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1. [AP Top News at 6 a.m. EDT Saturday, Aug. 22, 1998](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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3. [Clinton highlights Irish economy as prize of peace](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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4. [AP Top News at 3 a.m. EDT Wednesday, July 1, 1998](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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5. [AP Top News at 7 p.m. EDT Wednesday, Sept. 2, 1998](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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6. [*Bomb Suspects Arrested in N.Ireland*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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7. [*Five suspects arrested in connection with the Omagh bombing*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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8. [*Clinton on whirlwind 'peace' tour: How can I help?*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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9. [*Clinton on whirlwind 'peace' tour*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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10. [*Funeral Held for N. Ireland Boys*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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11. [*IRA Dissidents Suspend Bombing*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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12. [*Religiously Mixed Omagh Shattered*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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13. [*Bomb Suspects Arrested in N.Ireland*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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15. [*Northern Ireland police blame IRA dissidents for deadly car bomb*](#)**Client/Matter:** -None-**Search Terms:** "Irish Republican Army"**Search Type:** Natural Language**Narrowed by:****Content Type**
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Releases, Newspapers; Timeline: Jan 01, 1997 to May 30, 199916. [*'Who would have so much evil?'*](#)**Client/Matter:** -None-**Search Terms:** "Irish Republican Army"**Search Type:** Natural Language**Narrowed by:****Content Type**
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Releases, Newspapers; Timeline: Jan 01, 1997 to May 30, 199917. [*Northern Ireland Car Bomb Kills 21*](#)**Client/Matter:** -None-**Search Terms:** "Irish Republican Army"**Search Type:** Natural Language**Narrowed by:****Content Type**
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Releases, Newspapers; Timeline: Jan 01, 1997 to May 30, 199918. [*Police in Britain and Ireland hold 10 suspects after foiling London bombing*](#)**Client/Matter:** -None-**Search Terms:** "Irish Republican Army"**Search Type:** Natural Language**Narrowed by:****Content Type**
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20. [N. Ireland Protestant March Blocked](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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21. [AP Top News 3 a.m. EDT Thursday, April 29, 1998](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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22. [AP Top News at Midnight EDT Wednesday, April 29, 1998](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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23. [AP Top News at 1 a.m. EST Wednesday, March 18, 1998](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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24. [AP Top News at 1 a.m. EDT Thursday, April 29, 1998](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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25. [AP Top News at Midnight EST Monday, March 9, 1998](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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26. [AP Top News at Noon EDT Saturday, April 11, 1998](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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27. [NEWS IN BRIEF](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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28. [AP Top News at Midnight EDT Monday, April 13, 1998](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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29. [AP Top News at 2 a.m. EST Tuesday, March 10, 1998](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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30. [AP Top News at 10 a.m. EST Friday, Feb. 20, 1998](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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31. [AP Top News at 10 p.m. EST Saturday, Feb. 14, 1998](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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33. [AP Top News at 1 p.m. EST Friday, Feb. 20, 1998](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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35. [WORLD IN BRIEF; Pakistani Romeo spurs mob violence](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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36. [AP Top News at 2 p.m. EST Friday, Feb. 20, 1998](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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37. [AP Top News at 4 p.m. EST Friday, Feb. 20, 1998](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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38. [AP Top News at Noon EST Friday, Feb. 20, 1998](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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39. [AP Top News at 8 a.m. EST Monday Feb. 16, 1998](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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40. [Ulster bombing not blamed on IRA](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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41. [AP Top News at 8:30 a.m. EST Monday Feb. 16, 1998](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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42. [AM-YEAR-News-Diary, Rpt ; UNDATED - News Diary . . . 145 years.](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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43. [AP Top News at 11 a.m. EST Monday, March 9, 1998](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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44. [People in the news](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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45. [TIM ALLEN WANTS A 'TIME IMPROVEMENT' /](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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46. [WEEKEND VIOLENCE TESTS PEACE IN NORTHERN IRELAND ; PROTESTANTS RETALIATE AFTER IRISH NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY MURDERS PSYCHOPATH; IN PRISON](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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47. [AM-YEAR-News-Diary. ; UNDATED - News Diary . . . 145 years.](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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48. [Don't look for new art films until sometime next year](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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49. [Divided emotions as Ireland 's next president returns home](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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50. [Will Ireland 's next president be a 'bridge builder'? With BC- Ireland -Presid](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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51. [Irish smile on McAleese](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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52. [Sinn Fein makes history by entering Northern Ireland talks](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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53. [Ulster Talks Resume With a Promise of Peace by Sinn Fein](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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54. [Sinn Fein Enters N.Ireland Talks](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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55. [AP Top News at Midnight EDT Tuesday, Sept. 9, 1997](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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56. [Ireland 's bridge-building president bound next for the U.N. With AP Photo](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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57. [AP Top News at 11 p.m. EDT Tuesday, Sept. 9, 1997](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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58. [Sinn Fein makes history by entering Northern Ireland talks](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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59. [AP Top News at 7 a.m. EDT Wednesday, Sept. 3, 1997](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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60. [Sinn Fein joins talks on Northern Ireland ireland ireland](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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61. [AP Top News at 9 a.m. EDT Tuesday, Sept. 16, 1997](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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62. [Irish Leader Prepares for U.N. Job](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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63. [Ireland 's bridge-building president bound next for the U.N.](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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64. [*Ireland 's bridge-building president bound next for the U.N.*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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65. [*AP Top News at 9 a.m. EDT Saturday, Aug. 30, 1997*](#)

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66. [*Bertie Ahern elected prime minister of Ireland*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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67. [*Ahern elected Ireland 's prime minister, appoints female deputy*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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68. [*PM-World-News-Digest ; Eds: All stories below also moving as separates. This digest will stand for the PM cycle.*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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69. [AP Top News at 10 a.m. EDT Saturday, Aug. 30, 1997](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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70. [Ulster Talks Resume With Warning That Violence Can End Them](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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71. [SUMMIT IN BRIEF; Posh economics of the Eight](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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72. [RESULTS PLUS](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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73. [*It's Blair day in Britain : Jubilant mobs chant and cheer as Labour boss sworn in as PM*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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74. [*Put your trust in Labour, Blair tells cheering Britons*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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75. [*FORD PLAYS 'DEVIL' WITH PITT*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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76. [*Arrest of legendary ETA leader crowns series of police successes*](#)

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77. [*AS PEACE BECKONS, PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING COLUMNIST JIM DWYER TAKES A WARY JOURNEY NORTH, AND TELLS A TALE OF TWO IRELANDS*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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78. [AP Top News at Noon EST Thursday, April 1, 1999](#)

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79. [CONFLICT IN THE BALKANS; KOSOVO REBELS; KLA gaining recruits, but has achieved little](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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80. [CONFLICT IN THE BALKANS; KOSOVO REBELS; KLA gaining recruits, but has achieved little](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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81. [Compromise On Arms Proves Elusive In Ulster](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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82. [AP Top News at 7:05 p.m. EST Sunday, March 28, 1999](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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83. [AP Top News at 8 p.m. EST Saturday, March 6, 1999](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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84. [AP Top News at 7 p.m. EST Sunday, March 28, 1999](#)

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Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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85. [MAN CHARGED WITH DEFRAUDING WOMEN OF THOUSANDS VANISHES](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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86. [AP Top News at 6 p.m. EST Sunday, Jan. 31, 1999](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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87. [AP Top News at 11 a.m. EST Friday, Dec. 18, 1998](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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88. [*Peach Buzz; Holidays an excuse for stuffing*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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89. [*AP News Summary have moved on this circuit in expanded form with "i" or '*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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90. [*Clinton Highlights Irish Economy*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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91. [*AP Top News at 8 p.m. EDT Wednesday, Sept. 2, 1998*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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92. [*AP Top News at 9:30 p.m. EDT Wednesday, Sept. 2, 1998*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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Publication Type: Newswires & Press
Releases, Newspapers; Timeline: Jan 01, 1997 to May 30, 1999

93. [*AM-NIreland-Bombing, Bgt Rpt ; REPEAT \(fixing slug\); Budget; With AM- Irish -Blast-Victims; See CP Photos; Bomb-ravaged Omagh grieves as Irish premier vows action*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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Releases, Newspapers; Timeline: Jan 01, 1997 to May 30, 1999

94. [*Car bomb kills 25, injures over 200 in Northern Ireland*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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95. [*Car bomb kills 28 in Northern Ireland 's deadliest attack*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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Publication Type: Newswires & Press
Releases, Newspapers; Timeline: Jan 01, 1997 to May 30, 1999

96. [*Irish Tighten Terror Laws*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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Search Type: Natural Language

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98. [AP Top News at 3 a.m. EDT Wednesday, Sept. 30, 1998](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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Releases, Newspapers; Timeline: Jan 01, 1997 to May 30, 1999

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

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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AP Top News at 6 a.m. EDT Saturday, Aug. 22, 1998

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Section: Domestic, non-Washington, general news item

Length: 730 words

Byline: STEPHANIE GASKELL

Body

Report: Bombing Linked To Bin Laden

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)

Three men being held by Kenyan authorities in the U.S. embassy bombing have confessed to links with renegade Saudi millionaire Osama bin Laden, a Nairobi newspaper reported today. Neither Kenyan police nor FBI officials would comment on the report, which also said the three had been seen filming the American embassy in Nairobi days before the Aug. 7 blast. Kenyan police said last week they were holding "about five people" in connection with the bombing.

U.S. Warns of Retaliation

WASHINGTON (AP)

Osama bin Laden, whose Afghan base the United States set out to destroy, is ready for war with Washington, according to a statement received by a Pakistani newspaper Friday. "The war has just started. The Americans should wait for the answer," The News, a respected national newspaper, quoted a statement from a bin Laden spokesperson as saying. Bin Laden apparently survived the attack and his whereabouts were unknown to U.S. officials. The State Department urged Americans abroad to exercise caution and the Federal Aviation Administration ordered the nation's airports to tighten security. The CIA rated the likelihood of terrorist retaliation "very, very high."

Zimbabwe Jets Reportedly Shot Down

GOMA, Congo (AP)

Congolese rebels fighting to oust President Laurent Kabila said today they had shot down two Zimbabwean jet fighters southwest of the capital, Kinshasa. "Just this morning, we have shot down two of their jet fighters," Bizima Karaha, Kabila's former foreign minister who defected to the rebels, said. "And this is just a warning." Karaha did not specify where the planes were shot down or what happened to the pilots. No independent confirmation was possible.

Two Storms Head for United States

MIAMI (AP)

AP Top News at 6 a.m. EDT Saturday, Aug. 22, 1998

The hurricane season kicked off with a double threat as the year's first full-fledged storm, Bonnie, gathered strength and threatened the Southeast, while a weaker tropical storm in the Gulf of Mexico neared the Texas coast. Bonnie's winds crossed the threshold to hurricane strength by midnight, skirting south of the Bahamas and moving west-northwest near 17 mph. Its top winds were near 75 mph. It could reach the U.S. coast by Monday and forecasters warned homeowners to prepare.

Source: Lewinsky Opposed Testifying

WASHINGTON (AP)

Monica Lewinsky told President Clinton last December she didn't want to testify in a sexual harassment lawsuit against the president, said legal sources familiar with their secret grand jury testimony. Clinton replied that a number of women were filing affidavits in the case, the sources said. Witnesses often file affidavits to avoid undergoing questioning by attorneys in a deposition. Ms. Lewinsky ended up filing an affidavit in the Paula Jones harassment case denying she had a sexual relationship with Clinton. But there is no evidence the conversation she and the president had about the suggested affidavit involved any direction by him for her to lie.

Irish To Observe Minute of Silence

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

Church leaders have called on Ireland's 5.2 million people to observe one minute of silence today to mark Northern Ireland's worst-ever terrorist attack. The people of Ireland north and south, Protestant and Catholic plan to observe the silence at 3:10 p.m., exactly one week after a car bomb planted by Irish Republican Army dissidents killed 28 people and wounded 330 in the town of Omagh, 70 miles west of Belfast.

Dow Closes Down 77.76 at 8,533.65

NEW YORK (AP)

Stocks plunged yesterday, with the Dow Jones industrial average falling about 283 points by midday, then recovering over two-thirds of the loss. The Dow finished the day down about 77.76 at 8,533.65, extending the 103 point loss from the previous two days. On the NYSE, gainers led losers 2,328-808. The Nasdaq composite index suffered the heaviest damage, falling 34.84 to 1,797.61.

Braves 5, Padres 4

ATLANTA (AP)

The National League's top two teams, Atlanta and San Diego, battled with playoff-like intensity and wound up splitting a two-game series as the Braves rallied to beat the Padres 5-4 last night. Rookie John Rocker came on with one out in the seventh and threw one pitch, getting Steve Finley to hit into a double play with two runners on. Rudy Seanez struck out the side in the eighth, and Ligtenberg got a couple of pop-ups before striking out Chris Gomez to end the game.

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Northern Ireland Car Bomb Kills 25

Associated Press Online

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Length: 727 words

Byline: SHAWN POGATCHNIK

Dateline: OMAGH, Northern Ireland

Body

A car bomb exploded Saturday in a Northern Ireland market town, killing at least 25 people after a misleading telephone warning led police to move residents closer to the blast.

More than 100 people were injured in the attack, officials said one of the worst atrocities in three decades of conflict in Northern Ireland.

The explosion shook a busy shopping street in Omagh, a religiously mixed town 70 miles west of Belfast. The dead included an 18-month-old child, a hospital official said.

"We have had men, women and children slaughtered here this afternoon, slaughtered by murderers who wanted to murder, by murderers who have nothing else to offer murderers who gave us a totally inaccurate warning," Northern Ireland Police Chief Ronnie Flanagan told reporters.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility.

A series of similar car-bomb attacks have been blamed on Irish Republican Army dissidents opposed to the IRA's July 1997 cease-fire.

Residents were shocked at the carnage.

"I saw bodies lying everywhere, dead people being zipped into bags," said Dorothy Boyle, 59.

"There was one boy had half his leg blown off and it was lying there with the wee shoe still on it," Boyle said. "He didn't cry or anything."

The attack came on the 29th anniversary of the deployment of British troops in Northern Ireland and 17 days before President Clinton arrives to salute the province's peace agreement.

The White House said the blast would not change the president's plans.

Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern pledged to "ruthlessly suppress" terrorist organizations that opposed Northern Ireland's new peace agreement, and British Prime Minister Tony Blair promised to pursue the bombers "to the utmost."

Northern Ireland Car Bomb Kills 25

Martin McGuinness, chief negotiator for the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party, called the bombing "indefensible."

"This appalling act was carried out by those opposed to the peace process," McGuinness said. "It is designed to wreck the process and everyone should work to ensure the peace process continues."

Witnesses described bodies amid piles of rubble and blood-streaked survivors frantically searching for friends and family. Several buildings had their roofs blown off, and wreckage was strewn across the street.

"It was a scene of absolute devastation," Paddy McGowan, a member of the local council, told Sky News.

Erne Hospital in Enniskillen treated 47 injured people, while Tyrone County Hospital in Omagh reported "dozens and dozens" of casualties.

"I've just met a man who has lost his wife and he's worried about his two children as well who were with her. It's terrible that human beings could do this to each other," said Joe Byrne of the moderate Social Democratic and Labor Party, who recently won a seat in Northern Ireland's Assembly.

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

Blair issued a statement from France, where he is vacationing.

"This is an appalling act of savagery and evil by people who are determined, whatever the cost to innocent people, to wreck the prospects for peace in Northern Ireland," he said. "We will pursue them to the utmost in order to bring them to justice for this terrible deed. These people will never be allowed to win."

An anonymous phone caller told police the car bomb was outside Omagh's courthouse, and police began to evacuate the area. But 40 minutes after the call, the blast exploded behind the gathering crowd, which was several hundred yards away near pubs, shops and a supermarket.

"Police moved everybody away from this area to where the bomb really was," said pub owner Nigel O'Kane. "It was awful people running around crying. Nobody could believe it."

The attack Saturday took place exactly 29 years after Britain sent troops to Belfast as peacekeepers between Protestants and Catholics a decision that triggered the rise of the modern-day IRA.

The previous worst bomb attack in the British-ruled province occurred on Aug. 27, 1979, when the IRA killed 18 soldiers at Warrenpoint. The IRA killed 21 people in Birmingham, England when it bombed two pubs on Nov. 21, 1974.

The previous worst one-day toll in the conflict occurred when pro-British loyalists set off three car bombs in Dublin and Monaghan, Ireland, on May 17, 1974, killing 22 people. The death toll later climbed to 33.

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Clinton highlights Irish economy as prize of peace

Associated Press International

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Length: 720 words

Byline: BARRY SCHWEID

Dateline: DUBLIN, Ireland

Body

President Bill Clinton turned Friday from the turmoil in Northern Ireland to the Irish Republic's thriving economy, holding it up as the prize of peace and a model for other nations. "I hope that success will whet your appetite for working together," the president said.

Ireland, with the highest economic growth rate of any country in Europe, is a "truly astonishing" model for other nations, Clinton said at a reception for Ireland's business and political leaders at the Royal College of Surgeons.

"There has literally never been a better time, I don't suppose, to be Irish because of the economic success, because of the renaissance in writing, filmmaking, because of what so many people are doing in so many ways to advance the cause of peace."

Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern, in turn, credited Clinton and his role in brokering the Good Friday peace accord with holding out to Northern Ireland the same promise of prosperity.

"He's laid down for us for all of us that there is a path to follow and if we are sensible, if we're brave and we follow that path, then the reward is peace and stability and confidence. If we don't, well, then the future is as gloomy as the past," Ahern said at a picture-taking session with Clinton before their private meeting this morning.

Clinton said the Irish can set an example for warring peoples in the Middle East and elsewhere. "The potential impact of resolving this could wash over many more people than live on this island," he said.

But the president warned against complacency. "I hope that success will whet your appetite for working together instead of causing as success sometimes does people to forget what brought them to the point of success."

His talks with Ahern focused on the momentum in Northern Ireland to work out a new governing formula for formerly warring parties there and on the province's ties to Britain and the Irish Republic, White House spokesman Mike McCurry said.

From his official hobnobbing in Dublin, Clinton was heading to the northern suburb of Santry and a tour of the Gateway 2000 computer plant in order to highlight business opportunities in Ireland.

Clinton highlights Irish economy as prize of peace

Clinton met with business and political leaders as new anti-terrorist laws took effect in Ireland and Britain today. Both governments sought passage of the bills during Clinton's visit. The legislation is expected to bolster political efforts by Protestants and Catholics to make peace in Northern Ireland after 30 years of conflict.

With this trip meant to nudge along the infant peace pact, Clinton was asked whether he expected to visit the Irish again.

"For the sake of the peace process, I hope not. But for my own sake, I hope so," he said, laughingly suggesting that next time he would come more as tourist than enforcer.

Of the fragile peace process, Clinton said, "I hope it will be institutionalized and off and going."

The showers of Irish praise for Clinton on this tour were briefly interrupted with a jolt as Clinton again faced criticism about his handling of the Monica Lewinsky affair.

For the first time since admitting an inappropriate relationship with Ms. Lewinsky, Clinton on Friday publicly used the words "I'm sorry" in expressing regret for his actions.

U.S. investment has been a major factor in the growth of the Irish economy. Trade between the two countries last year was worth about dlr 12 billion, a 19 percent increase over 1996.

Gateway's Dublin plant employs 1,300 people, mostly producing personal computers for the European market. Gateway is considered a symbol of the decade-long economic boom that has seen American corporations build facilities in Ireland to serve the European market.

The president came to Dublin from Omagh, Northern Ireland, where he said he was "very touched" by his walk down the street where 28 people, mostly women and children, were killed and hundreds wounded in an Aug. 15 attack.

The car bombing, Northern Ireland's worst terror attack, was blamed on Irish Republican Army extremists trying to wreck Northern Ireland's peace agreement.

Clinton said Friday he was "just overwhelmed by the dimension of the tragedy and the grim, cruel nature of the violence." He added he was heartened by the spirit of the survivors. "Even the people who have suffered the most from the test of peace don't want to give into it."

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Byline: VINCENT K. WILLIS

Body

Northern Ireland Assembly To Meet

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

Northern Ireland's new 108-member Assembly, cornerstone of the April peace agreement, was scheduled to convene Wednesday to elect a Protestant leader and Catholic deputy. Assembly members were expected to vote on whether David Trimble, Protestant leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, should become the Executive's "first minister" and John Hume, Catholic leader of the Social Democratic and Labor Party, its "deputy first minister." Sinn Fein, allied with the **Irish Republican Army**, hadn't said whether it would vote for Trimble or abstain.

Tripp Testifies for Grand Jury

WASHINGTON (AP)

Linda Tripp is answering grand jury questions about how she secretly recorded conversations with Monica Lewinsky and triggered the perjury-and-obstruction investigation that has shaken the presidency. With an anxious White House following the event silently, Mrs. Tripp came to the federal courthouse Tuesday accompanied by her son, daughter and three lawyers. She stayed about six hours, and will return Thursday, as she explains how she captured on tape Ms. Lewinsky's sensational account of a sexual relationship with President Clinton.

Interest Rates Won't Increase

WASHINGTON (AP)

With signs emerging that the U.S. economy finally is slowing down, the Federal Reserve is unlikely to raise interest rates, analysts say. Fed policy-makers scheduled to conclude a two-day meeting Wednesday were expected to leave the benchmark rate on overnight loans between banks unchanged at 5.5 percent. It's been at that level since the last change in rates, a quarter of a percentage point increase, in March 1997. Raising U.S. rates would risk destabilizing already rocky Asian financial markets by giving investors another reason to transfer their money to the United States.

Clinton: China Needs Pollution Help

SHANGHAI, China (AP)

AP Top News at 3 a.m. EDT Wednesday, July 1, 1998

President Clinton urged American businesses to help China battle its devastating environmental pollution problems. Addressing a breakfast of U.S. business leaders, Clinton said Wednesday that "as a citizen of the world ... I have a responsibility to ask us all to work together for a planet that our grandchildren can still enjoy living on. And so do you." He also urged American firms to set a good example on fair labor standards and business practices. He called on China to dismantle its ailing state-run industries and improve its legal and regulatory system.

AIDS Drugs Might Cause Side Effects

GENEVA (AP)

Drugs that have contributed to a dramatic decline in AIDS death rates could be causing diabetes and abnormalities such as "buffalo humps," strange fat growths around the shoulders and neck. The treatments, called protease inhibitors, also have been associated with increased triglyceride and cholesterol levels, which can lead to greater risk of heart disease, specialists said Tuesday at the 12th World Aids Conference in Geneva. In some cases, women treated with the drugs, which stop HIV from multiplying, have experienced breast growth, while other patients have reported enlargement of the abdomen, the researchers said.

Ala. Gov. Wins GOP Primary Runoff

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP)

Gov. Fob James, a favorite of the national religious right and Alabama's conservative rural vote, defeated Montgomery businessman Winton Blount in a Republican runoff Tuesday that saw the GOP governor benefit from Democratic crossovers. With 93 percent of precincts reporting, James had 56 percent of the vote, while Blount had 44 percent. Early returns showed Blount getting a boost from big turnouts of traditionally Democratic voters in predominantly black urban precincts.

Iraq Denies U.S. Radar Claim

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)

Pentagon officials insist Iraqi radar locked onto four patrol planes early Tuesday leading a U.S. fighter jet to fire on the missile station, but an Iraqi official denies the claim. "This is an unjustified, aggressive act. No radar was activated," said the official. He said the missile landed 11 miles from the missile station. U.S. Defense Secretary William Cohen said the missile firing was a standard response and called it an "act of self-defense."

Tokyo Stock Prices Rise

TOKYO (AP)

Tokyo stock prices were higher Wednesday. The Nikkei closed up 532.62 points at 16,362.89. The Dow fell 45.34 points Tuesday to close at 8,952.02.

Braves 7, Devil Rays 2

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)

Andres Galarraga homered in his first two at-bats after missing five games because of a sore back, leading the Atlanta Braves to a 7-2 victory over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays on Tuesday night. The home runs were the 26th and 27th of the year for Galarraga.

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Byline: HOWARD SINER

Body

Gulf Coast Set for Hurricane

PANAMA CITY, Fla. (AP)

Hurricane Earl became a 100-mph storm today in the Gulf of Mexico. Officials posted hurricane warnings from Florida's Big Bend, about 100 miles north of Tampa, to Pascagoula, Miss. During the afternoon, Earl was centered about 1-0 miles southwest of Destin, Fla. It began pouring heavy rain on northern Florida. Gov. Lawton Chiles declared a state of emergency, mandatory evacuations were ordered for barrier islands southwest of Tallahassee, and traffic built on coastal roads as people headed inland.

'Morning-After' Pill Gets OK

WASHINGTON (AP)

A company won government permission today to sell regular contraceptive pills as a "morning-after" product to prevent pregnancy. The technique has been 75 percent effective in tests when taken within three days of sex. The PREVEN kits, made by Gynetics Inc. of Somerville, N.J., will be available by prescription by the end of September. The kits, which will include only the four pills needed for emergency contraception, will sell for about \$20 and include a pregnancy test.

FDA Panel Backs Breast Cancer Drug

BETHESDA, Md. (AP)

Government scientists today reluctantly recommended that certain **women** take the drug tamoxifen to reduce their risk of breast cancer later in life even though the pills can cause serious side effects. But advisers to the Food and Drug Administration stressed that they weren't sure exactly who should take tamoxifen. The FDA panel said there's no proof it prevents breast cancer from ever appearing. It may just delay a tumor for a few years.

IRA Moves Closer To Disarmament

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

The ***Irish Republican Army*** took a step closer to disarming today, while peacemaking momentum mounted on the eve of President Clinton's visit. Ending months of delay, the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party announced that Martin

AP Top News at 7 p.m. EDT Wednesday, Sept. 2, 1998

McGuinness its senior negotiator and a reputed former IRA chief _ would work with the Canadian-led commission charged with disarming paramilitary groups. In London and Dublin, the British and Irish governments welcomed Sinn Fein's move as they convened emergency sessions of lawmakers to push through anti-terrorist laws designed to imprison IRA dissidents who oppose the April accord.

Ex-Rwanda Mayor Guilty of Genocide

ARUSHA, Tanzania (AP)

The International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda today found Jean-Paul Akayesu responsible for the slayings of 2,000 minority Tutsis who had sought his protection. In its first verdict, the tribunal found Akayesu guilty of genocide, crimes against humanity, rape, murder and torture. He could be sentenced to a maximum of life in prison. Defense lawyer Nicolas Tiangaye said Akayesu was a scapegoat for a genocide that even the United Nations failed to prevent. Tiangaye said Akayesu, who maintained his innocence throughout his 20-month trial, would appeal.

Northwest Lays Off 27,500

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)

Northwest Airlines today laid off 27,500 employees more than half its work force and canceled all flights through Labor Day because of the pilots strike. The layoffs included flight attendants, mechanics, customer service employees and other ground workers. Both sides agreed to meet for "exploratory" talks in Chicago on Saturday at the request of federal mediators. The National Mediation Board was careful not to describe the talks as negotiations. Because of the layoffs, it will take up to 10 days to resume a full flight schedule when the strike ends.

Dow Ends 45.06 Lower

NEW YORK (AP)

Late selling today cut short Wall Street's bid to extend its rebound from August's big selloff. The Dow Jones industrial average, down 512.61 on Monday and up 288.23 yesterday, fell 45.06 to close at 7,782.37. The average of 30 blue chip stocks had been holding onto gains until the final minutes of trading. At one point, the Dow was up as much as 125.13. On the NYSE, gainers led losers 1,872-1,255. The Nasdaq rose 17.76 to 1,592.85 as the battered technology group held some gains.

Sammy Sosa Hits 56th Home Run

CHICAGO (AP)

Sammy Sosa moved one behind Mark McGwire in the chase for Roger Maris' record today with his 56th home run of the season. The Cubs' Sosa hit an 0-1 pitch from Cincinnati's Jason Bere into the first row of the right field bleachers. He is five homers short of the major league record set by Maris in 1961.

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Bomb Suspects Arrested in N.Ireland

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Byline: KRISTIN GAZLAY

Dateline: OMAGH, Northern Ireland

Body

Police arrested five suspects at dawn today in connection with the car bomb that killed 28 people and shattered hundreds of lives as it ripped through this religiously mixed town in Northern Ireland.

The suspects were found in their homes near Omagh, said an officer in the Royal Ulster Constabulary, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The officer cautioned that charges against the suspects were not imminent. Under Northern Ireland's anti-terrorist law, they could be questioned for up to a week before being charged or released.

Also today, a bomb threat at Stormont, the center of British administration for Northern Ireland in east Belfast, caused the evacuation of staff. No injuries were reported and no bomb was found.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair and his Irish counterpart, Bertie Ahern, emerged Sunday from an hour-long meeting in Belfast, 70 miles east of Omagh, vowing to work together to hunt down the bombers believed to belong to a renegade **Irish Republican Army** offshoot opposed to April's peace agreement.

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

Each of the 2,000 residents of Omagh seemed to have a story to tell about Saturday's bombing, offered in flat tones of disbelief: a school chum who won't be in class next month; a father and son who no longer will enliven a neighborhood; a shopkeeper who never again will greet customers with a ready smile.

"I don't understand why I'm living," said Jim Sharkey, who was knocked off his feet at his newsstand on bustling Market Street when the 500-pound car bomb exploded in the worst terrorist strike in Northern Ireland's history.

"How does this town deal with this?" asked the Rev. Michael Keaveny of Omagh's Sacred Heart Catholic Church, outside the makeshift headquarters where the dead, wounded and missing are being tracked.

Three generations of one family are gone: Avril Monaghan, 30, her 18-month-old daughter Maura and her mother Mary Grimes, 65, who had been visiting from nearby towns to shop on Market Street. Mrs. Monaghan was pregnant with twins.

Bomb Suspects Arrested in N.Ireland

A 12-year-old boy from Madrid who was visiting Ireland to learn English died, as did his **female** teacher twice his age. The two Spaniards had decided at the last minute to put off visiting a historic park to do some shopping.

Also killed was 39-year-old Philomena Skelton, who had been seeking a school uniform for her youngest daughter. Kevin Skelton was overcome with disbelief when he went to the morgue to formally identify his wife of 20 years.

She "hadn't a mark on her face," he said.

Ronnie Flanagan, the head of Northern Ireland's police force, planned to team up today with his Irish counterpart, Pat Byrne, to assess security across the island.

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Body

On a cold, gray July day, in the "saddest of sad funerals," the people of Northern Ireland said a tear-filled farewell Tuesday to three young brothers burned to death in a sectarian attack that came as they slept.

As a bell tolled mournfully, the small coffins of Richard, Mark and Jason Quinn three boys born to a Catholic mother who were being raised as Protestants were carried into a rural Roman Catholic church by strapping young men whose faces were contorted with grief.

"We meet in sorrow for the death of these children, but our shared sorrow is a beacon of hope for all our community," said the Rev. Peter Forde, Ballymoney's Roman Catholic parish priest. "And in this, our very troubled country, may it light our way ahead."

The hundreds of Catholic and Protestant mourners who overflowed the Church of Our Lady and St. Patrick wept throughout much of the 90-minute Requiem Mass. But it was a heartfelt poem written by two young women who knew the boys that struck the deepest chord and drew spontaneous applause.

"Why would someone do this, is the question on our lips. Who would have so much evil at their fingertips?" one of the women, Andrea Ramsey, read in a strong, clear voice.

"Three jolly fellas, who had so much to learn and enjoy, have been snatched away from us today," she continued. "And we all have a feeling of loss that will never go away."

The crowd murmured its approval of the line: "Oh Lord, please let the evil people be brought to justice some day."

Tensions spilling over from a Protestant march blocked since July 5 near Portadown, 60 miles southwest of Ballymoney, were blamed for the Sunday morning firebombing of the Quinn house.

Authorities said they believed the family was targeted because Chrissie Quinn, 29, lived there with her Protestant boyfriend. Two men are being questioned in connection with the attack.

Ms. Quinn and the boys' 12-year-old brother Lee, who survived because he was spending the night at his grandmother's, were still in shock Tuesday, sitting dazed and expressionless during the Mass.

Not so the 12 pallbearers, who found the task of carrying the little white coffins to the altar almost more than they could bear.

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Though four men shared a task one man could easily shoulder alone, members of each group leaned on each other for support and comforted those who broke down as they entered the old stone church.

Pictures of the smiling boys ages 11, 10 and 9 lay atop the white coffins, alongside brass nameplates and crosses.

During "this saddest of sad funerals," the Most Rev. Patrick Walsh, bishop of Down and Connor, told the congregation that in the wake of the horrific killings "voices have been raised voices of sanity, voices of reason."

"Agonizing words, words of self-examination, courageous words, words of strength, words of healing have been spoken."

He also made an indirect reference to the Protestant marchers' insistence on parading through a Catholic neighborhood in Portadown and the violence that demand has touched off.

"The weapons of hate-filled words inevitably fuel weapons of murderous destruction," he said.

Later, a sweet, lilting choir sang a hymn: "If you walk among the burning flames, you shall not be harmed."

Richard, Mark and Jason Quinn were buried in nearby Rasharkin, where the Quinn family has its roots, in the Catholic ground of St. Mary's Church.

Irene Quinn, the boys' grandmother, said her daughter wanted them buried there so she never again would have to set foot in Ballymoney. Chrissie Quinn was also insistent the boys have a Catholic funeral.

Among the mourners were the firefighters who tried to save the boys: Colin Parry, who lost a son in a 1993 **Irish Republican Army** bombing in Warrington, England; and Seamus Mallon, the Catholic deputy leader of the new Assembly set up as part of Northern Ireland's fledgling peace plan.

"The entire community must begin to work together at every level to eradicate the evil of sectarianism and to ensure that all of the problems that we have are solved by everyone whatever their religion or political persuasion," Mallon said.

But mourner Kate Condry, 67, who tried to help heal the wounds for years as a member of Northern Ireland's nonsectarian Alliance Party, was not hopeful.

"You would think something like this would shock sense into people," she said. "But the people who did this are unshockable."

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IRA Dissidents Suspend Bombing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Hurricane Nears Gulf Coast

PANAMA CITY BEACH, Fla. (AP)

Hurricane Earl moved toward Florida's Panhandle tonight with 100 mph winds, flooding streets, shearing off tree limbs and whipping up dangerous surf. Thousands of people fled the Gulf Coast, heeding warnings that included a state of emergency declared by Gov. Lawton Chiles and tornado warnings covering half of the state's 67 counties. By evening, Earl was centered about 70 miles south-southwest of Destin, Fla. Hurricane-force winds extended out 90 miles to the east of the center and winds of 39 mph extended out 175 miles.

Storms Fan Calif. Fires

LOS ANGELES (AP)

Thunderstorms roiled up over Southern California today, bringing fierce winds to reinvigorate a fire that has burned 7,000 acres of wildland. Lightning strikes from the storms could spark even more blazes. Winds gusting to 60 mph whipped up the Santiago Canyon fire that started Monday night. Embers jumped a toll road, creating spot fires at the El Toro Marine base and an industrial park in Lake Forest. No building damage or injuries were reported.

'Morning-After' Pill Gets OK

WASHINGTON (AP)

A company won government permission today to sell regular contraceptive pills as a "morning-after" product to prevent pregnancy. The technique has been 75 percent effective in tests when taken within three days of sex. The PREVEN kits, made by Gynetics Inc. of Somerville, N.J., will be available by prescription by the end of September. The kits, which include the four pills needed for emergency contraception, will sell for about \$20 and include a pregnancy test.

FDA Experts OK Two Cancer Drugs

BETHESDA, Md. (AP)

The first in a wave of gene-based attacks on cancer took a major step forward today as government scientists recommended that the drug Herceptin be sold to fight advanced breast cancer. For some 30 percent of patients

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whose tumors are fueled by a bad gene, it offers a chance at living a little longer, scientific advisers to the Food and Drug Administration concluded. Also, the FDA's advisers said another drug, tamoxifen, may reduce the chances that certain healthy women will get the disease later in life. But the panelists stressed that the FDA should approve tamoxifen only for women considered at high risk of developing breast cancer, because it also can cause lethal side effects.

IRA Moves Closer To Disarmament

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

The **Irish Republican Army** took a step closer to disarming today, while peacemaking momentum mounted on the eve of President Clinton's visit. Ending months of delay, the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party announced that Martin McGuinness its senior negotiator and a reputed former IRA chief _ would work with the Canadian-led commission charged with disarming paramilitary groups. In London and Dublin, the British and Irish governments welcomed Sinn Fein's move as they convened emergency sessions of lawmakers to push through anti-terrorist laws designed to imprison IRA dissidents who oppose the April accord.

Northwest Lays Off 27,500

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)

Northwest Airlines today laid off 27,500 employees more than half its work force and canceled all flights through Labor Day because of the pilots strike. The layoffs included flight attendants, mechanics, customer service employees and other ground workers. Both sides agreed to meet for "exploratory" talks in Chicago on Saturday at the request of federal mediators. The National Mediation Board was careful not to describe the talks as negotiations. Because of the layoffs, it will take up to 10 days to resume a full flight schedule when the strike ends.

Tokyo Stocks Lower

TOKYO (AP)

Tokyo stocks slipped on Thursday on lingering worries over the direction of world markets. The benchmark Nikkei Stock Average fell 104.34 points to 14,272.28 after the first hour of morning trading. In New York, the Dow fell 45.06 to close at 7,782.37.

McGwire Hits 58th, 59th HRs

MIAMI (AP)

Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals hit two homers tonight against the Florida Marlins for the second consecutive night, giving him a career-high 59. He needs just two more to tie Roger Maris' 37-year-old major league record. McGwire homered in the seventh inning, a 497-foot shot into the upper deck in left, against Brian Edmondson; and again in the eighth, a 458-foot shot to left-center against Rob Stanifer. Each was a two-run homer. They came hours after Sammy Sosa hit home run No. 56 for the Chicago Cubs.

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Northern Ireland police blame IRA dissidents for deadly car bomb

The Associated Press

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Byline: By SHAWN POGATCHNIK, Associated Press Writer

Dateline: OMAGH, Northern Ireland

Body

Police suspect that the car bomb which killed 28 people and injured 220 was planted by IRA dissidents determined to shatter Northern Ireland's fledgling peace accord, the province's police chief said Sunday.

Prime Minister Tony Blair interrupted a vacation in France to fly to Belfast to coordinate his government's response to Northern Ireland's worst single attack in 30 years of conflict.

Saturday's blast in Omagh, a religiously mixed town 70 miles west of Belfast, came less than three months after voters in both parts of Ireland overwhelmingly approved plans for a new Northern Ireland government with power shared between its majority Protestants and minority Roman Catholics.

The attack coincided with the 29th anniversary of the deployment of British troops in Belfast, a traditional rallying point for ***Irish Republican Army*** supporters.

It also occurred 17 days before President Clinton arrives in Belfast to salute the historic peace agreement. The White House said Clinton's plans would not be affected.

Police commander Ronnie Flanagan said Sunday a misleading telephone warning caused his officers to move people close to a car packed with an estimated 500 pounds of explosives.

"It is fair to say that our focus at this point" is on IRA dissidents opposed to the peace accord who go by the name "Real IRA," Flanagan told British Broadcasting Corp. television.

Before boarding a flight home, a tearful Blair told reporters the attack was "a blast of evil" perpetrated by "a tiny, fanatical group of people" without any support in Northern Ireland.

"We will not let these people wreck the future - the future belongs to the decent people of Northern Ireland, it does not belong to the criminals and psychopaths," he said.

IRA dissidents, who are committed to shattering the outlawed group's 13-month-old truce and the April peace accord it helped inspire, have planted several car bombs in other Northern Ireland towns in recent months, which have caused many injuries but no deaths. In July, British and Irish police said they had foiled one such bombing campaign in London.

Northern Ireland police blame IRA dissidents for deadly car bomb

Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern promised that the dissidents, believed to number no more than 100 and mostly based in the Irish Republic, will be "ruthlessly suppressed."

Those killed by the blast included 13 women, six men and nine children - a baby girl and several teen-agers. More than 100 people were still hospitalized Sunday, and officials said at least 10 of them were in critical condition.

Gerry Adams, leader of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party, said he was "totally horrified" by the bombing. "I condemn it without any equivocation whatsoever," he said.

His phrase was significant because Adams has steadfastly refused to condemn violence by the IRA or its dissident factions in the past.

But David Trimble, the Protestant first minister of the new 108-seat Northern Ireland Assembly where Catholics and Protestants share power, said Adams' party should take some blame for the bombing because of the amount of illegal arms and explosives still held by the IRA and other paramilitary groups.

"Sinn Fein cannot escape its responsibility in this bloody atrocity," Trimble said.

In a statement, Queen Elizabeth II said she was "shocked to hear of the appalling crime in Omagh."

George Mitchell, the former U.S. Senate majority leader who chaired Northern Ireland's peace talks, blamed "a very tiny minority of cowards and murderers that are trying to destroy a process that is supported by an overwhelming majority of the people of Northern Ireland."

The explosion came 40 minutes after a telephoned warning to the BBC in Belfast claimed a bomb had been left outside Omagh's courthouse on the west end of downtown. Police directed people away from the area, many of them nearer to the bomb.

"I saw bodies lying everywhere, dead people being zipped into bags," said Dorothy Boyle, 59.

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

The streets surrounding the bomb site were strewn with glass and rubble - and streaked with blood.

"The carnage, the children, a young baby - pure black, unrecognizable," said Frank Hancock, a Protestant resident who was too stunned to cry. "A young girl down a manhole that we had to pull out. A young lad burning, his hair pure singeing.

"Any man who puts that there," he said, pointing angrily at the bomb site, "they're cowards."

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'Who would have so much evil?'

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Byline: Kristin Gazlay

Dateline: BALLYMONEY, NORTHERN IRELAND

Body

On a cold, grey July day, in the "saddest of sad funerals," mourners said a tear-filled farewell yesterday to three young brothers burned to death in a sectarian attack that came as they slept.

As a bell tolled mournfully, the small coffins of Richard, Mark and Jason Quinn -- three boys born to a Catholic mother and who were being raised as Protestants -- were carried into a rural Roman Catholic church by strapping young men whose faces were contorted with grief.

"We meet in sorrow for the death of these children, but our shared sorrow is a beacon of hope for all our community," said Rev. Peter Forde, Ballymoney's Roman Catholic parish priest.

"And in this, our very troubled country, may it light our way ahead."

The Associated Press

The hundreds of Catholic and Protestant mourners who overflowed the Church of Our Lady and St. Patrick wept throughout much of the 90-minute requiem mass.

But it was a heartfelt poem written by two young women who knew the boys that struck the deepest chord -- and drew spontaneous applause.

"Why would someone do this, is the question on our lips. Who would have so much evil at their fingertips?" one of the women, Andrea Ramsey, read in a strong, clear voice. The crowd murmured its approval of another line: "Oh Lord, please let the evil people be brought to justice some day."

Tensions spilling over from a Protestant march blocked since July 5 near Portadown, 90 kilometres southwest of Ballymoney, were blamed for the Sunday morning firebombing of the Quinn house.

Authorities believe the family was targeted because Chrissie Quinn, 29, lived there with her Protestant boyfriend. Two men are being questioned in the attack.

Quinn and the boys' 13-year-old brother Lee, who survived because he was spending the night at his grandmother's, were still in shock yesterday, sitting dazed and expressionless during the mass.

Not so the 12 pallbearers, who found the task of carrying the little white coffins to the altar almost more than they could bear.

'Who would have so much evil?'

Though four men shared a task one man could easily shoulder alone, members of each group leaned on each other for support and comforted those who broke down as they entered the old stone church.

The boys' father, John Dillon, a big man with earrings and tattoos, helped to carry the last one. He was distraught with grief, weeping and stroking the side of the white coffin.

Pictures of the smiling boys -- ages 11, 10 and 9 -- lay atop the coffins, alongside brass nameplates and crosses.

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During "this saddest of sad funerals," Most Rev. Patrick Walsh, bishop of Down and Connor, told the congregation that in the wake of the horrific killings "voices have been raised -- voices of sanity, voices of reason."

He also made an indirect reference to the Protestant marchers' insistence on parading through a Catholic neighbourhood in Portadown and the violence that demand has touched off.

"The weapons of hate-filled words inevitably fuel weapons of murderous destruction," he said.

The three boys were later buried in nearby Rasharkin, where the Quinn family has its roots, in the Catholic ground of St. Mary's Church.

Irene Quinn, the boys' grandmother, said her daughter wanted them buried there so she would never again have to set foot in Ballymoney. Chrissie Quinn was also insistent the boys have a Catholic funeral.

Among the mourners were the firefighters who tried to save the boys: Colin Parry, who lost a son in a 1993 **Irish Republican Army** bombing in Warrington, England; and Seamus Mallon, the Catholic deputy leader of the new Assembly set up as part of Northern Ireland's fledgling peace plan.

"The entire community must begin to work together at every level to eradicate the evil of sectarianism," Mallon said.

But mourner Kate Condry, 67, who tried to help heal the wounds for years as a member of Northern Ireland's non-sectarian Alliance party, was not hopeful.

"You would think something like this would shock sense into people," she said. "But the people who did this are unshockable."

Graphic

Colour Photo: Jason, 9 Colour Photo: Mark, 10 Colour Photo: Richard, 11 Colour Photo: Alastair Grant, The Associated Press; A Father's Grief: John Dillon carries one of three coffins with the bodies of his three sons in Rasharkin, Northern Ireland, yesterday.

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Northern Ireland Car Bomb Kills 21

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Byline: SHAWN POGATCHNIK

Dateline: OMAGH, Northern Ireland

Body

A car bomb exploded Saturday in a Northern Ireland market town, killing at least 21 people after a misleading telephone warning led police to move residents closer to the blast.

Scores were injured in the attack, one of the worst atrocities in three decades of conflict in Northern Ireland.

The blast shook a busy shopping street in Omagh, a religiously mixed town 70 miles west of Belfast. The dead included an 18-month-old child, a hospital official said.

"We have had men, women and children slaughtered here this afternoon, slaughtered by murderers who wanted to murder, by murderers who have nothing else to offer murderers who gave us a totally inaccurate warning," Northern Ireland Police Chief Ronnie Flanagan said.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility.

A series of similar car-bomb attacks have been blamed on Irish Republican Army dissidents opposed to the IRA's July 1997 cease-fire.

Residents were shocked at the carnage.

"I saw bodies lying everywhere, dead people being zipped into bags," said Dorothy Boyle, 59.

"There was one boy had half his leg blown off and it was lying there with the wee shoe still on it," Boyle said. "He didn't cry or anything."

The attack came on the 29th anniversary of the deployment of British troops in Northern Ireland and 17 days before President Clinton arrives to salute the province's peace agreement.

The White House said the blast would not change the president's plans.

Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern pledged to "ruthlessly suppress" terrorist organizations that opposed Northern Ireland's new peace agreement, and British Prime Minister Tony Blair promised to pursue the bombers "to the utmost."

Martin McGuinness, chief negotiator for the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party, called the bombing "indefensible."

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"This appalling act was carried out by those opposed to the peace process," McGuinness said. "It is designed to wreck the process and everyone should work to ensure the peace process continues."

Witnesses described a scene of rubble, bodies in the street and blood-streaked survivors frantically searching for friends and family. Roofs had been blown off several buildings, and wreckage was strewn across the street.

"It was a scene of absolute devastation," Paddy McGowan, a member of the local council, told Sky News.

Erne Hospital in Enniskillen treated 47 injured people, while Tyrone County Hospital in Omagh reported "dozens and dozens" of casualties.

"I've just met a man who has lost his wife and he's worried about his two children as well who were with her. It's terrible that human beings could do this to each other," said Joe Byrne of the moderate Social Democratic and Labor Party, who recently won a seat in Northern Ireland's Assembly.

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

Blair issued a statement from France, where he is vacationing. "This is an appalling act of savagery and evil by people who are determined, whatever the cost to innocent people, to wreck the prospects for peace in Northern Ireland," he said.

"We will pursue them to the utmost in order to bring them to justice for this terrible deed. These people will never be allowed to win," Blair said.

An anonymous phone caller told police the car bomb was outside Omagh's courthouse, and police began to evacuate the area. But 40 minutes after the call, the blast exploded behind the gathering crowd, which was several hundred yards away near pubs, shops and a supermarket.

"Police moved everybody away from this area to where the bomb really was," said pub owner Nigel O'Kane. "It was awful people running around crying. Nobody could believe it."

The attack Saturday took place exactly 29 years after Britain sent troops to Belfast as peacekeepers between Protestants and Catholics a decision that triggered the rise of the modern-day IRA.

The worst previous bomb attack in the British-ruled province occurred on Aug. 27, 1979, when the IRA killed 18 soldiers at Warrenpoint. The IRA killed 21 people in Birmingham, England when it bombed two pubs on Nov. 21, 1974.

The worst one-day toll in the conflict occurred when pro-British loyalists set off three car bombs in Dublin and Monaghan, Ireland, on May 17, 1974, killing 22 people. The death toll later climbed to 33.

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Police in Britain and Ireland hold 10 suspects after foiling London bombing

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Dateline: LONDON

Body

Police in Britain and Ireland held 10 people Saturday in connection with a thwarted bomb attack on the British capital by IRA splinter groups opposed to the peace agreement in Northern Ireland.

London came "within minutes" of a terrorist attack, said Deputy Assistant Commissioner John Grieve, head of Scotland's Yard's anti-terrorist branch. He did not give details about possible targets or the number of devices discovered. Police in London made their first arrests shortly before the evening rush-hour Friday.

Scotland Yard said it would not release further details on Saturday, and would not identify the four men and two women being questioned in London. They are being held under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, which permits police to hold them for seven days without charge.

Irish police said they could hold the four people arrested in the Irish cities of Dublin, Dundalk and Wexford, for 48 hours without charge. None has been identified.

Police have warned that factions opposed to cease-fires by Northern Ireland's major paramilitary groups, including the **Irish Republican Army**, continue to threaten the April peace agreement. The IRA was founded in 1969 to abolish Northern Ireland as a British province and unite it with the Irish Republic.

The Irish police operation, which had been under way for months, targeted hard-line organizations determined to foil the peace accord. Information uncovered during the Irish arrests prompted Irish police to contact their British counterparts and led to the anti-terrorist branch action in London.

Grieve said the arrests thwarted an "imminent planned terrorist attack in London."

He said three men arrested near university buildings in the capital had explosive devices, and "we believe these terrorist devices were intended to be used in London within minutes."

Officers later arrested a woman near Oxford Street, one of London's busiest shopping districts, and a man and a woman near the new British Library near King's Cross railway station, Scotland Yard said.

No shots were fired, and no one was injured during the operation.

Witnesses to Friday's arrests near university buildings south of the River Thames said police arrested two men within yards (meters) of each other outside a supermarket.

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"I saw them yell at a studenty-looking man, who was carrying a rucksack, 'Put the bag on the floor!' When he did that, they shouted 'Get down on the floor! Get down on the floor!'" said Ann-Marie Wholey, 14. "I stayed watching for what seemed like a few minutes. I just couldn't move. Then one of the men with a gun turned round and said 'Get down the street, just move, move.'"

British Prime Minister Tony Blair and his Irish counterpart, Bertie Ahern, congratulated police Friday after the arrests. Ahern said his government "will continue to underpin the peace process by tackling the terrorist threat from whatever source."

IRA dissidents have rejected the peace agreement, even though the IRA called a truce in July 1997 and its allied Sinn Fein party was one of eight political parties that joined in negotiations with the British and Irish governments to forge the accord.

The agreement, ratified by voters in May, set up a new provincial assembly with power to be shared between Protestants and Roman Catholics.

IRA dissidents have said they will settle for nothing short of a union between Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic.

They have attacked mainly in Northern Ireland, although Irish police in April intercepted a car packed with explosives just before it was to board a ferry to Britain.

Before it agreed to a truce, the IRA had often struck in London sometimes with small explosives or incendiary devices and occasionally with larger, more devastating bombs.

The group set off bombs at Hyde Park in 1982, Harrods department store in 1983 and the London Stock Exchange in 1990. In 1991, a mortar shell fired from an abandoned van exploded 50 feet (15 meters) behind 10 Downing St., the prime minister's office.

The IRA called a truce in 1994 but broke it in February 1996 with a bomb in London's Docklands business area. The blast killed two men and wounded scores of people. The IRA blamed British delays over peace talks for its reversion to violence.

The group resumed a cease-fire in July 1997 and has maintained it since.

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N. Ireland Protestant March Blocked

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Body

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

At midday, more than 1,000 Portadown Orangemen and four accordion bands marched from their annual church service to the base of a 15-foot-high wall of iron, barbed wire and cement blocks erected by the British army to prevent them from marching along the predominantly Catholic Garvaghy Road.

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

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

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

In the capital of Belfast, Protestants threw up temporary roadblocks in the north and east of the city to signify their support for the Orangemen.

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

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

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

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

N. Ireland Protestant March Blocked

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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N. Ireland Protestant March Blocked

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Dateline: PORTADOWN, Northern Ireland

Body

Northern Ireland's long-dominant Protestant brotherhood launched a dangerous "battle of wills" Sunday with British security forces barring them from this town's main Catholic neighborhood.

At midday, more than 1,000 Portadown Orangemen and four accordion bands marched from their annual church service straight up to barbed wire, cement blocks and a 15-foot-high iron wall blocking their intended parade route down the predominantly Catholic Garvaghy Road.

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And trenches and four rows of barbed-wire coils, erected Saturday by British army engineers, turned the pasture flanking Drumcree Anglican church the focal point for the Orangemen's annual parade into a no man's land.

Beyond those defenses, riot police in helmets and flame-retardant jumpsuits kept watch lest any Protestants try to breach the barricade and head for the nearby Garvaghy Road. Army spotter planes and helicopters hovered overhead.

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Orangemen insist that their marches with drum-thumping bands and banners proclaiming allegiance to queen and country should offend nobody. But many Catholics consider them deliberately provocative and designed to make them feel like second-class citizens.

Protests led by IRA supporters began in 1995 to challenge a few dozen annual Orange marches that pass near or through Catholic turf. But no dispute so stirs up the Orangemen as the fight over Garvaghy Road, since Portadown is the birthplace of the 203-year-old group.

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Body

Clinton Seeks Better China Ties

BEIJING (AP)

President Clinton urged Chinese President Jiang Zemin Thursday to move forward on human rights and religious freedom while curbing exports of weapons technology. Clinton also gave assurances his long-term vision was one of "concrete cooperation" between their two countries. Clinton's views were contained in a message that Secretary of State Madeleine Albright delivered to Jiang as they made preparations for Clinton's state visit in June. The thrust of Clinton's letter was a desire to build on the momentum toward better ties that were established when Jiang visited Washington last October.

Panel Reviews Espionage Protection

WASHINGTON (AP)

The House Intelligence Committee wants to modernize eavesdropping programs, revitalize clandestine human intelligence and boost covert action capabilities. The committee approved and sent to the full House the annual intelligence authorization bill, a classified measure that sets policy and spending priorities for the CIA and a host of other U.S. agencies that gather intelligence. The bill seeks to increase investment in the type of computer equipment that can sort through vast quantities of encoded messages and focus in on the important ones that U.S. intelligence wants to intercept and interpret.

Judge Denies Immunity for Lewinsky

WASHINGTON (AP)

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

Astronauts Operate on One Another

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)

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EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)

Michael Jordan hit 15 of his first 18 shots and scored 38 points Wednesday as the Chicago Bulls swept the best-of-5 series from the New Jersey Nets with a 116-101 victory. The first-round sweep was the third straight for the two-time defending NBA champions and it gave them a 24-1 record in the opening round since 1991.

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Little Progress in Korea Talks

GENEVA (AP)

Peace talks between North and South Korea became mired in procedural wrangling for a second day Tuesday, stalling negotiations meant to bring peace to the Korean peninsula. China, which is chairing this week's meeting, and South Korea both expressed optimism, however, that negotiations will continue for the rest of the week. No further full session of talks is scheduled. The main aim of the talks is to draw up a permanent peace treaty to replace the armistice ending the 1950-53 Korean War. The four parties present the two Koreas, China and the United States were the main combatants in that war.

Poshard Wins Ill. Gov. Nomination

CHICAGO (AP)

Glenn Poshard, a five-term Southern Illinois congressman, captured the Democratic nomination for governor Tuesday. Poshard, who defeated three other high-profile Democrats, will face Secretary of State George Ryan, an easy victor in the GOP primary, for the job being given up after two terms by Republican Gov. Jim Edgar. In the GOP Senate primary, Peter Fitzgerald, a millionaire who many Republicans fear is too conservative to win in November, defeated an abortion-rights supporter for the right to challenge embattled Democratic Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun.

Lawyers: Clinton's Word Worthless

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)

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

Prosecutor: Freeman Ready To Shoot

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP)

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Six Montana Freemen were ready to use violence to protect their comrades from arrest during the 81-day standoff with the FBI on the plains of eastern Montana, a federal prosecutor said Tuesday. But two defense attorneys insisted their clients were simply followers swept up in events. The conflicting versions came in opening arguments during the trial in which the six men who are charged with being accessories by aiding federal fugitives to avoid arrest during the standoff, which ended June 13, 1996.

Clinton Urges Irish Compromise

WASHINGTON (AP)

Invoking the spirit of St. Patrick, President Clinton is urging swift, tough compromise from the parties trying to negotiate peace in Northern Ireland. The president spent Tuesday with key figures in the Northern Ireland talks, both at a St. Patrick's Day luncheon on Capitol Hill and at the White House in meetings with four delegations. Attendees at the luncheon included Gerry Adams, leader of Sinn Fein, a legal political party allied with the **Irish Republican Army** and David Trimble, head of the Ulster Unionists, Northern Ireland's largest Protestant party.

Dow Jones Sells Information Service

NEW YORK (AP)

Dow Jones & Co. said Tuesday it will sell its financial information service to rival Bridge Information Systems Inc. for \$510 million, responding to severe shareholder pressure to unload the money-losing business. The deal will make Bridge the world's second-largest provider of electronic financial data such as stock and bond prices behind Reuters Holdings PLC, with an estimated \$1 billion in revenue.

Tokyo Stocks Fall

TOKYO (AP)

Stocks fell Wednesday on a report that Japan has decided not to include tax cuts in an upcoming economic stimulus package. The Nikkei fell 168.33 points to finish the morning session at 16,828.87 points. In New York Tuesday, the Dow rose 31.14 to 8,749.99, the second straight record close for the blue-chip barometer.

Jordan Leads Bulls Over Pacers

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)

Michael Jordan scored 35 points, made a big steal with 29 seconds to go and hit two clinching free throws with 11 seconds left as the Chicago Bulls beat the Pacers 90-84 Tuesday night. The Bulls, who increased their lead over the Pacers to 31/2 games in the NBA Central Division, won even though Indiana's reserves outscored the Chicago bench 32-0.

Clyde Drexler To Retire

HOUSTON (AP)

Clyde Drexler, who starred on Houston's Final Four teams of the 1980s, will retire from the NBA at the end of the season to coach his alma mater, sources told The Associated Press Tuesday night. The Houston Rockets' guard will receive a four-year contract worth \$1.2 million. Also, Reid Gettys, David Rose and George Walker will become assistant coaches. All are former Houston players.

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Rockets 89, Jazz 85

HOUSTON (AP)

Thanks to Houston's three biggest stars, the Rockets are on the verge of pulling off one of the biggest upsets in NBA playoff history. Hakeem Olajuwon, Clyde Drexler and Charles Barkley led the Rockets over the Utah Jazz 89-85 Wednesday night, giving Houston a 2-1 lead in the best-of-5 opening-round series. The Rockets need one more victory to become only the second No. 8 seed to beat a No. 1 seed. No. 8 Denver upset top-seeded Seattle in 1994.

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Sinn Fein Head Wants Blair Audience

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams says he won't return to Northern Ireland's peace talks until he can meet with British Prime Minister Tony Blair. The British and Irish governments, which cosponsor the talks, suspended Sinn Fein for two weeks because of two killings blamed on the ***Irish Republican Army***. They invited the party back into Monday's session. Hours after Adams spoke, mortar shells struck an evacuated police station in the town of Armagh. There were no injuries or claims of responsibility, but authorities blamed anti-British dissidents opposed to the IRA's cease-fire, a condition of Sinn Fein's participation in the talks. Spokesmen for Blair's office said he could not meet with Adams until Thursday.

Indonesia Re-Elects Suharto

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)

Asia's longest-serving leader was elected to a seventh term Tuesday as chief of the nation he has steered with an authoritarian grip since the 1960s. The re-election came as President Suharto's government wavered on an economic reform plan that the International Monetary Fund says is crucial to Indonesia's recovery. Government delegates also gave Suharto wide emergency powers that some analysts say could enable him to dissolve parliament and ban political parties.

McDougal Was in Solitary Lockup

WASHINGTON (AP)

A federal prison official says Whitewater figure James McDougal was in solitary confinement when he died Sunday of an apparent heart attack. McDougal, who had a history of medical problems, was placed in "administrative detention" Saturday night because he had refused to give a urine sample as part of random drug testing. But the prison's spokesman says solitary confinement was safe for McDougal because inmates there are checked on every 30 minutes.

Report: Pilot Suicide Caused Crash

SINGAPORE (AP)

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

Hungry Americans Include More Working People

WASHINGTON (AP)

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

Water Begins To Recede in Alabama

ELBA, Ala. (AP)

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

Gov't Shows Off High-Tech Devices

WASHINGTON (AP)

The Energy Department unveiled an array of new, high-tech wizardry Monday that is supposed to make it easier to detect nuclear, chemical or biological threats and thwart the development and smuggling of weapons of mass destruction. Officials said most of the technology already is in use, although in some cases only on a limited basis. Some 30 items were on display including a device the size of a pager that detects the presence of radioactive material. Security officers at some major airports already are using the devices. But officials said for security reasons they won't give away all of the government's secrets.

Stocks Drift Lower in Early Trading

TOKYO (AP)

Japan stock prices drifted lower early Tuesday as investors awaited word of fresh steps to boost Japan's sluggish economy. The Nikkei Stock Average declined 2.50 points to 16,970.03 points after morning trading. On Monday in New York, the Dow industrials fell 2.25 points to close at 8,567.14.

Magic Beats 76ers

PHILADELPHIA (AP)

The Orlando Magic made only 37 percent of its shots Monday night but still beat the 76ers 88-78 for their third win in a row. Magic coach Chuck Daly says his team is winning because of rebounding and good defense. Nick Anderson had 22 points and eight rebounds. Horace Grant scored 18 and Derek Strong added 15.

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Nireland's Biggest Party Backs Deal

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

Northern Ireland's biggest party voted today to back the historic peace deal aimed at ending 30 years of violence a victory for Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble. Facing rebels in his ranks, Trimble appealed to his pro-British Protestant followers to accept the compromise peace accord reached yesterday. During an acrimonious five-hour meeting, opponents argued that the agreement was a sell-out to the ***Irish Republican Army***. But the party's 110-member executive committee voted 55-23 to back the peace deal, the British news agency Press Association quoted sources as saying. The accord will be subject to a referendum on May 22.

Clinton Promises N. Ireland Support

WASHINGTON (AP)

President Clinton, promising America's "aid, support, encouragement and prayers" for Northern Ireland, celebrated its historic peace pact as an Easter gift akin to Christ's triumph of life over death. The president's weekly radio address broadcast today but taped yesterday just hours after the peace agreement was announced underscored his personal stake in the success of the U.S.-brokered accord to end 30 years of sectarian warfare. There is wide speculation that Clinton will visit Ireland next month when he attends the annual summit of industrialized nations in England.

Two Koreas Hold Talks in Beijing

BEIJING (AP)

North and South Korea held their first direct government talks in almost four years today, with both sides saying they hoped to end the stalemate that has trapped their countries in Cold War antagonism. After two hours of talks that South Korean officials described as "very sincere and friendly," the two sides agreed to resume meeting tomorrow morning. Overtures from the government of newly elected South Korean President Kim Dae-jung appeared to have encouraged the North to resume official talks that were suspended after the death of North Korean leader Kim Il Sung in 1994.

Cancer-Cell Drug Resistance Studied

LOS ANGELES (AP)

Researchers say the discovery of why some cancer cells are resistant to chemotherapy drugs represents a major step toward defeating one of the biggest obstacles in treating the disease. Valerie Kickhoefer's findings were published yesterday in The Journal of Biological Chemistry. The article says cancer cells that have more of a certain type of protein particle is more resistant to drugs. Researchers say the particles can pump the drugs away before they take effect. Kickhoefer says the research could help design ways to make cells that have become multidrug resistant more sensitive to drug therapies.

Boys Allegedly Threaten Bombing

RYAN, Okla. (AP)

Two 15-year-old boys have been arrested for allegedly threatening to bomb their high school and kill a teacher. The two teens, whom police did not identify, have been placed in juvenile detention pending charges, Jefferson County District Attorney Gene Christian said. Students at Ryan High School contacted police Monday after discovering a message on a school computer discussing plans to bomb the school and kill one of the teachers. Authorities are taking the case seriously in part because of last month's shootings at a Jonesboro, Ark., middle school.

Mir Cosmonauts Head Into Open Space

MOSCOW (AP)

The two Russian cosmonauts on the Mir will head into open space today for the first of three such missions aimed at replacing an engine that keeps the station properly aligned toward the sun. The old thruster engine ran out of fuel during the previous spacewalk last week, forcing the cosmonauts to rush back to the station and switch on another engine that restored the Mir's orientation. The spacewalk is to begin shortly after 2 p.m. Moscow time, and would last for about six hours.

Rubella Breaks Out in Mexico

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)

Those traveling south of the border during the Easter holiday, especially pregnant women, are being warned about an outbreak of rubella in Mexico blamed for more than two dozen cases in Texas. About 10 cases of rubella, which is spread by droplets from the nose or throat of an infected person, are reported in Texas each year. So far this year, 26 cases have been reported.

Yankees Win Wild One, 17-13

NEW YORK (AP)

Oakland and New York opened Yankee Stadium's 75th anniversary season with the highest scoring game ever in Yankee Stadium, a 17-13 Yankees' victory. Tino Martinez hit a three-run homer, drove in five runs and scored four to lead New York. The 30 combined runs eclipsed the previous high, a 17-11 win by New York over the Philadelphia Athletics on June 3, 1933.

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IN THE NATION New York state dropped charges yesterday against four white police officers accused of attacking and sodomizing a Haitian immigrant with a stick at a precinct house, leaving the federal government to prosecute them on charges of violating the civil rights of Abner Louima. Officers Justin Volpe, Charles Schwarz, Thomas Wiese and Thomas Bruder are charged with assaulting Louima. A fifth officer, Sgt. Michael Bellomo, is accused of helping cover up the incident.

At least 70 Atlanta area high school students face criminal charges for allegedly buying sharply underpriced items from classmates who worked at Wal-Mart and returning them to other stores for cash, police said yesterday. The students are largely from Atlanta's affluent northern suburbs. Fulton County Police Capt. Donald Cook said more than \$100,000 worth of merchandise was taken.

American Indians and native Alaskans have roughly the same rate of new AIDS cases as whites, despite living in mostly remote areas, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said yesterday. There were about 10 new AIDS cases per 100,000 Indians and native Alaskans in 1996, compared with 11 new cases per 100,000 whites. The CDC said Indians and native Alaskans have high rates of sexually transmitted diseases and drug use, which in turn raise their risk of AIDS. They also lack access to diagnosis and treatment.

About 250 black farmers marched to the Capitol building to protest what they say is discrimination by the Clinton administration. The march followed a hearing at which U.S. District Judge Paul Friedman set a Feb. 1 trial date for a \$2 billion lawsuit filed by 350 farmers hoping to force action on their complaints of denial of loans and other benefits.

The National Park Service was accused in a lawsuit yesterday of illegally selling federal resources in secret contracts with biotech researchers who want to patent microbes from Yellowstone's hot springs. The plaintiffs argue that U.S. law prohibits any natural resource from being removed from national parks. The suit seeks to block pending contracts with Diversa Inc. of San Diego, which could get millions from the deal.

The Clinton administration is calling a halt to private citizenship testing of immigrants by outside subcontractors after complaints that the system, administered by religious and community groups, was full of fraud and cheating. Beginning Sept. 1, all citizenship testing will be conducted by the government, the Immigration and Naturalization Service announced Wednesday.

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IN THE WORLD In Colombo, Sri Lanka, a bus packed with at least two shrapnel-laden bombs exploded yesterday outside a crowded train station, killing at least 32 people and injuring more than 300. The Defense Ministry said senior government officials were the target, but the bombs went off prematurely. The government blamed rebels seeking an independent homeland for Sri Lanka's Tamil minority.

Two senior Japanese Finance Ministry officials were arrested yesterday for allegedly accepting bribes from financial companies, amid a widening probe into influence-peddling by regulators over Japan's financial industry. Government leaders, including Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto, called for investigations and pledged to stamp out corruption. Finance Minister Hikaru Matsunaga called the arrests "extremely regrettable."

Drugmaker Glaxo Wellcome PLC said in London yesterday that it would slash the price of the AIDS drug AZT for pregnant women in poor countries to help minimize the spread of the deadly disease to their infants. The Glaxo plan marks the first time a giant drug company has cut the price of an AIDS drug in order to get it to the developing nations most affected by the disease.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair offered yesterday to meet with Sinn Fein leaders late next week, but the IRA-allied party complained that his proposed date was not early enough. The British leader has refused to meet with Sinn Fein for the last two weeks because the party has been barred from the negotiations on Northern Ireland's future in punishment for two Belfast killings tied to the Irish Republican Army.

The French judge investigating the crash that killed Princess Diana will meet her boyfriend's father for the first time next week and will again question the bodyguard who survived. Mohamad al-Fayed said in London yesterday that he asked to "attend" the meeting with Judge Herve Stephan. Al-Fayed's son, Dodi, also died in the crash, as did the driver, Henri Paul. It was not clear why al-Fayed requested the meeting.

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Albright Asks Va. To Stop Execution

WASHINGTON (AP)

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

Co. Wants Out of Napalm Contract

FALLBROOK, Calif. (AP)

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

SKorea To Pay Wartime Sex Slaves

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)

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

Irish Try To Give Peace a Chance

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

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

IMF: Asia Crisis Has Bigger Impact

WASHINGTON (AP)

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

States Dictate Own Foreign Policy

WASHINGTON (AP)

Cities and counties in eight states are slapping sanctions on foreign governments, even though the State Department says they could impede the conduct of foreign policy. At least 26 communities and the state of Massachusetts have imposed sanctions on companies that deal with repressive governments in Nigeria, China, Cuba and Myanmar. The National Trade Council, which represents about 550 corporations, plans to file a lawsuit later this month contending that the sanctions violate the U.S. Constitution.

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Griffey Hits 300th Career Homer

CLEVELAND (AP)

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

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FAA Criticized About Airline Deals

WASHINGTON (AP)

The Federal Aviation Administration arranged deals with airlines to get free training for its inspectors that in some cases impeded it from punishing carriers for safety violations, an investigation has found. The Transportation Department's inspector general sharply criticized the arrangements and ordered the FAA to avoid any future deals for free training if they could hinder the agency's ability to enforce safety regulations. Inspector General Lawrence Weintrob wrote in his report that such agreements could preclude the grounding of an aircraft, crew members or carriers "even if there was a high safety risk."

Sinn Fein Head Wants Blair Audience

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams says his IRA-allied party will not attend Northern Ireland's peace talks until he returns from a fund-raising trip to the United States. The British and Irish governments, which cosponsor the talks, suspended Sinn Fein for two weeks because of two killings blamed on the **Irish Republican Army**. They invited the party back into Monday's session. Hours after Adams spoke, a salvo of mortar shells struck an evacuated police station in the town of Armagh. There were no injuries or claims of responsibility, but authorities blamed anti-British dissidents opposed to the IRA's cease-fire, a condition of Sinn Fein's participation in the talks.

Indonesia Re-Elects Suharto

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)

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

McDougal Was in Solitary Lockup

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

Paper: Pilot Suicide Caused Crash

SINGAPORE (AP)

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

Hungry Americans Include More Working People

WASHINGTON (AP)

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

Stocks Drift Lower in Early Trading

TOKYO (AP)

Japan stock prices drifted lower early Tuesday. The Nikkei closed up 10.29 points at 16,982.82. On Monday in New York, the Dow industrials fell 2.25 points to close at 8,567.14.

Jazz 100, Rockets 93

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)

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

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BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)

U.N. secretary-general Kofi Annan has arrived in Iraq, where he is scheduled to meet with Iraq's deputy prime minister and foreign minister tomorrow. He is also expected to confer with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. The U.S. is reserving the right to reject any deal Annan makes with Saddam and to attack Iraq to ensure U.N. access to suspected weapons sites. Iraq accused the United States today of trying to undermine U.N. chief Kofi Annan's last-ditch mission to Baghdad.

Clinton Plans 'Consumer Bill of Rights'

WASHINGTON (AP)

President Clinton will issue an executive order today that will establish a "consumer bill of rights" that affects more than 80 million Americans covered by Medicare, Medicaid and other federal health care programs, an administration official says. The mandate includes a guarantee of direct access to medical specialists for patients with serious conditions. Clinton is expected to issue the order at a senior citizen's center today in the Washington suburb of Wheaton, Md. Federal agencies will have until next year to comply.

Report: AOL, MCI Execs Subpoenaed

NEW YORK (AP)

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

Navajo Nation President Resigns

PHOENIX (AP)

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

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The British and Irish governments today temporarily expelled the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party from Northern Ireland's peace talks, after the **Irish Republican Army** was blamed for two recent killings. Britain's Northern Ireland Secretary Mo Mowlam and Irish Foreign Minister David Andrews are expected to deliver the news personally to Sinn Fein leaders Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness. Negotiations among the six remaining parties resume on Monday.

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Dow Gains 8 in Early Trading

NEW YORK (AP)

Stock prices are mixed in very heavy trading. The Dow Jones industrial average is up 8 points in today's early going. Decliners on the New York Stock Exchange hold a 7-6 lead over advancers. The Nasdaq Composite Index has gained 2 points.

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Report: E-Mails Discussed Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP)

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

Trains Crash Near Cameroon

YAOUNDE, Cameroon (AP)

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

Leader: Sinn Fein May Be Ejected

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP)

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

Dornan To Run for Congress Again

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GARDEN GROVE, Calif. (AP)

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

Abortion Bombing Warrant Issued

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)

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

AMA Studying 'Binge Drinking'

SAN DIEGO (AP)

The American Medical Association hopes to learn more about "binge drinking" and how to stop students from doing it. The group's president said a four-year study is taking place on at least six college campuses. The study is being conducted in the wake of two highly publicized alcohol-related deaths of students at Louisiana State University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology last year. Researchers at Cornell and Southern Illinois universities in December released a national survey that found nearly three of every four fraternity leaders engage in binge drinking, consuming an average of 14 drinks per week.

Baseball Spring Training Opens

TAMPA, Fla. (AP)

Baseball's eight-month journey to the World Series began today as pitchers and catchers from some of the 30 major league teams reported to training camp. About 110 days have passed since the Florida Marlins defeated the Cleveland Indians for the world championship, and hope springs eternal for all. "I feel if we stay healthy, we have just as good a chance to win a wild card as any other team in the National League," said pitcher Curt Schilling, whose Philadelphia Phillies finished in last place in 1997 with a 68-94 record.

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NEW YORK (AP)

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It was a Shakespearean love story playing out Wednesday in Karachi, Pakistan's largest city: A young couple from hostile ethnic communities apparently ran off together, leading to bloodshed and rioting.

Pathans went on a rampage in Karachi, claiming that a Mohajir man had kidnapped a Pathan woman. His family says the couple eloped. Two bystanders were killed, eight people were injured and the lovers went into hiding.

The mob violence that spread through the city raised fears of a revived blood feud among ethnic Pathans and Mohajirs.

The Romeo of this tale is Kanwar Ahson, a political activist of the Mohajir Qami Movement and nephew of a Pakistani legislator.

Two years ago, Ahson took refuge for six months in the household of his Juliet, Rifat Afridi, to evade a police crackdown on the MQM, according to published reports. Tensions between the two communities then were at a low.

AFRICA Jackson expresses human rights concerns

After being turned away from meeting Congo's president, Jesse Jackson expressed concern about continued human rights abuses in the country. Jackson said he was concerned with authorities who continue to ban opposition political activities and prosecute civilians in military courts.

ASIA Tough Turkey: Casinos out of luck

The streak ran out for Turkey's casinos as a government decree closing them went into effect, putting an estimated 20,000 people out of work and giving dedicated gamblers lots more free time. The government says the gaming halls are a hotbed of money launderers, tax evaders and mobsters.

EUROPE Blair threatens to exclude Sinn Fein

WORLD IN BRIEF; Pakistani Romeo spurs mob violence

Sinn Fein would be thrown out of the Northern Ireland political talks if police confirm the IRA was involved in two sectarian killings this week, British Prime Minister Tony Blair signaled. The expulsion of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the **Irish Republican Army**, would dampen hopes for a lasting political settlement and could spark a full-scale resumption of IRA violence.

MIDDLE EAST Russian leader's plane finally arrives in Iraq

An airplane carrying Russian ultranationalist leader Vladimir Zhirinovsky and a load of humanitarian goods flew into Baghdad, the Iraqi capital, after a lengthy delay to get U.N. approval. The plane arrived from the Armenian capital, Yerevan, where it had been stuck for three days. The U.N. sanctions committee agreed to allow the flight after Zhirinovsky cut the passenger list from some 200 to about 30. This meant many of the more than 70 journalists accompanying Zhirinovsky had to be dropped from the flight.

OCEANIA Farrakhan's approval angers religious leaders

Jewish and Islamic leaders protested the Australian government's decision to grant a visa to Louis Farrakhan, the black American Muslim activist widely accused of inciting racial hatred for his attacks on whites, Jews, Roman Catholics and **women**.

Six charged in killings of suspected witches

Five **women** suspected of being witches were hacked to death or strangled by residents of a village in the highlands of Papua New Guinea, local police said. Six men had been charged with the killings at Navi village two weeks ago, said Chief Inspector Buckley Iarume of the Eastern Highlands district. Iarume said the villagers believed that the **women** had been practicing sorcery, which led to people and pigs dying in mysterious circumstances.

THE AMERICAS Kidnapping victim heads to father's home

Next stop for an 8-year-old kidnapping victim discovered in a Puerto Rican coastal town: her father's Oregon home. A judge granted Jeffrey Anzaldi custody of his daughter, Crystal Leann Anzaldi, ending years of heartbreak that began when Crystal, then 14 months old, disappeared from her parents' San Diego home in 1990.

Expulsion could serve as foreigners' warning

The Mexican government has expelled a North Carolina woman it accuses of participating in a march supporting Zapatista rebels ---an apparent warning to foreigners to avoid meddling in Mexican politics. The Interior Ministry said Maria Bullitt Darlington was put on a plane for the United States from Mexico City on Tuesday night.

As many as 40 dead after mudslide

A mudslide swept through a gold mine camp near Bolivia's border with Peru, killing as many as 40 people, officials said. The mudslide occurred in the Mocotero camp in the Tipuani Mountains, 124 miles northwest of Bolivia's capital, La Paz.

Graphic

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U.S. Advises: Leave Israel, Kuwait

WASHINGTON (AP)

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

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WASHINGTON (AP)

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

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Stocks Fall; Dow Drops 26

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Annan Makes Final Plea for Peace

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U.N. To Vote on Oil-for-Food Plan

UNITED NATIONS (AP)

Iraq could more than double the amount of oil it sells to buy food and medicine for its people under a deal approved today by the Security Council, Britain's U.N. ambassador said. The 15-member council agreed to increase from \$2.1 billion to \$5.2 billion the amount of oil Iraq can sell over six months under the U.N. oil-for-food plan. The council planned to formally vote on the plan later today. But as the council debated the plan, Iraq's deputy ambassador, Saeed Hasan, said Baghdad couldn't pump that much oil. "The distribution plan will reflect the real quantity which Iraq can export, which is \$4 billion," he told reporters.

Clinton OKs Patient Bill of Rights

WASHINGTON (AP)

In a move to prod private health insurers, President Clinton established a consumer "bill of rights" today for the nearly 90 million Americans enrolled in federal health-care programs. The president's executive order will, by the end of next year, extend to Medicaid beneficiaries, federal workers, military personnel, veterans and American Indians the same patient protections that Congress gave last year to older Americans covered by Medicare.

Tucker Pleads Guilty to Cable Fraud

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)

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Former Gov. Jim Guy Tucker pleaded guilty today to setting up a sham bankruptcy that saved him and a partner \$3 million in federal income taxes after the sale of a cable television business in Florida. In a plea agreement with Whitewater prosecutors who filed the charges, Tucker will be placed on probation. Tucker resigned after being convicted in a separate case brought by Whitewater prosecutors in 1996.

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Police Arrest 5-Year-Old for Biting

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP)

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

Wall Street Stocks Rebound

NEW YORK (AP)

Stocks were rebounding this afternoon as a pricey market grew more attractive after a second day of profit-taking on Wall Street's month-long rally. Just before closing, the Dow was up 47.83 at 8,423.41. On the NYSE, advancing issues outnumbered decliners 1,466-1,395. The Nasdaq composite index was at 1,727.80, up 0.79.

NHL To Investigate Room Trashings

NAGANO, Japan (AP)

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said today the league will investigate which U.S. hockey players were involved in damaging their Olympic Village rooms, and, if necessary, discipline them. Three apartments occupied by USA players were trashed hours after their 4-1 loss to the Czechs on Wednesday, causing \$3,000 in damage. The vandalism was minimal a few chairs broken, a couple of fire extinguishers emptied but it antagonized the team's Japanese hosts.

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Stocks Mixed; Dow Down 43

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Russians, Czechs Go To Hockey Final

NAGANO, Japan (AP)

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

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Iraq Welcomes U.N. Surveyors

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)

Iraq welcomed a U.N. team mapping presidential compounds today but warned that its citizens would defend the symbols of Iraqi sovereignty with their lives. U.N. surveyors resumed work early today outlining the eight sites that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has declared off limits to U.N. inspectors who are trying to verify that all weapons of mass destruction have been destroyed. U.N. officials hope to use the maps to determine which areas of the sprawling compounds are legitimate targets for inspections and which areas should remain closed.

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Body

The police chief of Northern Ireland said Saturday that the bomb that ripped the center of a predominantly Protestant village west of here late Friday night had been planted by "Republican extremists."

But the chief, Ronnie Flanagan, who was instrumental in the expulsion of the political wing of the *Irish Republican Army* from the Northern Ireland peace talks on Friday, stopped short of blaming the IRA for the new bombing.

The attack, which wounded 11 people, has brought new fears that the sectarian conflict between this British province's Protestant majority and its Roman Catholic minority is about to resume and that there will be Protestant retaliation for the bombing. Since 1969, the violence has killed more than 3,200 people.

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The British and Irish governments, sponsors of the peace talks, declared on Friday that the political wing of the IRA, Sinn Fein, might be reinstated after March 9, but only if the IRA did not commit violence in the meantime. The bombing is certain to be scrutinized by British security and intelligence officials to determine whether there was any IRA involvement.

U.S. clerics' visit

to China criticized

BEIJING - Visiting U.S. clerics risk being used for Chinese propaganda and encouraging persecution of believers, a human rights group said Saturday.

Freedom House of Washington, D.C., took issue with the delegation's low-key approach and itinerary packed with Communist Party-approved meetings.

Any unease the clerics have about China's religious policies has not appeared in state-run media. Instead, newspapers and television have shown the visit, especially the clerics' meeting with President Jiang Zemin, as proof of China's religious tolerance.

In a letter Friday to the State Department, Freedom House's Nina Shea said: "I fear that the delegation is touring a religious Potemkin Village, affording Beijing with a propaganda triumph, are making a weak and muddled case for

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American concern for freedom and, worst of all, are triggering further oppression against Chinese underground religious believers."

Hong Kong no longer tops

in cheap luxury

HONG KONG - Fancy a cheaper Rolex watch or diamond ring? Then skip Hong Kong.

Tourists looking for the least expensive place to buy luxury goods should try Taipei, Taiwan, and Bangkok, Thailand, instead, according to an Economist Intelligence Unit survey of 11 of the world's top tourist destinations.

It was the first time Hong Kong, the former British colony that returned to China on July 1, did not top the survey's list.

The annual survey, commissioned by the Hong Kong Tourist Association and published Friday, compares prices of 16 luxury goods. Hong Kong had been ranked the cheapest city since the first survey in 1992.

New York was ranked most expensive, followed by London and Tokyo. The survey showed that a Rolex costs \$ 4,171 in Hong Kong, \$ 3,434 in Taipei, and \$ 6,121 in New York. A solitaire diamond ring costs \$ 3,205 in Hong Kong, compared with \$ 1,723 in Bangkok.

Ecuador moves to block

ex-president's return

QUITO, Ecuador - An assembly reforming Ecuador's constitution has approved a measure designed to block the re-election of ousted President Abdala Bucaram, nicknamed "El Loco" for his erratic behavior.

Members of the Constitutional Assembly voted 60-7 on Friday in favor of banning anyone convicted of corruption, embezzlement or misuse of state funds from participating in elections.

Congress removed Bucaram, 45, from office in February 1997 for "mental incapacity," amid corruption charges and street protests. The Supreme Court is trying him in absentia on corruption charges.

Elsewhere . . .

ALGIERS, Algeria - Muslim militants ambushed and killed 27 soldiers in a mountain region east of the Algerian capital, residents said Saturday. Algeria's prime minister, however, said the north African country's insurgency was only "residual terrorism."

Two of the militants also died and four other soldiers were wounded in the attack Friday in the Kabylie region, 60 miles east of Algiers, hospital sources said on condition of anonymity.

The government did not report the ambush and there was no claim of responsibility. But residents blamed the attack on Muslim militants waging a 6-year-old insurgency to bring down the military-backed government.

KIGALI, Rwanda - Hutu rebels attacked a tea factory in northwestern Rwanda, killing civilians and soldiers in subsequent clashes, the military said Saturday.

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Col. Kayumba Nyamwasa, the military chief of staff, said about 200 rebels attacked the Pfunda factory on Thursday, killing two workers and three women, the wives of soldiers who were guarding the building.

Graphic

BLACK AND WHITE PHOTO, Associated Press; A Northern Irish police officer surveys damage to his station Saturday after a car bomb exploded Friday in Moira, near Belfast.

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Chinese Jet Crashes in Taiwan

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)

A China Airlines A-300 jetliner arriving from the Indonesian island of Bali crashed and burst into flames at Taipei's International Chiang Kai-shek airport today, state television reported. There were no immediate reports on casualties, but media reported there were 197 passengers and crew aboard the plane. Television reports from the scene said few of the people aboard were expected to have survived the crash. Heavy fog was reported around the airport throughout the afternoon and evening.

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MAY

- 1 - Labor party led by Tony Blair wins majority in British election. Ottawa allows competition between phone and cable TV companies over basic local phone service.
- 10 - Earthquake kills more than 2,400 people in Iran.
- 11 - IBM computer Deep Blue beats world chess champion Garry Kasparov.
- 12 - Russian President Boris Yeltsin signs peace accord with Chechnya's separatist leaders.
- 14 - Canada beats Sweden to win world hockey championship. Agreement between Russia and NATO clears way for expansion by the alliance into eastern Europe.
- 17 - Rebels take over Zairian capital of Kinshasa and rename the country Democratic Republic of Congo.
- 19 - First commercial cod fishery in four years begins off East Coast.
- 23 - Hibernia oil platform heads to Grand Banks, marking end of six years of construction.
- 25 - Soldiers stage coup in Sierra Leone.
- 31 - Confederation Bridge opens, linking P.E.I. to mainland.

JUNE

- 1 - Canadian sprinter Donovan Bailey defeats U.S. rival Michael Johnson in 150-metre race at Toronto's SkyDome. French President Jacques Chirac's centre-right coalition is defeated in election by Socialists.
- 2 - Liberals led by Jean Chretien re-elected by slim majority in federal election; Reform party becomes official Opposition.
- 7 - Detroit Red Wings defeat Philadelphia Flyers to win Stanley Cup.
- 9 - Longtime parliamentarian Stanley Knowles dies at 88.
- 13 - Jury imposes death penalty on Timothy McVeigh in 1995 Oklahoma City bombing. Chicago Bulls beat Utah Jazz to win National Basketball Association championship.

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20 - U.S. tobacco companies agree to pay \$360 billion in exchange for limits on their liabilities from lawsuits.

21 - G-7 world leaders meet for summit in Denver.

24 - The Queen welcomes the Matthew, a replica of John Cabot's ship, at Bonavista, Nfld., after it completes transatlantic voyage.

25 - Cargo craft collides with Russia's Mir space station. Jacques Cousteau, renowned sea explorer, dies at 87.

JULY

1 - Hong Kong handed over to China after 156 years of British rule.

2 - Report by Somalia inquiry denounces coverup by Canadian military leadership. Actor Jimmy Stewart dies at 89.

4 - NASA spacecraft with Sojourner rover lands on Mars.

7 - Riots in Northern Ireland follow British decision to allow Protestant parade to pass through Catholic area.

8 - NATO leaders vote to invite Poland, Hungary and Czech Republic to join the alliance.

9 - Danielle House, Miss Canada International, is convicted of assaulting woman in a bar.

12 - Russell MacLellan wins Nova Scotia Liberal leadership; takes over as premier July 18.

14 - UN war-crimes tribunal sentences Dusan Tadic, former Serb police reservist, to 20 years in prison for crimes against humanity.

15 - Fashion designer Gianni Versace is shot dead in Miami.

17 - K. R. Narayanan, a member of India's lowest class, is elected president.

18 - DNA tests clear David Milgaard in 1969 murder in Saskatoon.

19 - B.C. fishermen blockade U.S. ferry in salmon dispute.

20 - **Irish Republican Army** declares ceasefire in Northern Ireland.

25 - Class-action lawsuit is launched against Red Cross on behalf of people infected with hepatitis C through blood. Former dictator Pol Pot is sentenced to life in prison at Khmer Rouge base in Cambodia.

30 - At least 15 killed by suicide bombers in Jerusalem vegetable market.

31 - Phil Fontaine of Manitoba becomes leader of Assembly of First Nations, replacing Ovide Mercredi.

AUGUST

4 - Jeanne Calment of France, listed by Guinness Book of Records as oldest person in world, dies at 122.

6 - More than 200 people killed in crash of Korean Air jetliner in Guam. Microsoft invests \$150 million in Apple Computer.

7 - Canadian Bjarni Tryggvason and five others blast into orbit aboard space shuttle Discovery.

10 - Quebec film director Jean-Claude Lauzon and actor Marie-Soleil Tougas are killed in plane crash in northern Quebec.

12 - Ontario Hydro announces plans to close seven nuclear reactors at cost of up to \$8 billion, after report says nuclear division running at minimally acceptable standards.

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19 - Saskatchewan calls a public inquiry into wrongful murder conviction of David Milgaard.

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29 - About 300 inhabitants of Algerian village are killed in Islamic insurgency.

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Body

Hearing for British Au Pair Begins

BOSTON (AP)

A lawyer for British au pair Louise Woodward today asked the state's highest court today to review medical evidence and clear Ms. Woodward of her conviction of killing a baby in her care. The nanny was accused of violently shaking and slamming 8-month-old Matthew Eappen. He died five days later. Ms. Woodward was sentenced to time served and released from prison in October after a judge reduced her second-degree murder conviction to involuntary manslaughter. Prosecutors want to restore the jury verdict, which carries a charge of up to 20 years in jail. The justices hearing the appeal could take months to render a decision.

Nations Sanction Yugoslavia

LONDON (AP)

The United States and five other nations today agreed today on an arms embargo and other measures against Yugoslavia in response to the bloody crackdown on ethnic Albanians in Kosovo. President Slobodan Milosevic will face further sanctions unless special police units are withdrawn from Kosovo within 10 days, said representatives of the United States, Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Russia. Meanwhile, tens of thousands of ethnic Albanians demonstrated today in protest of the deaths of at least 62 people during sweeps by Serb police.

Southeast Floods Kill At Least 7

ELBA, Ala. (AP)

A weekend of drenching rain sent a swollen creek gushing through a levee in this small town. More than 5 feet of water flowed through the streets today, keeping some 2,000 people out of their homes. At least seven deaths were blamed on the weather across the Southeast. Emergency officials closed roads and warned the flooding might continue for the next couple of days. The El Nino-powered storm also flooded creeks and streams in much of Georgia and caused tornadoes this morning in Florida, where 42 people died in twisters last month. No deaths were reported in today's twisters.

South Fla. Losses Affirmative Action

WASHINGTON (AP)

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Florida's Dade County today lost a Supreme Court appeal aimed at reviving its affirmative-action program for awarding construction contracts to black-owned companies. The court turned away the county's argument that discrimination in its local construction industry is severe enough to justify a remedy. Dade County adopted affirmative-action programs for black contractors in 1982 and for Hispanic and women contractors in 1994. The plans set goals for awarding certain shares of county contracts. The goals could be met by setting aside some contracts for bidding solely by minority-owned firms, requiring contractors to give work to minority subcontractors, or by other measures.

Sinn Fein Leader Wants Blair Meeting

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams said today his IRA-allied party will not rejoin negotiations on Northern Ireland's future until British Prime Minister Tony Blair meets with him. The British and Irish governments, which co-sponsor the talks, suspended Sinn Fein for two weeks because of two Belfast killings blamed on the **Irish Republican Army**. Blair has offered to meet with Adams in London on Thursday, but Adams wants to talk sooner. Talks today centered on plans to change Northern Ireland's predominantly Protestant police force to make it more acceptable to the Catholic minority.

Spanish Co. To Join WorldCom, MCI

WASHINGTON (AP)

Long-distance companies WorldCom and MCI Communications are allying themselves with Spain's largest phone company in an arrangement that replaces British Telecommunications. WorldCom and MCI together will take a non-controlling financial stake in Grupo Telefonica, a \$15.5 billion company that also has ownership in telecommunications companies in Chile, Argentina, Peru and Puerto Rico. WorldCom's proposed \$37 billion takeover of MCI would be the biggest merger in U.S. history. The deal is now being reviewed by regulators.

Dow Up 23.41

NEW YORK (AP)

Just before 11 a.m. EST, the Dow industrials were up 23.41 to 8,592.80. Decliners on the New York Stock Exchange led advancers 1,274-1,096. The Nasdaq was down 4.53 to 1,748.96.

Flyers Replace Head Coach

PHILADELPHIA (AP)

The Philadelphia Flyers today demoted head coach Wayne Cashman to an assistant and named Roger Neilson to replace him. The Flyers have a record of 32-20-9, but general manager Bob Clarke has criticized Cashman for the team's lack of aggressiveness. The team has also lost eight of the last 12 games. Neilson has coached the New York Rangers, Toronto, Buffalo, Vancouver, Los Angeles and Florida.

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People in the news

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Tim Allen is a contract holdout, according to the actor who plays his sidekick on the ABC sitcom "Home Improvement."

Richard Karn, who plays flannel-clad Al on the network's top-rated comedy, told TV Guide the show's grunting comic star wants a schedule change.

"He either wants the show moved to 8 p.m. or to have stronger shows around us," Karn says in the magazine's Jan. 3 issue.

The network's contract offer for the 1997-98 season would pay Allen \$ 1.25 million per episode, according to TV Guide, which offered no comment from either ABC or Allen.

If Allen doesn't get what he wants and the show ends this year, Karn wouldn't be too disappointed.

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The actor who won an Academy Award as best actor for "My Left Foot" actually lives in Ireland part-time, maintaining homes in Dublin and New York.

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People in the news

"Ireland's history with Britain is not taught in the British educational system, and when I learned it I was astonished and so ashamed," Day-Lewis said. "In a certain sense it made me feel a kinship with the place, not because I was Irish but as a person reaching out across the sea."

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"This kind of stuff happens all the time," Chris Wallace said. "I think once my father understood that it was something I was doing, he didn't want to do it."

Still, the younger Wallace lost out anyway. Rock decided he still preferred "60 Minutes," so Ed Bradley took over the interview.

Mike Wallace, through a spokesman, declined comment.

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"I also refuse to be put in a corner," Delpy said. "I'd never done a scary movie and decided to give it a try."

Eds: Malone item also moving on some sports lines.

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Karl Malone, the NBA all-star who led the Utah Jazz to the league championship series last season, was named Utahn of the Year.

In announcing the inaugural honor from The Salt Lake Tribune, editor James E. Shelledy on Saturday called Malone "the lead hero of those Boys of Spring."

Malone, the league's Most Valuable Player last season, also exhibits a "personal life, values, achievements and dedication to others (that) are a role model for youngsters everywhere," Shelledy said.

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TIM ALLEN WANTS A 'TIME IMPROVEMENT' /

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Body

We're still worrying about our Thursday nights, with the news over the weekend that Jerry Seinfeld won't be returning to his top-rated NBC sitcom after this season. And now it looks like Tuesdays could be in jeopardy, too.

It seems the always grunting Tim Allen is holding off on signing a new contract - one that would pay him \$1.25 million per episode - because he wants ABC to move "Home Improvement" to another night.

The source of this information is unimpeachable. It's Al, the burly sidekick to Tim the Toolman Taylor, played by the flashy-in-flannel Richard Karn. He tells this week's TV Guide that Allen "either wants the show moved to 8 p.m. or to have stronger shows around us."

(We'll spare you the trouble of checking - "Home Improvement" is currently flanked by "Soul Man" and "Hiller and Diller.")

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J. Paul Getty II, the American billionaire philanthropist who has lived in England for 25 years, has officially gone over to the other side. He was granted a British passport the week before Christmas and immediately revoked his U.S. citizenship.

Getty was said by London's Sunday Telegraph to be delighted at the speed with which the application was processed.

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Be fruitful and multiply

Could there be another son or daughter in Michael Jackson's future? And if so, who will the mother be? Those are some of the questions being prompted by stories in British tabloids. They quote the pop singer as saying he plans to father another baby, but this time by his ex-wife, Lisa Marie Presley. The Express and The Star quote Jackson as saying "Lisa Marie wants to have my baby and I'm very proud and honored." Meanwhile, Jackson's wife, Debbie Rowe, is reportedly pregnant with their second child, a girl. The pair already has a son.

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FRANCESCA CHAPMAN is on vacation

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Body

Northern Ireland's fragile peace process faces a serious test today after an outbreak of violence between fringe Catholic and Protestant extremist groups that left two people dead and three injured.

Britain's Northern Ireland secretary, Marjorie "Mo" Mowlam, called it a dangerous and testing time, but said: "I don't consider it a crisis yet."

Billy Wright, 37, a Protestant extremist widely known as King Rat, was killed Saturday in the Maze Prison outside Belfast when fellow prisoners, members of the Irish National Liberation Army, shot him in the back five times as he was entering a prison van to be driven to a meeting with his girlfriend at the prison visitors' center.

Hours later, gunmen from Wright's Loyalist Volunteer Force pulled up in a car outside a hotel in Catholic Dungannon and opened fire, killing a doorman and wounding three others, including a 14-year-old boy.

The doorman, Seamus Dillon, 45, was a member of a Catholic paramilitary group who had earlier been released from a life prison term for murder. It was unclear whether he was marked for the killing or was a random victim.

Mowlam said she had talked to leaders of all parties involved in the peace process, and they were united in asking for calm and hoping the killings would not jeopardize their negotiations. She will meet today with her security advisers to assess the situation.

On the face of it, there seems little reason the peace talks should be in jeopardy. Wright, regarded by police as a dangerous psychopath and murderer, was under a death sentence both from the **Irish Republican Army** and the Protestant Ulster Volunteer Force. None of the parties involved in the peace talks is likely to mourn his passing.

The Irish National Liberation Army and the Loyalist Volunteer Force never acceded to the cease-fires announced previously by the IRA and Protestant paramilitary groups. But gunmen in Northern Ireland have a habit of killing

WEEKEND VIOLENCE TESTS PEACE IN NORTHERN IRELAND ; PROTESTANTS RETALIATE AFTER IRISH NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY MURDERS PSYCHOPATH; IN PRISON

indiscriminately, and there is always a risk that the murder of innocent civilians or of members of the main paramilitary groups could lead to more tit-for-tat killings that could spiral out of control.

The two main Protestant paramilitary groups, whose political wings are represented in the peace talks, have threatened in the past week to end their cease-fire because of unhappiness at what they regard as unnecessary government concessions to the IRA and its political wing, Sinn Fein.

The Loyalist Volunteer Force, which accepted responsibility for the shooting outside the Dungannon hotel, issued a statement Saturday in which it said: "The LVF will widen its theater of operations in the coming weeks and months."

Mowlam said it had been a "depressing" weekend, but said: "I believe we will climb over this." She said a statement by President Clinton calling for calm had been helpful.

The basic problem at the moment, she said, is fear and a lack of confidence, particularly among Protestants.

Ken Maginnis, security spokesman for the Protestant Ulster Unionist Party, said, "I am very fearful." He said he had received phone calls from constituents "literally crying" and wondering whether the province was about to be plunged back into the kind of violence it witnessed in the late 1970s.

Maginnis has called for Mowlam to resign because of the lapses of security in the Maze Prison, but she rejected the demand.

Still there is the question of how guns were smuggled into the Maze without the knowledge of prison officials. The Maze is usually described as a high-security prison but it has a long history of lax administration.

Each paramilitary group exercises de facto control over its own wing of the prison, and warders are seldom allowed by each group's "officer commanding" to walk along the wings. No cell searches have been carried out since last July, and at one point Protestant prisoners held regular parties in their wings.

Earlier this month, an IRA prisoner escaped after a Christmas party for prisoners and their families by putting on women's clothing and walking out with the families.

Prison officers complain of inadequate backup from prison management and say they won't risk their lives in confrontations with prisoners.

Graphic

PHOTO, PHOTO: Reuters: Members of the Loyalist Volunteer Force in Portadown; form a guard of honor yesterday at the coffin of their former leader, Billy; Wright, who was shot by Republican gunmen in the Maze Prison.

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Body

MAY

- 1 - Labor party led by Tony Blair wins majority in British election. Ottawa allows competition between phone and cable TV companies over basic local phone service.
- 10 - Earthquake kills more than 2,400 people in Iran.
- 11 - IBM computer Deep Blue beats world chess champion Garry Kasparov.
- 12 - Russian President Boris Yeltsin signs peace accord with Chechnya's separatist leaders.
- 14 - Canada beats Sweden to win world hockey championship. Agreement between Russia and NATO clears way for expansion by the alliance into eastern Europe.
- 17 - Rebels take over Zairian capital of Kinshasa and rename the country Democratic Republic of Congo.
- 19 - First commercial cod fishery in four years begins off East Coast.
- 23 - Hibernia oil platform heads to Grand Banks, marking end of six years of construction.
- 25 - Soldiers stage coup in Sierra Leone.
- 31 - Confederation Bridge opens, linking P.E.I. to mainland.

JUNE

- 1 - Canadian sprinter Donovan Bailey defeats U.S. rival Michael Johnson in 150-metre race at Toronto's SkyDome. French President Jacques Chirac's centre-right coalition is defeated in election by Socialists.
- 2 - Liberals led by Jean Chretien re-elected by slim majority in federal election; Reform party becomes official Opposition.
- 7 - Detroit Red Wings defeat Philadelphia Flyers to win Stanley Cup.
- 9 - Longtime parliamentarian Stanley Knowles dies at 88.
- 13 - Jury imposes death penalty on Timothy McVeigh in 1995 Oklahoma City bombing. Chicago Bulls beat Utah Jazz to win National Basketball Association championship.

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20 - U.S. tobacco companies agree to pay \$360 billion in exchange for limits on their liabilities from lawsuits.

21 - G-7 world leaders meet for summit in Denver.

24 - The Queen welcomes the Matthew, a replica of John Cabot's ship, at Bonavista, Nfld., after it completes transatlantic voyage.

25 - Cargo craft collides with Russia's Mir space station. Jacques Cousteau, renowned sea explorer, dies at 87.

JULY

1 - Hong Kong handed over to China after 156 years of British rule.

2 - Report by Somalia inquiry denounces coverup by Canadian military leadership. Actor Jimmy Stewart dies at 89.

4 - NASA spacecraft with Sojourner rover lands on Mars.

7 - Riots in Northern Ireland follow British decision to allow Protestant parade to pass through Catholic area.

8 - NATO leaders vote to invite Poland, Hungary and Czech Republic to join the alliance.

9 - Danielle House, Miss Canada International, is convicted of assaulting woman in a bar.

12 - Russell MacLellan wins Nova Scotia Liberal leadership; takes over as premier July 18.

14 - UN war-crimes tribunal sentences Dusan Tadic, former Serb police reservist, to 20 years in prison for crimes against humanity.

15 - Fashion designer Gianni Versace is shot dead in Miami.

17 - K. R. Narayanan, a member of India's lowest class, is elected president.

18 - DNA tests clear David Milgaard in 1969 murder in Saskatoon.

19 - B.C. fishermen blockade U.S. ferry in salmon dispute.

20 - **Irish Republican Army** declares ceasefire in Northern Ireland.

25 - Class-action lawsuit is launched against Red Cross on behalf of people infected with hepatitis C through blood. Former dictator Pol Pot is sentenced to life in prison at Khmer Rouge base in Cambodia.

30 - At least 15 killed by suicide bombers in Jerusalem vegetable market.

31 - Phil Fontaine of Manitoba becomes leader of Assembly of First Nations, replacing Ovide Mercredi.

AUGUST

4 - Jeanne Calment of France, listed by Guinness Book of Records as oldest person in world, dies at 122.

6 - More than 200 people killed in crash of Korean Air jetliner in Guam. Microsoft invests \$150 million in Apple Computer.

7 - Canadian Bjarni Tryggvason and five others blast into orbit aboard space shuttle Discovery.

10 - Quebec film director Jean-Claude Lauzon and actor Marie-Soleil Tougas are killed in plane crash in northern Quebec.

12 - Ontario Hydro announces plans to close seven nuclear reactors at cost of up to \$8 billion, after report says nuclear division running at minimally acceptable standards.

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Don't look for new art films until sometime next year

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Body

If you're a big Coen brothers fan, and you're dying to see their new comedy "The Big Lebowski" . . . sorry, you probably won't get to until next year. Unless you're a movie critic.

Ditto with "The Boxer," director Jim Sheridan's follow-up to "In the Name of the Father." This movie again pairs him with star Daniel Day-Lewis.

Sure, the national advertisements for these films (along with a dozen or so others) claim that they're opening in time for Christmas ; or at least before New Year's. But that's only in the major movie markets ; you know, New York City and Los Angeles.

Most large-studio films, like the summer and Christmas blockbusters, open in theaters all across the country at the same time (nationwide or "wide" film releasing). But movies like "The Boxer" ; so-called "art films" or less mainstream fare ; usually open in New York and Los Angeles before the end of the year to qualify for Academy Award consideration.

In rare instances, the buzz on these movies is so big that the studios decide to release them wide at the same time ; like Atom Egoyan's acclaimed drama "The Sweet Hereafter," which is going nationwide after receiving 16 Genie Award nominations. (The Genies are Canada's version of the Oscars.)

What happens more often, though, is these films trickle into secondary markets ; like Denver, Chicago and Washington, D.C. ; throughout January, and even more slowly into the smaller, tertiary markets ; which evidently includes Salt Lake City. It's what the industry refers to as "platforming."

Here is what's on tap for the early part of next year, but keep in mind that these dates often change even more often than the big studio films:

THE APOSTLE ; Actor Robert Duvall wrote, directed and stars in this drama about a preacher who rediscovers his faith only after losing everything. Co-stars include Farrah Fawcett and Miranda Richardson. (Date Uncertain)

THE BIG LEBOWSKI ; A comedy involving mistaken identities, as only the Coen brothers ("Fargo," "The Hudsucker Proxy") can do it, starring Jeff Bridges and John Goodman. (Date Uncertain)

THE BOXER ; Daniel Day-Lewis plays a former member of the *Irish Republican Army* who turns to boxing for a living after being released from prison in this drama from director Jim Sheridan. Emily Watson ("Breaking the Waves") co-stars. (Jan. 9)

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THE EDUCATION OF LITTLE TREE ; A young Cherokee boy comes of age in this drama, which stars James Cromwell ("Babe," "Star Trek: First Contact"), Joseph Ashton and Tantoo Cardinal. (Date Uncertain)

GOOD WILL HUNTING ; Young stars Matt Damon and Ben Affleck wrote this comedy-drama about a twentysomething hoping to avoid jail by undergoing therapy. Directed by Gus Van Sant ("To Die For") and co-starring Robin Williams and Minnie Driver. (Jan. 9)

GREAT EXPECTATIONS ; A modern-day update of the Charles Dickens novel, directed by Alfonso Cuarón ("A Little Princess") and starring Ethan Hawke, Gwyneth Paltrow, Robert De Niro and Anne Bancroft. (Date Uncertain)

HURRICANE STREETS ; Winner of three awards from the 1997 Sundance Film Festival, this urban drama from first-time director Morgan J. Freeman follows a street-smart kid (Brendan Sexton III) in Staten Island trying to escape a life of crime. (Jan. 9)

THE MIGHTY ; Two outcast boys bond when they fight battles ; both real and imagined ; in this adaptation of the Rodman Philbrick novel. Co-stars include Sharon Stone, Gillian Anderson (TV's "The X-Files") and Gena Rowlands. (Date Uncertain)

OSCAR AND LUCINDA ; An odd love story, adapted by director Gillian Armstrong ("Little *Women*"), from Peter Carey's period novel about an unconventional heiress (newcomer Cate Blanchard) and a minister (Ralph Fiennes) addicted to gambling. (Date Uncertain)

WAG THE DOG ; Director Barry Levinson's satire about mass media and politics follows a White House adviser and a Hollywood producer who "create" a war to deflect attention from the scandal-ridden president. Dustin Hoffman and Robert De Niro star. (Date Uncertain)

WELCOME TO SARAJEVO ; A fact-based war drama that follows a group of foreign journalists (including Woody Harrelson, Marisa Tomei and British stage star Stephen Dillane) sent to cover the fighting in 1992 Sarajevo. (Date Uncertain)

THE WINTER GUEST ; Actress Emma Thompson stars opposite her mother, Phyllida Law, in this drama about ; oddly enough ; a mother and daughter, which marks the directorial debut of actor Alan Rickman ("Die Hard," "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves," "Sense and Sensibility"). (Date Uncertain)

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Divided emotions as Ireland's next president returns home

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Dateline: ROSTREVOR, Northern Ireland

Body

Friends and neighbors, a bagpipe band and the parish priest greeted Irish President-elect Mary McAleese on Sunday as the confident academic returned home to Northern Ireland following her victory.

McAleese, 46, offered handshakes and hugs on the crowded main street of this mostly Catholic seaside village, which lies in the shadow of the evergreen Mountains of Mourne 40 miles (65 kms) south of Belfast. She was applauded in Mass and dropped by The Old Killowen Inn where her father, Paddy Leneghan, works behind the bar.

"This is a special place with special people. I hope to get back as often as possible as often as protocol and the peace process allow," said McAleese, who won 58 percent of the vote across the Irish Republic on Thursday to become the first northerner in the symbolic post.

McAleese takes her oath of office Nov. 11 and she, her husband and three teenage children will move into the official presidential palace, Aras an Uachtarain, in Dublin's Phoenix Park. From then on any visits to the British-ruled north are supposed to be approved by the Irish government.

And while Sunday's welcome home was warm in Rostrevor, elsewhere in this predominantly pro-British Protestant land her accession as the neighboring state's figurehead is provoking suspicion and some vitriol.

"She ought to make her move to Dublin permanent," said fisherman John McAfee in Kilkeel, a mostly Protestant village near Rostrevor."

The president is the guardian of the Irish constitution, which lays territorial claim to Northern Ireland. Many Protestant politicians want nothing to do with any president until that claim is dropped their central demand in ongoing peace negotiations involving the Irish government in Belfast.

McAleese's predecessor, Mary Robinson, proved adept as an ambassador, striking a neutral tone during her seven-year term and frequent visits north, often into Protestant areas. McAleese, by contrast, comes into her post closely identified with Catholic ambitions in the north.

She had a stellar academic career at Queen's University Belfast, rising from law lecturer to become the first ***female*** Catholic deputy chancellor. There she led efforts to strip Queen's of overtly pro-British Protestant practices, such as playing "God Save the Queen" at graduation ceremonies.

Divided emotions as Ireland 's next president returns home

"Mary Robinson came to the job with credentials as a bridge-builder. Mary McAleese doesn't, not in the minds of the majority Protestant community," said Ken Maginnis, a lawmaker of the main Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists.

As part of Northern Ireland's peace process, McAleese was an intermediary in efforts to bring the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party closer to the moderate Catholic party in the north, the Social Democratic and Labor Party.

During her election campaign, enemies leaked Irish government intelligence documents that characterized McAleese as sympathetic to Sinn Fein, a claim she has repeatedly denied. Many Protestants don't believe her.

"Her interest let me put it no stronger than that in the welfare of Sinn Fein is something that naturally creates difficulties and suspicions as far as people like myself are concerned," Maginnis said.

Even John Alderdice, the Presbyterian leader of the only party in Northern Ireland to get much support across the Protestant-Catholic divide, is sticking by his view that McAleese made a bad choice for president.

"Mary McAleese has devoted her efforts to building bridges within the Catholic nationalist community, not across the community to Protestants," the Alliance Party leader said.

McAleese faces her first symbolic hurdle when she takes the oath of office Nov. 11, the same day as Remembrance Day, the British equivalent of America's Veterans Day. It will be the 10th anniversary of one of the worst **Irish Republican Army** atrocities, a no-warning bomb that killed 11 Protestants at Enniskillen's war memorial.

Every November, most Protestants wear plastic poppies in commemoration of the British war dead from World Wars I and II, but most Catholics refuse to do so.

When asked whether she would wear a poppy, McAleese called it "a very interesting suggestion" and pledged to give it "very, very, very deep consideration."

She wasn't wearing one in Rostrevor though, where residents defended her as a brilliant mind and a moderate soul.

"I'm probably the big loser from this election," said Liam Farrell, her next-door neighbor since 1989. "She's been the best neighbor you could have. I'll probably get the neighbors from hell moving in next door now."

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Body

The Irish elect a new president Thursday and, for the first time in history, it appears the winner will come from Northern Ireland, a divisive point in a land that claims to want unity.

Belfast law professor Mary McAleese, the confident front-runner for Ireland's largest party, Fianna Fail, is touting her roots in the British-ruled north and campaigning under the slogan "Building Bridges."

Like her mold-breaking predecessor Mary Robinson, the country's first **female** president who recently took over as U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, McAleese wants to be Ireland's ambassador abroad and next door.

But McAleese's Belfast Catholic background has proved the most controversial and revealing aspect of the four-week campaign for president, a largely ceremonial office.

Besides courting Protestant animosity, her origins have highlighted how many people in the Irish Republic view neighboring Northern Ireland with distaste and distance.

"I don't understand this Mary McAleese business," said Carmel Nolan, carrying shopping bags past Dublin's bullet-pocked General Post Office, the rebel stronghold in the 1916 rising against British rule.

Britain granted southern Ireland independence six years later, but retained the predominantly pro-British Protestant north and people like Nolan, 74, long ago accepted that partition as reality.

"Those people up north can't even vote down here and I've no vote up there either," she said. "I've nothing personal against Mary McAleese, but why on earth should a foreigner be our president?"

In the latest opinion poll, published Tuesday in the Irish Independent newspaper and with a margin of error of 3 percent, McAleese's lead had increased to a commanding 49 percent.

The poll of 1,100 people in 100 locations put her nearest rival, European Parliament member Mary Banotti of the second-largest Fine Gael party, 17 points back. The others anti-nuclear activist Adi Roche, anti-crime campaigner Derek Nally and Christian singer Dana Rosemary Scallon had only single-digit support.

Earlier this month, enemies within Ireland's political establishment leaked Department of Foreign Affairs intelligence documents that painted McAleese as a supporter of Sinn Fein, the northern-based party that grew out of the outlawed ***Irish Republican Army***.

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It didn't help when Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams endorsed McAleese as the most capable candidate. But McAleese emphasized that she has always voted for Sinn Fein's moderate rival for Catholic votes, the Social Democratic and Labor Party, or SDLP.

"I am not anti-British. I am an Irish nationalist. I make no apology for that," she told the BBC, adding that "the situation in Northern Ireland never justified the spilling of one drop of blood."

What McAleese has is an acute understanding of all shades of northern Catholic opinion and experience.

She and her eight younger siblings lived among Protestants in north Belfast until bomb and gun attacks on their home forced them out. Before that, her deaf brother was nearly beaten to death by Protestant thugs.

"I can understand so easily why people join the IRA," she told The Irish Times in 1984. "I felt the same desire for vengeance tearing at me, but deep down in my psyche I had strong Christian values."

In 1983, as a law lecturer at Queen's University Belfast, she helped the Roman Catholic bishops of Ireland present their anti-divorce and abortion views to an Irish government forum.

In 1987, she was appointed director of Queen's Institute of Legal Studies and later became Queen's deputy chancellor, the highest position ever held by a Catholic there.

During her tenure, she led the way in stripping the university of overtly Protestant ceremonies in favor of a "neutral" environment.

Most critically, McAleese took part in secret contacts between Sinn Fein, the SDLP and Belfast priests aimed at delivering the IRA cease-fire of 1994 and maintaining the new one announced in July.

Those partisan roots in Northern Ireland make her a stranger 100 miles (160 kms) south in Dublin. She has campaigned aggressively across the Irish Republic, but some still see her as an opportunistic tourist.

"People wonder about Mary McAleese. We don't know enough about her," said hospital computer technician Jo Carney, bouncing her 5-year-old son in her arms.

"She's very intelligent, and they say she has very strong views, but we're not getting to hear those. When she gets in, are we going to see her true colors? Having someone from the north as president just seems to be asking for trouble."

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Irish smile on McAleese

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Body

IRELAND was last night poised for the declaration of the election of its first president from the British-ruled North, as exit polls pointed to a decisive win by Belfast law professor and Irish nationalist Mary McAleese, 46.

Counting was due to begin yesterday after Thursday's election, which ended a hard-fought campaign focused on the issue of Northern Ireland.

Exit polls taken for Irish television in the five-candidate contest indicated that Dr McAleese, the candidate for the ruling Fianna Fail-Progressive Democrat coalition, had taken 46 per cent of the primary vote. This put her 14 per cent ahead of Mary Banotti from the opposition Fine Gael with 32 per cent.

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The singer and 1970 Eurovision song contest winner Dana, whose real name is Rosemary Scallon, was running third in the exit poll at 9 per cent, indicating support for her traditional Catholic family values.

Fourth was anti-nuclear campaigner Adi Roche and last was the sole male candidate, retired policeman Derek Nally.

The trend suggested that Ireland would be in the unusual position of electing as president someone from another country: Northern Ireland is under British rule but the Irish constitution allows its residents to take out Irish citizenship.

While the post is largely ceremonial, under the previous president, Mary Robinson, it became a high-profile platform for her to act as a world ambassador for Ireland.

Dr McAleese's candidature shook up Irish politics, with attention overwhelmingly focused on her rather than Ms Banotti, even though the opposition candidate had an established track record as a member of the European Parliament.

The Irish have been riveted by the personal story of a woman who, despite a troubled upbringing in Catholic West Belfast which saw her forced out of her family home by Protestant terrorists, rose to the top of society on both sides of the border.

Eldest of nine children, she studied law at Queens University in Belfast and, after working as a barrister, won the prestigious position of professor of criminal law at Dublin's Trinity College.

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She married, raised three children, and worked as a television presenter before becoming the first Catholic, and the first woman, to be appointed pro vice-chancellor of Queens.

From comparative obscurity, Dr McAleese beat former prime minister Albert Reynolds for the endorsement of Fianna Fail.

The campaign revolved around whether Dr McAleese, an Irish nationalist with a strong commitment to traditional Catholic values, embodied the image the nation wanted to project. The question was particularly acute considering that Dr Robinson had won accolades at home and abroad for her progressive and inclusive style.

Ms Roche said earlier this week that the campaign had become dangerously dominated by the Northern Ireland issue. "In a sense we have gone back to the old civil war politics, and also back to the old style of presidency," she said.

Critics suggested that Dr McAleese's own experience may have embittered her against Northern Ireland's Protestant community at a time when Ireland and Britain are working together to pursue a peaceful settlement in the North.

In a campaign that saw the media and opposition delve into her background, one newspaper revealed that one of her 60 cousins was an **Irish Republican Army** bomber.

But on the campaign trail this week, Dr McAleese insisted her experience had the opposite effect on her, turning her against violence but comprehending the anger which caused it.

"I understand the North's sensitivities and I know its rawness and I know its wounds so well," she said.

"One of the things I have pledged myself to do is to work every day of those seven years (in office) in every way possible to make sure the wounds are healed."

Dr McAleese worked her combination of strong intellect and ability to press the flesh to great effect, with one grinning passerby after another wishing her well on walkabouts.

Observers say that while Dr McAleese is a nationalist, all her actions point to a pacifist approach, including representing the Catholic Church at a peace forum in 1984.

They also point out that while she is strongly opposed to abortion, she has worked for change within the Catholic Church, including campaigning for **women** priests.

"She's an insider reformist," an expert in Irish politics at the University of London, Brendan O'Duffy, said. "The fact that she is personally pro-life and at the same time highly critical of the institutions of the Catholic Church means she appeals to a broad spectrum," he said.

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Body

Sinn Fein, the political wing of the *Irish Republican Army*, formally committed itself today for the first time to exclusively peaceful methods in its effort to reach an agreement on the political future of Northern Ireland.

The Sinn Fein commitment, which was welcomed by the British and Irish Governments, qualified the party to take part in the peace talks that resumed here today, aimed at ending the sectarian violence that has killed 3,225 people in this predominantly Protestant British province since 1969.

Sinn Fein, which represents about 40 percent of the province's Roman Catholic minority and about 16 percent of the overall vote, stated its unequivocal commitment to peaceful methods at the opening session of the renewed, broad-based peace talks, subscribing to principles of nonviolence issued 20 months ago by the talks' chairman, former Senator George J. Mitchell of Maine.

The statement by Sinn Fein's president, Gerry Adams, gained his party access to formal peace talks for the first time since sectarian violence broke out 28 years ago. Mr. Adams said the event was a "defining moment" in the peace effort.

Mr. Adams's commitment appeared to put him in ideological disagreement, publicly at least, with the I.R.A. In its statement on July 20 restoring its unilateral cease-fire, the I.R.A. spoke of a "cessation of military operations," but did not say that the cessation was permanent, or that it would be maintained regardless of the outcome of the talks.

Mr. Adams was not pressed on this apparent difference at today's meeting in Castle Buildings in the Stormont area of Belfast. In the past, he has said that Sinn Fein and the I.R.A. are not the same, and that he cannot speak for the I.R.A., a statement considered disingenuous by many politicians and experts on all sides.

Six weeks after the I.R.A. restored its cease-fire, the British Government said it considered the cease-fire genuine. That qualified Sinn Fein to enter the talks, once it formally accepted the principles of nonviolence.

The central issues in the talks are the disarmament of the I.R.A. and Protestant paramilitary groups and Sinn Fein's ultimate goal of an Ireland free of British control, united with the Irish Republic to the south. Protestant leaders

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abhor this, wanting to remain part of Britain. If the talks are to succeed, there will have to be compromises on both disarmament and on a united Ireland.

Both the British and Irish Governments insist that there will be no change in the political status of Northern Ireland unless it has the consent of the majority, which is expected to remain Protestant well into the new century.

In a brief ceremony, closed to the public and to reporters, Mr. Mitchell read the principles he first proposed in January 1996. They say in part that all parties taking part in the talks must affirm "total and absolute commitment" to "democratic and exclusively peaceful means of resolving political issues," and "to the total disarmament of all paramilitary organizations," and "to renounce for themselves, and to oppose any effort by others, to use force, or threaten to use force, to influence the course or the outcome of all-party negotiations" and "to resort to democratic and exclusively peaceful methods in trying to alter any aspect of that outcome with which they may disagree."

Mr. Mitchell then asked Mr. Adams if Sinn Fein would adhere to the principles. Mr. Adams affirmed that his party would do so. Representatives of the four other parties in attendance welcomed him to the talks. All five Protestant-dominated parties were absent, protesting Sinn Fein's admission.

On the disarmament issue, which has stalled the talks for 14 months, Mr. Adams said Sinn Fein wanted "to get all the guns out of Irish politics." But Protestant unionist leaders were quick to criticize Mr. Adams's pledge as inadequate.

"It's a bit of a charade," said Jeffrey Donaldson, deputy leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, the largest political group in the province. "We don't have a permanent end of violence, given that the I.R.A. has refused to discuss the whole issue of disarmament."

Attending the meeting today were the Irish and British Governments, the predominantly Catholic Social Democratic Party, the Alliance Party (a 60-40 mix of Protestants and Catholics), the Women's Coalition and the small Labor Party.

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Sec. of State Albright in Mideast

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP)

With Israeli-Palestinian relations at their lowest point in years, U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright arrived in Israel Wednesday hoping to salvage the peace process. After landing at Israel's Ben Gurion airport outside Tel Aviv, Albright left the airport to meet with President Ezer Weizman in Jerusalem and was scheduled to meet with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in the afternoon. She meets Arafat on Thursday in the autonomous West Bank town of Jericho. En route to Israel, Albright told reporters she would insist that Netanyahu implement a commitment to withdraw from the West Bank.

Unabomber Defense Fights Computers

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)

Using computers in the trial of the Unabomber suspect could lead to a televised show-and-tell that would inflame the jury against him, defense lawyers argued Tuesday. Theodore Kaczynski, 55, is accused of being the anti-technology terrorist known as the Unabomber, whose carefully crafted explosive devices were aimed at computer stores, universities, airlines and other such targets. Prosecutors have proposed using a computerized system which would transfer the numerous documents and photographs in the case onto compact disc. Television and computer monitors would be used to display the documents in court.

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MONTROUIS, Haiti (AP)

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WASHINGTON (AP)

The Clinton administration has stopped deportation proceedings against six Irish nationals. The six have served time in Northern Ireland for committing terrorist acts for the **Irish Republican Army**. Attorney General Janet Reno acted at the request of Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. In a letter to Reno, Albright said suspension of the proceedings could advance the peace process in Northern Ireland. At the same time, Albright says the U.S. does not approve or condone "any past acts of terrorism in which they may have been involved."

VMI Suspends **Female** Cadet

LEXINGTON, Va. (AP)

The Virginia Military Institute has suspended a **female** cadet for a year for striking a male upperclassman just weeks after enrolling its first coed class. She will be allowed to re-enter next year but would have to again go through the grueling freshman initiation. While the military college would not release details of the offense or identify the young woman, the Roanoke Times identified her as Angelica Garza. The newspaper quoted her father as saying that VMI handled the situation appropriately.

Group: Minority Mortgages Rarer

NEW YORK (AP)

Mortgage loans to whites in Los Angeles, New Orleans and Bridgeport, Conn., greatly increased last year while mortgages to black or Hispanic applicants declined, a community group said. The Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now looked at wide-ranging federal data and analyzed conventional, home-purchase loans in 15 cities. The decline in minority mortgages was due in part to banks' increasing reliance on computer software, or credit scoring, to analyze an applicant, a group spokesman said.

Dollar Higher, Tokyo Stocks Lower

TOKYO (AP)

The dollar was slightly higher against the yen in early trading, while Tokyo stock prices edged lower. The dollar cost 118.96 yen in early morning trading, up 0.08 yen. The Nikkei fell 42.90 points to 18,653.07.

Lemieux, Trottier Elected to Hall

TORONTO (AP)

Former Pittsburgh Penguins star Mario Lemieux is a Hall of Famer. The Hall said it elected Lemieux without the usual wait after retirement because of his "outstanding pre-eminence and skill." Lemieux finished with 613 career goals and 1,494 points in 12 seasons. He captured three Hart Trophies as league MVP.

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Ireland's bridge-building president bound next for the U.N. With AP Photo

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Ireland has never had a president like Mary Robinson, who shattered conventions and signaled momentous change in seven years as her nation's leader.

As she departs for a new job as United Nations commissioner for human rights, she hopes that her greatest wish is within reach a peace settlement in Northern Ireland.

"I hope I'm seeing the difficult construction of that," Robinson, 53, said in an interview Tuesday in her lavish official residence in Dublin's vast Phoenix Park.

"And it will be very difficult. At the moment there's no euphoria, there are a lot of fears, and a lot of realism. And that seems to me to bode well."

The Irish president's post is chiefly symbolic, a head of state with no executive powers and restricted from interfering in day-to-day politics. And yet, she has demonstrated what power that symbols can have.

Lawmakers sometimes criticized her for offering opinions on political matters. One former prime minister blocked her from giving a lecture on British TV in 1991; another in 1993 vetoed her appointment to a committee probing the future of the United Nations.

She offended traditionalists in this mostly Roman Catholic country when she met Pope John Paul II in Rome, but refused to wear the black garments and veil customary for women meeting the pontiff. Instead she donned a green dress and badge for International Women's Day.

"It's certainly not political power in the traditional sense. That rests with government and political parties," she said. "But I have served as a witness and perhaps as a catalyst to the self-development of both societies on this island."

She has been by far the most ambitious of Ireland's seven presidents since 1937, and the first to graduate from the post to something bigger.

Unlike other presidents mocked by Dubliners as "prisoners in the Park," Robinson traveled worldwide. She has championed the rights of the underprivileged in Ireland: single mothers, racial minorities and traveling gypsies.

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Ireland 's bridge-building president bound next for the U.N. With AP Photo

"Every week I've been president at least one group has come down from Northern Ireland, more than 70 groups a year."

She twice met Queen Elizabeth II in England in 1993 and 1996, symbolizing the growing reconciliation between Ireland and its former colonial master.

Following her first trip to Buckingham Palace she signaled that Ireland would welcome a British statement of regret for the Irish potato famine of 1845-51 that killed an estimate 1 million people. Britain's new prime minister, Tony Blair, made the gesture this year.

She visited Northern Ireland 16 times, making her most valuable political contribution as a head of state.

On her first trip in 1993 she shook hands with Sinn Fein party leader Gerry Adams, who was then a political pariah because of the **Irish Republican Army**'s continuing bombings and shootings. Her own government complained that she'd gone too far without authorization but that public contact foreshadowed a slow-blooming peace process.

"I was aware that would be controversial. I was also hoping that it would bring a whole community out of that sense of isolation," she said, noting that Adams' Catholic west Belfast power base in 1993 was "profoundly isolated" from the outside world.

She has simultaneously projected the Irish public's great distaste at IRA atrocities. After the IRA broke its cease-fire in February 1996, Robinson immediately traveled to Northern Ireland _ to make warm and public contact with representatives of pro-British paramilitary groups which were under pressure to end their own cease-fire.

She returned to England in July 1996, after an IRA bomb wounded 200 people in central Manchester, saying the "attack on a civilian population ... is not in the name of any Irishness I represent."

But as president, she was the guardian of a constitution that claims Northern Ireland as part of the national territory, a clause resented by many Protestants.

On her last visit to Northern Ireland a year ago, Protesters booed her outside a **women**'s aid center, and arsonists have repeatedly attacked the building since.

"Now it's very difficult for anybody as anybody who's spent any time in Northern Ireland knows to maintain that balance. And sometimes you seem to be going in one direction and sometimes in another," she said. "But while keeping out of the political sphere I have tried to reach out in friendship ... and in love to both communities."

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Israel Makes New Security Demands

JERUSALEM (AP)

Israel raised the stakes with new security demands it says Palestinians must fulfill before Israel gives up any more West Bank land. The announcement was made on the eve of Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's visit to rescue Mideast peace. As part of her effort to break the deadlock, Albright said she would insist that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu implement a commitment to withdraw from the West Bank. But she said security for Israel would top the agenda when she meets with Palestinian Leader Yasser Arafat on Thursday.

U.S. Halts Irish Deportation Steps

WASHINGTON (AP)

AP Top News at 11 p.m. EDT Tuesday, Sept. 9, 1997

The Clinton administration has stopped deportation proceedings against six Irish nationals. The six have served time in Northern Ireland for committing terrorist acts for the **Irish Republican Army**. Attorney General Janet Reno acted at the request of Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. In a letter to Reno, Albright said suspension of the proceedings could advance the peace process in Northern Ireland. At the same time, Albright says the U.S. does not approve or condone "any past acts of terrorism in which they may have been involved."

VMI Suspends **Female** Cadet

LEXINGTON, Va. (AP)

The Virginia Military Institute has suspended a **female** cadet for a year for striking a male upperclassman just weeks after enrolling its first coed class. She will be allowed to re-enter next year but would have to again go through the grueling freshman initiation. While the military college would not release details of the offense or identify the young woman, the Roanoke Times identified her as Angelica Garza. The newspaper quoted her father as saying that VMI handled the situation appropriately.

Group: Minority Mortgages Rarer

NEW YORK (AP)

Mortgage loans to whites in Los Angeles, New Orleans and Bridgeport, Conn., greatly increased last year while mortgages to black or Hispanic applicants declined, a community group said. The Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now looked at wide-ranging federal data and analyzed conventional, home-purchase loans in 15 cities. The decline in minority mortgages was due in part to banks' increasing reliance on computer software, or credit scoring, to analyze an applicant, a group spokesman said.

Gore: Don't Restrict Encryption

WASHINGTON (AP)

Vice President Al Gore reaffirmed the Clinton administration's policy against restricting the sale in the United States of high-tech devices that maintain the privacy of computer messages. FBI Director Louis Freeh recently suggested that encryption devices sold or imported into the United States be required to include a feature allowing law enforcement agencies to unscramble coded messages. The administration is backed by the software industry on its domestic policy.

Dollar Higher, Tokyo Stocks Lower

TOKYO (AP)

The dollar was slightly higher against the yen in early trading, while Tokyo stock prices edged lower. The dollar cost 118.96 yen in early morning trading, up 0.08 yen. The Nikkei fell 42.90 points to 18,653.07.

Lemieux, Trottier Elected to Hall

TORONTO (AP)

Former Pittsburgh Penguins star Mario Lemieux is a Hall of Famer. The Hall said it elected Lemieux without the usual wait after retirement because of his "outstanding pre-eminence and skill." Lemieux finished with 613 career goals and 1,494 points in 12 seasons. He captured three Hart Trophies as league MVP.

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It was the first time since Northern Ireland was created in 1920 that the British and Irish governments have jointly invited IRA supporters to join other parties to discuss the state's future government. Talks were convened among nine parties in June 1996, but Sinn Fein was barred because of continuing IRA violence.

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"It's acts we need from them to show that they are, as they now claim, exclusively committed to peaceful means," he said.

"Their position is if they don't get their way at the negotiating table they reserve the right to return to a campaign of terrorist violence. That's not a commitment to democracy. That's trying to have it both ways."

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New Details in Diana Crash Released

PARIS (AP)

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

Vietnam Plane Crashes in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)

A Vietnam Airlines jetliner crashed in a ball of flames today on a landing approach to Phnom Penh's international airport. Sixty-three people were killed and three survived. The Soviet-built Tupolev 134 plane, arriving from Ho Chi Minh City, went down in a rice paddy about a half-mile south of the runway during a heavy downpour, clipping palm trees and exploding into flames on impact, witnesses said. The cause of the crash was unknown. The wreckage was still burning more than one hour after the 1:40 p.m. crash.

Sinn Fein Leader To Meet Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP)

Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams is to meet with President Clinton's national security adviser, Sandy Berger, and sympathetic members of Congress today in his first lobbying in Washington since the **Irish Republican Army** broke a 1996 cease-fire and started a new one in July. Sinn Fein enters the talks next Tuesday at the invitation of the new British government of Prime Minister Tony Blair, but two Protestant parties already have vowed to boycott the process.

Gore Pushes for Anti-Smoking Money

WASHINGTON (AP)

AP Top News at 7 a.m. EDT Wednesday, Sept. 3, 1997

Vice President Al Gore warns there won't be any national crackdown on illegal sales of tobacco products to youths under age 18. Gore, in a letter to Senators, said the Food and Drug Administration needs \$34 million if all 50 states are to check whether stores are complying with new rules requiring identification checks tobacco buyers. The stores are supposed to check anyone buying tobacco who looks younger than 27. So far, the Senate has only been willing to appropriate \$4.9 million, enough for about 10 states to implement the compliance program.

Vanity Fair To Publish Ramsey Note

BOULDER, Colo. (AP)

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

Fla. Postal Worker Shoots 2 Women

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)

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

Dollar Down, Stocks Up in Japan

TOKYO (AP)

The dollar was trading at 121.26 yen at 5 p.m. (4 a.m. EDT) today, down 0.31 yen from late Tuesday. The Nikkei closed at 18,735.17 points on the Tokyo Stock Exchange, up 502.65 points.

Chang Wins, Agassi Loses in US Open

NEW YORK (AP)

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

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Body

Doctor: Bodyguard Able To Talk

PARIS (AP)

A doctor says the lone survivor of the crash that killed Princess Diana and two others is conscious and able to speak. Trevor Rees-Jones, the bodyguard of Dodi Fayed whose testimony is considered vital to the investigation of the accident, is off artificial respiration, Dr. Pierre Coriat said. Diana died at the hospital after the Aug. 31 car crash in Paris. Her friend, Fayed, and their driver, Henri Paul, also were killed. Paul was legally drunk at the time of the crash, which occurred as they were being trailed by photographers.

N. Ireland Precinct Rocked by Bomb

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

A bomb exploded in a van parked near a police station in County Armagh today, damaging the station. There were no immediate reports of injuries. A warning was phoned in to a radio station, but the caller did not use a code word, the usual procedure for the **Irish Republican Army**. The IRA announced a cease-fire July 19, a prerequisite to allowing its political ally, Sinn Fein, to join talks on the future of Northern Ireland. The talks entered their second day in Belfast today. There are IRA splinter groups that have not called a cease-fire.

Building Collapses in India

BOMBAY, India (AP)

One side of a multi-story building collapsed today in an upscale area of India's financial capital. A fire official said rescuers were trying to pull bodies from the crumbled building. There was no immediate word of casualties. According to radio reports, 15 fire trucks rushed to the scene. A senior fire official said one side of a 10-story residential building caved in from the top floor to the ground. Building collapses linked to shoddy construction are common in Bombay, particularly during the rainy season.

1 Body Found in Military Collision

WINDHOEK, Namibia (AP)

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Rescuers continue to search the waters off Namibia's Skeleton Coast today, hoping to find survivors of an apparent collision between U.S. and German military planes. A German official said one body from the German plane was recovered yesterday. Nine Americans and 23 Germans remain missing. Some of the debris found yesterday, which included airplane seats and a few papers, came from the German plane, but officials said they could not confirm that any came from the American plane. The two planes were last heard from Saturday afternoon, but their disappearance was not reported until almost 24 hours later.

Drivers Pay More for Bad Roads

WASHINGTON (AP)

A new study says Americans spend four times as much fixing damage to their cars caused by bad roads than state highway departments spend on repairing those roads. Public interest groups Surface Transportation Policy Project and the Environmental Working Group say more than one-fourth of the nation's most heavily traveled urban roads are in poor or mediocre condition, meaning they need immediate repair. The report says drivers spend \$4.77 billion annually on car repairs resulting from poor road conditions. The state highway departments, meanwhile, spend \$1.3 billion fixing those same roads, according to the study of 38 states.

Concert Held To Benefit Montserrat

LONDON (AP)

Elton John, Sting and other rock stars drew a capacity crowd to Royal Albert Hall for a benefit concert to help the people of the stricken volcanic island of Montserrat. John, Sting, Paul McCartney, Eric Clapton, Mark Knopfler, and Phil Collins all performed solo sets before joining forces to sing the Beatles' anthem "Hey Jude" at the end of the Music for Montserrat concert. Although a final figure for the proceeds was not immediately available, the concert's organizer said he hopes to have raised up to \$1.6 million. More than half the British colony's 11,000 residents have fled the island since the Soufriere Hills volcano erupted in 1995.

Dollar, Stocks Lower in Tokyo

TOKYO (AP)

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Report: ABL MVP McCray Jumps to WNBA

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)

American Basketball League most valuable player Nikki McCray is reportedly leaving for the rival Women's National Basketball Association. The Columbus Dispatch said McCray, who helped lead the Columbus Quest to the ABL championship, would call a news conference this afternoon to announce she is signing with the WNBA. McCray was said to have been torn between the ABL's higher salaries and the WNBA's national exposure and marketing power. McCray averaged 19.9 points and five rebounds last season as the Quest had a league-best 31-9 record.

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A summary of top world news today:

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One small pro-British party, the United Kingdom Unionists, walked out of the site of the Belfast talks Monday immediately after a delegation from the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party arrived to check out its new offices at Stormont, the centre of British administration in Northern Ireland.

Rev. Ian Paisley's pro-British Democratic Unionist party has pledged to withdraw, too, if Sinn Fein stays. First, however, Paisley planned to confront British Prime Minister Tony Blair in London today.

And Northern Ireland's largest Protestant fraternal organization, the Orange Order, late Monday urged the province's biggest party - David Trimble's Ulster Unionist Party - to abandon ship, too, because the talks represented a "poisoned chalice."

"All unionist parties should withdraw immediately in an act of unity and solidarity from the Stormont talks," Orange leaders declared in a statement after a three-hour meeting. ---

MIAMI - A week after Gianni Versace was gunned down at his Miami Beach villa, authorities have reportedly used bullets to tie the slaying to two other killings believed to be the work of the shadowy Andrew Cunanan.

In one of the strongest links yet in the cross-country killing spree, The Miami Herald reported today that the gun used to pump two shots into the back of Versace's head "definitely" was used in earlier slayings.

The bullets that killed architect David Madson in Minnesota and cemetery caretaker William Reese in New Jersey came from the same .40-calibre handgun used in Versace's slaying, an unidentified law enforcement source told the newspaper.

Madson's body was found May 3, Reese's six days later. Two more killings in which Cunanan is a suspect - that of Jeffrey Trail in Minnesota, a former U.S. Navy officer whom Cunanan considered one of his best friends; and wealthy Chicago developer Lee Miglin - were committed with a claw hammer and a gardening tool.

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"What a difference a day makes," said project manager Brian Muirhead at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Engineers used the renewed contact to radio up new software to avert the computer resets that plagued the mission on July 10, 11 and 14. Then they spent hours deciding which rocks the Sojourner rover would visit after moving away from a whitish rock called Scooby Doo.

Plans for the martian day that began Monday night and ended this morning included retrieving a chemical analysis of Scooby Doo, more of a 12-color panoramic view of the Mars landscape, and new images of Mars' moon Phobos.

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UNICEF is the UN body that deals with children's issues.

Its report suggests that instead of outrage, the widespread mistreatment and undervaluing of women is largely accepted as "the way things are." ---

What's Ahead

July 23

Belgrade - Serbia's President Slobodan Milosevic to be sworn in as president of the Yugoslav federation.

July 24

Los Angeles - 49th annual Prime Time Emmy Award nominations.

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BANJA LUKA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP)

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

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Body

The stalled Northern Ireland peace talks resumed today in an atmosphere of renewed sectarian violence.

The chairman of the talks, former Senator George J. Mitchell, warned all sides that continued violence and political intransigence could undermine the effort toward a settlement of the conflict that has killed 3,214 people since 1969 in this predominantly Protestant British province.

The talks, involving the British and Irish Governments and most of the province's political parties, convened for the first time in three months after several days of violence and threats of violence.

On Saturday night the ***Irish Republican Army*** left a 1,000-pound bomb in West Belfast in what the police said was an attempt to draw the security forces into an ambush. Later that night, a gang of Protestant men in a town north of here kicked an off-duty Protestant policeman to death after an argument in a bar about the refusal by the police two weeks ago to allow a Protestant patriotic parade thorough a predominantly Roman Catholic town.

On Monday rifle shots were fired at a police station in a Catholic area of West Belfast. Today traffic in Belfast was disrupted by several false alarms that bombs were to be detonated around the city.

On arriving at the talks in Belfast, Mr. Mitchell said the new Labor Government of Prime Minister Tony Blair in London gave the talks new impetus. But referring to the rising violence and the political problems, he added, "The talks cannot go on indefinitely."

"I don't think anyone involved is prepared to accept another year of what we've had," Mr. Mitchell said later, referring to the political haggling and sporadic violence since the talks began last June 10.

Responding to speculation by officials and analysts that he was getting ready to quit the talks, he said, "I'm going to stick with it and do what I can."

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The British legislation authorizing the negotiations expires in May 1998. In recent weeks, ranking British officials have told White House officials that Mr. Mitchell is essential to the success of the talks. His warning was reflected in the remarks of other delegates.

"George Mitchell is right, time is running out," said Monica McWilliams of the Northern Ireland Women's Coalition. David Trimble, head of the Ulster Unionist Party, the largest Protestant organization in the province said, "It is very difficult to feel any optimism at all."

Dick Spring, the Irish Foreign Minister, said: "We are fast approaching a defining moment. The failure to get to core political issues is a deeply disillusioning spectacle."

The Northern Ireland Secretary, Mo Mowlam, the highest British official in the province, denounced the surge of violence and focused on the principal problem of the talks, the exclusion of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the I.R.A., until the I.R.A. restores the 17-month cease-fire it canceled in February 1996.

She repeated Britain's call for a new cease-fire, and added, "If the talks do not move on substantive issues in the near future they will lose credibility and we will defer -- and perhaps lose -- the best opportunity for a generation of securing a widely acceptable political accommodation."

Referring to the I.R.A. and its political wing, she said: "If the Republican movement fails to grasp the opportunity the talks will proceed without Sinn Fein. The ball is in their court."

Ms. Mowlam said she wanted the negotiators, from parties representing Protestant and Catholic leaders, to take up the issue of disarmament of the I.R.A. and Protestant paramilitary groups "within a matter of weeks," without Sinn Fein if there is no cease-fire.

But virtually no one thinks a disarmament plan without the approval of the I.R.A. would work.

Tonight Ms. Mowlam declared illegal two organizations responsible for terrorist attacks in the last year, the predominantly Protestant Loyalist Volunteer Force and the predominantly Catholic Continuity Army Council.

Today Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein leader, walked up to the gate of Castle Buildings at Stormont, where the talks convened, and was refused entry. He said that his party, with about 16 percent of the vote cast in two recent provincial elections, had a popular mandate to be at the talks regardless of an I.R.A. cease-fire.

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SUMMIT IN BRIEF;
Posh economics of the Eight

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But behind the banquets, the receptions, the Saturday evening songs of Eartha Kitt and Lyle Lovett and the meetings around a \$ 27,000 inlaid wooden table at the Denver Summit of the Eight is the inescapable conclusion that Europe and Asia and the United States have wide disagreements over what the model economy should look like.

The United States, led by Clinton, boasts that its current model --- a smaller role for welfare, dependence on private job creation, less government regulation of business ---is so successful that it should be followed by other countries, such as Russia. Russia, reeling under the spread of crime, the chaotic ending of socialism, the get-rich-quick schemes of the unscrupulous and the often unfriendly climate toward legitimate business leaders from the West, just wants help.

The Irish question

President Clinton, siding with British Prime Minister Tony Blair on how to proceed in troubled Northern Ireland, said Saturday that IRA supporters must signal whether they are serious about peace. Blair and Clinton discussed Northern Ireland and the **Irish Republican Army's** slaying of two police officers during a break in the Summit of the Eight. Britain suspended contact with the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party immediately after the killings on Monday. "I, frankly, think now the ball is in Sinn Fein's court," Clinton said in a brief picture-taking appearance with Blair. "Everybody has decisions to make in life, and their decision is: Are they going to be part of this peace process, or not? And so I hope the answer will be yes."

First ladies' excursion

SUMMIT IN BRIEF; Posh economics of the Eight

Hillary Rodham Clinton and her fellow first ladies from Canada, Italy, Japan, Russia and the United Kingdom looked like a group on vacation after their 57-mile train ride to Winter Park. With a mountainous backdrop, the women stood near the Zephyr Express ski lift and threw their arms around one another in chorus-line fashion before breaking for a lunch at the natural-pine Lodge at Sunspot. "I could tell they all really enjoyed it," Mrs. Clinton's communications director, Marsha Berry, said of the train ride. "There were a lot of folks along the way with a lot of signs. Towards the top, they all went on the back and had a chance to wave and blow the whistle."

Anti-terrorism

On a day that a booby-trapped car bomb injured three men in Belfast, the world leaders at the summit condemned "vicious terrorist attacks against innocents" around the globe. In his debut summit meeting, British Prime Minister Tony Blair sought President Clinton's help in restarting stalled peace talks. "The longer we go on with these acts of terrorism, the less prospect there is of doing what everyone in Northern Ireland wants to happen, which is to get a lasting political settlement based on democratic and nonviolent means," Blair said. The United States said it will hold a conference on counterterrorism in Honolulu in September, to help other nations thwart threats to international events like the Olympics.

Environment

Summit leaders appeared to be sharply divided on how to address global warming. The Europeans and Canadians favor a commitment by the summiteers to firm goals for reducing carbon gas emissions that most scientists believe are slowly heating the planet's surface. But the Clinton administration favors less specific goals for now and prefers to seek global endorsement first of a framework for coordinating national efforts to reduce such gases over time.

Graphic

Photo: Lawrence Gonzalez sweeps under the watchful eyes of the honor guard./ Stephen Savoia / Associated Press

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Body

TRACK AND FIELD

L.S.U. Wins Again, but Barely

Louisiana State won its 11th straight National Collegiate Athletic Association women's track and field title yesterday by a single point, 63-62, over Texas. U.C.L.A. was third with 56 points.

LaTarsha Stroman turned in the fastest 400 meters of the year so far, 50.60 seconds, to help nail down the narrow victory in Bloomington, Ind.

Michigan State's Sevatheda Fynes won both sprints impressively. Fynes, a junior from the Bahamas, won the 100 in 11.04 and the 200 in 22.61. Both sprints were run into the wind on a cold, rainy afternoon.

Seneca Lassiter, a sophomore, and Robert Howard, a junior, led Arkansas to its sixth straight men's title. Arkansas scored 55 points to 42 1/2 for Texas and 34 for Southern California.

In the 1,500, Lassiter, coming up from fourth place with 150 meters to go, outkicked the 1995 champion, Kevin Sullivan. Lassiter, a two-time Penn Relays high school mile winner, was timed in 3:40.22. Howard added a second straight triple jump championship to his victory in Thursday's long jump. He jumped 55 feet 6 1/2 inches.

Obadele Thompson of Texas-El Paso scored a sprint double, winning the 100 meters in 10.13 and the 200 in 20.03, the second fastest time in the world this year.

BRONXVILLE AND GREENWICH WIN TITLES: Victories in the final two events, the 4x400- and 4x800-meter relays, gave Bronxville the Class C/D boys' team title in the New York State interscholastic outdoor championships at Dietz Stadium in Kingston. Bronxville placed second to Greenwich in the girls' competition.

Keyon Soley, Uniondale of Long Island's standout junior, captured two of the girls' individual events, the long jump at 19 feet 7 1/2 inches on Friday and the 100-meter dash yesterday in 11.75 seconds.

Jillian Mastroianni, a Sayville freshman, lost by four one-hundredths of a second to Heather Cappello, a Star Point junior, in the 1,500.

CYCLING

RESULTS PLUS

Gotti Keeps Advantage in Tour of Italy

The leader, Ivan Gotti, stayed with his chief rival and the defending champion, Pavel Tonkov, during the 21st and longest stage of the Tour of Italy yesterday and all but assured himself of overall victory after the final stage today. Gotti, closing in on the first Giro title for an Italian since 1991, held onto an advantage of 1 minute 27 seconds with one stage left. (AP)

HORSE RACING

Benny the Dip Scores in English Derby

Benny the Dip, with Willie Ryan aboard, won yesterday's 218th English Derby in a photo finish over Silver Patriarch at Epsom. Benny the Dip, who went out at 11-1 and was the third favorite, held the lead with about one-quarter mile to run and then fought off a furious charge by Silver Patriarch, a 6-1 choice ridden by Pat Eddery.

The race, attended by Queen Elizabeth, was run amid heightened security after the Grand National steeplechase two months ago was postponed for 48 hours because of a bomb threat by the **Irish Republican Army**. The 50,000 fans attending the Derby were searched and cars were checked. (AP)

AUTO RACING

Jarrett Hopes for a Turnaround at Pocono

When it comes to Pocono Raceway, Dale Jarrett likes to keep a selective memory. He says he has run well here, and he did win Pocono's summer Nascar event, the Pennsylvania 500, in 1995.

But in the track's spring race, the Pocono 500, he has encountered nothing but frustration and pain. Jarrett, 40, of Hickory, N.C., has not finished higher than seventh in 10 tries. Last year, he broke ribs and a knee in a qualifying-lap crash. He managed to make the race, only to have a snapped crankshaft halt his heroics and deny him a probable high finish.

Even worse, Jarrett enters the race's 16th edition today on a bad streak. Consecutive victories in Atlanta and Darlington had vaulted him to the top of the Winston Cup standing, a spot worth \$1.5 million at the end of the season. But dismal showings in his last three races, all because of mechanical problems, have dumped him into fourth.

Graphic

Photo: Reggie Torian of Wisconsin, right, edging out Kevin White of Arkansas in the N.C.A.A. 110-meter hurdles yesterday. (Associated Press)

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Mr. Blair's bid for a seamless transition from Tory to Labour government looked near-perfect yesterday -- but for one thing.

He brought his wife and three children to Downing Street, where he intends to install them, but they didn't fit. The four-bathroom, two-bedroom house was just too small.

The family reasonably decided to go home to sleep. And Labour officials muttered darkly of renovations and extensions.

Graphic

Black & White Photo: Reuters / British Prime-Minister-elect Tony Blair waves yesterday as he and his family (from left) wife Cherie, Nickey, 11, Kathryn, 9, and Ewan, 13, stand outside the prime minister's official residence at No.10 Downing St.

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The European Union is also demanding Blair's immediate attention. After years of British obstructionism, the 15-state union wants Blair to take a positive interest in the far-reaching structural changes it wants to make at its June summit in Amsterdam.

These changes will define the union into the next century and Blair's input could be crucial.

Graphic

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FORD PLAYS 'DEVIL' WITH PITT

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Body

This weekend's arrivals are led by the latest in a line of films revolving around the cause and workings of the **Irish Republican Army**.

"The Devil's Own" stars Harrison Ford, Brad Pitt and Margaret Colin. A young Irish terrorist of the IRA arrives in New York on a weapons procurement mission, taking on the false identity of an innocent young man fleeing his country's troubles. A big-hearted Irish cop with a family agrees to take him in, unsuspecting that he has invited a time bomb into his household.

"The 6th Man" stars Marlon Wayans and Kadeem Hardison. When an NCAA basketball star (Hardison) dies, his brother Kenny (Wayans) will have to take the last-place Washington Huskies to victory. But Kenny is heartbroken and has no will to win, that is, until his deceased brother's ghost shows up to take the team from worst to first.

"Baps" stars Halle Berry and Martin Landau. Two sharp Harlem **women** venture off to Hollywood to make their fortunes. There they find a millionaire who will need their help in foiling a plot to steal his fortune.

"Turbo: A Power Rangers Movie" features the entire cast of the top-rated kids TV show, "Power Rangers ZEO." They smite every foe imaginable using their most formidable resources: their hearts and minds.

"Cats Don't Dance" is an all-animated flick. It's about Danny, a cool cat of the 1930s with fast feet. Singing and dancing are his thing, and he sees Hollywood stardom. He packs his bags and goes for it. But the film capital is not waiting for him. No way, they say, cats don't dance. So he hooks up with a child star who's secretly an animal hater who may sabotage his career.

In last weekend's openings:

"Crash" (** 1/2), starring James Spader, Holly Hunter, Deborah Unger and Elias Koteas, is an NC-17 steamer with bizarre sex galore. Its theme, begging a new definition of kinky, explores, in icy cold tones and brutal frankness, the erotic nature of - car crashes. David Cronenberg, director of the occult, is not very convincing but he is, in his efforts, incomparably lurid and expansively depraved with nudity and all kinds of explicit sex.

"Liar Liar" (***), starring Jim Carrey, Maura Tierney and Swoosie Kurtz, is a laughs festival for Carrey. The plot is well-ordered for his talents and the solid comedy technique augments his antics. Put simply, if you like or love this guy, you must see this. It's vintage stuff.

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"Selena" (** 1/2), starring Jennifer Lopez and Edward James Olmos, features a great performance by Jennifer Lopez as the singing star who was shot dead at 23. But the film is weak, being no more than a straight star-is-born theme with no special sizzle. Not bad, not good.

"Waiting For Guffman" (***) is playing at The Movies of Exchange Street. A gem for theater buffs but a bit specialized for general audiences, the story is of an unsuccessful New York director returned to his little hometown to produce a play locally. Unfettered by the pretenses and politics of Broadway producing, he tries to cast local folks for an opening in the school gym. Guffman is a prominent Manhattan theater critic whose arrival is expected and whose review could send play and director skyrocketing.

The French film "Three Lives and Only One Death" plays at The Movies Saturday through Tuesday. Four men's lives, sketched briefly, merge with each other in a sophisticated comedy by Chilean director Raul Ruiz. The most story is of a salesman who deserted his wife 20 years ago then returns to deal with the man she has married since. In a second tale, an anthropology professor becomes a beggar and takes up with a prostitute.

Note: The opening of "Smilla's Sense of Snow," announced last week, was postponed after our deadline.

Moving over to, or re-opening at, Nickelodeon Friday: "Absolute Power" and "Evita."

Moving over to Keystone: "Star Wars."

Leaving the Portland area tonight: "Everyone Says I Love You," "Lost Highway," "Booty Call," "Michael" and "Dante's Peak."

Notes

Marty Meltz has been reviewing movies for the Portland Newspapers for 19 years. His reviews appear weekly in the Telegram and on Thursdays in the Press Herald.

Graphic

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Ken Regan photo Brad Pitt plays an Irishman who comes to;

America but conceals his mission in "The Devil's Own," now showing.

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Arrest of legendary ETA leader crowns series of police successes

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Body

In the southern French village of Roumagne, Mr. Salinas was known to be a kind and sociable man.

He liked to help at his daughter's kindergarten, played the popular bowls-like game of petanque with the village men and was active in the neighbourhood association. His wife took gymnastics classes with the local women.

Not even in their wildest dreams could the people of Roumagne have imagined that Mr. Salinas' real name was Jose Luis Urrusolo Sistiaga and that he was a cold-blooded killer, one of the most wanted members of the armed Basque separatist group ETA.

The friendly Mr. Salinas, who usually killed his victims with a shot in the nape of the neck, was charged with no less than 16 murders, two kidnappings and several bomb attacks.

"Good job. I am an important member of ETA", Urrusolo congratulated the French policemen who caught him last Friday near Bordeaux after attempting to stop his car at a roadblock.

For more than 10 years the Spanish police had tried to track down "the man with a thousand faces" whose clever disguises earned him an almost legendary reputation and who, at one point, even lived for months in a stolen trailer in Barcelona to put the police off his scent.

The capture of Urrusolo, 39, is another hard blow for ETA, western Europe's second most virulent terrorist group after the Irish Republican Army. Urrusolo, believed to have been ETA's number three man, is the fourth ETA leader detained in France in the space of seven months.

Newspapers have compared the arrests with the most successful anti-ETA police operation so far when virtually the entire ETA leadership was captured in Bidart, France, in 1992.

The new successes are no doubt largely due to increased police cooperation between Spain and France. ETA claims that the separate Basque state it is fighting for should include three southwestern French departements as well as four northern Spanish provinces.

ETA, which has killed more than 800 people in Spain since 1968, has traditionally based support and command structures in France.

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The arrests come at a moment when ETA appears to be weakening also in other ways. Documents recently confiscated from ETA point to discontent in its ranks.

The ETA leadership holds its members in a dictatorial iron grip, not even allowing them to keep in touch with their young children, Nieves Sanchez del Arco, an ETA member detained in November, complained in her diary.

Even within the leadership of ETA, there is a deepening breach between hardliners and those weary of battle, some press reports claim.

In the Spanish Basque region, where the cultural oppression experienced under the dictatorship of General Francisco Franco (1939- 75) now belongs to the past, the ideals of ETA have become more and more difficult to uphold.

ETA's political arm Herri Batasuna received only 12.3 per cent of the vote in the Basque region in last year's elections, almost eight per cent down from 1987. Only 39 per cent of the Basques "more or less" support independence, and a mere four per cent see violence as a viable means of obtaining it, according to a recent poll.

The former "Robin Hood" image of ETA is now long gone, and the group is seen as being closer to a Fascist gang, columnist Martin Prieto wrote in the Madrid daily El Mundo.

Last year, ETA killed "only" five people, the lowest figure since 1972 and another possible sign of its weakening. But forecasts of ETA's imminent end may nevertheless be premature. Although ETA appears to lack for members, it still has plenty of money and arms, police sources told the weekly Tiempo.

The money appears to come largely from Basque businessmen who pay a "revolutionary tax" in order to avoid being abducted by ETA. At present ETA is holding two hostages, prison official Jose Antonio Ortega Lara and businessman Cosme Delclaux.

Pro-ETA groups still have strongholds in certain Basque towns and villages, and should their support continue to dwindle, ETA can always rely on its new champions: the frustrated unemployed youths who set buses on fire and throw Molotov cocktails at people in the name of ETA's ideals almost every day.

Pro-ETA urban violence has rocketed in the past two years, and for instance in the first ten months of 1996, pro-ETA street gangs committed 1,335 sabotage acts in the Basque region, according to police sources. dpa st mb

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AS PEACE BECKONS, PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING COLUMNIST JIM DWYER TAKES A WARY JOURNEY NORTH, AND TELLS A TALE OF TWO IRELANDS

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Body

It is a beautiful morning on the island of Ireland: clear skies, warm weather, green hills, rioting children, and the howling dogs of sectarianism barking into the blue night.

Hell, you could have stayed home.

"I can't put you on a bus to Belfast," says the woman at the counter in Dublin Airport.

"Why not?"

"They weren't able to run last night, and no one is answering the phone now," she says. "They had trouble on the road."

The trouble on the road was gasoline, grudges and cigaret lighters. And don't bother about the railroad timetables. "Some of the trains didn't get through, either," she says.

A rented car, then, was the only way north. That judgment was confirmed a few hours later, when erstwhile rail passenger Kay Sheehy was encountered. The Dublin-Belfast train had been boarded at Newry by men with baseball bats and guns, she reported. "They shouted, 'We're the **Irish Republican Army**, get out, get out,' so I picked up and got out," Sheehy would say.

"When I got out, I realized I had left my bag, and went back for it. But by then, the place was drenched in petrol. And the fire brigade was helpless because they didn't know if the train was booby-trapped."

It was a stupid, frightening caper, but as with so many of the events of the last three weeks protest marches, scheduled riots, peace-negotiation walkouts it amounted to little more than street theater: risky but not automatically lethal. "They seemed very young," said Sheehy, chuckling at a safe distance about the men in masks who burned her train. "They drove off in a van, but they almost left one behind."

The journey begins

So we have missed the firebombed train and are in a car, a self-drive, on a journey that must begin self-narrated but quickly yields to the tales and histories told by others. We are travelling through two Irelands, one thriving, the other convulsing. One is glowing. The other is burning.

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NORTH, AND TELLS A TALE OF TWO IRELANDS

Smack ahead, as the main Dublin-Belfast road winds into border country, is a charred hulk. Here is the incinerated bus that wasn't running, still isn't, and won't be.

Slow down. A gentle morning wind skims across the corpse of the bus. A soft flame bobs in the core of the ruins, like the guttering licks from a spent votive candle.

The mistake, on a trip to Ireland north or south, would be to try reading the messages written with matchsticks. You can no sooner decipher the cinders of burned-out buses or Protestant bonfires than you can read the writing of the ancient Druids on the ogham stones.

The earth may have been scorched, but it was not lost. There is another set of writings. That very day, while Northern Ireland was smoldering, the British government had sent a letter to the Sinn Fein political party, saying that it had met the IRA's terms for a new ceasefire. This weekend, the IRA took the bet. Unlike the ceasefire of August 1994, there is no mad euphoria on the streets. Hope is a risky matter.

The main Unionist Party loyal to the union between Northern Ireland and England has not yet agreed to support those terms. These are critical moments. Only a fool would think peace is certainly on the horizon. Only the stone-hearted would hope otherwise.

In the days just after the worst rioting, people suggested that better days could be had.

"Have I thought about giving up? Not recently. This has been a very frenetic phase, extremely busy," said Gerry Adams, the leader of Sinn Fein, last week. "The prize justifies the effort. I think Sinn Fein will be entering democratic peace negotiations."

"I actually think it's burning out," said David Ervine, a former bomber, loyal to Britain, who has gone into politics. "The loyalists have been very disciplined in maintaining the ceasefire."

"We need to build a wholesome society," says Ervine. "Everyone wants their day in the sun. We have got to find out what is possible."

It will be difficult. We need only think of the man standing with his hands behind his back, and the ball of his thumb.

This was 10 days ago, at the funeral of a young Protestant man who had blown himself up while preparing bombs he was going to use against Catholics. It was a huge affair, with nearly 1,000 people marching through a small housing estate in Lisburn, south of Belfast. There were small children at the head of the line, a son and daughter of the dead man. Many of the mourners were quite ordinary-looking people.

And then there were the big sides of beef with the shaved heads and body piercings.

One of these was in the line of the march, strolling along in a measured way, hands behind his back.

Then you saw the little insignia on the ball of his thumb: the swastika.

Among certain segments of the loyalist population, you find an infatuation with Nazi iconography and Nazi ideologies of racial purity. It would be easy enough to dismiss them as an addled few. The mind reels, then, to another funeral: one held just this past Friday. Young Bernadette Martin, age 18, sleeping on a bed next to Wendy Green, the sister of her boyfriend, Gordon Green.

Gordon is a Protestant boy. Bernadette was Catholic. They dated because they were in love. They were loved in two households.

Just before 4 a.m. on Tuesday, a man came into the house where Bernadette was sleeping, and shot her four times. The persecution and murder of those who date or marry or fall in love across the old lines of those who dilute the blood has been largely a habit of the most demented vails of loyalism, that is, of those faithful to the rule of

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Britain in Northern Ireland. The IRA has its own selection of favored atrocities, but the notion of racial purity has not made much headway.

"She should be the last one," said her father, Laurence Martin. "Let her be famous, like all the soccer stars, the boxers, the bicycle racers from Northern Ireland let her be famous like them, for being the last one hurt."

The two Irelands

Two historical details. First, the Republic of Ireland was founded only in 1949. It is now a thriving, mature democracy that has shaken off the most oppressive elements of the Catholic Church's role in civic affairs. The economy is the fastest-growing in Europe. The people are the continent's youngest and best educated.

Second, Northern Ireland six counties in the northeastern corner of the island has never been a normal, modern democratic state. From its partition in 1920, Northern Ireland was meant to be "a Protestant state for Protestant people," as an early leader explained.

By voting formulas, a single Protestant property owner could have several votes, while the entire household of a Catholic laborer would have only one. It wasn't just a majority Protestant state, it was a place wired for power on one side, and powerlessness on the other. The state was a granite block of discrimination, in housing, employment, policing and virtually every government function.

Not until the civil rights movement of the late 1960s did that system change, giving one vote to one person. But that was a development too late to nip the Troubles. The state's attempt to repress the civil rights movement awoke the long-sleeping ***Irish Republican Army***. The province then became utterly militarized. From then on, you can pick your victim. Each side has swapped atrocities. The moral high ground depends on who died last. Normal political haggling has never entered the picture.

"It's a ball of twine with 10 different ends hanging from it it's cultural, it's historical, it's economic, it's nationalistic," said Ervine.

"We are born, for the most part, in separate hospitals, live in separate neighborhoods, educated in separate schools, sign up for unemployment checks at separate offices," he says. "And to add insult to injury, we are buried in separate graveyards."

When children are 11, they take a national exam. Across Northern Ireland, the pass rate is 26%. In the very hardcore nationalist Catholic neighborhoods, the pass rate is 12%. In the hard-line Loyalist areas, it is 3%. "That's the Protestant ascendancy for you," said Ervine.

It is already conceded that the peace talks, if they ever happen, will not result in a united Ireland, since they are based on a principle of consent. No one thinks that Northern Ireland, as presently constituted, will vote itself into the Republic of Ireland, alias, the south at least, not any time soon. But the population is shifting.

Adams says that he does not expect a united Ireland from negotiations, although that is his party's goal, but he does want a peaceful, democratic settlement that covers much unfinished business.

A local parliament is likely to be formed. It is safe to bet that the police force the 90 % Protestant Royal Ulster Constabulary will face some reforms. In addition, there will be a greater role for the government of the Republic of Ireland in trade and tourism issues.

Given that the historic goal of unity is not on the horizon, what does Sinn Fein hope to gain?

Adams grinned playfully.

"When asked that, a friend of mine, this senior Sinn Fein person, replied:

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NORTH, AND TELLS A TALE OF TWO IRELANDS

"A democratic Irish republic. In a bilingual all-Ireland state. With women in charge of the government.

"But,' she added. 'We are prepared to compromise.'"

Graphic

PHOTOGRAPHY BY JON NASO DAILY NEWS IRISH EYES An old dairy farmer (above) is the very picture of the Irish Republic. On cover, Catholic lads play near the "peace line" walls in West Belfast.

JON NASO POTSCARDS FROM IRELAND A couple finds romance amid the frenzy of a soccer match in the Irish Republic (top). In Belfast, images of life and death intertwine as a young mother wheels her stroller past the remains of a burned-out bus (middle). Pride is on parade literally as members of the Orange Order march through the streets of Belfast (above).

WORLDS AWAY In the Northern Ireland town of Clonnard where Sinn Fein's Gerry Adams was raised a cyclist rests (opposite page). In Dublin, capital of the Irish Republic, disappointed soccer fans mourn their team's loss.

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NATO's Aerial Bombardment Continues

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)

NATO's aerial bombardment continued unabated in Yugoslavia today, with missiles knocking out a major Danube River bridge in Novi Sad, Serbia's second-biggest city with a half-million people, Serbian media said. Military warehouses are at one end of the bridge. Serbian state television showed the remnants of the destroyed bridge, which connects two parts of the city. It said the city's water system was heavily damaged. No casualties were reported. "The ring is closing around the Yugoslav forces," NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana said today. The alliance wants Yugoslav President Milosevic to accept autonomy for the Kosovo province.

Clinton To Demand Soldiers' Release

WASHINGTON (AP)

President Clinton is expected to call for the immediate release today of three U.S. soldiers captured near the Yugoslav-Macedonia border and demand that the Red Cross be granted access to them. The three are cavalry scouts who reported coming under fire before losing radio contact. The Pentagon identified the soldiers as Staff Sgt. Andrew A. Ramirez, 24, of Los Angeles; Staff Sgt. Christopher J. Stone, 25, of Smiths Creek, Mich.; and Spec. Steven M. Gonzales, 24, of Huntsville, Texas.

Train Crash Trucker Loses License

CHICAGO (AP)

Illinois will suspend the commercial driver's license of the trucker in the deadly Amtrak collision, a spokesman for Secretary of State Jesse White said today. John R. Stokes, 58, will lose his privileges in June. His license was suspended at the time of the March 15 crash, but he had a temporary license. The suspension expired March 25. An additional traffic violation on Stokes' record led to the two-month suspension, the toughest penalty under state law. Prosecutors have not filed any charges in the wreck. Eleven people were killed when the train struck the truck at a crossing.

Carter To Monitor Indonesia Voting

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)

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Foreign investment will probably flow back into Indonesia's shattered economy if parliamentary elections on June 7 are conducted without any major disruption, former U.S. President Jimmy Carter said today. Carter, who plans to act as an election observer, described the poll in Indonesia as the most significant in 1999. The Southeast Asian nation of 210 million people has embarked on a transition to democracy and its political welfare is seen as crucial to stability in the region.

Survey: More Banks Charge for ATMs

WASHINGTON (AP)

More than 90 percent of banks charge people to use their ATM machines if they aren't customers of the bank, up from 71 percent a year ago, according to a survey being released today. The surcharges, which are paid to the bank operating the machine, come on top of fees customers pay to their own banks when they use another bank's ATM. Bankers say the surcharges are outweighed by the 24-hour convenience.

Northern Ireland Talks Adjourn

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

Round-the-clock talks adjourned today without resolving the crisis besetting Northern Ireland's peace accord. Britain's Tony Blair and Ireland's Bertie Ahern unveiled a joint plan to persuade the eight parties to accept a "national day of reconciliation." The holiday would provide the **Irish Republican Army** and various pro-British gangs a focal point to start the process of disarmament, which has bedeviled peacemaking efforts for four years. Blair said talks would resume April 13.

Japan Co. Starts Layoff Insurance

TOKYO (AP)

As layoffs soar and restructuring becomes corporate Japan's catchphrase, one company wants to sell peace of mind: Mitsui Marine & Fire Insurance Co. announced today it will launch Japan's first "Unemployment Life Support Insurance," a novel idea in a country long accustomed to lifetime employment. Buyers will get financial support if they're fired or if their companies go bankrupt. Mitsui Marine even guarantees to make up the difference if a new job pays less than the old one.

Stocks Turn Mixed; Dow Up 1.39

NEW YORK (AP)

Stocks were narrowly mixed today after reports of continuing economic strength deepened the market's concerns about rising inflation. Just before noon EST, the Dow was up 1.39 at 9,787.55. Decliners led advancers 1,362-1,335. The Nasdaq was up 7.74 at 2,469.14.

Two Swimming Records Set

HONG KONG (AP)

Ian Thorpe of Australia set a shortcourse world swimming record today in the 200-meter freestyle and a Swedish **women's** team broke a world mark in a freestyle relay at the world championships. Thorpe, 16, broke a nine-year old record held by Giorgio Lamberti of Italy, cutting .36 seconds off the mark. Thorpe was timed in 1:43.28. Sweden's quartet broke China's world mark in the **women's** 4x200-meter freestyle relay by .22 second.

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After two days of intensive negotiations, Prime Ministers Tony Blair of Britain and Bertie Ahern of Ireland failed tonight to persuade Protestant and Roman Catholic leaders to compromise on the bitter dispute over the disarmament of the **Irish Republican Army**.

But the Prime Ministers, working against a Friday deadline, said they would resume talks with the leaders on Wednesday morning. Mr. Blair stayed overnight near Belfast and was said to be prepared to go to London on Wednesday afternoon to answer questions in Parliament about Kosovo, then to return here later in the day.

When the negotiations ended tonight at about 11, several participants said there had been no breakthrough, but they disagreed on how much, if any, progress had been made.

After meeting with party leaders for four and a half hours on Monday night, the Prime Ministers swept back and forth over this British province in a military helicopter today, emphasizing at several meetings that time is running out for settling the issue, which threatens to cripple or collapse the Northern Ireland peace agreement approved last April 10.

The British Government has set a deadline of this Friday for an agreement. The sticking point is the insistence by Protestant leaders that the overwhelmingly Catholic I.R.A. make a "credible beginning" on disarmament before its political wing, Sinn Fein, is allowed to sit in a new Protestant and Catholic Cabinet of the Northern Ireland Assembly. The Assembly is the body that would carry out the home rule provisions of the peace agreement.

The Cabinet is to be created to pave the way for the return of home rule powers to the province by the London Government after 27 years.

Failure to compromise this week could lead to another delay and possibly to a return to the widespread sectarian violence the peace agreement is supposed to end.

The I.R.A. has observed a cease-fire for more than 20 months, but has repeatedly stated that it will not surrender a single bullet or an ounce of Semtex explosive. Unless it does, Protestant leaders say, Sinn Fein will be excluded

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from the new Assembly Cabinet. Sinn Fein points out that the peace agreement does not require disarmament before May 2000.

As they began their day with short speeches at the Hazlewood Integrated College, an interdenominational high school in Belfast, the two Prime Ministers sounded optimistic. "After talking to the parties here last night and again today," Mr. Blair said, "I do believe that we can get there. It is within our grasp."

Asked about his own religious background, he said: "On my mother's side were very strong Irish Protestants. I married a Catholic, although I am Church of England. We are about to enter the 21st century. Do these things really have to pull people apart?"

Mr. Ahern, who is from a working-class district of Dublin, used humor to explain why he opposes a delay in negotiations, which people here have been calling "parking the issue." "In my end of Dublin," he said, "if you park things too long they usually get vandalized."

As the meetings continued during the day in Parliament Buildings, the home of the Assembly in Belfast, and in Hillsborough Castle, a British residence 20 miles south, an atmosphere of sectarian discord prevailed.

The I.R.A. tried to improve its image among Catholics in a macabre way. The outlawed guerrilla organization said it would soon disclose the places it buried nine of its operatives executed secretly for being disloyal to the organization.

In the grisly logic of Northern Ireland politics, this was to put a human face on terrorism by returning bodies to relatives. The I.R.A. statement on Monday night apologized for the delay in returning the victims, but not for killing them.

Mr. Blair was heckled twice before teatime today, first by a Protestant Unionist Assembly member, Cedric Wilson, who hung out of a window and shouted angrily, but unintelligibly, at the Prime Minister as he left the helicopter on the lawn in front of Parliament Buildings.

When Mr. Blair left the building at 3:45 P.M., surrounded by security men and accompanied by Mr. Ahern, a small group of older people held up signs attacking terrorism, and shouted "God save Ulster" and "Never mind Yugoslavia. Think of Northern Ireland, your own country."

Several well-dressed older Protestant women, who said they were relatives of I.R.A. victims, seemed to epitomize the fearful hard-line Protestant views on the I.R.A. disarmament issue.

"The I.R.A. will get its united Ireland," one woman said. "They'll still have all their ammunition, all their weaponry. And united Ireland will mean the ethnic cleansing of the Protestant people."

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Paraguay's President Resigns

ASUNCION, Paraguay (AP)

Paraguayan President Raul Cubas has resigned and plans to turn over power to the leader of the Senate, a ruling party lawmaker said today. It was not immediately clear when Luis Gonzalez Macchi would take power, but a special session of Congress was called for Sunday evening, said Martin Chiole of the ruling Colorado party. Swarms of people filled the streets of the capital after local media reported Cubas' resignation. They lit fireworks and honked horns in celebration.

NATO Steps Up Yugoslavia Offensive

WASHINGTON (AP)

The American and allied air armada broadened its attacks on Yugoslavia today to target Serb military forces in Kosovo. The Pentagon announced that more American warplanes, including B-52 long-range bombers, would be added to the nearly 200 already participating in Operation Allied Force. Spokesman Ken Bacon said between six and 12 planes would go, and Britain announced it was sending 12 more fighters and light bombers.

Gunmen Attack U.S. Embassy in Moscow

MOSCOW (AP)

Gunmen with rocket launchers and an assault rifle opened fire today on the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, the site of three days of protests against NATO airstrikes on Yugoslavia. No one was hurt. Police firing pistols drove the attackers away from the embassy, which was hit by several bullets but suffered minimal damage. No one claimed responsibility for the attack. Russian news agencies cited police sources as saying three people had been arrested in the attack, but police officials would not confirm any arrests.

NATO Warns of Humanitarian Crisis

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)

Thousands of ethnic Albanian refugees, accusing Serbs of systematic brutality, fled into neighboring Albania and Macedonia today. NATO spokesman Jamie Shea said more than 500,000 ethnic Albanians, a quarter of the

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population of Kosovo, had been driven from their homes, 50,000 of them in just the past few days. "We have to recognize that we are now on the brink of a major humanitarian disaster ... the likes of which we have not seen in Europe since the closing days of World War II," Shea said.

U.S.: Troops Can Stay in West Bank

JERUSALEM (AP)

In a sharp change of emphasis, a U.S. official said today that Israel does not have to resume troop withdrawals in the West Bank until the Palestinians meet their commitments under the Wye agreement. U.S. Embassy spokesman Larry Schwartz stressed that the United States still expects Israel to act on other aspects of the U.S.-brokered Wye River accords. "If you read the Wye agreement you see that the handover of territory is the last step, and that other conditions have to be met first by the Palestinians," said Schwartz.

Mitchell: IRA Disarmament a Must

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

The **Irish Republican Army** and other outlawed groups must disarm as part of Northern Ireland's peace accord, said George Mitchell, the former U.S. senator who led negotiations. The cornerstone of the agreement, a Protestant-Catholic government for Northern Ireland, has been delayed for months and is supposed to be formed by Good Friday this week. The disarmament issue, however, threatens to unravel the agreement.

IMF Chief, Russian Officials Meet

MOSCOW (AP)

Only minor differences remain between Russia and the International Monetary Fund over a new loan package, a Russian official said after talks today with the visiting IMF chief. Russia's top negotiator with the fund, First Deputy Prime Minister Yuri Maslyukov, said there were just "millimeters" of disagreement left, including differences over Russia's policy on its influential energy monopolies, the ITAR-Tass news agency said. Russia is seeking about \$8 billion from the IMF, largely to avoid defaulting on huge foreign debts.

Baltimore Orioles Win in Cuba

HAVANA (AP)

Harold Baines singled in the tiebreaking run in the 11th inning today, giving the Baltimore Orioles a 3-2 victory today over a Cuban all-star team. Jose Contreras allowed two hits over eight shutout innings and struck out 10. Major league teams once visited Cuba regularly, but this was the first game since the Los Angeles Dodgers and Baltimore Orioles played on March 21, 1959.

Venus Tops Serena at Lipton

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP)

Venus Williams beat her younger sister Serena in the final of the Lipton Championships today. Venus took eight of the final nine points and won 6-1, 4-6, 6-4. It was the first all-sister **women**'s final in 115 years.

Brand, Holdsclaw Win Naismiths

ATLANTA (AP)

Sophomore Elton Brand of Duke and senior Chamique Holdsclaw of Tennessee were chosen winners of the Naismith Player of the Year awards Sunday by the Atlanta Tipoff Club. The club also selected Mike Krsyzewski of Duke and Carolyn Peck of Purdue its coaches of the year.

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Ethnic Albanians To Sign Peace Plan

LONDON (AP)

U.S. negotiators said today ethnic Albanians in Kosovo have promised to sign a peace plan that would give them autonomy. The pledge, if carried out, would intensify pressure on the Serbs to sign or face NATO airstrikes. Former Sen. Bob Dole, who negotiated the agreement at the request of President Clinton, said he was confident Kosovo's Albanians would follow through. "They promised us they would do it tomorrow," Dole said.

Haitian Boat Sinks; About 38 Missing

MIAMI (AP)

Two apparent smuggling boats sank today off the South Florida coast and as many as 38 Haitians were missing as the Coast Guard searched for survivors after recovering two bodies. Three men rescued off West Palm Beach told U.S. Border Patrol officers that one boat carrying 18 Haitians broke down and that the other boat carrying between 18 to 25 more refugees came to help out. Both boats then went under, they said.

Sinn Fein Invited to Peace Talks

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

Ulster Unionist Party leader David Trimble said today he has invited the senior Sinn Fein leaders to urgent talks. Although Trimble began talking with Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams six months ago, until now such contact has always been at the behest of the ***Irish Republican Army***-allied party. The invitation comes as the deadline set by the British government approaches to hand back power to local politicians in accord with last year's peace agreement.

Protesters Target The Gap Store

NEW YORK (AP)

Across the country today protesters demonstrated outside stores they say sell clothing made in sweatshop conditions. In San Francisco, as many as 300 activists crowded in front of the Gap flagship store. Other anti-Gap protests happened in front of Northern California stores in Berkeley, Fresno, Santa Monica and Santa Barbara. The

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Gap has been charged with having its clothes manufactured with indentured labor, mostly young Asian women working on the U.S. island of Saipan. In Cambridge, Mass., about 10 Harvard University students spent an hour in the cold weather protesting in front of The Gap.

U.S. Jets Bomb Iraqi Military Sites

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)

U.S. warplanes bombed anti-aircraft artillery sites in no-fly zones over northern and southern Iraq today after being targeted by Iraqi air defenses, the U.S. military said. The official Iraqi News Agency said "ungodly criminals" carried out 17 sorties near Mosul, 250 miles north of Baghdad, and 40 sorties in southern Iraq, wounding "a number of people." The report on casualties could not be independently confirmed.

U.N. Vehicles Burned in Bosnia

BANJA LUKA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP)

Serb protesters smashed and set fire to U.N. vehicles today and hard-liners called on their countrymen to resist two international rulings that left the Serb-run half of Bosnia in political crisis. The turmoil followed two rulings Friday by international officials aiming to instill democracy and peace in Bosnia, which is still struggling with the legacy of a bloody ethnic war.

Chernobyl's Only Reactor Restarted

KIEV, Ukraine (AP)

The only operational reactor at Ukraine's Chernobyl nuclear power plant, the site of the world's worst nuclear accident in 1986, was restarted today after lengthy repairs. Chernobyl's reactor No. 3 was shut down Dec. 15 for repairs that were initially delayed because of energy shortages in the former Soviet republic. Ukraine has pledged to close Chernobyl by 2000, but it wants international aid to build two new reactors to compensate for lost energy.

Singer George Jones Hurt in Crash

FRANKLIN, Tenn. (AP)

Country singer George Jones was in critical condition today after he smashed his sport-utility vehicle into a bridge near his home. Jones, 67, lost control of his Lexus while rounding a curve on Highway 96 and hit the bridge abutment, state police said. Jones was talking to his stepdaughter on a cell phone at the time, said Evelyn Shriver, head of Asylum Records, Jones' record label. Police said Jones was not wearing a seat belt. Doctors said Jones suffered a collapsed lung, ruptured his liver and had internal bleeding. He was placed on a ventilator.

No. 15 N.C. 86, No. 5 Maryland 79

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)

Max Owens powered several key runs and 15th-ranked North Carolina earned a shot at a third straight Atlantic Coast Conference championship with an 86-79 victory over No. 5 Maryland today. The third-seeded Tar Heels (24-8) shot 53 percent, including a 9 of 16 performance from 3-point range, and held off a late rally by second-seeded Maryland. The Terrapins (26-5) cut a 23-point deficit to four before losing in the conference semifinals for the eighth consecutive time.

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Gunmen Attack U.S. Embassy in Moscow

MOSCOW (AP)

Gunmen with rocket launchers and an assault rifle opened fire today on the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, the site of three days of protests against NATO airstrikes on Yugoslavia. No one was hurt. Police firing pistols drove the attackers away from the embassy, which was hit by several bullets but suffered minimal damage. No one claimed responsibility for the attack. Russian news agencies cited police sources as saying three people had been arrested in the attack, but police officials would not confirm any arrests.

NATO Warns of Humanitarian Crisis

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)

Thousands of ethnic Albanian refugees, accusing Serbs of systematic brutality, fled into neighboring Albania and Macedonia today. NATO spokesman Jamie Shea said more than 500,000 ethnic Albanians, a quarter of the population of Kosovo, had been driven from their homes, 50,000 of them in just the past few days. "We have to recognize that we are now on the brink of a major humanitarian disaster ... the likes of which we have not seen in Europe since the closing days of World War II," Shea said.

U.S.: Troops Can Stay in West Bank

JERUSALEM (AP)

In a sharp change of emphasis, a U.S. official said today that Israel does not have to resume troop withdrawals in the West Bank until the Palestinians meet their commitments under the Wye agreement. U.S. Embassy spokesman

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Larry Schwartz stressed that the United States still expects Israel to act on other aspects of the U.S.-brokered Wye River accords. "If you read the Wye agreement you see that the handover of territory is the last step, and that other conditions have to be met first by the Palestinians," said Schwartz.

Mitchell: IRA Disarmament a Must

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

The **Irish Republican Army** and other outlawed groups must disarm as part of Northern Ireland's peace accord, said George Mitchell, the former U.S. senator who led negotiations. The cornerstone of the agreement, a Protestant-Catholic government for Northern Ireland, has been delayed for months and is supposed to be formed by Good Friday this week. The disarmament issue, however, threatens to unravel the agreement.

Paraguayans Want President Out

ASUNCION, Paraguay (AP)

Bulldozers removed the blackened rubble today from deadly weekend street protests as hundreds of people rallied anew to demand the departure of Paraguay's president. In the second week of a political crisis, tensions eased somewhat as armored personnel carriers left the streets around the parliament, where the impeachment trial of President Raul Cubas resumes tomorrow. Cubas is accused of abuse of power.

IMF Chief, Russian Officials Meet

MOSCOW (AP)

Only minor differences remain between Russia and the International Monetary Fund over a new loan package, a Russian official said after talks today with the visiting IMF chief. Russia's top negotiator with the fund, First Deputy Prime Minister Yuri Maslyukov, said there were just "millimeters" of disagreement left, including differences over Russia's policy on its influential energy monopolies, the ITAR-Tass news agency said. Russia is seeking about \$8 billion from the IMF, largely to avoid defaulting on huge foreign debts.

Baltimore Orioles Win in Cuba

HAVANA (AP)

Harold Baines singled in the tiebreaking run in the 11th inning today, giving the Baltimore Orioles a 3-2 victory today over a Cuban all-star team. Jose Contreras allowed two hits over eight shutout innings and struck out 10. Major league teams once visited Cuba regularly, but this was the first game since the Los Angeles Dodgers and Baltimore Orioles played on March 21, 1959.

Venus Tops Serena at Lipton

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP)

Venus Williams beat her younger sister Serena in the final of the Lipton Championships today. Venus took eight of the final nine points and won 6-1, 4-6, 6-4. It was the first all-sister **women**'s final in 115 years.

Brand, Holdsclaw Win Naismiths

ATLANTA (AP)

Sophomore Elton Brand of Duke and senior Chamique Holdsclaw of Tennessee were chosen winners of the Naismith Player of the Year awards Sunday by the Atlanta Tipoff Club. The club also selected Mike Krsyzewski of Duke and Carolyn Peck of Purdue its coaches of the year.

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MAN CHARGED WITH DEFRAUDING WOMEN OF THOUSANDS VANISHES

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Body

Michael Dean Rockey has been many things to many people.

Police say that in the course of duping vulnerable women out of tens of thousands of dollars, he posed as a Cornell University psychiatrist, an Irish Republican Army member and a British wool-business scion - just to name a few.

Rockey's trail of deception leads from California to New York "and who knows where in between," said Robert Weiner, a deputy district attorney in the mountain town of Glenwood Springs.

Rockey is supposed to show up in May for trial on charges of bilking a woman out of more than \$ 30,000. He's out on bail, and Weiner doesn't know where Rockey is. California wants him in May, too, for sentencing in another case.

The affidavit for Rockey's arrest reads like a cross between a bodice-ripper romance tale and a cheap crime novel: Stranger comes to town, seduces women and makes off with their money.

"It seems to be his chosen profession," Weiner said.

The Glenwood Springs trial will focus on the charges involving Sonya Doyal, a bail bondswoman who is married with two children. But the affidavit lists several others - mostly women - whom the 47-year-old Rockey also has allegedly conned out of money.

"He's got a way with women, and he's got a way with the talk," Doyal said of Rockey, a tall, bulky man with a perpetually ruddy complexion.

The tools of his trade, according to the affidavit, include a British accent, a list of aliases including Mikal Dhalgren, Michael Finnegan and Michael Beckett, and a story about a wife, Kathleen, who died of cancer.

"To my knowledge, Kathleen never existed," said John White, a Colorado Springs private investigator who looked into Rockey's past. "It's just a ploy to get in close. He gets in close, takes them for as much money as he can and just disappears."

Rockey's public defender, Peter Rachesky, declined to discuss the Doyal case.

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Doyal said she met Rockey in 1992, when she was a jailer in Glenwood Springs and he was held on felony theft and impersonation charges. They exchanged letters during his two years in state prison for those crimes.

She didn't hear from Rockey for a year after his release, but in November 1995 he wrote from California with news: He loved her, he was terminally ill, he had become a Christian and he wanted to go straight.

They arranged to meet, but first he needed a \$ 2,200 loan, he said. Doyal sent him a cashier's check.

That launched a relationship marked by rare meetings at hotels, motels, even a highway exit - and a sheaf of receipts from the Western Union office where Doyal wired Rockey money.

Rockey was always on the verge of coming into money, Doyal said, but he always needed some to tide him over - legal fees, traveling money, cash to carry him until his book deal came through.

The book was supposed to be about how Rockey grew marijuana in California to pay for his wife's cancer treatment - a story several alleged victims said he used, and one Doyal found convincing.

"I could see him, I could feel him picking his wife up in the hospital, just a bag of bones, and her dying of cancer," she recalled.

Doyal said she lost friends because she refused to heed their warnings that she was being duped.

"I wanted to believe so much that this guy had changed," Doyal said. "He would tell me in letter after letter, 'I'm going to live in the light, I'm going to be a good person.'"

Also, Doyal said, she had had major surgery and was having marriage problems when she met Rockey, so she was depressed and insecure - a pattern Weiner said was common to many of his alleged victims.

"You're dealing with situations in which people are vulnerable, caring and trusting and trying to help their fellow man," Weiner said. "That is turned around and they become victims."

Among those victims the affidavit lists a multiple sclerosis patient, the son of the owners of an Ithaca, N.Y., motel where Rockey stayed in 1992.

Another alleged victim is Lori Pinello, a Colorado Springs woman who said she lent him \$ 9,500. After Rockey skipped town, Pinello began investigating and called Doyal, whose name he had mentioned. Their discussions prompted Doyal's decision to go to authorities.

Rockey is charged with three felony theft counts and faces up to 96 years in prison because of prior convictions in Colorado, Nevada and California.

Rockey was out on \$ 25,000 bail, but that was raised to \$ 250,000 on March 24. A warrant was issued for his arrest until he posts the larger amount, a bid to put him behind bars in Colorado before California sentences him in May on a felony conviction involving a rental car that wasn't returned.

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Some GOP Senators May Back Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP)

Republican senators today said some of their colleagues may vote against removing President Clinton from office. As Monica Lewinsky waited at the Mayflower Hotel for her deposition tomorrow, cracks appeared in the unified Republican front on the perjury and obstruction charges against Clinton. Sen. Tim Hutchinson, R-Ark., declined to estimate how many might vote to acquit, but he indicated that getting even 50 votes for conviction in a chamber controlled by 55 Republican senators is in doubt. "You would be much closer to getting a majority in the obstruction (charge) than on the perjury charge" and the case now stands, he said.

Polls: Most Oppose Removing Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP)

Most Americans don't want President Clinton removed from office, according to three new polls. Weekend surveys by Newsweek, the Los Angeles Times and The Washington Post also found that a majority of Americans said they disapprove of the Senate's decision to hear new testimony from Monica Lewinsky, Vernon Jordan and Sidney Blumenthal. Polls have consistently found that roughly six in 10 Americans want Clinton to stay in office despite accusations that he tried to cover up an affair with Ms. Lewinsky.

Prominent Ex-IRA Member Kidnapped

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

A former ***Irish Republican Army*** bomber was abducted and beaten today, his sister said, apparently for published comments he made accusing the IRA and Sinn Fein of targeting dissidents. Paddy Fox, 29, was badly bruised by his captors during 10 hours in their custody, according to his sister, Patricia Kearney. Fox was quoted in The Observer as saying he believed he was being targeted because he has publicly criticized leaders of the IRA and its Sinn Fein political ally for pursuing a peace short of the IRA's longtime goals.

Israelis, Palestinians Miss Deadline

JERUSALEM (AP)

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The Israelis and Palestinians today missed the deadline to have the U.S.-brokered peace accord fully implemented. The Palestinians are pinning the blame on Israel because it suspended implementation in December. Under the timetable of the Wye River deal, Israel was to have withdrawn troops from about 13 percent of the West Bank and have released 750 Palestinian prisoners. But a Palestinian negotiator says the only thing Israel has done is accuse the Palestinians of shirking their responsibilities. Israel says not enough has been done about security.

JonBenet Web Site Gets 10,000 Hits

BOULDER, Colo. (AP)

A Web site seeking information about a teddy bear found in the home where child beauty queen JonBenet Ramsey was killed has received more than 10,000 visits since it was put up by investigators last week. In addition to the Web site contacts about the bear, District Attorney Alex Hunter's office had received about 80 e-mails, 105 phone calls and two personal contacts since the site opened Thursday, a spokeswoman said. And a close match to the missing toy bear was given to the DA's office.

Gene Could Help Ease Menopause

NEW YORK (AP)

Scientists have created a strain of mice whose ovarian tissue stays healthy with aging, avoiding the degeneration associated with menopause. The animals might give clues to helping women stay healthy after menopause. The scientists created the strain of mice by disabling a gene called Bax. For human use, scientists would have to find a way to turn that gene off, and it's not clear yet whether that would be possible, said Jonathan Tilly, the senior author of the report in the February issue of the journal Nature Genetics.

Irwin Wins Senior Skins Title

KOHALA COAST, Hawaii (AP)

Hale Irwin, a senior who has won more money the past two years than any other player on any tour, cashed in for \$230,000 and his first Senior Skins Game title today. Irwin, shut out on the first nine holes of the two-day event, began the second by sinking a 22-foot birdie putt worth \$90,000 on No. 10. He ran his total up dramatically with another birdie putt, this time from eight feet, for \$140,000 on No. 14.

No. 1 Tenn. Beat No. 23 Alabama

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP)

Chamique Holdscrow scored 24 points and Tamika Catchings had 22 as No. 1 Tennessee beat No. 23 Alabama 87-73 today. The Vols (19-1, 8-0 Southeastern Conference) led throughout. Alabama (12-7, 2-5) got as close as 7 points three times in the second half the last, 54-47, coming on a Dominique Canty jumper with 12:39 remaining but got no closer. Tennessee built a 69-50 lead over the next three minutes, and the Crimson Tide got no closer than 10, 82-72, on Latrish Jones' two free throws in the final minute.

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House Debating Impeachment

WASHINGTON (AP)

The House is in the midst of only the second debate in history on removing a president from office. It weighed four articles of impeachment against President Clinton, and Republicans argued that censure was not allowed under the Constitution. They said they had no choice but to impeach the president on grounds he committed perjury before a grand jury and during the Paula Jones civil case, obstructed justice and abused his presidential powers. Democrats urged delaying the debate while American forces were at risk in the Persian Gulf.

Rep. Livingston Admits Affairs

WASHINGTON (AP)

Incoming House Speaker Bob Livingston, R-La., stunned fellow Republicans last night by admitting he cheated on his wife. Still, the GOP is showing support for him. Meanwhile, Hustler publisher Larry Flynt tells The Associated Press an investigation by his magazine has turned up four women who claim to have had affairs with Livingston.

Saddam Urges Iraqis To Resist

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein today said he would not "compromise or kneel" in the current showdown with U.S. and British military strikes. Addressing the nation for the first time since the air strikes began early yesterday, Saddam told Iraqis: "Continue your resistance and, by God's will, you will be victorious.

Iraq Reports 25 Killed in Bombings

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)

A third wave of attacks was expected against Iraq today. National Security Adviser Sandy Berger says the air strikes won't necessarily stop this weekend, when the Muslim holy month of Ramadan begins. Berger says the attacks will continue until the administration is confident that all military objectives have been met. Iraq says the first two attacks have killed at least 25 people and injured 75 in the last two days.

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FedEx-Pilots Accord Reported

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)

Federal Express and the Fedex Pilots Association have reached a tentative agreement on their first contract, union officials said today. FedEx officials had no immediate comment. Details of the agreement were expected to be discussed by the union at a news conference this morning. FedEx, the world's largest cargo airline, and the FPA, an independent union, have been negotiating since July.

Three Firefighters Die in NY Blaze

NEW YORK (AP)

Three firefighters were killed and four others were seriously injured this morning when a three-alarm fire ripped through an adult home in Brooklyn, fire officials said. Five residents also were hurt and taken to Kings County Hospital. "We believe (the three) just got caught together in an unbelievable blast of heat and in effect became asphyxiated," Fire Commissioner Thomas von Essen said.

Several Shot in Phila. Meeting

PHILADELPHIA (AP)

A worker opened fire today during a city streets department staff meeting, killing one person and wounding three others, authorities and witnesses said. A suspect is in custody and police seized two weapons, police said. They gave no other details.

Flu Forces Pope To Cancel Audiences

VATICAN CITY (AP)

Pope John Paul II has come down with the flu at the start of the busy Christmas season and canceled his audiences today, the Vatican said. The 78-year-old pope is scheduled to celebrate midnight Mass on Christmas eve and deliver his annual holiday message on Christmas day. His next planned trip is to Mexico and St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 22-28.

N. Ireland Group Hands in Weapons

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

A Protestant paramilitary group handed over weapons today to an international commission and challenged its enemies in the **Irish Republican Army** to do the same. Under a police escort, representatives of the Loyalist Volunteer Force turned in an unknown number of illegal firearms. The move came four years after the British and Irish governments first called for outlawed groups to disarm as a sign that their commitment to peace negotiations were genuine.

Dow Down About 8 Points

NEW YORK (AP)

Just before 11 a.m. EST, the Dow industrials were down 7.98 points to 8,867.84. NYSE advancers and decliners were about even. The Nasdaq was up 15.07 to 2,058.95.

Ex-NFL Star Taylor Turns Himself In

TEANECK, N.J. (AP)

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Former New York Giants star Lawrence Taylor has turned himself in to authorities and the Bergen County prosecutor's office will decide whether a drug case against the former All-Pro linebacker should be presented to a grand jury. Taylor faces charges of narcotics possession, and possession of narcotics paraphernalia. Taylor's latest legal troubles began Sept. 29 when police officers, acting on a tip, executed a search warrant on a room rented in Taylor's name at the GlenPointe Marriott hotel. Crack cocaine and narcotics paraphernalia were found there and seized.

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Don't blame the holidays for weight gain, says Georgia State University psychologist John de Castro.

Genetics has a much stronger influence in pulling us to the table than social situations or weather, according to a study he did on the eating habits of adult twins.

His research shows that people tend to eat more as the weather cools and that they spend more time feasting in larger groups. But no single factor influenced people's eating patterns more than genetic makeup.

"Identical twins, even if they live in completely different environments, tend to eat about the same amount of food," de Castro says.

Queen for a year The third time was the charm for Project Open Hand homecoming queen contestant Tipper Gore-May. After being upstaged two years in a row, the blonde beehive-coiffed, mustachioed Gore-May (a.k.a. local AIDS fund-raiser Joe Collie) finally took home the skyscraper-sized tiara during a coronation Sunday night at Colony Square Hotel in Midtown.

Collie beat out eight other homecoming contestants by raising \$ 81,000 for Project Open Hand. He performed in drag shows and hosted a charity Thanksgiving dinner to raise the money. The monthlong event for the city's AIDS agencies raised \$ 221,776.

John tries movies Just when you thought we'd forgotten about him, Elton John has announced yet another new endeavor.

The first film from John's production company, Rocket Pictures, will be "Women Talking Dirty." "Howards End" actress Helena Bonham Carter has signed on to star. She'll play the lead role in a comedy about an unlikely friendship between two Scottish women who help each other through life's ups and downs.

John's partner, filmmaker David Furnish, and Polly Steele will produce the film, with Elton acting as exec producer. He also will supervise the soundtrack. Shooting begins in March in Edinburgh, Scotland.

DeGeneres depressed Ellen DeGeneres says she went into a deep depression after ABC canceled her show this year. "Everything that I ever feared happened to me. I lost my show. I've been attacked like hell. I went from making

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a lot of money on a sitcom to making no money," she said in Sunday's Los Angeles Times Magazine. DeGeneres revealed her homosexuality when her character on "Ellen" came out in April 1997. The show's ratings dropped and it was canceled about a year later. DeGeneres and her actress girlfriend, Anne Heche, accuse the network of sabotaging the sitcom and Hollywood of treating them badly.

DeGeneres will appear in three upcoming movies, including "Goodbye Lover" in December and "edTV", a new Ron Howard comedy, next spring.

Singer needs surgery Singer-songwriter Janis Ian says she needs surgery to remove a benign liver tumor. The tumor was discovered in August. It's pressing on her stomach and causing intense abdominal pain, Ian said in a statement. No further details about the tumor or the surgery were released. A call to her manager Monday wasn't immediately returned.

Chocolate Louies "Wall Street Week" host Louis Rukeyser has his very own candy bar. A Midwestern chain of 13 shops, Malley's Chocolates, began selling the \$ 1 candy bar recently to raise money for charity. It's a milk chocolate and rice crisp concoction. "I went to one of Rukeyser's seminars in Las Vegas a couple of years ago and we thought it would be fun to do a bar for him," said the company's chairman, Bill Malley. Rukeyser's show airs Fridays on PBS.

Remembering Omagh Sinead O'Connor and Van Morrison are among performers on a star-studded album released Monday in Britain to raise money for victims of a bombing in Northern Ireland. The album, "Across the Bridge of Hope," features the groups U2 and Boyzone and includes a reading by actor Liam Neeson of a poem written by 12-year-old Shaun McLaughlin, who was killed in the Aug. 15 attack. A car bomb planted by **Irish Republican Army** dissidents killed 29 people and injured 370 in Omagh.

Celebrity birthdays Actor/director Woody Allen is 63. Singer Lou Rawls is 63. Comedian-actor Richard Pryor is 58. Actress-singer Bette Midler is 53. Actor Treat Williams is 47. Actress Charlene Tilton is 40. Actress Ashley Monique Clark ("The Hughleys") is 10. Contributing: Bill Hendrick, news services. If you have an item, call 404-222-8503 or 404-614-2749 or fax 404-526-5509.

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Helena Bonham Carter will be in Elton John's "**Women** Talking Dirty."

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Riot police swinging batons, bamboo rods and rifle butts drove opposition supporters from a protest camp in front of the National Assembly on Tuesday. Scattered demonstrators battled with security forces in the streets, throwing stones and setting fires. The surge of riot police through makeshift shelters broke up a two-week protest against alleged fraud in Cambodia's July 26 national election. The crowd, which at times numbered 5,000, had called for the resignation of Cambodian strongman Hun Sen. The protestors were trapped for several minutes between lines of police pushing up from the south and a water cannon directed at them from the north. Police plowed through the camp, smashing shelters and pounding women and children with their weapons. (CAMBODIA)

MOSCOW (AP)

President Boris Yeltsin huddled with top aides at his country residence Tuesday, discussing whether to stick with his first choice for prime minister or present a compromise candidate to the hostile parliament. Yeltsin has said that Viktor Chernomyrdin is his only choice to lead a new government that must deal with the country's worst economic crisis since the Soviet breakup in 1991. But parliament's lower house, the State Duma, overwhelmingly rejected Chernomyrdin for a second time Monday. Yeltsin was weighing whether to choose him again for the all-important third and final round of voting, which is expected in about a week. As of Tuesday afternoon, Yeltsin had still not named anyone, fueling speculation that he might pick a compromise candidate. Yeltsin conferred with senior aides at his country residence, Gorky 9, outside Moscow. (RUSSIA-POLITICS)

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)

Rebuffing the latest Western demands to halt the fighting in Kosovo, Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic insists he has no intention of calling off his troops battling ethnic Albanian rebels. But in a sign he is willing to make a political compromise over the status of the troubled Serbian province, Milosevic reportedly wants to hold elections for a Kosovo parliament that would be dominated by rival ethnic Albanians. The reliable independent daily Glas Javnosti said Tuesday that Milosevic has ordered the Serbian government to start drafting election plans. The daily quoted Kosovo Albanian sources as saying parliamentary elections should be held within three months and that the formation of a new Kosovo parliament should represent the basis of an agreement between Milosevic and ethnic Albanian leaders. (YUGOSLAVIA-KOSOVO)

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP)

Irish Republican Army dissidents responsible for Northern Ireland's worst-ever terrorist atrocity called a "complete" cease-fire Tuesday but didn't apologize for their actions. The splinter group, dubbed the Real IRA by

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journalists and unwilling to accept the IRA's July 1997 cease-fire, committed the Aug. 15 car bombing that killed 28 civilians and wounded more than 330 in the Northern Ireland town of Omagh. A 29th victim died of his wounds and was buried Monday. On Aug. 19, the group declared a "suspension" of what it called its "military operations," in a step short of Tuesday's formal cease-fire. In Tuesday's statement issued to state broadcasters RTE, the dissidents calling themselves by the IRA's traditional Gaelic sister label, Oglagh na hEireann, or "Soldiers of Ireland," said: "As a result of intense consultation that has taken place over recent weeks ... the volunteers of Oglagh na hEireann have determined a complete cessation of all military activity." (NORTHERN IRELAND)

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)

Student protesters returned to Indonesia's Parliament on Tuesday after security forces used batons, shields and tear gas to evict hundreds in a pre-dawn clash. Violence also flared for a second day in a riot-torn town in the center of the main island, Java, police said. About 200 students staged peaceful sit-in protest on a road about 100 meters (yards) from the main gate of the Parliament on Tuesday afternoon. Several hundred riot police stood guard over the gathering as the students sang patriotic songs, chanted anti-government slogans and called on President B.J. Habibie to resign. The group later marched back to a nearby college campus after police made repeated requests to disperse. (INDONESIA-PROTEST)

VICTORIA FALLS, Zimbabwe (AP)

The Congolese government and rebels who control a quarter of the huge central African country have reached a breakthrough in peace talks here and details were supposed to be released on Tuesday. Zambian President Frederick Chiluba, chairman of a regional summit aimed at ending the civil war, refused to discuss details of Monday's breakthrough and would not comment on whether a cease-fire had been reached, but said there was some sort of an agreement. "Details of the agreement will be released tomorrow," he said. Chiluba said the group of regional presidents will reconvene Tuesday for further deliberations before issuing a statement. "We have had a very good meeting," he told reporters. "Things have gone extremely well." (ZIMBABWE-CONGO-PEACE TALKS)

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Clinton Highlights Irish Economy

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Body

President Clinton turned today from the turmoil in Northern Ireland to the Irish Republic's thriving economy, holding it up as the prize of peace and a model for other nations. "I hope that success will whet your appetite for working together," the president said.

Ireland, with the highest economic growth rate of any country in Europe, is a "truly astonishing" model for other nations, Clinton said at a reception for Ireland's business and political leaders at the Royal College of Surgeons.

"There has literally never been a better time, I don't suppose, to be Irish because of the economic success, because of the renaissance in writing, filmmaking, because of what so many people are doing in so many ways to advance the cause of peace."

He said he could now point to Ireland when, in his drive elsewhere in the world for peace, he is confronted with skeptics who say "this cannot be done."

Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern, in turn, credited Clinton and his role in brokering the Good Friday peace accord with holding out to Northern Ireland the same promise of prosperity.

"He's laid down for us for all of us that there is a path to follow and if we are sensible, if we're brave and we follow that path, then the reward is peace and stability and confidence. If we don't, well, then the future is as gloomy as the past," Ahern said at a picture-taking session with Clinton before their private meeting this morning.

At the reception later, Ahern noted that American firms employ 400,000 people in Ireland and dominate electronics, pharmaceuticals and other industries.

"Ireland is really an American economic tiger with a green face," he said with a smile.

Despite the good will and optimism, Clinton warned against complacency. "I hope that success will whet your appetite for working together instead of causing as success sometimes does _ people to forget what brought them to the point of success."

His talks with Ahern focused on the momentum in Northern Ireland to work out a new governing formula for formerly warring parties there and on the province's ties to Britain and the Irish Republic, White House spokesman Mike McCurry said.

Clinton Highlights Irish Economy

From his official hobnobbing in Dublin, Clinton was heading to the northern suburb of Santry and a tour of the Gateway 2000 computer plant in order to highlight business opportunities in Ireland.

Clinton met with business and political leaders as new anti-terrorist laws took effect in Ireland and Britain today. Both governments sought passage of the bills during Clinton's visit. The legislation is expected to bolster political efforts by Protestants and Catholics to make peace in Northern Ireland after 30 years of conflict.

With this trip meant to nudge along the infant peace pact, Clinton was asked whether he expected to visit the Irish again.

"For the sake of the peace process, I hope not. But for my own sake, I hope so," he said, laughingly suggesting that next time he would come more as tourist than enforcer.

Of the fragile peace process, Clinton said, "I hope it will be institutionalized and off and going."

The showers of Irish praise for Clinton on this tour were briefly interrupted with a jolt this morning as Clinton again faced criticism about his handling of the Monica Lewinsky affair.

Standing before news cameras with Ahern at his side, Clinton was peppered with reporters' questions about Democratic Sen. Joseph Lieberman's call for a formal "public rebuke." For the first time since admitting an inappropriate relationship with Ms. Lewinsky, Clinton publicly used the words "I'm sorry" in expressing regret for his actions.

U.S. investment has been a major factor in the growth of the Irish economy. Trade between the two countries last year was worth about \$12 billion, a 19 percent increase over 1996.

Gateway's Dublin plant employs 1,300 people, mostly producing personal computers for the European market. Gateway is considered a symbol of the decade-long economic boom that has seen American corporations build facilities in Ireland to serve the European market.

The president came to Dublin from Omagh, Northern Ireland, where he said he was "very touched" by his walk down the street where 28 people, mostly women and children, were killed and hundreds wounded in an Aug. 15 car bombing blamed on Irish Republican Army extremists trying to wreck Northern Ireland's peace agreement.

Clinton said today he was heartened by the spirit of the survivors. "Even the people who have suffered the most from the test of peace don't want to give into it."

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Body

Hurricane Earl Points at Fla.

PANAMA CITY BEACH, Fla. (AP)

Thousands of people fled the Gulf Coast today as Hurricane Earl veered toward Florida with drenching rain and wind up to 100 mph. The storm center was expected to come ashore during the night somewhere around Panama City, then cut across Georgia and into South Carolina, with 10 inches of rain possible. A hurricane warning was posted for about 320 miles of coastline, from Pascagoula, Miss., to a point near Tallahassee. Islands off Tallahassee were under mandatory evacuation orders. Gov. Lawton Chiles declared a state of emergency, and a tornado watch covered more than half of Florida's 67 counties.

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WASHINGTON (AP)

A company won government permission today to sell regular contraceptive pills as a "morning-after" product to prevent pregnancy. The technique has been 75 percent effective in tests when taken within three days of sex. The PREVEN kits, made by Gynetics Inc. of Somerville, N.J., will be available by prescription by the end of September. The kits, which include the four pills needed for emergency contraception, will sell for about \$20 and include a pregnancy test.

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Sammy Sosa Hits 56th Home Run

CHICAGO (AP)

Sammy Sosa moved one behind Mark McGwire in the chase for Roger Maris' record today with his 56th home run of the season. The Cubs' Sosa hit an 0-1 pitch from Cincinnati's Jason Bere into the first row of the right field bleachers. He is five homers short of the major league record set by Maris in 1961.

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Hurricane Earl Nears Fla.

PANAMA CITY BEACH, Fla. (AP)

Unpredictable Hurricane Earl lumbered tonight toward Florida's Panhandle with 100 mph winds, flooding streets, shearing off tree limbs and whipping up dangerous surf. Though still offshore, Earl's effects were already being felt along the coast. Thousands of people fled the Gulf Coast, heeding warnings that included a state of emergency declared by Gov. Lawton Chiles and tornado warnings covering half of the state's 67 counties. By evening, Earl was centered about 70 miles south-southwest of Destin, Fla.

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McGwire Hits 58th, 59th HRs

MIAMI (AP)

Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals hit two homers tonight against the Florida Marlins for the second consecutive night, giving him a career-high 59. He needs just two more to tie Roger Maris' 37-year-old major league record. McGwire homered in the seventh inning, a 497-foot shot into the upper deck in left, against Brian Edmondson; and again in the eighth, a 458-foot shot to left-center against Rob Stanifer. Each was a two-run homer. They came hours after Sammy Sosa hit home run No. 56 for the Chicago Cubs.

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Dateline: OMAGH, Northern Ireland

Body

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

In Dublin, Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern vowed to "crush" IRA dissidents who are being blamed for the worst terrorist strike in the troubled province's history.

-BODY- British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who cut short a vacation in France to fly to Belfast, condemned what he called "a tiny, fanatical group" who "have no support in Northern Ireland . . . just this capacity for evil."

Blair pledged to "carry on to my last breath working for peace."

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

With several residents still missing 24 hours later, soldiers used heat-detecting equipment Sunday to determine whether more bodies lay hidden in collapsed buildings in ravaged Market Street.

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

Children's diapers were scattered amid fallen glass, bricks and wood planks. A mangled and fire-blackened stroller rested near the carcass of the car bomb. Tatters of school uniforms littered the roadway like autumn leaves.

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

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

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

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

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

Prime Minister Jean Chretien issued a statement in Ottawa Saturday condemning the bombing as "contemptible and cowardly" and saying he is confident it will not weaken the peace process.

"Words cannot express our anger at this outrage," the statement read. "The bombing is a contemptible and cowardly assault on the hopes and dreams of the Irish people for peace. A murderous few seek to achieve with violence what they could not at the ballot box."

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ahern said the government would destroy the "Real IRA" group, which has been blamed for planting several car bombs that wounded people in Northern Ireland in the past six months.

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

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

But his deputy, Martin McGuinness, rejected a request by former Irish Prime Minister John Bruton for IRA commanders to cooperate with the Irish Republic's police and help catch the dissidents.

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Car bomb kills 25, injures over 200 in Northern Ireland

The Associated Press

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Byline: By SHAWN POGATCHNIK, Associated Press Writer

Dateline: OMAGH, Northern Ireland

Body

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Car bomb kills 28 in Northern Ireland's deadliest attack

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Body

Police sifting the wreckage caused by a car bomb that killed 28 people and injured 220 said suspicion was falling on IRA dissidents determined to shatter Northern Ireland's fledgling peace accord.

Prime Minister Tony Blair interrupted an Italian vacation to fly to Belfast to coordinate his government's response to the province's worst single attack in 30 years of conflict.

The blast in Omagh, a religiously mixed town 70 miles (110 kms) west of Belfast, came less than three months after voters in both parts of Ireland overwhelmingly approved plans for a new Northern Ireland government with power shared between its majority Protestants and minority Roman Catholics.

Police commander Ronnie Flanagan said Sunday a misleading telephone warning caused his officers to move people close to a car packed with an estimated 500 pounds (220 kilos) of explosives.

"It is fair to say that our focus at this point in time would be on those who call themselves the 32 County Sovereignty Movement," IRA dissidents opposed to the peace accord who also go by the name Real IRA, Flanagan told British Broadcasting Corp. television.

Before boarding a flight home, a tearful Blair told reporters the attack was "a blast of evil" perpetrated by "a tiny, fanatical group of people" without any support in Northern Ireland.

"We will not let these people wreck the future the future belongs to the decent people of Northern Ireland, it does not belong to the criminals and psychopaths," he said.

IRA dissidents, who are committed to shattering the outlawed group's 13-month-old truce and the April peace accord it helped inspire, have planted several car bombs in other Northern Ireland towns in recent months, which caused many injuries but no deaths. In July British and Irish police said they had foiled a bombing campaign in London.

Ahern promised Saturday that the dissidents, believed to number no more than 100 and mostly based in the Irish Republic, will be "ruthlessly suppressed."

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The dead are 13 women, six men, and nine children, including a baby girl and several teen-agers. Hospitals across the province said they were treating more than 100 people, at least 10 of them in critical condition. Police said 11 of the injured are Spanish, but could not confirm hospital reports that one of the Spaniards had died.

Gerry Adams, leader of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party, said he was "totally horrified" by the bombing. "I condemn it without any equivocation whatsoever," he said.

Political analysts considered his phrase significant because Adams has steadfastly refused to condemn violence by the IRA or its dissident factions in the past.

But David Trimble, the Protestant first minister of the new 108-seat Northern Ireland Assembly where Catholics and Protestants share power, said that Adams' party should take some blame for the bombing because of the amount of illegal arms and explosives still held by the IRA and other paramilitary groups.

"Sinn Fein cannot escape its responsibility in this bloody atrocity," Trimble said.

In a statement, Queen Elizabeth II said she was "shocked to hear of the appalling crime in Omagh."

George Mitchell, the former U.S. Senate majority leader who chaired Northern Ireland's peace talks, blamed "a very tiny minority of cowards and murderers that are trying to destroy a process that is supported by an overwhelming majority of the people of Northern Ireland."

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The streets surrounding the bomb site were strewn with glass and rubble and streaked with blood.

"The carnage, the children, a young baby pure black, unrecognizable," said Frank Hancock, a Protestant who was too stunned to cry. "A young girl down a manhole that we had to pull out. A young lad burning, his hair pure singeing.

"Any man who puts that (bomb) there," he said, pointing angrily at the bomb site, "and says, 'We're the "real" IRA' _ they're cowards."

The attack coincided with the 29th anniversary of the deployment of British troops in Belfast, a traditional rallying point for **Irish Republican Army** supporters, and 17 days before U.S. President Bill Clinton arrives to salute the compromise April agreement. The White House said Clinton's plans would not be affected.

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Irish Tighten Terror Laws

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Dateline: OMAGH, Northern Ireland

Body

The Irish government announced a "draconian" tightening of its anti-terrorist laws Wednesday, as Catholics and Protestants united to lay to rest 16 victims of Northern Ireland's deadliest terrorist strike.

Hearses followed by columns of grief-stricken residents snaked their way slowly through the bomb-ravaged center of Omagh as Northern Ireland suffered through the most funerals in one day in its bloody history.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"When you stand ... in a room with the body of a young boy, a beautiful young boy, who should be out playing football on what was a fine day, who should be looking forward to seeing his boyhood dreams come true ... his life should not have been shattered by the twisted ideology of faceless cowards," Ahern said. "It brings home to you what you're dealing with."

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Seeking to soften the threatened crackdown, the dissidents who began planting car bombs in Northern Ireland towns in February in hopes of poisoning the Belfast peace talks had announced the suspension of what they called "all military operations" pending internal debate on future strategy.

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

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

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

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

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

And Ulster Unionist Party leader David Trimble, the Protestant first minister of Northern Ireland's new cross-community government established by the agreement, called the statement "pretty contemptible" and untrustworthy.

On Wednesday, soldiers erected a steel wall at the Market Street crossroads where the 500-pound (225 kg) car bomb detonated.

That blocked the destruction from the view of the mile-long funeral processions that passed silently through the town center en route from churches to cemeteries.

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

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

"In our terrible experience of the last 30 years, Omagh was the worst atrocity of them all," said retired Catholic Bishop Edward Daly.

"Is it too much to ask or too much to hope that it will be the last atrocity of all?" he asked at the Requiem Mass for 21-month-old Breda Devine.

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

The remaining eight burials will take place Thursday.

"The efforts made in recent days to offer an explanation show that the bombers realize that something went terribly wrong. But they need to go further," said Archbishop Sean Brady, who oversees Ireland's 4 million Roman Catholics.

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

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The explosion came 40 minutes after a telephoned warning to the BBC in Belfast claimed a bomb had been left outside Omagh's courthouse on the west end of downtown. Police directed people away from the area, many of them nearer to the bomb.

"I saw bodies lying everywhere, dead people being zipped into bags," said Dorothy Boyle, 59, a Catholic resident of the town.

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

The streets surrounding the bomb site were strewn with glass and rubble and streaked with blood.

"The carnage, the children, a young baby pure black, unrecognizable," said a Protestant local, Frank Hancock, too stunned to cry over what he'd seen. "A young girl down a manhole that we had to pull out. A young lad burning, his hair pure singeing.

"Any man who puts that (bomb) there," he said, pointing angrily at the bomb site, "and says, 'We're the "real" IRA' _ they're cowards."

The local Tyrone County Hospital overflowed with wounded. Survivors used blown-off doors as makeshift stretchers. The Rev. John Gilmore, a Catholic priest, said that he gave the last rites to many of the injured.

"To start with it was just nonstop. There were people on the floors, mattresses and chairs," said Gilmore. "Some of the early ones were very badly injured."

Other injured people were ferried by ambulance or helicopter to hospitals in Belfast and Londonderry.

The attack coincided with the 29th anniversary of the deployment of British troops in Belfast, a traditional rallying point for **Irish Republican Army** supporters. It also came 17 days before U.S. President Bill Clinton arrives to salute the compromise April agreement among eight local parties on how this British-ruled territory should be governed. The White House said Clinton's plans would not be affected.

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

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Blair Seeks To Break IRA Impasse

BLACKPOOL, England (AP)

Prime Minister Tony Blair is seeking to break the impasse over **Irish Republican Army** weapons, a stalemate that is holding up the formation of Northern Ireland's new assembly. Blair scheduled meetings today with the leaders of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party and the two main Protestant parties after urging them "to close their ears to the prejudices of their own parties" and enact the Belfast peace agreement. The dispute concerns the IRA's surrendering its weapons as proof of the sincerity of its 14-month-old truce.

Tokyo Stocks Plunge

TOKYO (AP)

In Tokyo, the Nikkei Stock Average of 225 issues closed down 415.04 points at 13,406.39 points on the Tokyo Stock Exchange Wednesday. On Wall Street Tuesday, the Dow Jones industrial average dropped 28.32 points to close at 8,080.52.

Details in Starr's Report Leak Out

WASHINGTON (AP)

Details are leaking about soon-to-be-released testimony on President Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky, including the relationship between his aides and **women** linked to the president and the first lady's knowledge of her husband's contact with the former intern. The White House objected strongly to Tuesday's leaks. The material is among thousands of pages of supporting documents that Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr submitted to Congress along with his report on possible impeachable offenses committed by Clinton. The material could be key to any congressional inquiry of Clinton.

Clinton To Announce 1998 Surplus

WASHINGTON (AP)

On this final day of the fiscal year, President Clinton plans to announce that the White House expects the 1998 budget surplus to approach \$70 billion, said knowledgeable federal officials. Republicans and Democrats are

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jousting over credit for the government's first budget surplus in three decades. Although the \$70 billion figure will only be an estimate, since budget data won't be final until around Oct. 19, it will definitely be the government's first surplus since 1969. Clinton is likely to use his announcement to claim credit for the accomplishment and to chide congressional Republicans for proposing to use some of the surplus for an election-year tax cut.

Evacuees Return After Georges

PASCAGOULA, Miss. (AP)

Rains continue to drench Alabama and the Florida Panhandle as evacuees slowly return home in the wake of Hurricane Georges. Crews in those areas and Mississippi are clearing roads and fixing power lines. They hope to have power fully restored to Alabama by tomorrow night, but flooding problems will likely linger. A flash flood watch has been issued for south and central Georgia and parts of South Carolina. Georges is now a tropical depression moving northeast. President Clinton declared the entire storm-damaged swath a disaster area and planned to visit as soon as recovery operations allowed.

Ex-Klansman Gets Nearly 26 Years

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)

Former Ku Klux Klansman Joshua England promises to work against the group he says led him to shoot three black teens outside a nightclub once he's out of federal prison. England on Tuesday received the maximum prison sentence of nearly 26 years. He admitted firing 11 times into a crowd of about 30 people outside Club Illusion on Oct. 27, 1996. "I will speak out against racism and gangs like the Ku Klux Klan," England said in a statement to U.S. District Judge Joseph Anderson. England pleaded guilty in July to three counts of civil rights violations and one weapons count.

Good and Bad News in Drinking Survey

CHICAGO (AP)

A survey of teen drinking found good news and bad news more than half of the youths ages 16 to 19 said they drank during the preceding month, but nearly two-thirds said they always appoint a designated driver. Still, even the good news in Tuesday's study had a twist: 80 percent think it's fine to drink as long as there is a designated driver, and nearly half think that designated drivers can still drink. "We're not impressing on kids the fact that getting drunk can be dangerous," said Dr. Richard Heyman, chairman of the substance abuse committee at the American Academy of Pediatrics, which released the study.

Wells Sharp As Yanks Beat Rangers

NEW YORK (AP)

The Yankees played every bit like the winningest team in AL history as David Wells pitched them past the Texas Rangers 2-0 in Game 1 of their division series. Wells gave up five hits in eight innings and struck out nine. The Rangers' Todd Stottlemire nearly matched Wells, allowing just six hits and striking out eight for a complete game in front of his father, Mel, New York's pitching coach.

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McGwire's Hits 61st Homer

ST. LOUIS (AP)

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

Clinton Lawyers Wants Starr Report

WASHINGTON (AP)

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

IRA Dissidents Call 'Cease-Fire'

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP)

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

Rebels, Congo Make Breakthrough

VICTORIA FALLS, Zimbabwe (AP)

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

Swissair Box Lacks Final Data

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia (AP)

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

Seinfeld Is Top-Paid Entertainer

NEW YORK (AP)

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

Jerry Lewis Telethon Raises \$51.57M

LOS ANGELES (AP)

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

Tokyo Stocks Rise

TOKYO (AP)

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

Sampras Advances at U.S. Open

NEW YORK (AP)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"We did make it known to the group that there was a need to discuss this issue to try to recover the situation from the disastrous consequences of Saturday," he told BBC Radio.

He said Sinn Fein also was attempting to persuade two other anti-British gangs not participating in cease-fires the Irish National Liberation Army and the Continuity IRA to drop their campaigns of violence.

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