived by Elton John for the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, has been adapted yet again for a burning issue. From Singapore, via the Internet, come modified lyrics lamenting the loss of blue sky because of the thick haze over southeast Asia. It's from unchecked forest fires.

The News in Brief

Speaking of Diana, her death has produced more coverage in the British press than even the end of World War II, a London clipping service says. Durrants, in business since 1880, says its comparisons show major papers have given an average of 35 percent of their news space to Diana versus 26 to 27 percent for such developments as the defeat and surrender of Nazi Germany.

The Day's List

Companies With Most Women Directors

All but 81 of the Fortune 500 companies have women on their boards of directors, an annual survey found. But New York-based Catalyst research group says only two companies have added women to their boards this year - a growth rate of less than 3 percent. In all, women hold just under 11 percent of the 500's 6,081 directors seats. These companies have the most women directors:

Five directors

College Retirement Equities Fund

Golden West Financial

Teachers Insurance & Annuity Association

Four directors

Aetna Inc.

Avon Products

Fannie Mae

Gannett Co.

Hasbro Inc.

Principal Financial Group

- Associated Press

Graphic

PHOTOS: 1) Protesters head over the fence. BY JOE SKIPPER/REUTERS 2) A Belgrade voter turns in her completed ballot. BY DARKO VOJINOVIC/AP MAP: Showing North Korea. BY STAFF

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To Cap Radical Islam, Algeria Tries Poll

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Highlight: June 5 election may strengthen rule of military. Islamists are undone by own tack.

Body

As the people of this war-ravaged country get ready to cast their votes for parliament June 5, the memory of Algeria's last attempt at democracy five years ago still lingers.

Then, the military canceled the voting when it became clear that a fundamentalist party, the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS), was winning. The result: a vicious civil war that has so far claimed the lives of more than 60,000 people.

This time, the possibility of a similar election upset appears slim. The FIS has been banned, and the regime, controlled by a tight-knit group of generals, has grown stronger. Indeed many Algerian observers say the election primarily represents an opportunity for the military establishment to gain legitimacy and consolidate its hold over the state. "The regime has already set the rules in Algeria, and the elections won't change anything," says Mahfoud Bennoune, a retired political science professor who lives in a government compound outside the capital, Algiers.

For the past five years, as armed fundamentalists have waged war on the authoritarian state, political leaders have disagreed over how to deal with the problems of political Islam in Algeria.

Encouraged by international nongovernmental organizations, some have argued that peace can only come through dialogue. But Algeria's military leaders have pursued a hard-line strategy that officially seeks to "eradicate all terrorists," meaning Islamic fundamentalists.

So far, the generals have been successful in turning public support against the armed groups, whose prospects of taking power by force have been eliminated, according to most observers. Although most violence in Algeria takes place beyond the reach of Western TV cameras, the brutality of the rebel attacks has also convinced much of the international community that the government has no alternative but to crush the insurgency.

Islamists 'blew it'

To Cap Radical Islam, Algeria Tries Poll

Unemployment in Algeria hovers around 70 percent, and the dusty streets of the country's shantytowns are lined with restless young men. Here, the hatred for the wealthy elite that rules the nation is intense. It was among these people that the FIS amassed its support in the last election.

Although the FIS leaders promised to introduce sharia, a judicial system based on Islam, it was probably the party's pledge to throw out the corrupt generals and change the system that really resonated.

The prevailing view among Western diplomats is that the FIS "blew it" when it resorted to terrorism, and that the party not only lost popular support but also opened the door for the regime to legitimize its power. Others, such as Mostafa Bouchachi, the lawyer defending the imprisoned FIS leadership, disagree. "The responsibility for terrorism lies ... with the people who postponed the elections," he says.

The FIS used to support more extremist groups, such as the Armed Islamic Group (GIA), but such alliances have deteriorated. Desperation among the people is greater than ever. Diplomatic observers say that new rebel groups have formed in the Algerian countryside. "Before, these groups never attacked the civilian populations," says Omar Belhouchet, editor of El Watan, Algeria's largest daily paper. "Now they attack ... isolated villages, sometimes killing for killing's sake."

Often these bands clash with civilian militia groups that security forces have armed to control areas beyond the reach of the Army.

Trying politics

Algeria has also applied political means of dealing with fundamentalism. The Constitution now bans parties based on religion and prohibits discrimination based on religious beliefs. At the same time, however, the Constitution declares Islam to be the state religion. Non-Muslims cannot attain high-level government posts.

Some Islamic support has been channeled to **Hamas**, the party - more moderate than the Palestinian version - whose leader, Mahfoud Nahnah, captured 25 percent of the vote in 1995's presidential election. To conform with the law, **Hamas** recently dropped its Islamic name and is now called the Movement of Society for Peace (MSP), but it's still seeking an Islamic state.

"For Nahnah, the model for an Islamic state is the Gulf countries; for the FIS, the model was Iran," says Mr. Belhouchet.

While some observers argue that MSP presents no threat to the regime, others say that Mr. Nahnah is an exceptional politician who knows that his ultimate success rests on his willingness to cooperate with the military regime.

Diplomats predict many people will vote for the National Democratic Rally (RND), the party that was set up to support President Liamine Zeroual. "The elite represents a Western-oriented minority that will vote for the RND because it is scared of the alternative," says one diplomat.

To Cap Radical Islam, Algeria Tries Poll

Elections could at least provide a forum for democratic debate in Algeria, something the country has never had. But among Algeria's destitute masses, resignation seems to prevail. "I live day by day," says one teacher, requesting anonymity. "My motto is: Forget yesterday, live today, don't think about tomorrow."

Graphic

PHOTO: GEARING UP: Algerian women walk past posters for June 5 parliamentary election in the capital, Algiers. Five years ago, a canceled vote touched off an Islamic insurgency. AP. MAP: Showing Algeria. STAFF

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A Zeal to Kill For Islam Sets Algeria Apart In Violence

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Body

The mufti of one of Algeria's oldest mosques sits on the floor preaching, his yellow braided hat set upon a crown of very short white hair.

When Sheikh Maamar speaks - just 100 yards from where a large bus bomb in May left several dead and dozens wounded in Martyrs' Square - his message of peace is one that has rarely been heard in Algeria. Five years of carnage have pitted "Islamic" extremists against the government.

"The biggest crime in Islam is to kill," he says, his sunburned face taking on a grave expression. "Even using that word, or having the intention to kill, is forbidden. So when you act there is no pardon for you, no mercy." Even the word Islam, Sheikh Maamar explains, means "peace." But that point seems to have had little effect outside the walls of this mosque, where 60,000 have died in a conflict of almost unprecedented ferocity.

A rise in militant Islam has swept from Afghanistan to Sudan. But nowhere has the contradiction between Islam and killing been so stark as in North Africa's Algeria.

The great contrast between the mufti's message and the bloodshed is best seen in "The White Book on Terrorism in Algeria," a government documentation of tough, detailed photographs of slit throats, decapitations, and disembowelments that have marked this conflict.

"The killing has been savage and wild since the beginning," says Salima Tlemamci, a reporter at the El-Watan newspaper in Algiers, which has close ties with the security forces. "We ask ourselves the same question: Why?"

The military-backed government of President Liamine Zeroual blames every death on fundamentalist terrorists trying to impose a strict Islamic state on Algeria, but it refuses to negotiate with extreme Islamic leaders and vows to crush the guerrillas by force.

A Zeal to Kill For Islam Sets Algeria Apart In Violence

The military annulled elections in 1992 that the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) was on the verge of winning by a landslide. More than 9,000 supporters were rounded up and detained in desert camps, and since then the FIS - which calls itself the "Party of God" - has been outlawed.

Some leaders are in prison, and extreme, violent offshoots of the party have denounced FIS and gone underground. But Islamic zeal alone does not explain the killing: Economic hardship - which has earned Islamists support regionwide from Iran to Egypt and Turkey - has much to do with it, along with increasing lawlessness.

Hundreds of veterans from the "holy war" in Afghanistan - trained and paid for by Saudi Arabia and the United States Central Intelligence Agency during the 1980s - have also returned home. They have found the secular regime to be too corrupting of Islam and have turned one area of the Algiers neighborhood known as the Casbah into "Little Kabul."

Every year during the holy month of Ramadan, the throat-slitting and car bombs increase.

Promise of a better life

"Terrorism is a new concept in Algeria, but Islamism is not new," says Ali Bilal, also a journalist at El-Watan. "The economy was bad in the 1980s and people were excluded from politics, so when FIS appeared promising paradise, a better life, and housing, it crystallized the anger.

"FIS didn't create fundamentalism, it just took advantage of it and made it grow," he says.

The June 5 parliamentary election was meant to add a veneer of democracy to the presidential regime - to cancel out the 1992 debacle - and moderate Islamic parties won a number of seats, though they remain a minority in a parliament whose powers are severely limited.

Democracy and Islam

Many say that real democracy and accountable leadership are the only way to solve Algeria's crisis. But this "second Algerian war" - after the 1954-1962 war for independence from French colonial rule that is said to have left 1 million dead - has raised questions about whether democracy is compatible with Islam.

Ali BenHadj, a top FIS leader in prison and a powerful public speaker, said in 1990 that democracy was "pagan," but in letters written in 1994 made clear that people should "choose their rulers."

Fundamentalism 'inevitable'?

Still, a recent study by the RAND Corporation, ordered by the United States Army, concludes that one day fundamentalists will inevitably come to power in Algeria.

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The Ottoman-built Casbah, the former Arab quarter where Maamar's mosque is squeezed between crowded apartment buildings, is notorious for being the most dangerous area of the capital.

The clutch of security men accompanying a Western visitor are nervous, and get out of their car pistols first, so that everyone around knows they are armed.

But this area should be most safe, according to Muslim precepts.

"The Muslim is the one who doesn't hurt another, by hand or by word. That is the definition," Maamar says.

"But atomic bombs and weapons are a bad human creation. Have you ever heard of tigers or elephants gathering to attack their own species? When Allah [God] gave man the power, he did not respect it."

But the worldview spelled out in the Koran describes an unhappy fate, he says, in which there are 72 signs that the world will end soon. One sign is that "people stop praying" and shed the blood of their peers.

Finding justification for killing

But militants waging war have also found justification in the Koran, justifying killing with the order to end the lives of apostates.

"We have the means and the men to punish those who are not on our side," says a statement earlier this year attributed to Antar Zouabri, the chief of the Armed Islamic Group, which claims responsibility for many attacks.

The GIA is at odds with FIS, and has assassinated FIS officials. "Except for those who are with me," Mr. Zouabri said, "all others are apostates and deserve death."

More-moderate Islamic leaders such as Sheikh Abdallah Djaballah, head of the legal An-Nahda Islamic party, who has tried to bring FIS to talks with the government, says that Islam has little to do with the killings.

"These are political acts, aimed at reaching [Zeroual's regime] through violence," he says. "Islam's judgment is clear: It is forbidden to kill.

"But these killers are young people who don't know anything. They should not be portrayed as 'Islamic.' "

Poverty at root

Despite the religious debate, the root of the problem may lie in the poor economy, an unemployment rate that verges on 70 percent for those under 30, and frustration over lack of housing that is an obstacle to marriage and having families - both critical traditional institutions in Algeria.

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"Anger is everything," says a Western diplomat. "The society values blue jeans and cars, [but] what really matters is families. But there are no such things as dual income, no-kid families here like in America.

"Even the Great Depression in the US was not half this bad, and lasted just half as long," he says.

An activist for Hamas, the other legal Islamic party that changed its name to conform with election laws to the Movement of Society for Peace, confirms that solving Algeria's conflict means narrowing the gap between the haves and the have-nots.

Like its Palestinian namesake, Hamas runs widespread charity networks that provide schools and food for the poor. "The families of terrorists must be treated the same as the families of victims of terrorists" if there is to be peace, says a Hamas election monitor.

Instead, notes a diplomat, the repression of FIS leaders has undermined the chances that any of the fractious Islamic extremists will embrace democracy - or peace.

The only one still living who may have any influence over the militant groups is Mr. BenHadj, who is reputed to be a mesmerizing public speaker.

But, he says, he will not renounce violence without promises of change, and the government broke off talks.

"I fault the government for not trying harder," he says, but notes that GIA chief Mr. Zouabri condemned BenHadj already by saying that he was "a little nervous about him because he might negotiate with the government."

Any rhetoric of peace from the mosques has also been imperceptible. "This is where the Muslim scholars failed," the diplomat adds. "They didn't speak out against this killing, and it has discredited them all."

So the massacres continue, even as those responsible squabble. Ms. Tlemamci, the journalist, explains how difficult it is to portray the severity of the terrorist violence - and that even many Algerians remain insulated.

She took "The White Book" on a trip to Sweden, but the gory images were too graphic to show publicly in the newspapers or on TV. Children, she was told, might see them.

"Our children are living that every day," she says.

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A Zeal to Kill For Islam Sets Algeria Apart In Violence

PHOTO: ALGIERS: Islamic women walk near mosque in Algeria's capital. The city has been rocked by attacks from Islamic extremists, whose strongholds lie just to the south. R. NORMAN MATHENY - STAFF/FILE

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Body

THE US

Cuba shot down two civilian US planes belonging to Brothers to the Rescue, an exile group that routinely searches the waters between Cuba and Miami for people fleeing Cuba via boat. Four pilots are still missing. Cuba called the planes "pirate" aircraft and said they violated its airspace. But the pilot of a third plane, which escaped unharmed, said the planes flew only over international waters. President Clinton condemned the shootdowns. And US ships and planes are searching for the missing pilots.

All 1,600 planes in the Navy's Pacific Fleet will undergo two-day safety tests after an E-A-6-B Prowler aircraft crashed on takeoff from the USS Kitty Hawk Saturday. One crew member was killed; another missing. The crash was the fourth in recent months. Three were F-14s taking off from Mirimar Naval Air Station near San Diego. Congressional hearings on the crashes are set for this week.

Miami police arrested three suspects in Friday's fatal shooting of a Dutch tourist. The region's \$ 31-billion-a-year tourist industry depends on its image as a safe vacation spot - an image that was tarnished after a spate of tourist killings in 1993. But the area rebounded in 1995, with a record 9.4 million visitors going to the Miami area alone.

Campaigning in California, Clinton urged US schools to consider mandatory uniforms. He said uniforms reduce envy by poor children and cut down on violence - by removing the risk of a child wearing gang colors. Separately, Clinton derided GOP candidate Pat Buchanan's anti-free-trade agenda as he headed into a meeting with Japanese Prime Minister Hashimoto. And in Washington State, Clinton stressed job-retraining programs to help workers adjust to the changing economy. He also bowed to environmentalists' pressure and called for repeal of a law he signed last year that allows logging in old-growth forests.

Publisher Steve Forbes won the Delaware primary, receiving all 12 delegates for the GOP presidential nomination. He was the only major candidate to campaign in the state. Meanwhile, the candidates campaigned hard for Arizona's primary tomorrow - the first test of Western voters' sentiments.

Space shuttle Columbia's crew was set to try an energy-generating experiment again. A computer snafu stopped the test Saturday. Astronauts hope to generate 5,000 volts of electricity by swinging a 1/2-ton silver ball tethered on a 13-mile-long line through Earth's magnetic field. If successful, the plan could be used to power space stations.

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Robert Lipka, a former employee of the super-secret National Security Agency, was arrested on spy charges in Pennsylvania. Authorities think he was the agent mentioned in the biography of former KGB chief Oleg Kalugin, who said the soldier "passed on reams of top-secret material."

Former Marine Sgt. Clayton Lonetree is set to be released from prison tomorrow. Lonetree is the only Marine ever convicted of spying. He fell in love with a Russian woman in Moscow in the 1980s. She introduced him to a Russian agent. Lonetree has contended he was duped into confessing to espionage.

The economy grew just 2.1 percent last year, the poorest showing since 1991's recession. Financial markets were buoyed at the news, hoping it will lead to more rate cuts by the Federal Reserve.

Firefighters are struggling to contain fast-moving wildfires burning out of control in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas. The prairie grass thrived after several years of moisture and then dried up during the recent drought.

About 7,000 mostly black marchers protested at the Louisiana state Capitol against Gov. Mike Foster's anti-affirmative action stance. Meanwhile, former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke - who is running for US Senate - held a counter demonstration across town with about 150 people.

THE WORLD

Suicide bombers from the Islamic militant group Hamas killed 25 people and wounded more than 80 in separate bombings in Jerusalem and Ashkelon, Israel. A bus explosion in downtown Jerusalem, which killed 23 people, was the most devastating attack in Israel since the late 1970s. Hamas said it carried out the attacks to avenge the killing last month of its master bombmaker Yahya Ayyash. Israel temporarily suspended contacts with Arafat's Palestinian Authority, promised retaliation against Hamas, and sealed off the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

NATO agreed to allow Bosnian Serb military trucks to enter the demilitarized Sarajevo suburbs to help evacuate Serbs, who have refused to submit to the rule of the Muslims and Croats. UN relief officials said they won't participate in the evacuations. Any effort to move Serbs robs Sarajevo of its multi-ethnic character, which the Dayton accord seeks to preserve, the officials said. Also, the Bosnian Serb military resumed contacts with NATO.

Talks between the Motherland Party and Islamists to form a coalition government in Turkey collapsed. The two sides disagree about who should control the economy and, more importantly, religion. Concerns arose that Islamic control over religion could undermine Turkey's secular structure. And Motherland leaders reportedly met with caretaker Premier Tansu Ciller in another bid to give Turkey a government following December elections.

Former South Korean President Chun Doo Hwan has threatened to name politicians as well as public figures who benefitted from his multimillion dollar slush fund, sources said. Chun's trial begins today. The former president could selectively name those he believes have betrayed him, his aides said.

In renewed violence, suspected Muslim militants killed seven people in a Coptic Christian village near Badari, Egypt. Some 23 people have been killed since Feb. 16 in the Assuit Province, a former stronghold of radical Muslims seeking to overthrow the secular government and replace it with Islamic rule.

Four Bangladeshi opposition leaders were detained as a two-day-old strike to force Premier Khaleda Zia from power brought most of the nation to a standstill. Zia's party easily won the Feb. 15 elections. The opposition boycotted the polls after the government dismissed their demand that a neutral government oversee the election.

US meat growth hormones will be on the menu as EU farm ministers meet in Brussels today. Washington lodged a complaint with the World Trade Organization after the EU banned imports of US meat and alleged growth hormones in US meat were a serious health risk. The US denies the claim.

Australian Prime Minister Paul Keating gained a boost to his reelection bid. His ratings rose in opinion polls, and his Labor Party surged in a state election in Tasmania. Keating is seeking reelection next Saturday.

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The Afghan government will share power with the opposition Hezb-i-Islami party of former Premier Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, sources said. In the past, Hekmatyar rejected overtures to rejoin President Burhanuddin Rabbani's government.

The Iraqi defectors killed after their return from exile to Baghdad were victims of revenge commonly employed in Iraq, Jordan said. Iraqi state media said Hussein Kamel Hassan and his brother Saddam Kamel were killed by family members.

A plan to replace the French draftee with an all-volunteer force such as these French Legion soldiers marching during a parade in Paris July 14 was announced by President Chirac.

ETCETERA

Patience has its limits."

- A July 14, 1995, Cuban government statement reacting to incursions by Miami-based exile groups into its airspace. On Saturday, Cuba shot down two planes belonging to Brothers to the Rescue, one such exile group.

A loggerhead turtle named Rosita swam a third of the way around the world - three times farther than any other turtle. A Florida scientist said Rosita traveled between Baja California, in Mexico and Kyushu, Japan, a round trip of about 13,000 miles.

Author Salman Rushdie has now been in hiding for seven years under a death sentence for his book "The Satanic Verses." Rushdie, who has recently been living more in the open, says he is ready to "warily celebrate" another year.

Susan Sarandon and Nicolas Cage pose with their awards at the Screen Actors Guild Awards in Santa Monica, Calif.

Second Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards

LIFE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: Robert Redford.

MOTION PICTURES

Performance by a cast in a theatrical motion picture: "Apollo 13."

Female actor in a leading role: Susan Sarandon, "Dead Man Walking." Male actor: Nicolas Cage, "Leaving Los Vegas."

Female actor in a supporting role: Kate Winslet, "Sense and Sensibility." Male Actor: Ed Harris, "Apollo 13."

TELEVISION PROGRAMS

Ensemble performance In a drama series: The cast of "E.R." Comedy series: The cast of "Friends."

Female actor in a comedy series: Christine Baranski, "Cybill." Male actor: David Hyde Pierce, "Frasier."

Female actor in a television movie or miniseries: Alfre Woodard, "The Piano Lesson, Hallmark Hall of Fame." Male actor: Gary Sinise, "Truman."

Female actor in a drama series: Gillian Anderson, "The X-Files." Male actor: Anthony Edwards, "E.R."

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Homecoming: Palestinian women await the release yesterday of family members from a Gaza Strip prison.

Mohammed's mother goes out bride hunting Rejoicing as Arabs freed by Israelis Kalandia refugee camp, Occupied West Bank AFTER 11 years in prison, Mohammed Farid Shehadeh didn't recognise his street or his family's new house.

But by late yesterday, Shehadeh, one of about 230 prisoners freed on the West Bank under the Israel-PLO autonomy plan, knew he was home when his mother began to look for a bride for him.

It was expected 450 more prisoners would be dropped into the Gaza Strip yesterday, Israel radio said. The army said about 700 elderly, sick, female and teenage prisoners would be released in Israel and the West Bank.

The slow pace and night releases seemed aimed at keeping pictures of Palestinians celebrating their freedom from appearing on Israeli TV alongside the funerals of two Israeli soldiers killed on Sunday - which Prime Minister Rabin's opposition might use to erode the peace process.

Families of those freed were not told in advance and hundreds waited at jails or checkpoints on the chance a relative would emerge.

Shehadeh, 33, spent 11 years of a 17-year sentence in prison in the West Bank city of Nablus for an armed infiltration from Jordan.

At Kalandia refugee camp, several dozen family members sang, danced and waved Palestinian flags at an impromptu welcome party.

His brother Ahmed, 31, is serving life for killing an informer.

"I shed tears of happiness for him and tears of sadness for Ahmed," said his mother Hassiba. "My priority is finding a woman for him so he can get married and settle down - enough is enough." Supporters of the Islamic Resistance Movement, or Hamas, were removed from the list of prisoners to be freed after it took responsibility for killing two soldiers in the Gaza Strip.

Opposition groups said those killings underscored the fragility of the agreement with the PLO.

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Palestinian women await the release yesterday of family members from a Gaza Strip prison PALESTINIANSAP

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O.J. Simpson said he's confident he'll find a job and be able to move on with his life, The New York Times reported yesterday. The paper said Simpson initiated the call Wednesday to explain why he canceled his scheduled interview with NBC. He said his lawyers urged him to pull out because he could damage his chances in upcoming civil suits filed against him. Simpson also acknowledged he had been wrong to "get physical" with his then-wife Nicole Brown Simpson in 1989 and was now willing to meet with "battered women" to "talk about my relationship." He questioned figures suggesting that up to 70 percent of the public is convinced of his guilt. "I don't think most of America believes I did it," Simpson told The Times.

The FBI continued its search for the person or persons responsible for derailing an Amtrak train this week in Arizona. FBI agents are hoping to form a psychological profile of the person who penned the antigovernment letters found at the crime scene. Agents also interviewed the editor of a magazine for train buffs. They said the derailment bears a strong similarity to a 1939 case of track tampering featured in the magazine's latest issue.

Deadbeat parents beware: Lawmakers are proposing legislation that would revoke not just a parent's driver's license but also an occupational or sporting license if he or she refuses to pay child support. The two bills require every state have a program to revoke or restrict the licenses of nonpaying parents and a registry to track new hiring and match employment records with child-support obligations.

On taxes: Senate Republicans are considering a plan that would put their proposed \$ 500-per-child tax credit in parents' pockets before the '96 elections. The House Budget Committee was expected to pass yesterday a portion of the Republican plan for cutting spending and taxes and eliminating the deficit by 2002.

The first nationally televised forum of the 1996 campaign held Wednesday in New Hampshire was more of a joint appearance by the 10 GOP presidential candidates than a debate. Senator Dole remained in the spotlight while his nine rivals struggled to emerge from his shadow.

A new report says the dwindling stockpile of US nuclear weapons is now positioned in just 16 states. That is nine fewer than three years ago, according to nuclear specialists Robert Norris and William Arkin.

The Navy opened court-martial proceedings yesterday in Washington against Capt. Everett Green. Green is accused of sexually harassing two female subordinates while he headed the Navy office responsible for handling sexual-harassment complaints.

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The Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games' final financial forecast showed that organizers still expect to break even. The \$ 1.61 billion bottom line was up slightly on both the revenue and expense side from earlier forecasts.

In the murder trial of Selena, the Tejano singing star, witnesses testified in Houston yesterday that defendant Yolanda Saldivar, after being accused of embezzling funds as president of the Selena fan club, applied to buy the gun used to kill the star. Saldivar's attorney claims the shooting was an accident. If convicted, Saldivar could get up to life in prison.

The Miami Herald said it will eliminate 300 jobs and combine some sections of the newspaper to cut \$ 32 million. The paper said the cuts are the result of rising newsprint costs and slipping circulation.

Wholesale prices rose 0.3 percent in September, the first advance in four months and the largest in nearly a year, as the summer drought reduced harvests and sharply boosted vegetable costs, the Labor Department reported.

THE WORLD

A cease-fire took hold yesterday in most of Bosnia, though fighting between government and rebel Serb forces continued in the northwest. Over the past week, the Muslim-led government and its Croat allies have scrambled to grab Serb-held territory. Nevertheless, the two sides opened talks at Sarajevo airport with UN officials on fully implementing the cease-fire. In Brussels, NATO ambassadors approved a five-point outline plan to send thousands of troops to Bosnia to police any peace that emerges from the 60-day, US-brokered truce, alliance sources said.

The UN official in charge of scrapping Iraq's weapons of mass destruction said Baghdad had misled his inspectors and had developed far more powerful arms than previously thought. Iraq tested germ warfare agents on animals and may still be hiding missiles that could reach targets thousands of miles away, according to Rolf Ekeus, head of the UN Special Commission.

Vice President Alberto Dahik, architect of Ecuador's economic reforms, resigned Wednesday after the Supreme Court issued an arrest order against him on charges of embezzlement. Congress is to hold a special session today to discuss Dahik's resignation and a possible replacement.

Austria's two-party governing coalition collapsed yesterday in disagreement over the country's 1996 budget, setting the stage for likely new elections that could benefit the right-wing populist opposition. The conservative People's Party charged that the Social Democrats wanted to rely too much on new taxes to reduce the 1996 budget deficit instead of cutting into Austria's generous social safety net.

Riot police fired in the air and used tear gas yesterday to disperse rival groups of youths on the third day of unrest over East Timorese independence.

Japanese Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama moved to avert a showdown with the Okinawa governor over US military bases yesterday by arranging to send his defense minister to the island. Defense Minister Seishiro Eto will try to persuade the governor to authorize land leases between Tokyo and the US. The debate centers on the alleged rape of a girl by three US servicemen.

PLO leader Arafat said his government had made progress toward a cease-fire agreement with the Muslim militant group Hamas. He also said Hamas had decided to take part in elections in the West Bank and Gaza, scheduled for next year. Hamas denied the claim, saying it remained opposed to the Israeli-PLO peace deal.

Rockets launched by rebels pounded the Afghan capital of Kabul yesterday, and opposition Taliban militiamen battled government troops on the perimeter of the beleaguered city. The fighting marked the second day of an offensive against President Burhanuddin Rabbani's forces.

South Korean and US troops are to begin an annual joint military exercise today to test responses to any perceived threat from communist North Korea. The exercise, involving the majority of 37,000 US troops stationed in South Korea, will continue until Nov. 17.

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A UN meeting debating curbs on land mines was near failure yesterday. After three weeks of talks, delegates from more than 40 countries faced today's deadline with disagreements remaining on how to toughen a 1980 treaty on the mines.

China lacks the political will to make good on its promise to end piracy of US software, musical recordings, and movies, which has returned to record levels, American industry representatives said yesterday. They warned that China faced a renewed threat of US sanctions.

Gunmen kidnapped a Russian military official in Chechnya, Russian news agencies said yesterday. A search has been launched for Lt. Col. Alexander Fadeyev and the assailants.

ETCETERA

Hey, hey, what do you say? How many seniors are you going to arrest today?"

- Pat Schroeder (D) Colorado, criticizing the GOP Medicare plan. Seniors were ejected Wednesday from the Ways and Means Committee hearing.

As the world honors this year's Nobel prize-winners, there's talk in Sweden about a Nobel loser: the new film about Alfred Nobel. Critics panned "Alfred," the first feature movie about the inventor of dynamite and creator of the prestigious prizes.

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Hurricanes that battered the East Coast of the United States recently were ill winds that have blown British butterfly enthusiasts some good. They have reported more than 35 sightings of US Monarch butterflies in the past few days.

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The world's favorite trio of tenors - Placido Domingo, Jose Carreras, and Luciano Pavarotti (l. to r.) - announced Wednesday that they will reprise their hit Rome and Los Angeles concerts in five new cities, starting next June. They will perform in Tokyo, London, Munich, Melbourne, and East Rutherford, N.J.

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The eruption of Mt. Pinatubo in the Philippines in 1991 caused changes in the Red Sea that killed delicate corals, Israeli scientists said Wednesday. The blast spewed 20 million tons of sulfur.

The 16 States With Nuclear Warheads

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2. Louisiana 1,010
3. Georgia 768
4. Washington 768
5. Wyoming 582
6. South Dakota 350
7. Texas 350
8. Nebraska 255

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PHOTOS: 1) Washington State Labor Council rep. Robby Stern spoke to Boeing machinists outside company headquarters in Seattle Wednesday. Some 32,500 machinists went on strike Oct. 6 after rejecting a proposed three-year contract.

AP PHOTO/PAUL JOSEPH BROWN 2) Mr. Murayama, MASA HARU HATANO/REUTERS/FILE 3) The world's favorite trio of tenors - Placido Domingo, Jose Carreras, and Luciano Pavarotti (l. to r.) - announced Wednesday that they will reprise their hit Rome and Los Angeles concerts in five new cities, starting next June. They will perform in Tokyo, London, Munich, Melbourne, and East Rutherford, N.J., MAX NASH/AP; Map, Showing Austria, STAFF.

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THE US

Chicago lawyer Bill Daley and New Mexico Rep. Bill Richardson were named to President Clinton's second-term cabinet as commerce secretary and UN ambassador, respectively. The president said he had asked Janet Reno to stay on as attorney general and that she had accepted. He also said he wants Gene Sperling to replace Laura Tyson as chair of the National Economic Council and Charlene Barshefsky to become US trade representative. Barshefsky had been filling the post on a temporary basis. Clinton still has four cabinet posts to fill: energy, transportation, housing, and labor.

Aircraft industry giants Boeing and McDonnell Douglas announced a merger, forming the world's largest aerospace company. Two weeks ago, the companies said they were teaming up to build wide-body commercial airplanes. This followed a Pentagon decision that excluded McDonnell Douglas from competition to build a new joint-service fighter.

The News in Brief

A freighter lost power and struck a crowded shopping mall in New Orleans Saturday. Rescue workers continued Sunday to search for victims. No deaths had been confirmed, but some children were reported missing. About 140 people were treated for injuries suffered in the crash or while trying to flee. The incident demolished part of a wharf supporting a tourist-oriented area of some 200 shops known as the Riverwalk.

Incumbent Teamsters Union president Ron Carey declared victory over James Hoffa in an election to decide who will lead the union. But Hoffa, son of legendary Teamster Jimmy Hoffa, challenged 41,000 ballots. The official count favored Carey by 17,000 votes.

Clinton said he wants to help in doubling the nation's adoption rate. He ordered the Department of Health and Human Services to find ways to increase adoptions, including financial incentives. US families currently adopt about 27,000 children a year. Also, the president said he would not phase out home-heating-oil assistance to the poor. Legislators of both parties had objected to a White House budget-office proposal to end the program.

The Agriculture Department ordered an early halt to the process of salvage logging in national forests. The action suspended an emergency salvage program passed by Congress last year. The president later said he regretted signing the measure, part of a larger budget bill. The emergency salvage program was scheduled to expire Dec. 31. The timber industry said it was necessary to reduce fires and improve forest health, but critics called it a means of easier access to trees.

A male cadet at The Citadel was suspended in connection with the alleged hazing of two female cadets. Officials are looking into reports that two weeks ago two women students at the Charleston, S.C., school were sprayed with a flammable liquid and their clothes set on fire. Meanwhile, the father of a female Citadel cadet told a Charleston newspaper that a male cadet had used a rifle butt to shove two freshmen women before striking them in the head. The military academy began admitting women in 1995.

The News in Brief

Federal officials said fuel tanks in Boeing 747s pose such a safety threat that urgent design changes are necessary. The National Transportation Safety Board recommended that the Federal Aviation Administration take measures to protect fuel tanks from heat sources that can touch off the kind of explosion that occurred on TWA Flight 800. Safety officials cautioned that no conclusions have been reached about the cause of that particular incident, which killed 230 people.

The homeless in the US received about 14 times as much help in 1995 as in 1992, a Columbia University report said. The study focused cities.

The Deseret News announced the appointment of former Christian Science Monitor editor John Hughes to oversee its news and opinion pages. This marks the first time a non-Mormon has been named editor of the Salt Lake City, Utah, daily, which is owned by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

THE WORLD

A Serbian court ordered the reinstatement of a local election victory by opponents of President Slobodan Milosevic. The original outcome in Nis, Serbia's second-largest city, was overturned by the election commission controlled by Milosevic. Critics saw Sunday's action as an attempt to defuse weeks of street protests against the president. But an estimated 100,000 demonstrators were in the streets of the capital for the 28th consecutive day.

The News in Brief

Negotiators in Tokyo reached agreement on a deal to open Japan's \$ 400 billion insurance market to increased international competition. The agreement - struck by acting US Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky and Japanese Finance Minister Hiroshi Mitsuzuka - deregulates the country's life-, casualty-, and property-insurance markets. The US had objected to an earlier insurance accord on grounds that only Japanese underwriters were benefitting from the way it was being implemented.

An estimated 1,200 refugees an hour were crossing the border from Tanzania into Rwanda, aid workers said. The Rwandans were ordered home by the Tanzanian government, and troops were assigned to ensure that they kept moving toward the border. Meanwhile, African presidents and prime ministers, led by South Africa's Nelson Mandela, were to meet in Nairobi today to discuss the widening refugee crisis in the region.

The **Hamas** Islamic movement in Gaza pledged a less confrontational approach to Israel, despite the stated positions of its leadership in exile. Officials said the new program advocates peaceful opposition to peace deals. **Hamas** has been linked to suicide bombings aimed at wrecking such agreements between Israel and the Palestinians.

A mock election in Hong Kong repudiated last week's choice of Tung Chee Hwa as postcolonial leader. Almost 115,000 people signed a petition in favor of veteran Democratic Party politician Szeto Wah for the post. A party spokesman said the selection of Tung was undemocratic because it came from a committee handpicked by the Chinese government in Beijing.

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A video made in North Korea last week shows soldiers clearing rocks and sand from rice fields damaged earlier this year by flooding in an urgent search for edible food. Missionary Kathi Zellweger of the relief agency Caritas said her footage indicates that the country's famine has reached "desperate" proportions.

Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin won passage of his 1997 budget from the country's opposition-dominated parliament. But to gain approval for his spending plan, Chernomyrdin had to pledge new subsidies despite a reported \$ 8.4 billion in already unpaid wages. The document projects a two percent growth in the economy next year, which would be the country's first since economic reforms began in 1992.

Mortar shells fell on a crowded market in Mogadishu, Somalia, killing at least 42 people and wounding more than a hundred others. The attack followed some of the fiercest factional fighting in the divided capital in months. Somalia has had no functioning central government since 1991.

Under heavy military guard, voters in Gabon went to the polls to choose a new parliament. In the capital, Libreville, security forces caused long delays by refusing to release voting materials until they had orders to do so. The election was part of a deal negotiated in Paris to end political violence stemming from the disputed 1993 reelection of President Omar Bongo.

ETCETERAS

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"No child should be trapped in the limbo of foster care, particularly when there are families with open arms, waiting."

-- President Clinton, announcing his administration's plans to help in doubling the annual US adoption rate.

If you can't find the hottest children's Christmas item - the \$ 30 Tickle Me, Elmo doll - in the stores, try the charity auctions. Of course, that could cost you a bit more. Radio station KYGO in Denver raised \$ 7,100 and WRMF in West Palm Beach, Fla, \$ 3,500 when each put one of the dolls up for bids.

The only truly French restaurant in Paris is closing its doors. L'Auberge owners Michelle and Daniel Sineau had a devoted clientele. But they're retiring and haven't been able to find a buyer. L'Auberge, by the way, is a former Kentucky Fried Chicken franchise - in Paris, Ill.

When Doris Willis didn't return from an errand last week, family members reported her missing. Little did they know that the Tacoma, Wash., resident was in perhaps the safest place in town. She had been checking her deposit box at a Washington Mutual Bank branch and was inadvertently locked inside the vault for the night. No hard feelings, though. She'll keep her account there, and the bank plans to pay for a family reunion as an apology.

THE DAY'S LIST

Cities That Are Getting Tough With the Homeless

The National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty in Washington says a growing number of cities now ban panhandling and sleeping in public places. Those with citywide restrictions:

No-begging ordinances

Buffalo, N.Y.

Fort Worth, Texas

Jacksonville, Fl.

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Oklahoma City

San Francisco

Toledo, Ohio

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PHOTOS: 1) Tugboats hold the grain freighter Bright Field against the dock it partially destroyed in New Orleans, US COAST GUARD/AP 2) US Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky, KIMIMASA MAYAMA/REUTERS; MAP: Showing Gabon, DAVE HERRING -- STAFF

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THE US

"There will be no peace settlement in Bosnia unless NATO and the United States in particular take the lead in its implementation," Secretary of State Christopher said yesterday. Speaking to the Senate Armed Services Committee, Christopher and Defense Secretary Perry defended the planned use of 25,000 US peacekeeping troops in the region should peace break out. Joint Chiefs Chairman Shalikashvili Senator Thurmond, the panel's chair, said Monday the Clinton Administration has failed to articulate the US's national interest in deploying the troops.

Million Man Marchers returned home to start making good on a pledge made at Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan's urging: "I ... will strive to improve myself spiritually, morally, mentally, socially, politically, and economically for the benefit of myself, my family, and my people," the men chanted together Monday. Specific behests from Farrakhan and Rev. Jesse Jackson included adopting a black child, befriending a black inmate, or getting to know their child's teachers.

"I am shocked and dismayed that President Clinton did not ... denounce Louis Farrakhan by name," Senator Dole said. He and Lamar Alexander, another GOP presidential hopeful, criticized Clinton's response on Monday to the Nation of Islam leader, saying Farrakhan is anti-Semitic and racist. Pat Buchanan and Senator Gramm also condemned Farrakhan but say they supported the goals of the march.

If there is a run on Japanese banks in the US, Uncle Sam would rush to their aid, Rep. Jim Leach said Monday. The Federal Reserve would reportedly float short-term loans to cover any shortfalls. Concern is rising that such a scenario could occur: Japan's banks are suffering from declining Japanese real estate and stock markets. Since the banks hold about 17 percent of all credit to US commercial and industrial borrowers, the US has an interest in their solvency.

Senate Republicans are agreed: Families will get a permanent \$ 500-per-child tax credit when the Finance Committee meets this week to approve the tax-cut bill. The consensus comes after a rift - including between presidential hopefuls Dole and Gramm - over whether the cut should be permanent. Still to be determined: the income limit that would exclude families from the cuts. Proposals range from \$ 100,000 to \$ 200,000.

Getting hired at the UN is all about connections and not qualifications, says a survey of United Nations employees around the world. The poll, released Monday, comes as US congressional critics say the UN must streamline its bureaucracy in order to receive the \$ 1.2 billion owed by the US. Of 4,252 respondents, 70 percent said the UN

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does not attract "staff possessing the highest level of integrity and competence." Nepotism and political pressure were cited as the main factors in hiring.

The nation's police chiefs were urged to redouble their efforts to rebuild public confidence in law enforcement at a Miami convention Monday. John Magaw, director of the embattled federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms said "It's time to set an example for all to see, and move forward."

The demand for food aid is greater now than ever, according to a US Agency for International Development report. The report cautioned Congress, which is considering a \$ 700 million cut in 1996, and said 15 percent of the world's people are hungry.

Trains should be chugging though Arizona again today. Amtrack says it has fixed the track where last week's terrorist derailment occurred. The FBI set up roadblocks around the crash area yesterday, seeking tips from motorists. It is still searching for the only known witness to the crime - a person only described as wearing a cowboy hat.

Rev. Billy Graham hopes the Unabomber will attend one of his upcoming mass prayer meetings and receive spiritual salvation. The first of five events in Sacramento, Calif., is scheduled for today. The FBI says the elusive terrorist may live in the area.

California kids who bring guns to school or pull knives on classmates must be kicked out of school under a new law signed by Gov. Pete Wilson Monday. The "zero tolerance" policy also requires expulsion for selling drugs on campus and sends expelled students to alternative schools with longer class hours.

THE WORLD

A bomb exploded on a subway train near the Orsay Museum in Paris yesterday, injuring at least 25 people. Authorities said the blast, the eighth bombing or attempted bombing since July, may be the work of Algerian militants opposed to France's support of Algeria's military-installed government. A man apparently of North African descent was detained after he was seen rushing from the scene. On Monday, police arrested a man outside the Mexican Embassy after he set down a gas canister equipped with a firing device.

A Moscow meeting of the five-nation Contact group left questions on Bosnia unanswered, US and Russian negotiators said yesterday. But the peace process is still on course, they added. The negotiations were the last high-level meeting before talks between the warring sides at the end of the month in the US. Also, in Zagreb, Croatia, international envoys failed to solve a dispute between Croatia and rebel Serbs over where to hold peace talks over contested oil-producing territory along the River Danube. And Bosnian Serb leaders asked Serbia to come to their rescue after weeks of losses in Bosnia.

The US embargo of Cuba was expected to be a big issue when leaders of 21 Latin American countries convened yesterday at a ski resort in Bariloche, Argentina. The US is considering tightening the embargo. But after years of disagreement, Latin America countries apparently agree it should be lifted. Also, in Asuncion, Paraguay, Hillary Rodham Clinton addressed the fifth annual conference of first ladies from the hemisphere Monday. She said Latin America's vast potential was "being wasted" because the needs of women and children are not being met.

China's ambassador to the US will return to his post this week, some four months after Beijing withdrew him to protest a US visit by Taiwan's president.

Israel lifted a month-old travel ban, allowing thousands of West Bank and Gaza Strip workers to return to their jobs over the border. Also, Israel's Cabinet met for a special session Tuesday to deliberate military options against the militant group Hizbullah, which has been linked to the deaths of nine Israeli soldiers in attacks last week. And PLO leader Arafat released Hamas leader Sheik Ahmed Bahar (hugging his mother above) Monday after four months in jail. The Palestinian Authority and Hamas are about to sign a National Unity agreement.

Support for Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama's coalition hit a new record: Some 43.9 percent of Japanese, up from 43.6 percent in August, no longer support the three-party government. Meanwhile, the opposition Shinshinto

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(New Frontier Party) refused to consider revisions to a religious law yesterday submitted to parliament by the government. Amendments to the law would allow the government greater freedom to check the financial accounts and other documents of religious groups. Shinshinto said it was politically motivated.

The management of Barings bank was to blame for its spectacular collapse earlier this year, Singapore said yesterday. Barings went bust Feb. 27 after Singapore-based trader Nick Leeson piled up \$ 1.89 billion in losses on Asian futures markets.

British and Irish government ministers met yesterday to try to rescue Northern Ireland's peace process. Northern Ireland Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew and Irish Deputy Prime Minister Dick Spring said they hoped to pave the way for summit talks scuttled last month by lack of agreement.

Twenty-two people were missing after their barge sank Sunday in the Gulf of Mexico. At least 219 were rescued; three people were killed. Hurricane Roxanne, downgraded to a tropical storm, continued to harass the Mexican coast.

ETCETERA

The night has been long. The wound has been deep. The pit has been dark. And the walls have been steep. ... Draw near to one another. Save your race."

- Poet Maya Angelou at the Million Man March.

Six young pianists have made it to the Friday finals of Poland's Frederic Chopin International Piano Competition. Among the finalists is Gabriela Montero of the United States.

British poetry lovers to mark National Poetry Day chose as their favorite poem "If" by Rudyard Kipling. The poem begins: "If you can keep your head when all about you/Are losing theirs and blaming it on you...."

Jeanne Calment of France has been on the planet for 120 years and 238 days. When you are the oldest living human on record, you keep track of these things. She set the new record yesterday. "Madame Calment's record is arguably the most important of the 15,000 records included in the Guinness Book," editor Norris McWhirter said.

Top Washington Marches

1. Vietnam War rally 600,000 - Nov. 1969
2. Vietnam War rally 500,000 - April 1971
3. **Women's** march and rally 500,000 - April 1992
4. Million Man March 400,000 - Oct. 1995
5. Gay rights march 300,000 - April 1993
6. Civil rights march 300,000 - Aug. 1983
7. Abortion-rights march 300,000 - April 1989
8. Solidarity Day labor march 260,000 - Sept. 1981
9. Civil rights march about 250,000 - Aug. 1963
10. Solidarity Day labor march 250,000 - Aug. 1991

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- National Park Service

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PHOTOS; 1) Dan Larkin of Boston displays six tickets to the World Series that he bought in Atlanta Monday., TANNEN MAURY/AP 2) John Magaw, MARTA LAVANDIER/AP 3) RELEASED PALESTINIAN PRISONERS, AHMED JADALLAH/REUTERS; Map, Showing Argentina and Paraguay.

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Jewish Roots Deepen Role For Albright

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Body

When Madeleine Albright arrived in town this week for her first visit as Secretary of State, Middle East leaders weren't the only ones eager to sit down and get acquainted.

Others were interested in meeting her on a more personal level - people like Haim Kurbel, her cousin who lives on a kibbutz a few hours north of Jerusalem, and whom she never knew.

But relatives and old friends who fled Ms. Albright's native Czechoslovakia for Israel were not included in the secretary's diplomatic peace mission.

"I think she wants to keep her private life out of the visit as much as possible and keep focused on peace process," said an Albright aide before her visit to Israel's museum memorializing the Holocaust, which killed three of Albright's grandparents. But in the public eye, Albright's newfound knowledge of her Jewish ancestry - muted in her parents' generation as a way to escape persecution in Europe - keeps resurfacing as she grapples with the focus of US foreign policy: the Arab-Jewish conflict.

Israelis greeted Albright with a certain ambivalence. Would her roots make her partial to the Israeli side - and would that be for the best at a time when the Oslo accords lay in virtual ruin? Or would she try to prove her neutrality by heaping pressure on hard-line Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu?

Palestinians, for their part, felt as though their suspicions had been confirmed during the tone-setting first day of her mission. They viewed her single-issue agenda of security - demanding Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat crack down on Muslim militants but giving Netanyahu only gentle suggestions of what to do - as evidence that she was not about to treat the two sides equally.

In Israel, some newspaper columnists suggested Albright could use her office in the style of James Baker - who held her job under President Bush - to twist arms on both sides without being susceptible to complaints of anti-Semitism. The right-wing Women in Green tried to tug at her emotions with newspaper ads reading: "Hitler gassed

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and burned your grandparents and millions of others, because they were Jews. Arafat has the same virulent hatred of Jews!"

Another Israeli who would like to meet Albright is Avigdor Dagan, who worked with Albright's father when they fled to London after the Nazis invaded Czechoslovakia. But Mr. Dagan says Albright's past doesn't mean she's expected to go easy on Netanyahu.

"I don't think we're asking for any preferential treatment," Dagan says. He thinks Israelis don't resent Albright for not looking into evidence about her Jewishness before Washington Post reporters did.

"Mainly, we don't understand it. We don't know how someone can be born a Jew and not be part of it," says Dagan, a retired Israeli ambassador.

Other Israelis say that even though she was raised Roman Catholic and later became Episcopalian, they still view her as Jewish.

"We're not interested in whether someone converts out of Judaism," says Rabbi Menachem Porush, who head the ultra-Orthodox Agudat Yisrael movement. "I'm only afraid that because she's a Jew, she will try to show the non-Jewish world what they want and will not go the way she is thinking about Israel and the Jewish people."

Palestinians say that she has already shown herself to be thinking about Israel first. After Albright visited with the wounded from last week's suicide bombings at a hospital, expressed support for Netanyahu's policy since that attack, and participated in an emotional wreath-laying ceremony at the Holocaust museum, Palestinians complain that she has put too much emphasis on understanding the pain of only one side.

"Madeleine Albright's statements were are very clearly geared towards addressing an Israeli audience, with total sympathy and identification," says Palestinian Cabinet minister Hanan Ashrawi. Supporters of Hamas, the Palestinian extremist group that took responsibility for the bombings, made a poster of Albright dressed as the Statue of Liberty wearing a Star of David around her neck and stabbing the Palestinians in the back.

But Albright's cousin dismissed the hubbub over the secretary's origins. "The Arabs would like to make this connection to say she's not objective, but she's rising above this thing and will resist such attempts," he says. "I hope she will succeed, and not because she's my relative. I really hope that there will be progress towards peace."

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PHOTO: HISTORY RECALLED: US Secretary of State Albright visited Israel's Holocaust museum Wednesday. Three of her grandparents died during the Nazi era in Europe, a fact she only recently learned. DAVID SILVERMAN/AP

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Highlight: If Netanyahu is indicted next week, Israel's far-right could be weakened in talks with Palestinians.

Body

Strong-willed leaders in the Mideast have driven the peace process one way or the other from the start. So when one suddenly falters, as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu did this week, prospects for peace can rise or fall with him.

A police recommendation Wednesday that Mr. Netanyahu be indicted in a influence-peddling scandal has threatened his future - and his hard-line stance against the Oslo peace accords. This has raised hopes in Arab capitals that Israel might return to a softer stance toward Palestinians. State prosecutors will decide early next week whether to indict him. But already he faces strong pressure from Israeli opponents on the left and far right - who are not pleased with his leadership - to step down and call new elections.

"Never in our history did we have something like it," says Labor leader Shimon Peres, who helped craft the 1993 Oslo peace pact that Netanyahu wants to alter.

The police recommendation was an unprecedented "political earthquake," says Mr. Peres, whose own short term as prime minister came after the 1995 assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, another larger-than-life soldier-turned-peacemaker. Netanyahu, the Likud party leader, defeated Peres by a thin margin in elections last May.

The right-leaning Jerusalem Post said in an editorial yesterday that the recommendation would likely "deal a fatal blow" to Netanyahu's chances of completing his four-year term.

His strong leadership has reflected those of others in the long Mideast peace process, such as Palestinian chief Yasser Arafat, Jordan's long-ruling King Hussein, and Syria's Hafez al-Assad.

American personalities have also left their mark: Policies have been defined by former US secretaries of state, the tough-on-Israel James Baker and far-traveling Warren Christopher.

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The possibility of new elections in Israel has Palestinian and Arab analysts looking for a bold stroke by Israeli voters that might reconfirm the more accommodating policies of previous Labor governments.

"This could really be a moment of reckoning for Israelis," says Rami Khouri, a Jordanian political commentator. "Either they will share Palestine and remove Israeli settlers out from Arab land, or we will see perpetual conflict. Now the choice is clear. There is an obvious discrepancy between Netanyahu's position and that of the majority of Israelis, who want peace."

Recent talk of forming a "peace coalition" between Labor and Likud has been put on hold. The scandal looks set to tie Netanyahu's hands on peace and foreign policy until it is resolved.

THE crisis comes at a bad time for Netanyahu, as US special envoy Dennis Ross visits the region for talks with the prime minister and Mr. Arafat on jump-starting the peace process.

Though political scandals in Israel are commonplace, none have reached this high nor have had such potential impact. The prime minister's credibility in the United States - where he recently stood defiant before President Clinton's requests to be flexible with Palestinians - may also drop.

A 12-week police investigation into allegations that Netanyahu was involved in a decision to appoint political crony Roni Bar-On as attorney general in exchange for other political favors has resulted in a 995-page police report.

Contents leaked to Israeli television on Wednesday shocked Israelis, and cast doubt on the prime minister's trustworthiness.

Still, like his American counterpart, whose presidency has been buffeted by an array of scandals, Netanyahu has denied any wrongdoing and vowed not to let the crisis affect his leadership.

Four ministers of Netanyahu's Cabinet have said they will resign, however, if the allegations are proved even partly true. It took weeks for the prime minister to form his coalition to begin with, as he horse-traded for the support of small but influential right-wing and religious parties.

They have forced the prime minister to follow some unyielding policies, such as the building of a new Jewish settlement in Arab East Jerusalem, which was occupied by Israel in 1967.

Digging by bulldozers there has so far sparked a month of Palestinian-Israeli clashes in West Bank towns. And a suicide bomber from the Palestinian faction **Hamas**, which opposes the peace process, blew up a Tel Aviv cafe, killing three **women**. The killing served to illustrate that many Palestinians feel that they have few other political options.

Though subsequent polls have shown a shift to the right in Israeli public opinion, that didn't prevent scores of demonstrators from besieging Netanyahu's house yesterday with chants of "Bibi go home" and "Elections now."

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Though Mr. Ross and Palestinian leaders say the scandal is an internal matter for Israel, any shake-up of hard-line policies, some say, could renew their hopes for peace.

"There will be some soul-searching, but the crisis will be positive because Israelis are not happy with what's going on," says Mr. Khouiri. "It's not the fact that he is an arrogant and provocative personality. The main issue is his policy, and the freak nature of his right-wing coalition."

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PHOTO: FEELING THE HEAT: Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu may be forced to resign or call elections if prosecutors indict him next week. A new election may shift Israel's current stance on peace. GREG MARINOVICH/AP

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CRA COAL SUPPLY: Mining giant CRA accuses ACTU secretary Mr Bill Kelty of damaging Australia's international reputation by writing to Japanese coal buyers, warning them about dealing CRA because of its industrial relations policies.

MICK YOUNG ILL: It is revealed Labor stalwart and key adviser Mr Mick Young is undergoing chemotherapy in a battle against leukemia.

McCARTNEY SUSPENDED: Crows forward Jason McCartney is suspended for the first three games of Adelaide's AFL Premiership season after pleading guilty to striking St Kilda wingman Nicky Winmar, in the second quarter of the Ansett Cup quarter final.

AUSSIERS ARRESTED: Four Australians, all from Sydney, are arrested at San Francisco airport in a multi-million dollar drug bust by US Customs agents. Three are charged with the attempted export of 10kg of cocaine to Australia.

QUOTABLE: "It wasn't that bad losing to you guys. You're black, know what I mean?." West Indies batsman Brian Lara, telling Kenyan players he preferred to lose to them, rather than white South Africans, after the West Indies' shock loss to Kenya in the World Cup.

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INTO CABINET: The Prime Minister Mr Howard includes four SA MPs in his Cabinet Mr Alexander Downer, Foreign Affairs; Mr Ian McLachlan, Defence; Senator Amanda Vanstone, Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs and Senator Robert Hill, Environment.

WEST RECOVERS: Port Adelaide footballer Robbie West, seriously injured in a bashing at Victor Harbor last weekend, shows marked improvement and is removed from life support machines at Flinders Medical Centre.

COUNCIL VETO: The State Government announces the fast-tracking of key State developments, with an independent panel of environmental and planning experts able to override local council powers.

INTEREST RATES RISE: Westpac lifts fixed interest rates, with home buyers taking out one-year fixed mortgage loans now required to pay 8.25 per cent, an increase of 0.3.

QUOTABLE: "Woman must have bread, but she must also have roses."
Former first lady Hazel Hawke, addressing the UNIFEM International Women's Day breakfast at the Adelaide Festival Centre.

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CRA COAL SUPPLY: Mining giant CRA accuses ACTU secretary Mr Bill Kelty of damaging Australia's international reputation by writing to Japanese coal buyers, warning them about dealing CRA because of its industrial relations policies.

MICK YOUNG ILL: It is revealed Labor stalwart and key adviser Mr Mick Young is undergoing chemotherapy in a battle against leukemia.

McCARTNEY SUSPENDED: Crows forward Jason McCartney is suspended for the first three games of Adelaide's AFL Premiership season after pleading guilty to striking St Kilda wingman Nicky Winmar, in the second quarter of the Ansett Cup quarter final.

AUSSIERS ARRESTED: Four Australians, all from Sydney, are arrested at San Francisco airport in a multi-million dollar drug bust by US Customs agents. Three are charged with the attempted export of 10kg of cocaine to Australia.

QUOTABLE: "It wasn't that bad losing to you guys. You're black, know what I mean?." West Indies batsman Brian Lara, telling Kenyan players he preferred to lose to them, rather than white South Africans, after the West Indies' shock loss to Kenya in the World Cup.

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INTO CABINET: The Prime Minister Mr Howard includes four SA MPs in his Cabinet Mr Alexander Downer, Foreign Affairs; Mr Ian McLachlan, Defence; Senator Amanda Vanstone, Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs and Senator Robert Hill, Environment.

WEST RECOVERS: Port Adelaide footballer Robbie West, seriously injured in a bashing at Victor Harbor last weekend, shows marked improvement and is removed from life support machines at Flinders Medical Centre.

COUNCIL VETO: The State Government announces the fast-tracking of key State developments, with an independent panel of environmental and planning experts able to override local council powers.

INTEREST RATES RISE: Westpac lifts fixed interest rates, with home buyers taking out one-year fixed mortgage loans now required to pay 8.25 per cent, an increase of 0.3.

QUOTABLE: "Woman must have bread, but she must also have roses."
Former first lady Hazel Hawke, addressing the UNIFEM International Women's Day breakfast at the Adelaide Festival Centre.

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Body

Blindness behind news views some see fit to print THE past year produced a splendid episode of grim comedy involving the left-wing British newspaper the Guardian and its senior writer on foreign affairs, Richard Gott.

The Guardian is one of the best-informed - and best-written - of the British dailies, although inclined to be indulgent towards the politically correct causes of the middle-class New Left, and to take a high moral line on the hypocritical double lives of some members of the British establishment.

Its foreign coverage is generally excellent; but for more than 20 years it gave a lot of space to Richard Gott, an unreconstructed communist and a fierce and contemptuous critic of capitalism and the liberal West.

Since 1964, Gott has written articles whose revolutionary zeal might have seemed excessive in the pages of Izvestia, praising the idealism and justice of the old communist states of eastern Europe, especially Erich Honecker's East Germany, excusing the more photogenic varieties of international terrorism, supporting Pol Pot's radical cleansing of Cambodia, fearlessly exposing oppression in Britain and the USA, and explaining how much better things were managed in Cuba.

Towards the end of last year, the Guardian found itself in an embarrassing situation.

Some of the material handed over to British Intelligence by the defector Oleg Gordievsky, former head of the KGB bureau in London, has now become known; and, according to Gordievsky, who has documentary evidence, Gott was, for many years, subsidised by the KGB.

His expenses were paid for trips to meet KGB contacts in various European capitals, and on occasions he was given substantial payments in cash.

This was not for spying - as one of his friends has said.

Gott was so conspicuously pro-Soviet that he would never have been entrusted with military or cryptographic secrets - but for acting as an "agent of influence".

Gordievsky now says there were about 10 such agents in British politics and the media, but that Gott was exceptionally useful because of his position on the Guardian as features editor and at one time literary editor.

Gott has resigned from the paper, but he and present editor, Peter Preston, have tried to brush the whole thing off as a conspiracy by MI6 to smear a successful left-wing newspaper.

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In reality, the story was broken by Alasdair Palmer of the Spectator, who asked MI6 to confirm some of the details but was met with a stony silence.

Gott's second line of defence has been that it was a trivial business, no more than "an enjoyable joke".

It is easy to imagine the pious outrage if the Guardian had discovered that a well-known writer for one of the other London dailies had been taking money from the CIA and had described this as an enjoyable joke.

Socialism has been an important and sometimes distinguished part of Western political thought since the time of Babeuf and Fourier, and its main doctrines have become commonplaces of government.

Even the most conservative political systems have absorbed and digested some elements of socialism; there is a legitimate debate over whether modern societies need more of it, or less.

Gott, however, and others like him, have gone beyond debate.

They belong to that category of socialists who have taken advantage of the free institutions of the West to undermine their own societies, in the interests of a nebulous revolutionary "movement".

This was so often understandable in the 1930s; in more recent decades it has been merely self-indulgent and paradoxical: journalists using the free press to praise societies where journalists and dissident intellectuals were routinely executed or locked up in asylums; tenured political scientists, in the safety of universities, applauding the brilliant and far-sighted campaign of the Khmer Rouge to purge Cambodia of its educated classes and create a pure peasant socialism; feminists so hostile to the USA, the great patriarchy, that they find reasons to barrack for any reliably anti-American state, including Islamic despotisms where women are not allowed to drive cars or open bank accounts (anti-Americanism can be cured by the offer of a chair of women's studies in an American university).

For Western intellectuals to take the further step into secretly accepting travel expenses, cash payments, briefings and de-briefings from dangerous bodies of authoritarian zealots - in Gott's case, the KGB under Brezhnev, and in other cases the Provisional IRA, Hamas, and the governments of Libya or North Korea - suggests a high degree of moral blindness, especially when the intellectuals concerned show no sign of wanting to live in any of these exciting milieux.

The feeling that there is something disgraceful about betraying one's country is becoming eroded at the end of the 20th century, as nation-states find it hard to resist the centrifugal forces dividing them into conflicting and incompatible tribes.

There was never much loyalty towards artificially constructed states like Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia, and there would be little point in trying to revive it.

In pluralist societies, many people feel that in a crisis their first loyalty would be to some tiny enclave, or to an ethnic community, to their religion, their profession, the gay community, the environmental movement, or some other specific point of allegiance.

Technology is contributing to this dissolution of conventional boundaries: surfers on the Internet leave their nationalities behind, and may not worry too much about the provenance of new friends made on the electronic channels.

Nevertheless, there is something deeply repellent about E. M.

Forster's famous remark that if it came to a choice between betraying his friends or his country, he hoped he would have the strength to betray his country; one has to think about betraying a lot of other people's friends, and perhaps an entire civilisation.

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Body

-- U.S. flags, once used as doormats, now are proudly worn on clothes bearing the "Made in the USA" label.

Graffiti proclaiming "Death to America" is being repainted with slogans reading "L.A. Lakers No. 1."

And angry shouts of "Satan, Satan, America the Satan" are being replaced with surprising words of reconciliation.

"C'mon, if you're talking to the Iraqis, you can talk to the Iranians, too," says Amin Sabooni, editor of Iran's Kayhan International newspaper. "These hostilities with the Americans are hurting us. We want a relationship."

Fifteen years after Iran ousted its pro-U.S. shah, replacing him with a regime of religious zealots, residents and some government officials yearn for diplomatic ties.

While the United States and Iran officially remain enemies, a rare, 10-day visit by a U.S. reporter to the Islamic republic shows there is a groundswell for anything Western.

"Iran wants to get back in line with the rest of the world," says Iran expert James Bill of the College of William and Mary. "People are disillusioned. The masses who had hoped their lives would improve with the revolution are still waiting. I've never heard more complaining."

Yet while Iranians speak of reconciling, their government remains a hostage to radical, hard-line Islamic ayatollahs. Simply by evoking the name of God, the ayatollahs stifle changes they're personally opposed to and often order the imprisonment -- or death -- of those against them.

U.S. officials say the ayatollahs also are behind the continued funding of terrorist groups and are urging the government to develop nuclear weapons.

"Iran wants to turn around, but the government is constrained by the hard-liners," says former State Department Iran consultant Richard Herrmann. "Tension is mounting."

With good reason. Iran's economy has been reeling since 1980, when the United States broke off diplomatic and trade ties -- and forced a worldwide oil embargo -- in response to Iranian students holding 52 Americans hostage.

It's also smarting from President Hashemi Rafsanjani's Persian-style perestroika approach to the country's worsening economic problems. Recent figures show:

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-- Two-thirds of the country's 60 million people live at or below the poverty level of 150,000 rials a year, or about \$ 100.

-- Inflation is at 30 percent a month and 21 million suffer some form of malnutrition, according to the Iranian paper Salam.

-- Oil, which accounts for 90 percent of Iran's revenue, is selling for as low as \$ 6 a barrel, compared with the current \$ 14 OPEC price. The country can't pay \$ 28 billion in debts.

"We're immersing in recession," says top parliamentary deputy Mohammad Javad Larijani.

There's also another reason. Iran, which has the reputation as one of the world's most Islamic of countries, is losing its religious fervor and becoming more Westernized, says Islamic Guidance Minister Ali Larijani.

Only 20 percent of Iranians consider themselves religious, leaders say. At times, it appears many young people know more about the L.A. Lakers than they do the Islamic holy book, the Koran.

Nearly one in four homes in Tehran has a VCR and access to black-market videos ranging from "E.T." to the soft-porn movie "Emmanuelle"; thousands of homes have \$ 900 satellite dishes tuning in MTV and CNN; and millions of cassettes and CDs of Michael Jackson, Depeche Mode and Iron Maiden are played in cars or at lavish alcohol-filled parties.

"You cannot drink Coca-Cola, smoke Winstons and Marlboros, and chant down with the U.S.," says an Iranian journalist named Hamid, 39. "We don't have to portray ourselves as gun-slinging terrorists anymore. We're ready for a change."

As a sign of the fear that still pervades the country, Hamid would not reveal his last name, nor would many others.

Along with the cultural changes, feminists are urging women to abandon the Islamic body shawl, called the chador, and to begin wearing makeup in public, both of which are punishable by arrest and up to 72 lashes.

But hard-line ayatollahs, fearing their revolution may be in trouble, are striking back stronger than ever.

They recently ordered the Islamic police and national guard, called the "bassiji," to crack down on violators.

"If you lose your human and Islamic identity, you will be Westoxicated and Westoxication is like being hit with a flood," says Iran's supreme religious leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

The religious police are arresting government opponents and torturing -- by shock, gouging out eyes and cutting off genitals -- or killing them. Amnesty International says 330 people were executed in 1992, 140 of them political prisoners.

The best-known name on the Iran's hit list: Salmon Rushdie, author of The Satanic Verses. Iran's ayatollahs issued a 1989 religious decree offering a \$ 2 million bounty for his life.

But the ayatollahs are not stopping there. Diplomats say they continue to move their government toward terrorism and nuclear weapons, making relations with the West impossible.

Iran is "one of the principal sources of support for terrorist groups around the world," says Secretary of State Warren Christopher. The State Department accuses Iran of:

-- Funding, arming and training Hamas and Hezbollah terrorists in Lebanon, the Gaza Strip, Egypt, Algeria and Sudan.

-- Pursuing plans to build a nuclear weapon by 2000 that could deliver a warhead within striking range of Tel Aviv.

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-- Spending up to \$ 2 billion a year to buy conventional weapons to become the Middle East's regional power. Recent purchases: \$ 3 billion in North Korean Scud B missiles, \$ 4 billion in Soviet tanks and \$ 5 billion in Chinese Silkworm M-11 missiles.

The ayatollahs return to their standard target -- the United States -- when they need to justify the buildup.

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With Islam's Crescent Rising Over Turkey, the Army Howls

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Body

Turkey's military did something this week it hasn't done in a long time - it sent tanks rumbling through a town near the capital, Ankara.

The 20 tanks were gone almost as fast as they arrived. But to Sincan's residents - and indeed everyone in this nominally Muslim country - the message was clear: Don't threaten Turkey's long tradition of secular rule.

The powerful and aloof generals have grown edgy over changes being made by Turkey's first pro-Islamic premier and his Welfare Party - including a rally at which Sincan's mayor advocated the imposition of sharia, or Islamic law. Given the military's history - three coups since 1960 - rumors of a putsch are swirling in this key NATO ally. But many say the generals' fear of chaos after a coup - and likely criticism by the US and European allies - will keep them from ousting the elected, Islamist leader.

The trouble at Sincan began last Friday when the mayor - who is a member of Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan's pro-Islamic Welfare Party - held the rally. Draped along the walls of the hall were posters promoting **Hamas** and Hizbullah - two militant Islamic groups who operate in Israel, Lebanon, and other Mideast nations.

Also, the Iranian ambassador spoke at the meeting, urging the audience not to be cowed by the "enemies" of Islam - the US and Israel.

Turkey stands astride two cultures - the Christian West and the Muslim East. In 1923, Turkish Republic founder Kemal Ataturk put the nation on a pro-Western course. When Mr. Ataturk began wrenching his country away from its Eastern ties, it was the military that backed him and later leaders.

His drastic reforms even included a ban on the fez, the brimless hat that Ataturk saw as too Eastern. Ever since, Army generals have seen themselves as guarantors of Ataturk's heritage.

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"The duty of the armed forces is not only to defend Turkey's borders, but also to protect the reforms of Ataturk, including secularism," says retired General Dogan Beyazit, the former secretary-general of the powerful National Security Council.

Turkey's pro-Western position has also brought massive military and other aid from the West and NATO. This year it is slated to get a total of roughly \$ 500 million.

As part of the Ataturk legacy, it is still a constitutional crime to speak against the secular nature of the state. So, since the Sincan event, Mayor Bekir Yildiz has been dismissed by the interior minister, and he is on the run from police.

The military says its tanks were merely passing through Sincan on Tuesday while headed to maneuvers, but it was seen as a strong warning.

This was only the latest sign of concern by the generals, however. Last week, the top brass communicated its concern over an increasing number pro-Islamic activities to President Suleyman Demirel in several meetings.

Much of the generals' wrath is directed at the pro-Islamic Welfare Party - the senior partner in the coalition government. The generals almost never make public comments, but Defense Minister Turan Taylan, the Cabinet member closest to the military, accused the Welfare Party of "exploiting religion for its own political purposes."

What worries the generals and others is a bevy of Welfare policies and projects. While they may seem innocuous in themselves, the critics say, they represent Welfare's "salami tactics" - a grand plan to turn Turkey into an Islamic state.

One is a plan to allow women students in all universities to wear head scarves. Headgear has always held great symbolism in Turkey, as seen in Ataturk's battles over banning the fez. The Welfare Party defends the plan saying in a democracy, it is a right and a freedom to wear anything one chooses.

Another move is to build a mosque on Istanbul's central square. Mr. Erbakan says that in a country that's 99 percent Muslim, it is natural to have a mosque in a city center.

Erbakan has also formed a special corps of bodyguards who wear black berets and green uniforms. He swore off the guards provided by the state, giving rise to speculation that he has started his own paramilitary force.

It was Erbakan's then-tiny Welfare Party that was a driving force in the massive anti-secular demonstrations in 1980, which set off the last military coup.

Since then his party has risen slowly to the top of Turkish politics. As Turkey's economy stagnated - inflation now runs at 80 percent - and the secular politicians became increasingly corrupt and inefficient, Turkey's public began searching for political alternatives.

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Erbakan formed a coalition government in June 1996.

And now the generals must deal with a more powerful pro-Islamic party. All of their previous coups were bloodless, and they did return the country to civilian rule.

But they may not be willing to go through with a coup this time because of the strength of the Islamists.

"A coup is more dangerous [than in 1980], because the Islamists are organized," says retired General Nevzat Bolugiray, who took an active role in the 1980 coup. "They have trained militants. Such an intervention this time [could] be bloody. Turkey [could] turn into an Algeria...."

However, in the words of an analyst with close military contacts, "There are other things, too, that the generals can do, short of a coup."

Indeed, Turkey's politicians are now talking about a "civilian coup" - action that would have the same effect as a putsch, but without polarizing the nation. Another concern is that a coup would raise flags among the US and other allies. While the West is also concerned about the growth of the Welfare Party, civilian rule is a key condition for NATO membership.

Indeed, a "civilian coup" is brewing. A no-confidence measure for Erbakan's government was presented by an opposition party. And Mr. Demirel has apparently persuaded Deputy Prime Minister Tansu Ciller to keep pressuring Erbakan, her coalition partner, to curtail his actions. With the military flexing its muscles, Erbakan is expected to back down, at least for now.

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PHOTO: MILITARY MESSAGE: Turkey's military sent tanks through the small town of Sincan on Tuesday to signal its displeasure with a pro-Islamic rally held there. HIKMET SAATCI/AP

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Where Islam, Democracy Try to Mix

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Highlight: Yemen, the Arabian peninsula's only democracy, wrestles with religion, population, and poverty

Body

Dina Mohsen Awad wears a brightly colored head scarf and fuschia red lipstick. Like many women in southern Yemen, her wardrobe contrasts starkly with garb in the northern part of the country, where women typically don a floor-length black hejab that leaves only the eyes exposed.

Two years ago, she didn't cover up with a scarf. "None of us did," she says of a roomful of women in an embroidery workshop. "We put it on just like that," she says, with a wave of her hand equivalent to a snap, "but we weren't legally forced to." Others in the formerly socialist South Yemen, which united with North Yemen in 1990, say it didn't take legislation to force the ways of the conservative north onto the still-liberal south.

Since the short-lived civil war in 1994 that threatened to redivide the country, critics say the government of conservatives and Islamists has been more subtle - oppressing Socialists and extolling the virtues of strict Islam.

Besides the religious-secular tension there is also economic stress. Like Germany as it has reunified after the cold war, Yemen faces problems of trying to satisfy those who were used to socialism's safety net. And Yemen, the only democracy on the Arabian peninsula, also faces some of the world's worst poverty.

Divided past, united today

Yemenis were a divided people long before socialism swept through the world, and before Islam spread through Arabia in the 7th century. It was then, during the Prophet Muhammad's lifetime, that Yemen's first mosques were built.

The north was more influenced by the Saudis and a long Turkish occupation, while the British occupation of the south - and Aden's key spot on historic trade routes - left South Yemen more open to outside ideas.

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Now, whether in an attempt to forge a unified nation or to spread the stricter lifestyle of Zaydi - a form of Shia Islam - southerners say a more fundamentalist Islam is taking root.

Islamic gains in south

Some point to Islah, the Islamic party that shares control with the center-right People's General Congress (PGC). Islahi officials had some women judges in the south dismissed as un-Islamic and decreased science teaching in school to make way for more Koranic studies.

"Our very own Taliban, huh?" jokes one high-ranking official from the PGC who asked not to be named, comparing Islah to the Islamic group that recently seized power in Afghanistan.

After unification, unveiled women in Aden were harassed - often by women. Three weddings in Aden with co-ed dancing were bombed last year, say Western diplomats in Sana, the capital.

But like other Islamic movements in the region, such as Hizbullah in Lebanon and Hamas in Israel, Islah has gained favor with the young because it provides social clubs and services. The aunt of one club goer says he trained to be a pilot but refuses to fly for Yemen's airline because of its unveiled flight attendants.

Islah leaders say they reject violence and support women's rights. And like in Iran, they say, the religious upsurge is merely the will of a people bucking forced secularization.

"Women wearing normal dresses may not be looked at with respect by some," says Abd al-Wahab al-Ainsi, the deputy prime minister. "But the ordeals of women in the West are worse than the ordeals women in Islamic countries are suffering."

Many in Yemen believe the veil protects women from the violence, including rape, they see Western women as susceptible to. The veil is also a symbol of a woman's modesty and of her family's protection.

Socialists hanging on

The Socialists, to be certain, have not disappeared. They currently hold 56 of 301 seats in parliament. But they have been severely weakened, with many jailed or sent into exile.

In the three years after reunification, 150 party members were killed, says a report in the International Journal of Middle East Studies. Many suspect Islah issued a fatwa, or religious decision, that encouraged the killing of socialists for their supposed atheism. Islah denies the charge.

Also, the government often shuts down the Socialist paper. "Whenever they see something that doesn't please them, they suspend the paper," says Ali Salah Abad, a leading Socialist.

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Such criticism is supported by a recent critical report by Amnesty International. Amnesty says, however, that since it issued the report the government has tried to improve.

Poverty, graft beget strife

At the root of Yemen's troubles, along with tension over Islam, is poverty. When the Soviet Union collapsed, South Yemen lost a major aid donor. And overall Yemeni income dropped dramatically after the Gulf war, when it declined to join the US-led coalition against Iraq. Up to 1 million Yemenis working in Gulf countries were kicked out, and Yemen's patron Saudi Arabia cut off funding.

"There are better goods on the shelves," says a woman in Aden, "but we can't pay for them." Most observers fault corruption, which many Yemeni leaders say they aim to thwart.

"Of course, we want to cut back on corruption," says Foreign Minister Abdul Karim el-Eryani. Blaming criticism on politics, he adds, "any opposition should not be a rubber stamp - unless we want democracy to be a camouflage."

He also points to advances: "The oil sector is expanding. Our deficit is declining," he says. "It's not that services were everywhere and disappeared. They weren't there in the first place."

YEMEN: FROM FRANKINCENSE TO A UNIFIED NATION

* In the 11th century BC, the use of camels as beasts of burden made once-remote Yemen a booming trade center. Its main export: frankincense.

* Islam was introduced in AD 630. Some mosques built then in Sana stand today.

* Yemen controls Bab el Mandeb, the strait linking the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden, one of the world's busiest shipping lanes.

* Yemen's 13-million population is among the world's fastest growing. It's expected to double in 20 years.

* One million Yemenis were kicked out of neighboring states when the country didn't side with the US-led allies in the Gulf war.

* North and South Yemen united in 1990 and stayed together despite a short civil war in 1994.

Graphic

PHOTOS: 1) SITES OF SANA: Mosques built in AD 630, when Islam was introduced to the area, still stand. Today, a strict form of Islam is resurging, especially in the formerly communist south, where Islamic social clubs make the religion attractive to young people. 2) KORANIC STUDIES: Islah, a powerful partner in Yemen's conservative-Islamic coalition government, recently trimmed science classes to make room for religious study. Here a student in Sana, the capital, studies., PHOTOS BY R. CHALASANI/UNDP

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SUNDAY

IT was a bad day all round for tourists on Sunday. First, the new KI Super Flyte ferry got a tad seasick in stormy weather and had to turn back to the mainland, leaving passengers on the island stranded - until rival, Kangaroo Island Sealink, gleefully stepped in to pick them up. Next, the SteamRanger train had an unscheduled stop with a car on a level crossing, injuring the car's two occupants. Meanwhile, a leaked memo from a Glenside Hospital psychiatrist claimed an attempted rape, robbery and assault on staff had happened during his shift recently. But perhaps even more frightening was what might have happened during a fire at Port Stanvac oil refinery. Fortunately, though, it was quickly brought under control. Meanwhile, the Prime Minister, Mr Keating, doused any sparks of rumors, saying he would stay on in the job while he was still "kicking goals". Splitting heirs was Princess Diana telling a UK TV documentary she thinks her son William will be the next king. In Adelaide, the International Year of the Family national conference was marked by a federal plan for more housing and rent assistance for poorer families.

MONDAY EVERYONE got dumped on on Monday. A grieving widow was left destitute by thieving tenants; the Roxby Downs uranium mine was named as a possible permanent dump site for Woomera's low-level nuclear waste; Mr Keating was slam-dunked for calling Japan a "concrete jungle"; charities reported they had been shelling out money to dump poor quality clothing received in their bins; several Qantas passengers dumped lawsuits on the airline for making them sit in or near smoking sections; Aussie beef was dumped by the US and other countries over a chemicals scare; and - worst of all - cold water was dumped on peace hopes by the Hamas in Gaza City, when they rejected an agreement with the PLO leader, Yasser Arafat, and Islamic militants to end the violence. Down in the dumps was Peter Savutakis, found guilty of murdering his son-in-law, George Georgiadis. The only smiles came from the Kangaroos who trounced Great Britain in rugby league 23 to 4, retaining the Ashes.

TUESDAY YELLOW plastic ducks washed ashore from a container ship in the north Pacific were reported on Tuesday to be making a plucky pilgrimage around the world's oceans. And, if a leaked report on access into South Australia is anything to go by, they would have no trouble finding their way up the Torrens. The report says illicit goods, including drugs, are being given almost free access through shipping and airport movements because of sporadic consignment checks. The same day, 13 Vietnamese boat people slipped under officials' noses in a pre-dawn landing in Darwin. They were found wandering the streets.

Meanwhile, NATO planes were bombing a Serb-controlled airfield in Croatia. And there was more international warfare at home with the news George Sadil, accused of being a Russian KGB spy and stealing ASIO secrets, will sue the Federal Government after charges against him were dropped. Meanwhile, a get-tough-on-graffiti plan was announced by the State Government which could result in stores being told to keep spray cans and marker pens in secure places. At the same time, while the sharemarket was plunging to a 15-month low, actor Sean Connery (pictured) was on a popularity high, being named sexiest man alive in a magazine poll. And back at home, or rather

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out of home, was the news that there are up to 30,000 homeless secondary school students in Australia, living in such places as hostels.

WEDNESDAY SHOCKING crimes of past and present grabbed Wednesday's headlines. The day began when a milko on his early-morning run was bashed, robbed and left to wander dazed and bloodied around the suburbs. Later it was revealed a taxi driver facing charges of raping a female passenger was still driving cabs. And an international jurist group recommended the Japanese Government pay at least \$52,000 compensation to each of the so-called "comfort women" forced to have sex with Japanese soldiers during World War II. Meanwhile, a joke suggestion in an ALP newspaper to change the name Adelaide to Kurna in honor of its first Aboriginal inhabitants met with much mirth. Controversy of a more serious nature followed the State Government's plans to decriminalise prostitution and brothels.

THURSDAY UNDER pressure from Aboriginal groups to sack Mr Armitage (pictured) over his "nigger in the woodpile" remarks made earlier in the week, the Premier, Mr Brown, announced any books and materials with racist overtones would be withdrawn from schools. Meanwhile, South Australia's MPs were granted more cash to buy equipment to run their offices, amounting to thousands of dollars each per year. Out of court came two highly controversial rulings. One was from the Criminal Court of Appeal which decided that tapes made of children urinating were neither child pornography nor indecent material because "there is nothing inherently indecent in scenes of boys urinating". And in Melbourne, an Aboriginal man who raped a 59-year-old pensioner was freed because he did not regard rape as serious, as a result of the "different cultural background" in which he was raised. Freedom was something Willy the whale got to experience after being rescued from a New South Wales mid-north coastal river where it had been trapped for the past three months.

FRIDAY THE nation's population will fall rapidly early next century unless urgent steps are taken to increase the national average of two children a family, warned Professor Richard Blandy, newly appointed chief executive of the South Australian Development Council. In the courts, a 42-year-old man who sexually abused his daughters to help them "become accustomed to physical contact with an adult male" was jailed for just over two years. And a man who poured petrol over his girlfriend, then set her alight after an argument about a lovebite, was sentenced to 12 years, with eight years non-parole.

THEY SAID IT 'THE only nigger in the woodpile at the moment in that whole scenario, the only nigger in the woodpile, the only nigger in the woodpile is the federal Minister for Health.' Aboriginal Affairs Minister Dr Michael Armitage, on federal Health Minister Dr Lawrence's threats to intervene in the Modbury Hospital privatisation.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT IN Munich, fast-food chain McDonalds did not see the funny side of a German pet-food manufacturer calling its products McDog and McCat. It took the company to the Munich regional court, which ruled that the pet-food maker did not infringe fair competition rules because its marketing and sales systems were different from those of McDonalds.

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In the land of the pharaohs, Islamic politics are seething - and one outcome of the government's trigger-happy response has been gunshot and other injuries to three Australian tourists this week.

CON COUGHLIN in Cairo fills in the background on why diplomats in Egypt are growing nervous.

Echo of Iran in Egypt's Islamic threat IT was a passing reference, all but thrown away, in an interview with the government-owned newspaper Al-Akbar . . . but President Hosni Mubarak's discreet revelation last week that Egypt is restricting all phone and fax communications with Muslim countries it believes are succouring fundamentalist groups did not go unnoticed.

Nor did weekend reports that a further 50 Muslim militants had been rounded up after a car bomb outside a central Cairo police station ripped through a crowd on Friday, killing seven and injuring 20 more.

Increasingly, the mood in the sprawling Egyptian capital is of a state-of-siege. For Western diplomats, nightmare memories of the Iranian revolution are never far from the surface.

A doomsday scenario of burnt-out embassies, chanting mobs and Egypt turned from a pro-West pillar of the Middle East into a no-go zone may be officially brushed aside. Yet no one can afford to ignore the symptoms of instability surfacing with greater frequency.

A look at the agenda being drawn up by various Islamic groups only confirms the threat is the most serious challenge to Mubarak since he came to power 12 years ago.

Moreover, the organisation and sophistication of Egypt's fundamentalists has convinced the government the campaign of violence and terrorism which has swept the country in recent months is being assisted by radical Muslim governments.

Iran, which has actively sought to export its Islamic revolution since Ayatollah Khomeini seized power, is viewed in Cairo as a prime suspect - as is neighbouring Sudan, where there have been reports that all males in Christian villages have been crucified by government troops.

Iraq, still bent on avenging Egypt's alliance with the West in the Gulf War, is also suspected of providing money and arms. Islamic militants in Afghanistan and Pakistan, many of them veterans of the Afghan civil war, are seen as being involved.

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Mubarak's phone curbs are being imposed against Iran, Iraq, Sudan, Pakistan and Afghanistan to help "encircle terrorists who receive their orders from abroad". Whether wise or not, there is justification for the Egyptian government's belief that hostile foreign governments have been engaged in the recent wave of terrorism, in which some 140 people have been killed.

Iranian officials have confirmed that fundamentalist organisations on their payroll have been ordered to topple Mubarak's government. In their view, if Egypt falls, the rest of the Arab world will follow.

The creation of an Islamic regime in Cairo, they argue, would be followed by similar regimes in Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Jordan and Yemen.

Hamas, the Palestinian Islamic movement, would replace the Palestine Liberation Organisation. If they are right, there can be no doubt such an Islamic "domino theory" would have catastrophic implications for Western interests.

For this reason, Washington - despite the misgivings of the budget-conscious Clinton administration - will continue to provide \$US2.6 billion annually to Cairo.

As one Western diplomat said: "The cost of a stable Egypt is peanuts in comparison with what the cost would be to the West if Egypt collapsed." But by playing on Western fears of an Islamic takeover of the Middle East, Mubarak is being somewhat disingenuous: the roots of his confrontation with Islamic militants lie not in Tehran, Khartoum or Bagdad but in the squalid, teeming slums of Egyptian cities.

Islamic fundamentalism is nothing new in Egypt. The Muslim Brotherhood, which remains Egypt's main Islamic party, was founded in 1928; its main purpose was to campaign for reintroduction of "Sharia", or Islamic law, which was replaced by a civil judicial code when Egypt became a British protectorate in 1882.

For the past 65 years, the party has suffered mixed fortunes.

Ruthlessly suppressed under Nasser, it came back into favour in the 1970s as part of President Sadat's campaign against the communists.

After Sadat's assassination by Muslim extremists in 1981, Mubarak was decidedly ambivalent about the Brotherhood, even though it publicly disowned Sadat's killers. In a country where 90 per cent of the population is Muslim, however, the party has remained a significant force in Egyptian politics, tolerated because of its declared aim of creating an Islamic state in Egypt only by consent.

But no such self-denying, non-violent ordinances exist for the newly-prominent Gama'a Al Islamiyya (Islamic Group), whose leader is Sheikh Omar Abderahman, a blind cleric residing in Brooklyn. Apart from being implicated in the bombing of New York's World Trade Centre, the group has masterminded a series of terrorist attacks against Egyptian authorities and foreign tourists.

In many respects, Mubarak must take some blame for the recent emergence of the radical Islamic tendency in Egypt. Ever since assuming power after Sadat's murder, Mubarak has never come close to matching his predecessor's statesmanlike attributes or charisma.

"Nasser gave Egypt war, Sadat peace - and Mubarak a sewerage system that works," is how diplomats often explain the president's qualities.

But by concentrating his energies on rebuilding the Egyptian infrastructure - the phones work and the French-built subway system shames the London Underground - he has paid insufficient attention to Egypt's potentially explosive social pressures.

In the past 12 years, the population has grown by 15 million and, consequently, 42 per cent of citizens live below the subsistence level.

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Despite improvements in education, about 85 per cent of graduates are out of work. It is not for nothing the "emirs" of the Gama'a al Islamiyya are recruited from their ranks.

As in late-1970s Iran, much of the support for the fundamentalist groups has come from Egyptians who are so disillusioned with the system they have decided their only social, not to say spiritual, salvation lies with Islam.

"Egypt is already an Islamic state," explained Montassa el-Zayat, a Cairo lawyer and spokesman for Gama'a al Islamiyya. "All we need to do is to kick out the regime. Whatever tactics we use are justified, whether it is killing tourists or killing policemen." The party's agenda is uncomplicated: to appoint an Islamic president (Omar Abderahman would be invited to return) and immediate introduction of Sharia law.

The effectiveness of the fundamentalists' terror tactics is not in doubt: at a time of year when Egypt should be full of tourists, hotels are virtually deserted and the Nile pleasure boats lie forlornly at anchor; the collapse in tourism will lose Egypt \$US3 billion in foreign currency earnings this year.

The response of the security forces has been to impose their own terror tactics. Mass arrests are commonplace and the torture of suspects widespread.

Even relatives of suspects have been abused. Children as young as eight have been taken as hostages by the authorities to persuade suspects to give themselves up and women have been raped and beaten.

For the watching international community, such activities by the security forces bear chilling similarities to the murderous behaviour of Savak, the Shah of Iran's hated secret police. Unlike in Iran, when evidence of an imminent political convulsion was almost wholly ignored, Western diplomats in Egypt are more than conscious of gathering storm clouds.

That sense of foreboding, however, offers no clues as to how the growing fundamentalist threat can be dispelled or, for that matter, contained.

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'Ok," Benjamin Netanyahu says before an interviewer even has a chance to sit down on the way into the Israeli prime minister's office, "shoot to kill."

The siege mentality that such deadpan humor suggests is perhaps not surprising to hear almost two weeks into a violent standoff with the Palestinians that most of the world attributes - unfairly and erroneously, Mr. Netanyahu complains - to Israel's decision to build a new Jewish housing project on formerly Arab land in East Jerusalem.

With Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat rejecting a full-blown crackdown on Islamic militants who would suicide-bomb the peace process into oblivion, and the Arab League threatening to reinstate the Arab boycott on trade with Israel, Netanyahu will arrive in Washington next Monday to hear US proposals of how to stop the unraveling of the peace process. Netanyahu, hoping to prevent the crisis from eroding the crucial US-Israel relationship, looks to Washington as the sole, sympathetic intermediary.

But at this point in the crisis, a compromise plan to break the impasse seems difficult to envision. Netanyahu says he definitely will not agree to even a temporary freeze on the building project in once-Jordanian land on the southeast border of Jerusalem that Palestinians claim as part of their future capital. "What should we freeze next? If we freeze building in our capital, the capital of the Jewish people for the last 3,000 years ... where does it end?" Netanyahu asks, evidently agitated at the very suggestion.

"If we want to freeze construction ... of housing projects in our own capital we may as well shut down the country. It's not going to happen. And we're not obliged to do it by Oslo. Neither are we obliged to do it by history and by common sense."

But Palestinians view the building of what they see as an illegal settlement just outside Bethlehem as being fundamentally irreconcilable with peace. They're also angry over Netanyahu's nonnegotiable decision to withdraw from a fraction of West Bank land the Palestinians think they're entitled to under the Oslo agreements.

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"Why is [a building freeze] the only thing to get back to the negotiating table?" he asks. "What is this nonsense?"

But news of a roundup yesterday of 30 Islamic Jihad activists in the Gaza Strip could confound Netanyahu's position that there can be no return to the process because Arafat is doing nothing to stop terror. These are tense times for Netanyahu, who this time last year was still a candidate running campaign ads that drove footage of bombed buses into viewers' minds with the slogan: "There is no security. There is no peace."

Now, Israelis are again afraid to get on buses early in the morning and send their teenagers to jobs at shopping malls. At home, Netanyahu faces mounting uncertainty over whether he will have to break up his coalition and form a national unity government in order to continue to survive no-confidence motions. A lingering corruption investigation also hangs over his future. On the lighter side of their dissatisfaction, Israelis were slamming Netanyahu this week for having his security police clear out the audience at the filming of a children's TV show that his own kids were to attend, sending kids with tickets home disappointed.

Now, bobbing restively in a chair pulled up close to his broad desk, he says he's "aghast" at the news coverage Israel has been getting. The man who has been called Israel's Great Communicator, is frustrated about not getting his version of events across. Journalists' questions are cut off before they are done being asked; there's more punch than finesse in his answers. In his mind, Israel has already upheld its commitments by redeploying from Hebron and releasing Palestinian women prisoners. The two Islamic suicide bombings this week that failed to kill any Israelis feeds his conviction that the only thing that can rejuvenate the peace process is Arafat turning the so-called "green light for terror" into a red one.

"We could discuss ad infinitum whether [bombers] only understood to have received the green light or actually did receive the green light. The one thing we cannot contest is that they haven't received a red light," he says.

He outlines his demands for resuming negotiations: "He has to act against them, he has to arrest their leaders, not just perpetrators, he has to arrest people responsible for the infrastructure and giving the orders. He has to collect their weapons, condemn the actions, he has to stop the support of the Palestinian-controlled press in favor of such actions and giving them legitimization."

Brother's memory

Among the books on the shelves of his dark-wooden chambers is a book entitled "Yoni," a biography about his older brother, Yonatan, who was killed during the Entebbe antiterrorist operation 20 years ago. Since then, he has built a career of preaching a hard-line of no negotiations with terrorists, which in his rhetoric included Arafat and the rest of the Palestinian Liberation Organization until the run-up to elections last year. His analysis has moderated, but not changed completely.

"Well of course, there's been a change. They have stopped using terrorism directly, but unfortunately they have not stopped using terrorism indirectly. "The main tactic is they have the terror weapon used by the so-called opposition, the Islamic Jihad and Hamas. For the last year, Arafat has made it clear to them that he would crack down on them if they practiced terrorism without his giving the go-ahead... Times have changed and they again practice terrorism."

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Just a few months ago, when Israel and the Palestinian Authority signed the Hebron agreement and a "Note for the Record" to continue the peace process, Netanyahu began to speak about possibilities of what shape Palestinian autonomy might take in a final arrangement. He was quoted as mentioning Andorra - a tiny European principality - and Puerto Rico as potential models.

Now, with daily Israeli-Palestinian clashes and a handful of suicide bombings, his positions seem to have shifted from giving examples of self-rule scenarios to telling the Palestinians that they must lower their expectations.

"The idea that the way to resolve competing national claims is to have full-fledged, unbridled self-determination for every national group that demands it is not the beginning of a solution, it is the beginning of a monumental problem," he says. "They have to stop talking about impossible goals that will never be reached - [demanding] 90 to 100 percent of the [West Bank] territory, redividing Jerusalem, and the like. They need to adjust expectations just as we did for our own people."

In this atmosphere of hardening positions, the rhetoric of both sides seems to have regressed to the days of twisting truth to show how monstrous the other side is. Arafat denied Tuesday the existence of one of the suicide bombers, saying Israeli soldiers had opened fire on the man as well as a taxi-full of Palestinians. Netanyahu, meanwhile, asserts there is no grass-roots anger from the Palestinian street over his policies. "I think the street was fairly docile and had to be whipped up," he says.

Cynics say that while Netanyahu provided the bait for turning back the clock, Arafat made the self-destructive mistake of biting all too easily and unleashing Palestinian rage that could make restarting the peace talks nearly insurmountable. Perhaps Washington will have an solution for that. Certainly, the high-pressure strategy emanating from regional powers seem only to throw Israel back into the feeling of being surrounded by enemies - in the line of fire

Regarding threats of the Arab boycott, Netanyahu expressed deep disappointment that Egypt's 18-year-old "cold peace" with Israel seems to be growing glacial. Says Netanyahu: "It seems to me that Egypt is playing a very unfortunate part in all of this by fanning the flames of radicalism rather than inducing a more moderate position."

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PHOTOS: 1) ISRAEL'S PRIME MINISTER: Benjamin Netanyahu, who will see Clinton on Monday, feels as if he is under siege. JIM HOLLANDER/REUTERS, 2) NABLUS: A Palestinian youth hurls rocks at Israeli soldiers Tuesday. The Israeli-Palestinian peace talks have deadlocked since Israel decided to build Jewish housing in East Jerusalem. JOAO SILVA, 3) 'THE GREAT COMMUNICATOR': Israel's prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, says he is 'aghast' at the negative news coverage Israel has been getting lately. ZOOM 77.

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THE US

Rallies, tree-planting ceremonies, cleanups, and speeches will mark the 26th annual Earth Day celebrations today. Above, Harpers Ferry National Historic Park Ranger Eric Sheetz and Mark Delullo roll a giant earth ball during weekend festivities in West Virginia. Also, experts warn in a book released by the UN Environmental Program that the world's environmental quality is declining in virtually all categories.

Clinton promised to sign the antiterrorism bill into law early this week. The bill was passed by Congress in time for the Oklahoma City bombing anniversary. And CBS News obtained an amateur videotape that shows bombing suspect Timothy McVeigh at the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, shortly before it went up in flames. McVeigh is shown handing out anti-ATF bumper stickers.

Federal agents stepped up surveillance of the antigovernment "freemen" by positioning a high-powered video camera on the farm. About 100 agents have surrounded the Montana compound, where they have been at a standoff with the group for nearly a month.

The political gender gap is widening, according to a New York Times-CBS poll. When asked how they would vote in congressional elections today, women supported Democrats by a 16-point margin, and men supported Republicans by a 10-point margin. That compares with a preelection poll in 1994 where women supported Democrats by only a 3 percent margin, men Republicans by a 7 percent margin. And economic security dominates women's concerns: Half rated the economy "fairly bad" or "bad." Some 62 percent of men rated it "fairly good."

The Senate Whitewater Committee announced it issued 13 subpoenas. Some of the subpoenas are seeking Clinton's campaign records and documents at Hillary Rodham Clinton's former law firm. Whitewater hearings resume Wednesday.

A Montana federal judge rejected a defense motion to halt the prosecution of Unabomber suspect Theodore Kaczynski. The defense claims that news leaks have made it impossible for him to receive a fair shake.

Senator Dole is about \$ 2 million away from the \$ 37 million limit imposed by federal election laws for campaign spending between now and the August GOP convention, his campaign committee announced. By comparison, Clinton has a campaign war chest of about \$ 20 million for spending between now and August. Dole can't have access to new funds before the convention.

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The Senate rejected Dole's amendment to allow medical savings accounts in health reform legislation when five Republicans sided with the Democrats. Clinton had threatened to veto the bill if the amendment was attached.

A government study of 15-month-old children found day care doesn't hurt or help youngsters' attachment to their mothers. That contradicts earlier studies that found children are more attached to stay-at-home moms than moms that use day care.

Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan believes his ancestors may have been Jewish, according to an interview by Henry Louis Gates Jr. in *The New Yorker*, released today. His assertion is "highly probable, given what we know about migration to the West Indies," said Gates, who heads Harvard's Afro-American Studies Department. Farrakhan has been repeatedly denounced as anti-Semitic because of comments he has made about Jews.

High-profile lawyer F. Lee Bailey was released from prison in Florida after spending 44 days behind bars. He was released when he complied with a government order that he turn over \$ 16 million in stock from a former drug-dealing client.

A federal appeals court temporarily set aside its anti-affirmative action ruling, clearing the way for Texas universities to resume considering race in admissions and scholarship decisions. The decision gives the state more time to appeal the case to the US Supreme Court, Judge Jerry Smith said. The decision reportedly also applies to Mississippi and Louisiana because they are under the court's jurisdiction.

THE WORLD

Israel and pro-Iranian Hizbullah guerrillas continued attacking each other on the 11th day of fighting as US, European, and Russian diplomats attempted to broker a cease-fire. Meanwhile, EU foreign ministers were to meet in Luxembourg today to review EU policy and step up pressure on Israel to end the fighting. And the UN General Assembly plans to hold an emergency meeting tomorrow on the attacks, the Lebanese foreign minister said.

The Group of Seven leaders and Russia agreed to seek a comprehensive ban of all nuclear explosions by September. They also signed declarations combating nuclear smuggling and called for a convention on banning production of weapons-grade nuclear material. Also, Russia said it will go ahead with plans to complete a nuclear plant in Iran. And little progress was made toward closing the Chernobyl nuclear plant. Ukraine's President Kuchma reiterated that without prompt financing, Kiev cannot keep its promise to close the plant by 2000. Above, President Clinton stands in Red Square.

Egypt's Islamic Group claimed responsibility for the Cairo shootings that killed 18 Greek tourists. The group said it had planned to kill Israelis to avenge Israel's blitz on Lebanon.

As Friday's truce continues to hold, a US diplomatic team headed for Liberia to help broker a cease-fire agreement among rival warlords. Meanwhile, 1,500 US Marines arrived in Monrovia to secure the US Embassy and evacuate foreigners.

The US and North Korea met in Berlin for two days to discuss Washington's concerns about Pyongyang's development and export of ballistic missiles. Separately, South Korea said two North Korean patrol boats briefly crossed the "Northern Limit Line" before returning to their territorial waters.

The Palestine National Council was to convene today to discuss changing clauses in Palestine's Charter that call for Israel's destruction. Also, the Palestinian Authority discovered a ***Hamas*** arms cache and arrested two men involved, Palestinian police said. And the World Bank said it will loan the West Bank and Gaza \$ 20 million to help improve roads and extend water supplies.

Sri Lankan forces killed about 80 Tamil Tiger rebels in a major assault against the rebels' Jaffna peninsula stronghold.

Some 400 Central African Republic Army mutineers still controlled the capital of Bangui, despite the presence of French troops. About 13 people have been killed, looting erupted, and soldiers reportedly released hundreds of

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criminals. The mutineers want their paychecks and back pay from 1992 and 1994. Some soldiers received back pay after an order from President Patasse, officials said, and other pay would be forthcoming today.

Turkish forces killed 36 Kurdish rebels in two days of clashes in southeastern Turkey, an official said. Some 18,700 people have died in the Kurds' 12-year fight for autonomy.

A bomb exploded in a New Delhi hotel, killing at least 13 people and injuring 30. The bomb was claimed by two rebel separatist groups. The explosion was aimed at disrupting India's general election this weekend.

The UN flew nine Bosnian Muslim refugees who had been held in Belgrade as suspected war criminals to Sarajevo. Four more are still in custody.

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Today we took yet another step back from the nuclear precipice. We must not rest until these dangers have been reduced, until the cloud of fear has been lifted."

- President Clinton, at the G-7 meeting in Moscow on Saturday, on the decision to ban all nuclear explosions by fall.

"Sorry if we inconvenienced you," President Clinton wrote to an Irishman whose suitcase was given a "great tour of Moscow," an aide said. The suitcase, now returned, was mistakenly picked up in the lobby of the hotel where Clinton stayed in St. Petersburg and included in the White House baggage.

Former President Carter received a standing ovation when he caught a foul ball bare-handed during a Braves-Padres game in Atlanta. But actor Charlie Sheen came up empty-gloved after purchasing all of the seats behind the left field fence at California's Anaheim Stadium to snag a homer. Nobody hit a home run near him.

A Patek Philippe wristwatch sold for a record \$ 1.7 million to an unnamed private museum by auctioneers in Geneva. The previous record for a wristwatch was \$ 800,000. The catalog described the 1939 watch as a unique platinum wristwatch with perpetual calendar and moon phases.

Endangered Rivers

Here are the top 10 endangered US rivers and why they are threatened according to American Rivers, the US's leading river conservation group.

Elk: Increased logging threatening fisheries in Oregon.

Upper Hudson: Newly found "hot spot" of PCB contamination in New York.

American: Huge dam proposal in central California.

Pinto: Mining development near Phoenix, Ariz.

Clark Fork of the Yellowstone: Mining development in Wyoming and Montana.

John Day and White Salmon Tributaries of Oregon's Columbia: Proposals in Congress that would increase logging, inhibit salmon protection, and weaken endangered species protection.

Animas: Plan to construct reservoirs, dams, and canals in Colorado and New Mexico to enhance irrigation.

Penobscot: Proposal for hydroelectric dam in Maine.

Missouri: Extensive damming and channeling by the US Army Corps of Engineers.

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The House was set to vote on a bill that would bar illegal alien children from attending public school in some states. The proposal was added to a bill that would reform US immigration law. Another added measure would require immigrants with special job skills or from countries with low immigration rates to the US to pass English proficiency tests. The House rejected a plan to create counterfeit-proof Social Security cards and a provision to limited the number of refugees admitted annually to 50,000.

A new plan for a national defense missile system to protect against attack by rogue nations is being offered by Senator Dole and Speaker Gingrich. President Clinton vetoed such a proposal last year. Also, the House was set to vote on repealing the assault weapons ban. Should it pass the House, its future looks bleak in the Senate. The NRA said a repeal is impossible while Clinton is in office.

Workers between jobs could keep their health insurance under legislation approved by the House Commerce Committee. The House version is more complicated than a similar version in the Senate. Next week, House Republicans will try to pass a broader health-care package that includes tax-deductible medical savings accounts and limits on awards in malpractice suits.

A bill capping damages in product liability cases was expected to pass the Senate, but probably not by a big enough margin to override the promised presidential veto. The bill still needs House approval before it is sent to the White House.

Striking brake-plant workers and General Motors have reached a tentative agreement, CNBC reports. This may end the 17-day strike in Dayton, Ohio, that has brought GM's North American operations to a virtual standstill.

Serious talks on balanced-budget reform will be put off until after Easter, Dole said after he and Gingrich met with the president. Both sides categorized the meeting as cordial, but Gingrich says he doubts an agreement is possible.

Clinton can testify by videotape at the trial of his former Whitewater partners, a federal judge ruled. But the judge rejected Clinton's request to have the questions in advance.

A farm bill that would dismantle the largest federal subsidy programs is moving closer to a compromise. House and Senate negotiators narrowed their differences to dairy programs and what kind of farm law should remain on the books permanently. Congress could enact final legislation next week.

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A Los Angeles jury found Erik and Lyle Menendez guilty of the 1989 murders of their parents. They face either the death penalty or life in prison.

Sixty more drug convictions were overturned in Philadelphia as part of a police corruption scandal, raising the total to 116. Six former officers confessed last year to planting drugs on suspects, stealing their money, and falsifying police reports.

The Environmental Protection Agency proposed tougher regulations on dangerous emissions that come from burning toxic waste. The rule would reduce dioxin emissions by 98 percent, lead and cadmium by 95 percent, and mercury by 80 percent.

Pakistan will receive US weapons it paid for years ago, despite US concerns about the country's nuclear activities. The delivery has been held up because of restrictions in a nuclear antiproliferation law, but Congress voted last year to make a one-time exception.

The Shuttle Atlantis was set to blast off at 3:13 a.m. today after high winds forced a one-day delay. This will be the third shuttle docking mission with the Russian space station Mir.

A trial contesting the Communications Decency Act, signed into law Feb. 1, was set to begin. The lawsuit could set a new standard for free-speech rights on-line.

THE WORLD

Tensions rose in the Sarajevo suburb of Dobrinja over disputed boundaries between Bosnian Serb lands and the Muslim-Croat Federation. The lines divide apartment blocks and even buildings. Also, Serbs stoned the motorcade of the US envoy to the UN, Madeleine Albright, in Vukovar in Eastern Slavonia.

NATO will proceed with plans to incorporate former Soviet republics into the alliance, Secretary of State Christopher assured foreign ministers of 12 Central and Eastern European nations meeting in Prague. Russia is strongly opposed to NATO expansion plans, President Yeltsin told NATO chief Javier Solana during talks at the Kremlin.

Guatemalan leftist rebels announced a cease-fire in a breakthrough toward ending the country's 35-year civil war. President Alvaro Arzu responded by ordering the Army to halt operations against the rebels. Last month, Arzu met with rebel leaders in Mexico City - the first president to do so since the war began.

Campaigning in Taiwan for tomorrow's presidential elections moved into high gear. President Lee Teng-hui, the front-runner in the polls, swept streets with a broom and shook hands with residents in 11 villages around Taipei. Meanwhile, the US aircraft carrier Nimitz cruised into the South China Sea.

London hinted that Britain might slaughter its 11 million beef cattle to wipe out "mad cow" disease at a potential cost of \$ 31 billion. Earlier, a major health scare swept through Europe after London acknowledged that the disease may spread to humans. France and Belgium banned imports of British beef and live cattle until further notice. Germany was considering a similar ban.

The militant Islamic group Hizbullah vowed to retaliate with more suicide bombings against Israelis for any attacks on Lebanese civilians. Also, the Israeli Army bulldozed the home of a suicide bomber in the West Bank. And Palestinian police arrested several members of the Islamic militant group Hamas in Gaza City during a raid aimed at nabbing Mohammed Deif, the suspected mastermind of recent suicide bombings in Israel.

Mexico's first-ever national environment plan was unveiled by President Ernesto Zedillo. "He who pollutes pays, and he who cleans up gets paid," Zedillo said of the plan. It also calls for a national land-use plan to regulate development

Colombia's Congress voted on legislation to make public its investigation into charges that President Ernesto Samper won the 1994 elections with funds from the Cali drug cartel. Samper proposed the legislation.

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Spain's Popular Party took a first step toward forming a government. The PP agreed to give the Catalan coalition seats on the parliamentary business committees in exchange for chairmanship of the committees. The PP has been courting allies after no single party won majority in March 3 elections.

Supporters of Sudan's Islamic leader, Lt. Gen. Omar al-Bashir, swept to power in parliamentary elections, initial results show. Bashir, who took power through a 1989 coup, is also expected to win the presidential vote. Islamic cleric Hassan al-Turabi, widely believed to be the power behind Bashir's regime, won a parliamentary seat.

Tamil rebels accused government forces of dropping napalm bombs on a refugee camp in northern Sri Lanka, killing 16 civilians. The military said only rockets were used during the attack that killed 30 rebels.

Former Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou went home after nearly four months in an Athens hospital.

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We can't stop illegal immigration, we can't stop illegal drugs, but we can audit every one of you."

- Speaker Gingrich on GOP plans to transfer one-fifth of the IRS work force to the FBI and federal drug and border police.

College-bound students in the US take fewer advanced-placement exams in chemistry and physics than do high school students abroad, a new study says. The report compares tests taken by students in Germany, France, Japan, and Britain with those taken by US students. A quarter to a half of the students abroad take advanced-placement tests. Only 8 percent of US students do.

The largest complex of mud-brick ruins in the world, the pre-Incan city of Chan Chan, has been targeted for restoration as part of a \$ 76,000 UNESCO grant. The funding will be divided between Chan Chan and two pre-Incan pyramids, all in the coastal city of Trujillo, Peru - about 300 miles northwest of the capital, Lima.

Sweet Sixteen

Here are this weekend's semifinal matchups for the women's NCAA basketball tournament.

East Regional

Tennessee (28-4) vs. Kansas (22-9)

Virginia (25-6) vs. Old Dominion (29-2)

Mideast Regional

Vanderbilt (22-7) vs. Iowa (27-3)

UConn (32-3) vs. San Francisco (24-7)

Midwest Regional

Louisiana Tech (30-1) vs. Texas Tech (27-4)

Stephen F. Austin (27-3) vs. Georgia (25-4)

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West Regional

Auburn (22-8) vs. Penn State (27-6)

Stanford (27-2) vs. Alabama (24-7)

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PHOTOS: 1) Academy Awards Producer Quincy Jones and host Whoopi Goldberg take questions at an international satellite tour in Culver City, Calif., GREG LONG/AP 2) Researchers scan a suspected mass grave in a cave near Luski Palanka, Bosnia, where some 120 Muslims and Croats are believed buried., APTV 3) Russia's Marina Eltsova and Andrei Bushkov won the gold medal for their performance in the pairs final at the World Figure Skating Championships in Edmonton, Alberta., DENIS PAQUIN/AP; Map, Showing Sudan, STAFF.

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Rep. Mel Reynolds was convicted Tuesday on all counts of having sex with an underage campaign worker and of trying to sabotage the investigation into the case. According to jurors, taped phone conversations between Reynolds, a former Rhodes scholar, and teenager Beverly Heard convinced them of his guilt. The decision does not automatically remove the Chicago Democrat from office. The House ethics committee will now open its own probe.

First Lady Hillary Clinton may get a reprieve in her tough decision on whether to attend the Beijing women's conference. The White House said Tuesday it has word that China plans to put American rights activist Harry Wu on trial in the next few days. A quick result could bring his release by the Aug. 30 meeting.

Two women want to step into Shannon Faulkner's boots. But Faulkner's lawyers refused to identify them until their names are added to the gender-discrimination suit against The Citadel, a state-funded military school. The move was expected today or Friday. The lawyers also planned to try to broaden the suit to include all female would-be Citadel applicants by making it a class-action suit. The Citadel derided the lawyers' plan, citing the court's decision that Faulkner deserved "special, conditional relief."

As expected, the Federal Reserve Board did not lower interest rates Tuesday. Wall Street took the news in stride, but many in the manufacturing industry criticized the move, saying they need lower interest rates to pull out of a long-term slump.

Americans support President Clinton's efforts to discourage teenage smoking but reject limits on cigarette marketing. An Associated Press poll found that 73 percent support making tobacco companies pay for anti-teen smoking campaigns. But 58 percent of them opposed banning tobacco ads on T-shirts or at sporting events. (Stories, Pages 8 and 13.)

"The vision hasn't come yet," said Malcolm Forbes Jr. of his decision on whether to seek the White House in 1996. The publishing mogul says he sees "a void and a vacuum" in the GOP presidential field but won't decide whether to run until this fall.

Detective Mark Fuhrman bragged about a "kill party" with other policemen to celebrate a police shooting, according to the Los Angeles Times, which quoted videotaped interviews. "It's like the end of a football game. You just won the championship. You're powerful," the Times quoted Fuhrman as saying. Judge Lance Ito has delayed a ruling on whether the Simpson jury will see the tapes.

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California State Assemblyman Mike Machado, a Democrat, easily defeated a GOP attempt to oust him Tuesday. Machado survived the recall vote, but three months ago Assemblyman Paul Horcher did not. Recalls are increasingly being used in California and elsewhere. While some see them as a tools for promoting greater accountability, others say they are used for political intimidation. (Story, Page 3.)

Calvin Klein ads that depict teens in underwear in a tacky suburban basement are setting off a raucous reaction. Some New Yorkers decried their appearance on city buses last week. Calling them "child pornography," the American Family Association, a conservative Christian group, threatened Tuesday to boycott Calvin Klein retailers. Klein says it is "stunned" that considers them pornographic.

The Golden-cheeked Warbler and three other birds would be better protected by removing them from the endangered species list, a group of 15 conservative lawmakers told the Interior Department Tuesday. They say the Endangered Species Act, which is up for renewal this year, goads landowners into quick development to beat the onset of strict regulations, therefore destroying the species' habitat. Environmentalists disagree, saying the lawmakers are trying to limit wildlife protection.

The World

A major humanitarian crisis is developing as Zairean troops expel tens of thousands of Hutu Rwandan refugees from the country, the US and UN say. The US State Department accused Zaire of violating international law, and the UN sent its high commissioner for refugees to the country. Zairean officials said yesterday that national security is driving the expulsions. UN officials said Tuesday an estimated 13,000 refugees were expelled to Rwanda and Burundi since Saturday. Some 85,000 refugees have fled camps to hide in Zaire's hills, and food shortages are imminent.

Iraq should be awarded for its "180-degree" change in policy on weapons disclosure, Rolf Ekeus, the UN official in charge of eliminating Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, said yesterday. The Gulf war cease-fire resolutions should be honored, and the date for lifting the ban on Iraqi oil sales be advanced, he said. Meanwhile, the Iraqi government denied claims by Iraqi defectors that President Hussein had new plans to invade Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. A 1,400-strong group of US troops started arriving in Kuwait yesterday for war exercises aimed at deterring an Iraqi confrontation. (Story, Page 1.)

French UN peacekeepers fired their heaviest weaponry yet on Serb rebels outside Sarajevo Tuesday night in retaliation for a Serb assault on Egyptian peacekeepers, they said. Tuesday's casualty figures for the Sarajevo area were the highest in weeks. In a report yesterday, the UN's former chief human rights investigator demanded that Bosnian Serb leaders immediately account for Muslim men missing after the Serb seizure of Srebrenica. Tadeusz Mazowieck said the Red Cross has received up to 10,000 tracing requests for those missing after Srebrenica's fall.

US envoy Dennis Ross pushed for an accord on wider Palestinian self-rule in talks with Israeli and PLO negotiators, which resumed yesterday. Israel also reopened its border with the Gaza Strip yesterday. And an intelligence official told an Israeli newspaper that Hamas is planning more attacks in the run-up to the signing of a final accord.

Family size is shrinking worldwide because women in most countries want fewer children, according to a study to be presented at the Aug. 30 UN conference on women in China. Average family size dropped from six to three children in the past 25 years in many Asian and Latin American countries, it said.

The head of one of Mexico's most powerful drug cartels is negotiating the terms of his surrender with the government. Juan Garcia Abrego is demanding that he not be extradited to the US to face trafficking charges, the New York Times and Dallas Morning News said.

An ethnic group virtually shut down Karachi, Pakistan's largest city, yesterday with a strike to protest alleged police brutality. The two-day strike, called by the largest faction of the Mohajir Qaumi Movement, follows a recent police crackdown on ethnic activists in Karachi.

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The Khmer Rouge can be prosecuted for genocide, an international conference on genocide in Cambodia concluded yesterday. The conference also charged the Khmer Rouge with crimes against humanity and war crimes against Vietnam.

President Lee Teng-hui said yesterday he intends to run for a second term in Taiwan's first direct presidential elections, raising the spectre of a party split. Some National Party members say he's been in power too long.

Indian officials expressed hope of a release after successfully persuading Kashmiri rebels to send recent photos and audio tapes of four Western captives.

Etcetera

Queen Elizabeth will save taxpayers' money by using a commercial flight for the first time when she visits New Zealand later this year, according to the Daily Mirror. She usually flies on special royal flights. The first-class section of a 747 would be revamped for the trip.

Two South African women, whose babies were accidentally switched at birth, are suing authorities for thousands of dollars. But they want to keep their nonbiological sons. Both women say they have formed deep bonds with the boys. The switch occurred in 1989.

Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar, who died in Chicago Monday, won the Nobel Prize for a theory he developed as a teenager that led to today's conception of black holes. He was a member of the University of Chicago faculty.

Top 10 Video Rentals

1. "Star Trek Generations," (Paramount)
2. "Dumb and Dumber," (New Line)
3. "Disclosure," (Warner)
4. "Boys on the Side," (Warner)
5. "The Brady Bunch Movie," (Paramount)
6. "Nell," (Fox)
7. "Just Cause," (Warner)
8. "I.Q.," (Paramount)
9. "Houseguest," (Hollywood Pictures)
10. "Murder in the First," (Warner)

- Billboard Publications Inc.

" You're basically buying about \$ 20,000 worth of software for \$ 40."

- Microsoft spokeswoman Christin Santucci, on the multitude of black-market copies of Windows 95 now available that were made from pre-release versions of the operating-system software.

Graphic

PHOTOS: 1) Two women unpack their uniforms Tuesday at the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership in Staunton, Va. It is the court-approved alternative to the men's-only Virginia Military Institute., BOB BROWN/AP; 2) Chechen field commander Alaudi Khamzatov (c.) talks to his fighters after a rebel group seized the Argun police station Aug. 21, and fought with Russian soldiers., GRIGORY TAMBULOV/AP; 3) Mahasin Abdullah (l.) and Jamila Boutrid dodge a tennis ball on the first day of classes Monday at Jamaat Ibad Ar-Ahman Masjid Islamic School in Durham, N.C., CATHY SEITH/AP; . Map, Rwanda., DAVE HERRING - STAFF

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The US

More than a dozen additional audio and video tapes covering another 30 Democratic fund-raisers were expected to be released by the White House. A day earlier, the Clinton administration gave investigators a second batch of tapes of more than 100 fund-raising events. They include footage from some of the most controversial contacts President Clinton had with donors during his first term, including the June 1996 Asian-American fund-raising dinner at which foreign money allegedly was laundered.

Clinton trimmed a mere \$ 144 million from a \$ 248 billion defense bill. Funds for the Blackbird spy plane were among the cuts. Administration officials said the president wanted to cut more but was restrained by the strictures of the line-item veto.

Three men won the Nobel Prize for chemistry for their work on enzymes. The University of California's Paul Boyer and John Walker of Britain's Medical Research Council Laboratory of Molecular Biology will take home half of the \$ 1 million award. Jens Skou of Denmark's Aarhus University won the other half. Also, two Americans and a Frenchman won the physics prize. Stanford University's Steven Chu, William Phillips of Maryland's National Institute of Standards and Technology, and College de France's Prof. Claude Cohen-Tannoudji were cited for their experiments to cool atoms to super-low temperatures. NASA's Cassini spacecraft successfully blasted off from Cape Canaveral, Fla., on its seven-year, 2-billion-mile journey to Saturn. The probe in the \$ 3.4 billion mission is the largest and most expensive ever assembled by NASA. Cassini is expect-ed to orbit the planet 74 times from 2004 to 2008. It will also release a probe to land on Titan, Saturn's largest moon.

Vice President Gore told 300 federal, state, and local officials in Santa Monica, Calif., that he and Clinton were warned by scientific advisers that the El Nino expected this winter could be the "climate event of the century." Los Angeles could receive three times its normal winter rainfall, he said. The El Nino weather condition is caused by warming of the eastern Pacific Ocean.

The five-year-old Florida Marlins became baseball's fastest expansion team to reach the World Series, defeating the Atlanta Braves four games to two in the National League Championship Series. The Marlins will face the winner

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of the American League playoff between the Cleveland Indians and the Baltimore Orioles. The World Series opens in Florida Saturday.

The Defense Department asked that its views be considered in a proposed nationwide tobacco settlement with 40 state attorneys general, a spokesman announced. The step makes the Pentagon the first federal agency to make such a request. Under the deal, tobacco companies would be required to pay \$ 368 billion over 25 years for smoking-related health-care expenses. Pentagon officials have estimated that the military's share of that settlement should be \$ 584 million a year.

Lawyers for Paula Jones suggested that Clinton should disclose whether he had sexual relations with women other than his wife when he was governor of Arkansas. Papers filed in federal court in preparation of Jones's sexual harassment suit asked that Clinton give written answers to 72 questions, including whether he asked a state trooper to summon her to a hotel room for him in May 1991.

Firefighters battled to contain a wildfire in affluent suburbs of Los Angeles that burned thousands of acres. At least two homes have been destroyed and schools and roads closed.

A cache of 100-million-year-old fossils found in Cedar Mountain, Utah, has filled an 80-million-year gap in the history of dinosaurs, according to an article in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. The gap spans from the end of the Jurassic period 145 million years ago to the beginning of the Cretaceous 65 million years ago.

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Communists in Russia's lower house of Parliament were attempting to muster enough support to pass a no-confidence vote against President Yeltsin's government. But Yeltsin's last-minute bid to defuse the showdown - by promising to seek compromise on his austere 1998 budget - was being considered by Duma members as the Monitor went to press. A successful no-confidence vote would have no legal effect unless followed by a second vote within 90 days.

Tamil rebels denied responsibility for a truck-bomb explosion that killed at least 15 people and injured 105 others in Sri Lanka's capital, Colombo. Police said the casualties would have been more numerous if much of the city's business district hadn't been closed for a holiday. Ten hours after the blast, Army troops still were shooting at suspected guerrillas hiding in a newspaper building.

President Clinton promoted his free-trade agenda during a visit to Brazil's financial capital, Sao Paulo. He told a gathering of business leaders that "globalization is irreversible" and urged them to reject protectionism. But Brazilian officials said the visit had done little to overcome opposition to his push to set up a Free Trade Area of the Americas by 2005. Clinton then flew to Argentina, where he was to meet with President Carlos Menem.

Rebel forces in the Congo Republic claimed to have complete control of the capital, Brazza-ville, as well as the strategic oil town Pointe Noir, where witnesses said President Pascal Lissouba's troops put up little resistance. Former military leader Denis Sassou Nguesso's militia has been receiving help from Angolan troops and already

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controls much of the north of the country. Lissouba's whereabouts were not known, but Prime Minister Bernard Kolelas and several deputies fled the country.

"Until the last minute of the last hour of the last day," Colombian President Ernesto Samper vowed to remain in office, rejecting calls for his resignation as part of a new peace plan. The proposal, worked out in secret between former trade minister Juan Manuel Santos and leftist rebels, also would allow the rebels to help rewrite the Constitution. Samper's term ends next August.

Israel's secret service plan-ned to assassinate Hamas lead-er Khaled Meshal a year ago in Turkey, the Jerusalem newspaper Haaretz reported. But it said the plan was dropped to avoid a dip-lomatic break with the Ankara government. A failed attempt to kill Meshal last month in Amman, Jordan, has strained ties with Israel's strongest Arab ally.

In an attempt at marketing its economic potential, North Korea tried to woo international investors with promises of tax breaks, a labor environment in which there would be no strikes, and a crime-free society. Its pitch came at a World Economic Forum conference in Hong Kong. But a representative had only vague answers for questions about allowing private enterprise or access to the domestic market. The communist country has been battered by drought, malnutrition, and a state economy that analysts say is near collapse.

Other antidemocratic regimes may be penalized by the British Commonwealth, but the group will not expel Nigeria's military government, Secretary-General Emeka Anyaoku said. He said leaders of the 54-nation group would wait to see if the regime in Abuja makes good on a pledge to hold democratic elections by next October. Nigeria was suspended in 1995 for undemocratic practices. But as a major oil-producer and trading partner, commonwealth officials admit it would be difficult to impose tougher sanctions. The commonwealth conference opens next Friday in Edinburgh, Scotland.

"The President has clearly taken a hike and missed an opportunity to eliminate billions of dollars in low-priority, unnecessary, and wasteful spending from the defense budget."

- Sen. John McCain (R) of Arizona, chastising President Clinton for not trimming more from the defense bill.

Etceteras

If you drive down Route 66 in East Hampton, Conn. this time of year, don't be spooked by Pumpkintown, USA. The tiny community set up in front of Paul and Sandy Peszynski's nursery features 54 pumpkin-headed residents who hang out in a shed-village that includes a fire station, church, and jail. Some of the featured pumpkin people, which are more than five feet tall, include mayor Leroy Butternut, pumpkin-in-chief Bill Clintompkin and his wife Hillary Horseradish.

Caught speeding? That will be \$ 25, paid out in cans of tuna. Wrote a bad check? Baby food, \$ 55 worth. In Magistrate Don Hensley's court in Simpsonville, S.C., offenders give back to the community - in food that goes straight to the poor. Hensley began imposing food fines on nonviolent petty offenders last month and has raised some \$ 4,000 worth of canned goods.

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Officials at the Atlanta Botanical Garden are hopping mad and wondering where their poison dart frogs have gone. They suspect a frog fanatic stole 22 of the brilliantly colored Latin American amphibians from the garden's collection earlier this month.

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Nannies Find More Cash For Kid Care Down Under

Working families looking for someone to help watch their children know that finding the right person can be time-consuming and at times costly. But nannies can come cheaper, that is, if you live in a developing nation, according to a survey by New York-based ECA Windham, which provides cost-of-living data for more than 200 countries. Hourly pay for nannies in some of the world's larger countries:

Australia\$ 8.27

Britain5.83

US (live-in)5.79

Canada5.13

Japan (live-in)4.62

Germany3.19

Brazil (live-in)2.66

Hong Kong2.31

Mexico1.13

China0.53

- ECA Windham LLC

Graphic

PHOTOS: 1) Phil Hannula brushes about 2 inches of snow from his car in Laurium, Mich., after the area's first snowfall of the season. BY KEN STUROS/DAILY MINING GAZETTE 2) A soldier shoulders a rocket launcher recovered from one of the guerrillas. BY ANURRUDDHA LOKUHAPUARACHCHI/REUTERS MAP: Showing Nigeria. BY STAFF

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The US

Using such terms as "disturb-ed" and "frustrating," Attorney General Reno criticized the White House for its belated release of videotapes sought by Senate investigators. She told a weekly news briefing that the Justice Department should have been notified "immediately" after the tapes were found. The White House said it learned of the existence of the tapes Oct. 1 but did not notify Justice until Oct. 4, a day after Reno wrote to House Republicans clearing President Clinton of misconduct during coffees at the executive mansion with contributors to the Democratic Party.

Public support for both Clinton and Vice President Gore has slipped amid investigations of campaign fund-raising abuses, a new poll found. A CNN/USA Today survey put Clinton's job-approval rating at 55 percent, a 6 percent drop from August and September. Gore's rating fell to 47 percent, his lowest since late in 1992. The survey was conducted between Oct. 3 and 5. Clinton is due to leave Sunday for a week-long, three-nation tour of South America. The administration sees momentum building for giving Clinton so-called "fast track" negotiating authority on trade, press secretary Mike McCurry said. He sought to play down the lack of support for the measure among Democrats, only four of whom voted with the majority in a 24-14 victory in the House Ways and Means Committee despite arm-twisting by the president. "Fast track" gives a president the authority to negotiate trade deals with other countries that cannot be amended by Congress.

China said it hoped the US would "take a few steps" to ensure that President Jiang Zemin's visit unfolds smoothly after a coalition of human-rights groups announced it would stage a major demonstration across from the White House Oct. 29. Jiang is scheduled to meet Clinton that day, followed by visits with members of Congress a day later.

New applications for unemployment relief dropped again last week and kept the national total for a 30-day period below 310,000 for the first time since 1989, the Labor Department said. It said applications dwindled by 5,000 from the week ending Sept. 27.

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Even the apparently effective enforcement of laws against selling cigarettes to minors is not reducing teenage smoking, a new report said. Citing the findings of a 1994-1996 survey of 17,603 high-school students, the New England Journal of Medicine said those under 18 still can obtain cigarettes easily and may be smoking even more heavily than before current campaigns to discourage their use began.

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Gene McKinney will plead innocent to all 20 counts of sexual harassment against him, his attorney said. But Charles Gittins said he did not think the charges - all of them brought by white women - were racially motivated. McKinney, who is black, is accused of adultery, indecent assault, soliciting sex, and issuing threats to a female soldier. The Army said it would court-martial him at Fort Belvoir, Va., but set no date.

Unless the coming winter is unusually cold, US homeowners should pay less for heating oil, natural gas, and propane, the Energy Department said. It said utilities and other suppliers were left with surpluses of fuel because of last winter's relatively mild temperatures. Average heating-season savings on oil should range from \$ 60 to \$ 70, compared to \$ 20 for natural gas, and more than \$ 90 for propane, the department estimated.

Eight US firearms manufacturers will install child-safety locks on every new handgun they sell, Clinton announced. He said the move would affect eight of every 10 domestically produced handguns.

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill called a news conference, reportedly as a forum for men's head basketball coach Dean Smith to announce his retirement. Smith, whose record of 879-254 makes him the winningest college coach in history, led the Tar Heels for 36 years. His 1982 and 1993 teams won national championships.

The World

Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi resigned after Communists in Parliament withdrew support for his minority government. In a heated debate, the Communist Reformation Party said Prodi's terms for a compromise deal on his proposed 1998 budget, which called for deep cuts in welfare and pension programs, was socially unacceptable. Italy has had 55 governments since World War II, each lasting an average of 10 months. Prodi's government lasted 500 days.

Israel will release \$ 49 million in taxes it has withheld from the Palestinian Authority since the July 30 suicide bombings in Jerusalem, a senior Palestinian official said.

A former Israeli head spy, quit a government committee investigating the botched assassination attempt on the leader of the Hamas movement. Nahum Admoni was accused of being in favor of the operation. Meanwhile, speculation mounted that Danny Yaton, the current chief of the Israeli spy agency, Mossad, will be asked to resign. Meanwhile, Foreign Minister David Levy, in a radio interview, said he was unhappy with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's policies and also was considering submitting his resignation.

Italian playwright Dario Fo won the 1997 Nobel Prize in Literature. His works have received acclaim for combining biting political observation with comedy. Among his writings are "Accidental Death of an Anarchist" and "Non Si Paga! Non Si Paga!" ("Can't Pay! Won't Pay!"). In announcing the \$ 1 million prize, the Karolinska Institute in

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Stockholm, Sweden, said: "Fo has been performed all over the world, perhaps more than any other contemporary dramatist."

Russian President Boris Yeltsin denied he had any intention of seeking reelection after his current term expires in 2000. Yeltsin made the announcement in Strasbourg, France, where he joined leaders from 40 European nations. They are scheduled to begin a two-day meeting today to discuss issues from human rights to European security.

Bosnian Muslims won a political victory in local elections, claiming 24 of 45 seats on Srebrenica City Council, about two years after they were forcibly driven out of the former UN safe area.

Mexicans began mobilizing emergency aid as hurricane Pauline pounded the Pacific coast near Acapulco, dumping heavy rains and flooding streets. Telephone communication to much of the coast was cut, and there was little information on the situation.

In a seven-hour speech, Fidel Castro vowed to continue Cuba's socialist path.

An Iraqi Kurdish group allied with Turkish soldiers claimed it has killed 40 rival Kurd rebels. The announcement came as Turkish planes continued to pound rebel positions along the Iraq-Turkey border. Turkey said it had killed 538 Kurd rebels in the past three weeks.

A week-long series of events in memory of Che Guevara kicked off in La Higuera, Bolivia, where the Argentine-Cuban revolutionary was killed 30 years ago by government troops. Guevara fought with Fidel Castro to overthrow Cuban ruler Fulgencio Batista in 1959 and remains a figure of almost mythic proportions to many followers, while others recall him as a terrorist.

Hillary Rodham Clinton push-ed for a bigger role for women in building successful democracies. She told a conference of Latin American first ladies in Panama City that the more women participate in the election process, the more a democracy stands to succeed.

"It is very frustrating to have them produced in such a delayed fashion... I was mad."

- Attorney General Reno, on the belated release of White House tapes showing President Clinton at coffee with Democratic Party donors.

Etceteras

Fire departments from four Wisconsin towns raced to the scene of an emergency call in Manitowoc, pumping thousands of gallons of water until the crisis was over. So, was an entire block on fire? Were they hosing spilled fuel off some highway? Neither. A pond holding 17,000 salmon fingerlings had sprung a serious leak, and a sportsmen's club would have lost its \$ 100,000 investment if the water level hadn't been raised again.

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You knew the movies on the life and times of Diana, Princess of Wales, wouldn't be long in coming, right? Well, brace yourself; the first is already in the works. Martin Poll Films of Los Angeles says it has acquired rights to the recently revised biography on which Diana herself was a secret collaborator. The search is on for "distinguished" British actors to play the key roles.

But the New York paper Newsday suspects its readers may be reaching the saturation point for stories about Diana. Above a six-paragraph piece on the new film was the following tongue-in-cheek caveat: "Caution . . . If you have had enough of these stories, please do not continue reading. There will be no other warning."

The Day's List

The Public's Favorite US Company: It's Microsoft

The polling firm Louis Harris & Associates asked 1,011 adults to rate the companies they perceive as "best." The top 10 finishers and where they placed in the same survey last year:

1. Microsoft⁴
2. IBM²
3. General Motors³
4. AT&T¹
5. Ford⁶
6. Wal-Mart⁷
7. General Electric⁵
8. Coca-Cola⁸
9. Intel^{unranked}
10. Boeing²⁰

The Christian Science Monitor will not be published Columbus Day, Monday, Oct. 13, a legal holiday in the United States.

Graphic

PHOTOS: 1) Smith (putting his 1996 team through a drill) would have opened preseason practice a week from tomorrow. BY STEVE DIPAOLA/REUTERS 2) Addressing the Communist Party Congress in Havana, he outlined the country's challenges since the collapse of its longtime benefactor, the Soviet Union, in 1991. Castro's endurance at the podium seemed to combat rumors he is ill. BY CUBAN TELEVISION MAP: Showing Bolivia. BY STAFF

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Body

The US

President Clinton named David Satcher as his choice to be US surgeon general. Dr. Satcher is director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. If confirmed, he would take up a job vacant since December 1994, when Joycelyn Elders resigned after suggesting that schoolchildren be taught about masturbation. Clinton nominated Dr. Henry Foster in 1995, but removed him from consideration when it became clear he had performed more abortions than he originally admitted.

The president reportedly is standing by his nominee to be ambassador to Mexico - even after conservative Sen. Jesse Helms (R) of North Carolina stonewalled attempts late last week to give moderate fellow Republican William Weld a Senate hearing. The White House said Clinton would seek new ways to circumvent Helms, the chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee. During a highly charged 30-minute special meeting of the group, Helms lashed out at the news media, fellow senators, and Weld, a former Massachusetts governor.

Jeb Bush filed as a Republican candidate for governor of Florida, three years after losing the state's closest gubernatorial election. Bush, a real estate developer from Miami and the son of former President George Bush, lost the 1994 race to incumbent Democrat Lawton Chiles by about 80,000 votes out of 4.2 million on the same day his elder brother, George, won the Texas governorship. In Florida, the state constitution bars Chiles from seeking a third term as governor. Southern California was braced for a pounding from hurricane Linda late Sunday, today, and tomorrow. The hurricane, although weakening, is the strongest on record for the eastern Pacific. It was expected to diminish only gradually as it moved north from the coast of Mexico, because waters off California are relatively warm due to a weather pattern known as El Nino, which occurs every few years. Trade winds that usually push storms out to sea have also been suppressed by El Nino.

A tentative labor accord ended a six-day transit strike in San Francisco. Union and management officials of Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), the area's biggest commuter-rail system, apologized to commuters who had clogged freeways or joined long bus and ferry lines to get to work last week. Striking union members began reporting to work over the weekend and were expected to ratify the agreement this week.

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The head of the American Legion called on the US military to offer separate-sex boot camps. Anthony Jordan, newly elected commander of the 2.9-million-member legion, said the considerable pressures of basic training are increased by mixing male and **female** recruits. Meanwhile, The Washington Post said the Army plans to toughen fitness tests for **female** soldiers after a survey found that the current relatively easy tests for **women** irritate male soldiers.

A secret Air Force study indicated that a tremor thought to be a Russian nuclear test occurred under water, indicating it was probably an earthquake. The report reached no conclusion, but tended to support denials by Russian officials that they had conducted a nuclear test Aug. 16 on the Arctic island of Novaya Zemlya.

Boeing Co. filed suit against US Airways Group Inc. over the airline's decision to cancel an order for 48 jets valued at \$ 2.2 billion and instead place a huge order with Airbus Industrie, a European manufacturer, Last November, Boeing declared the airline in default when it failed to make a \$ 3 million partial payment on eight Boeing 757s scheduled for delivery in 1998. Shortly afterward, US Airways placed an order for 120 Airbus jets valued at more than \$ 5 billion, with an option to buy an additional 280.

The space shuttle Atlantis will blast off Sept. 25 for the Russian space station Mir, the US space agency announced. Atlantis, which is scheduled to link up with Mir Sept. 27, is to pick up British-born US astronaut Michael Foale from the troubled space station and drop off his replacement, David Wolf. The shuttle also will deliver about 7,000 pounds of supplies and repair gear to the Russian outpost.

The World

No incidents of violence were reported in Bosnia as voters completed two days of municipal elections. International mediators said they were pleased with the first local balloting in 3-1/2 years, in which tens of thousands of people crossed ethnic dividing lines to vote. But many Croats heeded calls by their largest political party to boycott the election.

Arab governments should do everything possible to deny financial aid to **Hamas** and other radical Islamic groups, Secretary of State Albright told a meeting of Gulf-state foreign ministers in Saudi Arabia. She urged them to funnel aid instead to the struggling Palestinian Authority. And she issued a plea for Arab states to attend a November economic conference in Qatar, which Saudi Arabia and others say they will boycott if Israel attends.

Between 10,000 and 40,000 Israelis turned out for a rally against Prime Minister Netan-yahu Saturday, according to estimates. The event, in Tel Aviv, commemorated the fourth anniversary of the signing of the Oslo peace accords between their country and the Palestine Liberation Organization. Protesters called for Netanyahu to resign for what former Prime Minister Shimon Peres said were his efforts "to break Oslo."

For the first time, the political ally of the Irish Republican Party was due to join negotiations today on the political future of Northern Ireland. Two small Protestant unionist parties refuse to sit at the same table with Sinn Fein at the talks in Belfast. But the province's largest pro-British group, the Ulster Unionist Party, said it would be present, at least for the opening session.

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Members of the Missionaries of Charity vowed their work "will go on," even if the death of Mother Teresa makes future fund-raising more difficult. An estimated 12,000 people - among them representatives of 47 countries - attended the funeral of the Nobel Prize-winning nun Saturday.

In New Delhi, senior diplomats from India and Pakistan were to meet today for the first of four days of talks on making peace. Progress made at earlier talks in March and June was undercut by heavier-than-usual artillery fire across their common border over the summer. The prime ministers of the two rivals planned to follow up this week's sessions with a face-to-face meeting Sept. 24 in New York.

To try to calm tensions over the political future of Philippines President Fidel Ramos, his government was to open a series of grass-roots "consultations" today on amending the Constitution so he could seek a second term. The tensions increased last week when a senior military official announced his troops were ready to impose martial law. Opponents, led by business leaders and the Roman Catholic Church, plan a massive rally Sept. 21 against amending the charter.

Leftist Zapatista rebels were welcomed to Mexico City by Mayor-elect Cuauhtemoc Cardenas, calling the capital "your home." To revive support for their cause, 1,100 masked Zapatistas traveled to the capital by bus from the impoverished state of Chiapas. Cardenas pledged to help the group's civilian wing, the Zapatista National Liberation Front, pursue demands for greater Indian rights, redistribution of land, and increased jobs through nonviolence.

Polling booths opened Sunday in Norway, where national elections revolved around the issue of how to distribute the country's oil wealth. Prime Minister Thorbjørn Jagland said his minority Labor government would quit if it did not get at least 37 percent of the vote. Analysts said the rightist Progress Party was likely to make the most gains, based on calls for using oil revenues to improve medical care and give the elderly larger pensions.

"Oslo was no mistake. The Netanyahu government is the big mistake."

- Ex-Prime Minister Shimon Peres at an anti-Netanyahu rally in Tel Aviv on the fourth anniversary of the Israeli-Palestinian peace accords.

Etceteras

When public schools in six states banned high-maintenance virtual pets, the latest fad in toys, kids begged their parents for help in looking after the cyber critters during classes. But who helps the parents, often busy in their own right? One solution, from Cape Cod Potato Chips in Hyannis, Mass.: an employee-staffed electronic-pet day-care center.

The government of Honduras has given the term false advertising a whole new meaning. The Central American nation, one of only 30 that officially recognize the government of Taiwan, bought full-page newspaper ads welcoming President Lee Teng-hui on a tour of the region. But by mistake, the ads pictured Lee with the flag of Taiwan's bitter rival, communist China. "Oops, sorry," his hosts said.

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Then there's the case of a Pittsburgh man cited by police after an alcohol-related mishap on his bicycle. He was told he could avoid trial by - among other things - surrendering his driver's license for 30 days. But he doesn't drive, own a car, or have a license. "I see loads of irony here," his attorney remarked, noting that authorities have put the man in the position of having to obtain a license just so it can be suspended.

The Day's List

Employee Vacations Vary Widely in Worldwide Poll

A Union Bank of Switzerland report indicates western Europeans enjoy on average the world's longest paid vacations - and Asians the shortest - based on a weighted average of 11 professions. The top and bottom five among the 55 cities surveyed, with their average paid vacation days per year:

Longest Vacations

1. Berlin 30.0

(tie) Frankfurt 30.0

3. Helsinki, Finland 26.9

4. Amsterdam 26.6

(tie) Bombay 26.6

Shortest Vacations

1. Shanghai, China 1.2

2. Mexico City 8.7

3. Taipei, Taiwan 9.0

4. Jakarta, Indonesia 9.4

5. Bangkok, Thailand 9.8

Graphic

PHOTOS: 1) President Clinton and David Satcher. BY GREG GIBSON/AP 2) One voter leaves her polling station through a window because so many other people were crowded inside. BY ZORAN BOZICEVIC/AP MAP: Showing Norway - BY TOM BROWN - STAFF

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The US

America Online reached a deal to take over its main competitor, CompuServe, The Washington Post reported. It said CompuServe, with 2.6 million customers, would continue as a separate service, to be fully controlled by AOL, which has more than three times as many subscribers. The complex deal, worth more than \$ 1 billion, must be OK'd by federal regulators.

Vice President Gore could stabilize his political standing by volunteering to testify before the Senate committee investigating campaign funding violations, a key member of the panel said. US Sen. Arlen Specter (R) of Pennsylvania told CBS's "Face the Nation" that Gore has told "conflicting stories" about his involvement in a fund-raising appearance at a California Buddhist temple in April 1996. Nuns from the temple told the Governmental Affairs Committee last week they had been reimbursed from temple funds for checks they were asked to write to the Democratic Party. Gore has said he did not believe that the event was intended to raise money.

Parents of Washington children scrambled to make alternative work and day-care arrangements as 42 of the city's public schools remained closed for critical repairs. Judge Kaye Christian, supervising the court-ordered repair project, imposed fines of \$ 1,000 a day for each building on which work is not finished by Sept. 11, calling the progress to date "extremely unacceptable." School officials say all the work will be complete by Sept. 22. Retired pathologist Jack Kevorkian reportedly attended the suicide of a chronically ill woman, his third such involvement in 10 days. The Oakland Press, near Detroit, identified the woman as Deborah Sickels of Arlington, Texas. Her death would be the 49th Kevorkian has acknowledged attending. A mistrial was declared in June, the latest attempt to try him for assisted suicides.

Calling Whitewater special investigator Kenneth Starr "lower than a worm," relatives and friends of Susan McDougal demanded her release from a contempt citation that has kept her in jail for the past year. They gathered outside the federal courthouse in Little Rock, Ark., where President and Mrs. Clinton's former business partner was cited for contempt for refusing to answer Starr's questions about the Whitewater affair. She has said she won't testify because her version of developments conflicts with Starr's and could cause her to be charged with perjury.

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Beleaguered National Baptist Convention president Henry Lyons asked parishioners of his home church in St. Petersburg, Fla., for forgiveness after surviving an attempt last week to oust him from the post for admitted "mistakes." Lyons has been in the national spotlight since July 6 over the purchase of a \$ 700,000 house that later caught fire and use of convention funds to buy a diamond ring for a woman who was not his wife. His bank records have been subpoenaed for a state investigation.

Commuters to San Francisco who use the Bay Area Rapid Transit system were forced to find alternatives as a strike by 2,600 train operators, station agents, mechanics, and other workers entered its second day. They seek a 17 percent pay raise over three years and have rejected the system's 9 percent offer. BART officials say operating the system without the strikers is not an option.

Five candidates were to square off against each other today in a primary election in New York for the city's Democratic mayoral nomination. The winner will oppose popular incumbent Rudolph Giuliani (R) in November. Manhattan Borough President Ruth Messinger leads opponents Brooklyn City Councilman Sal Albanese, black activist the Rev. Al Sharpton, and two long-shot candidates, Roland Rogers and Eric Ruano-Melendez, in late popularity polls.

Swiss teenager Martina Hingis won the women's singles title at the US Open tennis championships in New York. Hingis, the top seed, defeated American Venus Williams 6-0, 6-4, adding the tournament to her Wimbledon and Australian Open victories on the Grand Slam circuit. Australian Patrick Rafter won the men's singles, 6-3, 6-2, 4-6, 7-5, over Greg Rusedski of Britain. Rafter was seeded 13th Rusedski was unseeded.

The World

Mir's main computer failed again, causing the space station to become disoriented and forcing the crew to shut down all systems except life-support equipment, a Russian space official said. It was the third time the Mir's computer system has failed since July. Officials estimate it would take one to three days to fix the problem.

Palestinian security forces detained 35 suspected Muslim militants in the West Bank - their first arrests since a suicide bombing in Jerusalem last week. The blast by the Islamic movement Hamas killed eight people. Meanwhile, Israel put police on high alert ahead of Secretary of State Albright's visit to the Middle East beginning tomorrow. Above, a Palestinian vendor pours carob juice for Israeli border police outside the walls of Jerusalem's Old City.

Ousted Zairean leader Mobutu Sese Seko, who died in exile in Morocco, was one of Africa's longest-serving dictators. He took power in a 1965 military coup, five years after Zaire gained independence from Belgium. Backed by the West, Mobutu promised democracy. Instead, he became a dictator and banned all other political parties. He fled Zaire in May after rival forces led by Laurent Kabila took over the capital, Kinshasa, ending a seven-month civil war.

Armed residents patrolled their neighborhoods in the Algerian capital following two weekend massacres that left more than 100 people dead. No group claimed responsibility for the attacks in the western suburb of Beni Messous, but such attacks usually are blamed on the Armed Islamic Group which seeks to overthrow the military-led government. Meanwhile, Algerian security forces reportedly killed 69 rebels in an operation that began last week south of Algiers.

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A ferry sank off of Haiti's northern coast, killing at least 300 people, the US Coast Guard said. Sixty other passengers reportedly swam to shore. According to local residents, as many as 800 people were on the boat when it left the northern port of Montrouis bound for the island of La Gonave. The largest ferries operating in the area have a capacity of about 300 people.

Some 1,600 Bosnian Serb police patrolled Banja Luka ahead of a rally planned by supporters of war-crimes suspect Radovan Karadzic. Buses carrying dozens of Karadzic backers left Pale, his headquarters, for Banja Luka despite an official ban on public meetings until Saturday. Serb sub-state President Biljana Plavsic met with a leading Karadzic ally, Momcilo Krajisnik, hours before the demonstration was to begin. The Karadzic-Plavsic rivalry threatens to divide the Serb-held half of Bosnia.

Iraq will send officials to Iran to discuss prisoners of war held since the two sides ended their eight-year war in 1988, an Iraqi newspaper said. Iran denies Baghdad's claim that it has held 20,000 Iraqi POWs. Iran also accuses Iraq of holding at least 5,000 Iranian prisoners.

Ryutaro Hashimoto was guaranteed his tenure as Japanese prime minister until the next general election after no one challenged him to head the ruling Liberal Democratic Party. On Thursday, the LDP will formally elect Hashimoto, who is expected to organize his next cabinet. General elections need not be held for another two years.

Police in Vietnam arrested 2,578 people and seized millions of dollars worth of drugs last month in a nationwide crackdown on illegal narcotics, the country's official news agency said. The government set up a national committee in August to boost its drive against the trafficking of opium, heroin, and marijuana. Analysts say Vietnam's long land border and coastline make the country an easy transit route for traffickers from the opium poppy-growing areas of Laos and Burma.

"This has gone from the ridiculous to the absurd."

- District of Columbia Judge Kaye Christian, on the delay in completing court-ordered repairs to Washington public schools.

Etceteras

The state of Florida has a Massachusetts company over a barrel because of a monkey-breeding program in the Keys. Charles River Laboratories was supplying the primates for medical research, but thousands of them now are devouring the mangrove habitat on two of the islands. Last week a judge threw a wrench into the works, ordering the company to end the monkey business and get its specimens out of the Keys National Marine Sanctuary.

Some Warwick, R.I., men literally laughed all the way to the bank after duping customers into dropping their cash into a phony night-deposit box. An official-looking sign said the bank's regular box was out of order over Labor Day weekend and directed after-hours users to a temporary replacement in the foyer. Before the bank reopened, the crooks took away the phony box - and what police say was a "substantial amount" of money.

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Ever had a craving for pizza but just didn't have the dough? Pizza Hut, the industry's largest chain, says all of its company-owned outlets will accept major credit cards from customers by Monday. And by next month, 85 percent of its franchisee-owned outlets will, too.

The Days List

McDonald's 'Drive-Thru' Rated No. 1 for Service

An Ohio-based market research firm ranks McDonald's above the competition in a survey of window service at national fast-food restaurant chains. Spira-gowski & Associates researchers made more than 9,300 drive-through visits at 22 chains in every state except Hawaii. The firm's top 10 chains, based on speed, accuracy, speaker-system clarity, and menu board appearance:

1. McDonald's
2. Del Taco
3. Hardee's
4. Burger King
5. Wendy's
6. Long John Silver's
7. Carl's Jr.
8. El Pollo Loco
9. Jack in the Box
10. Taco Bell

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PHOTOS: 1) Susan McDougal's brother, Bill Henly, holds posters calling her a "political prisoner." MIKE WINTROATH/AP 2) Palestinian troops. BY RULA HALAWANI/REUTERS. MAP: Showing Vietnam - STAFF

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The US

Three Buddhist nuns from California were to describe how they helped to launder illegal contributions to the Democratic Party as Senate Governmental Affairs Committee hearings resumed in Washington. Their testimony was to follow a Justice Department announcement of a "formal review" of allegations that Vice President Gore had broken federal law by soliciting campaign contributions from his White House office. Gore addressed a fund-raiser at a Buddhist temple near Los Angeles April 26, 1996, at which nuns were reimbursed for checks they wrote to the Democratic National Committee.

Japan's three largest shipping companies were slapped with US sanctions after the Tokyo government failed to meet a deadline for eliminating restrictive practices against American shippers. Mitsui, Nippon Yusen, and Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha each will be fined \$ 100,000 when its next ship arrives at a US port. The penalties were to have taken effect in April but were postponed at the request of the Clinton administration to allow time for Japan to take corrective action.

Gov. Fife Symington (R) of Arizona planned to leave office today after his conviction in federal court on seven counts of fraud related to earlier activities as a real-estate developer. He was cleared of three charges; the jury deadlocked on 11 others. Symington could be jailed for life and fined \$ 6.25 million when sentencing is imposed Nov. 10. His duties will be assumed by Secretary of State Jane Hull since Arizona has no lieutenant governor. California's law requiring contractors on public-works projects to share some of the construction with women or minority-owned companies was struck down. A federal appeals court in San Francisco said the objective of the set-aside statute was laudable but that it violated the equal protection clause of the US Constitution. The suit that prompted the ruling was filed by a contractor whose low bid on a major project at California Polytechnic University in San Luis Obispo was disqualified because it did not meet the requirements of the statute.

A slight increase in the number of Americans applying for unemployment benefits was announced by the Labor Department. It said first-time claims rose by 2,000 last week, to 326,000, despite expectations that the number would decline by about that many. The four-week average, considered a more reliable measure of job-market stability, also rose - to 326,500, the department said.

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Factory orders inched higher in July, to a seasonally adjusted record \$ 330 billion, the Commerce Department said. It also said the backlog of unfilled orders - another sign of a brisk economic pace - fell 0.5 percent in July, the first drop since April.

Beginning in January, Americans can once again access details on their Social Security benefits via the Internet, the government said. The on-line feature was suspended in April, four weeks after it began, because of concerns that sensitive personal information could fall into the wrong hands. The Social Security Administration said new safeguards, such as a verification code, had been installed.

Small companies say their customers are losing patience because of continuing delivery delays - two weeks after settlement of the Teamsters strike against United Parcel Service, The Wall Street Journal reported. It said UPS still is struggling to return staffing levels to normal and that users claim the shipper is unable to provide clear explanations of the problem.

Supporters of a physician accused of molesting female patients turned on a photographer attempting to shoot news pictures after a court session near Pittsburgh. Scott LaClair of the Uniontown, Pa., Herald-Standard was shoved and prevented from using his camera as a crowd chanted, "Remember Princess Diana!" Police, who said LaClair had done nothing wrong, charged two men with harassment and disorderly conduct.

The World

Three devices apparently carried by suicide bombers exploded in Jerusalem, killing at least six people and wounding 165 others. The Islamic militant group Hamas claimed responsibility. Israel's Army quickly reimposed a full closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip following the blasts in a pedestrian mall packed with shoppers. The attack cast doubt on next week's scheduled visit to the region by Secretary of State Albright, who had hoped to revive Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto arrived in Beijing for talks with Chinese leaders. Hashimoto is expected to address China's concern that Japan's expanding alliance with the US might oblige Tokyo to respond militarily to crises near Taiwan, which China views as a renegade province. The four-day visit also marks 25 years of Sino-Japan diplomatic ties.

Taiwan's President Lee Teng-hui defied China by flying to Panama for an international conference. Despite China's objection, Lee was due to make an overnight stop in Hawaii before attending the Sept. 7-10 Panama Canal conference. But to spare the White House embarrassment, Taiwanese officials said Lee would shun public functions.

Queen Elizabeth II planned to make a radio address to the British people today after increased criticism of her silence following the automobile crash in Paris that killed Diana, Princess of Wales. The queen said she and her family "have been hurt by suggestions that they are indifferent" to Britain's sorrow following Diana's death. British newspapers lambasted the queen for her refusal to bend protocol and publicly express her grief prior to tomorrow's funeral.

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Thailand's parliament opened debate on a draft constitution to revamp the country's electoral system. Prime Minister Chavalit Yongchaiyudh said the document contained flaws that went against the "democracy system." But he did not indicate which way he would vote. By requiring politicians to declare their assets, the charter aims to reform Thailand's patronage-oriented political system, which has been blamed for the country's current economic woes.

Share prices plunged on Malaysia's stock market as the country's currency, the ringgit, reached a 24-year low against the US dollar. Analysts say Malaysia has been affected by the currency instability that began in neighboring Thailand in July.

The Mir crew continued preparations for tomorrow's six-hour spacewalk to locate and patch holes in the space station's Spektr module, which was damaged in a collision with an unmanned cargo ship in June. US astronaut Michael Foale is expected to work alongside Mir commander Anatoly Solovyov. Meanwhile, a Russian space agency official said Mir will crash into the Pacific Ocean in 1999, shortly after the Alpha international space station is built.

The Comoros government said its forces recaptured all strategic points on Anjouan after its troops landed on the secessionist island off Africa's Indian Ocean coast earlier this week. There was no independent confirmation of the claim. Anjou-an and Moheli - two of the three islands that make up the country - seceded last month, claiming the government of President Mohamed Taki was corrupt.

Heavy fighting broke out between troops of Sierra Leone's military junta and Nigerian-led peacekeepers. At least 11 people were killed by the shelling in the capital, Freetown, where the Nigerians are trying to enforce an economic blockade designed to restore President Ahmad Tejan Kabbah to power. Kabbah was ousted in a May 25 coup.

"We are ready to coordinate with the Israeli side and to cooperate with them to face

this terrorism and this criminal act."

- Palestinian Authority Cabinet secretary Ahmed Abdel Rahman, following the latest suicide bombings in Jerusalem.

Etceteras

It's hard to know what to make of the situation confronting Sheriff Joel Behne of Des Moines County, Iowa. Some of his deputies filed a grievance against him for insisting that their names be painted on the county's patrol cars, which they take home with them when off duty. The deputies don't want the public to know where they live, for safety reasons. Their concern for anonymity extends to the grievance, too. None of them signed it.

To celebrate its - uh - brief history as the Underwear Capital of the World, Piqua, Ohio, is preparing for next month's annual two-day festival. The event features a race called the "Undie 500." No, the schedule does not have any contests for boxers.

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In case you were wondering, the market for Diana look-alikes all but disappeared with the Princess of Wales's death. Celebrity doubles agencies say it may be many years before women who closely resemble her can make public appearances without complaints about being in bad taste. Some professional Diana doubles commanded fees of \$ 3,200 a day for such assignments.

The Day's List

Top Men Struggle at US Open Tennis Tournament

The US Open headed into its final weekend with only a handful of the top male singles players remaining. In the most surprising upset, American Pete Sampras lost to the Czech Republic's Petr Korda. Sampras was bidding for his fifth Open title. The following are the top multiple US Open champions in men's and women's singles and the number of titles each has won:

Men

1. Richard Sears 7
2. William Larned 7
3. Bill Tilden 7
4. Jimmy Connors 5
5. Three players tied at 4

Women

1. Molla Bjurstedt Mallory 8
2. Helen Wills Moody 7
3. Chris Evert 6
4. Steffi Graf 5
5. Margaret Smith Court 5

- Sportsline USA, Inc.

Graphic

PHOTOS: 1) The artist legally known as Wyland adds touches to the mural of a mother and baby whale on one wall of a zoo in Apple Valley, Minn. Wyland, nationally known for his "whaling walls," paints them to build awareness of the need to protect the oceans. JIM MONE/AP 2) Hashimoto (r.) reviews an honor guard with Chinese Premier Li Peng in Tiananmen Square. BY GREG BAKER/AP MAP: Showing Sierra Leone - STAFF

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The US

President Clinton offered to delay action on his proposed tuition tax credits and other tax cuts to boost the chance of reaching a budget accord, The Washington Post reported. Also, House Speaker Newt Gingrich reaffirmed his commitment to tax cuts after GOP lawmakers criticized him for earlier comments about deferring them. He had suggested the postponement until passage of legislation to balance the federal budget.

French Defense Minister Charles Millon is scheduled to meet with his US counterpart, William Cohen, in Washington today. Millon plans to bring France's demands that Europe play a larger role in commanding NATO to the negotiating table. Washington already has refused to hand over the southern command based in Naples, Italy, which controls the Mediterranean and access to the Balkans, North Africa, and the Middle East. But a NATO official said a compromise is being considered.

Clinton planned to spend a weekend of private time after returning home from his Helsinki summit with Russian President Yeltsin. They agreed on a goal of cutting US and Russian nuclear arms by 80 percent below their cold-war peak. But Yeltsin remained opposed to NATO expansion. The Mississippi River is expected to crest today at 49.5 feet in Vicksburg, Miss. - more than 6 feet above flood stage. In Beulah, N.D., residents wrestled with 4 feet of water from the overflowing Knife River. Meanwhile, most flood warnings were lifted in Washington state, where some 500 homes were damaged by flooding and mudslides after four days of rain.

A bill outlawing "partial birth" abortions now heads to the Senate after House passage. Also, Virginia Gov. George Allen signed an abortion law with a parental-notification provision. The law requires a physician to notify a parent at least a day before performing an abortion on an unmarried girl under age 18.

The House approved \$ 3.8 million to finance its investigation of campaign fund-raising and to pay for the operation of House committees for 30 days. In a related development, federal agents planned to meet this week with Mark Siegel, a Democratic activist and former lobbyist for Pakistan, regarding his claims against Rep. Dan Burton (R) of Indiana. The chairman of the committee probing Democratic fund-raising threatened to cut off his access after the lobbyist failed to raise \$ 5,000 for his campaign funds, Siegel said.

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The US Senate voted to require that the president submit a report by Sept. 1 on Mexico's progress on antidrug efforts. Unlike the House, it did not demand decertification for Mexico.

The Hispanic population is growing faster and has a higher birth rate than any other group in the US, the Census Bureau reported. The group grew by 1 million people last year compared to a 600,000 increase in non-Hispanic whites - the largest racial group in the US. US population growth overall is slowing because baby boomers are leaving their child-bearing years, it said.

Three ships of the Chinese Navy sailed into San Diego Bay - communist China's first port visit to the US mainland. The goodwill tour includes visits to Disneyland and the San Diego Zoo.

Some 47 percent of Americans are less interested in going to major league baseball games than they were before the players struck two years ago, a nationwide Associated Press poll found. But 30 percent said interest is back to normal, according to the survey of 1,000 adults. After the 1995 players' strike, attendance dropped 20 percent but then rebounded by 6.5 percent last year. Respondents also said the increasing cost of attending a major league game has also affected their interest.

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Israel's Cabinet met to discuss cutting off negotiations with the Palestinian Authority, an aide to Prime Minister Netanyahu said. The meeting came in the aftermath of a suicide bombing that killed four people late last week in Tel Aviv - an attack the Islamic resistance group Hamas said it had carried out. Meanwhile, Army troops took up positions at malls and parks where Israelis celebrated the Purim holiday.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin returned from the Helsin-ki summit, conceding he had failed to win a US promise that former Soviet republics would not become members of NATO. But he called the meeting with US President Clinton a success because Clinton promised NATO would not move nuclear weapons or conventional forces eastward. The two also agreed on deeper cuts in their nuclear arsenals and to work for ratification of the START II treaty by Russia's parliament.

Zairean President Mobutu Sese Seko made his first public appearance since returning from France and said he would devote himself to the country's interests, not his own. But he refused to indicate whether he would meet with rebel leader Laurent Kabila, whose forces now control one-third of the country. As Mobutu held talks with visiting peace en-voy Thabo Mbeki of South Africa, US troops landed in neighboring Congo to prepare for the possible evacuation of Americans from Zaire. Hundreds of Belgian commandoes were expected to leave today on a similar mission.

For the second Sunday in a row, Albanians rallied in their capital's main square to call for peace. State news agencies reported that order had been restored to two southern port cities, Durres and Vlora, and Italian helicopters ferried in emergency relief supplies. Prime Minister Bashkim Fino was expected to meet European Union foreign ministers today in Rome to seek more international aid for his troubled country.

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In a gesture aimed at generating goodwill for the resumption of peace talks this week, Pakistan freed 38 Indian children it had held since 1994. They were among 100 people and several boats seized in a dispute over fishing rights. Indian and Pakistani negotiators are scheduled to reopen their stalled dialogue March 28 in New Delhi.

Thousands of pro-China Hong Kong residents ignored bad weather to stage a traditional parade beginning the 100-day countdown to the end of British rule. Most bystanders refused invitations to join the march, and some protested it by taping their mouths shut.

Despite rain, 40,000 people jammed a stadium in Taiwan to hear the Dalai Lama preach on Buddhist philosophy. His visit to the island has been condemned by communist China. He is scheduled to meet President Lee Teng Hui before leaving Taiwan.

Burma's military government tightened security in the capital, Rangoon, against spreading religious unrest. The trouble began last week in Mandalay, the country's second-largest city, when monks led a rampage after reports that a Buddhist girl had been raped by a Muslim.

Nine German soldiers with suspected neo-Nazi connections will be discharged from the Army for attacking immigrants, a senior commander said. The attacks, in the city of Detmold, triggered a weekend protest against racism by hundreds of Germans outside the base where the soldiers were stationed.

Some 14,000 Belorussians battled police on two fronts in the capital, Minsk, in protest against the pro-Moscow policies of President Alexander Lukashenko. Witnesses said several protesters were hurt when hit by truncheons. Many Belorussians favor membership in NATO and are angry at Lukashenko's campaign to merge the country with Russia.

Etceteras

"Let's be soldiers of an army without generals - soldiers of peace."

- From flyers distributed at a rally in Tirana, Albania, where citizens turned out to support efforts to restore order.

High-school sophomore Ari Hoffman won first prize at a science fair in Marin County, Calif. But judges threw his project out of competition in the larger Bay Area Science Fair in nearby San Francisco, saying it violated a rule against cruelty to animals. Ari's experiment: a study of the effects of radiation on the reproduction of fruit flies.

So there was a bunch of kids waiting for the school bus in Toledo, Ohio, when the air around them filled with floating paper money. They gleefully stuffed their pockets with the windfall until police arrived and obliged them to give it up. It seems the bills were part of the loot from a nearby bank robbery that blew out of the thief's bag as a pack of red dye exploded.

To whip up interest in attending its Easter services, the venerable Church of England is reaching out in a way it hopes the hip-hop generation will relate to: up-tempo TV commercials just like those used in selling potato chips or

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hair spray. The ads show practicing Christians in prayer at the wheel of a sports car, while playing basketball, and on a night-club dance floor.

The Day's List

US Property Taxes Have Their Highs and Lows

Want to lower your taxes? Consider moving to Montgomery, Ala. According to consulting firm Runzheimer International of Rochester, Wis., homeowners in Montgomery pay only \$ 399 a year on the same size (and almost identically priced) house that would be taxed \$ 5,288 in Buffalo, N.Y. A sample from Runzheimer's analysis of almost 400 metropolitan areas nationwide (with tax percents of home market values).

HIGHEST

Buffalo, N.Y. 3.54

Rockford, Ill. 3.51

Pittsburgh 3.15

San Antonio 3.00

Milwaukee 2.80

LOWEST

Montgomery, Ala. .26

Honolulu .35

New Orleans .51

Casper, Wyo. .70

Graphic

PHOTOS: 1) Texan Tara Lipinski became the youngest skater in history to win the women's World Figure Skating Championships, held in Lausanne, Switzerland. The 14-year-old jumped from 15th to 1st place in just one year. LYNNE SLADKY/AP. 2) Thousands of pro-China Hong Kong residents ignored bad weather to stage a traditional parade beginning the 100-day countdown to the end of British rule. Marchers wait for the parade to start. VINCENT YU/AP. MAP: Showing Belarus. DAVE HERRING - STAFF

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THE US

Residents in eight states, most in New England, go to the polls tomorrow to vote in the Republican presidential race. The candidates will divvy up 226 GOP delegates. Senator Dole now holds the largest number of delegates after South Carolina's primary, where he took 45 percent of the vote, followed by Pat Buchanan with 29 and Steve Forbes with 13. Lamar Alexander trailed behind again with 10 percent, a weak showing in his home region.

Clinton plans to unveil a \$ 243-billion defense budget today that puts off increased weapons spending for several years and includes a 3 percent military pay raise for 1997. It also includes salary raises of 3.1 percent in subsequent years.

More than 60,000 people attended memorial services in Miami's Orange Bowl for four members of a Cuban search-and-rescue group shot down by Cuban jet fighters a week ago. Meanwhile, a flotilla to the site where the Brothers to the Rescue planes were downed dropped wreaths and four wooden crosses into the sea; and participants said prayers for the victims. Only 15 of 35 of the boats completed the trip: Several were forced back to shore by choppy seas. The US Coast Guard said there was no sign of Cuban military planes or vessels during the flotilla's excursion.

The trial begins today for James and Susan McDougal - President Clinton's partners in the Whitewater real estate deal - and Arkansas Gov. Jim Guy Tucker on federal fraud and conspiracy charges. But a US District judge ruled that three defendants can claim the charges against them are politically motivated. Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr wanted to prevent attorneys from using the argument. Meanwhile, a Senate battle is looming over whether the investigation should continue. The Democrats are planning to block resumption of the hearings until the Republicans agree to a timetable for a conclusion.

Colombian President Ernesto Samper railed against US intervention after the Clinton administration "decertified" Colombia. Clinton imposed the sanctions after concluding Colombian authorities had not fully cooperated on the US war on drugs. The decision could affect \$ 1.5 billion in loan requests Colombia made to international lending institutions.

Youth violence is growing and likely to get worse, criminal justice experts told Congress. The number of killings by teenagers has increased 172 percent since 1985. Youth violence is spurred by drugs, guns, gangs, and even the media, the experts said.

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The CIA lacks direction and is too remote from the policymakers it is intended to serve, says a new report by a commission established by Congress. It recommends expanding the CIA director's power.

Nothing has been decided about raising the debt limit, House Speaker Gingrich said. And a senior House aide said it now appears a vote will be delayed until the week of March 11. The US faces the possibility of default on March 22.

The military in North Carolina has serious race-relations problems, a three-month state NAACP probe concludes. It recommends establishing military-base liaisons to the NAACP and requiring periodic diversity and sensitivity training for military personnel. The December killing of a black Fayetteville couple by soldiers from Fort Bragg prompted the investigation.

The Coast Guard in Alaska detained a Japanese-owned, Panamanian-registered ship suspected of a recent oil spill that killed at least 1,000 birds. The ship was already being held for safety and sanitation violations.

The gender gap is wide at the White House: Clinton's staff has more men than women in higher-paying positions. The July salaries of 407 White House personnel were mistakenly published in a Senate report and subsequently in The Washington Times. Of the 21 aides earning \$ 125,000 or more, 14 were men. And of the 32 earning between \$ 100,000 and \$ 125,000, 20 were men.

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A suicide bomb attack on a Jerusalem bus killed at least 19 people and injured 10. Israeli Prime Minister Peres declared an all-out war against the Muslim militant group Hamas, which claimed responsibility for the attack. Israeli President Ezer Weizman said, "We are at war." And Palestinian President Arafat outlawed all militant groups in self-rule areas. World leaders condemned the attack, the third in eight days, while reiterating that acts of terrorism cannot sabotage the Mideast peace process.

Several Bosnian Serb military units called off meetings with NATO forces following the indictment of Bosnian Serb Gen. Djordje Djukic for war crimes by the UN War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague. Djukic was detained by the Muslim-led Bosnian government police after he took a wrong turn in Sarajevo Jan. 30 and was later extradited to The Hague. The indictment is proof of the international community's bias, Bosnian Serbs leaders said.

A 10-week impasse in Turkish politics ended after two conservative parties signed a coalition deal, thwarting the bid of an anti-Western Islamic party. Under the agreement, Motherland Party's Mesut Yilmaz will serve as premier for 10 months, followed by caretaker Premier Tansu Ciller for two years from 1997. After Ciller's tenure, Yilmaz will return to the helm, presuming the Parliament lasts its full five-year term.

Russian Defense Minister Pavel Grachev reportedly offered to meet Chechen rebel leader Dzhokhar Dudayev to discuss issues relating to the separatist republic. Dudayev, regarded as a "bandit" by Moscow, is unlikely to undertake such a risky meeting, analysts said. Also, Russian troops and rebels fought fierce battles in the village of Sernovodsk, near the capital Grozny.

The leaders of 15 EU and 10 Asian nations called for stronger economic links between the two regions during a landmark summit in Bangkok. Asian leaders emphasized the need for increased investment in Asia by EU nations. Contentious issues like human rights were pushed aside but many follow-up meetings were agreed upon before the next summit in Britain in 1998.

India's Supreme Court ordered federal police to report only to the Court in its investigation into an \$ 18 million bribes-for-favors scandal involving 24 leading politicians. The Court criticized the Central Bureau of Investigation for not arresting the politicians, who appeared to be above the law in the past.

Australia's Labour Party and Prime Minister Paul Keating suffered a crushing defeat at the hands of the conservatives, led by John Howard. Labour, in office for 13 years, lost about 33 of its 81 seats in the 148-seat House of Representatives.

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The IRA's political wing, Sinn Fein, objected to being excluded from a new round of Northern Ireland peace talks planned to start today. Ireland and Britain said that Sinn Fein's participation is contingent on a guaranteed cease-fire by the IRA. Also, the US issued a conditional visa to Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams to attend St. Patrick's Day celebrations in the US. The Clinton Administration barred Adams from raising funds during his visit to the US.

The world's forests cannot be protected by banning imports of tropical timber, Indonesia told delegates of the World Commission on Forests and Sustainable Development in Jakarta. Economic and environmental laws must be considered together when drafting international trade laws on forest products, the country said.

Nicaraguan children gather balloons after the newly formed Renovated Sandinista Movement party's convention. Presidential elections are set for October.

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"If they bring [racism] here, they have no future in the military."

- Maj. Rivers Johnson, spokesman for Fort Bragg in North Carolina, responding to an NAACP report that says Fort Bragg has race-related problems. A separate internal probe found 22 white soldiers with ties to extremist groups.

Wolves are roaming in packs in the French Alps after a 60-year absence, leading to a battle between animal defenders and farmers concerned for their livestock. Seventeen wolves have been counted in France's Maritime Alps. Scientists say they came from Italy where there are about 400 wolves.

The world's most famous sled-dog race, the Iditarod, began Saturday in Alaska. Alaskan DeeDee Jonrowe, the top woman competitor, was the first of 60 mushers out of the chute near Anchorage bound for Nome, some 1,100 miles away.

Just months from running out of 800 numbers, the nation's phone companies opened a new area code for toll-free calling - 888. About 42,000 businesses and individuals will initially be accepting calls.

The Internal Revenue Service will audit fewer individual taxpayers this year than last year because of a budget squeeze. An estimated 1.7 million returns will be audited, down from 1.92 million last year.

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For the first time since they were written more than 600 years ago, the mystery plays in York, Britain, will be performed with a woman in the role of God. The anonymous plays use imagery and rollicking buffoonery to tell Biblical stories.

Top Tree-Covered Nations

As Indonesia protests international efforts to lower its timber exports, here's a look at the most-forested nations.

Percent of country covered by forests

1. Suriname 91%
2. Solomon Islands 89
3. Papua New Guinea 83
4. French Guiana 81
5. Guyana 76

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6. Gabon 74

6. North Korea 74

8. Finland 69

9. Japan 67

10. South Korea 65

- "The Top 10 Everything of 1996," by Russell Ash, published by Dorling Kindersley

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PHOTOS: 1) A flotilla to the site where the Brothers to the Rescue planes were downed, DANIEL PORTNOY/AP 2) Nicaraguan children gather balloons after the newly formed Renovated Sandinista Movement party's convention. Presidential elections are set for October., ANITAS BACA/AP

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Body

THE US

There may be life out there after all. Scientists have discovered two planets that, judging by their distance from their suns, could have water on them - and therefore could sustain life.

"We do not believe that the Constitution requires states to have only coeducational schools," says Virginia Military Institute lawyer Theodore Olson, who took the state-supported, all-male school's case to the Supreme Court. But the Clinton administration wants the court to force open VMI's doors to women by applying its strict race-bias standard to this sex-bias case. Also, the court dealt a blow to TV and radio stations, saying the FCC can fine them for airing indecent shows outside prescribed hours.

As top-level budget talks resumed, Speaker Gingrich and Senator Dole said it was President Clinton's turn to propose a plan. And they warned him that any plan must have congressional Democrats' support - an element missing from past plans. They also said they're unwilling to "agree on the numbers" and put off policy debates until after the election.

Astronauts Leroy Chiao and Winston Scott performed a second spacewalk aboard the shuttle Endeavour, testing space construction tools and techniques. In one critical test, Scott remained motionless in the frigid darkness of the shuttle's shadow where it's 100 degrees below zero. NASA urgently needs more spacewalking experience before building the space station. Construction is expected to take five years and will require hundreds of hours of spacewalks.

Former US Rep. Barbara Jordan, who died yesterday, inspired the nation during the Watergate hearings with her persistent faith in the Constitution. Once considered a possible vice presidential candidate, Jordan left politics after three terms in the House. She chose instead to teach at the University of Texas.

A week before seven White House travel-office workers were dismissed, Hillary Rodham Clinton was "ready to fire them all," say notes released by former travel office employee David Watkins, as he testified on Capitol Hill. He ignited controversy several weeks ago by saying Mrs. Clinton told him "we need those people out." Mrs. Clinton, meanwhile, continued her book tour.

Today's federal tax system is a "7 million word mess," said the Kemp tax-reform commission. It recommends a new single-rate tax with generous exemptions for the poor. But rather than endorse one plan, it put out a "Tax Test" -

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some minimum criteria. They include: allowing a deduction for Social Security and Medicare payroll taxes, and abolishing estate taxes. Senator Dole will likely include a plan in his presidential platform.

Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman planned to give a final speech in court, his lawyer said, before he was sentenced to life imprisonment. He and nine others were convicted of plotting to bomb New York landmarks. He was also convicted of planning to kill Egypt's President Mubarak.

CBS promises "appropriate action" if it confirms that one of its executives suggested that blacks are a key late-night audience because they don't have to get up to go to work. John Pike, head of the network's late-night programming, denies making the remarks attributed to him in the February issue of Details magazine. Details stands by its story.

Four computers containing most of the data on human-rights violations in Croatia were stolen out of a New York United Nations office. Officials called it "a very heavy blow" to war-crimes prosecution efforts.

"The Engineer." "The Big Shot." "The Patient One." "The Director." These are some of the aliases of Mexican drug cartel kingpin Jaun Garcia Abrego, who was indicted in Houston on 20 counts of conspiracy, distributing tons of cocaine in the US, and money-laundering. His arraignment is set for Feb. 6.

Alan Blinder, the Federal Reserve's vice chairman, will leave his post when his term expires at the end of January, an anonymous source said. He reportedly clashed with chairman Greenspan over raising interest rates.

THE WORLD

A Turkish ferry carrying about 200 passengers - mostly Russian - was wired with explosives by masked gunmen in the Black Sea. The gunmen threatened to blow up the ferry if Russia failed to halt its offensive against Chechen rebels in the town of Pervomaiskoye. Russian troops say they cannot rescue any more hostages in the town and launched another massive assault on the rebels. The US called the hostage-taking reprehensible.

Bosnia's rival factions will meet tomorrow's deadline of a pullout from front-line positions, NATO said. The factions must withdraw at least 1.25 miles from their front lines, a major condition in the Dayton peace accord. Also, NATO troops took control of key water, gas, and power stations in Sarajevo to prevent them from being destroyed by fleeing Serbs. And the UN endorsed a four-year timetable to return some 2 million Bosnian refugees to Bosnia.

Israel vowed to ensure that Palestinian elections go ahead, despite the killing of two Israeli soldiers in a West Bank drive-by shooting. No one claimed responsibility. Meanwhile, the militant group Hamas said voter turnout of less than 50 percent for Jan. 20 Palestinian elections would mean its call for a boycott was successful. Some 676 candidates are contesting 88 seats to the legislative council.

Iraq signaled it was ready to negotiate with the UN on limited oil sales to buy humanitarian supplies. Last April, the UN said it would allow Iraq to sell up to \$ 2 billion worth of oil over six months to pay for food, medicine, and other goods. Iraq rejected the option, saying the conditions set by the UN violate its sovereignty. Also, the Iraqi dinar rose against the US dollar.

China ordered the expulsion of a Japanese and a US attache accused of illicitly entering a Chinese naval base. The men were detained last Thursday. The State Department said its attache's mission was approved by Chinese authorities. But Japan said the men unintentionally strayed into the restricted military zone.

Sierra Leone's new leader, Brig. Julius Maada Bio, said he is committed to multiparty elections. But Bio, who took over in a coup, also said Feb. 26 elections - scheduled earlier by the ousted Valentine Strasser - were unrealistic. The stage is now set for another indefinite term of military rule, diplomats said. The Commonwealth and the UN expressed concern about the coup.

An \$ 18 million bribery scandal in India could benefit Premier Narasimha Rao. The police filed bribery charges against seven leading politicians, including the head of the leading opposition party, who earlier planned to make corruption a major issue in April parliamentary elections.

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Human rights activists, attempting to find ways to end child prostitution, opened a three-day seminar in Bangkok, Thailand. According to a Thai government report there are about 40,000 child prostitutes in Thailand.

Swede Stefan Edberg, in his farewell year, bid adieu to the Australian Open tennis championships when he lost 6-4, 2-6, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 to French qualifier Jean-Philippe Fleurian. In other second round matches: Monica Seles blasted Katarina Studenikova of Slovakia 6-1, 6-1; Patrick McEnroe upset No. 14 Andrei Medvedev of Ukraine 0-6, 2-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-2; and Andre Agassi beat fellow American Vincent Spadea 6-4, 6-2, 6-3.

More than 1,100 guerillas loyal to opium warlord Khun Sa surrendered to the Burmese Army.

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My mother and father always told me, 'Don't give in to bullies.' That's what I've tried to do. You just never know when childhood experiences will be relevant in your life."

- Hillary Rodham Clinton, as she began a 10-city book-promotion tour.

New York's Fifth Avenue ranks as the world's most expensive street for the second year in a row in a survey of retail rents. On the avenue from 49th Street to 57th Street, which houses Tiffany & Co. and Trump Tower, annual rents are \$ 500 per square foot, according to the eighth annual survey by the Hirschfeld Group.

Singer Wayne Newton performed for the 25,000th time in Las Vegas Tuesday. Newton is known as "Mr. Las Vegas."

A new, state-of-the-art theater, primarily for large-scale musicals, will be created out of two legendary playhouses near Times Square, the Lyric and the Apollo. The 1,839-seat theater is expected to open in December 1997, possibly with a musical version of "Ragtime," the E.L. Doctorow novel.

Must-Miss Comedies

Most titles listed by the Boring Institute as 1995's snoozers were briefly in theaters and then went to video stores at virtually the speed of light. The winning dud will be announced on March 11.

"Jury Duty"

"Man of the House"

"Nine Months"

"Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls"

"To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything! Julie Newmar"

"Dracula: Dead and Loving It"

"Vampire in Brooklyn"

"National Lampoon's Senior Trip"

"Top Dog"

"Bushwacked"

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"Billy Madison"

"The Jerky Boys - the Movie"

"Major Payne"

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(Maplewood, N.J.)

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PHOTOS: 1) Astronauts Leroy Chiao (above) and Winston Scott performed a second spacewalk aboard the shuttle Endeavour, NASA TV/AP 2) A child runs past Mexican military police at the site of peace talks between the government and Zapatista rebels in San Andres Larrainzar. The talks end this week., SCOTT SADY/AP 3) Singer Wayne Newton, LENNOX McLENDON/AP; Map, Showing Turkey, STAFF.

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The US

Records of President Clinton's fund-raising phone calls from the White House were turned over to a Justice Department task force several months ago, but were examined for the first time within recent days, The Washington Post reported. It said sources familiar with the matter blamed the delay on problems in sorting, computerizing, and identifying hundreds of thousands of pages of documents. Meanwhile, the Senate investigation into fund-raising abuses was expected to shift this week from the 1966 campaign to the more general issue of "soft money" donations to national political parties.

Clinton was expected to tell the opening session of the UN General Assembly he's ready to recommit the US to pay nearly \$ 1 billion in back dues. But payment would be contingent on the carrying out of reforms proposed by Secretary-General Kofi Annan and intended to make the UN more efficient and fiscally stable.

Amid fund-raising scandals and other troubles hovering around some of its top leaders, the AFL-CIO opened its biennial convention in Pittsburgh. Analysts say the nation's largest organized labor group has become revitalized in the past two years. But Teamsters president Ron Carey's victory last year has been nullified and a new election ordered, and three Carey aides pleaded guilty to conspiracy, mail fraud, and other charges - in which AFL-CIO secretary-treasurer Richard Trumka also was implicated. Cigarettemakers were expected to call an expert in airplane ventilation systems as the \$ 5 billion secondhand-smoke trial in Florida resumed after a two-week break. Martin Godley of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology was likely to be the first of several witnesses the defendants hoped to use to challenge studies linking secondhand smoke to diseases among nonsmokers. Some 60,000 flight attendants claim they became ill because of cigarette smoke aboard domestic jets.

IBM planned to announce it will begin selling computer chips made of copper early next year. Industry analysts say copper conducts electrical signals up to 40 percent faster than aluminum and should make computers more affordable. But copper has been difficult to apply to the silicon surface of chips, a problem IBM said it solved with the development of a new compound.

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A Cuban exile group said it aborted a search and rescue mission over international waters after being warned that its planes were about to be intercepted by fighter jets from Havana. Brothers to the Rescue said five of its members were looking for rafters 17 miles northwest of the Cuban coast Saturday when the warning was received. The State Department and Federal Aviation Administration declined to confirm the report. Two of the group's planes were shot down by Cuban jets Feb. 24, 1996.

A black man allegedly beaten with a baseball bat and an auto antitheft device by three white teenagers said he hoped the case would not raise racial tensions in New York. Kevin Teague was attacked outside a Brooklyn subway station early Saturday as he stopped to use a pay phone. The teens were charged with assault, harassment, and criminal possession of a weapon. Each was jailed in lieu of \$ 100,000 bond.

Computer and mechanical problems kept US and British jet-car teams from setting a new land speed record in the Nevada desert. British driver Andy Green hit 553 m.p.h. in his only successful run over the weekend - well below the world mark of 633 m.p.h. Craig Breedlove of the US reached 391 m.p.h. in the

Jury selection in the sexual assault trial of nationally known sportscaster Marv Albert was to begin in Arlington, Va. Albert, who specializes in play-by-play coverage of pro basketball and ice hockey, is represented by noted defense lawyer Roy Black. Black has not said whether the NBC broadcaster will testify. Albert could be sentenced to life in prison if convicted.

Defending national champion Florida displaced Penn State atop the rankings in college football. Voters in the Associated Press weekly poll elevated Florida from No. 2 after its defeat of fifth-ranked Tennessee, 33-20. Penn State slipped to second despite a 57-21 win over Louisville.

The World

Gunmen wounded two Israeli embassy guards in Amman, Jordan, but Israel said the incident would not impinge on its good relations with the Jordanian government. A previously unknown group calling itself the Islamic Resistance in Jordan claimed responsibility for the attack. Separately, Israeli security forces shut down a West Bank mosque and youth club linked to **Hamas** and said they were close to nabbing militants who plotted two recent suicide bombings in Jerusalem.

Following two weeks of public outrage, Japan's Prime Minister Hashimoto accepted the resignation of a Cabinet minister convicted of taking bribes in the 1970s. Hashimoto encountered with widespread criticism after placing Koko Sato in charge of administrative reforms. To limit further political damage, Hashimoto apologized publicly for a bad personnel choice.

The Russian space station Mir's central computer went down for the fifth time in three months and the crew of the troubled orbiter noticed brown drops of unknown origin coming from the engines of their escape capsule. The crew replaced a faulty computer block and started tests needed to prepare it for operation. The latest woes may threaten the Sept. 25 launch of the US space shuttle Atlantis, which will carry a new computer and a relief astronaut.

The Arab League called on its members to defy sanctions imposed on Libya by the UN Security Council. A statement issued by foreign ministers of the 22-member organization in Cairo said flights carrying Libyan

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delegations, workers, and pilgrims in and out of the country must be permitted. Libya has defied the embargo several times. Sanctions were imposed in 1992 after Libya refused to hand over two suspects wanted in the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am airliner over Lockerbie, Scotland.

After four years in opposition, Poland's Solidarity movement appeared set to recapture parliament from "reformed Communists." Preliminary results from last weekend's national elections showed Solidarity won 33.8 percent of the vote, to 26.8 percent for the ruling Democratic Left Alliance. Solidarity factions forged an election alliance of more than 30 labor organizations and parties.

German Chancellor Helmut Kohl had much to cheer about, despite his party's defeat in local elections. Kohl's party got 30.7 percent of the vote in Hamburg, up from 25.1 percent in 1993 elections. He said it was a signal he would be victorious in next year's general election. The Social Democrats, with 40.4 percent of the vote, retained power in Hamburg which they have held since World War II.

A runoff was expected in Serbia's presidential race. With 75 percent of the vote counted, the ruling party's candidate was leading with about 35 percent, short of the 51 percent needed for outright victory. Zoran Lilic is likely to face ultranationalist Vojislav Seselj, who made a strong showing, with 27 percent of the vote.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Il was asked to take over the country's ruling party in what would be the communist world's only dynastic succession. Analysts see the resolution adopted at a regional conference of the Korean Workers Party as a first step for the de-facto leader to officially assume control of the ruling party Oct. 10, its founding anniversary. The three-year mourning period for Kim's father, Kim Il Sung, ended in July.

The International Monetary Fund and World Bank vowed to fight corruption in both industrialized and developing nations. Graft has been a major issue at the summit in Hong Kong. But tying loans to efforts at fighting corruption, critics said, could lead to interference by industrial nations in the internal affairs of developing countries.

"He may have. He may not have. He doesn't remember whether he did or did not."

- Senior policy adviser Rahm Emanuel, repeating for CNN President Clinton's position on making fund-raising calls from the White House.

Etceteras

A member of the lower house of Congress in Brazil wasn't what you'd call politically correct in the way he chose to spend his \$ 18,000-a-month expense account. Jose Gomes da Rocha used the money - but not, as intended, for his support staff. He got a bigger kick out of putting it toward another goal: helping to pay the players on his favorite soccer team. He's serving a 30-day suspension for his infraction.

Faith Willard fought like a demon to change her hometown high school's approach to athletics. The resident of Mount Lebanon, Pa., a suburb of Pittsburgh, campaign-ed for two years to replace the school mascot, the Blue Devil, with something - well - less satanic, like a Mountie. She even gathered 150 signatures on a petition backing the change. But school officials ruled the old image is a source of torment to opponents and so it will stay.

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Residents of Bernix, near Geneva, lost their petition drive, too. They wanted an automatic teller machine removed because of overuse by people passing through town on their way to nightclubs in France. Franc-ly, no, the sponsoring bank replied.

The Day's List

Rating States With The Worst, Best Urban Roads

Americans spend \$ 4.8 billion a year on vehicle repairs because of poor roads, a new study says. The Surface Transportation Policy Project and Environmental Working Group surveyed all 38 states with more than 100 miles of urban roads. They rate Iowa as having the largest percentage in less than good repair. The five states rated as worst and the five best, with the percentage of bad roads in each:

Worst Roads

1. Iowa56%
2. Florida47%
- (tie) Illinois47%
4. Oklahoma45%
5. Arkansas44%

Best Roads

1. Georgia0%
2. Alabama1%
3. Arizona5%
4. Louisiana6%
5. Connecticut8%

- Associated Press

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PHOTOS: 1) "Spirit of America" (above). BY GARY CASKEY/REUTERS 2) Iranian women soldiers with flowers in the barrels of their guns march in Tehran to mark the anniversary of the start of the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq war. BY MOHAMMED SAYYAD/CP MAP: Showing by Libya. BY STAFF

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