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1. [READER'S OPINION](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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2. [Kill apocalyptic terrorists, says expert](#)

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3. [Ireland on the dark side; When Irish eyes are reading, writer Edna O'Brien is often in trouble. Her books are no longer banned there, but her latest novel - based on three 1994 murders - again has her homeland in an uproar.](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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4. [PHOTOGRAPHY REVIEW Is the Camera a Reliable Witness?](#)

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5. [Understanding your world: The signs of peace are there](#)

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6. [EUROPE AT 1200GMT EDITORS: The following is a digest of Europe's top general news.](#)

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7. [College-Age Prince Attracts More Limelight](#)

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8. [AP News Digest](#)

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9. [AP News Digest](#)

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10. [AP News Digest](#)

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11. [AP News Digest](#)

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12. [What U.S. newspapers are saying](#)

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13. [AP News Digest](#)

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14. [AP News Digest](#)

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15. [AP News Digest](#)

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16. [AP Top News at 7 p.m. EST Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2000](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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17. [AP News Digest](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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18. [AP News Digest](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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19. [Irish eyes are not smiling at Bush](#)

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20. [HARRY BENSON; HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE](#)

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21. [A Watcher of Walls](#)

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22. [NATION / WORLD DIGEST](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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23. [Global Impact News Alert](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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24. [*A clear need; Starting with the Oklahoma City bombing, makers of protective glass and windows films have seen demand for their products jump. They expect even more growth as governments secure their buildings and embassies.*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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25. [*WORLD at 0200 GMT*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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26. [*U.S. looks at potential danger from Hezbollah*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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27. [*World Briefing*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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28. [*NEWS SUMMARY*](#)

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29. [Orange Order Parade Sparks Violence](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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30. [The Troubles in Ulster Shift From Street to the Assembly](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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31. [NEWS SUMMARY](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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32. [AP News Digest](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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33. [NATION & WORLD BRIEFS](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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34. [CORRECTS slug lines on United Nations , Tokyo-dated items](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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35. [AP News Digest](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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36. [AP News Digest](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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37. [Portrait of a Turnip](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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38. [WORLD at 0200 GMT](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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39. [AM- AP -News-Digest ; For Monday AMs](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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40. [WORLD REPORT](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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41. [NATION & WORLD BRIEFS](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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42. [The Beatle and the spying game: John Lennon was considered a key target by the FBI and British intelligence](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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43. [The Wordsmiths of Dublin](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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44. [AP News Digest](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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46. [Terrorists Said to Hide In Canada's Melting Pot](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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

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48. [Dramatic step towards peace N Ireland Assembly soon to be up and running](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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Search Type: Natural Language

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49. [Mounting Tensions in Northern Ireland](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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50. [Sovereignty? It's our business](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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51. [The 1600 GMT news advisory](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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52. [What U.S. newspapers are saying](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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53. [*Peace dividend for Sinn Fein: With the IRA's murderous campaign officially over, Sinn Fein has emerged as a real contender in upcoming elections -- if it can shed its image as a terrorist mouthpiece.*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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54. [*Nothing like a dame: After 50 years in show business, Danny La Rue feels it's time he was rewarded. A knighthood will do*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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55. [*NEWS SUMMARY*](#)

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56. [*U.S. Troops Sent to Uzbekistan ; Former Soviet state allows use of one base*](#)

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57. [*Will Wales steps into the spotlight*](#)

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58. [Quebec 's battle of the cliches: A roundup of the events, big and small, that made news this week.](#)

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59. [WORLD REPORT](#)

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60. [AP News in Brief; Abbas says Palestinians are ready to get started on peace plan](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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61. [AM- AP -News-Digest ; For Sunday AMs](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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62. [RESTING PLACE OF IRISH HEROES](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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63. [WORLD at 0200 GMT](#)

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64. [WORLD at 0200 GMT](#)

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65. [WORLD REPORT](#)

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66. [WORLD at 0200 GMT](#)

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67. [Protests hound Britain 's fox hunts](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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68. [WORLD REPORT](#)

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69. [AP News in Brief](#)

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70. [World report](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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71. [NEWS SUMMARY](#)

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72. [WORLD REPORT](#)

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73. [Ahern wins Irish poll, coalition likely](#)

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74. [FIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!; CMU STUDENTS MIX HOLLYWOOD HOOKS AND EXPLOSIVE PLOT IN SEQUEL TO MOVIE THAT; WAS NEVER MADE PREVIEW "OUT OF COURAGE 2" PREMIERE DURING FILM FEST 8 TOMORROW; 3/29 AT 7:30 P.M., 10 P.M., 12:30 A.M. MCCONOMY AUDITORIUM IN CMU'S UNIVERSITY; CENTER. \\$ 2 STUDENTS; \\$ 4 NON-STUDENTS. .CQ](#)

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75. [WORLD REPORT](#)

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76. [GENTLEMEN'S CLUBS ARE A CHERISHED BRITISH INSTITUTION](#)

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77. [AP News Digest](#)

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78. [AP News in Brief](#)

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79. [WORLD REPORT](#)

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80. [Diana's Boys ...](#)

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81. [What U.S. newspapers are saying](#)

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82. [*The leadership that's lacking is in the Arab world*](#)

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83. [*Report Advises Military To Learn The Art Of Deception From Nature*](#)

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84. [*Report Advises Military To Learn The Art Of Deception From Nature*](#)

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85. [*The year in review*](#)

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Body

Children's shelters: Finances, parenting pivotal

Regarding the conditions at the DeKalb and Fulton County emergency children's shelters ("Don't wait for crisis to help children in shelters," @issue, July 22): I used to work in the Juvenile circuit. The families these children come from are like yours and mine. The problem is that the services available for them cost, and if you don't have insurance to cover those expenses, the problems aren't dealt with.

A second problem is that parental involvement is at a low. Most parents are too ashamed or are not knowledgeable about services available before the child is incorrigible. Then once the state takes over, the parents have no rights and are put on the back burner.

TACHELLE SHELTON, Clarkston

Some facilities meeting needs
For the Journal-Constitution

Thanks to The Atlanta Journal-Constitution for its recent editorial detailing the crisis in care at the DeKalb and Fulton county shelters.

While conditions in these state-run facilities are tragic, it is important not to lump all emergency shelters into the same category. The Gwinnett Children's Shelter, a private, nonprofit agency that has provided services to abused and abandoned youth since 1987, currently houses up to 26 teenagers, and soon will be opening a new home for eight children aged 5 through 11. Our services are designed to help children and youth come to terms with the trauma and abuse they have endured, and to teach them skills they will need to succeed.

Similar high-quality and comprehensive private, nonprofit programs exist in Cobb and Clayton counties, also generously supported by their local communities.

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Emergency shelters are a vital part of care for children and families experiencing crisis, violence and abuse. The Gwinnett Children's Shelter works with the state and local community to provide the best possible care.

NANCY FRIAUF

Friauf, of Buford, is executive director of the Gwinnett Children's Shelter.

Muslims: Groups spoke against terrorism

Khaled Abou El Fadl has shown that he must have been asleep in his UCLA ivory tower by not noting the plethora of Muslim organizations that condemned terrorism, especially here in Georgia ("U.S. Muslims lax in decrying terrorism," @issue, July 18).

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution is equally as guilty of promoting hatred and McCarthyism by accusing Muslims of not being patriotic enough.

ISSAM NASHASHIBI, Dawsonville

Ethnicity no way to base enemies

Regarding the letter asking why Arab profiling doesn't make sense ("What's puzzling about Arab profiling?" July 23), I offer statistical and historical reasoning.

There are more than 1 billion Muslims on Earth. If one were to take a vastly stretched estimate and say that there were 100,000 terrorists among these Muslims, you would still find only one terrorist per 10,000 Muslims. This doesn't even get into the fact that most Arab-Americans are probably even less likely to be a possible terrorist.

Historically speaking, the United States approximated this same profiling during World War II by jailing Americans of Japanese ancestry. As a general rule we now regard this as a large mistake, since the vast majority of these people were patriotic Americans. The greatest testament on this that I can offer is that my father fought and killed Japanese soldiers during WWII, yet he was friends before and after the war with Japanese-Americans.

One must differentiate between enemies and friends --- and ethnicity will never tell you that.

JEFF JOSEPH, Smyrna

Profiling tactics make sense

I wholeheartedly agree with the letter stating that we must profile people of the same background as our terrorist foes.

If the **Irish Republican Army** were at the root of our problems, I would expect to be looked at as a possible terrorist because I am a white male of Irish descent.

Let's not favor political correctness over human lives!

ROBERT WALLER, Cartersville

Lawbreaking CEOs should go to jail

The stock market plunge is one of the best things to happen to this country. It's sad we needed two wakeup calls.

Bill Clinton was too busy with **women** and scandals to pay attention to terrorists entering our country. He did nothing all those years while CEOs were cooking the books to give us a false economy. It has now come back to bite us. President Bush must make sure lawbreaking CEOs go to jail. If he does not, he should not win another election. It's also time for people to protect their money by putting more in the bank. They won't make as much, but the principal is protected.

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The stock market is a lottery. If you put the majority of your money in the stock market or in a 401(k), you have no one to blame but yourself.

RIC BURNETT, Doravill

Italy's symbolic gesture appreciated

The steps taken by the Italian government to return to Ethiopia the stolen Axum Obelisk are as important and symbolic as plans to create a memorial on the site of the World Trade Center.

As an Italian-American from New York City, I applaud the government of Italy.

It has been nearly 65 years since the obelisk was looted after Benito Mussolini's troops stormed the holy city of Axum, and irreparable damage has been done to the monument. I hope the damage to peace can be fixed.

NICOLA DeMARCO

DeMarco, a professor of social science in Oshakati, Namibia, serves on The Axum Obelisk Return Committee.

Building roads will add to problems

Gwinnett County Chairman Wayne Hill said, "I was elected to vote my conscience. We'll have 400,000 people moving into my county and we need to build every road we can" ("Gwinnett panel puts off vote on Arc to November," Metro, July 17).

I'm glad that Hill feels he needs to follow his conscience, but the main reason he was elected was to represent the people of Gwinnett.

As for the 400,000 people and building "every road we can," that type of thinking is exactly the cause of the congestion mess in metro Atlanta. Every road built in the north metro area will, at some point, dump that traffic onto one of the north-south roads (I-75 and 85, and Ga. 400 and 316), which all funnel onto I-285.

Our immense traffic problem robs us of time and air quality, and diminishes our quality of life.

GEORGE AUBREY, Cumming

Glover has made public housing safe

Regarding a recent letter suggesting that the policies established by the Atlanta Housing Authority under the direction of Renee Glover are hurting thousands of poor people ("Glover's policies hurting thousands," July 19): Obviously someone who would say that has never been to the public housing complexes of the "old" AHA, where nobody in his right mind would house his dog. It was high time common sense was used to establish order and make public housing residents aware of their responsibility for their apartments.

I applaud Glover for making public housing in Atlanta places where families can raise their children and feel safe.

For more than 26 years, I managed several properties that accepted Section 8 tenants. I can safely say that the rules established and enforced are the most important part of the current success of the new AHA.

KARIN S. BRYANT, East Point

Take nonviolent approach to ills

Jay Bookman is exactly correct --- nonviolent activities do work, and violence only begets more and more atrocities ("Naked threat exposes U.S. oil industry," @issue, July 18).

I hope this country adopts these methods to eliminate corporate abuse, scandal and enslavement, racism, jokes like our criminal (so-called) justice system and on and on.

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Kill apocalyptic terrorists, says expert

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The nature of the terrorists that threaten the United States and the rest of the Western world has changed in a fundamental way, and we must recognize that change and understand its implications to successfully combat terrorism and protect ourselves from it, said an expert who spoke at a recent think tank symposium in Washington.

Ralph Peters, a retired United States Army intelligence officer and author of "Beyond Terror: Strategy in a Changing World," spoke on June 26 at the Hudson Institute about how the views, opinions and actions of terrorists have changed, both historically and recently. Peters has served in and traveled to more than 50 countries -- what he calls "the broken parts of the world" -- with the Army and Marine Corps.

Called "one of the best military minds of his generation" by Newsweek magazine, his work -- which includes more than 14 books -- has acquired a devoted international following.

Peters acknowledges that while his judgments -- which are not based on library research but on "first hand observation and long-term thinking ... and a lifelong fascination with theology" -- may be wrong, they reflect things he has witnessed. "What we have seen, especially across the past decade, is a transition in the nature of terrorism and those people that threaten us."

According to Peters, there are two kinds of terrorists: practical and apocalyptic, with a large gray area in between. For decades, we dealt with the first type, but now we are faced with the second.

"These remain the two most useful classifications in attempts to understand and defeat our enemies who employ terror," he has written.

"We were used to dealing with practical terrorists (prior to Sept. 11)," he said. Because of this experience, "there was an assumption the hijackers would want to land the planes, take hostages, and make demands."

The practical terrorist -- the ***Irish Republican Army***, the Red Brigades and Timothy McVeigh -- has political goals, he said. "However twisted their views are to us, they want to improve the world," said Peters. They want to remold the world to their liking, he said. The practical terrorist wants rewards on Earth, not in the afterlife.

A practical terrorist "does not want to die: they want to change the world, not destroy it," he said. "His or her concerns are external, they have to do with the plight of his or her people, real or imagined."

Kill apocalyptic terrorists, says expert

The apocalyptic terrorist is different: he has internal rather than external discontents, Peters says. This terrorist is unhappy with himself and blames others for his misery.

"... (N)o alteration in the external environment could sate his appetite for retribution against those he needs to believe are evil and guilty of causing his personal sufferings and disappointment," Peters writes. "For such men, suicidal acts have a fulfilling logic, since only their own destruction can bring them lasting peace. Above all, they need other humans to hate while they remain alive ... "

One of these internal discontents seems to influence the apocalyptic terrorist -- along with the practical terrorist -- more than any others. "I believe that the profoundest ... the most important, most irreconcilable difference between our society today -- the West and also the enlightened nations of the Far East, and the Arab Muslim world specifically, not the greater Muslim world -- has to do with the status of women," said Peters.

"Perhaps the most routine commonality between the practical and apocalyptic terrorist is the male terrorist's inability to develop and maintain healthy, enduring relationships with women ... The practical terrorist is more apt to idealize members of the opposite sex, who then disappoint him, and to imagine himself re-created as a storybook hero of the sort he believes would appeal to his fantasy woman," Peters writes. Timothy McVeigh, the Oklahoma City bomber, fit this model.

"...(T)he apocalyptic terrorist fears, despises and hates females," writes Peters, citing Mohammed Atta, the leader of the Sept. 11 hijackers, whose written testament, found during the investigation of the hijackings, "perfectly captured the Islamic fanatic's revulsion toward women."

The change in the role of women in modern times "is the greatest sociological change in all of known history, the transition of women from property to partner," said Peters. The entry of women into the education system, the work force and the military represented a change that "revolutionized the human efficiency of our society," Peters said. "This human efficiency of different races, religious groups, ages, and above all, different sexes ... is a phenomenal revolution."

"All this wed to two centuries of accelerating technological development involving everything from the electric toaster to biotechnology has created a society that transcends the notions of efficiency described by economists," Peters has written. "We are the transcendent society, the breaker of fixed systems and fixed rules. And that is the source of unprecedented strategic power," Peters wrote.

Human efficiency, he said, does not come from technological advances. Just because someone hijacks an airplane and uses a cell phone against you does not mean that they are part of an efficient or high tech society, he said. The use of a cell phone in such a case is a "parasitic use," Peters said.

"Technology is only an enabler, if an often impressive one. What matters are a nation's human resources," Peters has written.

"If women cannot fully participate in society, then that country or society is not going anywhere," Peters said. "The strategic implications (of women participating in society) are clear, they (apocalyptic terrorists) are going to continue to hate us more and more, for our success."

"Their failures are not our fault, " he added, and we are not able to change or fix their societies. We can help, but ultimately, he said, societies must change themselves.

"The world does not want rational explanations for its failures. Whether we think of individuals or entire cultures, they want someone to blame," he said.

Peters also pointed out the cynical manipulations of the leaders of apocalyptic terrorist groups. "If suicide bombing is so heroic and so important, why aren't the leaders of Hamas and other organizations strapping on bombs? Why aren't the middle aged guys strapping on bombs? They are very cynically ... identifying the most troubled young people, those who can be molded, and cynically turning them into rebels," Peters said.

Kill apocalyptic terrorists, says expert

The motivation for the Palestinian Authority and all the other terrorist groups is power, said Peters.

"When a man believes that God is whispering in his ear and telling him to kill, you are not going to be able to persuade him by whispering in the other ear," Peters said of apocalyptic terrorists.

Peters said that not all people can be reasoned with and this affects the way that they must be dealt with.

"Apocalyptic terrorists must be destroyed. There is no alternative to killing the hardcore believers, and it may be necessary to kill thousands of them, if we are to protect the lives of millions of our own citizens," Peters has written.

According to Peters, one of the most frustrating things about being a terrorist today is how hard it is to really hurt America.

"If on Sept. 11, the hijackers had hit only the Pentagon, much of the world would have cheered, and even our allies would have snickered," he said. However, when they attacked the World Trade Center, it was so graphic and visible that the whole world could picture it happening to them. And this, he said, is the how apocalyptic terrorists ultimately sow the seeds of their own destruction.

"The apocalyptic terrorist will always over-reach, they will always give the world a reason to react so forcefully that they will ultimately be destroyed," he said. They do this, he said, because they believe that they are God's messengers.

When apocalyptic terrorists speak about their goals, Peters said, do not listen to them. Many times, without even realizing it, they are being dishonest. Their real goal, no matter what they say their goal may be, is ultimately "to jumpstart Armageddon."

Obviously, they must be stopped, Peters believes. And the war on terrorist ignited by the Sept. 11 attacks must be pursued forcefully to accomplish that.

"What matters is that the world is getting an unexpected lesson in American resolve. It is the primary task of our present and future leaders not to let that resolve weaken," Peters has written. "The lesson must be lasting. And ferocity is the ultimate guarantor of peace." [end] Content: 11001000 12004000 16001000 16010000

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When Irish eyes are reading, writer Edna O'Brien is often in trouble. Her
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She had read about the gruesome crime like every other Irishwoman. But only when she paid a visit to the shrine in the woods where the bodies had been found did Edna O'Brien decide to explore the tragedy by writing a novel about it.

"In the Forest," her 14th novel, already has set off howls of protest in Ireland for reopening the wound of one of the most disturbing nonpolitical crimes in its recent history: the 1994 killings of a 29-year-old single woman, her 3-year-old son and a village priest, all shot at close range. A young local man who had been released from prison recently was convicted of the crimes, then died in prison a few years later.

"This revisiting of unspeakably traumatic events is an unwanted and unjustifiable intrusion that can only do harm" for the victims' relatives and friends, wrote Fintan O'Toole last month in the Irish Times. He excoriated O'Brien for her choice of subject matter and her journalistic research into the crimes, which he said "did not and do not have a public meaning."

That contention perplexes O'Brien.

"You might as well have said the Crucifixion did not have a public meaning," she said from her home in London's Chelsea district. She called the criticisms leveled against her new novel "a form of moral vigilantism that has nothing to do with creative writing," but rather pertains to the history of censorship.

O'Brien, whom many critics outside her native country consider its greatest living writer, is no newcomer to controversy. Her first several books were banned there.

"I've always been drawn to the darker themes, as we call them," said O'Brien. "I have to laugh as I say that often they're stories people don't want told. They're more disturbing but they're dynamic and passionate, dealing with the deepest and very often the most covert passions."

O'Brien, who won the European Prize for Literature in 1995, in recognition of her body of work, was drawn to this chilling story by a sudden emotional identification with the victims, the perpetrator and their community. "It's

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always the unconscious that sends one to things, or that sends things to one," she said. "It's a little bit of a mystery to the self."

Six years after the murders, on a visit to County Clare in western Ireland, where she grew up, "by a piece of chance, I was brought to the forest," she said. "There's a little shrine there, where the woman and the child were slain, and a little over, a cross where the priest was found.

"It was lonely and haunted, silent except for the wind in the trees," she said, "and I felt that I must in my own way, and in fiction, tell the story of this woman, this child and this priest. It was as simple and, if you like, as truthful as that. I didn't set out to cause a furor." She pronounces the word fuh-ROAR, rolling the r's broadly.

The story's theme of sacrifice _ unwary victims searching for meaning as they confront death _ appealed to her. Eily, as the mother is named in the novel, "didn't invite the chance, God rest her, to endure victimhood. She was chosen from a thousand faces, arbitrarily," O'Brien said. She has said it is one of a literary novel's imperatives to ask difficult questions. "You find out the question in the course of writing it," she said.

Ageless questions

She has been asking such questions for a long time. She was born in the 1930s (she won't discuss her age) to a hard-drinking farmer who gambled away his 600 acres. She left Ireland for London in the mid-1950s. She eloped with Ernest Gebler, a divorced Czech writer more than twice her age, and they had two sons.

The intelligent, sexually questioning women in her first three novels _ "The Country Girls" (1960), "The Lonely Girl" (1962) and "Girls in Their Married Bliss" (1964) _ made her name but also brought her up against Ireland's conservative, Catholic, male establishment.

She left Gebler one night after dinner. Through most of the 1970s, her fiction chronicled unhappy marriages and dysfunctional families. "Few writers have written as astutely of the humiliation women suffer in relationships," said Eileen Battersby in a 1999 profile in the Irish Times.

Joe Dowling, artistic director of the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis, was a leading light at the Abbey Theatre in Dublin when, in 1974, O'Brien's play "The Gathering" received its premiere there. A powerful tale of a family racked by violence and sexual tyranny in the home, it typified the twisted tales that made her unpopular in Ireland.

"Edna uncovered a very dark side of Irish life that people did not want to hear about," Dowling said. "At the time, people wanted to think we were all under the cloak of Mother Church, which would protect us. Now we find out there were other things going on under that cloak. Now it has become a cottage industry in Ireland to write about how awful your childhood was; if you had a happy childhood you are regarded as a freak. But Edna was the first."

While her poetry and widely praised short stories continued to be published in New Yorker magazine and elsewhere, O'Brien published no novels in the 1980s, when she was said by English publications to be involved in a relationship with a prominent politician.

Her novels of the past decade, like "In the Forest," have drawn on recent historical events and spun personal tales within a larger context of Ireland's sociopolitical troubles.

"House of Splendid Isolation" (1994) detailed an Irish Republican Army terrorist holding a woman hostage. "Down by the River" (1995) was based on Ireland's most famous modern abortion case. "Wild Decembers" (2000) explores ancestral grudges in an isolated western Irish village. "I offend by telling the unwelcome tale," she said, "and probably that has not changed."

Praise and scorn

She has earned high praise in the United States, where novelist Philip Roth has called her "the most gifted woman now writing fiction in English." Her editor at Houghton Mifflin, Pat Strachan, attributed O'Brien's popularity in

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this country to "the sense of urgency her prose creates _ always driving the reader forward _ and the coloration of the language that is unique to her. That vividness is more than a rich vocabulary or distinctive syntax."

In England, her reviews are more starkly varied between praise and acrid dismissals. Her following in Ireland has grown, and her books are no longer banned, but her recent drubbing in the press suggests that "the very bigoted and vitriolic aspect is the same," she said.

"This is a piece of fiction, written with as much dedication as I could possibly bring to any work," she added, "and that seems not to be on the agenda. That's a bit of a disappointment. I'm sure that I have stalwarts and even admirers there, but at the moment, it's the more scabrous and histrionic voices."

Said Dowling, "To some extent, it's a knee-jerk reaction to a sassy woman _ and she is one sassy woman, no question about it."

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Edna O'Brien

What: "In the Forest" (Houghton Mifflin, 262 pages, \$24), a riveting story of awful killings in rural Ireland, encompasses the perspectives of the victims, the murderer and the terrified, judgmental townspeople. O'Brien's boundless empathy throws a harshly beautiful light across the crime-blackened landscape of the homeland she describes in language like music.

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PHOTOGRAPHY walks many fine lines. Democratic and prolific by nature, it undermines old genius-at-work, precious-object ideas of art. At the same time, it keeps laying claim to art's special powers and perks. One of its traditional selling points is objectivity. Yet it's a medium of calculation: of measured light and chosen angles, of zooming in and editing out. These opposites define its tensions.

Such tensions can be felt even in an exhibition as anti-elitist and programmatically didactic as "Hidden Truths: Bloody Sunday 1972" at the International Center of Photography. The show doesn't pretend for an instant to be art. Most of its dozens of pictures are digital scans of umpteenth generation press prints, images made to be transferred to newsprint and valued for information, not formal finesse.

The pictures all have one subject: they are documents of a specific event at a certain place on a certain day. But in the context of the show they are also something less passive and more passionate than that. They are prosecution witnesses called to testify exactly how that event happened and who was responsible. They are pieces of legal, moral and emotional evidence on which ultimate verdicts of innocence and guilt rest.

"Bloody Sunday" refers to Sunday, Jan. 30, 1972, when an outburst of political violence erupted in the predominantly Roman Catholic city of Londonderry in British-ruled Northern Ireland. Derry, as Catholics call it, had been a center of political unrest throughout the decades of the so-called Irish Troubles. In the mid-1960's government troops patrolled the streets; a Catholic neighborhood that called itself Free Derry and was guarded by the **Irish Republican Army** declared its independence from British jurisdiction.

Around this time the Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association was formed, modeled on the nonviolent black civil rights movement in the United States. It organized mass demonstrations to demand equal rights in voting and housing. And in January 1972 it called for a march in Londonderry to protest government internment camps where people suspected of insurgent activities were being held without trial.

Thousands of people turned out, from international journalists to local citizens, including **women** and children, dressed in their Sunday best. A videotape made by one of the participants, William McKinney, suggests the event had a festive, upbeat feeling. To minimize the possibility of violence, the local branch of the I.R.A. had been asked to stay away.

The march was monitored, then disrupted by British paratroopers. As the demonstrators approached a barricade, armed soldiers sprayed them with purple dye and tear gas. Suddenly there was gunfire. The crowd scattered, but

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within minutes 13 men and boys, ages 17 to 59, had been shot dead; another man later died of his wounds. No soldiers were killed or injured.

The shots were heard around the world. The killings were front page news in Europe and the United States the next day. In Ireland the repercussions were explosive. Suppressed anger became overt. Violence increased. Families of the victims accused the British government of massacring unarmed citizens and demanded that the crime be acknowledged and punished.

Prime Minister Edward Heath responded by establishing a tribunal of inquiry that not only exonerated the soldiers but also suggested that their actions were provoked by demonstrators carrying guns and nail bombs. After the report was filed, families of the dead men campaigned to have the case officially reopened. In 1998, Prime Minister Tony Blair convened a new investigation. It is still in progress.

"Hidden Truths," which first appeared in 1998 and has traveled widely since, is an accumulation of forensic material pertinent to the case. Organized by the independent curator Trisha Ziff and the Bloody Sunday Trust and installed at the photography center by Brian Wallis and Kristen Lubben, it begins in no-nonsense narrative style with a sequence of photographs reconstructing the events of that afternoon: the march, the spraying of the crowd with dye and gas, the shootings.

As with any chaotic incident filmed rapidly and under extreme pressure with hand-held cameras, individual shots rarely tell a complete story. In a sequence of pictures by the Magnum photographer Gilles Peress that appeared in The Sunday Times in London, a man named Patrick Doherty is seen inching on his side along the ground, a white handkerchief tied around the lower part of his face.

He doesn't appear to be wounded; the handkerchief suggests he is trying to hide his face. Only a picture outside the sequence, of a medic hovering over his dead body, makes it clear that he was trying to escape the line of fire. And only pictures by other photographers reveal that handkerchiefs were worn as armbands by marchers and were later used as protection from tear gas. (Many of the photographs and a map of Londonderry are in a fascinating interactive computer data base in the show.)

Once photographs appear in print, their weight and meanings are up for grabs. This is evident in newspapers that appeared the day after Bloody Sunday, copies of which are in the show. The London Times report on the killings is cool; visuals are played down. In The Derry Journal the writing is openly accusatory; most of the space is given to pictures of the march, the victims, the grieving families and later of the funeral.

In the newspaper's presentation of photographs, the line between neutral information and editorial emotion is blurred. This is also the case in "Hidden Truths." As if to reinforce the evidentiary nature of its selection of photographs, the exhibition supplements them with physical objects intimately associated with the Bloody Sunday victims: a watch, a necktie, a notebook found in a pocket.

Some of these prosaic, aging things have been used as evidence in the investigations; boots worn by Patrick Doherty when he died were recently requisitioned for that purpose. But placed in exhibition vitrines they take on a reliquary aura, like the personal effects of saints. Their glamour transfers to the pictures around them, turning visual documents into icons. Elevation to iconic status is what turns photography into art, with all the ideological privilege and power of persuasion that implies.

There are, of course, no clear rights and wrongs in such transformations, unless maybe when commerce comes into play, which isn't the case here. (All the prints in the exhibition will be donated to a nonprofit Museum of Civil Rights being built in Londonderry.) Icons can be, after all, healing, communally binding things.

As an example, one might consider a photograph of a crowd at the Bloody Sunday funerals. It originally appeared in The Belfast Telegraph, and it's a remarkable picture. People as far as the eye can see look toward the camera; they form a kind of human landscape, a turbulent, turned-up field fading to a misty hill. The picture was taken in Londonderry on Feb. 3, 1972, but the faces -- grave, perplexed, stoical, unreadable -- could be from many other times and places, including Lower Manhattan in the last four months.

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Indeed, all the tensions and ambiguities inherent in photography -- its factuality and its manipulateness, its accessibility and its pretension, its political passion and its ethical indifference -- are sure to make themselves felt in relation to the flood of images generated by the World Trade Center catastrophe and the war in Afghanistan. The International Center of Photography will contribute to the drama with a rotating exhibition called "Aftermath: Photography in the Wake of Sept. 11," which opens today.

"Hidden Truths: Bloody Sunday 1972" remains at the International Center of Photography, 1114 Avenue of the Americas, at 43rd Street, (212) 860-1777, through March 17.

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Photos: A photograph from The Belfast Telegraph, at the International Center of Photography, shows mourners gathering after Bloody Sunday in 1972 to bury the dead at Creggan Cemetery in Londonderry, Northern Ireland. (Bloody Sunday Trust)(pg. E41); The Derry Civil Rights Association said its banner in the march on Jan. 30, 1972, was smeared with the blood of Barney McGuigan when British troops opened fire after a confrontation at a barricade, bottom. (Photographs by Fulvio Grimaldi/Bloody Sunday Trust)(pg. E43)

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Understanding your world: The signs of peace are there

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At the end of 1914, during World War I, a strange, not to say miraculous, truce occurred in the trenches along the Western Front. For the most part, military historians say, the unofficial truces were initiated by German soldiers. Christmas carols were sung by troops in opposing trenches, unauthorized soccer matches were played in desolate no-man's lands, the dead were collected for burial and Christmas presents were exchanged.

At that point, there had been more than 800,000 casualties in the by-then five-month-long war. No one authorized the fraternization, and, of course, it was strictly illegal, perhaps even treasonable. Moreover, it did not affect the outcome of the war, which resumed after Christmas and dragged on for another four terrible years. But it happened.

The events of Christmas 1914 have become part of the mythology surrounding the Great War, as World War I was once known. In a sense, the spontaneous actions of the German, British, French and Belgian troops were the triumph of hope over experience, or even that of good sense over madness. But then, seemingly against the odds, the will to make peace can be as strong as that to make war.

As the year 2001 draws to a close, as we look back upon the dreadful events of Sept. 11 and the unfolding war in Afghanistan, the will to make peace may seem like that of an unprotected, flickering light in the gathering storm. As we cast our eyes around the world, we see the potential for catastrophe between India and Pakistan, the unending violence in the Middle East and the danger of the war against terrorism taking us into uncharted territory. But the light may be stronger than it first seems. Let us consider the world around us and welcome what little light there may be:

Northern Ireland: Against all odds, the Good Friday agreement of 1998 still holds. The ***Irish Republican Army*** has actually begun to turn in its arms, or "put them beyond use," in a process monitored by a neutral, outside authority. Sinn Fein, the political wing of the IRA, has resumed its role in the struggling new government of Northern Ireland, and in London, the British parliament has cleared the way for Sinn Fein to take its seats at Westminster if it so wishes (it doesn't as long as the rules require an oath of allegiance to the queen). But given the bloody history of Northern Ireland for the past 35 years, or indeed the ancient, tortured history of British-Irish relations, there has been remarkable progress. No doubt, there will be further terrorist incidents from splinter groups in both the nationalist and unionist camps opposed to a settlement. But the will of the great majority of people in Northern Ireland is for peace. And they will be heard.

The Middle East: It's the mother of all disputes. More than one thousand people have been killed since the Palestinian intifada began 15 months ago, the great majority of them Palestinian. But more than 200 Israelis have been killed as well, some of them in devastating suicide attacks, galvanizing the Israeli government, under intense

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popular pressure, into taking even further repressive measures against the Palestinians. Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestinian Authority, clearly has wished to use the intifada to bring greater pressure against the Israeli government to reach an equitable settlement. That hasn't worked. Arafat's apparent passivity regarding terrorist attacks by Hamas and Islamic Jihad, actions popular with impoverished and desperate Palestinians, has enraged Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who is not slow to anger. In the face of united international pressure, rare in itself, Arafat has at last begun to crack down on Hamas and Islamic Jihad, at considerable political cost to himself.

But is it too late? The Israeli government has already declared that Arafat is no longer "relevant" in the situation. That's a ploy that will not work, especially as the United States and the European Union continue to recognize Arafat's authority, as do the vast majority of Palestinians. The Israelis need to talk to someone, and that someone remains Yasser Arafat.

At this point, we are as close to the bottom line as we are likely to get. Despite dozens of targeted assassinations, Israel is nowhere near to ending the uprising or the opposition of Hamas. That requires Palestinian cooperation. In other words, Israel has learned once again that there is no military solution.

Yasser Arafat, however, is faced with the stark reality that a continued intifada, and acquiescence in the face of terrorist attacks, will not break the Israelis. For its part, the United States has re-engaged in the Middle East peace process, however ragged that process may be. Moreover, the United States has at last declared itself in favor of an independent Palestine. That's good news not only for the Palestinians but for the entire process. Security talks already have resumed between the Israelis and the Palestinians, and if Arafat can keep a lid on Hamas, we may see more substantive talks in January.

Afghanistan and the war on terror: The war has gone remarkably well. We have rid Afghanistan -- and the world -- of an obscurantist government that visited great harm upon its people, especially women. It was a government, moreover, that had become a tool of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist network, and therefore a danger to the entire world. At this point, we have not yet found bin Laden and are not sure if he is dead or alive. It is by no means a sure bet that we will ever find bin Laden, a worrisome prospect. Nor have we yet destroyed al-Qaida. But we are well on our way to doing so, and in this we have earned the support, sometimes grudging, of most of the world.

Moreover, there is now an interim government for the next six months, as well as a British-led international security force that may grow to some 5,000 troops. The escape of al-Qaida fighters into Kashmir, however, has the potential to escalate the often violent dispute between India and Pakistan. What we need to do is to proceed cautiously and forcefully, not expanding the war to such problematical targets as Iraq unless the evidence is overwhelming. The Iraqis suffer from both an oppressive government and a tough embargo. In the flush of victory in Afghanistan, the United States should not make their plight any worse.

India and Pakistan: In the wake of the militant Muslim attack on the Indian Parliament, in which 15 people were killed, relations between India and Pakistan are at the flash point. The situation is made worse by the infiltration of escaping al-Qaida fighters into Kashmir. In fact, the crisis between the two countries may be the most dangerous in the world at the moment. Both are nuclear powers with the ability to make a nuclear strike against each other. Pakistan is our vital ally in the war in Afghanistan, but India is the world's largest democracy and in the long run our more important strategic partner.

India now speaks of both war and peace in an effort to get at the terrorist bases in Pakistan from which the attack in New Delhi was carried out. So far, India has held back, and that's a good sign. If the will for peace is strong enough, this crisis too can pass. The memory of those troops in the trenches in 1914 is still with us.

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TOP STORIES:

UKRAINE-ELECTION: Yushchenko appeals to Supreme Court to declare election invalid

KIEV, Ukraine - Opposition candidate Viktor Yushchenko files an appeal with Ukraine's Supreme Court to declare the election results invalid, the Interfax news agency reports. The tens of thousands of protesters in Kiev's freezing central square get a boost from the visiting Lech Walesa, who declares himself "amazed" by their enthusiasm and predicts the protest will succeed. BC-EU-POL--UKRAINE-ELECTIONS. Moved. By Anna Melnichuk. AP Photos XAZ108; MOSB101, 104.

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- BC-EU-GEN--EU-RUSSIA. THE HAGUE, Netherlands - Russia-EU summit likely to be overshadowed by dispute over Ukraine election. Update developing from afternoon news conference. By Steve Gutterman.

- BC-EU-GEN--PUTIN'S PATH. THE HAGUE, Netherlands - Russian president Vladimir Putin challenges the West with support for Ukraine candidate. Moved. By Steve Gutterman.

- BC-EU-GEN--GERMANY-UKRAINE. BERLIN - Germany's foreign minister urges both sides in Ukraine's election crisis to avoid violence and suggests that a rerun of the disputed presidential poll might help establish a "national consensus."

IRAN-NUCLEAR: Key meeting of U.N. nuclear watchdog agency convenes on Iran

VIENNA, Austria - Iran has exempted some centrifuges from a total freeze of uranium enrichment and related activities, the head of the U.N. atomic watchdog agency says, in comments suggesting Tehran's apparent intention to roll back on its commitments. BC-EU-GEN--UN-NUCLEAR AGENCY. Moved. By George Jahn. AP Photo XHS110.

ROME - A magnitude 5.2 earthquake shakes northern Italy overnight, injuring about nine people and damaging scores of buildings, officials say. Hundreds of people fled their homes and poured into the streets. BC-EU-GEN--ITALY-EARTHQUAKE. Moved.

BRUSSELS, Belgium - The European Union's monitoring center for drugs and drug addiction releases its annual report for 2003 on the use of drugs across the 25-nation bloc, and is expected to stress that the use of soft drugs like marijuana is still rising. BC-EU-GEN--EU-DRUGS. By 1300GMT. By Allecia Vermillion.

EUROPE AT 1200GMT EDITORS: The following is a digest of Europe's top general news,

TRIPOLI, Libya - President Jacques Chirac holds a second day of talks with Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi. He is the latest in a string of leaders hoping to carve out deals in oil-rich Libya since it threw off its mantle of rogue state. BC-AF-GEN--LIBYA-FRANCE. Moved. By Christine Ollivier. AP Photos.

BRUSSELS, Belgium - King Abdullah II of Jordan visits EU headquarters to sign a new aid agreement and to prod Europe into doing more to boost Middle East peace efforts. BC-EU-GEN--EU-JORDAN. Update by 1430GMT. By Constant Brand.

BELGRADE, Serbia-Montenegro - The Serbian prime minister promises cooperation with the U.N. war crimes tribunal following accusations by the chief U.N. war crimes prosecutor that he is blocking the arrest and extradition of Serb suspects. BC-EU-GEN--SERBIA-WAR CRIMES. Moved. By Dusan Stojanovic.

LONDON - Efforts to combat diseases such as malaria, AIDS, tuberculosis and polio in the developing world are being thwarted by a critical shortage of 4 million health care workers, a new report finds. Money is beginning to flow for health programs in poor countries and drugs, vaccines and technologies are now more available than ever, but all of that is of little use without the health workers to deliver the care, finds the report outlined this week in The Lancet medical journal. BC-EU-MED--HEALTH WORKER CRISIS; HRF. By 1600GMT, EMBARGOED until 0001 GMT Friday. By Emma Ross.

LISBON, Portugal - Seven people accused of involvement in an alleged child sex ring at a state-run children's home go on trial after a two-year police investigation whose findings stunned Portugal. BC-EU-GEN--PORTUGAL-CHILD SEX TRIAL. Moved. By Barry Hatton. AP Photos.

VIENNA, Austria - Many of Europe's African immigrants are subjecting their young daughters to ritual genital mutilation, and authorities are doing little to discourage it, a leading women's rights activist warns. BC-EU-GEN--EUROPE-GENITAL MUTILATION. By 1400GMT. By William J. Kole. AP Photo planned.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland - British army experts defuse a firebomb discovered in a central Belfast department store, police says, in the latest sign that Irish Republican Army dissidents are targeting the city's bustling pre-Christmas shopping season. BC-EU-GEN--NIRELAND-FIREBOMBS. Moved.

MOSCOW - The chief financial officer for Russia's embattled oil giant Yukos says he has delayed his return to Moscow indefinitely after Russian prosecutors summoned him for questioning. Bruce Misamore, a U.S. citizen, is in London along with Yukos chief executive Steven Theede and other Yukos managers who attended a company meeting earlier this week. BC-EU-FIN--RUSSIA-OIL FIGHT. Moved. By Alex Nicholson.

TALLINN, Estonia - Two people are killed and three injured in the northern outskirts of the Estonian capital when a man blows himself up after taking a police officer hostage, police say. The explosion is a rare example of violence in a Baltic state known more for its tourism, inexpensive spirits and high tech know-how. BC-EU-GEN--ESTONIA-BOMBING. Developing. By Jari Tanner.

BERLIN - Markets drive the U.S. dollar to another all-time low against the euro, with the European currency climbing above US\$1.32 for the first time. BC-EU-FIN-MKT--EURO-DOLLAR. Moved. By Geir Moulson.

LUXEMBOURG - A European Union judge says he will continue to take into account testimony from the EU's biggest former allies in its antitrust case against Microsoft Corp., an indication their desertion would not affect the case. BC-EU-FIN--EU-MICROSOFT. Moved. By Raf Casert.

LONDON - Shares in European online travel retailer lastminute.com PLC sink by 13 percent after the company reports losses well below its own predictions and market expectations. Lastminute.com reported a loss of 76.9 million pounds (US\$145.2 million, [euro]110.5 million) for the 12 months to Sept. 30, 2004, down from a loss of 47.6 million pounds for the corresponding period of 2003. BC-EU-FIN-COM--BRITAIN-LASTMINUTE. Moved. By Jane Wardell.

BELGRADE, Serbia-Montenegro - A murky sale of Serbia's largest state-owned water bottling and beverage company to an NBA basketball star triggers another political crisis in the troubled Balkan republic. A small coalition

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party threatens to quit the shaky Cabinet while state attorney orders investigation that could result in criminal charges. BC-EU-FIN-ECO--SERBIA'S PRIVATIZATION. By 1300GMT. By Misha Savic.

DOLLAR'S DECLINE: Weak dollar is a nightmare for cuckoo clock makers too

BERLIN - For every cent the U.S. dollar drops, life gets harder for Germany's Black Forest cuckoo clock makers. Their best customers are Americans enchanted by the hand-carved oak leaves, squirrels, doves and stag's horns on their creations - but the dollar's steep decline against the euro has gouged customers with dollars in their pockets and forced the 12 companies that make them in this area to cut production by a third. It's just one example of the cascading global impact of the weak dollar - on the movements of tourists and the fortunes of businesses, investors and governments. BC-EU-FIN--WEAK DOLLAR BLUES. By 1500GMT. By David McHugh.

ROMANIA'S CHALLENGE: Romanians at crossroads in key elections as nation scrambles to join the EU

BUCHAREST, Romania - When Romanians vote for their next president this weekend, they face a choice between the forces of the past - secretive, shady, but oddly reliable - and the promise of the future - Western-looking, dynamic, yet inexperienced. The two main candidates offer a study in contrasts that illustrates just how violently the nation is being pulled in two directions as they pick the leader who most likely take Romania into the European Union in 2007. BC-EU-GEN--ROMANIA'S CHALLENGE. By 1400GMT. By Alison Mutler. AP Photos.

OLIVER STONE: Filmmaker Oliver Stone set to receive "Bronze Horse" film award

STOCKHOLM, Sweden - It's dubbed the world's heaviest film prize, but despite weighing seven kilograms (16 pounds), the Bronze Horse awarded annually by the Stockholm International Film Festival is a desired trophy to get. American director Oliver Stone will receive the prize this week for his challenging and often politically charged films. BC-EU-A&E-MOV--SWEDEN-OLIVER STONE. News conference scheduled for 1400GMT. By Mattias Karen. AP Photo planned. AP Photo.

CRICKET: Zimbabwe rescinds journalists' ban in bid to save England cricket tour

HARARE, Zimbabwe - Zimbabwe reverses its decision not to allow 13 British journalists into the country in a bid to save England's stalled cricket tour. The government's Information Department has now cleared all 55 journalists who applied for accreditation to cover the tour, the state-run Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corp. reports. BC-EU-SPT-CRK--ZIMBABWE-ENGLAND. Moved.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Sunday, Romania holds presidential and parliamentary elections.

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College-Age Prince Attracts More Limelight

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Shock horror! A teenage boy finds leggy blondes attractive! He has been known to smoke the odd cigarette or two! He suffers from hangovers after boisterous parties! He loves cars and wants a motorcycle! He hasn't decided what he wants to do when he grows up!

The parents of most 19-year-old boys would be breathing a sigh of relief - "Phew, is that all?" But when the 19-year-old boy is second in line to the British throne, even the most commonplace of pleasures becomes whipped up into a frenzy of tabloid headlines.

Last week, Britain's Prince William found his life the subject of intense media speculation once more with the publication of a much-disputed book, "Diana's Boys: William and Harry and the Mother They Loved."

Among other things, the book portrays the young prince as a "one-man wrecking crew" among the girls. "Is Playboy Prince a Sex Machine?" screamed the tabloids, recalling for some early stories about his uncle Prince Andrew and - difficult as it may be to believe now - his own father.

Even the news that Diana's butler had been arrested for theft and that Queen Elizabeth is reported to be warming to the idea of a marriage between Prince Charles and his sweetheart, Camilla Parker Bowles, couldn't compete with new and juicy gossip about William and his brother, Harry, 16.

The Prince's Ladies

Author Christopher Andersen names William's closest girlfriends as glamorous English aristocrats Davina Duckworth-Chad and Emilia "Milly" d'Erlanger, and claims the prince has at the same time been enjoying a "steamy" e-mail correspondence with model and presidential niece Lauren Bush. (She denied this to The Washington Post in May.) Andersen claims there was plenty of "bed-hopping" in William's year off before college, when he visited Chile on behalf of the charity Raleigh International.

Spokesmen for the royal family reacted quickly, dismissing the claims as "utterly contemptible" and "ludicrous allegations." Andersen himself says the newspapers have blown it all out of proportion, and says he sees his book as a "tribute" to the boys and their mother.

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So, fact or fantasy? The one thing we can be sure about is that since his mother's death four years ago, His Royal Highness Prince William Arthur Philip Louis - or "Will Wales," as he has chosen to be known until he completes his education - has tried to tell us as little as possible about his life.

The British media have abided by a gentleman's agreement to stay away from William and Harry while they finish their schooling. But now that William is due to start undergraduate studies at the University of St Andrews in Scotland, that protection may dissipate.

Andersen's book, published in New York by William Morrow, isn't for sale in the United Kingdom, but quotes from it - and the palace reaction - have been published by media in Britain and elsewhere.

"There is an enormous fascination with William and Harry in America," royal historian and biographer Robert Lacey said. "It's thought of as on a parallel with John F. Kennedy Jr., but in fact it's even more than that. It's as if Marilyn Monroe had had children."

Interest in the young man whom unauthorized royal biographer Kitty Kelley has dubbed "half movie star, half rock star and ... probably the saving grace of the monarchy" is currently at fever pitch. When it was announced that he was going to St Andrews, admission applications rose by 44 percent - 90 percent of the increase accounted for by young women.

A Tumultuous Home Life

William and Harry, Diana once said, "are my one splendid achievement." The poignant sight of the two princes bravely walking behind their mother's coffin moved many. There were fears about what would happen to the two, who had lived most of their lives in the all-out verbal warfare that was their parents' failed marriage.

At 9, William was passing tissues under the bathroom door to soothe his sobbing mother; when Harry was 9, his father went on national television to discuss his infidelity with longtime mistress Parker Bowles. Diana was revealed as a bulimic self-harmer who had had affairs herself; Charles coldly shut himself away from his wife's grief. Royal watchers speculated that it would be a surprise if the boys turned out even halfway normal, coming from a family that one journalist called "the maddest since the Munsters." And all that was before their mother's life was tragically cut short.

Four years later, Andersen's book and other press reports make the princes sound far more than halfway normal (with the proviso that these, like most "inside" revelations from the palace, are basically uncheckable). They are close to their father and have accepted his relationship with Parker Bowles. William and Harry are devoted to each other, even if Harry is determined to outdo his older brother on the ski slope and polo field.

Of course, there are the inevitable rumors about William's love life. Andersen claims that in Chile, more than once "William's bodyguards reportedly looked the other way while he was locked in a passionate embrace with a female volunteer." Andersen also suggests William was seen spending the night in a tent with two women, "one blonde, one brunette."

Kelley, appearing on "Larry King Live," summed up what many might have felt when she retorted: "Christopher, I think you'd have a worldwide exclusive if you told us that this glorious-looking young man joined a celibate Benedictine monk abbey."

Not that there haven't been more serious risks. Five high-profile aristocrats in William's circle have been caught taking drugs - among them Tom Parker Bowles (Camilla's son) and Tara Palmer-Tomkinson (the daughter of close friends of Charles) - but there's no suggestion William has used drugs. The worst that's been said is that he had a massive hangover after one New Year's Eve and that he apparently smokes, a habit that Andersen speculates would have enraged his mother.

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Andersen also claims that in the last year William has been at the center of as many as 20 security scares involving such terrorist groups as the Real IRA, a radical offshoot of the **Irish Republican Army**. The severity of these threats is as yet unclear.

Focused On Tradition

But, said Lacey - author of "Royal: The Lives of the House of Windsor," to be published next year to commemorate the queen's Golden Jubilee - for all the tales of nightclubs and wild living, the real William is very different. A military career is by far the most realistic option, he believes.

"He's a very traditional straight kind of guy," Lacey said. "It's often forgotten that he began his gap year [between high school and college] with the Welsh Guards in Belize. He likes that sort of thing. And the army would give him the privacy he wants."

Andersen reports that William told one volunteer: "I rather like American girls. ... I can easily see myself marrying one." But most royal watchers in Britain say he's far more likely to stick with "his own sort" - aristocrats he's known for years - terrified as he is that he could be set up by the press. William is said to have a real disdain for the media. Two years ago, he skipped a skiing vacation rather than face intrusion by the paparazzi.

"My own particular reading of the situation is that the queen and Prince Charles are very permissive," Lacy said, "and that the boys have responded to that by taking on the traditional aspects of the royal family, happy to take on their duties and at ease with their destiny."

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(C) Prince William stands in for his father at a charity dinner attended by model Claudia Schiffer. Brother Harry also was there.

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MACEDONIA: Peace talks marred by police raid on Albanian rebels that killed five

OHRID, Macedonia Negotiations between the government and ethnic Albanian leaders on a comprehensive peace settlement resume despite a police raid that kills five insurgents. MACEDONIA. Developing. By Misha Savic. AP Photos XSI101, 103.

US-CLONING: Scientists discuss implications of human cloning

WASHINGTON Citing widespread confusion about human cloning and the complex ethical issues it raises, the United States' National Academy of Sciences brings an international panel of scientists together for a discussion of the technology and where it may be heading. US-CLONING. Developing; Meeting underway. By Randolph E. Schmid.

EUROPE:

NORTHERN IRELAND: Government still in danger of collapse despite IRA offer

BELFAST, Northern Ireland Protestant leader David Trimble warns that his Ulster Unionist Party won't keep Northern Ireland's power-sharing government afloat unless the ***Irish Republican Army*** starts to disarm. The effort to sustain the 20-month-old coalition hits another snag as the largest Catholic party rejects plans for police reform. NORTHERN IRELAND. Lead expected by 1500 GMT. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Graphic NORTHERN IRELAND CHRONO.

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EUROPE-ECONOMY: Gloomy news from Germany ominous for Europe

FRANKFURT, Germany Europe is hit with more economic bad news as signs of rising unemployment and slumping industrial output in Germany threaten to push the region's economic motor closer to recession. The latest figures cast doubt on upbeat forecasts that Europe will mount a rebound in the second half of the year, and suggest the region's manufacturing sector could soon be mired in meltdown. EUROPE-ECONOMY. Expected 1600 GMT. By Hans Greimel.

UN-RACISM: Israeli official says anti-Jewish language remains in racism paper

GENEVA A key Israeli official expresses deep concern over the failure of negotiators to remove anti-Jewish language from a declaration being prepared for the World Conference Against Racism. UN-RACISM. Has moved. By Alexander G. Higgins.

ROMANIA-MINE ACCIDENT: Explosion kills 14 Romanian coal miners

VULCAN, Romania A methane gas explosion deep in a coal mine in western Romania kills at least 14 miners and injures two others in the country's worst mining accident in more than a decade. ROMANIA-MINE ACCIDENT. Lead expected by 1700 GMT. By Horatiu Hulea.

FRANCE-RAVES: Concern growing about raves following violence and deaths

PAULE, France To the young, they are free-for-alls of drug-induced revelry and thumping techno beats in bucolic French countryside. To President Jacques Chirac, they are a growing problem. Rave parties have been around for about a decade in Europe. But with property damage increasing and five rave-related deaths in a year, they are drawing the attention of France's political establishment. FRANCE-REGULATING RAVES. Expected by 1700 GMT. By Jamey Keaten. AP Photos.

AMERICAS:

ARGENTINA-PRAYING FOR JOBS: Tens of thousands pay homage to Argentina's patron saint of work

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BOLIVIA-PRESIDENT: No shortage of challenges for Bolivia's new president

SUCRE, Bolivia With just one year to prove himself to Bolivians, Jorge Quiroga will be fighting the clock to confront challenges plentiful enough to fill a full five-year presidential term. BOLIVIA-PRESIDENT. Has moved. Quiroga to officially assume presidency at 2000 GMT. By Vanessa Arrington. AP Photos SUC124-125.

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MACEDONIA: NATO pledges to disarm rebels, if peace and amnesty agreed

OHRID, Macedonia Macedonia's leaders get assurances from NATO Secretary General Lord Robertson that ethnic Albanian rebels will be fully disarmed, provided a lasting peace settlement is concluded first, Macedonian negotiators say. MACEDONIA. Has moved to some points. By Misha Savic. AP Photos XSI101, 103; XBG101-102

US-CLONING: Researchers clash over safety of human cloning

WASHINGTON Researchers clash over the safety of human cloning, just a week after U.S. legislators banned the procedure. Some claim it would produce abnormal babies, while others defend their plans to make genetic duplicates of people using the same technique that produced the sheep named Dolly. US-CLONING. Lead expected by 1900 GMT. By Paul Recer.

EUROPE:

NORTHERN IRELAND: Government still in danger of collapse despite IRA offer

BELFAST, Northern Ireland Protestant leader David Trimble warns that his Ulster Unionist Party won't keep Northern Ireland's power-sharing government afloat unless the Irish Republican Army starts to disarm. NORTHERN IRELAND. Has moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Graphic NORTHERN IRELAND CHRONO.

EUROPE-ECONOMY: Gloomy news from Germany ominous for Europe

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FRANKFURT, Germany Europe is hit with more economic bad news as signs of rising unemployment and slumping industrial output in Germany threaten to push the region's economic motor closer to recession. The latest figures cast doubt on upbeat forecasts that Europe will mount a rebound in the second half of the year. EUROPE-ECONOMY. Has moved. By Hans Greimel.

VATICAN-HOLOCAUST: Vatican cries foul over probe into actions of Pope Pius XII

VATICAN CITY The Vatican accuses some Jewish historians on a special commission investigating the actions of Pope Pius XII during the Holocaust of mounting a "slandorous campaign" against the Catholic church. VATICAN-HOLOCAUST. Lead expected by 1800 GMT. By Victor L. Simpson.

ITALY-SUMMIT FALLOUT: Fearing violence, Naples mayor wants NATO summit put off

ROME As the political fallout from last month's violence-marred Group of Eight summit shows no sign of letup, the mayor of Naples seeks to put off a NATO summit in September because of security concerns. ITALY-SUMMIT FALLOUT. Has moved. By Alessandra Rizzo.

UN-RACISM: Israeli official says anti-Jewish language remains in racism paper

GENEVA A key Israeli official expresses deep concern over the failure of negotiators to remove anti-Jewish language from a declaration being prepared for the World Conference Against Racism. UN-RACISM. Has moved. By Alexander G. Higgins.

FRANCE-RAVES: Concern growing about raves following violence and deaths

PAULE, France To the young, they are free-for-alls of drug-induced revelry and thumping techno beats in bucolic French countryside. To President Jacques Chirac, they are a growing problem. With property damage increasing and five deaths in a year, rave parties are drawing the attention of France's political establishment. FRANCE-REGULATING RAVES. Has moved. By Jamey Keaten. AP Photos PAR101-103.

AMERICAS:

US-RUSSIA: U.S.-Russian arms talks under way at Pentagon

WASHINGTON U.S. and Russian officials, seeking a post-Cold War formula for arms control, open talks on how to reduce offensive nuclear forces and whether to lift a three-decade ban on national missile defenses. US-RUSSIA. Lead expected by 2000 GMT. By Robert Burns.

US-OBIT-MINH: Former president of South Vietnam dies after fall at home

PASADENA, California Gen. Duong Van Minh, president of South Vietnam for just a few days before the country fell to Communist invaders in 1975, has died. He was 86. US-OBIT-MINH. Has moved. By Greg Risling. AP Photo LA109.

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SUCRE, Bolivia Vice President Jorge Quiroga officially assumes Bolivia's presidency, taking over the reins of government from Hugo Banzer, who resigned Monday in an emotional ceremony because of his battle with cancer. BOLIVIA-PRESIDENT. Quiroga to officially assume presidency at 2000 GMT. By Vanessa Arrington. AP Photos SUC124-125.

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BRITAIN-EXPLOSION: Explosion reported near London railway station

LONDON Glass litters a west London street and smoke pours from the mangled wreck of a car early Friday in the wake of an explosion blamed on *Irish Republican Army* dissidents that shatters a busy area of pubs and cafes and injures six people. BRITAIN-EXPLOSION. Has moved. AP Photos LON101, 104-105.

EUROPE:

WAR CRIMES: U.N. tribunal finds Bosnian Serb general guilty of genocide.

THE HAGUE, Netherlands Breaking new ground, the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal convicts a Bosnian Serb general of genocide for the murder of up to 8,000 Muslims in the U.N.-protected enclave of Srebrenica in 1995. It is the first genocide conviction in Europe since World War II. Gen. Radislav Krstic is sentenced to 46 years in prison. WAR CRIMES-GENOCIDE. Lead has moved. By Anthony Deutsch. AP Photo AMS102, 105, NY191-192.

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MACEDONIA: Hard-liner pledges to crush ethnic Albanian insurgents regardless of peace talks

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OHRID, Macedonia A hard-line Macedonian leader is pledging to crush an ethnic Albanian insurgency regardless of Western-brokered peace efforts to end a crisis in this Balkan country. MACEDONIA. Recap has moved. By Misha Savic. AP Photos XSI101-102, 104-105.

RUSSIA-NKOREA: North Korean leader to arrive in Moscow after high-profile rail journey across Russia

MOSCOW North Korean leader Kim Jong Il was to arrive in Moscow on Friday, nine days after leaving his reclusive country by train on a high-profile journey expected to renew an alliance with Russia and affect the security agenda on the volatile Korean peninsula. RUSSIA-NKOREA-KIM. Has moved. By Paul Shin.

RUSSIA-JAILED STUDENT: Russian court set to consider U.S. student's parole

ROSSOSH, Russia A Russian court is set Friday to consider the parole recommendation of John Tobin, an American Fulbright scholar serving a one-year sentence on drug charges. If the decision of a prison commission is approved by the court, Tobin could walk free the same day. RUSSIA-JAILED STUDENT. Has moved. By Jim Heintz.

MIDDLE EAST:

ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS: Sharon scales back peace goals, Arafat accuses Israel of planning escalation

JERUSALEM After 10 months of violence, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon does not believe a full peace is possible with the Palestinians and is aiming for less, while Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat accuses Sharon's government of plotting escalation. ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Recap has moved. By Mark Lavie. AP Photos XJL102, GAZ102.

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MIDEAST-HUMAN SHIELDS. BEIT JALLA, West Bank Ronald Forthofer from Colorado cowered with a family of Palestinians in the back bedroom of their home as Israeli machine gun fire and tank shelling shattered the night. Has moved. AP Photos JRL106, 111.

AFRICA:

CONGO: Congo marks third anniversary of war

KINSHASA, Congo Congo's capital counted three cemeteries when its six-nation war broke out Aug. 2, 1998; today, with millions of people across warring Congo cut off from food and medicine, there are 11 graveyards and none has room. CONGO-UNENDED WAR. Expected by 1900 GMT. By Arnaud Zajtman. AP Photos NY194-195.

RWANDA: Rwandan defense chief say rebels crushed in northwest, but still a threat

KIGALI, Rwanda The Rwandan army has crushed attempts by Hutu militiamen to cross into northwestern Rwanda from neighboring Congo, but the rebels still pose a threat in southwestern provinces, the defense minister says. Col. Emmanuel Habyarimana says about 1,800 rebels have been killed during incursions since May, and that the army has lost fewer than 15 men. RWANDA-REBEL THREAT. Has moved. By Rodrique Ngowi.

ASIA:

PHILIPPINES-KIDNAPPING: Police chief says Abu Sayyaf guerrillas seize Filipino hostages in raid on village, behead five

MANILA, Philippines A band of Muslim extremist guerrillas raid a southern Philippine village and seize 16 Filipinos then behead five of them, a police chief says Friday. PHILIPPINES-KIDNAPPING. Has moved. By Dirk Beveridge.

THAILAND: Gas project harbinger of prosperity or destroyer of livelihoods?

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TALINGCHAN, Thailand Fishermen fear that their way of life, which has sustained this village for centuries, could disappear because of a plan to extract natural gas from the Gulf of Thailand and transport it to neighboring Malaysia via a pipeline through Talingchan. THAILAND-PIPELINE DILEMMA. Has moved. By Busaba Sivasomboon. AP Photos NY421-424.

JAPAN-FUJIMORI: Japan says Fujimori arrest order will be handled according to domestic law

TOKYO An international arrest warrant for Peruvian ex-President Alberto Fujimori, who is exiled in Japan, will be handled according to domestic Japanese law, a Foreign Ministry official says Friday. JAPAN-FUJIMORI. Has moved. By Kozo Mizoguchi.

THAILAND-THAKSIN: Official says Constitutional Court to vote on prime minister's case Friday

BANGKOK, Thailand Thailand's Constitutional Court will give a verdict Friday on the assets concealment case that could force Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra from office, the court secretary says. THAILAND-THAKSIN. Has moved. By Busaba Sivasomboon.

AMERICAS:

PUERTO RICO: U.S. Navy fires rubber bullets, protesters fire flare as bombing resumes on Vieques

VIEQUES, Puerto Rico Gunships pound the firing range on the Puerto Rican island of Vieques as opponents pleaded for an end to the bombing and some debated whether Puerto Rico should altogether retire its role as an outlying 400-year-old military outpost. PUERTO RICO-VIEQUES. Has moved. By Marcelo Ballve. AP Photos VIQ101-102, VQ504.

ARGENTINA: U.S. expresses support for speeded IMF loans to Argentina

WASHINGTON The U.S. government signals its support for accelerating new loans to Argentina, which is struggling to contain a financial crisis. A top Treasury Department official heads to Argentina for emergency meetings Friday and Saturday with Argentine officials. US-ARGENTINA. Has moved. By Martin Crutsinger.

BUSINESS and FINANCE:

WALL STREET: Stocks higher on profit-taking

NEW YORK Taking few chances in a still uncertain economy, investors cash in their profits but also do some selective buying, giving stocks a moderate advance. US-CLOSING STOCKS. Has moved. By Lisa Singhanian.

PEPSICO-QUAKER: PepsiCo completes purchase of Quaker Oats

NEW YORK Soft drink and snack food giant PepsiCo Inc. completes its dlr\$ 13.6 billion purchase of Quaker Oats Co., a day after federal regulators cleared the deal amid concerns it could hurt consumers. US-PEPSICO-QUAKER. Has moved. By Alan Clendenning.

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LOOKING AHEAD: On Sunday, Iranian President Mohammad Khatami takes oath of office for second term.

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UN-ARMS-MANUFACTURERS: Key arms manufacturers agree on weapon control
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UNITED NATIONS Key arms manufacturers in the United States and Europe have quietly agreed to adopt regulations on marking and tracing small arms, The Associated Press has learned. Diplomats say the agreement will help curb illegal trafficking, regardless of the outcome of a two-week U.N. conference on the subject. UN-ARMS-MANUFACTURERS. Expected by 1600 GMT. By Edith M. Lederer.

BOSNIA: Amid tight security, Muslim survivors commemorate anniversary of massacre

SREBRENICA, Bosnia-Herzegovina Amid tight security, thousands of Bosnian Muslims who survived one of the worst massacres in recent history tearfully return to the scene to remember the slaughter of up to 8,000 of their loved ones. Weeping women who lost their husbands and sons lash out at Slobodan Milosevic and the fugitive former leaders of the Bosnian Serbs. BOSNIA-SREBRENICA. Lead expected by 1600 GMT. By Radul Radovanovic. AP Photos XSR101-102.

EUROPE:

NORTHERN IRELAND: Marathon talks keep pressure on Sinn Fein over disarmament

WESTON-UNDER-LIZARD, England With no breakthrough in sight, the British and Irish prime ministers plan a temporary halt to their efforts to preserve Northern Ireland's joint Catholic-Protestant government. They'll try again Friday, but the Irish Republican Army's allies in the Sinn Fein party say there will be no disarmament unless Britain provides clear plans for military cutbacks and police reform. NORTHERN IRELAND. Expected by 1800 GMT. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photos XAG103, LON102.

WITH:

CONFLICT ON PARADE. BELFAST, Northern Ireland In a conflict whose weapons of choice have traditionally been guns, bombs and mortars, the Orange Order is once again rolling out its peculiar arsenal: bowler hats, white gloves and insignia-encrusted orange sashes. By Laura King.

FRANCE: Chirac's daughter questioned in scandal involving cash payments for trips

PARIS President Jacques Chirac's daughter is questioned in a mounting scandal involving cash-for-airline tickets for Chirac and his entourage while he was Paris mayor in the 1990s. **FRANCE-CORRUPTION.** Lead expected by 1800 GMT. By Clar Ni Chonghaile.

YUGOSLAVIA: Yugoslav president warns against breakup of the country

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia Yugoslavia's final breakup which could come amid a government crisis and a renewed independence drive in one of its two republics could jeopardize stability across the region, President Vojislav Kostunica warns. **YUGOSLAVIA-POLITICS.** Has moved. By Jovana Gec.

RUSSIA-OLYMPICS-PROTEST: Police break up Tibetan protest against Chinese Olympic bid

MOSCOW Two days before the International Olympic Committee vote on the host city for the 2008 Games, Russian police break up a Tibetan protest against front-runner China and detain eight people, including two journalists. **RUSSIA-OLYMPICS-PROTEST.** Lead expected by 1600 GMT. By Jim Heintz. AP Photo MOSB108.

RUSSIA-NUCLEAR WASTE: Putin seeks compromise over nuclear fuel reprocessing law

MOSCOW President Vladimir Putin tries to strike a compromise between supporters and opponents of a plan to import other nations' spent nuclear fuel for reprocessing, signing the plan into law but appointing a public council that will have the final word over whether Russia should receive the waste. **RUSSIA-NUCLEAR WASTE.** Expected by 1500 GMT. By Anatoly Medetsky. AP Photo MOSB110.

GERMANY-KOHL'S WIFE: Germans mourn Kohl's wife at memorial service

SPEYER, Germany To strains of organ music at an ancient cathedral, Germans bid farewell to former first lady Hannelore Kohl, who killed herself because of a disease that had confined her to darkness for months. **GERMANY-KOHL'S WIFE.** By Hans Greimel. AP Photos XSPE101-104,106.

BLOOD THINNER: New anti-clotting pill could be safer to take, research shows

LONDON A new blood-thinning pill seems to work at least as well as the standard treatments at warding off blood clots, but kicks in more quickly and could be safer and easier to take, new research indicates. **MED-NEW BLOOD THINNER.** Expected by 1700 GMT. By Emma Ross.

MIDEAST:

ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS: Pregnant woman loses baby after being blocked at military checkpoint

JERUSALEM A pregnant Palestinian woman, barred from passing an Israeli military checkpoint, gives birth in her car to a boy who dies before reaching a clinic. Israel, meanwhile, credits its tough security measures for the dramatic capture of a would-be suicide bomber on the street just as he was preparing to detonate his explosives. **ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS.** Expected by 1600 GMT. By Greg Myre. A Photos

WITH:

ISRAEL-CHURCH DISPUTE. JERUSALEM The Greek Orthodox Church angrily accuses Israel of meddling after Prime Minister Ariel Sharon disqualifies one-third of the candidates, including one of the frontrunners, in the election for the church's next top clergyman. By Ibrahim Hazboun. AP Photos staffing.

AMERICAS:

JAMAICA-VIOLENCE: Hoteliers worry that violence will scare tourists away

MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica Along the beaches of Jamaica's north coast, cruise ships come to port and tourists sun themselves with little concern for violence that has left at least 22 people dead. Hoteliers, however, worry the killing will keep tourists away. JAMAICA-VIOLENCE. Expected by 1900 GMT. By Ian James. AP Photos staffing.

AFRICA:

AFRICAN SUMMIT: African leaders say cooperation can bring prosperity

LUSAKA, Zambia Leaders from across Africa express optimism that continent-wide cooperation could lift their countries out of the plague of poverty. The leaders are speaking at the final summit of the Organization of African Unity, which is to be replaced by the African Union, envisioned as a stronger, closer-knit grouping. AFRICAN SUMMIT. Has moved. By Susanna Loof. AP Photos staffing.

THREATENED CITY: Dam threatens ancient city of Djenne

BAMAKO, Mali Villagers battle a dam they say threatens survival of the mud-mosqued city of Djenne, a millennia-old rival of Timbuktu on the Sahara's old gold and salt routes. U.S. researchers echo the warnings for the U.N. World Heritage site. MALI-THREATENED CITY. Expected by 1900 GMT. By Said Penda. AP Photo NY191.

ASIA:

KOREA-SEX SLAVES: Time running out for former sex slaves demanding Japanese apology

SEOUL, South Korea Every Wednesday for the past year, 73-year-old Kang Il-chool has trekked to the Japanese Embassy to demand an apology and compensation for the repeated rapes she says she suffered at Japanese military brothels during World War II. Now she fears time is running out. SKOREA-JAPAN-SEX SLAVES. Has moved. By Soo-Jeong Lee.

CAMBODIA: National Assembly approves revised law on Khmer Rouge tribunal

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia Cambodia's long-awaited draft law to try former Khmer Rouge leaders for genocide clears another hurdle Wednesday, as the National Assembly approves a revision specifying life imprisonment as the heaviest penalty a proposed court could hand out. CAMBODIA-KHMER ROUGE. Has moved. By Ker Munthit. AP Photos PHN101-103.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE:

BRITAIN-MG ROVER: A year after being sold for nominal fee, car maker hopes to break even

LONDON Barely a year after changing hands for a nominal 10 pounds (dlrs 14), Britain's last independent, large-scale car maker, MG Rover, announces it has sharply curtailed its losses and expects to break even in 2002. BRITAIN-MG ROVER. Has moved. By Bruce Stanley.

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LOOKING AHEAD: On Friday, in Moscow, the International Olympic Committee announces the host city for 2008 Summer Games.

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New York Times

There is a mind-bending illogic behind the Bush administration's decision yesterday to withhold \$34 million from the United Nations Population Fund, which is working in China despite continued practices there of coerced abortion and sterilization. It is precisely because of China's reprehensible policies that the U.N. presence is important. Cutting off funds to the agency is an inexcusable sop to right-wing anti-abortion activists in an election year. It will increase the number of abortions worldwide by depriving poor women of the education and help they need and that the U.N. agency provides.

The U.N. Population Fund is the world's biggest agency focused on women's reproductive health and the only serious external force in China trying to change the way local officials hold down population growth. Last year Secretary of State Colin Powell praised its "invaluable work." Faced with accusations that the agency was complicit in Chinese misdeeds, the administration sent in a study team in May. It found no evidence that the fund knowingly supports or participates in any Chinese program that coerces abortion or sterilization. It recommended that the \$34 million requested by Congress for the agency last year be released.

Instead, the administration refused yesterday to do so because of China's continuing birth-control practices. This means that some 12.5 percent of the agency's budget is now wiped out and that vital and worthy programs like midwife training in Algeria and a new AIDS center in Haiti are suddenly without funding they need.

The administration says it will give the \$34 million instead to the Child Survival and Health Program Fund, part of the State Department's Agency for International Development. The problem is that that agency cannot duplicate the work of the U.N., which operates in dozens of countries where the United States has no aid presence. Reproductive health and freedom of women are central to the improvement of poor societies. The U.N. Population Fund is one of the most important forces at work today helping poor women. The United States should be supporting it, not undermining it.

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Washington Post

Recent events have led some people to predict that one of the world's most repressive regimes may be growing a bit less so. The generals who rule, or misrule, the Southeast Asian nation of Burma, which they call Myanmar, released from house arrest the woman who should in fact be the nation's prime minister, Aung San Suu Kyi. They have allowed her to travel a bit, and they have released from unspeakable prisons a few of her supporters. Grounds for hope, you might think.

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Then came release of a report, documented in horrifying detail, of how Burma's army uses rape as a weapon of war. The rapes take place as part of the junta's perpetual -- and, outside Burma, little-noticed -- war against ethnic nationalities, in this case in Shan state. The Shan Human Rights Foundation and Shan Women's Action Network documented 173 incidents involving 625 girls and women, some as young as five years old, taking place mostly between 1996 and 2001. Most of the rapes were perpetrated by officers, in front of their men, and with utmost brutality; one-quarter of the victims died.

What is telling is the response of the regime to the report. Rather than seeking to bring the criminals to justice, it has unleashed vitriol against the human rights organizations, accusing them of drug-running and the like. ... Burma's leaders cannot bring the criminals to justice because they are the criminals.

Later this month Secretary of State Colin Powell will travel to the region for meetings with senior officials. Earlier this month he instructed his diplomats to express outrage over the reported use of rape as a tactic of war; he should personally express the same outrage. He also should make clear that Aung San Suu Kyi -- whose democratic party won an overwhelming victory in 1990 elections that the junta nullified -- should be permitted more room to maneuver: permission to publish a newspaper, for starters. The Burmese regime should not receive rewards for cosmetic liberalization.

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Seattle Post-Intelligencer

The Irish Republican Army says it's sorry. The statement comes more than a bit late, but the apology ought to hold some value.

The IRA statement represented the group's first unmitigated apology for the deaths of hundreds of civilians since the late 1960s. The group issued the apology in advance of last weekend's 30th anniversary of a coordinated series of IRA bombings in Belfast that claimed nine lives.

To be sure, the IRA has committed a horrific number of atrocities. IRA violence has killed approximately 650 civilians among a total of some 1,800 people who have died at the organization's hands.

The IRA also said its members "acknowledge the grief" caused to surviving relatives of slain security force members and members of paramilitary organizations. Unfortunately, the IRA chose to refer to police and military victims as "combatants." To the extent that description is true, the IRA, as the prime perpetrator of the armed conflict, is largely responsible for drawing them into combat roles. The apology for civilian casualties nevertheless deserves welcome. It is a sign of progress in a conflict whose religious and ethnic roots also give pain to Americans, who have deep ties to Ireland and the United Kingdom.

Irish and British leaders greeted the statement with varying levels of acceptance and skepticism. Still, an expression of regrets certainly beats the relentless, remorseless self-justifications that accompany cycles of violence elsewhere.

If the IRA can keep its implied commitment to peaceful conduct, the apology will serve as a legitimate sign of hope about other conflicts. As America's World War II generation has demonstrated so admirably, reconciliation can follow even the most deadly warfare.

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San Diego Union-Tribune

The recent 14th annual International Conference on AIDS held in Barcelona offered the world some very grim numbers, and compelling reason to do more to reduce them.

The conference reported that about 40 million people worldwide are infected with HIV, the virus associated with AIDS. Perhaps 3 million of these will die over the next 12 months. That's 9,000 AIDS deaths each day. Add those to

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the 20 million people who have already died of the disease. An estimated 45 million more people will be infected by HIV/AIDS by 2010.

Numbers like these leave no room for doubt about the horrifying scope of this growing global pandemic. AIDS is ravaging sub-Saharan Africa, where most countries lack the money, health care systems and infrastructure to fight it effectively. Millions of Africans are already doomed to die of AIDS. Many more millions -- HIV infection rates in some African countries reach 30 percent of all young adults -- will die unless something effective is done. Moreover, AIDS is spreading elsewhere, too. India, China and Russia each are believed to have rapidly growing rates of infection. None has more than a rudimentary capability to treat those infected and slow the rate of new infections. ...

The United Nations has established a Global Fund to combat AIDS. The U.N.'s goal is \$10 billion a year in contributions. Current contributions are less than a third of that amount. Congress and the Bush administration are prepared to appropriate \$900 million for the Global Fund, which sets a credible example for other affluent countries. But money alone isn't a sufficient answer to the growing AIDS threat. Donors, international health experts and the poorer countries with the greatest AIDS problem need a strategy first.

After Barcelona, there can't be any doubt about how desperately one is needed.

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Chicago Tribune

With the nation's capital already on peak alert for terrorists, reports of a nearby invasion by alien fish capable of walking on land have rattled nerves in Washington this summer. So much so that, on Tuesday, the Bush administration is expected to announce a ban on imports of the finned beasts.

And now, as if to discourage Washingtonians from fleeing westward to escape the onslaught, comes word that a huge fish named the bighead carp, which devours so much food that it squeezes out more desirable fish, threatens to invade Lake Michigan in big numbers.

And you wonder why some people never leave the beach for the water.

The first of these unsettling critters, the northern snakehead, has the head of a serpent, the scales of a fish and the teeth of a barracuda. It can gobble up other fish, then walk on its long pectoral fins to the next pond, lake or river. Some wags have wondered whether the reptilian Frankenfish, first spotted on June 30 in a Maryland pond, might reach the nation's capital and live unnoticed among similarly troublesome lawyers, lobbyists, politicians and cable TV talk show hosts.

The snakehead is native to the Yangtze River region of China. Wildlife officials say two of the fish were obtained by a Maryland resident who dumped them into the pond two years ago after their appetites grew too large for his wallet.

Now Maryland officials face who-knows-how-much expense to get rid of snakeheads before the hungry fish crawl to the potential feast that awaits them only 75 yards away in the Little Patuxent River, which flows into Chesapeake Bay.

Interior Secretary Gail Norton is scheduled to ban the importation of 28 species of snakehead, which have been found in six other states. (No word on how this will be received by people in Thailand and Myanmar who reportedly believe each snakehead is a reincarnated sinner.) ...

With luck, wildlife experts will figure out how to eradicate the snakehead and keep the bighead carp from advancing farther north. The nation is better off with such invaders put in a hot pan with some lemon juice and a pinch of garlic.

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As for the fright these two fish have caused here on land, it could be worse. A year ago, we were all cowering in fear of shark attacks.

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Daily Oklahoman

Reports say government investigators would love to question Zacarias Moussaoui, the so-called 20th hijacker, about the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

More importantly, they'd like to know what he knows about future attacks still in the works and the al Qaida chain of command. They might get the chance.

Moussaoui, 34, capped months of bizarre behavior last week by suddenly volunteering that he was an al Qaida member and that he wanted to plead guilty to federal terrorism conspiracy charges. U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema refused to accept the plea and gave Moussaoui a week to reconsider.

The exchange set observers to chattering about Moussaoui's true intent -- as well as his sanity. ...

Any kind of plea agreement would require a proffer, a detailed summary of what Moussaoui could give in exchange. Having already plea bargained in the case of John Walker Lindh, the so-called American Taliban, government officials should tread carefully in any negotiation with this sworn enemy of the United States.

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Miami Herald

The ***Irish Republican Army***, the most murderous terrorist group in Northern Ireland's three decades of civil conflict, delivered a stunning message last week: "We offer our sincere apologies and condolences" to the families of the thousands of civilians killed and injured as a result of the IRA's actions.

The apology alone won't guarantee lasting peace where Catholics and Protestants have been warring for centuries. But it does suggest an important lesson that bodes well for the Good Friday peace process underway. "The process of conflict resolution requires the equal acknowledgment of the grief and loss of others," the IRA apology said. "We are endeavoring to fulfill this responsibility to those we have hurt."

Terrorism by any other name is still terrorism. Even worthy ends do not justify torture, bombing and killing of civilians. Such violence breeds only more violence and hate. The scars left behind become barriers to national reconciliation.

Northern Ireland's Catholic minority has had legitimate complaints, which explain the group's separatist aspirations. Most in the Protestant majority wish to remain a part of Britain. Paramilitary groups from both sides have waged bloody battle since 1968. But a shaky cease-fire has been in place for five years. As the IRA message said, "The future will not be found in denying collective failures and mistakes, or closing minds and hearts to the plight of those who have been hurt." Whatever the motive, the IRA offered welcome acknowledgment and hope for an eventual end to the violence.

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New York Newsday

The Bush administration has built a questionable reputation abroad for backing out of international treaties it doesn't like. Even when U.S. objections are valid, they carry the taint of go-it-alone-ism at a time Washington is seeking international cooperation in the war on terror.

Now comes another well-intentioned international treaty that the United States will be obliged to shun. The irony is that it would actually further U.S. national goals to join it, if it weren't for a constitutional roadblock.

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The draft treaty, released last Friday by the U.N. World Health Organization in Geneva, would set international standards for controlling the supply and marketing of cigarettes. It's a key part of WHO's campaign -- including education and curbs on tobacco smuggling - to discourage smoking across the globe in an effort to reduce tobacco --related deaths, estimated to reach 10 million annually by 2030.

The centerpiece of the proposed treaty is a ban on cigarette advertising and sports sponsorships by tobacco companies, to be enforced by the governments of all signatory nations. And here is where it gets sticky for the United States. Unlike most other nations on earth, this country's Constitution has free speech guarantees that extend, with some limitations, to commercial speech. That includes advertising. The government has pressured the tobacco industry to limit the content of its ads and curtail their appeal to young people. But most of those strictures are voluntary. Imposing a total ban on cigarette ads would be challenged on constitutional grounds, and Washington would be in a position of signing a treaty it could not enforce. That would be hypocritical.

Granted, American tobacco companies have a vested interest in weakening the treaty; their markets are growing abroad. But perhaps other nations might take heart in the example that the United States has been setting in ostracizing smokers, barring them from the workplace, restaurants and public areas - without any formal ban on ads.

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Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Committees in both houses of Congress are scheduling hearings on the Bush administration's military intentions toward Iraq, and not a moment too soon. Absent an attack on the United States that requires an immediate response, no American president should be able to take the country to war without the permission of the Congress acting in the name of the people.

A war with Iraq would be an awesome undertaking. Some 550,000 U.S. troops, supported by 31 allies, were involved in the 1990-91 war, which did not even evolve into a full-scale invasion of Iraq. Such a war would line up most Arab states against the United States. No European country -- even Britain -- is enthusiastic about such a war.

For European nations, the priority is the Arab-Israeli conflict, not Iraq. A French official told The New York Times last week that "the important thing is to build a coalition for peace in the Middle East, not to build a coalition for war in Iraq."

Also skittish is Turkey, a U.S. ally whose support would be necessary for a successful operation against Saddam. On Sunday, Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit warned the United States that "it will not be possible to get out of there that easily. President Bush is a friend of Turkey. We do not want to hurt his feelings, but it is our duty to make our concerns known."

The only country that enthusiastically supports a U.S. attack on Iraq is Israel. A war with Iraq would take the heat off Israel to resolve its problems with the Palestinians as Israel became an ally in a new Middle Eastern war. ... Whatever the genesis of the drumbeat for an Iraq war, hearings to be held by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House International Affairs Committee before the end of the summer are critical. Such proceedings are necessary if even a semblance of popular support is to be established for a war against Iraq.

What is breathtaking in the preparations for those hearings so far is the refusal of the administration to agree to send its officials to testify before the committees. What could possibly make them imagine that they can take the country to war without even telling the public why?

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WORLD at 1000 GMT:

POPE: Pope arrives in Greece to face centuries of Orthodox mistrust

ATHENS, Greece Pope John Paul II arrives in Greece for a personal pilgrimage with much wider implications: trying to heal nearly 1,000 years of discord between the Vatican and Orthodox churches. GREECE-POPE. Lead has moved. By Brian Murphy. AP Photos.

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WITH:

FEA-SYRIA-ST. PAUL. KAWKAB, Syria Father Matta Rizk stood outside his hilltop chapel, pointing to the yellowing green hills dotted with olive trees before him to the south. To the north, Damascus was barely visible through the late morning haze. Syria is on the Pope John Paul II's itinerary. Has moved. By Hamza Hendawi. AP Photo NY426.

KOREA:EU envoy says North Korea views missile technology as trade item

SEOUL, South Korea A European delegate warns that North Korean leader Kim Jong Il remains willing to export missile technology, a key obstacle to better ties between the North and the United States. SKOREA-EU. Lead has moved. By Christopher Torchia. AP Photos TOK202, 204-208.

JAPAN-NKOREA. TOKYO It wasn't military secrets, computer technology or industrial data that drew a man believed to be the son of North Korean leader Kim Jong Il to Japan this week. It was Mickey Mouse. JAPAN-NKOREA. Has moved. By Joseph Coleman. AP Photos XITS101, 102.

EUROPE:

MACEDONIA: Government launches new offensive against rebels

SKOPJE, Macedonia Government forces launch fresh offensive against ethnic Albanian rebels holding 2,000 women and children as human shields, Defense Ministry says. MACEDONIA. Lead has moved. By Konstantin Testorides.

WAR CRIMES: Tribunal set to sentence former Bosnian Serb police chief

THE HAGUE, Netherlands The U.N. war crimes tribunal passes sentence on a former Bosnian Serb police chief, reflecting a plea bargain in which he dropped allegations that he was arrested illegally by NATO-led forces. Steven

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Todorovic pleaded guilty to a single charge of persecution on political, racial and religious grounds, or what commonly became known as "ethnic cleansing," while the prosecution withdrew 26 counts that included murder and torture. WAR-CRIMES-BOSNIA. Expected by 1200 GMT. By Marcel van de Hoef.

SPACE TOURIST: Tito finds space comfortable, takes pictures and does chores

MOSCOW Dennis Tito, the first tourist in space, says he hasn't been floating into the way of the professionals aboard the international space station and has even helped lighten the crew's workload by doing chores. RUSSIA-SPACE TOURIST. Has moved. By David McHugh.

EUROPEAN COURT: Britain violated right convention

BRUSSELS, Belgium The European Court of Human Rights rules that Britain violated Europe's human rights convention by failing to carry out proper investigations into the fatal shootings of several **Irish Republican Army** members by British troops and local police in Northern Ireland. EUROPEAN COURT-NIRELAND. Developing. By Paul Ames.

MIDEAST:

IRAN: Khatami seeks another term in June 8 election

TEHRAN, Iran President Mohammad Khatami, leader of Iran's reform movement, registers to run in June 8 presidential election and promises to continue with social and political reforms if elected for another four-year term in office. IRAN. Has moved. By Afshin Valinejad.

ISRAEL: Liberal on peacemaking mission

TEL AVIV, Israel Undeterred by daily violence, leading Israeli liberal Yossi Beilin says he is working on a shadow peace settlement with the Palestinians that he hopes to present as a potential way out the bloody Mideast impasse. MIDEAST-SHADOW PEACEMAKING. Has moved. By Dan Perry. AP Photo JRL106.

CENTRAL ASIA: Karimov calls for front against Islamic guerrillas

MOSCOW Uzbek President Islam Karimov says he views Russia as his country's "strategic partner" and urges cooperation to prevent another outbreak of violence by Islamic guerrillas this summer. RUSSIA-CENTRAL ASIA. Has moved. By David McHugh.

AMERICAS:

UNITED NATIONS: U.S. loses seat on U.N. Human Rights Commission

UNITED NATIONS On the day Sudan joins the top U.N. human rights body, the United States loses the seat it has held for more than half a century. UN-HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. Recaps has moved. By Edith M. Lederer.

US-MEXICO: Bush, Fox follow up previous talks on trade, visas

WASHINGTON President George W. Bush meets with Mexican President Vicente Fox to discuss temporary visas for Mexican workers and plans for long-range energy development between Mexico, the United States and Canada. US-MEXICO. Has moved. By Sonya Ross.

AFRICA:

FERRY SINKS: Ten bodies recovered from sunken ferry

KIGALI, Rwanda Scuba divers begin pulling bodies from a capsized ferry in eastern Congo, where 10 people were confirmed dead and 100 more were feared trapped inside the vessel's submerged cabin. CONGO-FERRY SINKING. Has moved. By Rodrique Ngowi.

ASIA:

INDONESIA: Court delivers light sentences at U.N. slayings trial

JAKARTA, Indonesia An Indonesian court finds six Timorese militiamen guilty in last year's mob killings of three U.N. aid workers including a U.S. citizen and sentenced them to between 10 and 20 months in jail. INDONESIA-UN-MURDERS. Has moved. By Irwan Firdaus. AP Photos JAK101-102.

JAPAN: Palace pregnancy poses quandary for decorum-conscious press

TOKYO When the statement first came out, newspapers printed extras and TV networks aired emergency specials. After nearly eight years of marriage to the heir to Japan's ancient throne, Crown Princess Masako was pregnant. JAPAN-THE PRINCESS AND THE PRESS. Has moved. By Eric Talmadge. AP Photo TOK103.

INDIA-RUSSIA: Russian minister to discuss U.S. defense plans with Indian officials

NEW DELHI, India Visiting Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov is to hold talks Friday with his Indian counterpart Jaswant Singh on a range of bilateral issues, including the new strategic defense framework unveiled by U.S. President George W. Bush. INDIA-RUSSIA. Expected by 1500 GMT.

BUSINESS & FINANCE:

HISPANIC MARKETS: Businesses focus on Cinco de Mayo to enter Hispanic market

SAN FRANCISCO Tracking growth of the nation's Hispanic population, the Cinco de Mayo holiday has become a major opportunity for businesses targeting a largely untapped market. US-CINCO de MAYO. Has moved. By Justin Pritchard. AP Photos CAJH 101-103.

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LOOKING AHEAD: On Saturday, European Union foreign ministers meet in Sweden to discuss new members from Eastern Europe; Pope John Paul II visits Greece on May 4-5, Syria on May 5-8 and Malta on May 9.

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ARTS-VIETNAM-QUIET: Filming the Greene's "The Quiet American." AP Photos NY330-332.

ARTS-AGATHA-CELEBRATION: Palace Theater's ambitious season that will feature all 23 of her plays. AP Photo NY382

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NEW:

LEBANON-ISRAEL. Hezbollah guerrillas attack Israeli soldiers in Lebanon

ANALYSIS-AUSTRIA-THE SIEGE. Europe's response makes Haider a hero.

FEA-MARCOS SUIT. Marcos suit enters new stage.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

BELFAST, Northern Ireland The senior Protestant in Northern Ireland's impotent administration says Saturday he wants to resume power-sharing with Catholics soon, but the ***Irish Republican Army*** must spell out disarmament plans first. NORTHERN IRELAND. Has moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photos XBFT101-105.

SLEPTSOVSKAYA, Russia Russian warplanes and ground troops on Saturday batter Chechnya's southern mountains where thousands of rebels are entrenched and the Russian military claims to be strengthening its hold on strategic heights. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Lead has moved. By Andrew Kramer. AP Photos MOSB101-103. NAV102-110.

BEIRUT, Lebanon Hezbollah guerrillas mount a fresh attack against Israeli troops in southern Lebanon Saturday, a day after they killed a seventh Israeli soldier and seriously wounded another. A Hezbollah official promises more "humiliating" attacks. LEBANON-ISRAEL. Lead has moved. By Zeina Karam. AP Photo BEI101, XLR101-104.

ALSO MOVED: SYRIA-ISRAEL. Syrian press blasts United States for supporting Israel.

SANTIAGO, Chile Gen. Augusto Pinochet's health is deteriorating, prompting family members to fly to London where he is in custody fighting extradition to Spain, an associate of the former Chilean dictator reports. CHILE-PINOCHET. Has moved. By Eduardo Gallardo. AP Photos SCL101.

PATNA, India Violence breaks out during elections in one of India's largest and poorest states, leaving 17 dead by Saturday in a vote featuring the re-election bid of one of the country's most colorful leaders. INDIA-ELECTION. Has moved. By Manish Kumar. AP Photos PAT101-103.

VIENNA, Austria International measures to punish Austria may have backfired, transforming provincial, right-wing leader Joerg Haider into a European "anti-hero" and threatening the European Union's ability to conduct business

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as usual. ANALYSIS-AUSTRIA-THE SIEGE. Has moved. By Robert H. Reid. AP Photos NY190-191, VIE114, 117, 119.

BANGKOK, Thailand Indonesian President Abdurrahman Wahid says Saturday that his security minister, implicated in last year's devastation and killing in East Timor, must either resign or be fired. THAILAND-INDONESIA. Has moved. By Patrick McDowell. AP Photos BK104, 141, 145.

HARARE, Zimbabwe Voters trickle to the polls Saturday to vote in a referendum expected to gauge confidence in President Robert Mugabe, the nation's longtime ruler. ZIMBABWE-REFERENDUM. By Angus Shaw. AP Photos HAR101-103.

BANGKOK, Thailand Poor nations left behind by rapid economic globalization clamor Saturday for a bigger share of the wealth, as demonstrators seeking more radical changes square off with riot police. WORLD TRADE. Lead has moved. By Dirk Beveridge. AP Photos BK101-145.

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PODGORICA, Yugoslavia The debate over quitting Yugoslavia is splitting Montenegro's families, friends and regions, and raising worries not only of intervention by the federal army but of war among the Montenegrins. MONTENEGRO STRAINS. Has moved. By Jovana Gec. AP Photos NY192

HAVANA It's hard to find anyone on the streets of Havana who doesn't think Elian Gonzalez should be returned to his father in Cuba. But once they get past the party line, Cubans can be surprisingly frank about what they think of the 6-year-old boy at the center of an international custody battle. CUBA-ELIAN FATIGUE. Has moved. By Steven Gutkin. AP Photos XHAV101-102.

LONDON The crew of a hijacked Afghan airliner decided to escape after despairing of persuading their captors to surrender, a flight captain says Saturday. AFGHAN PLANE HIJACKED. Lead has moved. By Robert Barr. AP Photos XSTN101-102.

BERLIN As the future of a state governor caught up in the financial scandal that has consumed Germany's main conservative party hung in the balance Saturday, a Jewish leader warned that voter anger about dishonest politicians may end up strengthening far-right parties like in Austria. GERMANY-KOHL SCANDAL. Has moved.

LOOKING AHEAD: Sunday is the target date for Israel and the Palestinians to agree on the framework of a final peace accord. On Monday, European Union foreign ministers meet and are expected to discuss sanctions on Yugoslavia.

FEATURES:

NEW YORK Ramon Mappala, 45, is among some 10,000 Filipinos who won a class action lawsuit filed in a U.S. court against the Marcos estate for the torture, execution and disappearance of dissidents during his rule. While a jury in Hawaii has awarded the group a huge settlement, they have yet to see any money and are anxious for a resolution. FEA-MARCOS SUIT. Has moved. By Malene Arce. AP Photos NYR143.

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WORLD AT 0000 GMT:

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YUGOSLAVIA-CYANIDE SPILL. Cyanide spill spreads to Yugoslavia with officials reporting disastrous results.

FEA-US-JEFFERSON-HEMINGS. A year after DNA study, rights of Hemings family still unclear.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia In what may be Europe's worst environmental disaster since Chernobyl, a cyanide spill contaminating a major river has moved into Yugoslavia and destroyed all life in the water, local officials say. YUGOSLAVIA-CYANIDE SPILL. Recap moving by 0300 GMT. By Misha Savic. AP Photo MTI103.

SLEPTSOVSKAYA, Russia Russian warplanes and ground troops batter Chechnya's southern mountains, where thousands of rebels are entrenched. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. New story expected by 1000 GMT. By Andrew Kramer. AP Photos MOSB103, NAZ108.

KOSOVSKA MITROVICA, Yugoslavia French and Danish troops raid a Serb extremist hangout as ethnic Albanians flee the Serb part of this ethnically tense city. KOSOVO. Recap moving by 0300 GMT. By Elena Becatoros. AP Photos PRI101-103.

BEIRUT, Lebanon Hezbollah guerrillas mount a fresh attack against Israeli troops in southern Lebanon as a Hezbollah official promises more "humiliating" attacks. LEBANON-ISRAEL. Lead has moved. By Zeina Karam. AP Photos BEI101, XLR101-104.

ALSO MOVED: SYRIA-ISRAEL. Syrian press blasts United States for supporting Israel.

PATNA, India Violence breaks out during elections in one of India's largest and poorest states, leaving 17 dead. INDIA-ELECTION. Lead has moved. By Manish Kumar. AP Photos PAT101-103.

HARARE, Zimbabwe Voters turn out Sunday for the second day of balloting on a referendum expected to gauge confidence in President Robert Mugabe, the nation's longtime ruler. ZIMBABWE-REFERENDUM. Has moved. By Angus Shaw. AP Photos HAR101-103.

SANTIAGO, Chile Gen. Augusto Pinochet's health is deteriorating, prompting family members to fly to London where he is in custody fighting extradition to Spain, an associate of the former Chilean dictator reports. CHILE-PINOCHET. Has moved. By Eduardo Gallardo. AP Photo SCL101.

BANGKOK, Thailand Third World nations seeking a bigger piece of the global economy hear from Asian leaders who have ideas on lifting their fortunes, and also from a departing IMF chief viewed by many developing countries as public enemy No. 1. WORLD TRADE. Moving by 0600 GMT. By Naomi Koppel. AP Photos staffing.

WITH:

BANGKOK, Thailand International Monetary Fund managing director Michel Camdessus is about to make his exit from the job after 13 years, appearing at a major trade conference in Thailand, where his policies have made him extremely unpopular. WORLD TRADE-IMF-CAMDESSUS. Moving by 0800 GMT. By Naomi Koppel.

VIENNA, Austria With flags and fire-eaters, up to 5,000 people march through the capital to show their opposition to the new coalition government which includes Joerg Haider's far-right Freedom Party. Recap moving by 0300 GMT. AUSTRIA-PROTESTS. By George Jahn. AP Photos VIE115-120.

ALSO MOVED:

ANALYSIS-AUSTRIA-THE SIEGE. International measures to punish Austria may have backfired, transforming right-wing leader Joerg Haider into a European "anti-hero." AP Photos NY190-191, VIE114, 117, 119.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland The senior Protestant in Northern Ireland's impotent administration says he wants to resume power-sharing with Catholics soon, but the **Irish Republican Army** must spell out disarmament plans first. NORTHERN IRELAND. Lead has moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photos XBFT101-105.

LONDON The crew of a hijacked Afghan airliner decided to escape after despairing of persuading their captors to surrender, a flight captain says Saturday. AFGHAN PLANE HIJACKED. Lead has moved. By Robert Barr. AP Photos XSTN101-102.

LOOKING AHEAD: Sunday is the target date for Israel and the Palestinians to agree on the framework of a final peace accord. On Monday, European Union foreign ministers meet and are expected to discuss sanctions on Yugoslavia.

FEATURES:

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Virginia Shay Banks-Young has waited all her life for public recognition as a black descendant of Thomas Jefferson. Her family's belief that Jefferson fathered the children of his mulatto slave Sally Hemings has been all but validated by a DNA study. But the organization of descendants from Jefferson's daughters, Martha Jefferson Randolph and Maria Jefferson Eppes, remains unconvinced. FEA-US-JEFFERSON-HEMINGS. To move as wire time permits. By Kia Shant'e Breaux. AP Photos VADP101-102, VACHA101-102.

CAIRO, Egypt The three daughters of Egypt's last monarch have won a preliminary round in their attempt to retrieve a palace and land. The ruling stung some Egyptians. The next thing, one scoffed, the courts will rule that the shift from monarchy to a republic was unconstitutional. FEA-EGYPT-ROYAL CLAIM. To move as wire time permits. By Bassem Mroue. AP Photo NY321.

With BC-FEA-ROYAL CLAIM-FAMILY.

DIMONA, Israel Thirty years have passed since the original 39 American blacks, led by Chicago bus driver Ben Ammi, arrived in the Holy Land. Today, they number 2,500. They call themselves the Hebrew Israelites, but are known in Israel as the Black Hebrews. FEA-ISRAEL-AMERICAN TRIBE. To move as wire time permits. By Natalie Y. Moore. AP Photos NY360-361

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WORLD AT 1100 GMT:

NEW:

WORLD TRADE. Poor nations clamor for bigger piece of global wealth.

INDIA-ELECTION. Fifteen dead in election violence.

CHINA-BANNED SECT. American released after protest.

MONTENEGRO STRAINS. Debate deepens over splitting from Yugoslavia.

HACKER ATTACKS-WINDFALL. Hacker attacks generate income for some.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

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SLEPTSOVSKAYA, Russia Russian troops take the high ground in two strategic gorges in southern Chechnya and are fighting fierce battles with thousands of rebels entrenched in the mountains, the military says Saturday. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Has moved. By Andrew Kramer.

BANGKOK, Thailand Poor nations left behind by rapid economic globalization clamor Saturday for a bigger share of the wealth, as demonstrators seeking more radical changes squared off with riot police. WORLD TRADE. Has moved. By Dirk Beveridge. AP Photos BK101-131.

ALSO MOVED:

WORLD TRADE-ECONOMISTS.

WORLD TRADE-WTO CHIEF.

BANGKOK, Thailand Indonesian Security Minister Wiranto, accused of allowing militias to devastate East Timor, will resign next week, the country's president says. THAILAND-INDONESIA. Has moved. By Patrick McDowell. JAK101, BK104.

WITH:

JAKARTA, Indonesia A two-week political standoff in Indonesia appears to be coming to an end as the president confidently announces Saturday that his once powerful security minister will step down. INDONESIA. Has moved. By Geoff Spencer. AP Photo JAK101.

SANTIAGO, Chile Gen. Augusto Pinochet's health is deteriorating, prompting family members to fly to London where he is in custody fighting extradition to Spain, an associate of the former Chilean dictator reports. CHILE-PINOCHET. Has moved. By Eduardo Gallardo.

PATNA, India Violence breaks out during elections in one of India's largest and poorest states, leaving 15 policemen dead by Saturday in a vote featuring the re-election bid of one of the country's most colorful leaders. INDIA-ELECTION. Has moved. By Manish Kumar.

PODGORICA, Yugoslavia The debate over quitting Yugoslavia is splitting Montenegro's families, friends and regions, and raising worries not only of intervention by the federal army but of war among the Montenegrins. MONTENEGRO STRAINS. Expected by 1230 GMT. By Jovana Gec.

HARARE, Zimbabwe Voters trickle to the polls Saturday to vote in a referendum expected to gauge confidence in President Robert Mugabe, the nation's longtime ruler. Rain slows the two-day vote to change the country's constitution. ZIMBABWE-REFERENDUM. Has moved. By Angus Shaw.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland Britain strips authority from Northern Ireland's joint Protestant-Catholic administration, but within hours, the **Irish Republican Army** softens its position on disarmament, the issue threatening the Cabinet's survival. NORTHERN IRELAND. Has moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photos XBFT101-102.

WITH:

NORTHERN IRELAND-CHRONOLOGY.

BEIRUT, Lebanon Israeli airstrikes have transformed Beirut into a city where 1.2 million people try to keep going by hooking up noisy, diesel-belching generators for power and filling bathtubs to survive water cuts. LEBANON-SURVIVING AIRSTRIKES. Has moved. By Rodeina Kenaan. AP Photos BEI102, 104-106.

ALSO MOVED:

LEBANON-ISRAEL. Hezbollah guerrillas kill an Israeli soldier and seriously wound another in a rocket attack.

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ISRAEL-LEBANON. Reacting to the latest killing, Israel angrily walks out of a five-nation arbitration committee that is trying to restore calm.

BOGOTA, Colombia Police use tear gas on Indian protesters upset over a U.S. oil company's plans to drill on lands the tribe considers sacred. COLOMBIA-INDIAN PROTEST. Has moved. By Vivian Sequera.

NEW YORK Sure, the World Wide Web was savagely assaulted this week. But there's a silver lining in the hacker attacks. While leading Internet companies were toiling to avert more crippling acts, the outside experts who help them consulting firms and software makers were reaping a windfall. HACKER ATTACKS-WINDFALL. Expected by 1230 GMT. By David E. Khalish.

VIENNA, Austria Despite a diplomatic cold shoulder suffered by her Cabinet colleague in Lisbon, Austria's foreign minister believes cracks are emerging in the opposition to the new government and its far-right-wing members. AUSTRIA-GOVERNMENT. Has moved. By Robert H. Reid. With AP Photos.

LONDON Britain is taking a tough line on asylum-seekers who arrived on a hijacked Afghan airliner, but it could be months before officials decide if they will have to go home, human rights groups say. AFGHAN PLANE HIJACKED. Lead has moved. By Caroline Byrne.

BEIJING An American woman from New York who was detained by Chinese police for a week after taking a picture at a protest by members of the banned Falun Gong sect is released and left for the United States on Saturday, according to her boyfriend. CHINA-BANNED SECT. Has moved.

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FEATURES: Travel

TRAV-MYANMAR-BACK TO BAGAN.

TRAV-HAITIAN MEMORIES.

TRAV-FRANCE-HYERES-PORQUEROLLES.

TRAV-US-CHANGING YBOR.

TRAV-Travel Briefs

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WORLD SPORTS AT 1500 GMT

SOCCER:

LONDON Manchester United can stretch its lead to nine points with a victory at Newcastle, providing it's coupled with a Leeds' home loss at Tottenham.

Slug Sports-Soccer-British Roundup. Expected by 1730 GMT.

By Stephen Wade

MILAN Defending league champion AC Milan is at Bologna and Bari plays Verona in Saturday's matches of the Italian Serie A.

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Slug Sports-Soccer-Italian Roundup. Bari-Verona game kicks off at 1400 GMT; will be updated with Bologna-Milan expected by 2200 GMT.

MADRID, Spain Trailing leader Deportivo by 10 points, No. 8 Real Madrid takes on mid-ranking Malaga while Valencia, also 10 points behind, faces Valladolid in games of the 24th round.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Spanish Roundup. By Ciaran Giles. Expected by 2300 GMT.

BERLIN Bayern Munich puts its lead and its prestige on the line, when it travels to Unterhaching for a David vs. Goliath battle. The league's tiniest team has yet to lose in its own stadium.

Slug Sports-Soccer-German Roundup. Expected by 1930 GMT.

By Roy Kammerer

TENNIS:

PARIS Defending champion Serena Williams plays Julie Halard-Decugis while Nathalie Tauziat comes up against Anna Kournikova in the semifinals of the Paris Open.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Paris Open. Expected by 2000 GMT.

PARIS Pieter Van den Hoogenband and Jenny Thompson are among the names to watch as the two-day World Cup Short Course meet begins in Paris.

Slug Sports-Swimming-World Cup Short Course. Expected by 1800GMT.

MARSEILLE, France Sports-Tennis-Marseille Open.

Expected by 2000GMT.

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates Nicolas Kiefer of Germany will play Albert Costa of Spain in Saturday's semifinal while Juan Carlos Ferrero, the youngest player in the tournament at 20, meets Karim Alami of Morocco in the other semi-final in the dlr\$ 1 million Dubai Duty Free Tennis Open.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Dubai Open. Expected by 2100 GMT.

SAN JOSE, California Jim Courier, looking for his first ATP Tour title in almost two years, beats Paul Goldstein, 6-4, 6-4 in the quarterfinals of the Sybase Open. "One of my strengths is to come out flailing," says Courier, the No. 5 seed.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Sybase Open. Has moved.

SKIING:

ST. ANTON, Austria Austria's Josef Strobl masters a treacherous course to win a men's super-G Saturday as runaway World Cup leader Hermann Maier crashes out of the race.

Slug Sports-Skiing-Men's Super-G. Has moved.

By Dusan Stojanovic.

SANTA CATERINA, Italy Slovenia's Spela Pretnar captures her second straight World Cup slalom race Saturday when Trine Bakke skids off the course three gates into the second run.

Slug Sports-Skiing-Women's Slalom. Has moved; lead expected by 1500 GMT.

By Howard Fendrich.

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TRACK:

MONTE CARLO, Monaco The IAAF convenes to discuss anti-doping policy, with attention likely to be focused on recent controversial cases involving Merlene Ottey and Javier Sotomayor.

Slug Sports-Track-IAAF Meetings. Expected by 1800 GMT.

GOLF:

MELBOURNE, Australia New Zealand golfer Michael Campbell continues his hot form on a cold Melbourne day Saturday to take a four-shot lead with one round to go in the Australian Masters.

Slug Sports-Golf-Australian Masters. Has moved.

ALSO:

SAN DIEGO Sports-Golf-Buick Invitational. Has moved.

BASKETBALL:

OAKLAND, California For years, the comparisons to Michael Jordan have followed Vince Carter. First at North Carolina and now into the NBA as he enters Sunday's All-Star game as the top vote-getter.

Slug Sports-Basketball-NBA All-Star Notebook. Has moved.

By Rick Gano.

ALSO:

OAKLAND, California _Sports-Basketball-NBA All-Stars. Has moved.

FIGURE SKATING:

VIENNA, Austria A calm and solid Irina Slutskaya, the leader after the women's short program, looks set to recover the European figure skating crown she lost to compatriot Maria Butyrskaya two years ago.

Slug Sports-Figure Skating-Europeans. Will be updated with women's long program about 1730 GMT.

By Salvatore Zanca.

VIENNA, Austria After a mediocre season and a dismal start to the defense of her European figure skating crown, reigning world champion Maria Butyrskaya appears caught in a downward spiral in women's skating.

Slug Sports-Figure Skating-Europeans-Butyrskaya. Expected about 1800 GMT.

By Erica Bulman.

ALSO:

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa Sports-Cricket-South Africa-England.

UNDATED Sports-Ice Hockey-NHL Roundup. Has moved.

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WORLD SPORTS AT 0000 GMT

SOCCER:

LONDON Alan Shearer scores twice as Newcastle hammers leader Manchester United 3-0, leaving the Reds only three points ahead after Leeds' 1-0 home win over Tottenham.

Slug Sports-Soccer-British Roundup. Has moved.

By Stephen Wade

MILAN Ivan Gattuso scores his first ever goal in the Serie A and set up another by Andriy Shevchenko to lift AC Milan to a thrilling 3-2 victory at Bologna and to second place overall.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Italian Roundup. Has moved.

By Piero Valsecchi.

MADRID, Spain Argentine forward Rolando Zarate saves the day once again for Real Madrid by scoring a 75th-minute goal for dismal 1-0 home victory over modest Malaga that shifted the side up several rungs to No. 4 in the Spanish first division.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Spanish Roundup. Has moved.

By Ciaran Giles.

BERLIN It took the Bundesliga's richest, most powerful club to beat tiny Unterhaching at its home stadium. Bayern Munich ekes out a 2-0 victory against its neighbor and ends a 25-match unbeaten streak at Sportpark dating back to August, 1998.

Slug Sports-Soccer-German Roundup. Has moved.

By Roy Kammerer.

TENNIS:

PARIS Top-seeded title-holder Serena Williams advances to the final of the dlr\$ 537,000 Paris Open with a victory over third-seeded Julie Halard-Decugis from France. Williams will meet French veteran Nathalie Tauziat, who came back to defeat Russia's Anna Kournikova in the other semi-final.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Paris Open. Has moved.

By Alan Page.

PARIS American swimmer Jenny Thompson, shaving a tenth of a second off a time she set in 1998, clocks a new world record of 56.80 seconds in the 100-meter butterfly race at the FINA World Cup.

Slug Sports-Swimming-World Cup Short Course. Has moved.

MARSEILLE, France Marc Rosset beats France's Fabrice Santoro, and Roger Federer overcomes France's Sebastien Grosjean to set up an unprecedented all-Swiss final at the Marseille Open.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Marseille Open. Has moved.

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates Juan Carlos Ferrero of Spain plays a remarkable match to beat Morocco's Karim Alami 7-6 (7-3) 6-3 in the semifinals of the Dubai Duty Free Open.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Dubai Open. Has moved.

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SANTA CATERINA, Italy Spela Pretnar, who nearly quit skiing a year ago, captures her second straight World Cup slalom to move atop the event standings.

Slug Sports-Skiing-Women's Slalom. Has moved.

By Howard Fendrich.

TRACK:

MONTE CARLO, Monaco The world governing body to athletics decides to suspend stars like Merlene Ottey and Linford Christie until it can hold arbitration hearings on their doping cases.

Slug Sports-Track-IAAF Meetings. Has moved.

GOLF:

MELBOURNE, Australia New Zealander Michael Campbell takes a four-shot lead into Sunday's final round of the Australian Masters golf tournament.

Slug Sports-Golf-Australian Masters. Expected by 1000 GMT.

SAN DIEGO After a night of rain that softened the course, Tiger Woods tries to make up some of the six strokes that separate him from the leaders in the third round of the Buick Invitational.

Slug Sports-Golf-Buick Invitational. Lead expected about 0100 GMT.

By Doug Ferguson.

ALSO:

NAPLES, Florida Sports-Golf-Naples Seniors.

BASKETBALL:

OAKLAND, California For years, the comparisons to Michael Jordan have followed Vince Carter. First at North Carolina and now into the NBA as he enters Sunday's All-Star game as the top vote-getter.

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By Rick Gano.

ALSO:

OAKLAND, California _Sports-Basketball-NBA All-Stars. Has moved.

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OAKLAND, California Sports-Basketball-NBA-All-Star-Coaches. Has moved.

FIGURE SKATING:

VIENNA, Austria Irina Slutskaya does what she had to do _ skate a clean program and win the European title back after a three-year wait.

Slug Sports-Figure Skating-Europeans. Has moved.

By Salvatore Zanca.

CLEVELAND Timothy Goebel may be the Quad King, but Michael Weiss remains the king of U.S. skating.

Slug Sports-US-Skating-Men. Has moved.

By Nancy Armour.

CLEVELAND Michelle Kwan must leap past not one but two members of America's kiddie corps to hold onto her place atop U.S. women's skating.

Slug Sports-US-Skating-Women. Event begins 0000 GMT Sunday.

By Barry Wilner.

ALSO:

VIENNA, Austria Sports-Figure Skating-Europeans-Butyrskaya

BASEBALL:

UNDATED Ed Smith Stadium in Sarasota, Florida, was buzzing. Phone lines were overwhelmed, ticket buyers stretched out in the Florida sunshine and Patrick Calhoon hardly had time to talk. Ken Griffey Jr. was coming to town!

Slug Sports-Baseball-Spring Training

By Baseball Writer Ben Walker.

BOXING

TAMPA, Florida Mike Tyson's next fight will definitely be outside the United States, his adviser says, at Milan, Italy, or Madrid or Barcelona, Spain, on April 1 or April 8.

Slug Sports-Boxing-Tyson Fights

By Ed Schuyler, Jr.

ALSO:

UNDATED Sports-Ice Hockey-NHL Roundup. Has moved.

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NEW:

RUSSIA-YELTSIN'S RETIREMENT. Yeltsin: happier, healthier since resigning.

CUBAN BOY. Grandmothers appear on Cuban television to describe U.S. trip.

PALESTINIAN-CHURCH STANDOFF. Nun find inspiration in Russian martyrs.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

ALKHAN-YURT, Russia Some 2,000 Chechen fighters break through the Russian blockade in Grozny and try Tuesday to reach rebel strongholds as federal forces battle to prevent their escape. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Lead has moved. By Lyoma Turpalov. AP Photos.

ALSO:

RUSSIA-CHECHNYA-CHRONOLOGY. Upcoming.

RUSSIA-CHECHNYA-GLANCE. Upcoming.

RUSSIA-YELTSIN'S RETIREMENT. Boris Yeltsin, celebrating his 69th birthday Tuesday, appears happier and healthier than in recent years. Has moved.

VIENNA, Austria Austria's conservatives report Tuesday that they are close to an agreement to share power with Joerg Haider's far-rightists, and urge Europe to wait and see how they govern before imposing any sanctions. AUSTRIA-GOVERNMENT. Lead has moved; developments will be expedited. By George Jahn. AP Photo VIE123.

BRUSSELS, Belgium Barely five years after warmly embracing Austria as a new member, the European Union is ready to put Vienna in political quarantine if the extreme right sweeps to power in a new coalition government. EU-Austria. Lead has moved; developments will be expedited. By Raf Casert.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland The ***Irish Republican Army*** has not begun to disarm, a Protestant cabinet leader says Tuesday, predicting that the new administration's powers could be suspended within days. NORTHERN IRELAND. Lead expected by 2000 GMT. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photos.

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CONCORD, New Hampshire Presidential hopefuls give their final pitches Tuesday as New Hampshire voters, in the United States' first presidential primary, select party candidates for the fall elections. US-PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN. Lead has moved; developments will be expedited. Most polls close at 0000 GMT. By Mike Glover. AP Photos.

ALSO MOVED:

US-PRESIDENTIAL MONEY. Bush sets fund-raising records; Gore's donor list includes just a handful of Clinton administration officials.

MOSCOW U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright urges Syria on Tuesday to use its influence to pressure the Islamic militant group Hezbollah to end fighting in southern Lebanon. US-MIDEAST. Lead has moved. By Barry Schweid. AP Photos MOSB102,107-108.

ALSO:

ISRAEL-SYRIA. Prime Minister Ehud Barak says Tuesday he will punish Lebanese guerrillas for their deadly attacks but in his own time and without losing sight of his goal of peace with Syria. Expected by 2000 GMT.

JAKARTA, Indonesia Indonesia's powerful security minister Gen. Wiranto ignores calls from the president to resign Tuesday over violence in East Timor. INDONESIA-EAST TIMOR. Lead has moved. By Geoff Spencer. AP Photos JAK101-107.

ALSO MOVED:

BRITAIN-INDONESIAN PRESIDENT. Indonesia's president arrives Tuesday to a welcome and a warning from Britain to deal swiftly with Wiranto.

INDONESIA-WIRANTO PROFILE.

UN-EAST TIMOR. U.N., Indonesian human rights investigators blame Jakarta's military chiefs for last year's terror campaign.

OXNARD, California Investigators try to determine Tuesday what sent an Alaska Airlines jet plunging into the Pacific. Four bodies from among the 88 people on board are recovered. US-ALASKA AIRLINES CRASH. Lead has moved; developments will be expedited. By Jeff Wilson. AP Photos CALOS101, XFX103; AP Graphic.

ALSO MOVED:

US-CRASH-SCENE. In rising swells and spreading oil, boats search for plane, people. NY118-121.

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast Nearly half the passengers on doomed Kenya Airways Flight 431 are still unaccounted for Tuesday. IVORY COAST-CRASH. Lead expected by 2000 GMT. By Tim Sullivan. AP Photos available.

HAVANA The grandmothers of Elian Gonzalez are to appear Tuesday on national television to describe their visit to the United States to seek their 6-year-old grandson's return to Cuba. CUBAN BOY. Expected by 2000 GMT; broadcast scheduled for 2200 GMT. By John Rice. AP Photos.

BERLIN The government and security sources confirm a report Tuesday that Germany's intelligence agency funneled money to Germany's main political parties starting in the 1970s to support developing democracies in Spain and Portugal. GERMANY-KOHL SCANDAL. Lead expected by 2000 GMT. By Burt Herman.

DAVOS, Switzerland The specter of an anti-free trade backlash gripped the attention of world leaders from U.S. President Bill Clinton to Jordan's King Abdullah at this year's World Economic Forum. WORLD FORUM. Lead has moved. By Geir Moulson. AP Photos.

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JERICHO, West Bank An American nun holed up in a monastery for 17 days to keep out Palestinian police says Tuesday that she feels she is following in the footsteps of martyrs persecuted in the 1917 Russian revolution. PALESTINIAN-CHURCH STANDOFF. Expected by 2000 GMT. By Dina Kraft.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Wednesday, German Defense Minister Rudolf Scharping begins three-day visit to Israel. In Washington, the World Bank begins an international consortium on how to handle natural disasters in developing countries.

FEATURES MOVED:

FEA-PUERTO RICO-KING NO MORE. AP Photo NY301.

FEA-MIDEAST-MARKETS IN WAITING. AP Photos NY190-191.

FEA-US-AMAZON-LAUGHING BEZOS. AP Photo SEM103.

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WORLD AT 0000 GMT:

NEW:

AUSTRIA-HAIDER PROFILE. Outspoken politician has long pursued power.

ANALYSIS-CHECHNYA-MORE WAR. Conflict likely to grind on.

CUBAN BOY-FAMILY. Family divided by politics but united by kinship.

EUROPE-ECONOMY. Interest rate hikes considered as euro falters.

MYANMAR-REBELS. Karen have fought for half a century.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

VIENNA, Austria Joerg Haider and his conservative partners meet Wednesday with Austria's president to seek approval of a coalition that would for the first time give rightist nationalists a large say in running a European Union country. AUSTRIA-GOVERNMENT. Recap expected by 0300 GMT. By George Jahn. AP Photo VIE123.

WITH:

AUSTRIA-HAIDER PROFILE. The path to success for Joerg Haider has included pitfalls some of his own making. But they have not deterred Europe's most popular rightist from his single-minded goal of political power. Expected by 0300 GMT. VIE123.

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire George W. Bush and Al Gore face tough tests in New Hampshire's leadoff primary, challenged toe-to-toe by John McCain and Bill Bradley for the votes of Republicans, Democrats and tens of thousands of finicky independents. US-PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN. Polls closing now; developments will be expedited. By Ron Fournier. AP Photos.

ALSO MOVED:

US-PRESIDENTIAL MONEY. Bush sets fund-raising records; Gore's donor list includes just a handful of Clinton administration officials.

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ALKHAN-YURT, Russia About 2,000 Chechen fighters break out of the Russian blockade of Grozny and try to reach rebel strongholds as federal forces battle to prevent their escape with tanks and artillery. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Lead expected by 1200 GMT. By Lyoma Turpalov. MOSB110-115.

WITH:

RUSSIA-CHECHNYA-CHRONOLOGY. Moved.

RUSSIA-CHECHNYA-GLANCE. Moved.

MOSCOW The battle for Grozny may be in its final throes, but the war in Chechnya is likely to grind on for as long as Russian forces remain in the breakaway republic. ANALYSIS-CHECHNYA-MORE WAR. Expected by 0200 GMT. By Barry Renfrew.

MAE SOT, Thailand When Ba Thin joined up in 1949, the ethnic Karen minority's war for freedom from the country then known as Burma looked like it would be short. More than half-a-century later, only the dwindling numbers of Ba Thin's generation can remember the scent of victory. MYANMAR-REBELS. Expected by 0200 GMT. By Thaksina Khaikaew. MST110-111.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland Confirmation the Irish Republican Army has not begun to turn over its weapons plunges Northern Ireland's Protestant-Catholic government into crisis, fueling doubts it can survive. NORTHERN IRELAND. Lead has moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik. XBFT104,108,112.

WITH:

NIRELAND-IRA TEXT.

LONDON Indonesian President Abdurrahman Wahid demands the immediate resignation of his security minister, blamed for atrocities in East Timor. BRITAIN-INDONESIAN PRESIDENT. Lead has moved. By Maureen Johnson. LMN104-105.

WITH:

INDONESIA-EAST TIMOR. Indonesia's powerful security minister Gen. Wiranto ignores calls from the president to resign over violence in East Timor. Lead expected by 0700 GMT. JAK101-102.

METULLA, Israel Prime Minister Ehud Barak says Tuesday he will punish Lebanese guerrillas for recent deadly attacks, but in his own time and without losing sight of his ultimate goal a peace treaty with Syria and an Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon. ISRAEL-SYRIA. Lead has moved. By Mark Lavie. XEW101-109; JRL102; TLV102-104.

ALSO:

US-MIDEAST. U.S. secretary of state urges Syria to pressure the Islamic militant group Hezbollah to end fighting in southern Lebanon.

OXNARD, California The pilots of Alaska Airlines Flight 261 struggled with a sudden control problem for six minutes before the jetliner crashed into the ocean off California with 88 people aboard, U.S. investigators say. US-ALASKA AIRLINES CRASH. Lead has moved. By Jeff Wilson. AP Photos; AP Graphic.

ALSO MOVED:

US-CRASH-SCENE. In rising swells and spreading oil, boats search for plane, people. AP Photos.

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast Ivorian officials, acknowledging that they are not prepared for a major salvage operation, say they expect Kenya Airways to arrange an examination of the jet that slammed into the Atlantic. IVORY COAST-CRASH. Recap expected by 0200 GMT. By Tim Sullivan. ABI107-109, 112.

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EDINBURGH, Scotland After another apparent setback, prosecutors preparing the murder case against two Libyans accused of bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 are hoping for a decision that will allow former U.S. and European spies to testify in disguise. LOCKERBIE TRIAL. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Jerome Socolovsky.

CARDENAS, Cuba Elian Gonzalez's family was like tens of thousands of other Cuban families: forced apart by politics and the Florida Straits but united in kinship. CUBAN BOY-FAMILY. Expected by 0300 GMT. By John Rice. MH103.

FRANKFURT, Germany The foundering euro has struck a nerve with Europe's central bankers, who will likely prepare markets at this week's monthly meeting for an imminent interest rate hike if they don't boost rates then and there. EUROPE-ECONOMY. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Hans Greimel.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Wednesday, German Defense Minister Rudolf Scharping begins three-day visit to Israel. In Washington, the World Bank begins an international consortium on how to handle natural disasters in developing countries.

FEATURES:

AVIANO, Italy Cranes and cement trucks are toiling at NATO's base at Aviano on a dlrs 530 million expansion. It is the U.S. Defense Department's largest construction project in the world and a sign of the Pentagon's new vision for European security. FEA-ITALY-EXPANDING AVIANO. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Jeff Israely. AP Graphic AVIANO AIR BASE. AP Photos NY314-317.

BEIJING Zhao Jingxin plays tennis with powerful Communist Party elders, but in rapidly modernizing Beijing, even good connections may not save his small, 400-year-old house from the bulldozers. Struggles for historical preservation have been an uphill battle. FEA-CHINA-THIS OLD HOUSE. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Renee Schoof.

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Hundreds of Chechen rebels have abandoned Grozny, witnesses said Tuesday, after weeks of relentless Russian ground and air attacks that reduced the Chechen capital to ruins. Several prominent Chechen commanders were killed or badly wounded late Monday when a large contingent of rebels blundered into a minefield on the edge of Grozny, according to Chechen fighters and local residents. Dozens more fighters were killed or wounded when Russian artillery pounded the rebel force trapped in the minefield, they said. (RUSSIA-CHECHNYA)

OXNARD, California (AP)

An Alaska Airlines jet carrying 88 people plummeted into the Pacific Ocean after the pilot reported mechanical problems and it was diverted to Los Angeles for an emergency landing. Several bodies were recovered from the chilly water, but there was no sign of survivors hours after the crash. Flight 261, heading from Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, to San Francisco and later to Seattle, went down at 4:36 p.m. PST Monday (0036 GMT Tuesday), 40 miles (65 kilometers) northwest of the Los Angeles airport, the airline said. A National Park Service ranger on Anacapa Island, near the crash site, saw the jet going down "nose first," spokeswoman Susan Smith said at Channel Islands National Park headquarters. (US-ALASKA AIRLINES CRASH)

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)

Indonesia's powerful security minister Gen. Wiranto ignored calls from the president to resign Tuesday and criticized a government report that blames him and other top officers for last year's violence in East Timor. Speaking at military headquarters in Jakarta, Wiranto refused to say if he would quit, as requested by President Abdurrahman Wahid and other top political leaders. Instead, he made it clear that he was determined to defend himself against charges of wrongdoing. He accused Indonesian human rights investigators of disregarding his efforts to prevent violence. (INDONESIA-EAST TIMOR)

VIENNA, Austria (AP)

Austrian officials reacted with shock Tuesday to the threat by the rest of the European Union to isolate the country if Joerg Haider's far-right party joins a coalition government. Commentators were calling it a national crisis, and a series of meetings were under way Tuesday to resolve Austria's worst political turmoil in decades. But there was no immediate solution in sight. Mindful of Haider's past hostility to the EU and sympathy to aspects of Adolf Hitler's regime, the EU said Monday its 14 other members would break political contact with Austria if the People's Party of Foreign Minister Wolfgang Schuessel forms a government with Haider's Freedom Party. (AUSTRIA-GOVERNMENT)

WORLD AT 1100 GMT:

NEW:

US-MIDEAST. Albright proposes to 'transform the landscape' of the Middle East.

RUSSIA-MIDEAST. Putin pledges Russian help in achieving Mideast peace deal.

US-DEATH PENALTY. Illinois moratorium fuels hopes for U.S. death penalty opponents.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

ALKHAN-YURT, Russia Hundreds of Chechen rebels have abandoned Grozny, witnesses say Tuesday, after weeks of relentless Russian ground and air attacks that reduced the Chechen capital to ruins. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Developing. By Lyoma Turpalov. AP Photo MOSB109.

OXNARD, California Investigators trying to learn what sent an Alaska Airlines jet with 88 people aboard plunging into the Pacific Ocean had at least one solid clue to work with Tuesday: a pilot report that there was trouble with equipment designed to keep the plane airborne. US-ALASKA AIRLINES CRASH. Lead expected by 1200 GMT. By Jeff Wilson. AP Photos CALOS101, XFX103; AP Graphic.

ALSO MOVED:

US-CRASH-SCENE. In rising swells and spreading oil, boats search for plane, people. AP Photos NY118-121.

US-CRASH-AIRPORTS-SCENE. Grief descends on Seattle, San Francisco airports.

US-ALASKA AIRLINES CRASH-MD-80; US-ALASKA AIRLINES-HISTORY; US-ALASKA AIRLINES-FACTS; US-CRASH-BOX; US-CRASH-HORIZONTAL STABILIZER; PLANE CRASH-LIST.

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast With almost half the passengers on the doomed Kenya Airways Flight 431 still missing Tuesday, investigators are probing the reason why the plane slammed into the Atlantic moments after takeoff from this tropical port city. IVORY COAST-CRASH. Lead expected by 1300 GMT. By Alexandra Zavis.

JAKARTA, Indonesia Indonesia's powerful security minister Gen. Wiranto ignores calls from the president to resign Tuesday and criticizes a government report that blames him and other top officers for last year's violence in East Timor. INDONESIA-EAST TIMOR. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Geoff Spencer. AP Photos JAK101-107.

ALSO MOVED:

UN-EAST TIMOR. U.N. and Indonesian human rights investigators blame Jakarta's military chiefs for last year's terror campaign in East Timor.

INDONESIA-WIRANTO PROFILE. Once a loyal supporter of Indonesia's former dictator, then a military strongman with presidential aspirations, Gen. Wiranto's career now appears to be ruined.

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BRITAIN-INDONESIAN PRESIDENT. Indonesian President Abdurrahman Wahid arrives Tuesday for a two-day visit, assured of a warm welcome by British officials eager to encourage his reformist policies. News conference scheduled for 1930 GMT.

SINGAPORE-EAST TIMOR. East Timorese activist Jose Ramos-Horta says Gen. Wiranto should be put on trial.

EAST TIMOR-PEACEKEEPERS. U.N. begins assuming control for East Timor security.

METULLA, Israel Trying to shore up morale after deadly guerrilla attacks in south Lebanon, Prime Minister Ehud Barak tours Israel's tense northern border and assures the commander of an allied Lebanese militia that "we are brothers in arms." ISRAEL-SYRIA. Lead has moved. By Mark Lavie.

MOSCOW Declaring that Israel and the Arabs have a real desire for peace, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright calls Tuesday on leaders in the Middle East and beyond to join in finding solutions for regional problems. US-MIDEAST. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Barry Schweid. AP Photos MOSB102,107,108.

WITH:

RUSSIA-MIDEAST. Russian acting President Vladimir Putin pledges that Russia will make stronger efforts to help achieve a settlement.

CONCORD, New Hampshire Seeking a last-minute edge in a heated and competitive primary, presidential candidates head to factory gates and polling places Tuesday as notoriously unpredictable New Hampshire voters prepare to settle the issue. US-PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN. Lead expected by 1200 GMT. By Mike Glover. AP Photos PTS101, CAK107.

ALSO MOVED:

US-FIRST VOTES. New Hampshire towns cast first votes in first primary.

BRUSSELS, Belgium Taking an unprecedented stand on domestic policy in a member state, the European Union's executive Commission joins 14 member nations in turning against Austria Tuesday, but says it will maintain a "working relationship" with Vienna as long as it respected the EU's treaty. EU-AUSTRIA. Lead expected by 1300 GMT. By Raf Casert. AP Photos LIS101-103.

WITH:

VIENNA, Austria Shrugging off the threat of isolation from Europe, far-right leader Joerg Haider chastises European leaders for pressuring Austrian politicians to reject his party in a coalition government. AUSTRIA-GOVERNMENT. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Roland Prinz. AP Photo VIE123.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland The British and Irish governments on Tuesday pore over a disarmament commission's long-awaited report into whether the ***Irish Republican Army*** was finally willing to reveal its network of arms dumps. NORTHERN IRELAND. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photo XBFT101.

BEIJING A Beijing court has sentenced two sisters who helped lead the banned Falun Gong spiritual movement to six and seven years in prison and 30 other members who held a protest to terms of up to two years, a rights group reports Tuesday. CHINA-BANNED SECT. Has moved. By Renee Schoof.

BHUBANESHWAR, India The main suspect in the burning death of an Australian missionary and his two sons last year is arrested Tuesday in a forest as he negotiated to buy a gun, police say. INDIA-MISSIONARY MURDER. Has moved. AP Photos DEL101-102, NY110.

HANOI, Vietnam Truong Dinh Dan and Nguyen Cong Hoa have heard about the fall of communism in Eastern Europe and elsewhere. But after struggling through seven decades of war and hardship for the party, they remain

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resolute that communism is far from dead. VIETNAM-PARTY ANNIVERSARY. Has moved. Vietnamese Communist Party anniversary is Thursday. By Paul Alexander.

DAVOS, Switzerland Six days of discussions on the future of world trade, technology and politics are winding down Tuesday, with a recognition that the world's poorer countries and people need a greater say in the global economy but little unity on how to achieve that. WORLD FORUM. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Geir Moulson.

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida Computer trouble has forced NASA to delay for more than a week the launch of space shuttle Endeavour on a quest to create the most accurate Earth map ever produced. US-SPACE SHUTTLE. Has moved. By Marcia Dunn.

ROSEAU, Dominica The Dominica Labor Party ousts the government in a closely contested election that featured allegations of corruption, pacts with international gangsters and a secret deal with a religious sect. The island's incoming leader says he will halt a controversial program to raise money by selling passports to foreigners. DOMINICA-ELECTION. Lead has moved; preliminary results expected early Tuesday. By Michelle Faul. AP Photo DMA101.

UNDATED A temporary halt to executions in Illinois has energized a movement that questions the fairness of capital punishment, though supporters acknowledge they're a long way from bringing change to other states. US-DEATH PENALTY. Expected by 1200 GMT. By Robert Tanner. AP Photos CX101-104, ILCHT501.

WITH:

US-ILLINOIS DEATH PENALTY. Death penalty moratorium marks change for Illinois governor. Expected by 1200 GMT.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Tuesday, voters in New Hampshire choose among Republican and Democratic party presidential candidates.

FEATURES MOVED:

FEA-PUERTO RICO-KING NO MORE. Puerto Rican government abandoning once-proud sugar industry. AP Photo NY301.

FEA-MIDEAST-MARKETS IN WAITING. Arab stock markets await peace and reforms. AP Photos NY190-191.

FEA-US-AMAZON-LAUGHING BEZOS. Amazon.com has a plan, but Jeff Bezos isn't telling what it is. AP Photo SEM103.

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WORLD SPORTS AT 1400 GMT

SOCCER:

ACCRA, Ghana Group C of the African Nations Cup reaches its climax with Senegal, while Burkina Faso and Zambia are all looking to join Egypt in the quarterfinals.

Slug Sports-Soccer-African Cup. Expected by 1900 GMT.

By Andreas Evagora.

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ACCRA, Ghana Sports-Soccer-African Cup-Troubled Togo. By Andreas Evagora. Expected by 1500 GMT.

PARIS Runaway leader Monaco can move 11 points clear at the top of the French league by beating its nearest rival Paris Saint-Germain in a crucial top-of-the-table clash Tuesday night.

Slug Sports-Soccer-French Roundup. Expected by 2300 GMT.

ALSO:

PORTSMOUTH, England Sports-Soccer-Portsmouth Gambling. Has moved.

OLYMPICS:

LONDON Ten cities, led by top contenders Beijing, Paris and Toronto, have submitted preliminary applications to host the 2008 Summer Games to the International Olympic Committee ahead of Tuesday's midnight deadline.

Slug Sports-Olympics-2008 Race. Expected by 1600 GMT.

By Stephen Wilson

SYDNEY, Australia International Olympic Committee vice-president Kevan Gosper faces a month of uncertainty before an IOC ethics commission investigates potentially damaging expenses allegations against him.

Slug Sports-Olympics-Sydney-Gosper. Has moved.

ALSO:

LONDON Sports-Olympics-Samaranch-FBI. Has moved. By Stephen Wilson

SAILING:

AUCKLAND, New Zealand Nothing snapped, the boats didn't collide and nobody broke the rules. For the first time in the finals of the challenger series for sailing's America's Cup, the result is decided on sailing skill alone.

Slug Sports-Sailing-America's Cup. Has moved.

By Rohan Sullivan.

WITH:

AUCKLAND, New Zealand Sports-Sailing-America's Cup-Vandals. Has moved.

ATHLETICS:

MADRID, Spain Jamaican sprinter Merlene Ottey, who faces suspension over a positive doping test, will run at a meet Wednesday in Valencia despite growing protests from Spanish and international athletics organizations, event organizers say Tuesday.

Slug Sports-Track-Ottey Controversy. Expected by 1500 GMT.

TENNIS:

TOKYO Fifth seed Anna Kournikova of Russia breezes past unseeded Anne-Gaëlle Sidot of France 6-3, 6-2 Tuesday as five of eight seeds advance to the second round at the \$1.08 million Toray Pan Pacific Open Tennis Tournament for women.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Toray Pan Pacific. Has moved.

By K.P. Hong.

SWIMMING:

SHEFFIELD, England Ian Thorpe, the Australian who is fastest man around at 200 and 400 meters freestyle, targets the 100 meters at a World Cup meet on Tuesday as he bids to get himself on his team's short relay team at the Olympics.

Slug Sports-Swimming-World Cup. Has moved, will be updated by 2000 GMT with finals.

By Robert Millward

GOLF:

SYDNEY, Australia Greg Norman, who already runs the richest golf tournament in Australia, has thrown his financial weight behind another event.

Sports-Golf-Greg Norman International. Has moved.

WITH:

SYDNEY, Australia Sports-Golf-Norman-Daly. Has moved.

ALSO:

LAS VEGAS Sports-Boxing-Ibeabuchi Charges. Has moved.

UNDATED Sports-Basketball-NBA Roundup. Has moved.

UNDATED Sports-Ice Hockey-NHL Roundup. Has moved.

ATLANTA Sports-Football-Atlanta Killings-Lewis. By James Pilcher. Has moved.

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WORLD SPORTS AT 0000 GMT

SOCCER:

ACCRA, Ghana Senegal holds out for a 2-2 draw against Zambia to qualify for the quarterfinals of the African Nations Cup, while its rival Burkina Faso loses 4-2 to Group C leader Egypt.

Slug Sports-Soccer-African Cup. Has moved.

By Andreas Evagora.

ALSO:

CAPE TOWN, South Africa Sports-Soccer-South Africa-World Cup. Has moved.

SAILING:

AUCKLAND, New Zealand AmericaOne beset by equipment problems, ripped sails and injured crewmen can even the America's Cup challenger final when racing with the Italian boat Prada resumes.

Slug Sports-Sailing-America's Cup. Race scheduled for 0015 GMT start.

By Rohan Sullivan.

TENNIS:

TOKYO Defending champion and top-seeded Martina Hingis of Switzerland takes on American Lisa Raymond in the second round of the Toray Pan Pacific Open Tennis Tournament.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Toray Pan Pacific. Expected about 1100 GMT.

By K.P. Hong.

CRICKET:

MELBOURNE, Australia Pakistan plays Australia in the first of the best-of-three finals series in the limited-overs cricket tournament.

Slug Sports-Cricket-Australia-Pakistan. Expected by 1100 GMT.

OLYMPICS:

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Slug Sports-Swimming-World Cup. Has moved.

By Robert Millward

BASKETBALL:

NEW YORK Karl Malone, John Stockton and David Robinson are among the reserves picked for the All-Star game on Feb. 13 at Oakland, California.

Slug Sports-Basketball-NBA-All-Stars. Expected by 0100 GMT.

By Chris Sheridan.

ALSO:

OBERHOFEN, Switzerland Sports-Skiing-World Cup-Calendar. Has moved.

UNDATED Sports-Basketball-NBA Roundup. Expected by 0400 GMT.

UNDATED Sports-Ice Hockey-NHL Roundup. Expected by 0400 GMT.

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FBI Seeks Hackers in Web Attacks

WASHINGTON (AP)

The FBI sought to question several hackers today in its investigation into last week's attacks against major Web sites, looking for people known by their Internet screen names "coolio," "mafiaboy" and "nachoman." At a White House meeting on Internet security with technology experts, President Clinton described the electronic attacks as a "source of concern". Participants at the meeting said they discussed ways to improve security on the Internet, how to protect powerful "server" computers from hackers who install attack software and use the servers remotely to overwhelm major World Wide Web sites.

Georgians Regroup After Tornadoes

CAMILLA, Ga. (AP)

Residents in southwest Georgia spent the day sifting through rubble after tornadoes ripped through towns early yesterday and killed 22 people. President Clinton declared disaster areas in four counties Colquitt, Grady, Mitchell, and Tift _ making federal funding available to help people and business owners recover from the storms. The Insurance Information Institute estimated that the total damage of the Georgia storms was \$25 million. It was the state's worst toll from twisters since 1936, when 203 people were killed.

Republicans Ready for S.C. Debate

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)

John McCain and George W. Bush geared up today for their final debate in make-or-break South Carolina. McCain told an audience in Irmo, S.C.: "I'm as interested in how this campaign is judged as I am in winning or losing. I've always had a sense of history." Bush used his own appearances to announce his plan to overhaul campaign finance. A USA Today/CNN/Gallup poll published today showed Bush leading McCain 49 percent to 42 percent, just above the margin of error. A Los Angeles Times poll had the two in a statistical dead heat.

Clues Sought in Littleton Shootings

DENVER (AP)

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Investigators worked to identify a suspect today in the killings of two Columbine High students at a sandwich shop, where a surveillance camera failed to capture the shootings. Jefferson County sheriff's investigators were trying to identify a motive and a suspect in the Subway killings. Spokesman Steve Davis declined to say whether a weapon was found. The shop is about two blocks from Columbine, where two teen-agers fatally shot 12 fellow students and a teacher before killing themselves in April.

Anti-Smoking Ads Pulled Over Taste

NEW YORK (AP)

The organization created to mount the biggest U.S. anti-smoking campaign ever has pulled two of its first four edgy commercials after complaints arose from the world's biggest cigarette maker, a TV network and some state attorneys general. One of the pulled ads showed young people stacking "body bags" on the sidewalk outside a tobacco company building, while the other showed teens equipped with a lie detector trying to get into a tobacco company's offices to quiz sales executives about smoking's addictiveness. The ads are part of a \$1.5 billion anti-smoking campaign being financed with proceeds from the industry's huge 1998 settlement with the states over claims for reimbursement for treating sick smokers.

'American Beauty' Tops Oscar Nods

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)

"American Beauty" led all films today in Oscar nominations with eight, including one for Best Picture. Two other best picture nominees, "The Insider" and "Cider House Rules," have seven nominations apiece. The ghost story "The Sixth Sense," last year's biggest box-office surprise with \$278 million, received six nominations, including one for 11-year-old Haley Joel Osment for supporting actor.

Dow Ends Up 198.25

NEW YORK (AP)

A rally in oil and some bargain-hunting buoyed the stock market today with blue chips helping to pull technology shares out of a severe slump. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 198.25 to close at 10,718.09. On the NYSE, gainers led losers 1,551-1,490. The Nasdaq, which tumbled as much as 127 points earlier, closed up 2.22 at 4,420.77.

Women's Soccer League Gets \$40M

NEW YORK (AP)

Saying it has raised \$40 million from cable television companies and has the support of the U.S. World Cup champions, a group plans to start a women's soccer league of 8-10 teams in April 2001. Among the eight investors putting up \$5 million each are Time Warner Inc., Comcast Corp., Continental Cablevision Inc. and Cox Communications. Each investor will have the right to operate one or more franchises. They also would get the local television rights. Salaries will average \$40,000 for a five-month season starting in April. The cities will be selected from among a pool of 15 the group is considering, and the projected average attendance is 6,500.

Bush, McCain To Debate Tonight

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)

Republican presidential hopefuls John McCain and George W. Bush face their final debate tonight before the make-or-break South Carolina primary. McCain hopes for a win to show his 18-point victory in New Hampshire was no fluke. Bush wants to show he still deserves the front-runner's mantle. Bush won the leadoff Iowa caucuses and last week's Delaware primary, but McCain didn't campaign in either state and polls have shown some of Bush's South

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Carolina support slipping. A USA Today/CNN/Gallup poll showed Bush leading McCain 49 percent to 42 percent, just above the margin of error. A Los Angeles Times poll had the two in a statistical dead heat.

Clinton Worried About Heating Oil Costs

WASHINGTON (AP)

President Clinton said today the federal government is willing to give more help to families "that are really getting hurt" by the soaring cost of home heating oil in New England and the Middle Atlantic states. So far, the government has released \$200 million from the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. "We can release more," the president said. Clinton said the government's heating oil assistance eases the burden of the poorest families, "but there are a lot of working people on modest incomes that are just getting killed by this, because of their reliance on home heating oil."

Plea Deal in Border Arrest

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP)

A Montreal woman linked to a group of Algerians thought to be plotting a bombing in the United States was ordered freed today after prosecutors said she had cooperated with investigators and had no knowledge of any terrorist activities. Lucia Garofalo, 35, agreed to plead guilty to two immigration charges transporting an alien into the United States and conspiring to transport aliens. She is likely to be sentenced to six to 12 months in prison. Garofalo had been held since Dec. 19, when she tried to enter Vermont from Canada with an Algerian man.

Abortion Rights Group To Help Gore

WASHINGTON (AP)

Angry with Bill Bradley for making abortion rights an issue in his Democratic presidential bid against Al Gore, leaders of a major abortion rights group said they would place ads, make phone calls and walk door to door to convince voters to support the vice president. The National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League, which never before endorsed a presidential candidate during the primaries, pledged today to put its more than 300,000 members and its resources behind Gore now and in the general election if he wins the nomination.

IRA Pulls Out of Disarmament Talks

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

The **Irish Republican Army** withdrew Tuesday from disarmament negotiations, dealing a blow to hopes of resurrecting Northern Ireland's Protestant-Catholic power-sharing government. In a hard-line statement, the IRA also formally withdrew from the table its latest hint that it might someday disarm. The outlawed group accused the British government and the province's major Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, of pursuing "a military victory," something that "cannot and will not happen." The development underscored the failure of a 3-month-old deal brokered by American diplomat George Mitchell.

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Bush, McCain Face Off in Debate

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GOP presidential campaigners John McCain and George W. Bush faced off tonight in their final debate before the important South Carolina primary. The 90-minute debate was sponsored by the South Carolina Business and Industry Political Education Committee. It was being televised live on CNN with Larry King as moderator. A USA Today/CNN/Gallup poll published today showed Bush leading McCain 49 percent to 42 percent, just above the margin of error. A Los Angeles Times poll had the two in a statistical dead heat.

Father Asks Reno for Elian's Return

HAVANA (AP) Increasingly frustrated by his son's extended stay in the United States, Elian Gonzalez's father has sent Attorney General Janet Reno a letter demanding the boy be returned to him right away. Juan Miguel Gonzalez's second letter to Reno in as many weeks was published in Cuba today. In the letter, Gonzalez says he does not recognize the jurisdiction of the U.S. court system, which is weighing an attempt by 6-year-old Elian's Miami relatives to block his return to Cuba. In his first letter earlier this month, Gonzalez pressed Reno to return the boy to him. He said that in the meantime, his son should be placed with Manolo Gonzalez, another great-uncle in Miami.

Israel Eyes Change in Pullout Plan

JERUSALEM (AP)

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Death Row Inmates Prefer Injection

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP)

Not one of Florida's death row inmates has chosen the electric chair over injection since the state changed its primary method of execution last month. The electric chair, previously the state's sole execution tool, had seen a decade marked by flames shooting from the apparatus in two executions and blood flowing from a man's face in a

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third. About two-thirds of the 366 inmates on death row had until Monday to inform the Florida State Prison warden if they wanted to go to the electric chair rather than be injected with a fatal combination of drugs.

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'American Beauty' Tops Oscar Nods

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)

"American Beauty" led all films today in Academy Award nominations with eight, including one for Best Picture. Two other best picture nominees, "The Insider" and "Cider House Rules," have seven nominations apiece. "The Sixth Sense," last year's biggest box-office surprise with \$278 million, received six nominations, including one for 11-year-old Haley Joel Osment for supporting actor.

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Rae Carruth Faces Death Penalty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)

Prosecutors want the death penalty for ex-NFL player Rae Carruth. With Carruth and his mother in court, the prosecution said special circumstances warrant the death penalty for the former Carolina Panthers player. Carruth and three others are charged with first-degree murder in the drive-by shooting of his girlfriend. Cherica Adams was shot four times while driving on Nov. 16.

Bush, McCain Trade Charges

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)

GOP rivals George W. Bush and John McCain swapped charges of negative campaigning tonight in a close quarters debate, their final clash before the South Carolina presidential primary. The rapid back and forth between the two men on CNN left the third contender, Alan Keyes, to complain about the tone. "Is this the kind of pointless squabbling we really want them to see," he said. The live audience applauded. McCain stunned Bush, the national front-runner, two weeks ago with a landslide victory in New Hampshire's primary, and South Carolina shapes up as a pivotal test for the two men.

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\$6.9B Computer Research Bill Passes

WASHINGTON (AP)

The House passed a \$6.9 billion measure today aimed at expanding the government's role in computer and scientific research and maintaining the nation's role as a technology leader. The bill would almost double the amount spent on technology research last year. Over the next five years, it would funnel millions more into research projects that include ways to speed up the Internet and how to integrate computing and medical research. It would authorize the money to be spent over the next five years by several agencies, including the National Science Foundation, NASA and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Texas Fugitive Sought in Nebraska

LUSK, Wyo. (AP)

Police and National Guard troops with night vision equipment searched a secluded area by foot and helicopter today for a Texas survivalist wanted in the killing of a farmer and the wounding of two law officers in Nebraska. Lt. Carl McDonald of the Wyoming Highway Patrol confirmed that Charles Lannis Moses Jr. was in the area, but he said it appeared Moses had given police the slip again. Moses, a 31-year-old construction worker, has been the subject of a three-day manhunt that began in western Nebraska. He was spotted in Lusk today.

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EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP)

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Sixth-ranked Michigan State took over sole possession of first place in the Big Ten as Morris Peterson scored 26 points and pulled down 11 rebounds in an 83-72 win over No. 7 Ohio State tonight. This was the 25th straight win at home for the Spartans (19-6, 9-2), who are attempting to win a third straight conference regular season title. Scoonie Penn scored 30 points for Ohio State (17-5, 8-3), which fell into a tie for second in the conference with Indiana and Purdue.

Bush, McCain Spar at Debate

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)

George W. Bush and John McCain swapped charges of negative campaigning tonight in a close quarters debate, their final clash before the pivotal South Carolina primary. "You should be ashamed," the Arizona senator lectured his rival. "Don't compare me to Bill Clinton," Bush snapped back. The two men and Alan Keyes also clashed over abortion, taxes and campaign finance and found common ground on foreign policy in a 90-minute encounter, but the debate crackled when the topic turned to negative campaigning. McCain stunned Bush, the national front-runner, two weeks ago with a landslide victory in New Hampshire's primary. South Carolina will be an important test for the two men.

FBI Probes for Hackers

WASHINGTON (AP)

The FBI sought to question several hackers today in its investigation into last week's attacks against major Web sites, looking for people known by their Internet screen names "coolio," "mafiaboy" and "nachoman." At a White House meeting on Internet security with technology experts, President Clinton described the electronic attacks as a "source of concern" but shunned a comparison to an "electronic Pearl Harbor." Participants at the meeting said they discussed ways to improve security on the Internet, how to protect powerful "server" computers from hackers who install attack software and use the servers remotely to overwhelm major World Wide Web sites.

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DENVER (AP)

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Wards Seized at Italian Hospital

ROME (AP)

Police have seized three wards at a private psychiatric hospital in Sicily, where more than 100 patients were allegedly found in filthy conditions. State television aired video shot by police agents posing as repairmen which showed emaciated patients at Villa Stagno hospital in Palermo. The footage showed some patients in urine-soaked beds, a kitchen with rotting food, excrement-smeared floors. There was no hot water. Prosecutor Marzia Sabella called the scene shocking and said the owner and managers were being investigated for patient abuse and neglect.

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CLEVELAND (AP)

Lamond Murray scored 27 points, rookie Andre Miller had 20 and the Cleveland Cavaliers began the second half with a shocking 92-81 win over the San Antonio Spurs tonight. The Cavs, coming off an injury-filled 19-30 start to the season, snapped a four-game losing streak by outhustling the defending NBA champions. Shawn Kemp had 14 points in 28 foul-plagued minutes and Mark Bryant had 10 rebounds for the Cavs, who started a hobbling Brevin Knight at point guard and were without Bob Sura.

Taxes, Abortion Hot Topics at Debate

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Private Co. To Help Keep Mir Alive

LONDON (AP)

A Bermuda-registered company said Tuesday it has reached an agreement to lease Russia's Mir space station in a last-ditch effort to keep the orbiting platform alive. MirCorp, which was formed in December, already has paid \$20 million to \$30 million to the station to keep it up in space at least through the summer, said its president, Jeffrey Manber. He said another \$40 million would need to be raised to keep the station afloat through the end of the year and beyond. Mir has been flying without a crew since August, and heavily indebted Russia had said it would abandon the station next month unless private investors came up with funding.

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Show Combines Pageant, Dating Game

NEW YORK (AP)

Rick Rockwell, a real estate investor and motivational speaker who lives near San Diego, met and married Darva Conger after a two-hour prime-time competition aired on Fox Tuesday night. "Who Wants to Marry a Multimillionaire," broadcast the night after Valentine's Day, combined elements of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," "The Dating Game" and a beauty pageant _ and ended with the toss of a bouquet. Fox launched a nationwide search for a millionaire who wanted to get married, and a woman who would marry him. Thousands of **women** applied.

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ATLANTA (AP)

Dikembe Mutombo had 21 points, 13 rebounds and 11 blocked shots for his third career triple-double as the Atlanta Hawks beat the New Jersey Nets 103-86 Tuesday night. Mutombo blocked Kendall Gill's layup with 4:27 remaining to register his first triple-double with the Hawks. Alan Henderson added 21 points and Jim Jackson 20 for Atlanta, which has won seven of its last 10 games. The Hawks now own a nine-game home winning streak against New Jersey.

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INDONESIA-WAHID: Hundreds rally in central Borneo

PALANGKARAYA, Indonesia Hundreds of demonstrators rally in this central Borneo town Friday, a day after police gunfire killed as many as six indigenous Dayaks protesters following a visit by Indonesia's head of state. INDONESIA-WAHID. Has moved. By Lely Djuhari. AP Photos JAK101, JAK113-115.

ISRAEL-POLITICS: Prospects of renewed peace talks appears dim

JERUSALEM New Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat both raise the possibility of peace talks, but decades of deep personal enmity and the current hostile climate offers little hope for reviving Mideast peacemaking. ISRAEL-POLITICS. Has moved. By Greg Myre. AP Photos JRL110, 111, TLV101-102; XLP101. AP Graphic SHARON CABINET.

EUROPE:

KOSOVO: Crackdown could lead to armed confrontation with ethnic Albanians

VIENNA, Austria NATO's moves to strengthen positions on the Macedonian border and allow Yugoslav troops back into the buffer zone around Kosovo could lead to the alliance's nightmare scenario: confrontation with ethnic Albanians whom the peacekeepers were sent to protect. KOSOVO-QUAGMIRE. Expected by 1000 GMT. By Robert H. Reid.

NORTHERN IRELAND: IRA says it will renew disarmament talks

DUBLIN, Ireland The **Irish Republican Army** announces it intends to resume talks with Northern Ireland's disarmament commissioners, raising hopes that a stalled peace process could soon move forward. NORTHERN IRELAND. Has moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photos LON101-102, XBFT101-103, XBFT110-111.

WOMEN'S DAY: **Women's** Day marked by rallies, reports, conferences

GENEVA From a demonstration in Sri Lanka for an end to civil war to a minute of silence in Turkey for victims of rape and honor killings, International **Women's** Day is observed around the world with calls for peace, prosperity and equality. UN-**WOMEN'S** DAY. Recap has moved. By Naomi Koppel. AP Photos DEL103; MLA101; PAR105; IST103; HAV101.

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ASIA:

US KOREA: U.S. seeing North Korea as threat raises security concerns in East Asia

TOKYO The Bush administration's tough talk about North Korea's communist regime raises some concern in East Asia about the region's security, with one editorialist warning that "treating Pyongyang like an enemy will ensure that it becomes one." US-NORTH KOREA. Expected by 0600 GMT. By Thomas Wagner.

JAPAN: Ruling party factions step up bargaining over timing of PM's departure

TOKYO Political jockeying intensifies Friday as speculation that Japan's gaffe-prone prime minister, Yoshiro Mori, was set to resign ahead of his party's annual convention next week. JAPAN-POLITICS. Has moved. By Eric Talmadge. AP Photo TOK102.

UN-ASIA: U.N. chief visits South Asia to talks down nuclear weapons

UNITED NATIONS Secretary-General Kofi Annan leaves Friday for a 10-day trip to south Asia where he is expected to promote democracy in Pakistan, a reduction in nuclear competition between India and Pakistan and to speak out against the Taliban's plans to destroy non-Islamic cultural treasures. UN-ANNAN-ASIA TRIP. Has moved. By Edith M. Lederer.

WITH:

PAKISTAN: U.N. leader to see plight of Afghan refugees in Pakistan

JALOZAI REFUGEE CAMP, Pakistan Two-year-old Rahullah lies still and feverish on a filthy pillow inside a tent made from plastic bags. His sister, 3-year-old Rakiba, is howling inconsolably. They are among 80,000 people packed into Jalojai camp, a sunbaked dustbowl with open sewers and filthy water. The camp's residents are refugees from Afghanistan, part of a flight of some 200,000 Afghans into Pakistan that United Nations officials say has developed into a crisis. AFGHANISTAN-REFUGEE CRISIS. Expected by 0700 GMT. By Kathy Gannon. AP Photos JAL101-105.

CHINA-SCHOOL COLLAPSE: Lawmakers propose tougher laws on child labor

BEIJING Stung by the deaths of dozens of children in a schoolhouse explosion, Chinese lawmakers are proposing tougher laws on safety and child labor, according to state media. CHINA-SCHOOL COLLAPSE. Expected by 0630 GMT. AP Photos TOK106, BEJ105.

NEPAL: Goddess search bumps up against the new woman

KATMANDU, Nepal Goddess needed: Palatial accommodations, round-the-clock personal service, public adoration guaranteed. Must be 5 years old or under and willing to serve until puberty. It sounds like Nepal's dream job. So why aren't the applicants beating down the doors? Just ask former goddess Rashmila Shakya. NEPAL-LIVING GODDESS. Has moved. By Binaj Gurubacharya. AP Photos NY195-196.

AMERICAS:

SUBMARINE: Lawyers seek to shift blame to submarine crewman

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii Lawyers for submarine officers under investigation for the sinking of a Japanese fishing boat seek to shift the blame to a crewman who failed to report that the ship was nearby. US-SUBMARINE COLLISION. Lead has moved. By Pauline Arrillaga. AP Photos PHX108, PHX114.

COLOMBIA: Foreign diplomats look for expanded peace role in Colombia

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LOS POZOS, Colombia Diplomats from Europe, Latin America, Japan and Canada but not the United States say they'll offer support for the peace process, but also frank criticism of the guerrillas. COLOMBIA-PEACE. Has moved. By Margarita Martinez. AP Photos SVI101-108.

CANADA: Landry to be sworn in as Quebec's next premier

TORONTO Bernard Landry is sworn in as the new premier of Quebec, saying his goal of sovereignty for the Francophone province will make him the last head of the provincial government. CANADA-QUEBEC PREMIER. Has moved. By Tom Cohen. AP Photo QBC103.

MEXICO-REBELS: Governor promises to free all Zapatista supporters in Chiapas

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico Gov. Pablo Salazar says that he will free all Zapatista supporters from jails in Chiapas, partially meeting one of three remaining demands made by rebels in the southern state. MEXICO-REBELS. Lead has moved. By Alejandro Ruiz. AP Photos ANE104-105, MIL102.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE:

JAPAN-MARKETS: Tokyo stocks decline, dollar falls against the yen

TOKYO Tokyo stocks drops Friday morning after the Nasdaq stock index finishes lower on Wall Street the previous day. The U.S. dollar slipped against the yen. JAPAN-MARKETS. Has moved; will be updated.

JAPAN-MITSUBISHI: Report: Mitsubishi Motors mulls end to alliance with truckmaker Volvo

TOKYO Japanese automaker Mitsubishi Motors Corp. is considering ending its capital alliance with truck producer AB Volvo of Sweden, a news report said Friday. JAPAN-MITSUBISHI. Has moved.

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LOOKING AHEAD: On Saturday, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan arrives in Pakistan for the first leg of a trip to the subcontinent. On Sunday, Latvia holds municipal elections.

FEATURES: Arts and Entertainment

ARTS-US-OSCAR PROSPECTS. Could 'Gladiator' pull a 'Rebecca' at Oscars? Has moved. By David Germain. AP Photo NY347

ARTS-MALI-AFRICAUS BLUES MASTER. Deep in Mali, a guitar great settles into a new life: farming. Has moved. By Tim Sullivan. AP Photo NY319

ARTS-US-ROMAN EPICS. Roman epics ride 'Gladiator' popularity. Has moved. By Anthony Breznican. AP Photo NY348

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ISRAEL-EXPLOSION: Three dead, 45 wounded in bomb explosion.

NETANYA, Israel A Palestinian militant detonates a bomb at a busy intersection during the Sunday morning rush hour in this coastal city. Two people and the bomber himself are killed, and 45 others wounded, police say. ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Has moved. By Mark Lavie. AP Photos staffing.

THAILAND-AIRPLANE FIRE: Prime Minister suspects bomb was cause of plane explosion.

BANGKOK, Thailand Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra says a bomb likely destroyed a Thai Airways jetliner he was scheduled to board at Bangkok airport, and suggests the assassination attempt was an inside job. THAILAND-AIRPLANE FIRE. Has moved. By Uamdao Noikorn. AP Photos BK102-104.

BUDDHA STATUES: Defying pleas, Afghanistan demolishes ancient statues

KABUL, Afghanistan Using antiaircraft weapons, tanks and explosives, Taliban soldiers pounded statues, including two towering Buddhas, ridding the nation of reminders of its pre-Islamic past, witnesses say Sunday. "We are not against culture, but we don't believe in these things. They are against Islam," says Taliban's Foreign Minister Wakil Ahmed Muttawakil. AFGHANISTAN-BUDDHA. Has moved. By Amir Shah. AP Photos ISL101, BOM101, MAD101.

EUROPE:

SWITZERLAND-EUROPE: Swiss expected to give thumbs-down to European integration.

GENEVA In a national referendum, Swiss voters are expected to reject a proposal for immediate membership talks with the European Union. SWITZERLAND-EUROPE. Expected by 1200 GMT. By Clare Nullis.

BRITAIN-EXPLOSION: Bomb explodes outside BBC television center.

LONDON A bomb packed into a taxi explodes outside the BBC television center Sunday morning, blowing out windows and injuring one man. Scotland Yard said it believed the explosion was the work of **Irish Republican Army** dissidents opposed to the Northern Ireland peace process. BRITAIN-BLAST. Has moved.

G-8 TALKS: Summit on the environment closing in Italy.

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TRIESTE, Italy Delegations from the world's seven most industrialized countries plus Russia on Sunday wrap up a summit on the environment. ITALY-G8-ENVIRONMENT. Expected by 1500GMT. By Alessandra Rizzo.

NATO-US: NATO chief to meet with U.S. officials.

BRUSSELS, Belgium NATO's secretary-general is in Washington this week to talk with President George W. Bush and other U.S. officials about how the 19-member military alliance can get more bang for its bucks. Also on the menu: the Americans' plan for a missile defense system and the European Union's effort to form its own military force. NATO-US. Has moved. By Jeffrey Ulbrich. AP Photo BRU113.

RUSSIA: Mir's odyssey about to end a chapter in Soviet space history

KOROLYOV, Russia A battered symbol of Soviet might, the Mir space station is counting down the final days of its 15-year history and perhaps of the nation's space glory. RUSSIA-MIR'S FALL. Has moved. By Vladimir Isachenkov. AP Photos MOSB104-108.

ALSO MOVED: Russia-Mir-Facts and Figures, BC-Russia-Mir-Chronology, BC-Russia-Mir-Dumping.

ASIA:

JAPAN: Mori faxed North Korea's Kim without consulting government

TOKYO In divergence from established diplomatic practice, Japanese Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori last summer faxed a letter to North Korean ruler Kim Jong Il without first consulting with the Foreign Ministry, a newspaper says. JAPAN-MORI. Has moved.

MIDEAST:

IRAN-POLITICS: Khatami ally jailed for rigging elections.

TEHRAN, Iran A key ally of Iran's reformist President Mohammad Khatami was convicted of rigging elections and sentenced to a year in jail, state-run radio reported Sunday, dealing another blow to reformers who have been waging an uphill battle for greater democracy against Islamic hard-liners. IRAN-POLITICS. Has moved.

SAUDI ARABIA-PILGRIMS: More than two million people flock to Mount Arafat.

MECCA, Saudi Arabia More than 2 million pilgrims head to Mount Arafat outside Mecca Sunday in the culmination of the hajj, an emotional ritual that retraces the last journey of Islam's seventh century Prophet Muhammad. SAUDI-HAJJ. AP Photos MEC101-107. Has moved.

AMERICAS:

ARGENTINA: President asks Cabinet to resign

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina President Fernando De la Rúa asked his entire Cabinet to submit their resignations Saturday, a day after his economy minister abruptly stepped down, sparking a political crisis. ARGENTINA-POLITICS. Has moved. By Bill Cormier.

MEXICO: New president's galloping first 100 days remind some of Roosevelt

MEXICO CITY Vicente Fox is trying to do for Mexico what Franklin Delano Roosevelt did for America: change the face of government in his first 100 days in office. There's little doubt that he has changed the way Mexicans perceive government, and represents a new beginning after 71 years of single-party rule. MEXICO-FOX'S 100 DAYS. Has moved. By Mark Stevenson. AP Photos NY336-338.

AFRICA:

SOUTH AFRICA: Drug companies take South Africa to court over patent law

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa Nearly every major pharmaceutical company in the world is suing the government of South Africa in a court case viewed as a landmark in the battle to get cheap AIDS medications to many of the world's poorest countries. **SOUTH AFRICA-AIDS LAWSUIT.** Has moved. By Ravi Nessman. AP Photos JOH102-103 of March 2.

BENIN: Young democracy pays homage to venerable tradition of voodoo

COTONOU, Benin They're waiting for a white dove to land on someone's shoulder this weekend in the West African nation of Benin, or for the right ray of light to illuminate the right man at the right time.

Oh, and they're also voting for president, on Sunday.

By coincidence, both the nation's top political post and top religious post are open at once. The death last month of the president of the official National Community of Voodoo compelled Benin to search for a new leader of the traditional religion at the same time it picks a head of the body politic. **BENIN-VOODOO AND POLITICS.** Has moved. By Ellen Knickmeyer. AP Photos NY191-195.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Monday, court hearing begins in Alexandria, Virginia, for FBI agent accused of spying for Russia. In Hawaii, it's the opening of the court of inquiry investigating the collision of a U.S. submarine and a Japanese fishing boat.

FEATURES:

ST. MACARIUS MONASTERY, Egypt A generation ago, this fourth-century desert monastery was at the point of closing down. Crumbling, short of funds and with only a handful of monks, it could have at best become a tourist attraction, much like Egypt's ancient ruins. **FEA-EGYPT-GLOBALIZED MONASTERY.** Expected by 1300GMT. By Hamza Hendawi. AP Photos.

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SPACE CENTER, Houston NASA astronaut Susan Helms had no desire to live on the international space station. Her bosses asked her to go, though, and she agreed. Reluctantly. **ARTS-US-WOMEN IN SPACE.** Expected by 1300GMT. By Marcia Dunn. AP Photo NY385.

TAIPEI, Taiwan Patrons jostle one another on the sidewalk, sniffing at the steam billowing from the kitchen. They are devotees of Ding Tai Fung's pork dumplings. With a reputation that extends to Tokyo and the United States, the restaurant is likely Taiwan's most famous. **FEA-TAIWAN-DUMPLING DELIRIUM.** By Marcos Calo Medina. AP Photos NY369-374.

CARACAS, Venezuela In 1999, at the height of rescue efforts after flooding, soldiers seized and hauled off four people. They haven't been seen since. The disappearances have become cause of activists who say President Hugo Chavez's government ignores human rights violations committed by his police and soldiers. **FEA-VENEZUELA-DISAPPEARED.** By Alexandra Olson. AP Photos NY300-301.

MALABO, Equatorial Guinea Construction has been booming since the discovery of oil off the coast of this nation five years ago. President Teodoro Obiang talks ambitiously about Equatorial Guinea becoming the Kuwait of Africa. But so far, little has changed for most residents. **FEA-EQUATORIAL GUINEA-ADJUSTING TO OIL.** By Alexandra Zavis. AP Photos NY318-319, Graphic EQUATORIAL GUINEA.

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Irish eyes are not smiling at Bush

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Body

According to a report in the London Daily Telegraph, Secretary of State Colin Powell has instructed U.S. State Department officials to cease making use of the expression "the peace process."

This is one of a number of indications that the Bush administration will be a lot cooler in its dealings with Northern Ireland than the Clinton administration was.

For example, where Clinton gave large and exuberant parties on St Patrick's Day, with singing of Irish patriotic ballads and the participation of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the Catholic nationalist paramilitary *Irish Republican Army*, President George W. Bush will spend next St. Patrick's Day at his home in Texas.

It looks as if St. Patrick's Day celebrations in Washington this year will be confined to Congress, and mainly the House of Representatives and will be largely Democratic affairs. This is hardly surprising. The Irish vote in the United States is always mainly a Democratic affair.

The Irish vote in the presidential election went overwhelmingly to former Vice President Al Gore and Democrats in Congress worked hard to bring out that vote. Only a few Republicans publicly supported "the Peace Process" and one of these publicly advised Bush to "accept defeat" when some polls seemed to be going against him in the long count. So Bush owes the "Irish" lobby in America precisely nothing and it is clear that Bush himself is well aware of this.

Of course, it is theoretically possible that Bush may seek eventually to mend fences with the "Irish" bloc. He is already mending fences, to good effect, with black voters and *women* through the pattern of his appointments and in other ways.

Both blacks and *women* are two huge voting blocs that went against Bush in the last election. It makes sense to try to win round as many as possible of that vote for the next time around and also for the Congressional elections due in less than two years time.

It may seem to make sense to try a similar effort with the "Irish" vote. But I don't think Bush will be in any hurry about that.

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The black vote and the women's vote are of great importance throughout the United States. The "Irish" vote significant though it may look from here, is of comparatively little national importance in the United States. It bulks large in New York and a little less large these days in Boston and its environs.

Elsewhere, in the South and West and in Middle America, it is of hardly any significance. And in a few places where the "Irish" vote does exist, it is solidly Democratic and likely to remain so.

So Bush has no pressing need to woo the Irish and it shows in the way the president intends to spend St. Patrick's Day.

It is true that Irish Foreign Minister Brian Cowen is of a different opinion or at least professes a different opinion. After a meeting with "the top U.S. policy advisers" in Washington, Cowen expressed confidence in Bush's commitment to the Irish Peace Process.

According to a report in the Dublin newspaper, the Irish Independent, on Thursday, "President Bush has indicated a general personal interest in Northern Ireland," said Cowen after his morning meeting with national security adviser Condoleezza Rice at the White House.

"The minister said, contrary to some previous assertions, the Bush administration and the current U.S. president are prepared to offer "the prestige of the office" to help in the process. "I was heartened, genuinely heartened, by what I heard today," he added."

Curiously, the expression "heartened" is actually weakened by the addition of the words "genuinely heartened."

Cowen sounded as if he didn't think his audience would believe his "heartened" and tried to strengthen it with that propitiating "genuinely."

All serious political observers will have noted that Cowen had not actually met the president whose position he felt so heartening, and that the putatively supportive president will be spending St. Patrick's Day in Texas.

How much difference will the shift in the relations of the U.S. president to the Irish Peace Process actually make?

In the short term it will not make any marked difference, but the effects of the shift over a period of time will be significant. The shift goes deeper than the matters I have already noticed. The Republicans are tougher on organized terrorists and guerillas than the Democrats have been.

Under Bush, the United States has attacked radar sites in Iraq and have induced the British to follow suit and they are likely to be less impressed by the fact that the IRA guns are mostly silent for the moment than by the fact that the guns are all still there. I don't think that while that is still the case the Sinn Fein leaders will be showered with invitations to the White House.

The shift in the position of the White House will be felt quite quickly in Britain. It will tend to weaken still further the cross-party consensus on Northern Ireland that had already been getting a bit shaky over matters like "police reform." Those in the Tory party who are already suspicious about that supposed reform are likely to voice their suspicions more firmly now that they know the United States is no longer wholeheartedly behind the Peace Process of which Sinn Fein is the most conspicuous part.

And when it is found that the IRA is no longer flavor-of-the-month in Washington, the IRA will begin also to be less acceptable in the Republic of Ireland.

The idea of forming a new Irish coalition government along with Sinn Fein, with which Ireland's ruling Fianna Fail Party has been dallying for many months now, will no longer look so attractive, once Sinn Fein/IRA's international acceptability has been tarnished.

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And a version of "police reform" in the North whose most ardent partisans are Sinn Fein/IRA will begin to look a little dicey. It may take a bit of time for all that to sink in. In particular, illusions about the police reforms in the North recommended by former Hong Kong Gov. Chris Patten still appear to be rife.

About the Patten-based reforms the Irish Times wrote at the end of an editorial on Wednesday that these reforms "are well ahead of anything else to be found in the European Union and light years in advance of what prevails in this state."

If that is so, I hope we remain "light years" behind the Patten-inspired "reforms". The mere prospect of the implementation of these reforms has already decimated the higher ranks of the RUC and is known to have demoralized the force at all levels.

The idea of encouraging Catholics to join the predominantly Protestant RUC is right in itself. But the reason why Catholics don't join is that they are afraid of the IRA which is strong in the areas where Catholics live.

And the IRA have made it clear that they will not advise Catholics to join even a police force over which the Patten reforms in their full original state have been imposed. What Sinn Fein/IRA wants is not police reform but the replacement of normal policing by "devolved authority," by which they mean the installation of paramilitary rule over most of Northern Ireland.

And with the aid of a number of well meaning liberals, the IRA now seem well on the way to attaining that objective. Just possibly, a changed approach, beginning in Washington, may come in time to avert that disaster.

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HARRY BENSON:
HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE

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Harry Benson's the guy who shot that famous picture of the Beatles having a pillow fight. At the time, Benson was fresh on the assignment to document the rock group, and he kept at it for more than two years, right through the Beatles' last U.S. tour in 1966.

Benson, who was born in Glasgow in 1929, came to the United States with the Beatles in 1964 and has lived in New York ever since. Less than a year after he stopped taking pictures of Fab Four antics, he was shooting for Life magazine, and during the next 35 years he captured a remarkable gallery of images. He was on hand for the **Irish Republican Army** hunger strikes and the falls of Czechoslovakia and the Berlin Wall. Even before joining Life, his portfolio included shots of President John F. Kennedy riding in a convertible with French President Charles de Gaulle and of a dead man in the street during the 1965 Watts riots.

Benson was invited by Jackie Kennedy to photograph her daughter Caroline's wedding. He has photographed writers Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn and Truman Capote, Russian President Boris Yeltsin and every U.S. president since Eisenhower. He was not, however, invited to capture Greta Garbo at the beach; that photo is one of his rare paparazzo endeavors.

Benson has twice been named Magazine Photographer of the Year by the National Press Photographers' Association and twice received the Leica Medal of Excellence. Once There Was a Way: Photographs of the Beatles (Harry N. Abrams, 2003) is the most recent in a series of books featuring his pictures. Harry Benson's America will be published in 2004.

Pasatiempo caught the veteran lensman at home in New York City in early November.

Pasatiempo: This new Beatles book has some great photographs.

Harry Benson: It's amazing that it all began 40 years ago and they still have a tremendous impact. They crossed all boundaries. To begin with, I didn't want to do the job, and it turned out to be one of the best things I ever did because it brought me to America.

Pasa: You worked for Life until a year ago. It's too bad that magazine is gone.

Benson: It's coming back. It will be a weekly, like Parade magazine, and some of the people that worked on the monthly will be back with it.

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Pasa: You're shooting for Vanity Fair and The New Yorker these days?

Benson: Yeah, and the London Sunday Times. I just did a piece on Robert McNamara and I worked on a good story about Belle Glade, which is near Palm Beach, and a lynching that could have happened there.

Pasa: You're off to Florida this weekend?

Benson: I'll be photographing a boxer, a Nicaraguan that nobody wants to fight because he's so good, and he smokes and drinks and chases women during his training.

Pasa: When you first started using a camera, shooting weddings as a kid in Glasgow, were you using a 35 mm or a Speed Graphic?

Benson: The Speed Graphic would be like the space shuttle compared to what I was using. It was a VN and it had no rangefinder, and you had to guess distances. That's what a lot of the press photographers used then. Between weddings I got a job with the local newspaper, the Hamilton Advertiser. That's the paper David

Livingstone sent his dispatches to from Africa. He had made a little chapel in the darkroom there where he would pray.

Pasa: How did you get to work for the Daily Express in London?

Benson: That took a while, to get there. First

I was with the London Daily Sketch covering Scotland. That was a great job, traveling around Scotland when I was in my mid-20s, but none of this was my ambition, really, when I was growing up. My ambition was to play in goal [as in soccer] for Scotland, and only a month ago I realized it wasn't going to happen.

So the Sketch brought me to London after I won an award, and I worked on Fleet Street. I gate-crashed a party and the son of the proprietor of the Express saw me. I suppose he thought I was very enterprising, getting in like that.

Pasa: You seem to have been in the right place at the right time to get some amazing pictures.

Benson: I think if there's a good picture, you have to show energy to get it, else you waste your time. It's not a 9-to-5 job, not a genteel job, and it's not like I'm specialized in fashion or sports, although I've done that too.

I always looked for the center of the story. Speed was everything. You know, if you're slow, you can watch rigor mortis setting in your subject. If I'm photographing a president, I have an hour, maybe a half hour, and if I can get him walking 10 yards one way, that's 10 yards he has to walk back. You want to keep them moving.

I was next to Bobby [Kennedy] when he was shot, and I'm very proud I covered civil rights; there aren't many of us left who did that.

Thank God the Express made me do that job with the Beatles in Paris. I was ready to go to Africa. I thought myself a big-time journalist, and who wants do a rock group? There are things in my life I would like to go back and do over again, but the Beatles isn't one of them. I got them in all these situations, a good variety, basically everything you could think of. Some things I just don't want to think about. I'd like to have spent more time around Martin Luther King.

Pasa: Are there assignments that are favorites in your memory?

Benson: The Beatles are way up there. You couldn't write a history of the last century

without mentioning them right at the top, and it's not just the music. They had a tremendous impact on our culture, and I'm glad I was very close to them at the beginning.

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You didn't know what was going to happen, and neither did they. Ringo was talking about maybe getting some money and starting a hairdressing shop, and George was wanting to be a classical guitarist, and Paul and John thought of maybe doing something in West End musicals.

It was interesting, in Paris, the first time they went abroad together, and they had their music going and it was really something. You could literally watch the swell of enthusiasm building from day to day. I was with them the night they were told they were no. 1 in America [for "I Want to Hold Your Hand"] and that they'd be on Ed Sullivan. That was where the pillow-fight picture came from.

Pasa: And you wanted to play soccer.

Benson: When I was a boy, there was a poem by Robert Louis Stevenson about a boy traveling in a train and looking out the window, and he sees a cow and a farmer, a man waving a stick, a beautiful field, and he passes the railway station and there was a piece of it, "in each a glimpse and gone forever," and that's what I think my photography was and is. That piece always stuck in my mind.

I think one of the reasons I went for news photography was that I actually grew up in the war. We got bombed in Glasgow at one time for a few months; they were after the shipyards. Those were very dramatic times, and I was hopeless at school -- I was always going to the movies. I had to leave when I was 13.

Photography to me was a way out. It was very pure: all I had to do was take good pictures, and I would become the heavyweight champion of the world. There was nothing intellectual about it: That's a good picture;

that's a bad one. That's all there was to it.

DETAILS

Harry Benson: 50 Years

Reception & book signing 5-8 p.m. today, Nov. 28; exhibit through Jan. 11, 2004

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1. Left, The Beatles With Cassius Clay, Miami, Fla., 19642. Top, George Harrison, 1964All photos courtesy Monroe Gallery of Photography3. Above, Robert Kennedy at the St. Patrick's Day Parade, New York City, 1968 (after he announced he was running for president)4. Top, Meredith March, Mississippi, 19665. Coretta Scott King with her children, Atlanta, 1968 (as Martin Luther King Jr.'s body was being taken from the plane)

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A Watcher of Walls

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Body

"This is the Sinn Fein headquarters." Bill Rolston has pulled his car over about 20 yards from a modest red-brick building that bears the name of the party that is the political wing of the outlawed ***Irish Republican Army***. Looming above, on the building's side wall, is an enormous portrait of a gentle-eyed man, with flowing dark hair and a red sweater. A spatter of white drips down from his chin.

"You see, it's got a white paint bomb?" Mr. Rolston gestures at the blotches. "That's relatively recent."

He waves towards gray streaks just below the portrait. Those, he explains, are left over from an earlier paint-throwing that was patched up just hours before an important march. The culprits were probably young hoodlums who decided to defile Bobby Sands, the IRA hero pictured here. Sands died in prison in 1981 after a 66-day hunger strike.

Mr. Rolston turns on the ignition and swings back onto busy Falls Road. Now it is off to more murals in this heavily republican, working-class neighborhood. An especially striking one is dedicated to 17 people who died from plastic and rubber bullets used by the police. Their faces smile out from 17 cream-colored bullets, which look like so many oversize corks. Another, in a neighborhood further along, shows a woman who is painted in red and holding a gun, with smaller portraits memorializing local ***women*** who died fighting for the IRA.

Driving around Belfast with this easygoing sociology professor from the University of Ulster's Jordanstown campus is like taking a crash course in the dismal and complicated politics of Northern Ireland, which is divided between those who would like the region to rejoin Ireland (nationalists) and those who would like it to remain a part of the United Kingdom (loyalists). In studying murals, Mr. Rolston has made it his business to know the city's neighborhoods intimately. "Nationalist," he will say, and then, "Loyalist," waving a hand at what appear to a visitor to be identical row houses and corner shops on either side of the same street. Down a block, the street sides may be "nationalist, nationalist" or "loyalist, loyalist" -- and sometimes even divided between factions of loyalists.

Belfast's extremists, especially the loyalist ones, often use flags and painted curbsides to mark their territory. But the most ubiquitous form of political representation is murals. Painted on the sides of houses or shops, or on roadside walls, the brightly colored images in effect serve as political advertising. Few, if any, appear in well-to-do areas, but in the working-class neighborhoods of Belfast and other Northern Irish towns, they are inescapable.

"Our gallery is the streets; we try to get our message out to the biggest audience," says Danny Devenny, a muralist who once belonged to the IRA and began painting while in prison. Mr. Rolston finds him on a Friday morning about

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a half-mile west of downtown Belfast, working with a colleague on a mural that he explains is a celebration of the local (nationalist) community. It shows a neighborhood woman, a church, contented schoolchildren, a tin-roofed school, and what will probably be a horse, though its face is yet a great brown blob.

The scene is peaceful enough to make a latter-day Impressionist smile. But Mr. Devenny's words betray little good will toward those who believe Northern Ireland should remain part of Britain. Clutching a coffee cup in paint-spattered hands, he says of loyalist mural painters, "Just because we use the same medium doesn't mean that we have anything in common."

Mr. Rolston first became interested in murals in 1981, when he was a young lecturer at Ulster. Until that time, he explains, few republican murals existed. As for loyalist murals -- some of them nearly 100 years old -- they were so much part of the cityscape that "I wouldn't have more thought of photographing a loyalist mural than I would of photographing a tree."

Thirteen years into what the long-suffering residents of Northern Ireland call "the Troubles," the death of Bobby Sands and nine other Republican hunger strikers protesting their status as criminals (rather than prisoners of war) prompted a burst of republican murals. In the course of two months, 150 of them appeared around the city, according to Mr. Rolston. He began photographing them as a hobby.

"After the hunger strike was over, they didn't stop," he recalls. "The republicans kept painting murals, so I kept photographing." The republican proliferation caused him to look with fresh eyes at the loyalist murals, and he began photographing them, too. In the intervening years, Mr. Rolston probably has built up the world's biggest image archive of murals in Northern Ireland, and especially Belfast.

"He's completely kept track of the nuances that the murals have broadcast to the world," says Mary Hickman, head of London Metropolitan University's Irish Studies Center. "For an academic, it's been an unusually close relationship with what's happening on the ground."

Graduate students from as far away as Germany and the United States who are doing mural-related projects constantly call him up with questions, as do conference organizers. But Mr. Rolston still considers mural-watching his hobby, albeit one "that's got out of control."

"I don't go down very obscure postmodernist or cultural-studies channels trying to deconstruct these things," he says. Still, his work on murals is a useful complement to other parts of his research on globalization and mass media. He has written about truth-telling in political trouble spots, racism in Ireland, and how the news media represent political conflict.

Mr. Rolston's latest book, *Drawing Support 3: Murals and Transition in the North of Ireland* (Beyond the Pale Publications) argues that even after the loyalists declared a cease-fire in October 1994 (following an IRA cease-fire the same year), their murals remained heavy on military imagery. A drive through loyalist neighborhoods in Belfast confirms the often-chilling nature of the murals, which tend to be commissioned by paramilitary groups. Many show masked men or guns; a few show the brooding insignia of the Red Hand Commando, which Mr. Rolston describes as a "small group of crazies" connected to a loyalist paramilitary group.

Some do show more benign images, such as the smiling faces of Queen Elizabeth II and her mother. Mr. Rolston says that pressure is rising on loyalists to tone down their murals. Pausing by one painting that juxtaposes ominous-looking armed men with more benign portraits of fallen fighters, he explains that it is part of a loyalist paramilitary group's "attempt to come to terms with people saying, 'Look, you can't paint men with guns and hoods forever.'"

On the more peaceful side, a handful of loyalist murals have sprung up celebrating the Ulster Scots, people from mostly Protestant Scotland who moved to Northern Ireland centuries ago and sometimes continued on to the United States. One, on the side of an eatery advertising Turkish kebab and pizza, features a portrait of James Buchanan, the 15th American president. The accompanying quotation reads, "My Ulster blood is my most priceless heritage."

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In contrast to loyalist murals, Mr. Rolston argues, republican ones have become markedly less menacing since the IRA reinstated its 1994 cease-fire in 1997, a year before the Good Friday Agreement, which created the Northern Ireland Assembly, its members drawn from across religious lines. References to armed struggle have mostly been eliminated, with guns now appearing mainly in memorials to dead comrades. Republican murals, Mr. Rolston says, also comment more on current political developments than loyalist murals.

Mr. Devenny himself is proud that his mural-in-progress, a peaceful scene from the life of the local community, has "nothing to do with politics." He denounces the loyalists for using imagery that he says is designed to "intimidate their own community."

In more than two decades of photographing murals, Mr. Rolston has felt his stomach lurch only a few times. Once, a man shouting, "Hey, fellow, come here" made him uneasy, so he quickly left.

Another time, he had driven up to a loyalist mural that had a green circle with a red line through it -- meaning Catholics should stay away. Undeterred, Mr. Rolston, who describes himself as a "card-carrying lapsed Catholic," was about to snap a picture when a police officer drove up and ordered him firmly to leave.

For safety, he observes two rules. One, learned from a photographer friend in Dublin, is to stay in the open when taking pictures. "If you start hiding, you get people being suspicious of you," he explains. The other rule is to stay clear of areas where there has just been violence, giving them a few days to calm down. Even so, he realizes that photographing the colorful symbols of the Troubles does not quite have the feel of front-line work. "It's not exactly like war photography in Bosnia or anything, you know," he says with an easy laugh. "I have no horror stories to tell."

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NEW YORK

Health impact is sought in collapse of towers

From executives to food cart vendors, people who were near the World Trade Center when its twin towers collapsed began enrolling Friday in a registry to help determine the long-term health effects of breathing the soot-filled air.

Health officials hope to collect information from up to 300,000 people believed to have been near the twin towers during and shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001, attack.

Data collection began Friday, and a preliminary report is expected this fall. Plans for the registry were first announced last year. Health officials said the registry was not launched in response to recent accusations that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency gave misleading assurances about air quality in the days after the terrorist attack.

OKLAHOMA CITY

Judge rejects dismissing charges against Nichols

A judge refused to dismiss state charges against bombing conspirator Terry Nichols on Friday but said he would grant defense attorneys' request to move the trial outside Oklahoma City.

State District Judge Steven Taylor said he would announce the site of the trial Monday.

Taylor ruled that pretrial publicity in the case was not enough to deny Nichols a fair trial. Researchers testifying for the defense had said media coverage of the 1995 bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building and Nichols' federal conviction made it impossible to pick a fair and impartial jury in Oklahoma.

"I have faith in the system," Taylor said. Although he agreed to move the trial, he said he lacked the authority to move it out of state as Nichols' attorneys had requested.

SAN JOSE, Calif.

Judges refuse to delay recall vote on governor

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A panel of federal judges said Friday that it would not postpone California's gubernatorial recall vote, removing one of the last legal barriers to the Oct. 7 election.

The decision came the day after the U.S. Justice Department made a formal determination that Monterey County's hurriedly assembled balloting plans for the election to unseat Gov. Gray Davis did not constitute a violation of the federal Voting Rights Act. Justice Department spokesman Jorge Martinez said Friday that federal officials had signed off on Monterey County's recall arrangements.

The three federal judges last week had delayed their decision on two lawsuits filed by the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund in anticipation of guidance from the Justice Department.

Another legal challenge to the recall election is still pending in the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. That suit, filed by the American Civil Liberties Union, challenges the use of punch-card ballots in six counties. A hearing is scheduled for Thursday.

PHILADELPHIA

Malpractice is ruled out in physician's affair

A family doctor did not commit malpractice by having an affair with a patient's wife, a judge ruled.

Common Pleas Judge Sandra Mazer Moss dismissed a suit brought by a patient who said he told Dr. Jonathan E. Ostroff in a 1998 office visit that he was having marital problems that were causing him anxiety.

Ostroff neglected to tell Walter Long about his affair with Long's wife, Roseanne, according to the suit. The couple divorced the following year, according to the judge.

Many jurisdictions have recognized that a sexual relationship between a psychiatrist and a patient can constitute malpractice, but the judge said there was no therapist-patient relationship between the family doctor and either of the Longs.

WASHINGTON

Writer-musician is named to national arts council

President George W. Bush has nominated James McBride, composer, saxophonist and best-selling writer, to a six-year term as a member of the National Council on the Arts.

The council gives advice on policies and programs to the government's National Endowment for the Arts, which makes awards to stage, musical and other artistic groups. Membership on the council is subject to confirmation by the Senate.

A former writer for The Boston Globe and The Washington Post, McBride is known for his best-selling memoir "The Color of Water - A Black Man's Tribute to his White Mother," which has been widely translated and put on school reading lists. His latest book is a novel, "Miracle at St. Anna."

McBride, 45, has received the Richard Rodgers Award of the American Academy of Arts and Letters for his work in the musical theater and has written music and lyrics for Anita Baker and Grover Washington Jr. He wrote the score for the hip-hop musical "Bobos."

NEW YORK

Navy petty officer pleads guilty of manslaughter

A Navy petty officer pleaded guilty Friday of manslaughter in the death of a **female** shipmate he shoved out a Times Square hotel window last fall.

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Brian Cooley, 29, admitted that he pushed Seaman Lisa Tedstone, 30, out a sixth-floor window at the Milford Plaza Hotel on Oct. 5, 2002. They had checked into the room with a third sailor after a night out in New York. Police have said Cooley was annoyed that Tedstone refused to sleep in his bed.

Cooley will receive a 12-year prison term when he is sentenced Sept. 23. He was initially charged with second-degree murder and faced as much as 25 years to life if convicted. Cooley, from La Porte, Ind., and Tedstone, from Simpsonville, S.C., were assigned to the amphibious assault ship Wasp, which had docked in New Jersey after a deployment near Afghanistan.

FORT WORTH, Texas

Woman gets 15 years in daughter's drug death

A woman who used heroin with her teenage daughter was sentenced to 15 years in prison for the girl's death from an overdose.

Debra Gatlin Clair, 49, was convicted last week of manslaughter in the death of 15-year-old Tiffany at Clair's apartment in 2001. Clair was sentenced Thursday.

The death came about a week after Tiffany was released from a mental hospital, where she had been treated because of a drug habit and a suicide attempt.

According to testimony, mother and daughter used the heroin with Bradley Ray Waltermire, the son of Clair's former boyfriend. Waltermire, 23, also has been charged with manslaughter.

COSTA RICA

Volcanic eruption causes panic but no evacuation

The Arenal Volcano spewed lava, rocks and ash Friday in its strongest eruption in more than two years, panicking nearby residents.

The lava flows were on the unpopulated north and northwest slopes of the 5,388-foot mountain, said Rodolfo van der Laat of Costa Rica's Seismological and Vulcanological Observatory.

Authorities said there was no need to evacuate the hotel that houses visitors from around the world who visit the park around the volcano, 75 miles north of San Jose, the capital. The volcano has been intermittently active since 1968.

LIBERIA

West African forces try to stop rural fighting

West African peace forces said they would move into Liberia's volatile interior as early as today to quell unrest and stop the flight of tens of thousands of civilians to the capital of Monrovia.

The move north will mark the month-old peace mission's first sizable deployment into the country's most volatile spot, since the landing of the peace force Aug. 4 and the Aug. 18 peace deal.

The peace mission helped end 2 1/2 months of rebel sieges of Monrovia, which were lifted after President Charles Taylor resigned and flew into exile in Nigeria on Aug. 11.

Although Monrovia is calm, forces loyal to Taylor have attacked villagers in the northwest, forcing the people in the area to flee.

NORTHERN IRELAND

Reputed IRA dissident is charged in car blast

An alleged ***Irish Republican Army*** dissident arrested on suspicion of involvement in Northern Ireland's deadliest car bombing was charged Friday with conspiring to cause explosions and possessing explosives.

The 34-year-old man was expected to be identified publicly at his arraignment today. He has been interrogated for the last three days about the Aug. 15, 1998, attack on Omagh, which killed 29 people and wounded more than 300.

The attackers had hoped to derail the 1998 Good Friday peace accord, which proposed power sharing and scores of other goals designed to promote reconciliation between Northern Ireland's British Protestants and Irish Catholics.

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PHOTO; Photo by the ASSOCIATED PRESS - Police in Riva Del Garda, Italy, face off with anti-globalization protesters Friday near the site of a meeting of European Union foreign ministers, who opened two days of talks that will focus on the Middle East and Iraq.

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NATO -- Russia and NATO agreed Wednesday to renew their "basic relationship" after a year of strained ties over the NATO bombing of Yugoslavia and Russia's military operations against secessionist rebels in Chechnya. "We are renewing our basic relationship," Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov told a Moscow press conference. "We consider each other as important strategic partners in guaranteeing security in Europe and the world." The comments came after NATO Secretary-General Lord George Robertson of Britain met Russia's Acting President Vladimir Putin. In his first foreign policy speech as acting president two weeks ago in Moscow, Putin signaled that he wanted an improved partnership with the West. He is the odds-on favorite to win Russia's March 26 election to find a permanent replacement for former President Boris Yeltsin, who resigned on New Year's Eve. The meeting came after Russia completed its long and costly re-conquest of the Chechen capital, Grozny. 0-

IRELAND -- Northern Ireland's crumbling peace process looked close to final collapse Wednesday after Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the Catholic nationalist ***Irish Republican Army***, ruled out any review of the peace process until Britain reestablished the Power-Sharing Executive in Belfast it suspended last Friday. But Britain has made clear that the executive will remain suspended until the IRA starts handing over some of its weapons to an independent disarming commission. "There is no question of there being a review," Adams said. "There cannot be a review on the basis of a unilateral suspension." The British and Irish governments held crisis talks Wednesday with Northern Ireland's key players, scrambling to salvage the peace process after the IRA pulled out of the disarmament talks Tuesday. At a news conference Wednesday, Adams warned that some paramilitary "micro-groups" opposed to the 1998 Good Friday Agreement might take advantage of the crisis to return to violence. Former Irish Prime Minister John Bruton accused the IRA of deliberately sabotaging the peace process. "I was told by the Irish government that they were working on the basis that (the British government) would restore the (power-sharing) institutions by Friday," Bruton told British Broadcasting Corp. "And now they have been deliberately sabotaged by the IRA." 0- REST OF THE NEWS 0-

GERMANY -- Wolfgang Schaeuble, head of Germany's opposition Christian Democratic Party resigned Wednesday over his handling of the party's illegal funding scandal. Schaeuble, 57, the long-time right-hand man of former Chancellor Helmut Kohl, the architect of German reunification, said he would not stand for reelection to the posts of leader and chairman. He said he was resigning the posts to allow the party to have a "new start" and restore the Christian Democrats' credibility with voters. "There must be a return to a state of affairs that will enable the union to be perceived as a strong opposition to the (ruling) red-green coalition," he said. The parliamentary faction of the CDU will elect a new leader next Tuesday. Finance spokesman Friedrich Merz, 44, is front-runner for the job. CDU

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General secretary Angela Merkel, 45, is tipped to become the party's first female national leader in its history. Schaeuble will continue in that post until his successor is elected at a previously scheduled party convention in April. 0-

HIJACK -- Pakistan has said it will not take any of the Afghan passengers who are seeking asylum in Britain after their plane was hijacked to London. A spokesman for the Pakistani foreign ministry confirmed that British authorities had approached Pakistan on the matter several days ago. Seventy-four former hostages remain in the United Kingdom, where they are being questioned by immigration officials. Freed hostages in Kabul, Afghanistan, said the hijackers and some passengers belonged to one large family. CNN reported that while most passengers cowered in fear, dozens of others, including many women and children, laughed, tossed aside their veils and received the choicest food and drink from their nominal captors. 0-

PINOCHET -- Former Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet has suffered brain damage and is mentally unfit to stand trial, Spanish newspapers said Wednesday. The papers cited a confidential report by an independent team of British doctors as saying that the 84-year-old general would have difficulty understanding and answering questions at a trial. The report said that Pinochet had suffered deterioration in the frontal and temporal lobes of his brain, with resulting loss of memory, and that he is unlikely to recover. Most of the damage occurred between September and October 1999, a year after his arrest in London at the request of a Spanish judge. Pinochet faces prosecution in Spain on human-rights charges stemming from his 17-year, iron-fisted rule in Chile. "Pinochet's main medical problems...are a peripheral diabetic neuropathology and a recent cerebral-vascular injury (stroke)," the report said. British Home Secretary Jack Straw reviewed the report before announcing last month that he was "minded" to release Pinochet on humanitarian grounds. 0-

EAST TIMOR -- The United States has offered to maintain a small troop presence in East Timor after the United Nations assumes command of the intervention force next month. But the offer is for an operation outside U.N. command and control, U.S. diplomats told NBC. An international intervention force, known as INTERFET, was organized last summer after a pro-Indonesian militia went on a rampage, killing and pillaging after the island voted for independence from Indonesia. Australia's military led the intervention, and Australia has made it clear that it would have preferred a significant U.S. involvement. 0-

MALAYSIA -- Prosecutors in the trial of former Deputy Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim are attempting to block a request by his defense team to call Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammed to the stand. They say any evidence the prime minister might give is irrelevant to the sex charges against Ibrahim, whom Mahathir sacked in September 1998. Judge Arifin Jaka said he would rule on the issue on Thursday. Ibrahim is serving a six-year sentence after having been convicted of corruption, but faces another 20 years in prison if convicted on the sex charges. 0-

INDIA -- Four Indian soldiers were killed by gunfire on the Line of Control border with Pakistan-controlled Kashmir Tuesday night. India and Pakistan blamed each other for the incident. The clash took place 117 miles north of the state capital, Jammu. Some 25,000 people have been killed in Muslim-majority Jammu and Kashmir, where Muslim guerrilla groups are seeking to oust India. Tensions between the two giant nuclear-armed nations of South Asia have risen since both of them successfully tested nuclear bombs in 1998. 0-

CHECHNYA -- Russian aircraft and artillery bombarded Chechen guerrilla strongholds in the Argun Gorge in the Caucasus Mountains Wednesday in what was seen as a preparation for a full-scale attack to wipe out the remaining secessionist rebel positions, the Itar-Tass news agency reported. Some 8,000 Chechen guerrillas, including hundreds who escaped from the capital, Grozny, earlier this month, are believed to be holding up in mountain strongholds there. The Chechen kavkaz.org Internet Web site claimed that the Chechens had already repelled a Russian frontal assault on the mouth of the Argun Gorge, but said the Russians had regrouped and were now trying to outflank the Chechen positions. The Web site confirmed the Russian reports of heavy artillery bombardments. Meanwhile, Russian Interior Ministry OMON troops in Grozny carried out a massive security check of 12,000 Chechens there to prevent guerrillas from infiltrating the city again. 0-

LEBANON -- Sheik Hassan Nasrullah, head of the Iranian-backed Shiite Hezbollah (Party of God), said Wednesday his group would go on trying to kill Israelis in the security zone Israel controls in southern Lebanon. He said the

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group would continue to retaliate for Israeli air strikes by bombarding Israeli northern towns and villages with Katyusha multiple rocket mortars. In another sign of escalating tensions, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak received permission from his Security Cabinet to set up a streamlined sub-Cabinet decision-making group comprising himself, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and Foreign Minister David Levy to have freedom to order more rapid military retaliations against Hezbollah.

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Body

Robed in surgical gowns, hoods and protective eyewear, four women hovered over their "patient" like doctors on a mission to save a life.

In a sense, these workers in the "clean room" at Viracon's window factory in Owatonna were trying to do just that _ save lives by fabricating blast and bullet-resistant windows strong enough to help protect federal workers from terrorist attacks.

Working as a team, Sandy Stark, Jennifer Sackett, Sue Harris and Mary Ann Yocum swiftly peeled and layered five-foot sheets of glass, polyurethane, polycarbonate and glass until a 2.1-inch-thick window emerged ready to be vacuum-sealed, pressure cooked and fused into a \$2,000 window.

At the other end of the plant, the command "one, two, three, fire!" sounded as researchers Dwight Roos and Brad Erickson cannon-shot a four-foot beam at 34 miles per hour into a test window. The beam bounced off, leaving only circular cracks in the intact glass. Erickson then whaled an ax into another window, producing loud thuds but no flying shards of glass.

Similar production and testing have been nonstop at Viracon and other factories across the nation since demand for blast-mitigating glass first climbed after the Oklahoma City and the U.S. Embassy attacks in Kenya and Tanzania, then skyrocketed after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

For decades, protective glass and window films were used by U.S. building owners for protection from hurricanes, sunlight, car accidents or gunshots. Now, these products are finding new life as key tools in mitigating the threat of terrorism to government and commercial buildings.

Total demand for installed laminated windows on new buildings has risen about 33 percent to \$4 billion since the 2001 attacks. Film adhesives, which are applied to existing windows and made by 3M Co., CP Films, Bekaert Specialty Films and others, have seen sales leap 40 percent to about \$1.4 billion in just 22 months.

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"This is just the tip of the iceberg," said Virginia Kubler, business director for CP Films, a division of Solutia and one of the largest U.S. window filmmakers. The industry "will grow much more because the government has not completed its risk assessment of federal buildings and . . . it's not more than a third of the way through."

Maplewood-based 3M is watching its film sales sprout 30 percent a year. Windowmakers Apogee Enterprises (Viracon's parent) in Bloomington and Cardinal Glass in Eden Prairie also are benefiting.

Apogee's entire line of blast-resistant laminated glass jumped from \$10 million in annual sales five years ago to \$80 million now. Apogee's security windows now make up 10 percent of total sales, CEO Russell Huffer said.

At 3M, commercial interest in window film adhesives "has really picked up over 2002 and this year," said Jeff Bradley, business manager for 3M's Consumer Safety and Light Management unit. "Government is just starting to increase [its use] significantly in 2003 because the funding is now available. There was a delay in fiscal funding" for the Defense and Homeland Security departments and the Transportation Security Administration..

"Before 9/11, the U.S. thought terrorism was not going to happen here. After 9/11, there was a heightened awareness that we may need to protect our windows and that this type of product can give you that protection. We had been selling it for years for hurricane protection in the Gulf Coast area . . . I don't think they realized the benefit it had in the event of a bomb blast."

Apogee, whose Harmon Glass division specializes in car windshields, previously marketed its shatter-resistant building windows in the United States as a safeguard against hurricanes, earthquakes and theft.

"Oklahoma City was really the key turning point for us," Huffer said. "The government changed its specifications, because in Oklahoma, it was the flying glass that accounted for an awful lot of injuries. Remember the picture of the fireman carrying the child away from the building? That baby died of flying glass."

The 1995 terrorist bombing at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building shattered windows 19 blocks away. In addition to the 168 deaths, thousands were injured and area businesses were shut down for weeks.

Survivors lobbied hard for blast-resistant windows on federal buildings, including Aren Almond-Kok, the mother of the child whose lifeless body was captured in the widely seen photograph.

The glass is installed now in "Federal Reserve buildings, the Pentagon, embassies and National Security buildings. Any building the government felt could be a target for blasts, bombs and flying shard," Huffer said. "And we are a leading supplier of it in the marketplace today."

Apogee's stock reflects the change _ it's jumped from \$8 a share to \$11.09 since January.

Clients used to be a mix of prisons, banks, pharmacies and stores. Apogee's laminated glass still hangs in the Mall of America's sun roof and covers the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul, but most of its safety windows are now destined for government projects.

A 528-pound piece of glass manufactured last week will end up at the Lake Street Light Rail Station in Minneapolis, while other pieces were destined for a Texas court house, an airport in Bangkok, Thailand, embassies and other government sites.

Just weeks before the Sept. 11 attacks, Apogee installed its safety glass in the Pentagon. The glass is credited with saving lives because it didn't explode on the jet's impact. Apogee was rewarded with a contract to help rebuild the Pentagon.

Apogee spokeswoman Christine Schaffer said some commercial building owners are moving in the same direction as the government. Last year, a New York City client decided midway through construction to install blast-resistant glass.

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"They said, 'We want to be able to protect ourselves so we can function should something happen,' " Schaffer said.

The cost of replacing old windows with laminated glass can be steep.

"It might cost \$100 a square foot to take out the old and put in the new window that was bomb-blast resistant," Huffer said. "You can buy window film and put it on [an existing window] for maybe \$12 a square foot."

Many building owners have instead turned to the window films made by CP Films and 3M.

3M, which began making its window films 30 years ago as a sunscreen for offices, didn't see a spike in sales of its Scotchshield Safety and Security window films until after the two U.S. embassy bombings in Africa. Sales initially surged 20 to 30 percent, but only overseas, Bradley said.

"When the U.S. embassies started to install it, then the other governments said, 'Hey, maybe we ought to do the same thing.' So there was a lot of interest from the NATO partners _ the British, the Germans, the French, the Australians," he said.

3M's U.S. safety film sales didn't jump sharply until after Sept. 11, making the product a multimillion-dollar business. The rise came some 30 years after English officials were beset by **Irish Republican Army** attacks and asked 3M to strengthen its window sun films to make them blast-resistant.

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MAKING WINDOWS STRONGER

Regular window glass

Thickness: Single-strength is 3/32nds of an inch thick, double-strength about 1/8-inch

Cost: Single-strength is about \$1.75 a square foot, double-strength about \$2.50

Window films

How applied: Special sheets of plastic film, manufactured in accordance with Safety Glazing Standards, are adhered to the interior of an existing office window to give it added strength.

Purpose: Holds glass together if broken so shards don't go airborne. Some window films can withstand an impact of 400 pounds per square foot without piercing. Generally is considered a viable but less-expensive option than laminated windows that are bolted to a building.

Thickness: Typically ranges from 4 to 14 millimeters

Cost: Typically less than \$12 a square foot

Laminated windows

How manufactured: Layers of plastic are laminated between sheets of glass to create a window that can withstand various blast loads.

Purpose: Different types of plastics and multiple fused layers create a thicker and stronger window that can resist intense explosions and bullets. Final framing and bolting installation also strengthens the window. Windows typically are made for newly constructed buildings or for costly replacement jobs.

Thickness: Often ranges from 1/4-inch to more than 2 inches.

Cost: Bullet-proof glass can run up to \$100 a square foot.

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Damage-resistant glass

Glass and bullet-resistant polycarbonate are pressure-heated to create a window that can withstand explosions and bullets. Here's an example of how some high-end windows are constructed. Polyurethane, which acts as a bonding agent, is placed between the layers of glass and polycarbonate. Seven hours of heating fuses the layers into the hardened window. The window is more than 2 inches thick.

Layers: Glass, Polycarbonate, Polycarbonate, Glass, Polycarbonate, Glass, Polyurethane between layers.

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SAUDI-MECCA RAID: Officials say they foiled "imminent" terrorist attack with raid on Mecca

MECCA, Saudi Arabia - Suspects arrested following overnight shootouts that killed five militants and two police officers may be linked to al-Qaida and the May 12 Riyadh suicide bombings that left 35 people dead, a Saudi security official said. BC-ME-GEN--SAUDI-MECCA RAID. Has moved. By Faiza Saleh Ambah. AP Graphic SAUDI RAID.

IRAQ-RAIDS: U.S. troops launch operation for suspected militia leaders in Fallujah

FALLUJAH, Iraq - With the expiration of an amnesty period for handing in weapons, U.S. forces fan out across Iraq to seize arms, gather information on weapons of mass destruction and put down potential foes. BC-ME-GEN--IRAQ-RAID. Has moved. By Chris Tomlinson. AP Photos XSD101-102, 107

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- BC-ME-GEN--IRAQ-DEFANGED COPS. BAGHDAD, Iraq - Lt. Haitham Saed looks like the furthest thing from a gritty Kalashnikov-toting cop in Baghdad's most crime-addled neighborhood. But that's what Saed was, until the U.S. Military Police ordered him to stop carrying his automatic weapon on the streets. He's also supposed to give up pistol-whipping, beatings and bribe-taking. Has moved. By Jim Krane. AP Photos NY193-194.

INDONESIA: Al-Qaida linked terror suspect goes on trial for Bali blasts

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JAKARTA, Indonesia - An Islamic militant who prosecutors say fought alongside Osama bin Laden in Afghanistan went on trial Monday accused of planning and channeling the funds for last year's Bali bombings. BC-AS-GEN--INDONESIA-BALI TRIAL. Has moved.

KOREAS: Two Koreas mark summit anniversary amid renewed tension and scandal

SEOUL, South Korea - South Korea's former president, who engineered an unprecedented summit with North Korea three years ago, urged the communist country to learn a lesson from the Iraq war and give up its nuclear programs. BC-AS-GEN--KOREAS-SUMMIT. Has moved. By Sang-Hun Choe. AP Photos XKK101-102; XIN205.

ASEAN: Terrorism, Myanmar and North Korea to dominate regional meeting

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia - Worries about growing Islamic terrorism in Southeast Asia, the hardening anti-democracy stand of Myanmar's ruling junta and the standoff on North Korea's nuclear program will dominate a meeting of 23 Asia Pacific countries beginning Monday. BC-AS-GEN--ASEAN. Has moved. By Vijay Joshi. AP Photos PHN103-104, 106.

AFRICA'S WORLD WAR: In Liberia, Congo, Africa's most dangerous wars hit crucial turning points

DAKAR, Senegal - Prevailing wisdom pins the world's civil wars on two causes: Greed and grievances. Both are fueling Africa's two most dangerous conflicts, in Liberia and in Congo. Both conflicts have hit turning points, with nations and tens of millions of lives in the balance in west and central Africa. BC-AF-GEN--AFRICA'S WARS. Has moved. By Ellen Knickmeyer. AP Photo XKP101.

LIBERIA: In camps overrun by fighting, displaced Liberians plead for food and protection

MONROVIA, Liberia - Grandparents bent with age, barefoot and shirtless children, and women nursing sickly babies pleaded for food and protection at camps overrun by fierce fighting on the outskirts of the Liberian capital. BC-AF-GEN--LIBERIA-THE DISPLACED. Has moved. By Jonathan Paye-Layleh. AP Photo NY198.

ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS: Egyptian mediators ask Palestinian militants to halt attacks on Israel

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip - U.S. and Egyptian mediators intensified efforts to persuade militant Palestinians to agree to suspend attacks against Israelis, an effort to salvage a U.S.-backed peace plan in danger of sinking under the weight of renewed violence. BC-ME-GEN--ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Has moved. By Ibrahim Barzak. AP Photos DAM101; JRL124, 801-802; XVG105-106. AP Graphic ISRAEL AIRSTRIKE.

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- BC-NA-GEN--US-MIDEAST. KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine: Bush says the world must deal harshly with the militant Palestinian group Hamas or others who try to sabotage a U.S.-backed Middle East peace plan with violence. Has moved. AP Photo MTD101.

IRAN-PROTESTS: Violence subsides in capital but spreading to other cities

TEHRAN, Iran - Police are positioned in and around student dormitories throughout Tehran to prevent any repeat of clashes between students calling for an end to conservative Islamic rule and club and knife-wielding vigilantes. Sporadic violence, meanwhile, is reported in other Iranian cities, a sign the regime won't easily suppress Iranians' yearning for change. BC-ME-GEN--IRAN-PROTESTS. Has moved. By Ali Akbar Dareini. AP Photos VTEH101-103.

COLOMBIA-ARMY MEDICS. Americans winning friends in violent region with offer of medical help

ARAUCA, Colombia - Rebels who dominate this violent region resent the presence of U.S. Army special forces soldiers who arrived earlier this year to train Colombian troops. But the Americans are winning friends among the civilian population by offering free medical examinations and medicine. BC-LA-GEN--COLOMBIA-ARMY MEDICS. Has moved. By Juan Pablo Toro.

ITALY-LABOR REFERENDUM. Italians choose whether to extend labor law to small businesses

ROME - Italians vote on whether to extend the country's generous labor law to small businesses, a contentious proposal in a country already considered to have one of the most inflexible labor markets in Europe. BC-EU-GEN--ITALY-LABOR REFERENDUM. Has moved. First results not expected until after polls close again at 1300 GMT Monday. By Nicole Winfield. AP Photo ROM105.

CZECH-EU: Czechs ponder life within EU after passing membership referendum

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PRAGUE, Czech Republic - A day after voting decisively to join the European Union, Czechs begin looking ahead to the benefits of integration - and the expected hardships. BC-EU-GEN--CZECH-EU REFERENDUM. Has moved. By Karel Janicek. AP Photo CTK106 of June 14.

ANNIVERSARY OF AN UPRISING: Germans seek place in history for 1953 East German revolt

BERLIN - Fifty years after Soviet tanks crushed a worker-led uprising against East Germany's communist rulers, the revolt is finally coming into its own for Germans - as an early cry for freedom in eastern Europe. Television specials, dozens of new books and hundreds of commemorative events have captured the nation's attention ahead of official anniversary events Tuesday to mark June 17, 1953, the day the uprising peaked with street battles in East Berlin. BC-EU-GEN--GERMANY-REVOLT REVISITED. Has moved. By Tony Czuczka. AP Photos FRA506, 508, 510.

IRISH TROUBLES: British army dismantles van bomb in Northern Ireland; IRA dissidents blamed

LONDONDERRY, Northern Ireland - British army experts dismantled a 1,200-pound (500 kilogram) van bomb that had been abandoned by a roadside in Londonderry, Northern Ireland's second-largest city. No group claimed responsibility for it, but police and politicians blamed Irish Republican Army dissidents opposed to the IRA's 1997 cease-fire. BC-EU-GEN--NIRELAND-VAN BOMB. Has moved. AP Photos XBFT101-102.

INTERNATIONAL COURT: Argentine human rights prosecutor to be sworn in as chief prosecutor for International Criminal Court

THE HAGUE, Netherlands - Luis Moreno Ocampo made a name for himself taking on the former military dictators of his home country of Argentina. On Monday, the human rights lawyer takes on a new task - bringing the world's war criminals to justice. BC-EU-GEN--NETHERLANDS-INTERNATIONAL COURT. Has moved; induction set for 1230 GMT. By Anthony Deutsch. AP Photo NY192.

PARIS AIR SHOW: Airbus, Boeing chiefs stick to forecasts for plane deliveries this year

LE BOURGET, France - The heads of the world's two biggest passenger jet makers underline the grim economics in aviation - while sticking with their forecasts for the number of planes they will deliver this year. BC-EU-GEN--PARIS AIR SHOW. Has moved. By David McHugh. AP Photos XPAR101-110.

BRAZIL-INTEREST RATE. Government faces test of fiscal policy with interest rate decision

SAO PAULO, Brazil - Brazil's leftist government faces a key test of its commitment to conservative fiscal policy this week when the country's central bank decides whether to lower the sky-high benchmark lending rate. BC-LA-GEN--BRAZIL-INTEREST RATE. Has moved. By Matthew Cowley.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Tuesday, the World Health Organization begins an international conference on SARS in Kuala Lumpur.

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U.S. looks at potential danger from Hezbollah

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CHARLOTTE -- Mohamad Hammoud, his brothers and friends blended into America quickly after arriving here in the early 1990s. They landed jobs delivering pizzas, got married and bought homes in modest neighborhoods.

A federal jury decided last year that they also secretly established one of the most sophisticated terrorism fundraising cells detected in recent years in the USA -- for Hezbollah, an organization that before al-Qaeda's Sept. 11 attacks had killed more Americans than any terrorist group.

The cell led by Hammoud, 30, a native of Lebanon, generated up to \$ 2 million in profits from smuggling cigarettes purchased in North Carolina and sold in Detroit to elude Michigan's taxes. Part of the proceeds were used to buy high-tech military equipment that was smuggled into Lebanon for use against Israelis.

A U.S. official says there are "hundreds" of Hezbollah members in the USA. Not all are potential terrorists; many support Hezbollah's desire to form an Iranian-style government in Lebanon.

U.S. officials say the Charlotte group's deftness at infiltrating this community illustrates Hezbollah's potential to unleash coordinated attacks in the USA -- if it ever chose to do so.

The case also has added urgency to FBI efforts to identify Hezbollah members here and determine their plans. A senior FBI official says fewer than 20 potential Hezbollah cells are being investigated.

"I believe that if there is a Hezbollah terrorist cell in Charlotte," U.S. Attorney Robert Conrad told Congress in November, "then there are similar cells elsewhere."

'The A-Team' of terrorists

Terrorism investigators and analysts say Hezbollah could attack U.S. interests at home and abroad if the Bush administration were to take on Iran, the group's chief benefactor, or Syria, its supply pipeline between Lebanon and Tehran.

U.S.-Syrian relations have been strained by accusations that Syria helped top Iraqi officials flee coalition forces. Secretary of State Colin Powell recently warned Syrian President Bashar Assad against aiding Palestinian terrorist groups.

U.S. looks at potential danger from Hezbollah

But when it comes to Hezbollah's potential threat on U.S. soil, the bigger worry is Iran and its reaction to U.S. efforts to rebuild Iraq, says Magnus Ranstorp, director of the Center for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence at St. Andrew's University in Scotland.

"If Iran's agenda isn't satisfied," he says, "the threat from Hezbollah to the U.S. rises exponentially."

U.S. officials have called Hezbollah (which means "party of God" in Arabic) "the A-Team" of terrorist organizations. A radical Shiite group, its leaders are known for carrying out synchronized attacks -- a technique al-Qaeda has copied.

Within a year of its creation in 1982, Hezbollah carried out a suicide bombing that killed 241 people at the U.S. Marine Corps headquarters in Beirut. In 1985, Hezbollah members killed a U.S. Navy diver during the hijacking of TWA Flight 847 in Lebanon. And in the 1990s, the group kidnapped several Americans and Westerners.

Terrorism analysts say Hezbollah attacks on Americans declined as its leaders focused on making the transition from terrorists to political players in Lebanon. Equally significant, analysts say, Hezbollah and other radical Muslim groups realized that they could raise millions of dollars in the USA -- legally and illegally -- as long as they didn't draw attention by killing Americans.

So far, Hezbollah has no reason to jeopardize its money train, Ranstorp says. But if Hezbollah decides to target Americans, he says, "the cost-benefit calculation will be very rational."

The smuggling begins

When Hammoud and his friends arrived here in 1992, they appeared to be law-abiding visitors, says Kenneth Bell, who prosecuted the case.

But in 1996, an off-duty sheriff's deputy near Charlotte alerted authorities after he saw young, Middle Eastern men buying cigarettes in bulk with bags of cash at a wholesaler.

Over the next four years, investigators gathered evidence as the men bought about \$ 8 million worth of cigarettes in North Carolina, where the tax was 50 cents a carton, and sold them in Detroit, where the tax was \$ 7.50 a carton.

To hide and move their profits, the men used false names, difficult-to-trace cashier's checks and more than 500 accounts at local banks.

Said Mohamad Harb, who lived in Charlotte, provided the link between the cigarette-smuggling operation and a Hezbollah equipment procurement cell in Canada.

Harb was a longtime friend of Mohamad Hassan Dbouk, a high-ranking Hezbollah member who oversaw purchases of military-type equipment, such as night-vision goggles and map copiers, designed to help soldiers improve their ability to attack.

Bell says agents could not track the equipment after it was smuggled into Lebanon. However, a former U.S. intelligence expert testified that during the smuggling operation, Hezbollah fighters became more accurate in shooting Israeli soldiers.

To stay in this country, Hammoud and other defendants engaged in sham marriages to American women out of friendship or in exchange for minor payments.

In all, 19 people were convicted, including Angela Tsioumas, who married Hammoud. She ran a pizza shop where the men worked and became a key player in the cigarette-smuggling scheme.

Five others are fugitives, including Dbouk; Sheik Abbas Harake, Hezbollah's military commander near Beirut; and Hassan Hilu Laqis, its operative in charge of getting equipment from North America.

U.S. looks at potential danger from Hezbollah

Hammoud, who is serving a 155-year sentence, had ties to top Hezbollah leaders in Lebanon. In a letter seized by the FBI, Harake called Hammoud "a dear brother who is hopefully not forgotten his field of work," which Bell says he believes is a reference to terrorism.

In the defendants' homes, investigators also found videotapes of a "martyr squad," strapped with explosives, vowing to "continue to detonate ourselves to cause the earth to shake under the feet of our enemy, America and Israel."

In another video, Hammoud's toddler nephews are urged by adults to "tell them who you are." After being poked in the chest several times, one boy raises his fist and yells, "Hezbollah!"

"All we ever proved was fundraising," Bell says. "There was nothing found of planned violence or that they had ever carried out" any attacks. "But they were in a position to do whatever was asked."

More capable than al-Qaeda

U.S. officials say Hezbollah has more operatives in the USA than al-Qaeda, access to chemical and biological agents through Iran and active training camps in Lebanon.

"Hezbollah has a significant presence in the United States waiting for a call to action," says Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., former chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee. He says he is worried about law enforcement's ability to confront the threat.

The task is daunting, Ranstorp says. "Hezbollah is not an organization you just tackle. They are not some small hornets' nest you stick your hand in and get moderately stung. These are super bees who can, because of the Iranian connection, wreak serious havoc to the United States."

Ranstorp says Hezbollah would not launch suicide attacks on U.S. soil unless Iran felt its agenda in neighboring Iraq was threatened. Terrorism analysts say they believe Iran would like to see a clergy-led Islamic government in Iraq.

"Could Iran and Syria bring Hezbollah in? Yes," says Gideon Rose, managing editor of foreign affairs for the non-profit Council on Foreign Relations in Washington. "That would be . . . a scenario that would be bad for us. It would be even worse for Iran and Syria."

Rose says the Iraq war has shown the Middle East that "the last thing you want to do is actually come after the U.S. . . . If you do, we will beat the crap out of you."

FBI officials worry about an alliance between Hezbollah and al-Qaeda.

In his book *Inside Al-Qaeda*, Rohan Gunaratna wrote that Osama bin Laden put aside religious beliefs years ago and forged ties between the Sunni-dominated al-Qaeda and the Shiite Hezbollah.

With Iran's help, al-Qaeda received training from Hezbollah operatives such as Imad Fayeze Mugniyah, who is credited with perfecting Hezbollah's use of timed, multiple attacks.

But Rose and other analysts say Hezbollah is comparable to the **Irish Republican Army** in using the United States for fundraising and in its efforts to become a political player.

"The debate is are they going the way of the IRA, toward politics," a senior FBI official says, "or are they just waiting for the opportune moment to strike?"

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PHOTO, B/W; PHOTO, B/W, AP file photo by Bill Foley; PHOTO, B/W, FBI; Blending in: Mohamad Hammoud, right, and Mohamad Atef Darwiche, members of a Hezbollah cell, visit the White House in this undated photo. <>Bombing in Beirut: Rescue workers carry a Marine on stretcher after a suicide bombing at a Marine Corps base in Beirut on Oct. 23, 1983. <>Mugnyiah: Trained al-Qaeda members.

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JORDAN: HAMAS OFFICES CLOSED -- Security forces closed the Amman offices of the militant Islamic group Hamas, Government officials said, adding that they had not been registered to be used for political activities. Israel has repeatedly asked Jordan to close down the offices of Hamas, which has been held responsible for killing scores of Israelis in suicide bombings. An official said arrest warrants had also been issued but refused to say if Hamas officials were among those being sought. (Reuters)

JORDAN: \$50 MILLION FROM U.S. -- The United States agreed to give \$50 million to Jordan to help support its balance of payments. A United States Embassy statement said the grant would enable Jordan to reduce its \$7 billion in foreign debt and increase its foreign exchange reserves. (AP)

ISRAEL: ARAB GUILTY IN BOMBING -- A military court found a former Palestinian Authority policeman and prison guard guilty of helping to carry out two suicide bombings by the militant Islamic group Hamas that killed 26 people. Ammar al-Zibben, 24, left, said he was proud to have had a hand in the attacks in Jerusalem's main produce market in July and September 1997. The prosecution asked the judges to jail Mr. Zibben for 26 years, one year for each victim. Sentencing was deferred until later this year. (Reuters)

IRAQ: CONGRESSIONAL VISIT -- Aides to five United States members of Congress are in Iraq to try to assess the effect of nine years of international sanctions on civilians. The delegation, drawn from the staffs of four Democrats, Sam Gedgeon of Connecticut, Cynthia McKinney of Georgia, Earl Hilliard of Alabama and Danny K. Davis of Illinois, and one independent, Bernard Sanders of Vermont, were taken on a tour of Baghdad hospitals and a bomb shelter in which Iraq says 403 people died in allied bombing during the Persian Gulf war. Barbara Crossette (NYT)

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NORTHERN IRELAND: 2 MORE EXPULSIONS -- Two more Catholic teen-agers have been ordered to leave Northern Ireland or face death by men who say they represent the **Irish Republican Army**. One is 15; the other, an unidentified 19-year-old, was beaten before receiving the expulsion order. Four young men left the province over the weekend after receiving similar threats. Protestant politicians contend that the actions undermine claims that the I.R.A.'s two-year-old cease-fire is holding and make Sinn Fein, the group's political ally, unfit to take part in peace talks that are set to resume next week. Warren Hoge (NYT)

CZECH REPUBLIC: GYPSY WALL HALTED -- Authorities have halted the construction of a six-foot wall that would have separated Gypsy families from other residents in the northern town of Usti nad Labem, Czech Television reported. A local council approved the wall last year after residents complained of noise and the unsightly state of apartment blocks inhabited by Gypsy families. Construction was to begin this week, but the plan drew protests from President Vaclav Havel, human rights campaigners and Western governments. (Reuters)

EUROPEAN UNION: COMMISSION HEARINGS -- Legislators of the European Parliament began seven days of grueling questioning of 19 nominees to Romano Prodi's new European Commission, seeking guarantees that the new executive will respect high ethical standards after the fraud scandal that brought down the previous team in March. The first member on the stand, Loyola de Palacio, was quizzed repeatedly in a three-hour hearing about fraud allegations dating back to her days as Spain's farm minister. She pledged to resign if ever implicated in fraud but denied any wrongdoing. (Reuters)

RUSSIA: DAGESTAN FIGHTING GOES ON -- Government troops battled to wipe out a stronghold of Islamic militants in Dagestan, southern Russia, striking with helicopters and artillery. Troops seized four largely deserted villages in the Karamakhi district of Dagestan, a republic between the Caspian Sea and the breakaway republic of Chechnya. Fighting continued as soldiers sought to eliminate any remaining resistance. (AP)

THE AMERICAS

MEXICO: PRI GAINS IN STRENGTH -- President Ernesto Zedillo's Institutional Revolutionary Party, known as the PRI, continues to gain electoral strength across Mexico, according to a nationwide poll by the newspaper Reforma. Francisco Labastida Ochoa, a former Interior Minister, and Roberto Madrazo Pintado, a former Governor of Tabasco, the leading candidates for the PRI's Nov. 7 presidential primary, are virtually tied in voter preferences 10 weeks before the primary vote. Sam Dillon (NYT)

MEXICO: PLEA ON UNIVERSITY STRIKE -- The five living ex-presidents of the National Autonomous University of Mexico appealed for an end to a student strike that has paralyzed Latin America's largest university for four months. Led by Pablo Gonzalez Casanova, who headed the university in the early 70's, the ex-presidents called the strike illegal but insisted that it be settled without violence. Julia Preston (NYT)

PERU: REBEL SENTENCED TO LIFE -- A military tribunal handed a life sentence to the top leader of the Maoist rebel group Shining Path. Oscar Ramirez Durand, 46, was found guilty of treason in a closed military trial, the Supreme Military Justice Council said in a statement. He was considered the last top rebel leader still at large before he was captured on July 14. He will serve a life term without chance of parole in a high-security prison at a naval base in Lima, where the group's founder, Abimael Guzman, is also imprisoned. (AP)

AFRICA

BURUNDI: PANIC AFTER ATTACKS -- Traders at the central market in Bujumbura, the Burundian capital, fled after rumors spread that ethnic Hutu rebels, who killed 38 civilians over the weekend, had infiltrated the city center

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and were about to stage another attack. No new attacks were made, and residents began burying the victims, most of them young children. The army said 20 rebels were also killed in the raid on two suburbs. (Reuters)

ASIA

MYANMAR: OPPOSITION LEADER BLASTED -- The military Government issued a stinging personal attack on the opposition leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, accusing her of "mental atrophy" and of lending support to dissidents calling for a popular uprising to topple military rule on Sept. 9. The military said the leader of the National League for Democracy was acting "recklessly," and that any attempt at an uprising would fail and be "the swan song of disaffected individuals." (Agence France-Presse)

INDIA: KASHMIR FIGHTING FLARES -- At least 24 people, including 13 Muslim separatists, have been killed in stepped-up violence before elections next month in the disputed Indian state of Kashmir, officials said. The state administration asked New Delhi for more troops in the face of threats from a Pakistan-based guerrilla group that it would renew attacks on Indian forces in the region. India has already sanctioned a 28,000-member paramilitary force to back Kashmir's 70,000 policemen in guarding the region's 6,500 polling stations during voting in Kashmir's six parliamentary districts on Sept. 5, 11 and 18. (Agence France-Presse)

AFGHANISTAN: REBELS CLAIM A VICTORY -- Afghanistan's northern-based opposition alliance said it captured a strategic northern district from the Taliban Islamic militia after heavy fighting. The opposition fighters routed the hard-line Taliban from Sangcharak district in Sar-i-Pul province, according to Hussain Anwari, an opposition spokesman. The area, 180 miles from Kabul, the capital, is at the crossroads of northern Jozjan and Sar-i-Pul provinces. At least 15 Taliban were killed and 65 taken prisoners, Mr. Anwari said, who gave no details about opposition casualties. (AP)

JAPAN: KOREANS' PLEA REJECTED -- The Tokyo High Court rejected a demand from 369 South Koreans for a Government apology and compensation for Japan's colonial rule of the Korean Peninsula, a court official said. The ruling upheld a 1996 lower court ruling, the official said. The Koreans also said Japan's Parliament neglected to make laws to compensate women forced into army brothels in World War II, the Kyodo News Agency said. (AP)

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Drug-Trafficking Charges For Wife of U.S. Colonel

The wife of a U.S. Army colonel involved in counternarcotics operations in Colombia is facing Federal charges for shipping a total of 15.8 pounds of pure cocaine to the United States earlier this year. Laurie Anne Hiatt, the wife of Col. James Hiatt, has denied any illegal activity. A1

Nuclear Spy Charges Delayed

The Energy Department has sought a delay in the Government's decision on whether to seek an indictment against a former Los Alamos scientist in connection with the mishandling of nuclear secrets, officials said. More time is needed to decide whether to release highly classified information for use as evidence. A4

New View on India Killings

The slaying of an Australian missionary and his two young sons by a frenzied mob in January was instigated by an individual and not by any Hindu right-wing group associated with the governing Bharatiya Janata Party, according to a summary of a judicial inquiry issued by the Indian Government. A4

Target for Middle East Accord

Israeli negotiators told their Palestinian counterparts that they hope to agree on the broad outlines of a permanent peace accord by February, a senior aide to Palestinian leader Yasir Arafat said. The Palestinian Cabinet meanwhile rejected Prime Minister Ehud Barak's plan for beginning final status talks, insisting that the Wye agreement be carried out first. A6

New Politics in Russia

President Boris N. Yeltsin's failure to bring the newly minted center-left party to heel this week exposed his weakening position as his term enters its final year and left the Kremlin without a party or even a viable candidate, as Russia begins its march into the post-Yeltsin era. A3

I.R.A. Denies Charges

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The **Irish Republican Army** said it was not responsible for two incidents that have led Protestant officials in Ulster to call for the expulsion of Sinn Fein, the I.R.A. political wing, from the Northern Ireland Assembly. The issues involved a gun-running operation and the killing of a Catholic man in Belfast. A5

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\$23 Million Jury Award In Fen-Phen Case

A jury awarded \$23.36 million to a woman in East Texas who said she suffered heart damage after taking the diet pills popularly known as fen-phen to lose weight. The verdict is the first among thousands of cases pending across the country against makers of the pills. A7

Crack in G.O.P. Position

Speaker J. Dennis Hastert tried to divide a group of Republican dissidents by pledging to bring to the House floor a bill that will include some expansion of the right of health plan members to sue their plans. The move came as Congress left for its August recess. A8

Report Favors Waste Site

A preliminary report on a nuclear waste storage project in Nevada concludes that very little radiation would leak from the site, Yucca Mountain, and that a repository there would be as safe as and much cheaper than securing the waste where it now collects. A8

Astronauts Report Illnesses

Several astronauts on the last mission to the new International Space Station suffered nausea, headaches and other symptoms that have NASA scrambling for solutions to a suspected air-quality problem before another crew visits the outpost. A9

Reactor Moves Through City

The radioactive reactor of the largest American nuclear power plant ever to be shut down was loaded onto a barge for a 270-mile river journey through metropolitan Portland. The move worries environmentalists. A10

Yosemite Suspect Enters Plea

A motel handyman pleaded not guilty to the murder of a naturalist at Yosemite National Park. The suspect, Cary Stayner, has told F.B.I. investigators that he killed the naturalist and three **women** who were sightseers at the park. A9

Gay Man's Killer Sentenced

The man who killed a homosexual because of what he called an unwanted advance was sentenced to life in prison without parole. Steven Mullins, 25, pleaded guilty in the killing. His accomplice was convicted of capital murder on Thursday and sentenced to life without parole. A14

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Plan Widely Expands Sampling of Criminals' DNA

The state will embark on one of the nation's most aggressive programs of collecting DNA samples from convicted felons and will build a computer database that the police can use to solve crimes. The crimes that will put people into the database include murder, manslaughter, assault, sex crimes, drug dealing, robbery, burglary, grand larceny, and the most serious categories of drug possession, attempted murder, arson, kidnapping and attempted burglary. A1

Pataki Endorses Giuliani

Governor Pataki put aside his antipathy toward Mayor Giuliani, endorsed him for United States Senate and urged the other major contender to abandon the race. A1

Mosquitoes Few This Summer

The hot, dry summer that is plaguing farmers throughout the Eastern Seaboard and Midwest has made for a nearly mosquito-free season. There have been scattered swarms of the salt-water mosquitoes that breed in coastal marshes whenever high tide comes. But the far more common species that blanket inland areas each year are largely missing. A1

Assisted Suicide Charges

A 75-year-old man was charged with helping his ailing 70-year-old wife commit suicide by fixing a rope to a ceiling beam in their Queens apartment and tying it into the noose she used to hang herself on Thursday. B1

Building Facade Collapses

An elderly woman was killed and her husband critically injured last night when the facade of a building gave way and covered them with debris as they strolled along the main shopping street of Maplewood, N.J. B3

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3,000th Hit for Gwynn

Tony Gwynn of the San Diego Padres took his long expected place among the game's great hitters when he stroked the 3,000th hit of his career at Olympic Stadium in Montreal. He was the 22d player to reach the 3,000 plateau. D1

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A Surge in Job Creation

Employers hired new workers at a surprisingly robust pace last month and had to pay substantially more to find them, the Government reported. The unemployment rate in July remained steady at 4.3 percent, the Labor Department said. The report underscored the mounting pressures in the labor market and substantially increased the likelihood that the Federal Reserve would raise interest rates at its meeting on Aug. 24. A1

Hearst to Buy Chronicle

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Hearst announced that it had agreed to buy the San Francisco Chronicle, a morning newspaper with a circulation of about 475,000 readers. The move may prepare the way for a merger with Hearst's own San Francisco Examiner, an afternoon paper whose circulation is just over 114,000, and result in yet another one-newspaper city. C1

German-British Phone Deal

Deutsche Telekom agreed to buy the British cellular telephone company One 2 One in a deal worth \$11.1 billion. The deal is the German phone giant's first big foray abroad since its ill-fated attempt to buy Telecom Italia collapsed three months ago and marks a broader move by the former state-run German monopoly to become a pan-European telecommunications brand. C1

Stocks Close Lower

Stocks slid on fears that the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates later this month. The Dow was down 79.79 points, to 10,714.03, the S. & P 500 was down 13.42 points, to 1,300.29, and the Nasdaq declined 17.86 points, to 2,547.97. C4

Nominee for Fed Vice Chairman

President Clinton nominated Roger W. Ferguson Jr., a management and technology expert whose monetary views are not widely known among some in the investment community, to be vice chairman of the Federal Reserve. Mr. Ferguson has served as a Fed governor for two years. C2

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Instead they stood their ground and waited beneath banners portraying the victorious William, sword drawn atop a mythic white horse, and the British crown atop an open Bible both favorite Orange symbols.

As happened last year, when authorities prevented the same small parade from reaching the main rallying point, the entire Belfast Orange organization some 250 lodges and 150 bands planned to march to a park directly across the river from the Catholic enclave.

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In Larne, a mostly Protestant port town north of Belfast, a Protestant man was shot dead in front of one bonfire crowd, who later fought police as they tried gain access to the body.

The victim wasn't immediately identified. Police said they believed he was targeted as part of an ongoing bloody feud between members of two outlawed anti-Catholic groups, both of which are supposed to be observing cease-fires in support of Northern Ireland's 1998 peace accord.

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And in Portadown, a Protestant stronghold southwest of Belfast and epicenter of this month's turmoil, a mob of masked youths went straight from one midnight bonfire where they had burned an effigy of a member of the province's mostly Protestant police force to do battle with rows of heavily girded officers and soldiers.

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An Anglican minister, the Rev. William Hoey, stood in front of the wall to lead the crowd in the Lord's Prayer and an attack on Catholic politicians who seek closer ties with the Republic of Ireland.

"There is no peace in this land so long as republicanism calls the shots," he said in reference to the most militant section of Catholic opinion. "We say to the government, take them on and put them down once and for all."

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The annual Twelfth demonstrations always bring rivalries between British Protestants and Irish Catholics to the boil. But with several parades blocked this year from going through or near Catholic areas by British security forces, Protestant anger turned against fellow Protestants over who to blame for the past 10 days of widespread rioting.

"We meet here today under extremely difficult circumstances. Our city and our country are being ravaged by terrorism and lawlessness," Jim Rodgers, a Belfast councilman, told fellow Orangemen in a city park.

Several militants in the audience heckled Rodgers as soon as he appealed for the riots to end immediately because they were self-destructive.

"Those that are suffering are people in our own areas. We are destroying our properties, we are hitting our churches, we're taking people's cars and burning them," Rodgers said.

He had to shout above the insults flying from a few who accused his Ulster Unionist Party of caving in to Irish Republican Army supporters to make peace.

IRA supporters are prominent in all the anti-Orange protest groups, and the Ulster Unionists and IRA-linked Sinn Fein party are uncomfortable partners in Northern Ireland's power-sharing government.

Orange Order Parade Sparks Violence

Many Orangemen oppose negotiations with the protesters on the same grounds that they reject sharing power with Sinn Fein: The belief that their enemy will never be satisfied no matter how many compromises are made, so no compromises should be made.

Orangemen insisted their demonstrations should be treated as inoffensive, colorful pageants. The lodges march with hand-painted banners portraying important events in Protestant history and mythology: King William on his white horse; the Harland and Wolff shipyard and its most famous product, the Titanic; Protestants dying on World War I battlefields.

But across the Lagan River from the Orange demonstration, the Catholics of the Lower Ormeau neighborhood were savoring a respite from this pageantry, thanks to a British army blockade that prevented a small Orange parade from passing their area that morning.

They said the sound of the Orangemen's rowdy bands of fife and drum sent shivers down their spine.

"Thankfully we can't see them. But just listening to these god-awful bands in the distance reminds people here of the pure hate involved. We just don't want any part of it," said John Gormley, who has helped organize anti-parade protests since 1995.

Several Orange speakers noted bitterly Wednesday that the British government and Royal Ulster Constabulary the province's predominantly Protestant police had decided this year to confront Orangemen rather than Catholic protesters. In 1996 and 1997, the protesters were violently forced off disputed streets to make way for Orangemen. Intense Catholic riots followed.

"The Orange Order will not be surrendering its culture, its history and its tradition to the demands of Sinn Fein-IRA or any of its residents groups," said Denis Watson, the senior Orangeman in County Armagh, where the order was born in 1795 following a sectarian gun battle.

The order's anti-Catholicism was underscored at several rallies, which adopted motions calling for Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian churches to end all ecumenical cooperation with Catholics.

The Rev. William Hoey, an Anglican minister, claimed that all Catholic politicians supported the republican movement of the IRA and Sinn Fein, and so Protestants should defeat them, not compromise.

"There will be no peace in this land as long as republicanism calls the shots and gets away with what they want to do," he told the 200 Orangemen blocked from marching past the half-dozen side streets constituting the Lower Ormeau.

"They accept nothing unless it is done to their agenda," he said through a bullhorn in front of a 20-foot-high steel wall erected across a bridge. "So we say to the government: Take them on and put them down once and for all."

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"We meet here today under extremely difficult circumstances. Our city and our country are being ravaged by terrorism and lawlessness," Jim Rodgers, a Belfast councilman, told fellow Orangemen in a city park.

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Several militants in the audience heckled Rodgers when he appealed for the riots to end immediately because they were self-destructive.

"Those that are suffering are people in our own areas. We are destroying our properties, we are hitting our churches, we're taking people's cars and burning them," Rodgers said.

He had to shout above the insults flying from a few who accused his Ulster Unionist Party of caving in to **Irish Republican Army** supporters to make peace.

IRA supporters are prominent in all the anti-Orange protest groups, and the Ulster Unionists and IRA-linked Sinn Fein party are uncomfortable partners in Northern Ireland's power-sharing government.

Many Orangemen oppose negotiations with the protesters on the same grounds that they reject sharing power with Sinn Fein: The belief that their enemy will never be satisfied no matter how many compromises are made, so no compromises should be made.

But in a sign that the turmoil might finally be subsiding, police reported all of the most volatile Protestant areas quiet as the Orangemen's marches ceased and darkness approached.

More than 80 police and soldiers have been wounded during the rioting. The worst clash came overnight Tuesday in Portadown, where a mob burned an effigy of a policeman on a bonfire then threw gasoline bombs, firecrackers and at least one homemade grenade at joint police-army forces protecting the town's surrounded Catholic district.

Orangemen insisted their demonstrations should be treated as inoffensive, colorful pageants. The lodges march with hand-painted banners portraying important events in Protestant history and mythology: King William on his white horse; the Harland and Wolff shipyard and its most famous product, the Titanic; Protestants dying on World War I battlefields.

But across the Lagan River from the Orange demonstration, the Catholics of the Lower Ormeau neighborhood were savoring a respite from this pageantry, thanks to a British army blockade that prevented a small Orange parade from passing their area that morning.

They said the sound of the Orangemen's rowdy bands of fife and drum sent shivers down their spine.

"Thankfully we can't see them. But just listening to these god-awful bands in the distance reminds people here of the pure hate involved. We just don't want any part of it," said John Gormley, who has helped organize anti-parade protests since 1995.

Several Orange speakers noted bitterly Wednesday that the British government and Royal Ulster Constabulary the province's predominantly Protestant police had decided this year to confront Orangemen rather than Catholic protesters. In 1996 and 1997, the protesters were violently forced off disputed streets to make way for Orangemen. Intense Catholic riots followed.

"The Orange Order will not be surrendering its culture, its history and its tradition to the demands of Sinn Fein-IRA or any of its residents groups," said Denis Watson, the senior Orangeman in County Armagh, where the order was born in 1795 following a sectarian gun battle.

The order's anti-Catholicism was underscored at several rallies, which adopted motions calling for Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian churches to end all ecumenical cooperation with Catholics.

The Rev. William Hoey, an Anglican minister, claimed that all Catholic politicians supported the republican movement of the IRA and Sinn Fein, and so Protestants should defeat them, not compromise.

"There will be no peace in this land as long as republicanism calls the shots and gets away with what they want to do," he told the 200 Orangemen blocked from marching past the half-dozen side streets constituting the Lower Ormeau.

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"They accept nothing unless it is done to their agenda," he said through a bullhorn in front of a 20-foot-high steel wall erected across a bridge. "So we say to the government: Take them on and put them down once and for all."

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Body

Jas Mooney is the son of a Belfast man whose pub was bombed repeatedly in the 30 years before the 1998 Northern Ireland peace agreement, when sectarian violence took on such a sense of permanence in this society that it was referred to simply as The Troubles.

Today, Mr. Mooney, 38, is the director of a chain of sleek downtown bars staffed by young Roman Catholics and Protestants working side by side, and bearing an architectural feature unthinkable during that violence-prone time. The bars all have long street fronts made of glass.

As open, confident and quietly defiant as his businesses' facades, Mr. Mooney's attitude is a reflection of what this capital city has started to become since the **Irish Republican Army** and its counterpart Protestant paramilitary groups declared cease-fires in 1997 and the peace agreement was signed a year later.

Notably, it is the same face that many of Belfast's residents are turning toward the latest setback in that peace process -- the expected shutdown on Monday of the Northern Ireland Assembly, the centerpiece of the accord intended to parcel power equally between the province's Protestant majority and its Roman Catholic minority.

The impasse is the worst in the four-year history of the crisis-ridden agreement, and it has prompted expressions of concern from politicians and other opinion makers about an end to the path toward a permanent peace, and a return to the violence of the past.

But Belfast is having none of it.

"The overall feeling is not one of fear, it's one of frustration," said Petra Devitt, 27, a marketing manager for a bar, bistro and nightclub complex in part of an old paint factory that draws nightly blocklong lines to a onetime no-go area in downtown Belfast. "Most of the people I know will be saying, 'Let's just get on with it, and don't pay attention to those political eejits,' " Ms. Devitt said. The Irish slang version of "idiot," more affectionate than accusatory, suggests someone distracted and ultimately harmless.

On Monday, Britain will declare the Northern Ireland Assembly suspended, a step it is taking after the legislature's Protestant members said they would resign their posts on Tuesday to protest continuing I.R.A. activities while the clandestine guerrilla group's political wing, Sinn Fein, remains a participant in government. A walkout by the

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Protestants would have ended the power-sharing project; a suspension of the assembly, something that Britain is resorting to for the fourth time, puts it on hold and carries the promise of future revival.

People in the streets, shopping malls and cafes around Belfast voice real regret that the experiment in local government is coming to a halt, but few argue that the progress made up to now will be reversed or that the organized violence of the three decades leading up to the peace agreement will return.

"There's no panic reaction this time," said David Dunseith, 56, the host of Northern Ireland's leading radio talk show, in an interview on Saturday. "The evidence for that doesn't come just from the calls, but I saw people on the way home tonight in my supermarket and all they're saying is 'C'mon, we've got to pay for our groceries and get on with it. We're not afraid.' That's what's on their minds."

Mr. Dunseith, whose daily program "Talk Back," on BBC Northern Ireland, gives vent to the polar opinions of his Ulster listeners, said he had not had a single caller as the crisis unfolded in recent weeks who thought the I.R.A. would use the current shutdown as cause for returning to violence.

"I go back to the dark days in Belfast when there was anarchy on the street, clattering armored cars all around the place and nobody went out," he said.

"I guarantee you that there will be thousands of people out in downtown Belfast tonight, and they won't be discussing the peace process, how long the suspension will last or when we get new assembly elections."

A decade ago, downtown Belfast was a place people avoided because of assassinations, abductions and bombings. Today, it is an urban showcase of newly sand-blasted monuments and clock towers; once-derelict warehouses and factories converted into high-tech office buildings and luxury apartments; and restored courthouses, banks and indoor markets from the Victorian period, when Belfast was called the second city of the Empire, and looked like it.

As the population gets younger, the old prejudices are becoming dated. Manus McConn, 40, owns two restaurants in Belfast's university district that employ students, and he said, "I've watched the generations come through here, and with each one there is a noticeable thinning of bigotry."

Belfast remains a city with Catholic and Protestant working-class communities demarcated by painted curbs, Irish or British flags and walls covered with menacing twists of concertina wire and murals portraying masked gunmen and militant slogans. Paramilitary gangs enforce street discipline among their own by vigilante attacks and punishment beatings that can leave victims permanently maimed. Some Protestant housing projects have become the scenes of violent turf wars and drug disputes.

But these areas are increasingly insulated from the rest of the city. "The only time I ever go to those places is when I have visitors from out of town who want to see them," said John Morison, 44, professor of jurisprudence at Queen's University. He remembered staying away from downtown and observing a family curfew as a youth for fear of getting caught up in random violence.

In an image of the kind of cohabitation that has taken hold here, a crew club on this Sunday morning glided its sculls in practice runs along the Lagan River and families strolled the Donegall Quay promenade, while just blocks away in one of Belfast's most conflict-ridden areas, residents of the Catholic Short Strand and Protestant Cluan Place shot harassing fireworks over the wall dividing their two communities. Many people who fled Belfast in the bad years have returned now that the violence has ebbed.

One of them in the crowds of shoppers in the City Hall square on Saturday was Susan Marsh, 43, who came back with her 10-year-old daughter Marissa after 16 years in Germany.

"Right over there used to be a great steel wall," she said, "and to get into the street and then into the shops, you had to be searched right down to your lipstick holders."

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So what was her attitude about the suspension of government? "Oh, I've given up on Northern Ireland's politicians, but I haven't given up on Northern Ireland," she said. "It's a great place, and I've never looked back."

Richard English, professor of politics at Queen's, said he thought people would be patient because they were now confident that a resolution was in sight.

"Everyone thinks they see the broad shape of the deal," he said. "It's some form of power-sharing, with Dublin and London both involved and the paramilitaries eventually having gray hair, wearing suits and being in government."

Paul Arthur, professor of politics at the University of Ulster, said the public had clearly moved ahead of the politicians.

"The mistake the politicians have made is not to realize how progressive their constituents are," he said. "People are reacting the way they are because this process has given the residents of Northern Ireland the first chance in their lifetimes to get rid of their fatalism," he said. "It also gave them a proprietary sense of pride -- they got the assembly up and running and it worked, even if it is shutting down now."

Although this is the fourth time the government will have been suspended, the expectation is that this shutdown will take longer than the others, which lasted three months the first time and a day the next two times.

Still, Monica McWilliams of the Women's Coalition, one of the 108 legislators who will be losing their jobs tomorrow, was not overly pessimistic.

"The one thing that makes our system work is time," she said. "It is time that has been our healer."

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Photo: Jas Mooney runs a chain of bars in Belfast that reflect the changing times: they have street fronts made of glass, unthinkable during the more violence-prone past, and a staff of both Roman Catholics and Protestants. (Martin McCullough for The New York Times)(pg. A6)

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INTERNATIONAL A3-9

Saudis Say They, Not U.S., Will Try 11 in '96 Bombing

Prince Nayef bin Abdel Aziz, Saudi Arabia's interior minister, said that 11 of the 13 Saudis indicted by the United States in June in connection with the 1996 truck bombing of the Khobar Towers apartments were in prison in the kingdom and that the case would be referred soon to Saudi courts, but not to American courts. A1

Schroder Looks Hard at Past

Chancellor Gerhard Schroder has been obliged by the move of Germany's capital back to Berlin to confront the past in a way more direct than his predecessors. Like his country, he is treading his way out of the labyrinth of the past, having discovered a photograph of a father he never knew, with a Nazi swastika on his helmet. A1

Ulster Stability Imperiled

First Minister David Trimble of Northern Ireland resigned his post, casting the struggle to bring political stability to the conflicted province into uncertainty at the beginning of the Protestant marching season. It was one minute after a deadline he had set for action by the **Irish Republican Army** to honor its promise to begin disarming. A4

Israeli Attacks on 2 Fronts

An Israeli helicopter gunship killed three suspected Muslim militants in a rocket attack in the West Bank, straining a fragile cease-fire. Earlier, Israeli warplanes struck a Syrian radar station in Lebanon in retaliation for an attack that wounded two Israeli soldiers. A6

Shadowy Oil Payments

An internal inquiry conducted by the Mobil Corporation, before its merger with Exxon in 1999, found that the company paid over a billion dollars to foreign companies in connection with deals in Russia and Kazakhstan that had no apparent business purpose, The New Yorker reported. A6

Rebels Advance in Macedonia

Albanian rebels in Macedonia have taken control of four villages in the western part of the country, not far from the border with Kosovo, an army spokesman said, and are apparently preparing for a new fight with government forces. A8

NEWS SUMMARY

Capitalists and Communists

China's president and Communist Party general secretary, Jiang Zemin, marked the 80th birthday of the party by declaring that private business owners and other members of China's increasingly diverse society ought to be allowed to join. A9

Fast-Eroding Climate Treaty

Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi said that Japan, which will largely determine whether a global climate treaty will ever take effect, would not proceed without the United States. President Bush is resolutely opposed to the treaty. A9

Rape Charge for U.S. Airman

Police in Japan were preparing to charge a United States Air Force sergeant in the rape of a young Japanese woman on Okinawa, domestic media said. (Reuters)

NATIONAL A10-13

In Miami, Preparing For a Post-Castro World

When President Fidel Castro nearly collapsed during a recent speech in Cuba, the reaction was immediate 90 miles away in Miami, offering a glimpse of plans to deal swiftly with the public, diplomatic and bureaucratic turmoil that the Cuban leader's death or incapacitation could cause in South Florida. A1

Death Penalty for Mother?

The complicated case of Andrea Yates, the Houston mother charged with drowning her five children in a bathtub, has raised a complicated question: In Harris County, which has sent more people to death row than any other county in the nation, will prosecutors seek the death penalty against her? A10

Cheney Is Rested and Ready

On his first full day after a heart device was implanted in his chest, Vice President Dick Cheney rested at his home and prepared to return to work at the White House today. On Thursday, he expects to fly to his home in Wyoming, where he often relaxes and goes on fly-fishing expeditions. A10

A Civil Rights Cause in Virginia

Nine workers lost their jobs at the University of Virginia Medical Center in May after a hospital rape scandal caused officials to vet files for workers admitting to criminal records. The case has sparked a bit of a civil rights cause, with critics accusing the university of making a show of firing probationary and temporary workers in reaction to the uproar over the reported rape of three psychiatric patients. A10

Podesta's New Target

John D. Podesta, President Bill Clinton's former chief of staff, is marshaling the skills he has sharpened in three decades in Democratic politics to try to beat back what he sees as the damaging environmental and energy policies of the Bush administration. Mr. Podesta's new perch is on the board of directors of the League of Conservation Voters. A10

Fearing for Bush's Standing

Many prominent Republicans who once marveled at the Bush administration's agility say that the president's lieutenants are increasingly stumbling in ways that are not merely embarrassing but also perilous to Mr. Bush's political standing. A11

Lawyer to Head NOW

NEWS SUMMARY

The National Organization for Women has elected its first new president in a decade, Kim A. Gandy, a lawyer who wants to focus on legislative action and judicial appointments. A11

Assessing the Court's Term

The year the court picked the president: the Supreme Court's 2000-2001 term will always be known as that, and undoubtedly, in the view of many people, it will be remembered for that extraordinary event alone. But there were many other elements to the term, and many lenses through which to view the 79 decisions the court issued. A12

NEW YORK/REGION B1-6

City's History Rewritten From Municipal Archives

Of all the remarkable things about New York City's Municipal Archives, the most extraordinary, by far, is its very survival. The collection has weathered centuries of profound neglect and thrived. And an improbable thing has happened as archivists have made these records available to scholars: New York City's history has been rewritten. A1

A New Chapter in South Bronx

For some three decades, Ramon S. Velez presided as the pre-eminent antipoverty baron of the South Bronx. A succession struggle has turned a page in the history of the South Bronx, and of the Puerto Rican presence in New York. A1

Police Recruiting Criticized

The New York Police Department, laboring to find qualified candidates for the Police Academy class that will be sworn in today, took some aggressive measures, including asking immigration officials to expedite the citizenship process for dozens of candidates. And hundreds of background checks were finished in days, not the usual weeks, as investigators rushed to meet the hiring deadline. B1

Accidental Shooting Kills Girl

A 9-year-old Bronx girl, reaching for a peanut butter jar to prepare an early-morning snack, instead picked up a .22-caliber handgun atop a cabinet and accidentally shot herself fatally in the chest, the police said. B3

ARTS E1-10

Monet Brings Record Price

Gasps were heard throughout Sotheby's London salesroom last week as five bidders fought for one of Monet's "Haystack" paintings. "Haystacks, Last Rays of the Sun," sold for \$14.2 million, the highest price ever paid for a work in the famous series. E1

Crouching Tiger, Brash Copycat

It was inevitable that someone would try to replicate the success of "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," Ang Lee's romantic martial arts epic. But as film buyers from around the world gathered last week for the Hong Kong International Film and Television Market, they gaped at the shamelessness of the efforts to imitate the film. E1

SPORTSMONDAY D1-8

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BUSINESS DAY C1-12

United Drops US Airways Bid

United Airlines has decided to abandon its proposed \$4.3 billion takeover of US Airways, an executive at the airline said, in the face of continued scrutiny by Justice Department antitrust officials. A1

NEWS SUMMARY

Revamping Medical Care

The backlash against managed health care that pushed a patients' bill of rights to the top of the political agenda in Washington has already forced important changes in medical care for millions of Americans. A1

G.E. May Drop Honeywell Deal

General Electric may officially abandon its proposed acquisition of Honeywell International today, withdrawing its application for approval of the deal from European regulators before they can block it, executives close to the companies said. A13

Unsold Books Signal Downturn

Book publishers are once again facing a rising tide of unsold books returning from bookstores, a phenomenon that just a few years ago became severe enough to cause an industry crisis and cutbacks in the publication of new books. C1

Primedia to Expand

Primedia, publisher of New York, Modern Bride and more than 100 specialty magazines, is expected to announce today that it has acquired the United States magazine business of Emap, the British publisher. C7

Business Digest C1

EDITORIAL A14-15

Editorials: A health infrastructure for AIDS; the military spending crunch; meddling with the city's charter.

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New: JAMAICA-VIOLENCE: Tourism industry fears losses after deadly violence.

Update: BOSNIA-SREBRENICA. Muslim survivors mark anniversary of massacre.

Update: NORTHERN IRELAND. British, Irish leaders to suspend talks over peace deal.

UN-ARMS-MARKING: Key arms manufacturers agree on weapon control
AP News Digest, 1425

UNITED NATIONS Key arms makers in the United States and Europe are willing to accept a voluntary program to mark and trace small arms to help curb illegal trafficking, according to documents seen by The Associated Press and confirmed by industry officials. UN-ARMS-MARKING. Has moved. Stands for item previously listed as UN-ARMS- MANUFACTURERS. By Edith M. Lederer. AP Photos XNYR301-304.

BOSNIA: Amid tight security, Muslim survivors commemorate anniversary of massacre

SREBRENICA, Bosnia-Herzegovina Amid tight security, thousands of Bosnian Muslims who survived one of the worst massacres in recent history tearfully return to the scene to remember the slaughter of up to 8,000 of their loved ones. Weeping women who lost their husbands and sons lash out at Slobodan Milosevic and the fugitive former leaders of the Bosnian Serbs. BOSNIA-SREBRENICA. Has moved. By Radul Radovanovic. AP Photos XSR101; XAE101, 103.

EUROPE:

NORTHERN IRELAND: Marathon talks keep pressure on Sinn Fein over disarmament

WESTON-UNDER-LIZARD, England With no breakthrough in sight, the British and Irish prime ministers plan a temporary halt to their efforts to preserve Northern Ireland's joint Catholic-Protestant government. They'll try again Friday, but the Irish Republican Army's allies in the Sinn Fein party say there will be no disarmament unless Britain provides clear plans for military cutbacks and police reform. NORTHERN IRELAND. Expected by 1800 GMT. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photos XAG103, LON102.

WITH:

CONFLICT ON PARADE. BELFAST, Northern Ireland In a conflict whose weapons of choice have traditionally been guns, bombs and mortars, the Orange Order is once again rolling out its peculiar arsenal: bowler hats, white gloves and insignia-encrusted orange sashes. Has moved. By Laura King. AP Photos staffing.

FRANCE: Chirac's daughter questioned in scandal involving cash payments for trips

PARIS Judges investigating a cash-for-airline tickets scandal moved a step closer to President Jacques Chirac, questioning his daughter in the case that dates back to Chirac's time as Paris mayor. FRANCE-CORRUPTION. Has moved. By Clar Ni Chonghaile. AP Photos planned.

RUSSIA-OLYMPICS-PROTEST: Police break up Tibetan protest against Chinese Olympic bid

MOSCOW Two days before the International Olympic Committee vote on the host city for the 2008 Games, Russian police break up a Tibetan protest against front-runner China and detain eight people, including two journalists. RUSSIA-OLYMPICS-PROTEST. Has moved. By Jim Heintz. AP Photo MOSB108.

RUSSIA-NUCLEAR WASTE: Putin seeks compromise over nuclear fuel reprocessing law

MOSCOW President Vladimir Putin tries to strike a compromise between supporters and opponents of a plan to import other nations' spent nuclear fuel for reprocessing, signing the plan into law but appointing a public council that will have the final word over whether Russia should receive the waste. RUSSIA-NUCLEAR WASTE. Has moved. By Anatoly Medetsky. AP Photo MOSB110.

GERMANY-KOHL'S WIFE: Germans mourn Kohl's wife at memorial service

SPEYER, Germany To strains of organ music at an ancient cathedral, Germans bid farewell to former first lady Hannelore Kohl, who killed herself because of a disease that had confined her to darkness for months. GERMANY-KOHL'S WIFE. Has moved. By Hans Greimel. AP Photos XSPE105; YSPE110.

BLOOD THINNER: New anti-clotting pill could be safer to take, research shows

LONDON A new blood-thinning pill seems to work at least as well as the standard treatments at warding off blood clots, but kicks in more quickly and could be safer and easier to take, new research indicates. MED-NEW BLOOD THINNER. Expected by 1800 GMT. By Emma Ross.

MIDEAST:

ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS: Death of Palestinian newborn, bomb scare in Israel, sharpen security debate

JERUSALEM A Palestinian woman in labor barred from passing military checkpoint gives birth in her car to a baby boy who dies before reaching a clinic. In another confrontation, a Palestinian woman is shot in the head and killed by an Israeli soldier after her taxi evades a roadblock. ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Has moved. By Greg Myre.

WITH:

ISRAEL-CHURCH DISPUTE. JERUSALEM The Greek Orthodox Church angrily accuses Israel of meddling after Prime Minister Ariel Sharon disqualifies one-third of the candidates, including one of the frontrunners, in the election for the church's next top clergyman. Has moved. By Ibrahim Hazboun. AP Photos staffing.

AMERICAS:

US-STEM CELL RESEARCH: Laboratory creates human embryos intended for stem cell research

AP News Digest

NORFOLK, Virginia Scientists at Eastern Virginia Medical School have created human embryos from donated eggs and sperm for the sole purpose of harvesting embryonic stem cells for research, according to a study published Wednesday. US-STEM CELL RESEARCH. Has moved.

JAMAICA-VIOLENCE: Hoteliers worry that violence will scare tourists away

MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica Along the beaches of Jamaica's north coast, cruise ships come to port and tourists sun themselves with little concern for violence that has left at least 22 people dead. Hoteliers, however, worry the killing will keep tourists away. JAMAICA-VIOLENCE. Has moved. By Ian James. AP Photos staffing.

AFRICA:

AFRICAN SUMMIT: African leaders end summit with pledge to work toward greater unity

LUSAKA, Zambia African leaders wrap up the final summit of the Organization of African Unity, agreeing to forge greater unity on the continent. Among their decisions was an agreement to replace the OAU with the African Union, envisioned as a stronger, closer-knit body. AFRICAN SUMMIT. Lead expected by 1800GMT. By Susanna Loof. AP Photos LUS101-104.

THREATENED CITY: Dam threatens ancient city of Djenne

BAMAKO, Mali Villagers battle a dam they say threatens survival of the mud-mosqued city of Djenne, a millennia-old rival of Timbuktu on the Sahara's old gold and salt routes. U.S. researchers echo the warnings for the U.N. World Heritage site. MALI-THREATENED CITY. Expected by 1900 GMT. By Said Penda. AP Photo NY191.

ASIA:

HONG KONG-POLITICS: Hong Kong legislature: Beijing can fire the political leader of enclave

HONG KONG After a raging debate full of charges Hong Kong is surrendering its cherished independence, lawmakers approve a bill stating that Beijing can fire the territory's government leader. HONG KONG-POLITICS. Has moved. By Verna Yu. AP Photo HK101.

KOREA-SEX SLAVES: Time running out for former sex slaves demanding Japanese apology

SEOUL, South Korea Every Wednesday for the past year, 73-year-old Kang Il-chool has trekked to the Japanese Embassy to demand an apology and compensation for the repeated rapes she says she suffered at Japanese military brothels during World War II. Now she fears time is running out. SKOREA-JAPAN-SEX SLAVES. Has moved. By Soo-Jeong Lee.

CAMBODIA: National Assembly approves revised law on Khmer Rouge tribunal

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia Cambodia's long-awaited draft law to try former Khmer Rouge leaders for genocide clears another hurdle Wednesday, as the National Assembly approves a revision specifying life imprisonment as the heaviest penalty a proposed court could hand out. CAMBODIA-KHMER ROUGE. Has moved. By Ker Munthit. AP Photos PHN101-103.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE:

TURKEY-ECONOMY: Turkish financial markets fall, despite prospect of IMF cash

ISTANBUL, Turkey Turkey's troubled financial markets continued to slide, despite signs that the International Monetary Fund was ready to release the next installment of a dlrs 15.7 billion loan package. TURKEY-ECONOMY. Has moved. By Ben Holland.

BRITAIN-MG ROVER: A year after being sold for nominal fee, car maker hopes to break even

AP News Digest

LONDON Barely a year after changing hands for a nominal 10 pounds (dlrs 14), Britain's last independent, large-scale car maker, MG Rover, announces it has sharply curtailed its losses and expects to break even in 2002. BRITAIN-MG ROVER. Has moved. By Bruce Stanley.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Friday, in Moscow, the International Olympic Committee announces the host city for 2008 Summer Games.

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NATION

SACRAMENTO, Calif.

Light mountain snow means less electricity

California's hopes of averting blackouts this summer were dimmed Friday by low snowpack measurements in the Sierra Nevada, which means less water to run the region's hydroelectric plants.

California draws about a fourth of its power from state hydroelectric plants, and the state relies heavily on winter rain and snow to fill the reservoirs.

The low Sierra Nevada snowpack means California's hydroelectric production may fall more than a third below normal this summer, said Maury Roos, California's chief hydrologist.

California already expected little hydroelectric power from the Northwest, which has been stricken by drought.
LOS ANGELES

Police officer pleads guilty in corruption case

A former police officer arrested in the biggest corruption scandal to rock the Los Angeles department pleaded guilty Friday to charges stemming from the shooting of a gang member. The former officer, Nino Durden, will get nearly eight years in prison.

Durden admitted to conspiracy to obstruct justice, perjury, filing a false police report and grand theft. Durden also agreed to cooperate with prosecutors.

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Durden worked in the department's Rampart division, which is at the center of a scandal in which anti-gang officers are accused of robbing, beating, framing and shooting suspects. More than 100 convictions have been thrown out because of the allegations.

LOS ANGELES

Heidi Fleiss is arrested on parole charges

Heidi Fleiss, the former "Hollywood Madam" who was released from federal prison in 1999, has been arrested for allegedly using methamphetamines, authorities said Friday.

Fleiss, 35, was taken into custody by federal marshals on Thursday afternoon after arriving for her regularly scheduled meeting with a probation officer, the U.S. attorney's office said.

The arrest warrant charged Fleiss with admitting to the use of methamphetamines and failing to report for her mandatory drug testing, both violations of her supervised release from a federal prison.

The woman whose call-girl ring catered to the rich and famous in Los Angeles spent more than three years behind bars for her conviction on federal charges of conspiracy, tax evasion and money-laundering.

AUSTIN, Texas

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Waters led authorities to a mass grave west of San Antonio containing the dismembered and burned remains of the family in January. He agreed to disclose the grave in return for being allowed to plead guilty to a single extortion conspiracy charge.

Waters is already serving 60 years on a state robbery conviction.

WASHINGTON

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Bush said he and President Fernando Henrique Cardoso decided in their meeting to try "to iron out any differences that may exist" over a 34-nation free trade zone in the Western Hemisphere.

Brazil is Latin America's biggest country. It has warily participated in years of negotiations for the free trade pact. Cardoso's government accuses the United States of unfairly using trade barriers to protect inefficient U.S. industries and keep out Brazilian exports, such as steel and produce.

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IRELAND

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MEXICO

12 officials caught in sting operation are fired

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INDONESIA-REFUGEES. The sick and elderly were carried off the ship on stretchers. Children cried when their bare feet touched the burning pavement. A man, gasping for breath and too weak to descend the stairs, collapsed on a relief worker. The scene at the port of Surabaya in East Java was the latest manifestation of Indonesia's slide into increasing lawlessness. Has moved. By Steven Gutkin. AP Photos JAK109-112.

EAST TIMOR-VIOLENCE. Three U.N. vehicles, a mosque and a restaurant are torched by a mob angered by the arrest of three men in connection with a possible assassination attempt on independence leader Jose Alexandre "Xanana" Gusmao. By Joanna Jolly.

AFGHANISTAN-BUDDHA: Demolition of statues to resume

KABUL, Afghanistan The demolition of the ancient mountain carvings of Buddha is to resume Thursday with the end of the Muslim festival of Eid al-Adha, the Taliban's Foreign Minister Wakil Ahmed Mutawakil says. AFGHANISTAN-BUDDHA. Has moved. By Mohammed Gul.

AMERICAS:

SUBMARINE COLLISION: Sub commander's attorney attacks Navy probe

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii The commander of a U.S. submarine that collided with and sank a Japanese fishing boat did his best but lacked key information that might have helped prevent the accident, his lawyer suggests. US-SUBMARINE COLLISION. Lead has moved. By Pauline Arrillaga. AP Photo PHX115.

WITH:

US-SUBMARINE-FAMILIES. Family members accept first apology in person from submarine officer. Has moved.

VIGILANTE RANCHERS: Venezuela's ranchers organize against Colombian guerrillas

CARACAS, Venezuela Otto Ramirez's gentle country life changed forever when rebel gunmen from Colombia occupied his ranch and demanded protection taxes. Ramirez now lives in hiding, but tired of rebel threats, he and

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dozens of his fellow ranchers are organizing a paramilitary band to defend themselves. VENEZUELA-VIGILANTE RANCHERS. Has moved. By Fabiola Sanchez. AP Photo NY107.

US-NATO: Alliance secretary-general meets Bush, Powell, Rumsfeld and Congress

WASHINGTON NATO's secretary-general says that the plan by President George W. Bush administration to include other nations in any U.S. missile defense system has eased some European concerns about the proposed shield. US-NATO. Has moved. By Pauline Jelinek.

MEXICO-INDIANS: Rebel leader Marcos criticizes Mexico's bankers

CUAUTLA, Mexico Zapatista leader Subcomandante Marcos criticizes Mexico's bankers, saying that they are the biggest threat to the country's indigenous population. MEXICO-INDIANS. Has moved. By Wendy Patterson. AP Photos.

SPACE SHUTTLE: Discovery set for launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida Six astronauts and one cosmonaut climb aboard space shuttle Discovery early Thursday for a sunrise launch on a mission to replace the weary crew of the international space station. SPACE SHUTTLE. Has moved; launch scheduled for 1142 GMT. By Marcia Dunn. AP Photos.

SCHOOL SHOOTING: Suspect in shooting rampage is charged with murder

SANTEE, California The 15-year-old suspect in a high school shooting spree is charged with two counts of murder as hundreds of his fellow students return to campus to find freshly patched bullet holes and grief counselors in every classroom. US-SCHOOL SHOOTING. Lead has moved. By Ben Fox. AP Photos XSAN105-110.

ALSO MOVED:

US-CATHOLIC SCHOOL SHOOTING. A 14-year-old girl shoots a female classmate in the shoulder in the cafeteria of their Roman Catholic school but drops the gun at the urging of another student, authorities say.

AFRICA:

UN-LIBERIA: U.N. authorizes sanctions on Liberia

UNITED NATIONS The U.N. Security Council has warned Liberia that a diamond embargo and travel restrictions on senior officials will go into force in two months unless the government ends all support for rebels in Sierra Leone. UN-LIBERIA. Has moved. By Nicole Winfield. AP Photos XNYR301, 304.

UNITED NATIONS:

WOMEN AT WORK: Report: More women at work globally, but still not at the top

GENEVA Women are making up an increasing percentage of the world's workers, but many still find it impossible to break into top jobs, the International Labor Organization says Thursday. UN-WOMEN'S DAY. Has moved. By Naomi Koppel.

WITH

US-WOMEN'S HEALTH. A new study ranking 133 countries finds that women in Africa and other poor nations die in pregnancy or childbirth at a rate 33 times higher than women in Europe, the United States and other rich nations. Has moved. By Edith M. Lederer.

MIDEAST:

US-MIDEAST: Powell says Bush still wants to move embassy in Israel

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WASHINGTON President George W. Bush is sticking by his campaign promise to move the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell says, but the time hasn't been right. US-POWELL-MIDEAST. Has moved; Powell scheduled to appear before Senate committee around 1530 GMT. By Pauline Jelinek.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE:

JAPAN-MARKETS: U.S. dollar climbs, Tokyo stocks lower

TOKYO The U.S. dollar rise against the yen Thursday after Japan's finance minister says the nation's finances are in critical condition. Tokyo stocks fall. JAPAN-MARKETS. Lead has moved.

YAHOO!: CEO Koogle to step down, though will remain as chairman

SAN JOSE, California Tim Koogle is stepping aside as chief executive of struggling Internet bellwether Yahoo! Inc., though he will stay on as chairman. US-YAHOO-OUTLOOK. Has moved. By Brian Bergstein.

GUCCI: Amsterdam court orders investigation into Gucci deal

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands An Amsterdam court orders an investigation into alleged mismanagement at Gucci in connection with the merger with France's Pinault-Printemps Redoute. NETHERLANDS-GUCCI-LVMH.Expected by 1200 GMT.

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LOOKING AHEAD: On Saturday, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan arrives in Pakistan for the first leg of a trip to the subcontinent. On Sunday, Latvia holds municipal elections.

FEATURES MOVED: Science and Technology:

SCI-US-REFUGE EAGLECAM. By Christopher Thorne.

SCI-US-BIOTECH INSECT. By Philip Brasher.

SCI-US-DINOSAUR BITE. By William McCall. AP Graphic DINOSAUR BITE.

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GEORGE MOORE, 1852-1933.

By Adrian Frazier.

Illustrated. 604 pp. New Haven:

Yale University Press. \$35.

In 1935 the poet W. B. Yeats recollected how George Moore, who had died in 1933, had as a young man left his County Mayo home for Paris, where he sat "among art students, young writers about to become famous, in some cafe, a man carved out of a turnip, looking out of astonished eyes." In focusing on Moore's appearance Yeats was of course taking sweet revenge on the man who had once caught him memorably at Lady Gregory's Coole Park "standing lost in meditation before a white congregation of swans assembled on the lake, looking himself in his old cloak like a huge umbrella left behind by some picnic party."

However, Yeats was also responding to something essentially strange and disconcerting in Moore's appearance that friends and enemies noted throughout his life. His own mother had thought him the ugly duckling of her brood and even some of his many lovers found him an odd enough specimen. Adrian Frazier in his revealing biography deploys throughout his text brief verbal snapshots of his subject supplied by Moore's contemporaries, as if to confirm what the novelist himself told his mother in a sadly brave letter: "I was born, I live and I shall die a peculiar man -- I could not be be commonplace were I to try." One former lover in a roman clef had him with "narrow chest and sloping shoulders" and "boneless, fat, soft and white hands." Another woman described him as possessing "a long colorless face that looked like a codfish crossed by a satyr." Oscar Wilde noted his "vague, formless, obscene face," while the Irish poetaster James Cousins saw a "pasty face and vague eyes . . . straw-colored hair that looked as if it had been pitchforked on."

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Given such unprepossessing physical attributes (and portraits or caricatures by, among others, Manet, Sickert and Beerbohm, as well as the photographic record, confirm that Moore was a ready target for the verbal lampoon), it is initially surprising that Moore enjoyed so many amorous conquests. In his lifetime many assumed that most of these were of the literary variety -- all talk and little action. The Irish painter Sarah Purser's quip that "some men kiss and tell; Moore tells but doesn't kiss" (recycled by Susan Mitchell, author of the first book on Moore) was in fact, as Frazier suggests, doubly wrong. For Moore was by no means sexually inactive, and in his many liaisons he was an advocate of the joys of oral sex when pregnancy was an inhibition. Frazier puts definitively to rest any suspicion that Moore merely posed as a roue for scandalous effect. For upon discovering that he could be attractive to women he made the most of the opportunities bohemian and literary fame afforded until in a goatish, impotent old age, he became, as Frazier euphemistically has it, a "tactilist," with a notable penchant for bottom-pinching.

Frazier, who teaches English at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., deals interestingly with the matter of Moore's peculiar sexual nature, which constitutes one of the mysteries of his career. His conclusion that Moore was "a homosexual man who loved to make love to women" rings a little too confidently, however, in view of the story he tells. For at its heart is material Moore's first biographer, Joseph Hone, could not include -- the long, intense, bittersweet affair with Maud Cunard that lasted from before Maud's marriage to the shipping magnate until Maud forsook Moore for the younger Thomas Beecham. And most poignantly, both Moore and Cunard's daughter, Nancy, suspected that they were father and daughter and, although neither was certain, deeply felt this to be the case. Moore's relationship with mother and daughter Cunard, as Frazier recounts it, does much to humanize a figure who might otherwise have become an increasingly tiresome sexual conundrum.

If Frazier finds Moore's sexual nature a constant fascination, he is troubled by another mystery -- the current literary status of his subject. In his final chapter he acknowledges that Moore himself spent his last 15 years fretting that "the canon of English fiction for his era would have room for no more than three novelists, and the three most likely to end up there would be James, Hardy and Conrad. . . . The door would shut on Moore." And one senses that Frazier knows the door has in fact shut pretty firmly on his subject, for all that he admires Moore's work and is interested by the man. His strategy to rescue Moore from the comparative obscurity into which he has sunk is to write a biography that sets him firmly in the three contexts in which he flourished -- the Paris of Manet, Zola, Mallarmé and Degas; the London of the 1880's and 90's; and turn-of-the-century Dublin when the Irish literary revival was at its height, before Moore's protracted decline in London when the literary limelight fell on a new generation. Moore knew everybody worth knowing in these years: his relationships with Zola, Mallarmé and Manet; his defense of progressive literary values against the circulating libraries and Mrs. Grundy in Victorian London, when a publisher went to jail for publishing Zola entire and Wilde was destroyed; his battles with Yeats and Lady Gregory in Dublin on the future of Irish theater -- these make for compelling and often entertaining reading. Frazier writes with a genially mordant, even worldly tone about the many excesses and absurdities of Moore's public and private dealings, with a character list that constitutes a cultural history of the period (Moore emerges as the principal champion of Impressionism in England, when he had graduated from being "Zola's ricochet").

And behind all the journalistic, literary and aesthetic maneuvering, the outrageous and hilarious episodes that made Moore notorious in his time, the history of Ireland rumbles threateningly on, like a bass theme in a symphony -- the estate in County Mayo that he had inherited on his father's death in 1870 became more and more of a burden in an era of land wars and rising republicanism; Moore quarreled irrevocably about religion and family with a brother who resided there by his leave; finally Moore Hall itself was torched by the Irish Republican Army in 1923, during the Civil War, a symbol of the fall of feudalism.

Yet for all its strengths, Frazier's book still leaves one wondering about the reputation. It may be that Moore's fiction (his primary claim on posterity, though he recurrently tried for a dramatic success) is crippled by what Jorge Luis Borges identified as the fault of the imaginary Herbert Quain: "His books are over-anxious to astonish." For the writer who took as his creed Manet's injunction to be ashamed of nothing but shame itself relished shocking his public with a fiction of disturbing realism and candid self-revelation to the point that the reader is no longer surprised and can weary of a species of literary exhibitionism ("astonishment by rote" was Borges's damning phrase for Quain).

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Or perhaps Moore's reputation in his lifetime was too dependent on what Frazier, in a term derived from the theory seminar, identifies as the "author function." This was a "life-long project of constructing . . . 'George Moore' as his chief creation," which involved studiously elaborating "a complex and developing identity for public consumption" and not only the publication of books but a self-advertising campaign in the newspapers and "public enactment of a studied role." With the actual death of the author the "author function" inevitably lost some of its power and the reputation was a matter of the texts alone and could not, it seems, be sustained.

This indeed may be the metaphorical significance of the announcement of sexual impotence in the three-volume "Hail and Farewell" (the one work by Moore, along with the realist fiction "Esther Waters" and a handful of short stories that will probably resist time's revenges), where "George Moore" in a brilliant semi-fictional autobiography is revealed as treacherous friend, self-mocking comedian of the Irish literary revival, lampoonist of genius. Oddly Frazier, so interested in Moore's strange masculinity, makes little critically of this extraordinary confession, which may, as Moore displays himself at the height of his powers, prefigure a time when he knows he will no longer be in control of the reception of the astonishing works of that irresistible fellow, "George Moore," whom he had sedulously fashioned from unlikely materials.

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New - US-NASTY POLITICS: Road rage on the political trail.

ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS: Abbas resigns; Israel bombs Gaza City home in failed attack on Hamas leadership

RAMALLAH, West Bank - A disillusioned Mahmoud Abbas resigned as prime minister after a stifling four-month power struggle with Yasser Arafat, leaving Israel and the United States without a negotiating partner and prompting calls by some top Israeli officials to expel Arafat.

Just hours later, an Israeli warplane dropped a 250-kilo (550-pound) bomb on a Gaza City apartment in a botched attempt to kill several top Hamas leaders, including the Islamic militant group's founder, Sheik Ahmed Yassin, who escaped with a minor injury. Hamas threatened bloody revenge, saying Israel had "opened the gates of hell" with its attack on the widely revered Yassin. BC-ME-GEN-ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Has moved. By Lara Sukhtian. AP Photos GAZ101, 107, 112; NN103, REB103, 110. AP Graphics ISRAEL PALESTINIANS; ABBAS PROFILE.

ALSO MOVED:

- BC-ME-GEN--ABBAS RESIGNATION-REAX. CAIRO - Abbas' decision to resign seriously undermines Israeli-Palestinian peace process, officials and analysts around the world say.

- BC-ME-GEN--PALESTINIANS-ABBAS PROFILE.

- BC-ME-GEN--PALESTINIANS-YASSIN-PROFILE.

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- BC-ME-ANL--PALESTINIAN-WHAT NEXT? With Abbas resigning, Israel and United States lose key partner. An AP News Analysis by Dan Perry.

- BC-ME-GEN--PALESTINIAN-SUCCESSORS. Possible candidates to head the next Palestinian government.

- BC-ME-GEN--ISRAEL-BOTCHED STRIKE. JERUSALEM - Hamas' top leaders were assembled in one room, Israel says, but the 250-kilo (550-pound) bomb that tore through the window wasn't enough to kill them. By Ramit Plushnick-Masti.

SRINAGAR, India - A bomb explodes in the main wholesale market for fruit in Indian-controlled Kashmir, killing six people and injuring 25 others, security forces say. BC-AS-GEN--KASHMIR-EXPLOSION. Has moved. By Mujtaba Ali Ahmad. AP Photos SRI101, 108. AP Graphic INDIA KASHMIR.

MYANMAR: Suu Kyi not on hunger strike despite U.S. reports, Red Cross says

YANGON, Myanmar - Detained Myanmar pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi is not on a hunger strike as reported by the United States, a Red Cross spokesman said after officials from the organization visited her. BC-AS-GEN--MYANMAR-SUU KYI. Has moved. By Aye Aye Win.

TAIWAN INDEPENDENCE: Taiwan independence supporters call for name change

TAIPEI, Taiwan - Waving banners and listening to rousing music, thousands of protesters march in the capital, demanding the island's official name be changed from the "Republic of China" to "Taiwan." BC-AS-GEN--TAIWAN-INDEPENDENCE. Has moved. By Stephan Grauwels. AP Photos TPE101-103.

CHINA'S YUAN: Resisting pressure, China keeps currency controls as hedge against 'chaos'

SHANGHAI, China - With the American economy in the doldrums and a presidential election around the corner, another Republican U.S. administration has again unleashed its arsenal of trade-war rhetoric. During the Reagan administration, the adversary was Japan. This time, two decades later, it's China. And so far, Beijing is not backing down - despite possible retaliation over China's US\$103 billion trade surplus with the United States. BC-AS-ECO-GEN--CHINA-CONTROLLING THE CURRENCY. Has moved. By Elaine Kurtenbach. AP Photo BEJ104.

LIBERIA: West African peace troops delay deployment to Liberia's restive north

MONROVIA, Liberia - A planned deployment of several hundred West African peacekeepers into Liberia's volatile interior is postponed until Monday because of a failure to coordinate the move with the Defense Ministry. BC-AF-GEN--LIBERIA. Has moved. By Jonathan Paye-Layleh. AP Photos SVZ102, 104.

AIDS: Fighting stigma of AIDS, Botswana hosts beauty pageant for HIV-positive women

GABORONE, Botswana - Donning both shimmering evening gowns and traditional Botswana costumes of animal skin skirts and beaded necklaces, porcupine quills adorning their hair, fourteen women competed in a beauty pageant for HIV-positive women and their relatives. BC-AF-GEN--BOTSWANA-AIDS-BEAUTY PAGEANT. Has moved. By Sello Motseta. AP Photo GAB101.

US-IRAQ: 'Unaccounted for' Iraqi weapons may be bookkeeping glitches, ex-inspectors say

NEW YORK - No weapons of mass destruction have turned up in Iraq, nor has any solid new evidence for them turned up in Washington or London. But what about Baghdad's patchy bookkeeping - the gaps that led U.N. inspectors to list Iraqi nerve agents and bioweapons material as unaccounted for?

Ex-inspectors now say, five months after the U.S. invasion, that the notorious "unaccountables" may have been no more than paperwork glitches left behind when Iraq destroyed banned chemical and biological weapons years ago. BC-NA-GEN--IRAQ-WEAPONS GAPS. Has moved. By Charles J. Hanley.

HURRICANE FABIAN: Four missing as most powerful storm in 50 years hits Bermuda

HAMILTON, Bermuda - Remnants of trees and rooftops blanketed flooded roads and hotel grounds after the most powerful hurricane to hit Bermuda in 50 years gave the British territory a solid licking. BC-CB-GEN--BERMUDA-HURRICANE FABIAN. Has moved. By Matthew Taylor. AP Photos VANOV108; BMU101.

COLOMBIA: Soldiers kill at least 25 rebels and paramilitary fighters in central Colombia; police capture 50 others

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BOGOTA, Colombia - Soldiers killed at least 25 suspected rebels and paramilitary fighters in three military operations in central Colombia, authorities said. Meanwhile, police captured 50 suspected rebels, some of whom they say are responsible for killing 10 hostages, including a state governor, during a botched rescue attempt in May. BC-LA-GEN--COLOMBIA-FIGHTING. Has moved. By Vanessa Arrington. AP Photos BOG101-102.

WASHINGTON - U.S. President George W. Bush promised during the 2000 election that he would change the tone of politics in Washington. Yet seldom have American politics been so polarized and uncivil as today, not just in the capital but across the country.

Despite a national coming-together after the terrorist attacks whose two-year anniversary is this week, recent polls suggest Bush has become as polarizing as Bill Clinton, Ronald Reagan and Richard Nixon were while in the White House. BC-NA-POL--US-NASTY POLITICS. Has moved. By Tom Raum.

IRAQ: Shiite cleric calls for resisting U.S. occupation, strengthening militia

NAJAF, Iraq - An Islamic militia disbanded by the United States has emerged with weapons and in uniform in Iraq's holiest Shiite Muslim city, a sign Najaf could become a new flashpoint in the aftermath of a key cleric's assassination. ME-GEN--IRAQ. Has moved. By Tarek Al-Issawi. AP Photos BAG105, 107, XRG104, XMJ111.

WITH:

- BC-ME-GEN--IRAQ-RUMSFELD. AL HILLAH, Iraq - U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld visits a mass grave site and an execution chamber in Iraq. Has moved. By Matt Kelley. AP Graphic IRAQ TROOP STRENGTH 2.

RIVA DEL GARDA, Italy - European Union foreign ministers say that the bloc will declare all wings of the militant Palestinian group Hamas a terrorist organization, following dozens of deadly attacks in Israel. BC-EU-GEN--EU-MIDEAST. Has moved. By Robert Wielaard. AP Photos RDG103.

NORTHERN IRELAND: Omagh bombing suspect charged with conspiring to detonate bomb

BELFAST, Northern Ireland - A suspected ***Irish Republican Army*** dissident faces 15 charges, including possession of key parts of the car bomb used to kill 29 people in Northern Ireland's deadliest explosion. The apparent breakthrough in a five-year hunt for those responsible for bombing Omagh comes as David Trimble narrowly defeats a hard-line challenge within his divided Ulster Unionist Party. BC-EU-GEN--NORTHERN IRELAND. Has moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photo LON803.

VENICE, Italy - Intense Russian father-and-son drama "The Return" won the Venice Film Festival's Golden Lion for best picture, bringing little relief to first-time director Andrey Zvyagintsev who was still shaken by the death of the 15-year-old star of the movie. BC-EU-A&E-MOV--ITALY-VENICE FILM FESTIVAL. Has moved. AP Photos.

PARIS - Several thousand protesters, some shouting "the world is not a piece of merchandise," demonstrated in Paris and other French cities against an upcoming World Trade Organization summit. BC-EU-GEN--FRANCE-WTO PROTESTS. Has moved. AP Photos PAR101, 105.

GREECE-BLACK OEDIPUS: Americans to bring Greek tragedy home in 9-11 performance

ATHENS, Greece - A modern tragedy will meet an ancient one on Sept. 11. Under the Acropolis, a company of American actors will perform an adapted version of the Oedipus myth in a trip to the play's homeland that was conceived in the aftermath of the 2001 terrorist attacks. BC-EU-A&E-ART--GREECE-BLACK OEDIPUS. Has moved. By Derek Gatopolous. AP Photos ATH109-113.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Monday in Vienna, International Atomic Energy Agency governors review latest report on Iran; On Tuesday in Luxembourg, EU high court rules on challenge by Monsanto to EU restrictions on biotech foods. In Cairo, Arab League foreign ministers discuss recognition of Iraqi Governing Council.

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The top stories at this hour from The Associated Press.

RUSSIA: Putin inaugurated, names prime minister

MOSCOW - President Vladimir Putin pledges to finish building democracy in Russia and restore it as a world power after taking the oath of office in the first democratic transfer of power in the vast nation's history. Putin names economist Mikhail Kasyanov as prime minister, with the task of turning general promises of reform into a long-awaited program to repair Russia's economy.

-BODY- Slug AM-Russia-Putin. Developing. 760 words.

By Barry Renfrew. AP Photos MOSB234, Putin with wife, Liudmila; MOSB137, Putin addresses WWII vets after being sworn in; MOSB1130 and MOSB122, Putin talks with Yeltsin; MOSB123, Putin takes oath of office; MOSB119, cannon fire salutes Putin.

With:

-AM-Russia-Prime Minister: Kasyanov is an economics specialist and loyal aide to Putin.

SIERRA LEONE: U.N. and rebel officials plan bid for hostages' release

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone - U.N. peacekeepers and officials from the rebel Revolutionary United Front plan to fly into the country's interior Sunday to try to arrange the freedom of hundreds of captive peacekeepers. The trip would come just one day after the RUF and U.N. peacekeepers battled one another outside the capital, Freetown. The United States, meanwhile, warns Americans against traveling to Sierra Leone, orders nonessential personnel out of the embassy in Freetown.

Slug AM-Sierra Leone. Developing.

By Alexandra Zavis. AP Photos pursuing.

PHILIPPINES: Hostages beg government to pull back troops

JOLO, Philippines - The hostages' faces are smudged, their eyes blank, their voices flat with despair as they beg the Philippine government to pull back its troops from around the Muslim rebel hide-out where they are held. "I'm not sure if I will come out of here," hostage Roland Ullah says, breaking down into sobs inside the makeshift cage. The 21 hostages, snatched last month from a Malaysian diving resort, tell Associated Press reporters that they and their captors fled a military assault on their previous base by crawling through the forest on their hands and knees.

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Slug AM-Philippines-Hostages. New material. Should stand. 750 words.

By Jim Gomez. AP Photos JOL103-107, Hostages wait for release; JOL102, Soldiers dismount from truck.

With:

- AM-Philippines-Slain Priest, from CASTILLEJOS, Philippines: Hundreds of people line the main road of this farming town and toss flowers at a hearse carrying the remains of a Roman Catholic priest killed last week by Muslim extremist rebels holding him and 26 other hostages.

LOVE BUG: FBI obtains e-mail logs of computer virus's creator

MANILA, Philippines - FBI agents are investigating logs of messages sent by people victimized by the "ILOVEYOU" computer virus to its creator, who used Philippine e-mail addresses, a Philippine Internet service provider said Sunday. Jose Carlotta, chief operating officer at Access Net, said he gave six to seven pages of e-mail logs to FBI agents on Saturday. FBI computer virus investigator Michael Vitalis said Sunday that Philippine investigators are focusing on a suspect.

Slug AM-Computer Love Bug. Developing.

By Oliver Teves.

With:

- AM-Love Bug-Security, from NEW YORK: The "love bug" virus's ability to reach millions of computers worldwide is highlighting a need to rethink security defenses. Although damages could have been far greater had last year's Melissa virus outbreak not prompted better security, the latest bug still became a global epidemic within hours.

SUPER-FAST INTERNET: Consumers gain from competitive technologies

NEW ORLEANS - Tired of the ticktock of their home computer clock trying to download a large file or video clip, millions of people are turning up the speed on their Web connection. Consumers are benefiting from competition among cable, telephone, wireless and satellite companies offering Internet access that is dozens of times quicker than today's dial-up modems. As cable executives meet this week in New Orleans for their annual convention, they can take some credit for the race that has won over consumers like Zach Hamm, a security consultant in Raleigh, N.C.

Slug AM-Faster Web Access. New, should stand. 740 words.

By Kalpana Srinivasan. AP Graphic FASTER WEB CONNECTIONS.

NORTHERN IRELAND: IRA drops its biggest bombshell

BELFAST, Northern Ireland - Just as the Good Friday peace accord appeared ready to join Northern Ireland's long list of false dawns, the **Irish Republican Army** drops its biggest bombshell: a promise to reveal its hidden mountains of weaponry. For the IRA, the initiative represents an even greater sacrifice than its three-year-old cease-fire.

Slug AM-NIreland-Dropping the Bomb. New. May stand. 850 words.

A News Analysis by Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photos planned.

With:

- AM-NIreland-IRA Words: Key quotes from the IRA illustrating how its position on disarmament has fundamentally changed since 1998.

SERIOUS CRIMES: Declining for eighth year in a row

WASHINGTON - Serious crimes reported to the police dropped for the eighth straight year during 1999 - down 7 percent from the year before and by far the longest-running crime decline on record, the FBI reports. The FBI's preliminary figures for 1999 extended a trend begun in 1992 that is now nearly three times longer than the second-longest decline - the three years from 1982 through 1984. "This may be finally undoing the great rise in crime of the late 1960s," one researcher says.

Slug AM-Crime in America, HFR. New, may stand. 850 words.

By Michael J. Sniffen.

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With:

-BC-Crime-Cities: Number of murders by selected cities in 1998-99.

RAILROAD KILLER: First trial for accused rail-riding serial killer

HOUSTON - A Mexican drifter suspected of being the "railroad killer" heads to trial Monday for the first of nine slayings he is accused of committing near railroad tracks cross the country. In reality, Angel Maturino Resendiz might have to answer for all of them this month. If the 40-year-old is convicted, prosecutors say they will present evidence from all nine cases, amounting to several "mini-trials" during the punishment phase in which Maturino Resendiz could face the death penalty.

Slug AM-Railroad Killer. New. 700 words.

By Mark Babineck. AP Photos NY109, File of Resendiz in custody.

GORE CAMPAIGN: Clinton sometimes the back-seat driver

WASHINGTON - Publicly, President Clinton takes a back seat when it comes to Vice President Al Gore's campaign. Privately, he is more involved than any other modern president in trying to help his vice president become his successor. Wistful over the end of his own two terms in office, Clinton can seem like an overeager parent at times, shameless in his plugs, insistent in his unsolicited help.

Slug BC-Gore and Clinton. New, should stand. 810 words.

By Sonya Ross.

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- AM-Virginia Senate, from RICHMOND, Va.: For Virginia Democrats, Sen. Chuck Robb is the last man standing. For Republicans, he's the one obstacle to dominating every statewide elected office and government institution. Now, as Robb seeks a third term, he faces an all-out blitz from George Allen, a popular and amply funded former governor.

- AM-85-year-old Candidate, from ELKINS, W.Va.: The candidates' luncheon is over, but 85-year-old Ken Hechler would rather hit the streets and promote his congressional campaign than make the 3-hour drive back to Charleston. After more than 40 years in public life, he is one of West Virginia's most recognizable citizens, and this year, he's in a battle for Congress.

BATTERED WOMEN: Trinidad faces widespread nightmare of domestic abuse

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad - When Indravani Ramjattan was convicted of killing her husband and sentenced to death, the defense had never mentioned the abuse at his hands. It didn't bring up the frequent bruises, the rapes,

or the time she was beaten unconscious with a piece of wood in front of her children. The jury never heard how her husband lined up the children against a wall and asked them whether he should kill their mother. The bid to overturn her sentence has shone a spotlight on domestic abuse and battered women, and how Caribbean nations have long ignored the widespread problems.

Slug AM-Battered Wives. Also moved in advance. 900 words.

By Tim McDonald.

SNAPSHOTS FOR SALE: From a family album to the world

NEW YORK - In a Brooklyn card shop named Scaredy Kat, Damond Gallagher's ancestors live again on elegant greeting cards reproduced by modern technology and ancient yearnings. The purpose: so anyone can wish anyone Happy Mother's Day with, say, Grandma Joy Bell being held by her own mother in a gently fading 1920s image. "I was just intrigued by these slices of life that were captured for an instant," Gallagher says. "You have this image. You blow it up, ... and you bring them back to life."

Slug AM-Snapshots for Sale. Also moved in advance. 1,000 words.

By National Writer Ted Anthony. AP Photo NY330 of May 1.

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Body

Northern Ireland election at stake in negotiations

Belfast

Britain signalled Monday it may postpone Northern Ireland's legislative elections unless it nails down clearly worded peace commitments from the ***Irish Republican Army*** this week.

Senior British and Irish government ministers talked in Belfast before reopening negotiations with Sinn Fein, the IRA-linked party, on a day when campaigning officially began for the planned May 29 ballot.

Britain said the point of the vote, to elect legislators capable of reviving a joint Catholic-Protestant administration for this British territory, would be doomed to failure unless the outlawed IRA strengthened its commitments to peace and full disarmament.

Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams opened his campaign in the town of Omagh, scene of a 1998 dissident IRA bomb that killed 29 people. Adams insisted the IRA's position was clear, if still unpublished and he accused Britain of reducing negotiations over a proposed IRA statement "to a game of Scrabble" and insisted the election proceed without delay.

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Confident Blair tells party to brace for a challenge

London

British Prime Minister Tony Blair put himself on a new collision course with the Labour left wing Monday as he vowed to face down mounting opposition inside the party to his plans to reform Britain's public services.

A confident-looking Blair told Labour to brace itself for its "biggest challenge" so far -- that of improving hospitals, schools and the criminal justice and asylum systems.

Brushing aside warnings from union leaders and backbenchers who suspect his crusade for more "choice and diversity" in health and education will create two-tier public services, Blair said Labour would betray the nation if it ducked thorough reform.

Schroeder hints he may resign in plea to party

WORLD REPORT

Berlin

Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder issued a veiled threat Monday to resign if his party refused to back his "Agenda 2010" package of controversial reforms designed to slim down the welfare state and give desperately needed impetus to the economy.

Facing down a rebellion from the left wing of his Social Democrats, Schroeder is having to pull out all the stops to assert his authority within the party. The one concession he has had to make is to hold an extraordinary national party conference this summer to decide on the reforms.

He met the party leadership Monday after warning that he expected his colleagues' full support.

No takers as 'Old Europe' presses on with summit

Paris

The four European countries most hostile to the war in Iraq meet in Brussels today to rekindle plans for a European defence force to rival NATO and show America that "Old Europe" is down but not out.

France, Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg, dubbed Old Europe by Donald Rumsfeld, the U.S. Defense Secretary, invited other EU countries to attend, but found no takers.

Most of Europe is too concerned with the future of NATO and the damage wrought to Europe's transatlantic relationship to press for a European army.

The summit was called by Belgium months ago when France and Germany believed they could talk the U.S. into delaying the invasion of Iraq.

The summit's agenda reflects an ambition to establish Europe as a diplomatic and military counterweight to the U.S. That ambition has been fuelled rather than sapped by the war.

Naked crowd of 600 fills London Selfridges store

London

An enthusiastic crowd of around 600 previously unacquainted adults stripped in the name of art at the Oxford Street department store Selfridges in central London Monday.

They came in all shapes, sizes and ages. Some were youthful and toned. Others were plump and greying. There were tall ones, skinny ones, white, brown and black ones.

The congregation of the great undressed began gathering at 6 a.m. to be part of an installation by the American artist Spencer Tunick.

Participants divested themselves of their clothing and their inhibitions to be photographed in various poses on the escalators and in the cosmetics, lingerie and accessories departments.

Russian Soyuz capsule docks with space station

Moscow

The Soyuz TMA-2 space capsule carrying American astronaut Edward Lu and Russian cosmonaut Yuri Malenchenko docked Monday with the international space station in a key step to replacing the station's three-man crew, space officials said.

The docking took place on schedule at 9:56 a.m. (1:56 a.m. EDT) about 400 km above Russian territory.

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Lu and Malenchenko are replacing U.S. astronauts Kenneth Bowersox and Donald Pettit who, along with Russian cosmonaut Nikolai Budarin, were stuck on the station after the Columbia Shuttle disaster Feb. 1.

Pakistan makes overture to end Kashmir dispute

Islamabad, Pakistan

Less than two weeks after India's prime minister offered to hold talks with Pakistan, Islamabad made its own peace overture to New Delhi on Monday, proposing visits between their leaders in an effort to ease decades-long tensions over the disputed Kashmir region.

Pakistani Prime Minister Zafarullah Khan Jamali called his Indian counterpart Atal Bihari Vajpayee and asked "to resolve outstanding issues through dialogue," according to Pakistan Television.

Jamali also said Pakistani officials are willing to visit India and invited Indian officials to visit Pakistan "in the cause of peace," the report said.

People-smuggling forum opens amid tight security

Bali, Indonesia

Discussing how cracking down on illegal immigration in the Asia-Pacific region could also help in the fight against terrorism was high on the agenda for delegates meeting for a conference on people-smuggling that started Monday.

Security was tight for the three-day meeting on the Indonesian vacation island of Bali, which came after a bomb ripped through Jakarta's international airport injuring 11 people.

Dozens of armed police patrolled the seaside resort hosting the meeting and delegates went through tight checks before being allowed into the conference hall.

Government officials met behind closed doors Monday to finalize the conference's agenda and discuss progress in combatting people smuggling since the first such conference in February 2002.

Argentina's ex-president, rival to battle in run-off

Buenos Aires

Former president Carlos Menem led Peronist rival Nestor Kirchner in Sunday's presidential vote, but official results indicated the race was too close to call and Argentina would hold its first run-off in history.

With 26 per cent of the ballot tallied, Menem led with 24 per cent of the vote, ahead of the 22 per cent for Kirchner, the governor of the oil-rich Patagonian province of Santa Cruz. Ricardo Lopez Murphy, a free-market economist and former economy minister, trailed in third with 17 per cent.

All three sought to shape the bitter contest around their prescriptions for leading South America's second-largest economy out of a debt default and bruising currency devaluation.

Chavez calls for massive Latin American trade bloc

Recife, Brazil

Latin America should form its own massive trading bloc if the U.S. fails to give concessions for poor developing countries in negotiations to create a trade zone stretching from Alaska to Argentina, Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez says.

Chavez has a name for the zone: ALBA, the Spanish acronym for Bolivarian Alternative for the Americas.

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Chavez's hero is Simon Bolivar, whose victories over Spain liberated Venezuela, Bolivia, Panama, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru. Alba means "dawn" in Spanish.

The U.S. and Brazil are spearheading negotiations to create a 34-country Free Trade Area of the Americas that would become the world's largest trading zone. But Brazilian leaders have warned they will not proceed unless the U.S. reduces trade barriers.

Internet law forces grad student to move research

Detroit

A new Michigan law aimed at preventing illegal copyright infringement has compelled University of Michigan grad student Niels Provos to move his Internet security research project offshore.

The law, patterned after the U.S. federal Digital Millennium Copyright Act, prohibits the knowing possession of any device or software that conceals "the existence or place of origin or destination of any telecommunications service."

The passage of the Michigan law caused Provos concern that his research on steganography (a technique for concealing messages) and "honeypots" (a method of detecting hackers) were in technical violation.

Provos moved his research from a U.S. server to one in the Netherlands and has taken steps to prevent U.S. residents from using the site.

Michigan is one of six states to pass such legislation and several other states are considering similar laws.

If broadly interpreted, such laws might extend to basic Internet security measures like firewalls and encryption technologies, although such an outcome may never have been contemplated by legislators.

On the Web:

www.securityfocus.com/news/3912

Boy, 12, fatally shot after neighbourhood cleanup

Chicago

A 12-year-old boy was gunned down by gang members after he and other children had just finished cleaning up their neighbourhood, police said.

Authorities were questioning three "persons of interest" in the shooting, police spokesman Matthew Jackson said. The victim, Rene Guillen, apparently was mistakenly shot by the gang members, Jackson said.

Witnesses said several youths, at least one of them riding a bicycle, fired shots at a group of kids who had been participating in the neighbourhood cleanup program Saturday.

"This is a case where the victim was just a victim," Jackson said, adding that no one had been arrested. "Here you have a minor who was shot down by gang members who were shooting at rival gang members who had been fighting in the area for weeks."

Rev. Ed Shea of St. Joseph's Church said the boy's family had recently moved to the neighbourhood. His parents do not speak English and refused to be interviewed.

"I feel sorry for the family," Rubio said. "They have no money, so we're trying to help them find a way to pay for the funeral."

Graphic

Bargain hunting: With spring in the air, two Amish women get the feel of some baseball gloves Monday at a flea market in Middlefield, Ohio. Associated Press photo: Amy Sancetta

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WASHINGTON

Fire at National Archives center was set, officials say

A fire that destroyed thousands of pages of records at a National Archives storage center just outside Washington was intentionally set, investigators say.

"The investigation has revealed that the fire was of suspicious origin," Mike Campbell, a spokesman for the Baltimore division of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, said Friday.

The fire occurred Feb. 29 at the Washington National Records Center in Suitland, Md., which stores more than 3.7 million cubic feet of records. Archives officials initially believed that as many as 700,000 pages were damaged or destroyed. But Susan Cooper, a spokeswoman for the archives, said it now appears that fewer than 40,000 pages were actually destroyed.

The bulk of the records kept in the area where sprinklers went off were inactive files of deceased war veterans from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

MIAMI

FBI stands behind charges against immigration official

The FBI, contradicting a newspaper report, said Friday it stood by its charges that a U.S. immigration official violated the Espionage Act by leaking secret information and lying about his contacts with Cuban government officials.

The Miami Herald reported Friday that Immigration and Naturalization Service officer Mariano Faget might not have been spying for the Cuban government as originally suspected. But FBI officials said he still violated the Espionage Act by leaking secret information and lying about his contacts with Cuban officials.

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Faget, 54, a senior official with the INS in Miami, was arrested on Feb. 17 on five counts of giving secret information to an unauthorized person and making false statements. He pleaded not guilty and is scheduled for trial on April 24.

HOUSTON

Rwandan pastor accused in massacre is deported

A Rwandan clergyman accused of taking part in the massacre of refugees in his homeland was deported from the United States on Friday to face a U.N. tribunal in Africa.

Elizaphan Ntakirutimana, a 75-year-old former Seventh Day Adventist pastor, is the first person arrested on U.S. soil to be turned over to a U.N. tribunal, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Don DeGabrielle in Houston.

He is accused of luring refugees into his Rwandan church, where they were massacred. If convicted, Ntakirutimana faces a maximum penalty of life in prison.

Ntakirutimana has been charged with genocide and crimes against humanity by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, based in neighboring Tanzania. He was arrested in 1996 in Laredo, Texas, where he had been living.

TAMPA, Fla.

Class action status is denied in suit against market chain

A federal judge has refused class action status in a sex discrimination case brought against Publix Super Markets Inc. on behalf of thousands of female workers.

The 11 women who sued Publix in 1997 did not prove they had sufficient "commonality," or similar circumstances, and so must proceed with cases individually, U.S. District Judge Henry Adams ruled this week.

The women were trying to represent all female employees who work or formerly worked at three Publix manufacturing plants and eight warehouses and distribution centers in Florida. The plaintiffs claimed that the Lakeland-based chain discriminated in hiring and promotion practices since 1991.

WASHINGTON

Tyson executive asks appeals court for new trial

A Tyson Foods executive convicted of providing illegal gifts to former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy asked an appeals court Friday to give him a new trial so Espy can testify in his behalf.

Espy, who didn't testify at Archie Schaffer's trial last June, was awaiting a trial of his own at the time on corruption charges. He was subsequently acquitted.

Schaffer's attorney, Bill Jeffress, told the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia that there was no way to get Espy to testify for Schaffer while his own case was pending.

U.S. District Judge James Robertson agreed in December to give Schaffer a new trial, saying Espy's testimony would likely result in Schaffer's acquittal, but Independent Counsel Donald Smaltz appealed the decision.

ANNAPOLIS, Md.

State Senate endorses bill on built-in gun locks

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The Maryland state Senate gave preliminary approval Friday to a proposal that would make Maryland the first state in the nation to require that all new handguns be sold with built-in locks.

Beginning in 2003, all new handguns sold in Maryland would have to have built-in mechanical locks that opened by combination or with a key. Until then, Maryland would join four other states in mandating that new pistols and revolvers be sold with separate trigger locks.

But the legislation does not require Maryland gun dealers to sell personalized, smart guns that allow only authorized users to fire them. Gov. Parris N. Glendening had made that a centerpiece of his gun control package this year but was unable to gain enough support in the Senate.

The Senate will take a final vote Monday on the weakened version of Glendening's proposal. The compromise package was brokered just 30 minutes before the start of Friday's Senate session to avert a filibuster. Both sides predict it will pass.

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BERMUDA

13 are rescued from ship that sank in Atlantic

Helicopters rescued 13 sailors found clinging to life rafts or bobbing in the open water Friday in a dramatic search operation after a cargo ship sank in the Atlantic.

But Friday night, hours after the bodies of six others were recovered, the search by aircraft and ships was called off with 12 crew members missing and presumed dead.

Radio transmissions from the Leader L continued until just seconds before it went under Thursday night, suggesting some crew members may never have escaped the vessel, said rescue officials.

Owned by Leoninus Shipping of Greece, the Panama-registered Leader L was carrying salt from Spain to New York. At least some of its crew were Filipino and Greek.

SOUTH AFRICA

Student celebration turns deadly at dance hall

A dance hall crowded with celebrating students erupted into chaos Friday when someone threw a tear gas canister into the room, killing 13 youths and injuring 44.

About 600 students were at an afternoon party at the Throb Nightclub in suburban Durbin when tear gas suddenly filled the room, causing students to rush out in panic, said fire department spokesman Jay Kanniappen.

Authorities have not released details on how the 13 died. KwaZulu-Natal police spokesman Bala Naidoo said a brick wall collapsed during the chaos. Police suspect that one of the children was responsible for releasing the tear gas, he said.

NORTHERN IRELAND

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Protestant leader says he'll survive party challenge

The leader of Northern Ireland's main Protestant party said Friday that he is confident of surviving a leadership challenge this weekend, but a close contest could encourage further infighting about the course of the peace process.

The Rev. Martin Smyth, who is challenging Ulster Unionist Party leader David Trimble, says the key issue is the disarmament of the ***Irish Republican Army***.

Britain suspended Northern Ireland's fledgling Protestant-Catholic administration in February to prevent Trimble from leading an Ulster Unionist walkout over the IRA's refusal to begin disposing of its weaponry.

Smyth has said he would not take the party back into the administration unless the IRA first starts disarming. Trimble has indicated more flexibility, saying in Washington earlier this month that the government could be restored if the IRA issued a firm pledge to disarm.

PHILIPPINES

Muslim rebels threaten to kill hostages

Muslim extremists accused authorities Friday of abducting 11 relatives of their rebel chief and warned that they will kill 51 of their hostages if the relatives are not freed. "We will not hesitate to execute all the hostages," said Abu Ahmad, a spokesman of the rebel Abu Sayyaf group.

The hostages held by the rebels at a jungle hide-out on the southern island of Basilan include a Catholic priest and students and teachers seized from two schools on Monday.

Ahmad said followers of Basilan Gov. Wahab Akbar raided the house of rebel leader Khadaffy Janjalani early Friday and abducted his wife, their 1-year-old daughter, his mother and seven other relatives. Another relative was abducted by men in police uniforms riding in an ambulance on Thursday, apparently to force the Abu Sayyaf group to release their 51 hostages, Ahmad said. Akbar's spokesman, Hader Glang, denied involvement in any kidnapping.

Graphic

PHOTO Photo from THE ASSOCIATED PRESS - Police in Oshkosh, Wis., prepare for rioting students at the University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh early Friday morning after a celebration of the University of Wisconsin's victory over Louisiana State University in an NCAA basketball tournament game turned violent. The riot was marked by arrests and injuries.

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***The Beatle and the spying game: John Lennon was considered a key target
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Body

The transatlantic web of official conspiracy surrounding John Lennon since his death nearly 20 years ago started unraveling in an almost-deserted Courtroom 23 in the Los Angeles federal court building on Friday afternoon.

The critical moment came when Brian Q. Robbins, a noted hard-line judge in defence of citizens' rights against the state, finally lost patience with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and ordered it to release two files of secret surveillance operations on the former Beatle.

These faded slips of paper could have profound implications, not only for music fans who believe their hero was nearly destroyed by shadowy government agencies, but also for past and future relations between American and British intelligence networks.

The FBI is expected to appeal against the decision, but the dam of official secrecy has been breached and three of the last 10 documents held by the FBI in a Washington basement since the early 1970s are set to see the light of day. The final seven are almost certain to follow.

The agency has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars trying to keep them secret because, it says, the information they contain belongs to a "foreign power." The unstated fact is that the documents are a summary of British intelligence (MI5) files.

Evidence put before Robbins indicates that not only was Lennon and his wife, Yoko Ono, spied on by the FBI under the direct orders of its director, J. Edgar Hoover, acting on the wishes of President Richard Nixon, but he was also monitored by Special Branch and MI5 for years before he moved to the U.S.

The files are being squeezed out of the agency a page at a time by Jon Wiener, a deceptively mild-mannered history professor from the University of California. He began his campaign to explore relations between the musician and the authorities a few weeks after Lennon was gunned down outside his New York home in 1980.

"It began out of simple curiosity, a desire to check out a few rumours that Hoover was not Lennon's greatest fan. It then started snowballing into a crusade when I realized how many obstacles were being thrown in my path," the academic said last week.

The Beatle and the spying game: John Lennon was considered a key target by the FBI and British intelligence

"I knew the FBI had files on Lennon because Hoover collected dirt on all celebrities, partly to protect himself and his political allies and partly to sate his morbid curiosity about people's sex lives. But I never realized how many man-hours were wasted following John and Yoko around.

"At least in the United States we have a Freedom of Information Act, so we have the right to see such papers, which is something that cannot yet happen in Britain."

It was at the height of the anti-Vietnam war protest movement in the early 1970s that Lennon and Ono became key targets for the FBI. Nixon felt cowed and trapped inside the White House as thousands of hippies swarmed outside in the largest demonstrations since the death of Martin Luther King.

Both the president and Hoover believed that the outspoken Lennon and his "weird" wife Ono, fresh from their Amsterdam "sleep-in for peace," were poisoning the minds of American youth. They were therefore a legitimate target for surveillance and, if possible, eviction from the country.

In 1972 in the middle of a 15- month period of intense surveillance, documents uncovered by Wiener show the FBI even orchestrated a police raid in New York that, conveniently, found a small quantity of cannabis that could have been used to end the star's attempts to become an American citizen.

The 10 remaining files will reveal the British role in the FBI's operation, said Wiener, whose campaign is being underwritten by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

Mark Rosenbaum of the ACLU said: "We think a lot of it is probably 30-year-old trivia, but the way the FBI is behaving you'd think releasing the documents would spark war between the United States and Great Britain."

Robbins has been studying Wiener's petitions for at least three years, when the last batch of FBI documents were made public. It is believed, however, that the key that turned the final lock was an affidavit faxed over to his courtroom last week by David Shayler, the former MI5 officer.

Shayler, a fugitive in France after revealing MI5 secrets, declared that in 1993 he saw MI5 files on Lennon. The former spy told the judge how, in 1993, he read an MI5 file with the results of a surveillance operation carried out on Lennon in the late 1960s, shortly before he moved to New York. It is believed one of the two files before the judge concerned information from an MI5 "mole" who had infiltrated the far left of British politics.

According to the file, the millionaire rock star gave 45,000 pounds, the equivalent of 400,000 pounds today, to left-wing groups including the Workers' Revolutionary party (WRP), in which actress Vanessa Redgrave and her brother, Corin, were leading lights, and the **Irish Republican Army**.

Officers from MI5's F branch were already carrying out surveillance on the WRP, which was regarded as a serious threat to democracy in Britain. It had a "deep throat" within the organization, possibly the very person to whom Lennon talked. This, to MI5, made him a legitimate target. They wanted to know whether he was conspiratorial or just naive.

To this end, they opened a general file on him, including newspaper clippings and snatches of gossip.

Approached Britons

It appears also to have included a handwritten version of the lyrics to Lennon's most overtly political song, Working Class Hero. He had sent the sheet as a gift to the WRP and it was intercepted by MI5's agent in the party. These days, the lyrics would be worth thousands of dollars at auction.

In the early 1970s, when Lennon started worrying the FBI, the Washington agency approached its British colleagues for background information. The request, however, put MI5 into a quandary.

The Beatle and the spying game: John Lennon was considered a key target by the FBI and British intelligence

Lennon's anti-Vietnam activities were unsettling the American authorities and Nixon was anxious to discredit him. MI5 had, in principle, no problem with that, but it feared that any information it handed over could endanger its mole within the WRP.

A compromise was reached in Curzon Street, then MI5's intelligence headquarters in central London, and a summary of Lennon's file was sent to the FBI, omitting any details that could compromise the agency. They amounted to little more than a few pages that might encourage but not inflame the FBI, according to American sources.

Certainly, it struck a chord in Washington. Undercover agents tracked the Liverpool-born singer and his wife to Irish bars in New York that were holding fundraising events. Their agents even scribbled down the lyrics of the songs he was performing. They noted that, after the Bloody Sunday shootings in 1972, he proclaimed: "If it's a choice between the IRA and the British Army, I'm with the IRA."

It is the transatlantic link that the FBI feels honour-bound to protect. Earlier files on Lennon have been declassified as the agents died or, in one case, changed their minds and wanted their work for the FBI acknowledged. There is no way of knowing about the current status of the WRP mole, although he or she is unlikely still to be active.

The left-wing group has shrunk to a mere faction in recent years, especially since its much-publicized split from other British Marxists in 1985. And, as a final nail in its coffin, Vanessa Redgrave proclaimed in 1997 she would be voting Liberal Democrat in the general election.

MI5 is likely to be angered by the Los Angeles court decision. It will confirm old-guard suspicions that any information passed to the U.S. in confidence will, sooner or later, be made public and could rebound on them.

On the other hand, Shayler's revelations demonstrate that MI5 is not leak-proof. The final victim of all this hotheaded paranoia was Lennon. The battle to stay in the United States, which he finally won in 1974, undermined his physical and mental health and, say biographers, sent him on a "lost weekend" of drugs and women in Los Angeles that lasted through the mid-1970s.

Wiener said: "The spying game corrupted the intelligence services, but it broke John Lennon."

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The Wordsmiths of Dublin

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For utter revenge, little surpasses the literary beating the Irish have inflicted on the English, taking their language and besting them at it over the past century.

The smallish island has produced four Nobel Prize winners in literature over the past 80 years, not to mention a disproportionate amount of celebrated works.

So when St. Patrick's Day celebrants gather Monday to wear funny hats and down green beer, they ought to toast the wordsmiths of Dublin, too.

The city seethes with words still, making a cellphone franchise here pure gold. The Irish love to talk, opine and philosophize, often carrying on parallel conversations, on the phone and face-to-face, simultaneously.

The Hamilton Spectator

As British theatre critic Kenneth Tynan once observed, "The English hoard words like misers; the Irish spend them like sailors."

While the literary tradition is carefully preserved and annotated in places like the Dublin Writers Museum, it is lived and breathed on the Dublin Literary Pub Crawl.

In a fairly tight radius, you can visit the drinking spots of luminaries such as James Joyce, Oscar Wilde, Sean O'Casey and Brendan Behan, enjoy scenes and passages played out by two actors and enjoy the odd "ball of malt," as creamy pints of Guinness are called.

And what a cast of characters, meaning the writers, is revealed. At McDaid's, for instance, there is the opportunity for a score of stories about Behan, "the drinker with a writing problem."

The author of *The Borstal Boy* was one brawlin' boyo, spitting words like bullets and generally creating havoc wherever he set on a bar stool.

Behan, a one-time ***Irish Republican Army*** member, once explained the inanity of pubs creating snugs, the private booths where ladies would be spared the coarse attentions of male drinkers.

"Your average Irishman," he declared, "would crawl over seven naked ***women*** for a pint and not take notice."

The Wordsmiths of Dublin

Behan even has a Canadian connection, crawlers learn.

After drying out in a New Jersey institution while on tour of North America in the late 1950s, he crashed from the wagon spectacularly in Toronto.

He told an interviewer that Toronto "will be a nice place when they get it finished." And there wasn't much street fighter left in him when police arrested him for disturbing the peace.

"He's soft, not much muscle on him," reported a policeman who put the clamps on him.

No wonder with breakfasts like this, as described by fellow writer J.P. Donleavy, who penned *The Ginger Man*.

"Take a large mixing bowl. Throw in one helping of corn flakes, one tin of peaches, half a jar of tomato chutney, a square of cottage cheese, a tin of sardines, two pieces of black pudding, some chipped bacon rind, one slice of bread, a handful of flour, some salt, sugar and a cup of milk.

"Pour a bottle of Guinness over the above and mix frantically with a wooden spoon. Consume (preferably naked) straight from the bowl in massive mouthfuls."

Donleavy noted that Behan was naked at the time after a swim. When he finished the mixture, the legendary drinker said, "As you know, I always look after my health." Another time, he was awakened from slumber while appearing on an American talk show and asked a question on the topic of sex.

"As long as it doesn't disturb the horses," he replied.

For every wild man like Behan in the Irish literary galaxy, of course, there were utter abstainers like George Bernard Shaw and subdued personalities like W.B. Yeats.

Taken by a friend to experience a public house, Yeats took a sip of his sherry and announced: "I have now seen a pub. Can you take me home?"

Clearly he preferred the pastoral "bee-loud glade" of his writing to the boisterous pub environment.

Ironically, teetotaler Shaw is enshrined in several establishments he wouldn't dare set foot in; and Behan is fondly recalled in several pubs that banished him for life, one for arranging a stool around a rival's head.

O'Neills in Sutton Street is part of the tour, and it is here that Samuel Beckett apparently retreated rather than attend classes.

"Beckett spent more time at O'Neills and on the cricket pitch than he did at Trinity," the guide explains.

At Trinity, by the way, the hosts treat the pub crawlers to an scene from Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest* and an anecdote of Wilde's lecture tour of the United States in 1882.

He was bizarrely scheduled to bring culture to the silver miners of Ledville in Colorado and bravely carried through with a lecture on interior design.

"With their huge sombre hats, scarlet shirts and knee-high boots they reminded me of the 17th century Cavaliers," Wilde wrote. "Indeed, I think they were the only well-dressed men I have met since my arrival in the United States. I spoke to these delightful fellows about the early schools of Florentine painting and they slept peacefully."

A subtext to Wilde's account was what happened later that night, according to our guide's account.

The miners offered to show Wilde a mine shaft and took several bottles of whiskey with them, thinking they'd show this fop up by getting him drunk and leaving him there overnight.

The Wordsmiths of Dublin

Apparently, Wilde was a champion drinker, though, and outlasted the miners, even having to operate the lift to get them back up the shaft. He is remembered in Dublin by a statue in Merrion Square about 75 metres from where he was born. Wilde reclines on a slab of rock, a smile on one side of his face, a frown on the other.

With typical Irish irreverence, it's been coined The Fag on the Crag, a reference to the spectacular British libel case which revealed his homosexuality.

Wilde, by the way, may have had one of history's great parting lines.

As he lie dying in Paris, his eyes surveyed the walls of his room and he is reported to have said, "I knew that wallpaper would be the death of me."

Another stop is the Palace Bar in Fleet Street, dating back to 1828 and where editors of the Irish Times once ran the paper from the back room, which was called the Intensive Care Unit.

Flann O'Brien, author of *The Third Policeman*, was a regular here and wore a velvet glove when he drank.

Asked why, he said, "I swore to my mother on her death bed that I'd never touch a glass of whiskey."

The pub crawl begins in the top floor bar of the Duke on Duke Street, and the tone is set quickly with a scene from Beckett's *Waiting For Godot* and an explanation of Joyce's links to the Duke and Davy Byrne's across the street.

In Joyce's masterpiece *Ulysses*, Bryne's is where Leopold Bloom enjoys his lunch of a gorgonzola cheese sandwich with a glass of burgundy.

Several pubs are featured in *Ulysses* and what is remarkable, our guide notes, is that Joyce detailed all the landmarks while writing his novel in Paris.

He would write to friends asking for information to flesh out his epic, items like what was the name of the pub at such and such corner and what did they call the bakery down the street from it.

Which brings to mind one of the writer's stinging volleys of a question by a hostile interviewer.

Asked what he did during the First World War, Joyce replied, "I wrote *Ulysses*. What did you do?"

Another stop along the way offered a scene from James Plunkett's *Strumpet City*, the novel detailing labour unrest in Dublin in the early 1900s.

In it, character Rashers Tierney and another street person debate the best methods of begging for coins and how to size up a likely contributor. Tierney offers the difference between a prosperous Catholic and a rich Protestant.

"The Protestant is fat, too, but doesn't look it."

The scene is in sharp contrast with booming Dublin, a city with pubs and restaurants full to overflowing.

This night the pub crawl visited The Old Stand, arguably the oldest pub in Ireland. It was granted a licence by Charles II in 1659, but there's a suggestion libations were offered at this spot for 200 years before that.

You could just snake an arm through a crowd to get a pint and pay for it here. Better to revisit during the day and savour the atmosphere and the wonderful Irish stew.

Other ways to celebrate the Irish literary heritage are to visit the James Joyce Centre, the James Joyce Museum in a historic tower nine miles south of Dublin or the extensive collection of memorabilia at the Dublin Writer's Museum.

For a different take on Dublin, you might want to try the Rock 'n' Roll Stroll, a journey that takes you to spots where U2, The Cranberries and The Corrs began their music careers. The yarns, if they exist, are nearly as rollicking as those of the writers.

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Graphic

Photo: Photos by Tourism Ireland; and the statue of James Joyce.; Photo: Photos by Tourism Ireland; Some of the literary attractions of Dublin include the Molly Malone statue on Grafton Street.; Photo: John Kernaghan, Special to the Hamilton Spectator; the Oscar Wilde statue reclining on a slab of rock.; Photo: Photos by Tourism Ireland; The Lord Edward Bar in Dublin,

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GERMANY-KOHL SCANDAL. Former Kohl ally quits party in face of blame.

MIDEAST-SNOW. Snow blankets Middle East.

CUBA-BOY HERO. Cubans honor national hero by calling for Elian's return.

BORDER ARRESTS. Bombing suspect arrested in West Africa.

YUGOSLAVIA-KOSOVO-NO MAN'S LAND. Albanians lost in neutral zone.

TURKEY-ISLAMIC MILITANTS. Islamic clerics ordered to denounce violence.

COLOMBIA-QUAKE REBUILDING. A year later, new homes bring hope.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

MOSCOW Despite weeks of bitter fighting, the Russian military is bogged down in the ruins of Grozny, unable to capture the shattered Chechen capital or defeat the handful of defenders. Why has one of the world's largest armies been struggling for months to take a single city? ANALYSIS-RUSSIA-CHECHEN STALEMATE. Expected by 2000 GMT. By Barry Renfrew. AP Photos MOSB102-105,111-112.

ALSO MOVED:

RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. The Russian military claims Friday to have advanced on a key square leading to center of the Chechen capital Grozny.

BERLIN The man who allegedly managed a web of slush funds for ex-chancellor Helmut Kohl quits Germany's scandal-ridden Christian Democrats on Friday after the party focuses blame on him for the irregularities. GERMANY-KOHL SCANDAL. Has moved. By Tony Czuczka.

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GERMANY-NAZIS-NUREMBERG. Germany breaks ground Friday on a documentation center where Hitler's once staged his annual party rallies.

KARACHI, Pakistan Pakistan accuses India of being behind two deadly bombs Friday that killed four people and injured 32 others, most of them Muslim worshippers offering prayers at a mosque in southern Karachi. PAKISTAN-BOMB EXPLOSION. Lead has moved. By Zahid Hussain. AP Photos KAR101-106.

HAVANA Cuba's communist government celebrates the birth of revered independence hero Jose Marti on Friday with rallies calling for return of its newest hero 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez, the "boy martyr" at the center of an international custody battle. CUBA-BOY HERO. Expected by 2000 GMT. By Anita Snow. AP Photos HAVG101-103, HAV103.

ALSO MOVED:

US-CUBAN BOY. Grandmothers appear Friday to be succeeding in persuading American lawmakers to reject legislation giving Elian U.S. citizenship.

BAW WI, Thailand God's Army rebels fight back Friday after losing their headquarters to Myanmar government forces. THAILAND-GOD'S ARMY. Lead has moved. By Thaksina Khaikaew. AP Photos BK103, RAT101-102.

NOUAKCHOTT, Mauritania A bombing suspect man who reportedly has links to the shadowy multimillionaire fugitive Osama bin Laden is arrested Friday, authorities say. BORDER ARRESTS. Has moved. By Sheikh Bekaye.

ANKARA, Turkey Turkey orders Islamic clerics to denounce violence at Friday prayers. Meanwhile, police uncover five more bodies of people believed slain by a militant Islamic group. TURKEY-ISLAMIC MILITANTS. Lead has moved. By Suzan Fraser. AP Photo ANK105.

DOBRASIN, Yugoslavia This village of ethnic Albanians lies just inside Serbia but NATO-led peacekeepers aren't allowed in. Serb police aren't either. But they come in anyway with guns, villagers say. YUGOSLAVIA-KOSOVO-NO MAN'S LAND. Expected by 2000 GMT. By Melissa Eddy. AP Photo XVK101.

JERUSALEM Snow lies thick on the domes of the mosques and churches of Jerusalem's old city Friday. In the Negev desert, where snow had not fallen for half a century, people are rubbing their eyes. MIDEAST-SNOW. Expected by 2000 GMT. By Jack Katzenell. AP Photos JRL101-104,108,112,114, AMM103.

DAVOS, Switzerland Top business leaders and officials look for ways to push economic growth and allay the anxieties of the world's have-nots Friday. WORLD FORUM. Lead has moved. By Alexander G. Higgins. AP Photos DAV101-123.

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MONTENEGRO, Colombia A year after a deadly earthquake ravaged the hilly region where Colombia grows its world-famous coffee, tens of thousands of people still live precariously. But a new government reconstruction effort is giving many of them hope. COLOMBIA-QUAKE REBUILDING. Expected by 2000 GMT. By Jared Kotler.

THE HAGUE, Netherlands A Bosnian Serb pleads innocent Friday to charges that he burned 135 men, women and children alive. WAR CRIMES-BOSNIA. Has moved. By Jerome Socolovsky. AP Photos LON102-104,106.

MONTREAL Talks continue Friday on an international treaty setting rules for trade in genetically modified food and other organisms. CANADA-GENE TALKS. Lead has moved. By Matt Crenson. AP Photo MTO109.

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LOOKING AHEAD: On Sunday, U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright arrives in Moscow for meetings with officials. Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak meet Sunday to begin marathon peace talks ahead of a Feb. 13 target date for agreement on a framework for a peace treaty.

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Saturday, Jan. 29:

Davos, Switzerland U.S. President Bill Clinton addresses world business and government leaders meeting in Swiss Alpine resort.

Windhoek, Namibia Archbishop of Canterbury visits. Through Jan. 31.

Sunday, Jan. 30:

Moscow U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright arrives for meetings with Russian officials, Mideast conference. Through Feb. 1.

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Cairo, Egypt Trial continues in military court against a prominent lawyer and 19 other members of Egypt's biggest Islamic group, the banned Muslim Brotherhood.

Middle East Israeli and Palestinian negotiators are to begin marathon talks to try to meet Feb. 13 target date for framework agreement on a peace treaty. Location to be announced.

Monday, Jan. 31:

Brussels, Belgium European Union finance ministers meet as the euro continues its wobbly run on the international money markets.

Roseau, Dominica General elections.

London Stephen Bonnett scheduled to return to court, accused of injuring a U.S. tourist by driving his car into the gates of Prime Minister Tony Blair's residence.

Geneva The leaders of war-divided Cyprus resume United Nations-sponsored indirect talks on reunification of the island. Duration uncertain.

Belfast, Northern Ireland Report by independent disarmament commission scheduled to be presented to the British and Irish governments, covering the progress toward getting the **Irish Republican Army** to surrender its weapons.

Johannesburg, South Africa Archbishop of Canterbury visits.

London A High Court judge to rule on an attempt by Belgium and six human rights groups to block the possible return home of former Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet.

Washington Yu Shuming, spokesman of the Chinese Embassy, briefs the press on issues related to China-U.S. relations and answers questions.

Cape Canaveral, Florida Spaceship Endeavour is scheduled to launch for an Earth-mapping mission.

Tuesday, Feb. 1:

Jiddah, Saudi Arabia Iranian export trade fair.

London Indonesian President Abdurrahman Wahid arrives for two-day visit.

New Hampshire U.S. presidential primary.

Wednesday, Feb. 2:

Tel Aviv, Israel German Defense Minister Rudolf Scharping begins three-day visit.

Washington The World Bank launches an international consortium designed to reduce the misery of natural disasters in the developing world.

Washington Sandy Berger, the president's national security adviser, speaks at the Woodrow Wilson Center on "China: Permanent Normal Trade Relations."

Thursday, Feb. 3:

San Diego "Bio Terrorism: The Medical and Public Health Response" conference will focus on preparations for the possibility of a biological attack in the western U.S., western Canada and Northern Mexico. Through Feb.

Friday, Feb. 4:

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Rome Indonesian President Abdurrahman Wahid arrives for meetings with Italian leaders and also with Pope John Paul II at the Vatican. Through Feb. 6.

Washington President Denis Sassou-Nguesso of the Republic of the Congo speaks at National Press Club.

San Francisco Consulate General of Japan and Japan Society of Northern California sponsor lecture by three key creators of Pokemon merchandise. The panelists will explain the creation of the Pokemon figures.

Saturday, Feb. 5:

Williamsburg, Virginia Former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher will be keynote speaker and receive honorary degree at College of William and Mary's Charter Day. She also is chancellor of the school.

Sunday, Feb. 6:

Cairo, Egypt British trade delegation visits. Through Feb. 9.

Osaka, Japan Gubernatorial election in Osaka Prefecture to replace Knock Yokoyama, who resigned in December over a sexual harassment scandal.

Helsinki, Finland Runoff in Finnish presidential election.

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Chechen snipers in high-rise buildings and trenches fired fiercely at Russian troops trying to advance on the center of Grozny on Thursday, while a rain of Russian bombs and rockets blanketed the capital in thick smoke. International pressure was building on Russia to end the war, with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan saying in Moscow that he wants the conflict to end as soon as possible. The Council of Europe's parliamentary assembly called for Russia to open cease-fire talks and to halt attacks on civilians, but rejected proposals to suspend Russia. The Russians have been struggling to seize Grozny for a month, and have concentrated for the past week on Minutka Square. Taking the square would give federal forces leverage for pushing rebels out of the center. (RUSSIA-CHECHNYA)

WASHINGTON (AP)

President Bill Clinton, in his final State of the Union address Thursday, will encourage Russia and China to join the world's ranks of free, prosperous democratic nations. Clinton is expected to urge Russia to safeguard its nuclear arsenal and will prod Congress to give China most-favored-nation trade status, National Security Adviser Sandy Berger said Thursday. Clinton also will propose a \$350 billion tax cut, urging relief from a tax penalty married couples pay and a new program of retirement savings accounts. The president also will propose big tax breaks for education, including a deduction of up to \$10,000 for college tuition. Details of his proposals were released Wednesday in advance of the address before a joint session of Congress. The president will say the United States stands at a moment of great prosperity and promise, and will urge Americans to take a long look ahead to the challenges of the 21st century, White House chief of staff John Podesta said. (US-STATE OF THE UNION)

VIENNA, Austria (AP)

Faced with an international outcry over the prospect of a far-right party in government, Austria's president said Thursday he would wait until next week before deciding whether to ask the two conservative groups to try to form a new coalition. The Austrian People's Party has been negotiating with Joerg Haider's rightist Freedom Party since Tuesday after failing last week to renew its 13-year coalition with the Social Democrats. International leaders have called the negotiations a journey into Europe's darkest history. Haider rose to international prominence about 10 years ago following controversial statements about Austria's Nazi past. In 1991, he praised Adolf Hitler's "orderly employment policy" and four years later lauded veterans of the Waffen SS as "decent people of good character." "I believe the reactions are exaggerated," said Deputy Foreign Minister Benita Ferrero-Waldner, a People's Party

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official. He said the outcry was being fueled by Social Democrats trying to support their leader, acting Chancellor Viktor Klima. (AUSTRIA-GOVERNMENT)

MIAMI (AP)

Elian Gonzalez's father told U.S. immigration officials that his Miami relatives offered him millions of dollars, a house and a car to join the 6-year-old boy in the United States, according to court papers filed Thursday. "I could go there with all my family and would be taken care and could have a job if I wanted to work, but with the money offered I would not need to do so," the father said. "That's when I hung up the telephone." The U.S. government filed the papers in response to a lawsuit filed by the boy's Miami relatives, who are challenging an order that Elian be sent back to live with his father in Cuba. In its 400-page response, the government argued that the federal courts have no right to intervene and that allowing Elian to stay would undermine efforts to get other countries to return abducted American children. (US-CUBAN BOY-LAWSUIT)

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

Warning that the **Irish Republican Army** is unlikely to start disarming soon, Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams appealed Thursday for Protestant politicians to be patient and not pull the plug on Northern Ireland's power-sharing government. Adams said it was proving extremely difficult to persuade the outlawed group to disarm in support of the Good Friday peace accord, but he "will continue to try and bring this about." Last month Sinn Fein received two posts in a new 12-member Cabinet for Northern Ireland long the central goal of the 1998 accord after the Cabinet's senior Protestant member, Ulster Unionist Party leader David Trimble, persuaded his party to drop its demand for some IRA disarmament in advance. Trimble's concession fueled widespread expectations that the IRA would finally identify its hidden weapons dumps in response. The IRA did open negotiations with a Belfast-based disarmament commission founded three years ago for that purpose. The commission's chairman, Canadian Gen. John de Chastelain, is supposed to present a progress report Monday to the British and Irish governments. Expectations that it will confirm any specific IRA commitments are running low. (NORTHERN IRELAND)

THURSDAY, Feb. 3:

Sydney, Australia golf, men, PGA European Tour, Australasian PGA Tour, Greg Norman Holden International, through Feb. 6.

Pebble Beach, California golf, men, U.S. PGA Tour, AT-and-T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, through Feb. 6.

Key Biscayne, Florida golf, men, U.S. Senior PGA Tour, Royal Caribbean Classic, through Feb. 6.

Budapest, Hungary athletics, men, **women**, IAAF, Hungarian Indoor Grand Prix, through Feb. 4.

FRIDAY, Feb. 4:

Wellington, New Zealand rugby union, IRB, World Sevens Series, New Zealand Sevens, through Feb. 5.

New York athletics, men, **women**, IAAF, Chase Millrose Games.

Sydney, Australia cricket, ICC, Carlton and United One Day Series, second final.

East London, South Africa cricket, ICC, one-day international, South Africa vs. England.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin speedskating, men, **women**, ISU, World Championships, through Feb. 6.

The Hague, Netherlands speedskating, men, **women**, ISU, Short-Track World Cup, through Feb. 6.

Ischgi, Austria snowboarding, men, **women**, FIS, World Cup, **women's** giant slalom, parallel slalom, snowboard cross; men's giant slalom, parallel slalom, snowboard cross, through Feb. 6.

Nicosia, Cyprus soccer, exhibition tournament, semifinals.

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Guatemala soccer, exhibition, Guatemala vs. Chile.

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La Manga, Spain soccer, exhibition, Finland vs. Iceland.

Davis Cup

World Group

First Round: Zimbabwe vs. United States, Czech Republic vs. Britain, Spain vs. Italy, Russia vs. Belgium, Slovakia vs. Austria, Brazil vs. France, Germany vs. Netherlands, Switzerland vs. Australia.

Euro-Africa

Group 1

First Round: Ukraine vs. Portugal.

Asia-Oceania Zone

Group 1

First Round: China vs. Uzbekistan, India vs. Lebanon, New Zealand vs. Thailand, Japan vs. Korea.

Group 2

First Found: Hong Kong vs. Pakistan, Malaysia vs. Iran, Kazakstan vs. Taiwan, Philippines vs. Indonesia.

American Zone

Group 1

First Round: Chile vs. Canada, Peru vs. Bahamas, Colombia vs. Ecuador.

Group 2

First Found: Venezuela vs. Uruguay, Guatemala va. Cuba, El Salvador vs. Paraguay, Costa Rica vs. Mexico.

SATURDAY, Feb. 5:

Rome rugby union, IRB, Six Nations, Italy vs. Scotland.

Twickenham, England rugby union, IRB, Six Nations, England vs. Ireland.

Cardiff, Wales rugby union, IRB, Six Nations, Wales vs. France.

Hong Kong soccer, exhibition, Carlsberg Cup, Japan vs. Mexico, Czech Republic vs. Hong Kong Select XI.

Berlin, Germany swimming, men, women, FINA, World Cup, through Feb. 6.

Inawashiro, Japan skiing, men, women, FIS, Freestyle World Cup, moguls.

Willingen, Germany ski jumping, FIS, Nordic World Cup, 120K hill, through Feb. 6.

Todtnau, Germany skiing, men, FIS, Alpine World Cup, giant slalom.

Lillehammer, Norway skiing, men, women, FIS, Nordic World Cup, cross-country, women's 5K classical, 5K freestyle pursuit, 2x5K relay; men's 10K classical, 10K freestyle pursuit, 2x10K mixed relay.

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Habuka, Japan skiing, FIS, Nordic Combined World Cup, through Feb. 6.

Daytona Beach, Florida auto racing Grand Am, Rolex 24 at Daytona, through Feb. 6.

SUNDAY, Feb. 6:

Todtnau, Germany skiing, men, FIS, Alpine World Cup, slalom.

Stuttgart, Germany athletics, men, women, IAAF, Sparkassen Cup.

Loule-Vilamoura, Portugal athletics, men, women, IAAF, Almond Blossom Cross Country Challenge.

Nicosia, Cyprus soccer, exhibition tournament, finals.

Sydney, Australia cricket, ICC, Carlton and United One Day Series, third final.

Port Elizabeth, South Africa cricket, ICC, one-day international, South Africa vs. Zimbabwe.

Honolulu American football, NFL, Pro Bowl.

Toronto ice hockey, NHL, All-Star Game.

New Orleans athletics, Maris Gras Marathon.

Las Vegas athletics, Las Vegas Marathon.

La Paz, Bolivia soccer, exhibition, Bolivia vs. Peru.

Vienna, Austria figure skating, men, women, ISU, European Championships, through Feb. 13.

Cleveland figure skating, USFSA, U.S. Championships, through Feb. 13.

La Valletta, Malta soccer, exhibition, Malta vs. Andorra, Albania vs. Azerbaijan.

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Terrorists Said to Hide In Canada's Melting Pot

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Body

All street and shop signs here, by Quebec provincial law, must be in French. But walk a few blocks from the modest bachelor apartment at 1250 Fort Street where Ahmed Ressam lived under the name of Benni Antoine Noris, and sometimes Mario Roig, and the signs tell of a rich ethnic bouillabaisse.

Here is Boutique Ali, a shoe repair shop, next to Bombay Palace-Cuisine Indienne, and then, in quick succession, Thai, Chinese, Italian, Russian and Swiss restaurants, as well as two Middle Eastern groceries and "Pandit A. B. Chowdhury, immigrant consultant for refugee claimant."

Since the arrest of Mr. Ressam, an Algerian, near Seattle last week and his indictment Wednesday on charges of trying to smuggle enough bomb-making material into the United States to flatten a building, that rich ethnic mix and the loose immigration controls that have made it possible have come under close scrutiny in Montreal and across Canada.

Officials here have been trying to explain, among other things, how Mr. Ressam managed to remain in the country after his application for asylum was refused, and even after he was arrested on charges of breaking into automobiles -- in the spring of 1998, two months after a nationwide warrant for his deportation was issued.

Mr. Ressam seems to have simply melted into the immigrant community in Montreal, which includes more than 15,000 Algerians, obtaining driver's licenses under his false names and even a Canadian passport last February, a year after the initial deportation order, by using his French-sounding alias and a forged Roman Catholic baptismal certificate. In Quebec, a baptismal certificate is sufficient identification to receive a passport.

Mr. Ressam was not alone. Critics of the government charge that as many as 10,000 people a year who are seeking asylum simply vanish from official view, some smuggling themselves across the porous border into the United States, many apparently disappearing into the population here.

A spokesman for the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service said the United States has had similar problems with asylum seekers, especially those who file for asylum after being charged with violating immigration law. A 1995 study by the I.N.S. found that 90 percent of those vanished while their applications were pending.

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According to a recent report by Canada's intelligence agency, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, the country's openness to immigrants has helped make it "a haven for terrorists."

A senior intelligence official told the Toronto Globe and Mail that the agency had begun watching Mr. Ressay shortly after he arrived in early 1994 with a fake French passport and a tale of being falsely accused and tortured by Algeria's military government, which is battling Islamic insurgents. But, he added, the intelligence agency dropped the investigation.

"He has been known to us for some time," the official was quoted as saying in today's issues. "We had to drop it recently because of lack of resources. We just don't have the time and people to continue these investigations indefinitely."

Montreal's Algerians came under closer scrutiny by the city's police last October, when a team of French counterterrorism investigators arrived in Canada. Montreal had experienced a rash of car break-ins around the financial district, with cell phones and laptop computers being stolen and then peddled on the streets.

The French were conducting an investigation based on the arrest of Fateh Kamel, an Algerian Islamic militant, and they wanted to question two men they believed to be his lieutenants -- Mr. Ressay and Karim Said Atmani, who the police now say had been directing the Montreal theft ring. Mr. Ressay was not found.

Mr. Kamel, who had fought with Afghan rebels against the Soviets, was arrested by the authorities in Jordan last spring and extradited to France.

According to the French, Mr. Kamel had been the leader of a band of gangster-terrorists who carried out a series of armed robberies and shootouts around Roubaix in northern France. He had also operated out of Montreal in the 1990's and may have married a Canadian woman, and was believed to have directed a loose group of Islamic terrorists. Some of those terrorists were veterans of fighting in Bosnia, which, like Afghanistan, attracted Arab Muslim volunteers to what they regarded as a holy war.

"I think he was the leader of this group," a senior official of the French police and judicial antiterrorism task force said in Paris. "We have material evidence he conducted this group from Montreal. He moves around -- Bosnia, Syria, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Jordan."

Mr. Atmani, the other man sought by the French, had been deported last year to Bosnia because he carried a Bosnian passport when he arrived in Montreal as a stowaway on a cargo ship. His whereabouts are unknown, although officials suspect he may have slipped back into Canada.

Last week, the Montreal police arrested 11 men -- most of them Algerians -- who they said had been stealing from parked cars in groups of two and three and extorting money from other Algerians. The police said that part of the proceeds was going to finance the Armed Islamic Group, an Algerian group that has carried out massacres in villages there.

"These guys are financing organizations that train people to assassinate fathers of families, pregnant women, old people and children," said Jean-Yves Mailloux, the head of the Montreal police counterterrorism division.

As the investigation accelerated, the police found a second apartment where they believe Mr. Kamel, Mr. Atmani, Mr. Ressay and two others spent several months together in 1998. It is in Ville d'Anjou, just east of Montreal, near the working-class neighborhood where Mr. Ressay had been preparing to open a small grocery store with a license issued under his identity of Benni Noris.

Investigators also believe they have identified the second man who shared rooms at a motel in Vancouver with Mr. Ressay before he made his ferry trip into the United States. He was said to be Abdul Majid Dahoumane, an Algerian who applied for asylum here in 1995, was refused, and, like Mr. Ressay, was under a deportation order.

Police and intelligence officials say that Canada's generous immigration policies have meant that foreign terror groups can more easily establish and maintain cells here.

Terrorists Said to Hide In Canada's Melting Pot

Last year, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service reported that it had active investigations into 50 terrorist groups and 350 individuals.

The agency's director, Ward Elcock, told the Canadian Senate's security and intelligence committee last year that terrorists have been taking advantage of the system for years and that almost every terrorist group in the world had a foothold in Canada.

"Terrorist groups are present here whose origins lie in every significant regional ethnic and nationalist conflict there is," he said. "The nature of our society and the related policies concerning refugees and immigrants make us particularly vulnerable to terrorist influence and activities."

The intelligence agency's Web site lists a wide variety of foreign groups operating in Canada, including Hezbollah, Hamas, groups from Algeria and Iran, the Tamil Tigers of Sri Lanka, the ***Irish Republican Army*** and "all the major Sikh" separatists. It adds that more groups are arriving, including the Kurdish Worker's Party, "trained assassins" from the Palestinian Force 17 and the Iranian intelligence service.

Since 1992, Canada has deported only 11 people as terrorists. Before that, none.

In addition to Canada's general welcome of immigrants, Mr. Rassem was probably helped by official Quebec policy of trying to bring more French-speaking immigrants into the province. Many Algerians speak French as a legacy of French colonial rule.

In 1999, 12,600 French-speaking immigrants were admitted. Next year the number is expected to reach as high as 14,600.

"Quebec has attained its objective of increasing French-speaking immigration," the provincial immigration minister, Robert Perrault, said in a news release last month.

The number of Algerian immigrants increased markedly after 1992, when the Islamic Salvation Front started a bloody insurgency in Algeria after the military canceled elections and seized power. In 1990, 493 refugees and immigrants entered Canada from Algeria; last year the number grew to 1,914. Since 1997, the government has stopped extraditing people to Algeria because of the violence there.

Of 1,197 Algerians who applied for refugee status in 1998, 67 percent were accepted, compared with 40 percent for all refugee groups that year.

Leon Benoit of the opposition Reform Party contended that Canadian authorities cannot account for as many as 10,000 people who claimed refugee status at border points last year. Of 24,000 who made claims, he said, about 10,000 were given refugee status, and 4,000 to 5,000 more were sent away. The whereabouts of the rest, he said, are unknown.

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Graphic

Photos: Police officers blocked a street in Montreal on Sunday after finding a van belonging to Ahmed Ressam. Mr. Ressam has been charged with trying to smuggle bomb-making material into the United States. (Associated Press); Ahmed Ressam was one of 15,000 Algerians living in Montreal.

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Terrorists Said to Hide In Canada's Melting Pot

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As Russia has tightened its encirclement of the Chechen capital Grozny, keeping up its barrage of punishing air and artillery attacks, Chechen rebels have been turning increasingly to guerrilla tactics, the Russian military said Sunday. It's a dangerous shift for Russia, which had been hoping to avoid a close-fought war for fear of high casualties among its soldiers. "Due to the occupation (by Russian forces) of the greater part of Chechnya and the blockade of strategically important regions, (Chechnya's) illegal armed formations are increasingly using guerrilla methods of warfare," said Col. Gennady Alyokhin, a Russian military spokesman. After Russia began its ground offensive in Chechnya in September, the military was predicting a quick, victorious campaign, saying the militants could be destroyed by the end of the year. But in recent days, the upbeat forecasts have given way to expectations of a longer, harsher war. (RUSSIA-CHECHNYA)

PASADENA, California (AP)

NASA antennas listened in vain Sunday for a signal from the Mars Polar Lander and tense mission officials said after three days of silence, time was running out in the effort to contact the craft. "Clearly the team is getting more frustrated, certainly, and more tense about all of this," said operations manager Richard Cook. The \$165 million lander was supposed to have signaled immediately after Friday afternoon's touchdown about 500 miles (800 kms) from the Martian south pole. Failure of the Mars Polar Lander would be a double blow to NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, still smarting from the September loss of its sibling spacecraft, the Mars Climate Orbiter. (US-MARS LANDER)

VIENNA, Austria (AP)

Four Austrians and one Australian were killed and 16 people remained hospitalized, some in critical condition, after a panicked crowd stampeded out of a stadium following a snowboarding event in western Austria, officials said Sunday. The Austria Press Agency cited police in Innsbruck, capital of the western province of Tyrol, as saying at least 39 people were injured in a crush of panicked spectators leaving the city's Olympic stadium after the "Air and Style" snowboarding event. Five young women aged 14 to 21 were trampled to death, police said. Four of them were Austrian teenagers and the fifth was a 21-year-old Australian visiting from Sydney, the Austria Press Agency reported. AUSTRIA-SNOWBOARD DEATHS

HAVANA (AP)

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An angry President Fidel Castro demanded Sunday that the United States return a Cuban boy rescued at sea to his father within 72 hours, warning that the Cuban people are losing patience. If not, "there will be millions of people in the streets demanding the boy's freedom," Castro said in comments broadcast on government-controlled radio and television early Sunday. "It is difficult to hold back the population with the state of irritation" generated by the case of 5-year-old Elian Gonzalez, Castro said. He said Elian had been "kidnapped" by the U.S. government and promised a "battle for world opinion" to bring the child home. (CUBA-US-BOY)

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)

Hundreds of Iranian university students, some with their mouths taped shut, staged a peaceful rally Sunday against efforts by Islamic hard-liners to curb freedom of expression. Some 1,000 students took part in the rally, organized by the Islamic Students' Association of the Allameh Tabatabaie University in Central Tehran. The protesters gathered in a university courtyard. Some had their mouths taped shut, with the word "silence" written in Farsi over the tape. Others carried portraits of prominent pro-reform Iranians, like former interior minister and journalist Abdollah Nouri, who was given a five-year jail term by a hard-line court last month on charges that included religious dissent. (IRAN-PROTEST)

WORLD AT 0000 GMT:

NEW:

US-MARS LANDER. Time running out for Mars mission.

SWISS BANKS-NAZIS. Panel issues report on Holocaust assets in banks.

JAPAN-ECONOMY. Economy contracts during latest quarter.

TURKEY-PRISON UNREST. Up to 150 soldiers taken hostage.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

PASADENA, California NASA antennas listen in vain for a signal from the Mars Polar Lander and tense mission officials say that after three days of silence, time is running out. US-MARS LANDER. Recap expected after communications opportunity at 0540 GMT. NASA briefing scheduled at 0700 GMT. By John Antczak. AP Photos XJPL101-105.

ALSO: US-MARS LANDER-FUTURE. NASA's ambitious campaign of Mars exploration could face uncertainty after several setbacks. Expected by 0300 GMT.

NAZRAN, Russia As Russia tightens its encirclement of the Chechen capital Grozny, Chechen rebels have been turning increasingly to guerrilla tactics, the Russian military says. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Lead has moved. By Yuri Bagrov. AP Photos MOSB103,104,112.

ZURICH, Switzerland The results of a half-billion-dollar search through Swiss banks for assets of Nazi victims are to be disclosed Monday. SWISS BANKS-NAZIS. Expected by 0300 GMT. Report being released about 1100 GMT. By Alexander G. Higgins.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland The Irish Republican Army says its representative has met a Belfast-based disarmament commission _ another step toward the arms handover vital to the survival of a new Protestant-Catholic administration. NORTHERN IRELAND. Lead has moved.

WASHINGTON In the aftermath of failed trade talks, the White House says it does not want to dictate labor standards on the world. WORLD TRADE. Has moved. By William C. Mann. AP Photos WX103-104.

ALSO MOVED: US-WORLD TRADE-SCENE. Protesters being released, shoppers return in Seattle. SEM102-103.

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TOKYO Japan on Monday says its economy contracted 1 percent during the latest quarter, setting back the country's efforts to emerge from its worst recession in decades. JAPAN-ECONOMY. Developing.

RAMALLAH, West Bank U.S. Mideast peace envoy Dennis Ross tries to smooth out differences between Israeli and Palestinian officials ahead of a visit by U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Lead has moved. By Samar Assad. AP Photo JRL105.

ALSO MOVED: PALESTINIANS-CORRUPTION. Arafat asks critic to shoot him if he betrays the Palestinians.

TEHRAN, Iran Hundreds of Iranian university students stage a peaceful rally against efforts by Islamic hard-liners to curb freedom of expression. IRAN-PROTEST. Lead has moved. By Hasan Sarbakhshian. AP Photos TEH101-103.

HAVANA An angry President Fidel Castro demands the United States return a Cuban boy rescued at sea to his father within 72 hours. CUBA-US-BOY. Lead has moved. By Anita Snow. AP Photos HAV101-105.

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico The discovery of a mass grave at a ranch has prompted calls to reopen numerous unsolved kidnappings in this border city. MEXICO-GRAVES. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Mark Stevenson. AP Photo JUA101-105.

ALSO MOVED: US-MEXICO. Rivals cooperate in grave probe. NY195.

LUANDA, Angola Rumors about rebel leader Jonas Savimbi whirl in this muggy, ragged African capital nearly two months after the government scored major military successes in a 25-year civil war. ANGOLA-WHERE'S SAVIMBI. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Daniel J. Wakin. AP Photo NY191.

ALSO: ANGOLA-ARRESTED JOURNALIST. Angolan journalist speaks of abuse while in prison. Expected by 0300 GMT. LAD105.

SKOPJE, Macedonia The ruling pro-Western coalition claims victory in the prolonged presidential race of this former Yugoslav republic, while the opposition claims widespread irregularities. MACEDONIA-ELECTIONS. Lead has moved. By Konstantin Testorides. AP Photo SKJ102.

ALSO MOVED: KOSOVO-HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT. European Security group issues scathing report on Kosovo's human rights picture.

ISTANBUL, Turkey Imprisoned Islamic militants battle security forces inside an Istanbul prison, leaving scores injured and taking up to 150 soldiers hostage. TURKEY-PRISON UNREST. Lead has moved. AP Photos ISL101-102.

MONTE CARLO, Monaco Unaccustomed to major crime, residents of this tiny Mediterranean playground are closing ranks more than ever after the death of billionaire banker Edmond Safra in a suspicious fire last Friday. MONACO-PLAYGROUND OF THE RICH. Upcoming. By Ian Phillips. AP Photo MON102.

NEW YORK America's global trade in higher education is brisk these days, with more U.S. college students taking courses abroad and more foreign students enrolled in this country, according to an annual survey released Monday. US-FOREIGN STUDIES. Has moved for release at 0501 GMT. By Arlene Levinson. AP Photos NY111, ROM127.

With: US-FOREIGN STUDIES-GLANCE.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Tuesday, U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright meets with Syrian officials before heading to Israel.

FEATURES:

LONDON Communism may be on the wane and the Cold War just a memory, but London's Marx Memorial Library is keeping the flame alive. ARTS-BRITAIN-MARX LIBRARY. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Sue Leeman.

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BOGOTA, Colombia For nearly all this decade, Colombia's economy was on a cocaine high. But the drug traffickers apparently are now repatriating less of their profits, combining with fallout from the Asian and Russian economic crises to throw Colombians into their worst recession in decades. FEA-COLOMBIA-COCAINE ECONOMY. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Frank Bajak.

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Dramatic step towards peace N Ireland Assembly soon to be up and running

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Herald deputy editor Peter O'Neill, in Britain on a Commonwealth Press Union scholarship, has just ended a week in Northern Ireland, and in 29 engagements, met everyone from politicians and professors to primary school pupils. This is what he found.

Northern Ireland, June 22, 1999. This is the news. Tensions are mounting in this unique community where gorse hedges on rolling farmland are replaced in Belfast and Derry by razor wire and "peace" walls that keep the flocks segregated. Where in central Belfast pubs, people can laugh with feeling but just minutes away on the strictly Protestant Shankill Road or its neighbouring Catholic Falls Road, there is a hardness in the eyes of 10-year-old boys.

Thirty years of violence between those wanting continued union with Britain (mainly Protestants) and those wanting a united Ireland (mainly Catholics) will do that, but now everyone, almost everyone, has had a gutsful.

The celebrated Good Friday Agreement of 1998 was a breakthrough, but now comes the implementation. In the next few weeks, key elements of that implementation are required.

By June 30, Northern Ireland's Assembly, elected 12 months ago, is supposed to be operational. The four main parties, however, have yet to discuss who will hold what ministries.

That is because the Ulster Unionist Party won't sit at the same table as Sinn Fein until that party's paramilitary arm, the **Irish Republican Army** (IRA), starts handing in its weapons. (Any talks at the moment see the parties in different rooms just in case they happen to meet face-to-face).

Sinn Fein says the Good Friday Agreement does not require decommissioning until next year, but the Unionists are adamant. Many in the UUP already think they have conceded too much, principally through early release of terrorist prisoners, without seeing any return of good faith. What they have seen is the IRA thrice stating it will never disarm, and there are many spray can references around declaring "not one bullet, not one ounce (of explosive)".

With June 30 looming, the intervention of the British and Irish prime ministers seems inevitable.

Just to complicate the issue, marching season has arrived in Northern Ireland. For the vast majority of the 3300 marches held each year, there is no problem, but some are overtly sectarian and antagonistic towards the other side. Mark down July 12 at Drumcree, Portadown, as a very potential flashpoint.

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The Protestant Orangemen intend marching through Drumcree to their church and back again, smack through a Catholic area. If they keep to form they will stop outside the Catholic Church, face it, and rile the Catholics with patriotic band tunes. Local residents on either side are entrenched in their views and Drumcree presents a real threat to the peace process.

These are the immediate issues, but there are others. There are bound to be after 30 years of violence in which more than 3600 have been killed. Some of them are:

SEGREGATION: In parts of Northern Ireland, the Catholic and Protestant communities cannot live side by side. In West Belfast gates are locked across roads at night and in the weekends to prevent access between groups. A brick wall has been built in another area to allow each grouping to feel safe from the other. Where communities do meet, the house between them will be empty and derelict. In the second largest city, Derry, residents on one side of the river are 95 per cent Catholic. The 600 Protestant families who remain feel alienated behind a wall topped with razor wire, but to move out would be to admit defeat.

In West Belfast there are separate public transport systems for Protestants and Catholics. It is possible in fact to live never-meeting lives, with separate schools, shops and workplaces. But it is not all like that. In many areas the country's 58 per cent of Protestants and 42 per cent of Catholics are able to live cheek to jowl.

POLICING: Northern Ireland has 8500 police officers, with 4250 full and part-time reserves. With a population of 1.6 million, that's around one cop for every 135 people. There is also a British Army presence.

The biggest problem for the RUC though is that just 8 per cent of the force is Catholic, which creates distrust from the Catholic community. There is a specific commission looking at this as part of the peace process, but it would almost require a law change to allow positive discrimination towards employing more Catholics to redress the balance.

Since the ceasefire there has been an increase in applications to join the RUC from Catholics, remarkable considering such a decision can result in the person having to cut ties from the rest of their family.

Surprisingly the "ordinary" crime rates are low, due to close family units, tight communities and a level of harsh policing by terrorists on both sides against their own. The crime rate seems set to rise though, with a growing drug problem and paramilitary agents brought up on violence looking for other ways to express themselves.

RELEASE of PRISONERS: Under the Good Friday Agreement, those parties which agreed to a ceasefire will have all their prisoners released. So far 123 republicans and 93 loyalists have been freed, with Maze Prison still holding 197 prisoners. None will be left by next July.

This is a sore point for many, particularly victims, with some convicted murderers set to serve as little as two or three years. As well, former terrorists (they would call themselves freedom fighters) who have served time are now prominent politicians.

In Derry, the ornate city council chambers were blown to bits by a man who was elected to serve in the rebuilt chamber 10 years later.

EDUCATION: Most of Northern Ireland's schools are segregated, but as big a problem is the 11-plus examination. All children, at the age of 11, sit a national examination, the results of which determine the student's education path. As one principal described it: "We tell 25 per cent of pupils that they are going to be successful, and 75 per cent, at the age of 11, that they are failures. I think history will judge this as a gross form of child abuse."

UNEMPLOYMENT and the ECONOMY: There has been a dramatic improvement in the rate of unemployment, from 17 per cent in 1986 to 7 per cent now, but in some areas families are in their third generation of unemployment. The economy is propped up from London to the tune of poundstg>>8 billion a year.

The troubles have put off outside investors and strangled a potentially lucrative tourist market, but things are changing.

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Very active and positive development boards have already attracted many firms to Northern Ireland, and cranes and rebuilding are evident in the main centres.

So there are hurdles to overcome, and the nation is still holding its breath over real peace, but some real progress has been made. The Good Friday Agreement was a dramatic step forward.

Never before had protagonists from each side sat together and compromised. From Sinn Fein it represented acceptance for the first time that a border really existed. More than 70 per cent of the population indicated they had had enough of violence by endorsing the agreement, and the political leaders recognise this is a real mandate for peace.

Crucial has been the active involvement from neutral countries like the United States, Canada, Finland and other European states.

At grassroots level too, hundreds of community groups are springing up, meeting needs that have never been met before. **Women** are to the fore in this real force. For the first time, incredibly, victims are are being recognised and helped, and the outpouring of anger and outrage has staggered counsellors. An issue here is deciding exactly who the victims are. Are former terrorists victims? What about their children?

In an intense week of tours, interviews and lectures, the best was saved until last. Not a politician, not a civil servant, not a clergyman, nor even a leader from a community group.

At Oakgrove Integrated Primary School, 19 Limavady Road, Derry, an 11-year-old pupil spoke about being a peer mediator in one of the few, but growing number of schools catering for both Protestants and Catholics.

Yes, she said, sometimes religion is mentioned in arguments, but most of the time it is about what one friend did to another, about someone taking someone else's ball. Normal kids stuff really.

And another story, from a girl from a mixed marriage who shifted from a Protestant school to an integrated one. Asked by her mother what the biggest difference was, she replied: "At my other school I couldn't talk about daddy. Now I can be proud of you both."

If these are the future leaders of Northern Ireland, then there is hope.

CAPTION:

Political murals such as this one in Shankill Road, West Belfast, are common in Northern Ireland.

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Mounting Tensions in Northern Ireland

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Business leaders ordered shops in Belfast's normally bustling downtown to close an hour before the protests to allow workers time to get away. Shops closed early in other towns where clashes were expected.

The mass exodus of motorists meant that when groups of Orangemen and their supporters began rallying in predominantly Protestant parts of Belfast some carrying placards reading "Respect our culture, restore our rights" they had comparatively little traffic to snarl.

Units of riot police and British army helicopters kept watch from a distance over the progress of the biggest Protestant crowds.

British army bomb-disposal experts investigated suspicious packages and abandoned cars. One was parked on a key overpass above the major highway north of Belfast, forcing traffic to be diverted to secondary roads.

Experts conducted a controlled explosion of a package left outside the home of a Protestant member of the government-appointed Parades Commission, which since 1998 has ordered restrictions on traditional Orange Order demonstrations that pass near or through Catholic areas. No explosives were found inside the package.

Motorists driving to suburbs south of Belfast reported that youths were trying to force people out of their cars. Successfully hijacked vehicles were soon burning in Protestant parts of north Belfast, too.

David Trimble, the Protestant leader of Northern Ireland's new power-sharing government and an Orangeman himself, warned that anyone committing violence this week "will only bring dishonor and disgrace on the cause they profess to support."

Trimble, who rose to prominence in 1995 by championing the right of Orangemen to continue parading annually through the main Catholic section of Portadown, today argues that the town's Orange leaders should drop their refusal to enter direct negotiations with the Parades Commission and Garvaghy Road protesters.

"I have to say this is the only way in which the issue will be resolved," Trimble said.

Other Orange parades scheduled for Wednesday the 310th anniversary of the triumph of Protestant King William of Orange over his Catholic foe, James II also have been ordered to stay away from predominantly Catholic villages and the Lower Ormeau enclave of south Belfast.

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And in neighboring Portadown, the mostly Protestant town at the center of debate over Orange Order parades, riot police armed with shields, clubs and attack dogs pushed demonstrators out of an intersection. The crowd responded by pelting police with rocks and bottles and torching a stolen car.

Business leaders in Belfast, Portadown and several smaller towns advised shops to close an hour before the protests to allow workers enough time to get away. Almost everyone followed the advice, as normally bustling shopping precincts became ghost towns by 4 p.m.

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Units of riot police and British army helicopters kept watch from a distance over Protestant crowds blocking roads. Each protest ranged in size from a few dozen to several hundred. Some were composed mostly of women and children, while others had a more threatening air, with anti-Catholic terrorists among the participants.

British army bomb-disposal experts investigated a car that had been hijacked and parked on a key overpass in north Belfast. The alert forced a major highway to be closed for two hours before it could be confirmed the car contained no explosives.

Experts conducted a controlled explosion of a package left outside the home of a Protestant member of the government-appointed Parades Commission, which since 1998 has ordered restrictions on traditional Orange Order demonstrations that pass near or through Catholic areas. No explosives were found inside the package.

Motorists driving to suburbs south of Belfast reported that youths were trying to force people out of their cars. Successfully hijacked vehicles were soon burning in Protestant parts of north Belfast, too.

David Trimble, the Protestant leader of Northern Ireland's new power-sharing government and an Orangeman himself, warned that anyone committing violence this week "will only bring dishonor and disgrace on the cause they profess to support."

Trimble, who rose to prominence in 1995 by championing the right of Orangemen to continue parading annually through the main Catholic section of Portadown, today argues that the town's Orange leaders should drop their refusal to enter direct negotiations with the Parades Commission and Garvaghy Road protesters.

"I have to say this is the only way in which the issue will be resolved," Trimble said.

Other Orange parades scheduled for Wednesday the 310th anniversary of the triumph of Protestant King William of Orange over his Catholic foe, James II also have been ordered to stay away from predominantly Catholic villages and the Lower Ormeau enclave of south Belfast.

Hard-line Protestants mounted human road blockades across Northern Ireland on Monday, bringing the province to a tense standstill and provoking running battles with riot police as darkness fell.

Militants hijacked and burned cars in several Belfast neighborhoods as anger over restrictions on traditional Protestant parades flared into violence for the second straight week.

Leaders of the Orange Order brotherhood insisted they had counseled supporters not to destroy property or attack police following Monday's planned four-hour road blockades.

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"It is essential that the protests are not used by malcontents, who have no real interest in the Orange institution, as a cover for violence," leaders of the 80,000-member fraternal group said in a statement.

"To those who have or would engage in violence, we can only say stop," the statement said. "You are not acting on our behalf. Your actions damage an honorable cause."

Within minutes of the first protests, trouble broke out in Belfast and other towns, and got progressively worse at night. Motorists in several towns were terrorized into handing over their cars to roadside mobs. Police prepared for the worst tried to contain riotous mobs on several fronts.

Along the so-called "peace line," a network of fences and walls separating British Protestant and Irish Catholic communities in west Belfast, youths on both sides traded salvos of bottles and rocks.

On the city's predominantly Protestant east side, soldiers and police blocked a growing crowd from entering Short Strand, an isolated Catholic enclave, where a few dozen Catholic men stood ready to defend their area.

And while skirmishing with hooligans in Protestant suburbs to the north, police seized components for homemade grenades, a shotgun and cartridges.

Twenty-five miles to the southwest in Lurgan, riot police intervened to prevent Protestants from walking into the Catholic side of the town, among the most bitterly polarized in Northern Ireland.

And in neighboring Portadown, the mostly Protestant town at the center of debate over Orange Order parades, a protracted clash broke out between riot police and masked Protestant youths.

Riot police armed with shields, clubs and attack dogs pushed protesters out of one Portadown intersection. Masked teen-agers responded by pelting police with bricks and rocks, while a stolen car was left burning on the main Belfast-Dublin rail line nearby. Police in turn blasted the 300-strong crowd with water cannons, but the rioting continued.

And some extremists turned their attention to isolated Catholics. In Bangor, a mostly Protestant town east of Belfast, a Catholic church and adjoining priest's home had their windows smashed just one of scores of Catholic-occupied property targeted in the past week.

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Body

Quebec

Like, it's your business? The word sovereignty did not pass the lips of Quebec Premier Lucien Bouchard during a major speech Thursday to the U.S. business community in New York.

Everett Briggs, a former U.S. ambassador to Panama and Honduras who was among the audience of 200, asked Bouchard why as the head of a separatist government he made no reference to its political agenda.

One of the reasons Bouchard gave for not mentioning the subject was that it is up to Quebecers to decide. "It is something we have to solve ourselves," he said.

Montreal

The Reichmanns at play. City hall was euphoric about the news that Toronto's Reichmann family had chosen Montreal for its \$900-million, 1.8-million-square-foot indoor entertainment park.

The park, to be called Destination: Technodome, will focus on high-tech interactive entertainment and will be one of the biggest theme parks in North America.

Company officials say it will bring 7,000 permanent jobs and 35,000 temporary constructions jobs to Montreal. It is scheduled to open in 2002. The company has still to buy the land, however, from the Port of Montreal.

Nervousness mounts. Nearly 500,000 posters showing the picture of a missing 10-year-old Point St. Charles girl went up all over Montreal on Thursday. Jolene Riendeau, reported missing on Monday, has run away from home three times before. Police fear this time, however, that something might have happened to her.

According to the Missing Children's Network, about 9,000 children are reported missing in Quebec every year. Runaways account for 97 per cent; about 3 per cent are parental abductions and fewer than one per cent are criminal abductions.

Canada

The law under review. Justice Minister Anne McLellan has ordered her department to review a law that allows judges to exclude prior convictions of the accused during jury trials.

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The law stems from a 1989 Supreme Court decision aimed at protecting the right to presumption of innocence. It is intended to prevent jurors from deciding guilt or innocence on the basis of past behaviour rather than on the evidence presented in court.

The use of the law to prevent jurors from learning of the previous convictions of Francis Roy caused outrage in Toronto, where Roy was on trial on first-degree murder charges in the sex slaying of an 11-year-old girl. Roy had two prior convictions for rapes of teenage girls and he had assaulted another woman only days before Alison Parrot was murdered in 1986.

Roy was found guilty in Alison's death on Tuesday and sentenced to at least 25 years in prison.

World

A contemptible court. Sporadic violence spread throughout central Kuala Lumpur this week in the wake of what was seen as the politically motivated conviction of Anwar Ibrahim, former deputy prime minister of Malaysia. "As per instructions," Ibrahim said contemptuously when he was found guilty of four counts of corruption.

Invited to address the court, Ibrahim accused Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad of abuses of power.

The real war and the propaganda war. Up to 70 ethnic Albanians were reported killed on Thursday in one of the worst incidents of the war in Kosovo, when two convoys of refugees on tractors and on foot were struck by military aircraft in the western part of the disputed Serbian province.

Serb authorities blamed NATO for the attack. NATO admitted striking military targets during the day in the area of Prizen and Djakovica. However, the Pentagon said Yugoslav aircraft had also been operating in the Djakovica area.

Serb leaders claimed that NATO launched the attack as part of its campaign against "all the people of Yugoslavia."

Meanwhile, United States officials said Wednesday that they believe Serb spies have penetrated NATO and are sending vital information back to Yugoslavian President Slobodan Milosevic.

Viva Espana. General Augusto Pinochet, 83, may appeal British Home Secretary Jack Straw's ruling on Wednesday that extradition proceedings can proceed against him. The former Chilean dictator is sought by Spain to stand trial on charges of crimes against humanity.

Straw said the law should be allowed to take its course and that there were no compassionate grounds on which to halt proceedings. Lady Thatcher, hitherto thought to be a stranger to compassion, nonetheless urged that General Pinochet be allowed to return home.

Back to the future. The German government started its return to its historic capital, Berlin, on Thursday as the first train bearing furniture, files, books and other supplies arrived from Bonn, the capital of Germany since 1945. The move, approved in 1991 after the fall of the Berlin Wall and German unification, is expected to cost \$11 billion.

Germany's 669 legislators will inaugurate the renovated Reichstag building in central Berlin as the new seat of parliament on Monday. Regular sessions will not start until the fall.

Rich Brits. The Sunday Times came out with its 10th annual list of Britain's wealthiest.

It showed that inherited wealth is in steady decline on the list. Joining the dukes of Northumberland and Westminster among the top 1,000 are Anne Wood, the creator of Teletubbies (55 million pounds) and Paloma Picasso (350 million pounds).

Spice Girl Victoria Adams and her fiance, soccer star David Beckham, were 1 million pounds short of the 21-million pound cutoff.

Art

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You can get tired of Monet. A monumental show with larger-than-life sculptures of American Indians and African tribesmen has been causing traffic jams on the Pont des Arts, a footbridge over the Seine River, in Paris this week.

Between 5,000 and 10, 000 visitors a day come to see the 68 sculptures, the work of Ousmane Sow, 63, of Senegal. The pieces, on display until May 20, are made of wire, plaster, rubber and paper-fibre, coated with a protective veneer. One of the exhibits portrays Custer's Last Stand, complete with falling horses.

Sex

The Full Monty, the calendar. Eleven women, all members of the Women's Institute in North Yorkshire, posed wearing nothing but their pearls, and strategically placed cooking implements, for a charity calendar. The women, age 45 to 60, are shown demonstrating such classic homemaker skills as jam-making, flower- arranging and baking. With an initial run of 3,500 copies, the women will donate the proceeds to the Leukemia Research Fund.

"Lots of red wine" made the photography session "good fun," said Rosalyn Fawcett, 49, who posed as Miss November. She knits.

Plot stays in bed. Pornographic cinema went mainstream in France on Wednesday with the unrestricted release of Romance X, a study of the impact of sexual liberation on a group of young authors.

Despite its literary pretensions, the film's true star is the erect penis of Italian porn actor Rocco Siffredi, according to the Guardian. Siffredi's organ has become the subject of television and radio debates, while the techniques needed to achieve erections of up to six hours' duration are explained with no more sense of outrage as if it was about gardening tips.

Maybe they'd like him in France. Darryl Strawberry, 37, the New York Yankees outfielder, was charged with possession of cocaine and soliciting a prostitute on Wednesday. Driving a gold-coloured 1999 Ford Explorer, Strawberry allegedly solicited an undercover police officer for sex for \$50.

Strawberry, an eight-time all-star had been at extended spring training camp to get back into shape after colon cancer surgery last Oct. 3.

Hypocrisy

You want a Barbie doll? Nicki Lane, 20, resigned after spending only two weeks as Miss Great Britain after it came out that she was a single mother of a 6-year-old son. The beauty contest's organizers were quick to say they do not condemn single motherhood, but their rules stipulate a contestant must have no "ties," which is to say, no husband, no children.

The contest's national director in Great Britain, Nicky Price, 46, said if Miss Great Britain Universe became the overall winner she would live in Los Angeles and travel the world for a year. "We wouldn't want to be responsible for splitting up a parent from her child," he said.

Heartlessness

God may forgive them. No one else should. The Irish Republican Army has demanded that relatives of the people it abducted, murdered and secretly buried bar the media from funeral services when it returns the victims' bodies. The IRA has also said it does not want the families to conduct post-mortems to try to determine how their loved ones died.

In fact, it has gone so far as to threaten to refuse to say where victims are buried until the British and Irish governments guarantee immunity for those involved in the murders.

Graphic

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P Photo: Ibrahim: Convicted.; Photo: Strawberry: Busted; Photo: AP / Highlight: A brush fire roars toward homes in Port St. Lucie, Fla., on Thursday. The wind-driven fire destroyed at least 15 homes. Several blazes ravaged other parts of parched Florida.; Photo: AP / Highlight: Keep those arms STRAIGHT! A drill instructor keeps a careful eye on soldiers during a training session near Beijing's Forbidden City this week. Thousands of soldiers will march through Tiananmen Square on Oct. 1 in the first military parade in the Chinese capital in 15 years.

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OTTAWA: Canada's Supreme Court backs same-sex marriages in landmark ruling

JERUSALEM: Israeli PM Sharon faces crunch party vote key to Gaza pullout plan

-- IRAQ --

Iraq,3rdlead

BAGHDAD

Iraq's majority Shiites unveil a major alliance ahead of next month's landmark elections, as NATO says it will boost its military training mission in the country still wracked by violence a year and half after Saddam Hussein was ousted.

800 words 1800 GMT by Charles Onians

Iraq-vote-Shiites,4thlead

BAGHDAD

The 1600 GMT news advisory

Iraq's majority Shiite Muslims unveil a broad alliance, a move likely to leave them with the lion's share of the vote in next month's landmark elections for a transitional government.

600 words 1700 GMT by Rouba Kabbara

Iraq-vote-Ramadi

RAMADI, Iraq

Holding landmark elections next month will be no easy matter in the rebel bastion of Ramadi, where neither the police nor the Iraqi national guard can ensure security and only the US military dares venture out on patrol.

500 words 1630 GMT by Pierre Celerier

Iraq-Fallujah-aid-ICRC,3rdlead

GENEVA

A team from the International Committee of the Red Cross paid a short trip to Fallujah this week for the first time since a massive battle in the Iraqi city last month, a spokesman says.

450 words 1700 GMT

Iraq-US-Fallujah-Sattler,lead

NEAR FALLUJAH, Iraq

Fingerprint and iris scans will be used to track civilians returning to Fallujah, which was only last month wrested away from rebels, the US marines' top commander in Iraq says.

600 words moved by Seth Meixner

-- UKRAINE --

Ukraine-vote,4thlead

KIEV

Ukraine's civil servants return to work for the first time in weeks as the opposition lifted its blockade of government buildings and a political crisis eases following a compromise with the ruling regime.

600 words 1630 GMT by Simon Ostrovsky. Pictures.

We will also move: Ukraine-vote-chrono

NATO-Russia-Ukraine,4thlead

BRUSSELS

NATO and Russia issue a joint call for free and fair elections in Ukraine in what NATO's chief hails as "a major breakthrough" in defusing tension between the West and Moscow, but tensions linger.

600 words 1730 GMT by Michael Thurston

Ukraine-vote-media

KIEV

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Ukraine's political turmoil has been broadcast live on the pro-opposition Channel Five, whose coverage has rocked national television and pushed the pro-government stations to shake off censorship.

600 words 1630 GMT by Olga Nedbayeva. Pictures.

Ukraine-vote-regions

UZHGOROD, Ukraine

In Ukraine's westernmost region of Uzhgorod, tensions run high ahead of a new presidential vote on December 26, as supporters of the two candidates accuse each other of intending to rig the poll.

550 words moved, by Adele Brard

Ukraine-vote-Russia-US,analysis

MOSCOW

President Vladimir Putin's outbursts over Ukraine betray a Russian suspicion that Western talk of democracy in former Soviet republics is a sophisticated ruse for imposing an alien economic order under which the world's wealthiest rule, experts say.

700 words moved, by Christopher Boian

FILING PLANS BY REGION

-- EUROPE --

NATO-US-Iraq-Afghanistan,2ndlead

BRUSSELS

NATO agrees on the expansion of missions in Iraq and Afghanistan but a rift over the US-led invasion of Iraq remains, with US Secretary of State Colin Powell accusing some European allies of undermining the alliance's credibility.

650 words 1730 GMT by Matthew Lee

NATO-US-Bush-visit,4thlead

BRUSSELS

NATO welcomes confirmation that US President George W. Bush will travel to Brussels on February 22 to meet European leaders, calling it a new chance to bridge rifts over the Iraq war.

600 words moved, by Michael Thurston

US-NATO-Powell

BRUSSELS

Outgoing US Secretary of State Colin Powell caps a decades-long association with NATO that spanned most of the alliance's history from the height of the Cold War to the collapse of the Soviet Union and beyond.

650 words moved, by Matthew Lee

Britain-crime-Shipman,2ndlead

LONDON

The 1600 GMT news advisory

A long-running inquiry into Harold Shipman, the family physician who became Britain's worst serial killer, lambasts the nation's medical watchdog, saying it cares more for doctors than it does for patients.

600 words 1630 GMT by Robert MacPherson

Nireland,2ndlead

BELFAST

The ***Irish Republican Army*** says it remains committed to the peace process in Northern Ireland, but not if it means "humiliation" in the face of Protestant unionist rivals.

600 words 1630 GMT

Italy-justice-Berlusconi,lead

MILAN

A panel of three judges retires to deliberate their verdict in Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's long-running corruption trial, with prosecutors demanding eight years in jail.

650 words moved, by Nicole Martiche. Picture

We have also moved: Italy-justice-Berlusconi-charges

World-corruption-politics,lead

PARIS

Political parties in Latin America, India, Indonesia and some eastern European states are among the world's most corrupt, according to a new survey released by the corruption watchdog Transparency International.

550 words moved, by Marc Burleigh

France-economy-labour,lead

PARIS

French Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin uses a televised news conference to reassert his authority in the cabinet and announce major modifications to the controversial 35-hour working week.

650 words moved, by Hugh Schofield. Picture

Nobel-peace,2ndlead

OSLO

More ***women*** need to hold decision-making jobs if they are to play a role in peacemaking, this year's Nobel Peace Prize laureate, Kenyan ecologist Wangari Maathai, says a day before receiving the prestigious award.

700 words 1630 GMT by Nina Larson. Pictures.

Romania-vote

CORNU, Romania

Tucked away in the Carpathian mountains, the town of Cernu is displaying its colours for Romania's presidential run-off vote Sunday: not surprising, given that the favourite, Prime Minister Adrian Nastase, is a popular figure here.

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600 words moved, by Laura Chiriac. Picture

-- MIDDLE EAST --

Mideast,2ndlead

TEL AVIV

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon is facing a key hurdle to his plan to pull out of the Gaza Strip as his own party members vote on whether to allow the main opposition Labour faction into government.

700 words 1830 GMT by Yoav Lemmer. Pictures

Mideast-unrest-Israel-army-justice,lead

JERUSALEM

An Israeli commander accused of emptying his weapon into a dead Palestinian schoolgirl, in a case that has shaken public confidence in the armed forces, goes on trial in a military court.

400 words 1700 GMT

OPEC-energy-oil,2ndlead

CAIRO

Calls mount from within OPEC for the cartel to agree a production cut from current record levels by stepping-up quota compliance to counter the sliding price of oil.

650 words 1730 GMT by Leigh Thomas. Pictures

Mideast-Lebanon-Palestinians-refugees

RASHIDIYEH, Lebanon

Several thousand refugees treat new PLO chairman Mahmud Abbas and Palestinian prime minister Ahmed Qorei to a warm welcome as they visit the Rashidiyeh camp in southern Lebanon.

500 words 1630 GMT by Nayla Razzouk

Mideast-US-reform-Arabs-Morocco,advancer

RABAT

Two days before Morocco opens its doors to the Forum for the Future, devoted to the US "Greater Middle East" initiative, people in the host nation warned the US against preaching democracy to them.

650 words 1630 GMT by Mohammed Chakir

AFPLifestyle-UAE-Dubai-film-festival-India-Pakistan

DUBAI

The first Pakistani film starring an Indian actress, Kiron Kher, and which tackles the crucial issue of rising fundamentalism is screened in the Middle East for the first time as part of the Dubai International Film Festival.

550 words moved by Fiona MacDonald. Pictures

-- AFRICA --

The 1600 GMT news advisory

DR Congo-Rwanda-troops,4thlead

KINSHASA

Troops in the Democratic Republic of Congo have begun redeploying in the east after reports that neighbouring Rwanda has sent its soldiers across the border to deal with Hutu extremist rebels, the defence minister in Kinshasa says.

650 words 1630 GMT

Zimbabwe-vote-parliament,lead

HARARE

Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe addresses the nation as parliament approves an electoral reforms bill giving the long-serving leader the power to appoint key members of a poll body to oversee crunch parliamentary elections in March.

600 words 1700 GMT by Ryan Truscott

Niger-vote-social

NIAMEY

Many people in the impoverished west African state of Niger say they feel happy and more confident for the future after the weekend re-election of President Mamadou Tandja.

500 words moved by Boureima Hama

-- AMERICAS --

Canada-gays-marriage,3rdlead

OTTAWA

Canada's Supreme Court rules that government plans to allow same-sex marriage are constitutional, in a landmark ruling in the long battle for equal rights for gays and lesbians.

600 words 1630 GMT

US-music-rock-crime,3rdlead

COLUMBUS, Ohio

A lone gunman charges the stage during a show by heavy-metal band Damageplan, killing guitarist Darrell "Dimebag" Abbott and three others before being felled by a police officer.

500 words 1700 GMT.

-- ASIA --

Philippines-weather,3rdlead

REAL, Philippines

Philippine rescuers frantically dig for more survivors after four people, including a toddler, were pulled alive from a building crushed by a landslide 11 days ago.

700 words moved, by Romeo Gacad. Pictures.

Japan-Iraq-military,2ndlead

TOKYO

Japan extends a troop deployment to Iraq for another year despite public unease about the mission which broke the country's post-World War II taboo against using its military in an overseas war zone.

700 words moved, by Hiroshi Hiyama. Picture

Afghanistan-politics-drugs,2ndlead

KABUL

Afghan President Hamid Karzai declares a holy war on the drugs trade gripping his war-shattered country, which produces nearly nine-tenths of the world's opium.

650 words moved, by Sardar Ahmad

UN-reform-Germany-Japan-Iraq-Afghanistan,2ndlead

TOKYO

Countries seeking permanent seats on the UN Security Council must have the same veto power as the current Big Five, German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder says on a visit to fellow expansion candidate Japan.

500 words moved, by Martin Trauth. Picture

Myanmar-religion,2ndlead

YANGON

A world Buddhist summit opens amid pomp and ceremony despite a boycott call, with the military regime's new premier using the occasion to call for an end to "the bullying of the weak".

650 words moved, by Jack Barton. Pictures

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What U.S. newspapers are saying

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New York Times

Warnings by federal officials that terrorists may strike again in this country have ratcheted up concerns about everything from suicide bombers to explosions in apartment buildings or at prominent landmarks. But the most frightening prospect of all is that terrorists will some day lay hands on or fabricate a nuclear weapon and explode it on American soil, causing devastation that would dwarf any terrorist act yet seen. This is a danger that demands a much more urgent response than it has thus far received.

Virtually every expert group that has analyzed the threat agrees that the surest way to prevent nuclear terrorism is to keep nuclear weapons or the materials needed to make them out of the hands of terrorists. Thus it is distressing to learn that, for all the effort in recent years to control vulnerable materials in the former Soviet Union, progress has been slow. Although strategic nuclear weapons have been consolidated in Russia and are guarded by professional security forces, the handling of smaller tactical nuclear weapons inspires less confidence. These weapons are more attractive to terrorists because of their portability. Equally troubling, enhanced security measures put in place in recent years cover only 40 percent of the potential bomb material in Russia, according to an authoritative report last week from Harvard's Project on Managing the Atom.

Meanwhile, security experts in the Bush administration are pondering the potential for placing sensors at ports and airports abroad, on ships and inside shipping containers en route, at points of entry into the United States, and along critical highways or at bridges, truck stations and toll booths. Such sensors could also help protect against so-called dirty bombs, in which a conventional explosive would be used to disperse radioactive material.

An attack with a full-fledged nuclear weapon may seem unlikely in the near future, but the penalty for failing to act now could be devastating.

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Boston Globe

The wisdom of the Northern Ireland peace agreement was shown once again last week -- but this time in the Irish Republic. With its striking gains in the election there, the Sinn Fein party has become a political force in the Republic as well as in Northern Ireland.

Sinn Fein got its start in the south, where it and the *Irish Republican Army* spearheaded the Irish war of independence in 1919-1921. Many of its activists opposed the new Irish government in the civil war that followed,

What U.S. newspapers are saying

and when the fighting ended with a victory for the government, Sinn Fein joined the IRA in estrangement from the Irish state.

Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness moved Sinn Fein back into the political process in Northern Ireland in the 1980s, and they ran candidates in the Irish Republic as well, finally winning a seat in the Irish Parliament, or Dail, in 1997. It wasn't until the peace agreement was signed a year later that Sinn Fein gained respectability. After the latest decommissioning of arms by the IRA, timed to influence the election, Sinn Fein more than doubled its vote and won five seats in the Dail.

Many Irish voters view Sinn Fein favorably for its struggles against the British, and many also appreciate its tough stand against illegal drugs, even though it may have veered into IRA-style intimidation. Sinn Fein supports better access to housing and health care, but with no prospect of gaining power in this election, the party has not been pressed about how it would pay for these programs.

The dominant Fianna Fail, one of the two parties that emerged from the civil war, took credit for the recent economic boom and was rewarded with a near-majority of the 166-seat Dail. Prime Minister Bertie Ahern will have no trouble forming a coalition with a smaller party. It won't be Sinn Fein, which is still too close to the IRA for comfort among Ireland's mainstream voters.

The Irish economy is losing a bit of its luster as the high-tech boom fades. Sinn Fein could become a major party in the Republic of Ireland if it figures out how to fit a moderately left-wing philosophy into Ireland's entrepreneurial society. All its efforts would come undone if the IRA resumed violence in Northern Ireland. Sinn Fein's new strength in the Republic is the best guarantor that the IRA will stay peaceful.

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Chicago Tribune

The confrontation between India and Pakistan over the disputed region of Kashmir has been growing more tense and ominous by the day. Given their bitter rhetoric and their history of bloodshed over the region, the showdown could easily escalate into war. Since both have nuclear weapons, it could also lead to a catastrophe dwarfing any the subcontinent has suffered before. But even if the war were contained, it would do serious damage to both parties -- and to the interests of the United States.

The two countries have been trading artillery fire over the line of control that separates them in Kashmir. India is furious about separatist violence in Kashmir, which it says is sponsored by the Pakistan government. Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf arrested thousands of suspected militants in January, but many of them have since been freed, and India says the rate of infiltration from Pakistan into the Indian portion of Kashmir is as high as ever.

That creates the first danger to the U.S. For Musharraf to reduce his troop strength in the west means hobbling the effort to stop al Qaeda and Taliban soldiers from finding refuge in Pakistan. "We could be getting a lot more help from the Pakistanis if there were not the tense situation with respect to the two countries," lamented Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld this week. If full-scale fighting erupts, Pakistan will be doing even less to help us.

Washington's improved relations with New Delhi are already suffering. Indians accuse President Bush of indulging Musharraf's cooperation with extremist groups even as he calls for a worldwide campaign against terrorism. Anti-Americanism has subsided considerably in recent years thanks to the end of the Cold War, but it could easily rebound if the U.S. is seen to be taking Pakistan's side.

The U.S., of course, has a great interest in a closer partnership with both countries. It's hard to understand the Bush administration's failure to make a high priority of preventing another war between India and Pakistan. It needs to make every effort to help -- and force -- the antagonists to step back from the brink. If they plunge over, everyone will lose.

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What U.S. newspapers are saying

Washington Post

India and Pakistan have now escalated their rhetoric and war preparations to the point where it will be difficult to back down. Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee told soldiers along the frontier in the disputed territory of Kashmir to prepare for a "decisive battle," and the Indian army announced a wartime streamlining of its command structure. In Pakistan, troops have been moved from the Afghan border, where they were assisting in the fight against al Qaida, to Kashmir, and government agencies were told to prepare for war. Meanwhile, Islamabad announced that it would conduct new flight tests of ballistic missiles. Neither of these nuclear states wants a full-scale war, but the risk is growing that they will nevertheless stumble into one, with catastrophic consequences. Both seem to be counting on the United States to save them from themselves -- an expectation that places a heavy burden on the Bush administration.

The escalation has been driven by several new terrorist attacks by Muslim extremists in Indian-controlled Kashmir, including the terrible butchery of 31 Indians, most of them women and children, in an army camp. India could hardly be expected not to respond to such atrocities, which have served to underline the fact that Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf has failed to fulfill his promise to crack down on the Kashmiri militant groups that use his country as a base. New Delhi's calculation appears to be that, by making clear its readiness to go to war, it will force the United States to extract concessions from Mr. Musharraf, who has positioned himself as a key U.S. ally since Sept. 11. If the tactic fails, Mr. Vajpayee apparently intends to make good on his threats by ordering commando raids or air strikes on training camps maintained by the militants inside Pakistan. It's a strategy that invites a chain of failure: that the Bush administration will not get action from Mr. Musharraf, and that a subsequent military strike intended to be limited will quickly spiral out of control.

The renewed crisis catches the Bush administration at a particularly difficult moment. The president and secretary of state are touring Europe, and have the equally volatile Israeli-Palestinian crisis and Afghanistan still to manage. Fortunately, the Indian government appears prepared to postpone any action for at least a few weeks; using that time, the administration must find a way to back India and Pakistan down while threading through the minefield of diplomatic traps laid by the two governments. The key to a solution lies in a forceful approach to Mr. Musharraf, who must be asked again to choose between alliance with the civilized world and terrorism. His government must take effective action against Kashmiri militant groups in a way that will be visible to India. Mr. Vajpayee, in turn, must persuade his military and party to accept such action as preferable to war, and stand down his forces.

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Peace dividend for Sinn Fein: With the IRA's murderous campaign officially over, Sinn Fein has emerged as a real contender in upcoming elections -- if it can shed its image as a terrorist mouthpiece.

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Body

When the ***Irish Republican Army*** was looking for ways to raise money in the 1980s, Nicky Kehoe was the kind of guy they turned to. His technique had nothing to do with bake sales.

He was one of the IRA men behind the still-unsolved kidnapping and presumed killing of the famous Irish racehorse Shergar, alleges Sean O'Callaghan, an IRA murderer-turned-informer who supposedly confessed all in a 1998 memoir.

But even 20 years on and with the IRA's war officially over, Mr. Kehoe is not admitting that one. "I was never charged over the horse, never even questioned by the police about the horse," he says now, his eyes narrowing. "All they've got is the word of an informer."

The Ottawa Citizen

But Mr. Kehoe hides nothing, and makes no apologies, when it comes to his role in another IRA spectacular: the day in 1982 when he was picked up outside the County Wicklow estate of Canadian billionaire Galen Weston, whose family controls the Loblaws chain. The Irish police said they had foiled a kidnapping, though Mr. Kehoe was convicted only of carrying explosives and resisting arrest. Still, he served 12 years in prison, a thumping addition to a rap sheet on which he had already racked up three years for possession of weapons as a 17-year-old in 1974.

"My past is my past and I am not going to deny it, nor condemn it, nor do I have any regrets about it," says Mr. Kehoe, who is now 46 and looking for votes, not forgiveness, as a Sinn Fein party candidate in general elections expected this May. "I was involved in something I thought was good enough to risk my life in," he adds.

Mr. Kehoe's story is not especially remarkable on an island where, on both sides of the border, on both sides of the sectarian divide, a swath of the last generation's youth have found themselves in prison for committing acts of terror. His past is only an issue now because of his future in politics, which Mr. Kehoe hopes will include taking a seat from incumbent Prime Minister Bertie Ahern in the centre of Dublin.

Long considered marginal in mainstream Irish politics as long as its IRA wing was blasting its way to influence up north, Sinn Fein has found a peace dividend of its own: rising poll numbers in Northern Ireland and now in the republic itself. Some even give the party a shot at winning a half-dozen seats this May, up from the one it holds now.

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Since even a small band of Sinn Fein deputies could hold the balance of power in a close election, the established mainstream parties are training their sights on this new threat.

"Yeah, nationalist parties in the republic thought we were great as long as we were only a factor up north," says Mr. Kehoe, referring to the traditional sympathy of nationalist parties in the Irish republic -- notably mighty Fianna Fail -- with Sinn Fein's aspirations for a united Ireland. "Now that we're a force down here in Dublin, they're not so warm and friendly any more."

In fact, the relationship between the nationalist parties and Sinn Fein has turned downright frosty in the pre-election run-up, and for good reason: If Sinn Fein is to win seats, it will have to take a chunk of votes from Mr. Aherne's governing Fianna Fail, which has been reeling from a series of corruption scandals.

So it is no coincidence, Sinn Fein leaders declare, that there has been an outbreak of publicity about the blood-stained resumes of some of their party's candidates. They complain in particular about attempts to link Sinn Fein candidate Martin Ferris with an IRA member recently arrested "liaising" with anti-government guerrillas in Colombia. The attempt is not so much to tar Sinn Fein with responsibility for past IRA atrocities as it is to link them to current violence: the on-going reports of IRA punishment beatings and vigilantism, and continuing questions about the IRA's ties to other terrorist movements.

"There is undoubtedly a campaign against Sinn Fein," said party president Gerry Adams in Dublin recently. "The police would be far better off tackling drug dealers than following a political agenda aimed at frightening off people from voting for Sinn Fein."

But Mr. Adams' canned outrage was tempered by the fact that Caoimhghin O'Caolain, Sinn Fein's one sitting member, created some of the trouble himself. The deputy gave a radio interview last month in which he refused to counsel people with evidence about the murder of police officers or knowledge of illegal IRA arms dumps to provide that information to police. Mr. O'Caolain said doing so would put informers at risk from others in their communities -- a dubious, even if realistic, stand for an elected official to take.

Mr. Adams spent much of last week on damage control, insisting people should trust the police and do their duty to uphold the law. But Mr. Kehoe acknowledges it is a message delivered with a wink. "I deal with the police all the time, and I would always give them information on drugs or break-ins," he says. "But I'm never going to tell them where an arms dump is."

The issue shows how slippery the legitimate political trail remains for Sinn Fein. Yet the party has strengths, too, notably its street-smart leadership, best represented by Mr. Adams, who is backed by a loyal grassroots machine.

Sinn Fein's growing acceptance, they contend, comes because it has devoted itself to fighting on local issues, from health and schools to building playgrounds. "People in here know my politics, they know what I am," says Mr. Kehoe. "Down here, politics is all about what you can deliver."

He is sitting at a table in a community centre in a working-class area of Dublin. For a year and a half now, he has been "walking the ground," as he calls it, listening to citizens' complaints, building a base of support, handshake by handshake.

Smear jobs may cost him votes in the more affluent or middle-class parts of Dublin Centre, where people read the establishment newspapers, he concedes. But among the working classes, an IRA past can even help a politician -- a touch of glamour, yes, but also a tinge of sympathy: The fight for a united Ireland was a popular one, he says.

"A lot of people on the ground see republicanism as a liberation struggle," he explains. Not all of his colleagues in the armed republican movement have made the adjustment to politics. "You get into this mindset of war and it is hard to see anything else, tough to break out of," Mr. Kehoe says. "Even for me, there are times when it is hard psychologically to do what I'm doing now."

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"But we're in politics to win, for real gains," he says, the politician in him recovering his balance. "We're not here just to start another 'glorious' republican campaign."

Sinn Fein

Sinn Fein's party platform from its official Web site: <http://sinnfein.ie>

- "We take our name from the Irish Gaelic expression for 'We Ourselves.' Since being founded in 1905 we have worked for the right of Irish people as a whole to attain national self-determination, and have elected representatives in every major Irish town and city.
- "Sinn Fein is an Irish Republican party. Our objective is to end British rule in Ireland. We seek national self-determination, (and) the unity and independence of Ireland as a sovereign state.
- "Sinn Fein is committed to the transformation of Irish society and to a negotiated ... settlement. We know that peace is not simply the absence of violence. Real peace, a lasting peace, is based on democracy, justice, freedom and equality.
- "Sinn Fein has a vision that sees beyond the present conflict and beyond the present phase of our history. Our vision foresees the unity of the people of this island. Our vision is for the redistribution of wealth, for the well-being of the aged, for the advancement of youth, for the liberation of women and for the protection of our children. Our vision is for a free Ireland and a free people.
- "Sinn Fein is committed to our peace strategy. We have sought with honesty and integrity to construct a peace process which reaches out and embraces everyone on the island on the basis of equality. Our objective must be for an agreement that will earn the allegiance and respect of all sections of our people.
- "To achieve these objectives, Sinn Fein is backing the Good Friday Agreement, which Sinn Fein reached with the other northern parties and the Irish and British governments following multi-party negotiations in Belfast. These negotiations arose from the Irish Peace Process, itself initiated in discussions begun several years ago.

Graphic

Photo: Sinn Fein; Nicky Kehoe at the opening of a new playground in the Dublin Central constituency where he is campaigning: 'My past is my past and I am not going to deny it, nor condemn it, nor do I have any regrets about it.'

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*Nothing like a dame;
After 50 years in show business, Danny La Rue feels it's time he was
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You see, I know an awful lot of things about an awful lot of people,' says veteran entertainer Danny La Rue, 'but I wouldn't dream of cheapening myself by sharing those things. I've been approached many times to write a kiss-and-tell book, but I just don't think it's the right thing to do.' With nearly 50 years in show business, he has 'known them all', from Bette Davis and Lauren Bacall to Michael Barrymore and Eddie Izzard, and he considers everyone a friend.

He has just got back from Holt in north Wales where he helped Paul Burrell, Princess Diana's former butler, open his first flower shop. He and Burrell became friends after the butler delivered flowers to him on behalf of the Princess of Wales. La Rue is godfather to the Burrells' 16-year-old son, Alex, and he remains loyally tight-lipped about Burrell's upcoming trial for alleged theft of some of the Princess's belongings.

And while everyone else has been quick to vilify Michael Barrymore over his recent self-pitying television interview with Martin Bashir, La Rue has only sympathy for the comic. 'I know people are saying bad things about Michael, but he has suffered an awful lot. I think he should be left alone and allowed to prove himself,' he says.

'What people forget is that the pressure on him was absolutely enormous, and he used to work 48 hours at a stretch, which isn't good for anyone.' At 74, La Rue still works for more than 40 weeks of the year. He is soon to star in *Snow White* in Plymouth in a role written especially for him, making it his 50th pantomime, 'which must be some sort of record because no one's old enough to have starred in any more'.

But he is not simply a pantomime dame. His cabarets are legendary; he has hundreds of television appearances to his credit, including *The Good Old Days*, *Tonight with Danny La Rue* and four *Royal Variety Performances*. He has starred in seven West End shows, most notably as the first man to play the lead in *Hello, Dolly!*.

As we sit in his immaculate home in Southampton, it seems extraordinary -?both to me and to him - that he has never received an award. 'I am surprised,' he says. 'I've worked myself into the ground for charity over the years and I'm very well respected by my peers, too. I am saddened when I see some of the people who get awards and, I'll be very honest, I would like to get something in recognition for my work. A knighthood? Ooh yes, that would be lovely.

Nothing like a dame; After 50 years in show business, Danny La Rue feels it's time he was rewarded. A knighthood will do

'My sister's 80 years old now and it would be lovely to take her to Buckingham Palace to meet the Queen. But still,' he adds quickly, like the trouper he is, 'the greatest award I've had has been the respect of the British public over the years.' La Rue looks wonderful for his age. His white bouffant is immaculately arranged, his face relatively unlined and only the merest hint of eyeliner adorns his features. 'My lovely Irish mother used to say, "Whatever you do in your life comes out on your face", so I think I must have been all right. I don't think I've ever knowingly hurt anyone.' He namedrops like a man possessed, talking about Shirley, Ken and Barbara as if you should know that he is referring to Bassey, Dodd and Windsor. Photographs of some of his celebrity friends are scattered throughout his gorgeously overflowing house.

La Rue lives alone. 'But I never ever feel lonely. I work all the time and I'm constantly surrounded by people. I've got my lovely dog Jonty, who's already gone to my housekeeper with blankets and things because I'm on holiday tomorrow.' The house doesn't feel like a lonely place to be - it is crammed full of paintings, statues and antiques collected by La Rue and Jack Hanson, his manager and partner, who died from a massive brain haemorrhage in 1984. 'Jack was the great love of my life and we were together for 32 years,' says La Rue. 'We bought all these things together.

'He died in my arms when we were on a tour in New Zealand, and it was the most terrible moment of my life. I brought his body back home and when his friends came to pay their respects, we couldn't get everyone in.

'I said to Jack: "You've got a good turnout then." I've got this lovely way of talking to him all the time. Naturally, I miss him, but not like I used to.

'Straight after he died, I went through a very bad time. I came back to London to work in the West End, and I got drunk every night for about a year.

I then had a dream where I saw Jack sitting on the end of the bed, asking me what I thought I was doing to myself. I stopped drinking after that.' Since Jack's death, there has been no one special in Danny's life. 'I've been celibate and the theatre and religion are now my life.' La Rue's Roman Catholicism is vital to him and religious statues are dotted about his home.

His religion was, he says, his 'mainstay' when, some 20 years ago, he was charmed by two con men into a crooked property deal that cost him GBP 2 million.

'I lost a fortune,' says La Rue, 'but it didn't make me angry because I didn't even know how much money I had. I knew I could afford anything I wanted, but I was conned, simple as that. It made me a lot more sensible. I just picked myself up and got on with it.' La Rue credits his strength of spirit to his mother, Mary Ann Carroll, who brought up her four children on her meagre income as a seamstress. 'My mother and I were very close. I would love to have said we were very poor and starved, but there was always food on the table. Money was tight, though, and whenever I went out, I used to put newspaper around my shoes to stop them from getting dirty.' La Rue's father, Tom, died when he was 18 months old. He had been a soldier in the ***Irish Republican Army*** - 'which wasn't quite the same thing as the IRA now'. He was 'one of the lads locked up in jail. He got consumption and died very young, but I have no hatred about that. Then we came to England and it was like the English put a protective umbrella around us. I hate the mayhem and murder that is going on in Northern Ireland.' It was in the Navy as a teenager that La Rue honed his skills as a performer. After being demobbed, he was spotted in an amateur drag show and signed to appear in a West End cabaret. He changed his surname from Carroll to La Rue, and that, effectively, was that.

'You don't choose to dress up as a tart for a living,' says La Rue matter-of-factly, 'so I think my career has been all about destiny. I've had no training, but I've built up my career gradually, from being in the chorus to saying a few lines, to having a few walk-on parts. I was always a bit different from other ***female*** impersonators in that I wasn't draggy and that my ***women*** were always believable.

'I'm namedropping now,' he giggles, 'but Noil Coward once said to me: "Don't ever try and define your success because once you do, you'll lose it."

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I've been in the business five decades and I still can't cope with the amount of offers I get for work.' He is largely treated with the respect such a successful old-timer deserves. And, as his current pantomime has shown, if La Rue doesn't fit the role, the role will be made to fit him. 'I was a bit surprised when they asked me to be in the panto, because the only part I could think of was the nanny, and I could never have played the nanny because my audience would never allow me to play someone ugly. But then they wrote me the part for the Queen's sister, Danniella, which was lovely.' It hasn't all been so lovely, however, and only recently, he had a run-in with some pantomime organisers in Woking who did not give his appearance the fanfare it deserved.

'In my contract it says that I'm second top and should have the number two dressing room, but when I saw the billing, my name was very small indeed, and much smaller than people who have much less experience than I do. Of course, I had to complain to the management and ask them to change the posters. They weren't very pleased because I think it cost them GBP 30,000. But what could I do? I wasn't going to be frightened off and,' he shrugs, 'I am a pure professional, after all.' And no one could argue with that.

Danny La Rue will appear in 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs' at the Theatre Royal, Plymouth from December 7 to January 19. Box office: 01752 267 222.

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INTERNATIONAL A3-8

Suicide Bombing in Israel And Clashes in West Bank

Despite a cease-fire, the violence between Palestinians and Israelis barely paused. The first suicide bomber to strike in Israel during the current cease-fire killed himself and one Israeli at a kibbutz in northern Israel. In the West Bank city of Hebron, a Palestinian was shot dead and three were injured. Israeli troops attacked two neighborhoods there on Friday in an effort to stop sniper attacks. Israeli troops continued to hold their positions in areas of Hebron that by previous agreement are Palestinian-controlled. A6

New Detail on Russian Crash

A tape recording on the ground registered a scream from a crew member aboard a Russian passenger plane at the moment that it exploded over the Black Sea last week, a Russian official said. Russian investigators are continuing to sift through wreckage of the SibirAir TU-154 jet recovered from the Black Sea to try to learn why the airliner exploded and plunged into the sea 87 miles off Russia's coast. Investigators reported finding several foreign objects in the wreckage, which supports the contention of American military officials that the plane was downed by an Ukrainian missile gone awry when it was fired during a military exercise. A8

Teams to Raise Submarine

Nearly 14 months after its 118 crewmen perished when unexplained explosions sent it plummeting to the floor of the Barents Sea, salvage teams have begun efforts to raise the Kursk. The operation to lift the 505-foot, 17,000-ton submarine, which had twin nuclear reactors and a payload of torpedoes and 22 cruise missiles, is one of the most complex salvage operations ever attempted. A8

New Threat to Ulster Peace

The troubled Northern Ireland peace effort is expected to enter another crisis this week, with Protestant parties planning to withdraw from the region's power-sharing government over the continued refusal by the **Irish Republican Army** to disarm. The move is likely to force Britain to reinstate direct rule from London for the third time in four months. A6

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Pope Beatifies Seven People

Pope John Paul II beatified seven people, elevating three women and four men to one step from sainthood. They include a German journalist who denounced the Nazis and was hanged by them. His beatification was opposed by his son, who has accused the Roman Catholic Church in Germany of failing to take an active role in the fight against Nazism. A4

Help for World's Poorest

An international coalition of microlending agencies -- devoted to financing homespun businesses from Chicago to mountain villages in Chiapas -- plans to announce today at a meeting of Latin American experts in Mexico that it has made significant strides toward its goals of helping the world's poorest families. It will report that since it began an effort in 1997 to reach 100 million of the world's poorest families by 2005, it has reached about 19.3 million families. A3

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Newly Laid-Off Workers Put Safety Net to the Test

The tens of thousands of layoffs that followed the Sept. 11 terrorism attacks have shocked the economy, and will pose a significant new test of a revamped social safety net. They will face a welfare system that was overhauled in 1996 and has never faced a recession. A12

Governors Setting Press Limits

In Alabama and Minnesota, chief executives have gone to unusual lengths to keep information from reporters or news organizations that have fallen from favor. Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura, for example, has declared, not for the first time, that he will no longer speak to home-state reporters. A15

Schools Postpone Field Trips

Across the country, many schools and districts have responded to last month's terrorist acts by canceling or postponing field trips, a nod to concerned parents who want their children to stay close to home in case of another attack. A12

Leading a New Military Mission

Thomas E. White, President Bush's secretary of the Army, faces a new challenge as the man appointed to direct the military's efforts to combat terrorism in America. He will help shape a radically different role for an institution historically geared to fighting overseas. A12

Workers Hurt by Hot Coals

About a dozen Burger King marketing department workers suffered first- and second-degree burns to their feet when they walked over white-hot coals at a meeting intended to promote bonding. A15

Firm Was Warned on Safety

The company involved in an accident last month that caused the collapse of a Texas causeway, Brown Water Marine Service, has been linked to at least 60 maritime infractions in 10 years and was warned by the Coast Guard in 1998 to address safety problems, the San Antonio Express-News reported. Eight people died in the Sept. 15 accident. (AP)

OBITUARIES F6

Herbert L. Block

The Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist for The Washington Post who under the name Herblock skewered every president since Herbert Hoover, he was 91. F6

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Emilie Schindler

Well-known, with her husband, Oskar, for helping to save hundreds of Jews from Nazi death camps in a saga memorialized by the movie "Schindler's List," she was 93. F6

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Democratic Mayoral Race Takes a More Caustic Tone

Mark Green and Fernando Ferrer clashed in back-to-back, testy debates in which they assailed one another's credibility on issues. With the Democratic primary set for Thursday, the two men, in a dead heat, are battling with an intensity not seen before in this race for mayor of New York City. F1

Bloomberg Bracing for Contest

While the spotlight has been on the Democratic primary runoff, Michael R. Bloomberg, Republican candidate for mayor, has been laying the cornerstones for his campaign against the eventual nominee. He has resumed spending on new television spots, written and produced with the Sept. 11 attacks and their aftermath in mind. F4

Behind Detention, a Story

As their lawyer tells it, five young men who were picked up by F.B.I. agents on the George Washington Bridge on Sept. 11, they had a box cutter; one man had \$4,000, and two had passports. But what early news accounts missed was that all five were Israeli Jews, and that at least four and possibly all five worked for a moving company. F3

Hotel Faces Impact of Terror

More than three weeks after the terrorist attack, Manhattan's Carlyle Hotel, that soigne preserve of presidents, prime ministers and popular legends, is outwardly unscathed. But, as with much of the city's high-end hospitality industry, the wounds are there. F1

SPORTSMONDAY D1-10

Bonds Hits Home Run No. 73

Barry Bonds, baseball's new home run king, hit his 73rd in the first inning of his last game of the regular season. D3

Joining an Elite Baseball Club

Rickey Henderson of the San Diego Padres got his 3,000th hit on the final day of the regular season. He became the 25th member of baseball's 3,000-hit club. D3

New Marathon Record Set

Catherine Ndereba of Kenya broke the week-old world record in the women's marathon, winning the Chicago Marathon in 2 hours 18 minutes 47 seconds to break the previous mark by nearly a minute. D10

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Museums Feel Attack Effects

Museums in New York City and elsewhere around the country are struggling to rebound after seeing declines in attendance and revenues since the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11. E1

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Toeing the U.S. Line

The Voice of America, born during World War II, nurtured in cold war propaganda and remade in the 1990's as a source of objective information for a global audience, has come under renewed pressure to be a salesman for government policy since Sept. 11. C1

Still Secure, at Least for Now

Don't expect ABC to cut loose Bill Maher, the talk show host who came under fire for remarks made in the wake of the terrorism attacks, anytime soon. But if Maher will be around at least a while longer, so is the uneasiness about him inside the network. C1

Computer Chip Breakthrough

Intel is expected to announce today that it has devised a new method for housing microprocessors that it hopes will speed development of high-performance microprocessors. C5

British Railway Reorganizing

In an effort to save Britain's railway system from collapse, Railtrack, the company that owns the tracks, will undergo a revamping that stops short of reverting to government control, a British court ruled. It will reorganize into a newly privatized company, cease having public stockholders and be required to reinvest all proceeds into the business. C6

Requiem for a Cheerleader

The Silicon Alley Reporter, a magazine known for its boosterism of New York's new media entrepreneurs, has published its last issue, its publisher said. C9

Comic Books Turn Serious

Comic book writers and artists, and their publishers, are debating how to portray the Sept. 11 attacks. In some cases, superheroes will be shown helping in the rescue efforts. C9

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Correction

An obituary of the editorial cartoonist Herblock in some late editions yesterday misspelled the name of the cartoon created by Garry Trudeau, who said Herblock wrote out of "a truly deep conviction." It is "Doonesbury," not "Dunesbury."

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President Islam Karimov granted permission yesterday for U.S. warplanes and troops to use an Uzbek air base to support President Bush's campaign to root out terrorists in neighboring Afghanistan. The Army dispatched 1,000 infantry soldiers skilled at search-and-rescue, humanitarian missions and helicopter assaults.

The deal struck by Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld gave the Pentagon a foothold it needs inside Uzbekistan, a former Soviet republic on Afghanistan's northern border. But it was not clear from Karimov's comments whether it provided the wide latitude U.S. officials had sought for putting a military squeeze on Afghanistan's Taliban.

"We have offered one airfield in Uzbekistan, with all the surrounding facilities, in order to deploy a limited number of [U.S.] transport airplanes and helicopters," Karimov said through an interpreter at a news conference with Rumsfeld.

Karimov quickly added, "In Uzbekistan we are against the use of our territory for land operations against Afghanistan and we are against air strikes from the territory of Uzbekistan. I envisage that the equipment will be used for humanitarian operations and for search-and-rescue operations."

British Prime Minister Tony Blair also was in the region yesterday, traveling to Islamabad and reaching an apparent agreement with Pakistan's president on the need to form a "broad-based" post-Taliban government in Afghanistan.

In Washington, President Bush announced a new effort to revitalize the U.S. economy, and continued efforts to mobilize the world against terrorism following the Sept. 11 attacks on America. And U.S. officials said there was new evidence linking the attacks to Saudi exile Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaeda network.

Rumsfeld's three-hour stop in Tashkent was the fourth on a five-nation tour that began Wednesday in Saudi Arabia and Oman, two countries where thousands of U.S. forces are stationed. He also held talks in Cairo with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on Thursday and flew to Ankara, Turkey, late yesterday.

U.S. Troops Sent to Uzbekistan ; Former Soviet state allows use of one base

In Tashkent, Karimov said Uzbekistan was seeking security guarantees in exchange for its cooperation. He said a legal document being prepared will spell out each side's commitments.

But, he said, no U.S. special operations forces - such as Army Rangers or Green Berets who specialize in operating behind enemy lines - would be allowed to operate from Uzbek territory.

"We are not quite ready for this," he said when asked why no special forces could use the base.

Hours before Karimov announced the deal, about 1,000 troops from the Army's 10th Mountain Division, based at Fort Drum, N.Y., flew across the Atlantic en route to Uzbekistan, according to a senior defense official traveling with Rumsfeld. The official spoke on condition of anonymity and said no details about the exact locations of the troops or their missions would be made public.

The 10th Mountain Division is the first regular U.S. ground troop force acknowledged by the Pentagon to have deployed to Central Asia.

Earlier, other defense officials had said light infantry from the 10th Mountain would be used in Uzbekistan to provide ground security for U.S. Air Force fighter and combat search-and-rescue teams.

The troops also would be on standby to come to the aid of any U.S. special operations troops that might encounter major trouble while conducting raids inside Afghanistan.

Karimov said his talks with Rumsfeld, which he called negotiations, produced four main points of agreement: U.S. military aircraft can use Uzbek airspace; Uzbekistan is prepared to "upgrade" its intelligence exchanges with the United States; U.S. transport planes and helicopters and personnel involved in search-and-rescue operations can use one Uzbek airfield; the legal document spelling out the deal will be made public.

Meanwhile, it appeared late yesterday that Blair had gained Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf's support for a democratic post-Taliban government in Afghanistan.

He suggested that any future regime in Kabul should include representation from all the country's ethnic groups, in addition to the dominant Pashtuns.

"I would say with satisfaction we understand each other's concerns on the happenings in Afghanistan and likely future events in Afghanistan," said Musharraf, an army general who wore a crisp, blue civilian suit for his meeting with Blair.

A Pakistani military official who asked not to be named said that a delegation of senior Taliban leaders had arrived in Pakistan in an attempt to meet with Blair and offer a solution to the stalemate over bin Laden.

Blair rejected a meeting outright, the military official said.

The United States and the United Nations have demanded that the Taliban hand over bin Laden and his cohorts for their alleged roles in the Sept. 11 attacks that left nearly 6,000 dead in three states. Bin Laden has been sheltered by the Taliban regime since 1996.

In Washington, President Bush met with Eduard Shevardnadze, president of the former Soviet Republic of Georgia. Shevardnadze said after his meeting with the President that the two "pledged to one another true cooperation, true solidarity" in the fight against terrorism.

Also, the White House said that, in a pair of telephone calls, Bush secured antiterrorism cooperation from Ethiopia and Kenya.

Bush told Kenyan President Daniel arap Moi that he was dispatching his special envoy for peace in Sudan, former Sen. John C. Danforth, to Kenya for further talks on counterterrorism.

U.S. Troops Sent to Uzbekistan ; Former Soviet state allows use of one base

Also in Washington, Secretary of State Colin L. Powell extended sanctions on bin Laden's al-Qaeda group and 24 other foreign organizations listed as terrorist, most of them Islamic. The designation means it is illegal for Americans to provide material support and U.S. financial institutions must block their assets.

Powell had to take action or the sanctions would have lapsed on Monday.

"Every one of these groups has continued to engage in terrorist activity over the past two years," Powell said.

He said bin Laden and al-Qaeda received support from the Egyptian al-Jihad and Gama'a al-Islamiyya, also an Egyptian group.

To those groups, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher added the Algerian Armed Islamic Group, the Harkat ul-Mujahedeen (Kashmiri), the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan and the Abu Sayyaf group (Filipino).

The law requires that the terrorist group list be updated at two-year intervals. Since the October 1999 update, three groups have been added: the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan; the Real IRA, an offshoot of the **Irish Republican Army**; and the AUC, a rightist paramilitary organization in Colombia.

Powell dropped the Japanese Red Army and Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement (Peru) from the list because he determined that the statutory criteria had not been met. Two groups, Kahane Chai and Kach, both Jewish, were combined into one.

The additions and subtractions bring to 28 the list of foreign terrorist organizations subject to sanctions.

In other developments yesterday:

U.S. officials said authorities have gathered evidence that suspected hijacking ring leader Mohamed Atta trained in Afghanistan with some of his fellow hijackers at camps run by bin Laden's inner circle. Law enforcement and intelligence officials said the investigation into the Sept. 11 plot is focusing on a small number of bin Laden lieutenants that include Ayman al-Zawahri, Mohamed Atef and Abu Zubaydah. The international police organization Interpol has issued an arrest warrant for al-Zawahri, identified as bin Laden's most trusted deputy and head of the al-Jihad terrorist group in Egypt that merged in 1998 with bin Laden's al-Qaeda network.

Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta ordered airlines to strengthen their cockpit doors within 30 days. Several already have been doing so since the attacks.

An unsealed FBI affidavit revealed a flight attendant aboard American Airlines Flight 11, hijacked in Boston, used a cell phone to contact an airline employee at Boston's Logan International Airport. She said several men of Middle Eastern descent in the area of rows 9 and 10 were armed with knives and had wounded other passengers and were hijacking the plane.

According to the affidavit, also found in the bag were a copy of the Koran and a handwritten document in Arabic titled, "In the name of God all mighty, Death Certificate." The document - different from a terrorist manifesto that the FBI found on some of the hijackers and released last week - lays out instructions for Atta's burial and possessions "when I die." Authorities said the document details Atta's instructions to be buried "next to good Muslims," with his corpse pointed east toward Mecca, that strict Muslim traditions be followed for his burial, and that no **women** be allowed at his funeral.

The document is dated April 11, 1996, suggesting that Atta may have been considering a suicide attack for several years before he actually carried it out.

According to the Washington Post, sources in the Czech government said yesterday that Atta met an Iraqi intelligence officer in Prague just before flying to the United States in June 2000. The Iraqi has been identified as Ahmed Khalil Ibrahim Samir Al-Ani, former consul at the Iraqi Embassy in Prague. He was expelled from the Czech Republic in April for what its Foreign Ministry described as activities "incompatible with his diplomatic status," a euphemism for espionage.

Notes

America in the Aftermath

Graphic

PHOTO AND MAP;

Al-Jazeera via APTN

Osama bin Laden (right) is seen in an image released by Al-Jazeera TV in Qatar yesterday. The footage is said to show the most recent images of bin Laden. Al-Jazeera did not say whether the image was taken before or after Sept. 11.

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Will Wales steps into the spotlight

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Body

Shock horror! A teenage boy finds leggy blonds attractive! He has been known to smoke the odd cigarette or two! He suffers from hangovers after boisterous parties! He loves cars and wants a motorcycle! He hasn't decided what he wants to do when he grows up!

The parents of most 19-year-old boys would be breathing a sigh of relief -- "Phew, is that all?" But when the 19-year-old boy is second in line to the British throne, even the most commonplace of pleasures becomes whipped up into a frenzy of tabloid headlines.

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In recent weeks, Britain's Prince William has found his life the subject of intense media speculation once more with the publication of a much-disputed book, Diana's Boys: William and Harry and the Mother They Loved.

Among other things, the book portrays the young prince as a "one-man wrecking crew" among the girls. "Is Playboy Prince a Sex Machine?" screamed the tabloids, recalling for some early stories about his uncle Prince Andrew and - - difficult as it may be to believe now -- his own father.

The Ottawa Citizen

Even the news that Diana's butler had been arrested for theft, and that Queen Elizabeth is reported to be warming to the idea of a marriage between Prince Charles and his sweetheart, Camilla Parker Bowles, couldn't compete with new and juicy gossip about William and his brother, Harry, 16.

Author Christopher Andersen names William's closest girlfriends as glamorous English aristocrats Davina Duckworth-Chad and Emilia "Milly" d'Erlanger, and claims the prince has at the same time been enjoying a "steamy" e-mail correspondence with model and presidential niece Lauren Bush. (She denied this to The Washington Post in May.) Andersen claims there was plenty of "bed-hopping" in William's year off before college, when he visited Chile on behalf of the charity Raleigh International.

Spokesmen for the royal family reacted quickly, dismissing the claims as "utterly contemptible" and "ludicrous allegations." Andersen himself says the newspapers have blown it all out of proportion, and says he sees his book as a "tribute" to the boys and their mother.

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So, fact or fantasy? The one thing we can be sure about is that since his mother's death four years ago, His Royal Highness Prince William Arthur Philip Louis -- or "Will Wales," as he has chosen to be known until he completes his education -- has tried to tell us as little as possible about his life.

The British media have abided by a gentleman's agreement to stay away from William and Harry while they finish their schooling. But now that William has started undergraduate studies at the University of St Andrews in Scotland, that protection may dissipate.

Andersen's book, published in New York by William Morrow, isn't for sale in the United Kingdom, but quotes from it -- and the palace reaction -- have been published by media in Britain and elsewhere.

"There is an enormous fascination with William and Harry in America," said royal historian and biographer Robert Lacey. "It's thought of as on a parallel with John F. Kennedy Jr., but in fact it's even more than that. It's as if Marilyn Monroe had had children."

Interest in the young man whom unauthorized royal biographer Kitty Kelley has dubbed "half movie star, half rock star and ... probably the saving grace of the monarchy" is currently at fever pitch. When it was announced that he was going to St Andrews, admission applications rose by 44 per cent -- 90 per cent of the increase accounted for by young women.

William and Harry, Diana once said, "are my one splendid achievement." The poignant sight of the two princes bravely walking behind their mother's coffin moved many. There were fears about what would happen to the two, who had lived most of their lives in the all-out verbal warfare that was their parents' failed marriage.

At nine, William was passing tissues under the bathroom door to soothe his sobbing mother; when Harry was nine, his father went on national television to discuss his infidelity with longtime mistress Parker Bowles. Diana was revealed as a bulimic self-harmer who had had affairs herself; Charles coldly shut himself away from his wife's grief. Royal-watchers speculated that it would be a surprise if the boys turned out even halfway normal, coming from a family that one journalist called "the maddest since the Munsters." And all that was before their mother's life was tragically cut short.

Four years later, Andersen's book and other press reports make the princes sound far more than halfway normal (with the proviso that these, like most "inside" revelations from the palace, are basically uncheckable). They are close to their father and have accepted his relationship with Parker Bowles. William and Harry are devoted to each other, even if Harry is determined to outdo his older brother on the ski slope and polo field.

Of course, there are the inevitable rumours about William's love life. Andersen claims that in Chile, more than once "William's bodyguards reportedly looked the other way while he was locked in a passionate embrace with a female volunteer." Andersen also suggests William was seen spending the night in a tent with two women, "one blond, one brunette."

Kelley, appearing on Larry King Live, summed up what many might have felt when she retorted: "Christopher, I think you'd have a worldwide exclusive if you told us that this glorious-looking young man joined a celibate Benedictine monk abbey."

Not that there haven't been more serious risks. Five high-profile aristocrats in William's circle have been caught taking drugs -- among them Tom Parker Bowles (Camilla's son) and Tara Palmer-Tomkinson (the daughter of close friends of Charles) -- but there's no suggestion William has used drugs. The worst that's been said is that he had a massive hangover after one New Year's Eve and that he apparently smokes, a habit that Andersen speculates would have enraged his mother.

Andersen also claims that in the last year William has been at the center of as many as 20 security scares involving such terrorist groups as the Real IRA, a radical offshoot of the Irish Republican Army. The severity of these threats is as yet unclear.

Will Wales steps into the spotlight

But, said Lacey -- author of *Royal: The Lives of the House of Windsor*, to be published next year to commemorate the queen's Golden Jubilee -- for all the tales of nightclubs and wild living, the real William is very different. A military career is by far the most realistic option, he believes.

"He's a very traditional straight kind of guy," Lacey said. "It's often forgotten that he began his gap year (between high school and college) with the Welsh Guards in Belize. He likes that sort of thing. And the army would give him the privacy he wants."

Andersen reports that William told one volunteer: "I rather like American girls. ... I can easily see myself marrying one." But most royal-watchers in Britain say he's far more likely to stick with "his own sort" -- aristocrats he's known for years -- terrified as he is that he could be set up by the press. William is said to have a real disdain for the media. Two years ago, he skipped a skiing vacation rather than face intrusion by the paparazzi.

"My own particular reading of the situation is that the queen and Prince Charles are very permissive," Lacy said, "and that the boys have responded to that by taking on the traditional aspects of the royal family, happy to take on their duties and at ease with their destiny."

Andersen calls this being "Windsorized" -- Diana's achievement being unacknowledged, much as her Spencer relatives have been cut off from the boys. "There has been an effort by the royal family to airbrush Diana out of the picture," he said. "It reminds me of the Soviets."

William's humanitarian work in Chile, however, suggests that the training for public life that Diana began has had an influence. "Diana's legacy lives on in the boys," said Andersen. "But they are also her final revenge in the war of the Windsors. They are still her boys."

Lacey said that "here in Britain we must try very hard not to place these ordinary human beings with all the weight of expectations that were placed in Charles and Diana, which they both disappointed." William and Harry "are sensitive young men, they are trying to lead private lives. And I don't think that spreading who they may be going out with ... is good for them."

Others, like Andersen, disagree, saying that media reports about the princes are necessary and inevitable: They are, after all, public figures, second and third in line to the throne.

"I think it is doing (the princes) a disservice to have this wall between the public and the boys," said Andersen. "Diana understood this; she wanted them to be like John Kennedy Jr. and embrace the media with humour, style and grace. ... William needs practice; he cannot expect to be left alone. Just as his mother was the most celebrated woman in her time, he is going to be one of the most celebrated figures of the 21st century."

Glenda Cooper writes for the Washington Post where this article first appeared.

Graphic

Photo: Prince William, pictured following supermodel Claudia, Schiffer, stepped in to host a dinner at Highgrove last month when, his father was unable to attend.; Photo: (Prince William); Photo: Reuters ; Prince William on his way to repair walkways in Southern, Chile, where he spent his gap year in 2000.

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Quebec's battle of the cliches: A roundup of the events, big and small, that made news this week.

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Body

Montreal

Battle of the cliches. First, Premier Bernard Landry gave the thumbs-up sign Wednesday to Municipal Affairs Minister Louise Harel when she accused Westmount of seeking to save the "old, foul stench of colonialism." Then, on Thursday, he tried to turn the victim, Westmount, into the victimizer by accusing it of "Quebec-bashing."

Harel said she was objecting to Westmount's court challenge to her unpopular municipal merger bill, in which it has argued that Westmount is an anglophone institution and must be protected. When Westmount Mayor Peter Trent objected to the colonial remark by saying that it may "play well for a few yobs in the far regions of Quebec," Landry accused him of calling Quebecers yobs or hillbillies, saying, "It's sort of a national sport."

Westmount, once a symbol of anglophone wealth and dominance, is still one of the country's wealthiest cities. Three of five Westmount residents have English as a first language. Westmount is among several municipalities fighting against amalgamation into what by Jan. 1 will become the megacity of Montreal.

The Gazette

We need snow in the summer? Quebec in the Snow is one of 11 themes to be portrayed in the Saturday evening St. Jean Baptiste parade, which signals the start of two days of celebrations. For the third year in a row, the parade will take place at night, allowing for special lighting and projection effects. More than 1,000 participants will wind their way down the street, illustrating the main theme of the parade, a homage to the more than 200 festivals that take place in Quebec each year.

Quebec

A terrible crime. A 16-year-old Lachute boy was found guilty Thursday of first-degree murder in the beating death of young Cuban-born Aylin Otano-Garcia last June. The boy, who cannot be named under the Young Offenders Act, will face a maximum sentence of six years in closed custody, followed by four years of close supervision.

In a case that shocked other residents of Lachute, the boy said he killed Aylin because he hated immigrants and "immigrants steal our welfare." Court testimony showed that the boy, who was 15 at the time of the crime, and a friend deliberately lured Aylin to a deserted gravel pit outside Lachute. When the friend drove off, on the pretext of getting cigarettes, the boy emerged with a baseball bat and beat Aylin to death.

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Flexibility wanted. The Parti Quebecois government has asked Quebec's court of appeal to determine whether Ottawa's new young offenders bill violates the constitution and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Quebec's position is that the new bill is too harsh and runs counter to the province's tradition of social rehabilitation. Quebec Attorney-General Paul Begin said the new law does not give judges enough leeway to make a priority of the child's interests when it comes to sentencing. Ottawa's Youth Criminal Justice Act, which was reintroduced Feb. 5, has been passed by the House of Commons and is now before the Senate.

Boffo business in booze. This year, Loto-Quebec broke the \$1-billion mark in revenue from its video-lottery terminals. Even though the number of video-poker machines has not increased in the past five years, the amount of money Quebec gamblers have poured into them has gone up threefold. There are 15,000 video-poker machines in Quebec, although the Quebec government recently announced it would cut that number by 1,000. It will also cut back on advertising for lotteries by 10 per cent.

Quebec's liquor monopoly also performed well the past year, selling nearly \$2 billion worth of liquor in 2000-01, up 16 per cent from the previous year..

Canada

Health care needs urgent. Nurses and hospital workers across the country staged a variety of protests, complaining that they are overworked and underpaid. British Columbia passed legislation early Wednesday to outlaw overtime bans and rotating walkouts, but not all workers returned to the job.

Wednesday was the same day former Saskatchewan premier Roy Romanow began his 18-month federal inquiry into the future of Canada's health-care system. Meanwhile, the provinces have demanded an extra \$4.8 billion in annual transfers, saying that pressures on the health-care system are urgent and cannot wait for Romanow.

Operation charm. Remarks made by Toronto Mayor Mel Lastman may cause irreparable damage to Toronto's Olympic bid, his critics said this week. On his way to Mombasa, Kenya to lobby African International Olympic Committee delegates, Lastman said, "What the hell do I want to go to a place like Mombasa. Snakes just scare the hell out of me. I'm sort of scared about going there, but the wife is really nervous. I just see myself in a pot of boiling water with all these natives dancing around me." In reaction, Bruce Kidd, a former Olympic athlete who heads Toronto's Olympic bid, said, "What a terrible, terrible, terrible thing to say."

History

Lying to be a hero. Joseph Ellis, the U.S. historian who won this year's Pulitzer Prize was forced to make a public apology Wednesday after it was revealed that he had embellished his personal history by inventing roles for himself in Vietnam and the civil-rights struggle. Ellis resigned from his position at Mount Holyoke, a private Massachusetts women's college. He is not expected to lose his Pulitzer Prize, awarded for a book on the U.S. founding fathers.

The apology followed an investigation by the Boston Globe into his claims to have served as a platoon leader and paratrooper with the 101st Airborne Division from 1965. In fact, the Globe found, Ellis deferred his military service in 1965 in order to study at Yale, and later spent his active service teaching at West Point military academy.

An increasing number of middle-aged American men in all walks of life have been found to have concocted a role for themselves in Vietnam, according to Glenna Whitley, co-author of *Stolen Valour*, a book on the syndrome. She said: "It's an odd kind of mystique. It's men of a certain age who are coming to the point in their lives where they're wondering, 'Did I do the right thing? Should I have gone?' "

World

Promises, promises. Less than two years after toppling Pakistan's civilian government and assuming power as chief executive, General Pervez Musharraf this week appointed himself president and head of state. Following a swearing-in ceremony in Islamabad, Musharraf said that he will return the country and its 140 million people to civilian rule after elections in October 2002, the date set by Pakistan's Supreme Court when it agreed to the military takeover of October 1999.

Quebec 's battle of the cliches: A roundup of the events, big and small, that made news this week.

An odd legal gambit. The U.S. government announced - to the surprise of even the tobacco industry - that it is seeking an out-of-court settlement with tobacco companies in its \$20-billion lawsuit on behalf of sick smokers. U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft ordered the move after reviewing the case.

Anti-tobacco campaigners immediately accused the U.S. government of rewarding its industry donors. Mark Gottlieb, lawyer with the Tobacco Control Resources Centre, said, "This decision was politically, rather than legally, motivated." The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids said that the tobacco industry contributed more than \$8 million during the last election, with more than 80 per cent going to the Republicans.

Do they want peace? Thirty-nine police officers were hurt Thursday when they came under attack from rival Protestant and Catholic mobs in what police called the worst rioting in Belfast since 1998.

In a statement to news media in the Republic of Ireland, the **Irish Republican Army** accused the British government of failing to meet its own promises on police reform and military cutbacks in Northern Ireland. "Every commitment we have entered into we have honoured. On two major points in this agreement - policing and demilitarization - the British government has reneged," the IRA said.

David Trimble, the Protestant leader of the administration, dismissed the IRA's latest statement as "surreal." Trimble said if the IRA doesn't start disarming by July 1, he will resign.

The Courts

Six-plus years per cookie. Kevin Weber of Santa Ana, who was convicted of stealing four cookies from a restaurant in 1995, has already served more than five years for the theft - out of a 25-year to life sentence. This week, an appeal court in California upheld the sentence for Weber, a homeless man who fell under the state's "three strike" law, under which anyone committing three felony crimes is liable to between 25 years and life in jail.

Weber's previous offences include burglary, assault with a firearm and receiving stolen goods. Critics of the law say there is no indication that it has reduced crime. The United States jails 25 per cent of all prisoners in the world although it accounts for only 5 per cent of the world's population. There are 2 million people in U.S. jails, 400,000 of them for drug offences and 70 per cent of them from racial minorities.

Graphic

Photo: AFP ; Highlights: The little children, suffering., Parents comfort a frightened child trying to enter the Catholic Holy, Cross school in North Belfast Thursday. Riot police were called when, a crowd of Loyalists tried to block the street to nationalists., Photo: AP ; Highlights: Protester punched. A plainclothes policeman, (left) hits a student protester (centre) after he was arrested in a, demonstration against rising fuel prices in Jakarta, Indonesia,, yesterday. Police fired warning shots to disperse the crowd.

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Body

Kenyan women receive legal aid for rape cases

London

Hundreds of Kenyan women who say they were raped by British soldiers on exercises in their country were granted legal aid Wednesday for further investigation of their claims, their lawyer said.

The 650 women claim they were the victims of routine attacks, including gang rapes, by British troops stationed in Kenya between 1973 and last year.

Martyn Day, their British lawyer, said he has documentary evidence that British commanding officers failed to investigate reports of several of the rapes, adding the women intend to sue the Defence Ministry for negligence.

Police expose alleged Real IRA spy operation

Belfast

Police arrested five anti-British militants Wednesday on suspicion of running a dissident Irish Republican Army spying operation inside a Belfast hospital.

The Royal Victoria Hospital in the heart of Catholic west Belfast confirmed that a staff member with access to computerized patient records -- among them prominent politicians and police officers -- was among the five local people arrested.

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Police said the spying operation was designed to pinpoint the home addresses of potential targets for the Real IRA, a breakaway organization that opposes the IRA's 1997 ceasefire and the 1998 peace accord it inspired.

Teen shoots teacher, kills self in German high school

Coburg, Germany

A 16-year-old student armed with a pistol and a revolver opened fire in his classroom Wednesday, wounding a school psychologist and fatally shooting himself.

WORLD REPORT

Two students were slightly injured in the rush to flee the public school in this Bavarian town about 9 a.m., state police said.

The teenager walked into the classroom and fired a first shot toward the chalkboard. The round ricocheted into the ceiling, sending the teacher and her pupils fleeing, police said.

A second teacher, who serves as school psychologist, tried to enter the room to calm the student. He shot her in the thigh, said Bernhard Schmitt, a police officer at the scene.

The 16-year-old then turned the revolver on himself, police said.

British clerk who chopped up friend guilty of murder

London

A 28-year-old clerk was convicted Wednesday of murdering and dismembering a friend, whose body parts he scattered around the housing project where he lived. He was sentenced to life in prison.

A jury at Winchester Crown Court, 100 km southwest of London, convicted Richard Markham of killing carpenter Tristan Lovelock, 25, in May 2002 by hitting him in the head with a hammer 15 times.

Markham, an accounts clerk, told the jury during the trial that he had killed his drinking buddy in self-defence after Lovelock, who had a history of violence, threatened him with a First World War bayonet.

Israeli student's treatment leads to probe at Oxford

London

Oxford University is investigating a professor who rejected an Israeli student's job application because of Israel's treatment of the Palestinians.

Andrew Wilkie, the Nuffield professor of pathology at Pembroke College, could face disciplinary action if he is found to have violated the university's anti-discrimination rules while turning down the student's request to work in his college laboratory.

In an e-mail that Wilkie sent to Amit Duvshani, the geneticist said:

"I have a huge problem with the way that the Israelis take the moral high ground from their appalling treatment in the Holocaust and then inflict gross human rights abuses on the Palestinians because they (the Palestinians) wish to live in their own country.

"I am sure that you are perfectly nice at a personal level, but no way would I take on somebody who had served in the Israeli army. As you may be aware, I am not the only U.K. scientist with these views, but I'm sure you will find another suitable lab if you look around."

Three years of military service is compulsory in Israel.

Test-tube-born 'monster' condemned by scientists

Madrid

An experiment that led to the deliberate creation of a hermaphrodite human embryo was condemned as irresponsible by fertility scientists Wednesday.

The chimera -- named after the Greek monster that was part lion, part serpent and part goat -- was formed by placing cells from a newly conceived male embryo into a three-day-old **female** embryo. The resulting embryo was part male and part **female** and could potentially have developed into an apparently healthy fetus.

WORLD REPORT

The American fertility doctor behind the experiment claimed the creation of chimeras could eventually be used to treat genetic diseases.

Saudi police catch militant suspect linked to attacks

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Police have caught a suspected militant linked to the May suicide bombings in the capital, the official Saudi Press Agency reported Wednesday.

Zafer Abdul Rahman al-Shihri was arrested Tuesday night in an abandoned house in the southern province of al-Namas, the agency said. He was found with 50 automatic rifles, ammunition, a personal computer and fake identification papers.

He is wanted for assisting 19 suspected militants who belong to the group behind the May 12 suicide attacks on foreigners' housing compounds in Riyadh. The attacks killed 25 bystanders and triggered an extensive manhunt for Islamic militants.

Women to cast ballots -- but only in mock vote

Kuwait City

Rola Dashti felt a surge of joy when she first held a voter registration card with her name on it. But it faded quickly. The card, after all, wasn't real.

Dashti will cast her ballot Saturday when the country's next parliament is chosen, thanks to a journalists' association that has organized mock elections for women. Only men can vote in Kuwait.

There are signs, however, that Kuwait may eventually allow women to vote.

The country's emir, Sheik Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah, has tried to enfranchise women, liberal legislators have pushed to overturn the law and women's activists have taken their challenge to court. All those efforts have failed, mainly because of Muslim fundamentalism and tribal traditions.

Publishers launch drive against 'digital shoplifting'

Tokyo

A group of Japanese publishers has launched a campaign to stop people from using camera-equipped cellphones to photograph magazines instead of buying them.

Palm-sized handsets embedded with camera lenses the size of a thumbtack have proved overwhelmingly popular in Japan, where people use them to snap photos and relay them instantly over the Internet.

But as the technology improves to produce sharper images, more people are using them in bookstores for "digital shoplifting," said Ryosuke Katsumi, spokesman for the Japan Magazine Publishers Association.

From this week until the end of August, the association is posting notices at bookstores across the country advising customers that such usage is against the law, he said.

Mass Hong Kong protest underscores frustrations

Hong Kong

A huge protest against an anti-subversion bill highlighted deep fears among the public that Hong Kong's freedoms could be eroded and pro-democracy legislators said the government should reconsider the bill.

WORLD REPORT

"The people had one key message for Hong Kong leader Tung Chee Wah's administration: 'Listen to us,' " commentator Christine Loh said, a day after 500,000 people protested the planned national security law.

The demonstration was Hong Kong's biggest since a million people took to the streets in outrage after China used troops to crush the Tiananmen Square pro-democracy movement in 1989.

Suspected terrorist killed planting bombs in Kabul

Kabul, Afghanistan

A suspected terrorist was killed when a homemade bomb he was planting exploded by accident just east of Afghanistan's capital, police said Wednesday.

The blast occurred late Tuesday, leaving a two-metre-wide crater in a dirt road 15 km east of Kabul and scattering the unidentified man's remains through the area.

It was unclear who or what the slain man may have been targeting.

Schoolboy said killed for breaking cricket trophy

Dhaka, Bangladesh

Angry members of a school cricket squad battered a teammate to death after he accidentally smashed a newly won trophy in northern Bangladesh, news reports said Wednesday.

The teenaged victim, identified only as Rajiv, was killed after the team won the steel and wood trophy Monday in Gazipur town, 30 km north of the Bangladesh capital Dhaka, Ittefaq newspaper reported.

Rajiv was waving the trophy with one hand when he dropped it on concrete pavement near the school. The prize broke into several pieces.

Teammates turned angry and beat Rajiv with iron rods and wooden sticks, leaving him seriously injured. He died on the way to a hospital.

Police arrested seven teenaged boys for their alleged involvement in the attack, the paper said, without giving further details.

Prosecutors charge 13 in marriage fraud case

Kansas City, Kan.

U.S. federal prosecutors said Wednesday they busted a scheme to arrange sham marriages between Pakistani men and American women that paid the wives \$60 US a month.

Authorities said they arrested five people and were searching for eight others named in the federal indictment.

According to the indictment, Kansas City women recruited the prospective wives and often served as witnesses for their weddings, which took place over nearly two years in the Kansas City area.

The wives then contacted immigration officials to have their husbands' statuses changed to alien relative, the indictment said.

Car passenger killed by falling landscaping block

Omaha, Neb.

A car passenger was killed when a landscaping block fell from an overpass and crashed through the windshield. Police believe the block was dropped deliberately.

WORLD REPORT

Michelle Fergus, 34, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, was in the car's passenger seat Tuesday night when she was struck in the face by the block on Interstate 680, Officer Cathy Martinec said.

The driver, her fiance, took Fergus to hospital, where she was pronounced dead.

Because of the high concrete sides to the overpass bridge, investigators don't believe the block fell off a truck passing above, Martinec said.

The block was more than half a metre square and couldn't have been lifted by a single person, police said.

Graphic

Deadly wreck: The engine of a derailed Golconda Express train hangs from a bridge Wednesday at Warangal, 150 km north of Hyderabad, India. The train engine and two adjoining coaches fell off a bridge, killing at least 18 people in the train and in a fish market on the ground, railway officials said. Associated Press photo: P. Anil Kumar

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Palestinian leaders have put aside reservations to parts of the U.S.-developed plan for peace with Israel and are ready to get started on it, Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas said Sunday, heeding an appeal by Secretary of State Colin Powell.

While other Palestinian leaders accused Israel of hedging in its acceptance, Abbas spoke forcefully about continuing with the plan to gain a Palestinian state within three years on land still partly ruled by Israel. Abbas also was clear about his goals:

"We look forward to stopping, ending, totally ending settlement, ending the siege, ending the separation wall, assassinations, the collective punishments, destruction of farms and the infrastructure and restricting the movement of citizens and Palestinian institutions and to set out to free thousands of Palestinian prisoners."

For his part, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said, after conferring in Jerusalem with Powell, that Israel soon would meet with Palestinians, "and with the help of the Americans, we will be able to achieve a settlement that will lead to peace."

U.S. commander Franks declares the end of Saddam's Baath Party in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - The United States declared Saddam Hussein's Baath Party dead Sunday, with the war's commander telling Iraqis that the instrument of their deposed dictator's power was dissolved and promising to purge its influence from the country it dominated for 35 years.

Gen. Tommy Franks' message, delivered in Arabic by an announcer on the coalition's Information Radio, broadcast a clear message over the AM radio waves across postwar Iraq: Any activity by Baath Party holdouts who oppose U.S. occupation will not be tolerated.

"The Arab Baath Socialist Party is dissolved," Franks said, but high difficulties remain in genuinely eliminating it.

Top Shiite leader calls for withdrawal of US-led coalition forces from Iraq

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NASIRIYAH, Iraq (AP) - The leader of Iraq's largest Shiite Muslim group denounced the U.S.-led occupation forces Sunday and demanded they pull out and allow the Iraqi people to establish their own government.

Ayatollah Mohammad Baqir al-Hakim, who returned to his homeland Saturday after spending more than two decades in exile in neighboring Iran, made the call in this predominantly Shiite city despite the presence of a squad of U.S. Marines who were protecting him.

"We don't fear these (U.S. and British) forces. This nation wants to preserve its independence and the coalition forces must leave this country," al-Hakim said. As he spoke, about 4,000 supporters chanted "Yes to Hakim" and "Hakim is our leader."

A U.S. officer said the Marines were there to protect al-Hakim, leader of the Iran-backed Supreme Council of the Islamic Revolution of Iraq.

Bush and South Korean president to discuss alliance, North Korean nuclear standoff at summit this week

NEW YORK (AP) - South Korea's leader traveled to the United States on Sunday for consultations with President Bush on the North Korean nuclear crisis, keenly aware that Pyongyang will be looking for any sign of a rift as it plots strategy on its weapons development.

Bush and South Korea's President Roh Moo-hyun are likely to reaffirm their military and economic partnership when they meet for the first time.

Roh said the summit won't yield "spectacular" results, and added: "On matters of detail, there are different points of view. But on the big matters of principle, we are in accord."

The sense of urgency about North Korea's military threat is far greater now than when Kim met Bush and spoke in favor of engaging the North. Bush said at the time he didn't trust North Korea and would suspend missile talks with it, embarrassing the South Koreans and infuriating North Korea.

Britain's top agent within IRA reportedly in hiding after identity exposed

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) - The top British mole within the **Irish Republican Army** - a man code-named "Stakeknife" who played a central role inside the outlawed group for decades - has fled Ireland after being exposed, several newspapers reported Sunday.

For years, the identity of a suspected secret agent has been the subject of intense, fearful speculation within the ranks of the IRA and its allied Sinn Fein party.

Reports in Sunday newspapers in Dublin, London and Belfast identified the agent as Alfredo "Freddy" Scappaticci, the IRA's longtime director of internal security. That position would have given him ideal cover as the officer responsible for identifying, torturing and killing traitors to the paramilitary force.

Police sources and a fellow IRA mole also identified Scappaticci, a longtime confidante and west Belfast neighbor of Sinn Fein chief Gerry Adams, as Stakeknife.

Joint chiefs chairman says U.S. consolidating forces at bases in Gulf ally Qatar

DOHA, Qatar (AP) - In a new postwar consolidation of U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf, the U.S. military is pulling out of one Qatari air base and upgrading another, the top U.S. military officer said Sunday.

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The moves reflect the suddenly changed circumstances for American forces since the demise of Saddam Hussein's government in Iraq, particularly for air forces based in Qatar and elsewhere in the Gulf. Iraq's neighbors no longer feel threatened, and there is no need to enforce no fly zones over Iraq.

Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said during a visit to U.S. and allied troops that the American presence at an air base called Camp Snoopy would "go away" soon.

Empty-handed, weapons hunters operating without translators or help from scientists

CAMP DOHA, Kuwait (AP) - U.S. weapons hunters - empty-handed after seven weeks of field work - are still operating without translators, have had almost no contact with Iraqi scientists and can't tell what's missing from looted sites where suspected weapons of mass destruction were thought to be hidden.

Some of the problems are logistical. Others seem to be the result of limited manpower and expertise. In interviews with The Associated Press, military planners involved in the search said they were working to solve them.

While the basic work structure will continue, they said, several elements are expected to improve now that former U.N. inspectors are joining the operation and its command is switching to the Pentagon.

Experts say the changes are desperately needed if the Bush administration is to prove Iraq had the chemical or biological weapons the White House said it went to war to destroy.

Doctors once lured to Appalachia being taken away in handcuffs over painkiller prescriptions

PIKEVILLE, Ky. (AP) - More than a dozen Appalachian doctors, many of them recruited to work in the medically underserved region, have been taken away from their patients in handcuffs for allegedly supplying drug addicts with powerful narcotics.

In eastern Kentucky alone, seven small-town doctors are in prison or on their way for illegally prescribing drugs like the painkiller OxyContin. At least six others have been arrested in the hills of West Virginia, Virginia, and southern Ohio.

Advocates for the mountain region say that while the loss of so many doctors leaves a void, in these circumstances, the departures can only improve medical care.

Federal and state law enforcement agencies began cracking down on wayward physicians in Appalachia in 2000, after OxyContin, intended for cancer patients and others suffering from severe pain, began showing up in large quantities on the black market.

Pneumonia vaccine may hold heart benefits as well

WASHINGTON (AP) - Vaccine used to prevent pneumonia may also have benefits for the heart, new research indicates.

Mice vaccinated using a bacteria that is a common cause of pneumonia developed high levels of an antibody that slows or halts the progression of heart disease, researchers working in California and Finland found.

Trials are under discussion to see if the same response occurs in larger animals, says Gregg J. Silverman of the University of California, San Diego, a co-author of the study.

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"If we can harness this potential, we may have new ways to treat patients with heart disease, as well as the possibility of developing a vaccine for our children to prevent this disease from ever developing in their later years," Silverman said.

But the situation is far more complicated in humans than mice, said university colleague Joseph J. Witztum, a co-author of the paper.

Immunizing mice with pneumococcus leads to the generation of antibodies that the researchers believe lead to the protection from heart disease, he said. "We do not yet know if such a dominant and important response occurs in people."

British monarchy's face in Australia steps aside over rape allegations

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) - The British monarchy's face in Australia stepped aside Sunday to fight allegations he raped a woman in the 1960s when he was a preacher, saying he wanted to maintain the "integrity and dignity" of the governor general post.

Peter Hollingworth, 68, already is under severe pressure to resign because of criticism over his handling of cases of sex abuse by clergy while he was Anglican archbishop of Brisbane during the 1990s. He has admitted "errors in judgment" from the priest scandals.

Prime Minister John Howard, who hand-picked Hollingworth for his post, announced the decision Sunday. Hollingworth later released a statement saying, "I have always been mindful of maintaining the integrity and dignity of the office of the governor general of Australia."

Hollingworth is the official representative of Queen Elizabeth II in the former British colony. In his mostly ceremonial post, he signs laws passed by the Australian Parliament and presents awards, and his power comes chiefly from the moral authority of the office.

NBA star Yao Ming hosts SARS telethon

BEIJING (AP) - Chinese basketball star Yao Ming hosted a telethon to raise money for SARS research Sunday.

Yao, the 7-foot-6 center for the Houston Rockets, answered questions about his first season in the NBA and signed basketballs and other memorabilia for callers. The three-hour telethon broadcast from his hometown of Shanghai raised more than \$300,000 to help researchers seeking a cure. SARS has killed at least 240 people in China, the most of any country in the world.

"I returned to my motherland, but found it struggling through a most serious trial. Now everyone needs to make their contribution to the fight against SARS," said Yao, who is immensely popular at home.

Yao had a little help from his friends. Chinese national soccer player Qi Hong and women's national soccer team captain Sun Wen made appearances, and NBA players and former stars including Shaquille O'Neal and Magic Johnson appeared in videotaped messages.

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- Post time for the Kentucky Derby is 5:27 p.m. EDT. Full coverage will run on sports wires; a version will run on general news wires on merits.

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NORTHERN IRELAND: IRA promises to begin disarming

BELFAST, Northern Ireland - Uttering words it had long decried as surrender, the ***Irish Republican Army*** proclaims it will soon begin disarming, a breakthrough that makes possible a lasting peace settlement in Northern Ireland after 30 years of bloodshed. Britain and Ireland praise the move and prepare to restore power to Northern Ireland's Catholic-Protestant administration.

Slug AM-Northern Ireland. New material. Developing. 800 words.

By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photo LON102, Britain's Prime Minister Tony Blair and Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern at a news conference.

SIERRA LEONE: Protesters march on rebel leader's home

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone - As Sierra Leone's fragile peace process threatens to collapse completely, hundreds of angry ***women*** march on the home of rebel leader Foday Sankoh, chanting "We want peace." But with hundreds of U.N. personnel held captive by the rebels, those hopes seem increasingly slim. The rebels, under increased diplomatic pressure within the region, insist they are not launching an offensive and deny holding any hostages.

Slug AM-Sierra Leone. New material. Developing. 800 words.

By Alexandra Zavis.

LOVE BUG: Searching for creator from Asia to Australia to Europe

UNDATED - U.S. authorities are helping Philippines police search for the creator of the most damaging computer virus ever, the 'Love Bug' that swept through the world this week. Security experts in the United States said clues in the virus code lead to a student at a computer college in the Philippines, while a Swedish researcher said traces on the Internet pointed to a bored German exchange student.

Slug AM-Computer Love Bug. Developing.

By Business Writer Peter Svensson. AP Photo STO102, File photo of Swedish computer expert Fredrik Bjoerck.

OKINAWA: Skeletons of U.S. soldiers raise mystery over wartime deaths.

NAGO, Okinawa - More than five decades after three young U.S. Marines disappeared in the waning days of World War II, the discovery of their skeletons in a jungle cave seemed to solve the lingering mystery. The remains went home and little more was heard of the case. Now, as Nago prepares to welcome President Clinton and other world leaders for a July summit, a disturbing story has surfaced - that the Marines regularly brutalized local villagers and were killed in retribution.

Slug AM-Okinawa's Ghosts. New. Will stand. 1080 words.

By Eric Talmadge. AP Photos TOK107, Former Nago mayor Yutoku Toguchi; TOK108, A man takes a photo of the entrance of a cave where the bodies of three American Marines were found.

TRUTH IN NUMBERS: Statistics used for credibility, political edge

WASHINGTON - The presidential campaign is turning into Stats Wars as Al Gore and George W. Bush reach for the authority that only statistics seem able to provide. What if some of the numbers are skewed? That almost does not seem to matter, observes a statistical expert. Stats are a handy way to "condemn and indict in a hurry" and, best of all for the candidate, "you both get authoritativeness and no accountability" with their use.

Slug BC-Stats Wars-Politics. New, should stand. 750 words.

By Calvin Woodward.

With:

-BC-Stats Wars-Glance, some of the candidates' statistical claims on crime and drugs

-BC-Walter Mears: Whether Al Gore or George W. Bush puts together the next administration, it is likely to take much of his first year as president to get officials chosen, cleared and confirmed for all the top jobs that make a government go.

ELIAN CASE: House Republicans skipping hearings

WASHINGTON - Politics, public opinion and wariness about past investigations are all prompting House Republicans to skip hearings into the Elian Gonzalez case, a turnabout for a party whose other productions showcased Ruby Ridge, campaign finance and impeachment.

Slug BC-Cuban Boy-Republicans. New, should stand. 650 words.

A News Analysis by David Espo.

With:

-BC-Cuban Boy-Protest: It was, perhaps, the one time when the passions spawned by the Elian Gonzalez saga degenerated into violence. Night was falling on April 14 when a group of about 15 Cuban men emerged from Cuba's diplomatic mission and assaulted a group of protesters. No one disputes that the altercation took place but, three weeks later, there are sharply differing accounts of what provoked it.

MEAT SAFETY: Clinton hopes to reduce listeria poisonings

WASHINGTON - The government will require companies that churn out hot dogs and cold cuts to test their plants for the deadly listeria bacterium. The plan is one of a series of food safety initiatives the administration has touted

recently - from eggs to genetically altered foods - as President Clinton seeks to burnish his legacy as consumer protector.

Slug AM-Meat Safety. New material, should stand. 680 words.

By Agriculture Writer Philip Brasher.

IRAN: In new blow to hard-liners, reformers sweep run-off vote.

TEHRAN, Iran - Reformers sweep Iran's run-off legislative elections, strengthening their hand in an increasing power struggle with hard-liners in the Islamic regime. The hard-liners have cracked down on the pro-democracy movement in an effort to keep their grip on power.

Slug AM-Iran-Elections. New material. Developing. 750 words.

By Ali Akbar Dareini.

MEXICO'S CHURCH: Catholic Church back in politics

MEXICO CITY - For what may be the first time in 140 years, Mexico's Roman Catholic Church is holding an open-air mass at the heart of the nation, the sprawling plaza known as the Zocalo. The celebration is yet another sign that the long hostility between the government and church has broken down. With the church playing a more public role, candidates from all sides in Mexico's tightly contested presidential race are courting church supporters.

Slug AM-Mexico-Church. Developing. 770 words.

By John Rice. AP Photos planned.

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GRADUATION SEASON: Commencements underway, on-line and off

UNDATED - The welcome was boilerplate but the venue was anything but conventional as Jones International University President Pamela Pease, clad in a cap and gown and framed by a virtual stone arch, held up a diploma before a camera in Denver and conferred eight degrees online. This is the season of mortarboards, memories and many, many speeches - most inoffensive and inspirational, some more controversial.

Slug AM-Graduation Season. New. About 700 words.

By Arlene Levinson. AP Photos NY109, Maureen Faulkner, wife of slain Philadelphia police officer Danny Faulkner, marches with supporters; NY110, Mumia Abu-Jamal supporters display a banner in front of supporters of Faulkner during commencement at Antioch College; NY111, World Bank protesters carry their banner to graduation; NY112 World Bank President James D. Wolfensohn delivers the Michigan State University commencement address.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF THE BORDER

On one day in April, The Associated Press sent 49 reporters and photographers to points along the U.S.-Mexico and U.S.-Canada boundaries, to international airports in the United States and abroad, to seaports and coastal waters. This package is part of the AP's continuing series, World on the Move. LINE IN PEOPLE'S LIVES: For many, border is crucial passage

UNDATED - A 64-year-old woman clutches a precious envelope containing her visa - at last! -and she smiles; it is morning in Haiti, and she will emigrate today. This same day, an 8-month-old Russian infant, feverish and a little cranky, leaves Moscow with his adoptive parents; he'll reach home in Pennsylvania tonight. In the darkness before dawn, Mexicans dart into the mesquite-covered Arizona desert; later, Chinese stowaways emerge from a ship's freight container at a California port; a Canadian nurse commutes to her job in North Dakota and back again. All of these people - and 1.3 million more - crossed the American border on a single day in April.

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Slug AM-A Day in Life of Border. Also moved in advance. 2,800 words.

By National Writer Jerry Schwartz. AP Photos NY450-464 of May 1; AP Graphics BORDERS LOGO and US IMMIGRATION.

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- AM-Border-Snouts & Snails: Livestock and contraband. AP Photo NY476 of May 1.
- AM-Border-U.S.-Irish Border. AP Photos NY481-482 of May 1.
- AM-Border-Quotes. AP Photos NY477-480 of May 1.
- AM-Border-How: Project reporters, photographers and their locations.
- AM-Border-Ed's Note: Publishable note explaining project.

And the following four sidebars, each focusing on one individual, may be used side-by-side or separately, accompanying the stories above or as a multi-day series:

- AM-Border-One Boy: 11-year-old beggar living under a Rio Grande bridge. AP Photos NY470-472 of May 1.
- AM-Border-One Girl: Teen who commutes daily from Mexican home to U.S. high school. AP Photos NY465-469 of May 1.
- AM-Border-One Man: Indian high-tech manager, hopeful, fearful en route from Bangalore to job in Boston. AP Photo NY475 of May 1.
- AM-Border-One Woman: Immigrant from Manila to Seattle, whose 36-hour trip to rejoin sister took 20 years. AP Photos NY473-474 of May 1.

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Monuments to honoured dead recall glory days

MORE than any other historical monument, Dublin's Glasnevin Cemetery is a potent symbol of Ireland's glorious but often troubled past.

The remains of some 1,500,000 Irish citizens rest in its confines, making it the largest cemetery in Ireland and one of the biggest in Europe.

Dubbed 'The City Of The Dead', Glasnevin has many secrets hidden behind the walls which guard the final resting place of Ireland's many fallen heroes.

As you walk through the large iron gates you are walking into Ireland's history.

The volunteers who were hanged in Mountjoy Prison during the War Of Independence now have pride of place at the front of the cemetery after being re-buried last year in an emotive ceremony attended by Taoiseach Bertie Ahern.

Patriot

Patriot Kevin Barry, the young Cork-born volunteer who faced certain death as he rose up with his valiant compatriots in the 1916 Easter Rising, also lies at rest just inside the gates.

The plots in which these men lie are neither Republican, Fine Gael nor Fianna Fail but a 'neutral' area.

This is to signify that, officially at least, old internecine demons have also been put to rest.

Glasnevin has its origins in the period of the anti-Catholic Penal Laws when the faithful were forbidden, among other things, their own cemeteries.

They regained the right to bury their dead in Dublin as Glasnevin opened its gates in 1832. Its establishment had been a crusade for 'The Liberator', Daniel O'Connell, who fought for Catholic emancipation. In the decades before the 1830s, Catholics were buried in Protestant graveyards as priests said shortened Requiem Masses outside the cemetery wall - because they were banned from Protestant ground.

The original cemetery - established as a place where Catholic, Protestant and dissenter could be buried alongside each other for the first time - comprised nine acres.

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Prior to clearance and landscaping, the land was consecrated as Prospect Cemetery by Monsignor Yore in September 1831.

Its first incumbent, Michael Carey from Francis Street, Dublin, was buried in February 1832.

Glasnevin Cemetery has since grown to cover 120 acres.

Daniel O'Connell's grave stands as a fitting monument to his achievements and his vision for a better Ireland.

His family members are buried with him in his crypt while a symbolic round tower watches over this patriot's final resting place. Unfortunately, the tower is now closed off to the public since a bomb blast - blamed on loyalist paramilitaries - ripped the wooden staircase away in the 1970s.

In O'Connell's day the biggest threat to the cemetery came from grave robbers. In the dead of the night they would steal the corpses for use on the dissecting tables of Dublin's medical colleges.

The problem became so grave that in 1837 giant walls were built around the cemetery and more than 20 armed watchmen were hired.

Tragic

Some of the watchmen were murdered by the marauding grave robbers and became the protected rather than the protectors.

One of the more tragic aspects of Glasnevin relates to the Famine years when more than 300,000 people were packed together in a one-acre pauper grave site.

Bodies were piled into mass graves in horrific numbers as the Famine raged throughout the land. In their weakened condition even the common cold could claim the lives of the impoverished.

Glasnevin is also the final resting place of the 'Uncrowned King of Ireland,' Protestant Charles Stewart Parnell, who features in the Top 10 of our reader poll to find the nation's greatest hero or heroine (Pages 26 & 27). He rests beside the unmarked graves of Ireland's forgotten dead.

His work and achievements are not celebrated, or even hinted at, on his gravestone. A large granite boulder, taken from the Avondale family home in Co Wicklow, is simply incised 'Parnell'.

He is buried in the cholera mound alongside his mother Delia.

Considering he did not die from the dreaded disease that touched the lives of thousands during the 19th century, one may wonder why such a celebrated leader would choose such an anonymous grave.

One theory is that he had a fear of body snatchers. A more probable reason was his wish to be near his people. His funeral in 1891 was the biggest witnessed in the graveyard's long history as 130,000 mourners packed in to pay their last respects to the great orator who had spent years fighting for Irish home rule.

As the patriot's coffin was being lowered into the grave, a shooting star streaked across the sky. Many believed that this was his soul being set free.

Whatever the truth, it was certainly symbolic of the man who had lit the spark of Irish self-determination.

The tombs of these leaders are in stark contrast to the seemingly hidden grave, with its nondescript headstone, of controversial statesman Eamon de Valera - another figure in our Top 10 Irish heroes' list.

The former 1916 rebel and civil war leader's grave has become the target of vandals who have scrawled messages of hate.

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It is the cemetery's most defaced and, many would say, neglected grave. A sad reflection on the career of this veteran of the 1916 Easter Rising, War of Independence and Civil War.

He went on to found Ireland's biggest political party, Fianna Fail, and was Taoiseach on three occasions and president twice - the only person ever to hold both posts.

By contrast the grave of legendary Michael Collins, hero of the War of Independence, has become a shrine.

Mourners

Initially buried in Cork city after his assassination in west Cork in 1922, his body was eventually moved to its final resting place.

Some 105,000 mourners were at the Glasnevin funeral service - the biggest of any there since Parnell was laid to rest.

His grave is regularly decorated with mementoes and flowers from admirers from all over the world.

People facing operations or other traumas visit the grave of the 'Big Fella' to seek solace and, perhaps, his intercession with an even bigger fella on their behalf. While the Irish News of the World team were there we saw an admirer leaving an expensive-looking bronze bust of the former IRA leader.

It reflects the public's appreciation of the enormity of Collins' contribution in helping to free Ireland. He is undoubtedly the most loved denizen of the hallowed grounds.

Nearby is a memorial to Irish soldiers who have died in all wars including both world wars. A sentiment to which the former Commandant-in-Chief of the Irish Free State Army would have subscribed.

The love of his life, Kitty Kiernan, who was devastated by his untimely death, is buried six graves away. She died some 20 years after his demise.

Virtually every other politician of the 19th and 20th centuries who has influenced Ireland's struggle is buried in Glasnevin.

As, indeed, are those who had a great impact on the nation's social history. Ireland's most famous trade unionist, Liverpool-born 'Big' Jim Larkin, who established the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, is here.

Colourful character Brendan Behan, playwright and former IRA rebel, insisted that he was buried with a guard of honour of Dublin bin men.

Behan is among a litany of Irish literary figures buried in Glasnevin.

Women

Among the many famous women buried in the cemetery are Maude Gonne MacBride, Countess Constance Markievicz and Ann Devlin.

Maude Gonne became the doyen of radical feminism and republicanism. She founded revolutionary group, the Daughters of Erin and published The Irish Woman journal.

With playwright/poet William Butler Yeats, who was in love with her, she helped to establish Dublin's Abbey Theatre.

She became Yeats' muse but, despite his proposals did not marry him. Instead she wed dashing Irish Brigade Major John MacBride and, along with him, became involved with labour leader James Larkin, Edinburgh-born Citizen's Army leader James Connolly and many leading women activists, in radical politics.

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Maude's husband was executed for his part in the Easter Rising. Arrested for her republican activities in 1923, she became one of 91 women hunger strikers.

She wrote a fascinating memoir, *A Servant Of The Queen*. She was buried in Glasnevin's Republican Plot in 1953.

Maude's son, Sean MacBride, also became involved in politics and in 1936 was appointed Chief of Staff of the *Irish Republican Army*.

The gun-toting, uniformed Countess Constance Markievicz was another key radical republican and comrade of Maude Gonne who became the first woman MP in Britain. She did not take her seat in Parliament because of her Sinn Fein objections to the oath of allegiance to the British Crown.

Ann Devlin was involved and imprisoned with Robert Emmet for her part in the 1798 Rebellion.

In paying tribute to her, Easter Rising leader Padraig Pearse said: "Whenever the name of Robert Emmet is mentioned, let the name of Ann Devlin never be forgotten."

Glasnevin cemetery is also, possibly, the only graveyard in the world with its own pub!

The Grave Diggers' Bar backs on to the cemetery wall and has become part of the folklore of the place.

A hatch in a hole in the wall enabled grave diggers, watchmen and the occasional soldier, who were not allowed to frequent pubs in uniform, to indulge in their favourite tippie.

The authorities tried to close the pub after funerals sometimes went awry. A few too many drinks were being consumed, incapacitating grave diggers and funeralgoers.

The Grave Diggers' Bar still has a hole-in-the-wall serving hatch - but this one is inside amid the cosy snugs.

Packed

The cemetery is now getting full and, in a few years, it may close its gates to burials.

But there is one thing for sure - when the Day of Judgment finally comes and they all arise from the dead, as they were in life, it will be an amazing place to be!

And, undoubtedly the nearby Grave Diggers' Pub will be packed to the rafters.

The Glasnevin Cemetery tour runs every Wednesday and Friday afternoon. Group tours begin at 2.30pm, but private guided tours can be arranged. For further information call (01) 830 1133.

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UKRAINE-ELECTION: Ukraine's opposition celebrates victory after Parliament approves electoral changes

KIEV, Ukraine - Tens of thousands of opposition supporters sang and danced in noisy celebrations after Ukraine's Parliament adopted electoral and constitutional changes they hope will pave the way for a fair ballot in a repeat of the disputed presidential election. BC-EU-POL--UKRAINE-ELECTION. Has moved. By Natasha Lisova. AP Photos XKIV110, 112, 108, 104.

- BC-EU-ANL--UKRAINE-ELECTION-ANALYSIS. KIEV, Ukraine - Whoever wins the election takes up a weaker post. Has moved. By Yuras Karmanau.

- BC-EU-GEN--UKRAINE-THE STALWARTS. KIEV, Ukraine - Victory was at hand for thousands of opposition protesters, and some were packing up after a raucous, colorful and often stressful 17-day vigil in the frigid Ukrainian capital to protest fraud in the presidential election. Has moved. By Anna Melnichuk.

US-SPY AGENCY REFORM: Congress approves historic overhaul of spy agencies in response to 9/11 commission

WASHINGTON - Congress replaced a U.S. intelligence network geared to the Cold War fight against communism with a new structure requiring military and civilian spy agencies to join forces against the newest U.S. enemy -

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networks of terrorists intent on waging a holy war against America. BC-NA-GEN--US-CONGRESS-INTELLIGENCE. Has moved. By Jesse J. Holland. AP Photos WX101-102. AP Graphic INTELLIGENCE BILL.

INDIA-PAKISTAN: India warns Washington against weapons sale to Pakistan

NEW DELHI - India warns the United States against supplying surveillance aircraft and anti-tank missiles to Pakistan, saying it would harm the fragile peace dialogue between the nuclear-armed rivals and trigger an arms race in South Asia. BC-AS-GEN--INDIA-US-PAKISTAN. Has moved. By Rajesh Mahapatra.

CLIMATE CONFERENCE: Europeans push to move more aggressively against global warming after 2012

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina - European participants at a U.N. global climate conference are leading discussions on ways to cut greenhouse emissions after 2012, looking beyond the time frame laid out to curb global warming set by the Kyoto Protocol. BC-LA-GEN--ARGENTINA-CLIMATE CONFERENCE. Has moved. By Kevin Gray. AP Photo XNP102.

US-SPACE-HUBBLE: National science academy panel urges NASA to launch astronauts to Hubble and forget uncertain robotic rescue

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida - NASA should use astronauts, not a robot, to carry out a crucial life-prolonging mission to the acclaimed Hubble Space Telescope one last time, a National Academy of Sciences panel concluded. BC-NA-SCI--US-SAVING HUBBLE. Has moved. By Marcia Dunn. AP Photos NY124, 126.

US-BREAST CANCER DRUG: New breast cancer drug shows better results at preventing return of disease

SAN ANTONIO - The new drug Arimidex prevented far more breast cancers from recurring in older women than the old standby tamoxifen and with far fewer side effects, doctors said, citing a new study. BC-NA-MED--US-BREAST CANCER DRUG. Has moved. By Marilyn Marchione.

PERU SUMMIT: South American leaders near approval of regional bloc that will stand up to US, EU, Asia

CUZCO, Peru - Presidents and high-ranking officials from 12 South American countries gathered in this ancient Inca capital to create a political and economic bloc that would give them a stronger voice in dealing with the United States, Europe and Asia. BC-LA-GEN--PERU-SUMMIT. Has moved. By Monte Hayes. AP Photos CUZ111,114.

US-CABINET RESHUFFLE: Bush keeps treasury secretary in Cabinet; Veterans Affairs secretary steps down

WASHINGTON - Treasury Secretary John Snow, an aggressive champion of the administration's economic policies, accepted President George W. Bush's offer to remain in the Cabinet. BC-NA-GEN--US-BUSH-CABINET. Has moved. By Scott Lindlaw.

MOZAMBIQUE-ELECTION: Mozambique opposition pulls its observers from election count

MAPUTO, Mozambique - The main opposition Renamo party withdraws its observers from counting centers across Mozambique, claiming electoral officials were manipulating results from last week's presidential and parliamentary elections in favor of the ruling Frelimo. BC-AF-POL--MOZAMBIQUE-ELECTIONS. Has moved. By Emmanuel Ntave.

RWANDA GENOCIDE: Former Rwandan official pleads guilty to taking part in 1994 genocide

ARUSHA, Tanzania - A former Rwandan councilor pleads guilty to committing crimes against humanity as part of a plea-bargaining deal during a U.N. trial of the alleged masterminds of the 1994 Rwanda genocide. BC-AF-GEN--UN-RWANDA-GENOCIDE TRIBUNAL. Has moved. By Sukhdev Chhatbar.

- BC-EU-GEN--NETHERLANDS-WAR CRIMES. DRIEBERGEN, Netherlands - Authorities say they have assembled a team of 22 investigators and dozens of legal aides to work only on war crimes cases in a bid to lead the world in bringing crimes like genocide and wartime torture into national courts. Has moved. By Toby Sterling. AP Photo AMS801.

AFRICA-TRADE SUBSIDIES: U.S. acknowledges growing African resentment of trade subsidies

DAKAR, Senegal - America's world trade representative acknowledges growing African resentment of Washington's multibillion-dollar subsidies of American cotton growers, and argues that moving ahead on global free-trade talks was the best way to deal with it. BC-AF-GEN--AFRICA-US TRADE SUBSIDIES. Has moved. By Nafi Diouf.

KUWAIT-RUMSFELD: American soldiers complain to Rumsfeld about Iraq war

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CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait - Disgruntled American soldiers complain to U.S. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld about the lack of armor for their vehicles and long deployments, drawing a blunt retort from the Pentagon chief. BC-ME-GEN--KUWAIT-RUMSFELD. Has moved. By Robert Burns. AP Photos KUW102, 104, 107.

- BC-ME-GEN--IRAQ. BAGHDAD, Iraq - Guerrillas carried out a series of raids in the city of Samarra, stealing weapons from a police station, blowing it up, and exchanging fire with police and U.S. troops. At least five Iraqis were killed, and the city police chief resigned. BC-ME-GEN--IRAQ. By Nick Wadhams. AP Photos BAG107-109, DV103. AP Graphic IRAQ ROUNDUP.

- BC-NA-GEN--US-SURVIVING SOLDIERS. SAN ANTONIO - For every American soldier killed in Iraq, nine others have been wounded and survived - the highest rate of any war in U.S. history. But some young soldiers and Marines have had faces, arms and legs blown off and are now returning home badly maimed. Has moved. By Marilyn Marchione. AP Photos NY127-130. AP Graphic IRAQ WOUNDED SOLDIERS.

- BC-ME-GEN--IRAQ-BATTLEFIELD HOSPITAL. NEAR FALLUJAH, Iraq - Doctors with Bravo Surgical Company - known as the "Cheaters of Death" - fight their own quiet battles every day against the horrifying wounds of war. Has moved. By Katarina Kratovac. AP Photos BAG501,502.

MIDEAST PEACE: Egyptian president tours Gulf, trying to build momentum to revive peace process

MANAMA, Bahrain - Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak engaged Gulf leaders in an effort to build momentum toward peace in the Middle East, calling for support of the new Palestinian leadership and talking up the prospects of an Israeli-Palestinian settlement. BC-ME-GEN--GULF-MIDEAST PEACE. Has moved. By Adnan Malik.

NATO: Powell welcomes NATO efforts to increase cooperation with North Africa, Middle East

BRUSSELS, Belgium - U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell welcomes NATO efforts to intensify cooperation with nations in North Africa and the Middle East as a sign the alliance is reaching out to face new post-Cold War challenges. BC-EU-GEN--NATO-MEDITERRANEAN. Has moved. By Paul Ames. AP Photo Y1106.

NORTHERN IRELAND: British, Irish leaders unveil peace package; insist breakthrough near

BELFAST, Northern Ireland - The British and Irish prime ministers unveiled a sweeping new Northern Ireland peace plan that offered solutions to issues - particularly **Irish Republican Army** disarmament - that have bedeviled negotiations for a decade. BC-EU-GEN--NORTHERN IRELAND. Has moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photo XBFT101.

WHINING ABOUT WINE: French growers, crying 'crisis,' stage protests nationwide

PARIS - Wine is less a beverage than an elixir of life in France, but the country's vintners are crying "crisis." Growers pinched by an abundant harvest, overproduction, shrinking exports and a spirited campaign against alcohol abuse stage demonstrations nationwide to urge the government to bail out an industry they say is foundering in a sea of Chablis and Bordeaux. BC-EU-GEN--FRANCE-WINE CRISIS. Has moved. By William J. Kole. AP Photo MAR101.

THE HAGUE, Netherlands - The European Union and China agree to boost relations, but the EU says it cannot lifting its 15-year-old embargo on arms sales until Beijing improves its shaky human rights record. BC-EU-GEN--EU-CHINA. Has moved. By Anthony Deutsch.

UN-WORLD HUNGER: Report: Countries losing battle against world hunger

ROME - A new U.N. report says countries are losing the battle to reduce world hunger, with the number of malnourished people around the world on the rise. BC-UN-GEN--UN-WORLD HUNGER. Has moved. By Aidan Lewis.

NEW YORK - Investors resume their December rally, looking past higher oil prices and focusing instead on building up their portfolios before year's end. A higher U.S. dollar and a brokerage upgrade of General Electric Co. add momentum to the buying. BC-NA-FIN-MKT--US-CLOSING STOCKS. Has moved. By Michael J. Martinez.

WEAK US DOLLAR: Weak U.S. dollar a blessing or curse for tourists - depending on where they are

LONDON - Outside Harrods, Maureen Rejali's children are complaining about getting just 20 British pounds for spending money. "They complained that it wasn't very much, but I explained it's equivalent to 40 (U.S.) dollars, and

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that's a lot of money," she says. On New York's Fifth Avenue, in contrast, Mercedes Lopez is weighed down with a bulging bag of purchases. The U.S. dollar's plunge against the euro and other currencies is both a blessing and a curse for tourists - depending on where they are. BC-EU-FIN--DOLLAR-EURO HOLIDAYS. Has moved. By Jane Wardell. AP Photos. AP Graphic.

VIENNA, Austria - Saudi Arabia's oil minister, in Cairo ahead of an OPEC meeting to determine whether members are overproducing, says he is not worried about the sharp drop in oil prices. BC-EU-FIN--OPEC MEETING. Setup has moved; update by 1730GMT. By George Jahn. AP Graphic OIL PRICES.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Friday, the Nobel Peace Prize winner, Kenyan environmentalist Wangari Maathai, receives her award in Oslo, Norway, and the Nobel Prize winners receive their awards in Stockholm, Sweden.

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- BC-EU-POL--UKRAINE-SWITCHING ALLEGIANCES. KIEV, Ukraine - Everyone likes to back a winner. Presidential candidate Viktor Yanukovich is learning that the hard way as he fights to keep his supporters in line. Has moved. By Aleksandar Vasovic.

AFGHANISTAN: Karzai faces huge challenges as he starts five-year term as Afghan president

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KABUL, Afghanistan - President Hamid Karzai was taking the helm of a country whose revival is threatened by a surging opium trade and a persistent Taliban insurgency, but he has pledged to bring stability and prosperity to Afghanistan. BC-AS-GEN--AFGHAN. Has moved. By Stephen Graham. AP Photos KAB101, 112, 201, 212. AP Graphic AFGHAN GOVERNMENT.

JAPAN-NORTH KOREA-US DESERTER: U.S. Army deserter Charles Jenkins arrives in northern Japan to start anew

SADO, Japan - He lived in secretive North Korea for four decades after deserting the U.S. Army. Then he endured a highly publicized court-martial and military jail sentence. Now Charles Jenkins says he wants just one thing: a peaceful life. BC-AS-GEN--JAPAN-US DESERTER. Has moved. By Natalie Obiko Pearson. AP Photos XITS101-102, TOK801, XKK101-104.

US-IRAQ-PRISONER ABUSE: U.S. military task force threatened defense personnel over Iraqi prisoner abuse, say documents obtained by ACLU

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico - U.S. special operations forces accused of abusing prisoners in Iraq threatened Defense Intelligence Agency personnel who saw the mistreatment, and once confiscated photos of a prisoner who had been punched in the face, according to U.S. government memos released by the American Civil Liberties Union. BC-CB-GEN--IRAQ-PRISONER-ABUSE. Has moved. By Paisley Dodds. AP Photos SJU902-903 of Dec. 6.

US-SPY AGENCY REFORM: Republican-controlled House agrees to reorganize U.S. intelligence in response to 9/11 attacks

WASHINGTON - The House voted to overhaul a national intelligence network that failed to prevent the Sept. 11 attacks, combining under one official control of 15 spy agencies, intensifying aviation and border security and allowing more wiretaps of suspected terrorists. BC-NA-GEN--US-CONGRESS-INTELLIGENCE. Has moved. By Jesse J. Holland. AP Photos. AP Graphic INTELLIGENCE BILL.

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- BC-NA-ANL--US-INTELLIGENCE-IMPACT. WASHINGTON - For all the changes in the U.S. intelligence bill, many question whether it will help prevent another terrorist attack and make the major improvements promised by ardent supporters. Has moved. By Katherine Pfleger Shrader.

US-HUBBLE MISSION: Independent study finds robotic rescue mission costly, uncertain and maybe too late to try
CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida - Trying to save the famed Hubble Space Telescope with a robot would cost \$2 billion ([euro]1.5 billion) with just a 50-50 chance of success, an aerospace research group is advising NASA in the coming days. BC-NA-SCI--US-SAVING HUBBLE. Has moved. By Marcia Dunn. AP Photo NY129.

LOS ANGELES - The Grammys have gone autobiographical. Kanye West raps about religion, his fears and his own greatness. Usher steamed up the charts with songs about sex, affairs and breakups. Alicia Keys sang about aching for love, confiding secrets and imagining a different future for herself. BC-NA-A&E-MUS--US-GRAMMY NOMINATIONS. By Anthony Breznican. AP Photos LA104, 105; NYET165, 176,177. AP Graphic GRAMMY NOMINATIONS.

MEXICO-POLITICS: Fox says decision to fire Mexico City police chief wasn't political

MEXICO CITY - President Vicente Fox, facing battles over everything from the budget to public security, said his decision to go over the head of Mexico City's mayor and fire Police Chief Marcelo Ebrard wasn't political. The mayor said otherwise. BC-LA-GEN--MEXICO-POLITICS. Has moved. By Traci Carl. AP Photo MOE101.

GHANA: Ghana's people wield their 'power of the thumb' as they vote for president, legislature

ACCRA, Ghana - They call it their "power of the thumb" - and Ghana's people wielded it in force, pressing ink-moistened thumbs to ballots in a high-turnout presidential race marking the growing strength of some sub-Saharan African democracies. BC-AF-GEN--GHANA-POWER OF THE THUMB. Has moved. By Bryan Mealer. AP Photos GHA101, 104-106.

IRAQ: Iraqi official warns foreign countries to stop fighters helping insurgency, Putin says "cannot imagine" elections now

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BAGHDAD, Iraq - A top Iraqi official accused the country's neighbors of doing too little to keep foreigners from joining the ranks of the brutal insurgency here, while Russia's president said he "cannot imagine" how elections can be held by Jan. 30 with Iraq in its current state. BC-ME-GEN--IRAQ. Has moved. By Mariam Fam. AP Photos BAG101, DV102.

ISRAEL-ARMY UNDER FIRE: Reports of Palestinian deaths leave Israelis questioning army's ethics

JERUSALEM - A series of high-profile accusations of soldier misconduct, including allegations that troops killed a wounded Palestinian militant in custody, has sparked a wave of soul-searching about the Israeli army's behavior during more than four years of fighting with the Palestinians. BC-ME-GEN--ISRAEL-ARMY UNDER FIRE. Has moved. By Ravi Nessman. AP Photos JRL104, 113, 117.

NORTHERN IRELAND: IRA willing to resume disarmament - but not in public, Sinn Fein says

BELFAST, Northern Ireland - The **Irish Republican Army** has reopened negotiations with Northern Ireland's disarmament chief, the outlawed group confirmed in a brief statement. Gerry Adams, leader of the IRA-linked Sinn Fein party, said the IRA was willing to resume disarming after a 13-month hiatus - but would not accept conditions designed to humiliate the group. BC-EU-GEN--NORTHERN IRELAND. Has moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photo XBFT101.

SUSPECT EXTRADITED: Key suspect in Madrid terror attack extradited from Italy

MADRID, Spain - A Muslim militant suspected of being a ringleader of the Madrid train bombings is flown to Spain after Italy agrees to extradite him. Rabei Osman Ahmed allegedly boasted that he was the mastermind of the bombings that killed 191. BC-EU-GEN--SPAIN-BOMBINGS. Has moved. AP Photo MAD108.

NATO-FOREIGN RELATIONS: NATO ministers to hold first talks with Arab, Israeli counterparts

BRUSSELS, Belgium - NATO is pushing ahead plans to intensify cooperation with friendly nations in North Africa and the Middle East, holding unprecedented ministerial talks between the 26 alliance members and their counterparts from Israel and six Arab countries. BC-EU-GEN--NATO-MEDITERRANEAN. Has moved. Meeting scheduled to start 1830 GMT. By Paul Ames.

MISSING BOMB: The bomb, the suitcase, the airplane: A police exercise with the makings of a mystery

PARIS - Somewhere in the world, police believe, there's a navy blue suitcase with a small pack of explosives tucked in its side pocket. Here in France, it has been dubbed the mystery of the missing explosives - a weekend gaffe at Paris' main airport that has drawn official chiding, media mocking and has given some travelers another reason to be stressed out at airports. BC-EU-GEN--FRANCE-THE MISSING BOMB. Has moved. By Jocelyn Gecker. AP Photo PAR114.

AMNESTY-**WOMEN**-COMBAT: Amnesty says new court should deal with rape in war zones

LONDON - **Women** and girls in war zones suffer rape and violent abuse while offenders escaped punishment, Amnesty International says in a new report. It says such cases should be a priority for the new international criminal court. BC-EU-GEN--AMNESTY-**WOMEN**-COMBAT. Has moved. By Catherine McAloon.

EU-CHINA: EU and China at odds over lifting of weapons embargo ahead of conference

THE HAGUE, Netherlands - Beijing's insistence that the European Union lift a 15-year weapons embargo against China is set to overshadow two days of talks opening, with EU officials citing China's poor human rights record as the reason the ban is still in place. BC-EU-GEN--EU-CHINA. Has moved; conference opens at 0830 GMT. By Anthony Deutsch.

WORLD HUNGER HFR: Progress toward halving world's hungry minimal, report says

ROME - More than eight years after a pledge to halve the number of the world's hungry by 2015 that number has hardly budged - with one child dying of hunger every five seconds - a U.N. agency said. BC-EU-GEN--UN-WORLD HUNGER, HFR. Hold For Release at 1000 GMT. By Aidan Lewis.

DEMYSTIFYING NOBELS: Nobel winners try to explain discoveries and breakthroughs

STOCKHOLM, Sweden - While their discoveries may be hard to comprehend for many, this year's Nobel Prize winners try to explain what they did, how they did it and how it helped them win the coveted honor. BC-EU-GEN--SWEDEN-NOBEL LECTURES. Has moved; will be led after 1500 GMT. By Mattias Karen.

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LA SCALA REOPENS: Gala performance to celebrate reopening of La Scala

MILAN, Italy - La Scala, one of the world's most celebrated opera theaters, reopens to rousing applause from its demanding public after nearly three years of renovation. BC-EU-A&E-MUS--ITALY-LA SCALA REOPENS. Has moved. By Daniela Petroff. AP Photos MIL127, 139.

CHINA-IBM: China's biggest computer maker announces acquisition of IBM's PC business

BEIJING - China's biggest computer maker, Lenovo Group, said Wednesday it has acquired a majority stake in International Business Machines Corp.'s personal computer business for US\$1.25 billion ([euro]947 million), one of the biggest Chinese overseas acquisitions ever. Has moved; developing. BC-AS-FIN--CHINA-LENOVO-IBM.

NEW YORK - Stocks slump as investors sift through mixed economic data and rumors about big merger deals, including a report that consumer products giant Johnson & Johnson is in talks to purchase a leading medical device maker. BC-NA-FIN-MKT--US-CLOSING STOCKS. Has moved. By Meg Richards.

OIL: OPEC hawks want to keep prices high, cut production, but sentiment leans toward status quo

VIENNA, Austria - Raise prices. Ease production. For weeks ahead of this week's OPEC meeting, hawks in the organization have been talking tough about the need to keep oil revenues high - and lowering output. BC-EU-FIN--OPEC MEETING. Has moved. By George Jahn. AP Graphic OIL PRICES.

LOOKING AHEAD: Municipal elections are scheduled Thursday for West Bank and Gaza Strip, first vote by Palestinians since January 1996.

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British public just says no

to 'Queen Camilla' in poll

London

The British people would be happy for Prince Charles to continue his relationship with Camilla Parker Bowles after he became king -- provided she were not given the title of queen, according to an opinion poll.

The NOP poll for the BBC's Panorama program suggests that the prince has two ways of becoming king and retaining public backing: He can either continue to cohabit with Parker Bowles after acceding to the throne or he can marry her and give her an alternative title to that of queen.

The NOP reveals that there is continuing public resistance to the idea of Parker Bowles becoming queen. It says that 52 per cent of people oppose Parker Bowles gaining the title in the event of the couple marrying and Prince Charles acceding to the throne.

Only 30 per cent support the move, while 18 per cent do not know.

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Riviera palace razed over planning rules violations

Paris

Bulldozers began tearing down a \$32-million Cdn luxury mansion on the Cote d'Azur last week after its owner was found to have committed the biggest breach of planning regulations ever recorded in France.

The action followed 12 years of legal battles in which the former owner, Christian Pellerin, a prominent French property tycoon, was jailed for blatantly flouting planning rules.

Demolition teams started ripping apart the glass, metal and concrete extravaganza -- complete with Roman-style marble saunas, fountains, a private cinema, tennis courts and even a nuclear bomb shelter -- with spectacular views of the Mediterranean that Pellerin had built at Cap d'Antibes.

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Putin may cancel trip to
Denmark over Chechens
Copenhagen

Russian President Vladimir Putin has threatened to cancel a state visit to Denmark because of a Chechen congress to be held there next week, Denmark's foreign minister said Saturday.

The conference of Chechen separatists and their Danish supporters, scheduled today in the Danish capital Copenhagen, is seen "very negatively" in Russia because of the bloody hostage crisis with Chechen rebels that ended Saturday morning, Foreign Minister Per Stig Moeller said.

Putin was scheduled to meet with Danish leaders and Queen Margrethe on Nov. 12, a day after attending a summit with European Union leaders in Copenhagen. Denmark holds the EU's rotating presidency through December.

Adams dismisses demand

for IRA to disband itself

Dublin

The **Irish Republican Army** will not cease activities in response to British and Protestant demands, Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams declared Saturday in a detailed rebuttal to calls for the IRA's abolition.

Adams held out hope that the outlawed group might eventually go out of business -- if Britain and leaders of Northern Ireland's dwindling Protestant majority gave Sinn Fein key political concessions in return.

"Do I envisage a future without the IRA? The answer is obvious. The answer is yes," Adams told an audience of Sinn Fein and IRA members in a rural Republic of Ireland hotel.

Britain stripped powers Oct. 14 from the province's Catholic-Protestant administration after the major Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, threatened to resign.

The British move kept the coalition, formed under terms of the Good Friday peace pact of 1998, intact for potential revival.

At least 21 die as gales

lash Britain and Europe

London

Powerful winds lashed Britain and northwestern Europe as a storm swept through the region Sunday, killing at least 21 people and causing major travel disruptions.

Falling trees killed six people in Britain, where winds gusted above 150 km/h. Two died in the Netherlands and two others were blown into the North Sea and believed drowned.

The winds fatally slammed a 13-year-old rollerskater into a truck in Belgium and a man repairing a roof died when he fell off his ladder.

The gales uprooted trees, ripped off roofs and played havoc with rail, air, sea and road travel.

Britain's Meteorological Office said severe gales of up to 130 km/h lashed England and Wales. A gust of 154.6 km/h was recorded at Mumbles in south Wales.

Right-wing extremist

WORLD REPORT

arrested after stabbing

Tokyo

An opposition lawmaker known as an anti-corruption crusader was stabbed to death in front of his Tokyo home Friday and Japanese media reported that police had detained the leader of a right-wing extremist group for the attack.

The 48-year-old man, who was not identified, surrendered to police and confessed after fleeing the scene of the slaying, public broadcaster NHK television quoted police as saying early Saturday. Police were expected to request a warrant for his arrest, the report said.

The lawmaker, Koki Ishii, was stabbed in the stomach Friday morning as he was getting into a car on a quiet residential street. He was rushed to a hospital but died about an hour later, said Shoji Toyohara, a spokesman for the Democratic party.

Police say 22 killed in

attack by separatists

Gauhati, India

Suspected separatist guerrillas knocked at the homes of villagers in India's remote northeast just after midnight, asked the men to come out and then killed 22 of them, survivors and police said Sunday.

Another 12 were wounded in the attack on Dadgiri, a village in Assam state close to India's border with Bhutan, said P.K. Bhuyan, a local police officer.

The attackers told the **female** villagers that the men would return in the morning. Instead, they lined them up and fired, police quoted Babulal Yadav, a villager who survived the attack, as saying.

Twenty people were killed instantly in the attack. Two others died on the way to hospitals in Kokrajhar, about 250 km, west of Gauhati, the state capital, police said.

China's 'pro-Western'

music chief in custody

Beijing

The flamboyant director of China's national symphony orchestra has been placed under house arrest on the orders of Communist Party cultural commissars.

They claim that his efforts to revitalize classical music were biased in favour of "Western compositions."

In eight years at the helm of Beijing's premier concert hall, Qian Cheng, 40, had attracted a new generation of music lovers by demanding adventurous interpretations and vibrant performances from the national symphony orchestra.

However, his determination to showcase European works, at the expense of Chinese classical pieces, led to a rift with Yu Songlin, the orchestra's chairman and a veteran of the cultural bureaucracy.

Japan fails to return five

seized by North Korea

Tokyo

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Five Japanese citizens who returned to visit their homeland after a quarter of a century of captivity in North Korea had their visit "extended" by the Tokyo government Sunday.

The group, who returned to Japan a fortnight ago, were originally due to go back to Stalinist North Korea today. But the return was put off after their families urged Tokyo not to send them back.

It was unclear whether the group were consulted before the decision was made.

But it has created a dilemma for the five, who were kidnapped from coastal spots in Japan in 1978 to teach Japanese to be North Korean spies.

Although they were brought up in Japan and have been visibly overwhelmed by the welcome from friends and families, all have lived most of their adult lives in North Korea. Some reports suggested they had been brainwashed by the Pyongyang regime.

Brazilian leftist leading

in presidential voting

Sao Paulo, Brazil

Former union boss Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva took a commanding lead in Brazil's presidential election Sunday, early official results showed, signalling a victory that would mark a historic shift to the left for Latin America's largest country.

Silva, of the leftist Workers Party, had 58 per cent of the vote with nearly 28 per cent of the ballots counted, the federal electoral court said.

Jose Serra, the government candidate, had 42 per cent.

New York is going bust,

hard-hit city's mayor says

New York

The spectre of the civic chaos that enveloped New York in the 1970s looms again with reports from City Hall of a deficit of up to \$6 billion US in next year's \$42-billion budget.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg is warning of draconian cuts in services ranging from the police to emergency medical treatment for the poor, combined with steep rises in everything from income tax to parking fines.

As much as half the damage to the budget has been blamed on the terrorist attacks that destroyed the World Trade Centre. About \$3 billion was lost in direct tax revenues because there were no Twin Towers left to tax, while the loss of 146,000 jobs in the attacks also starved the city coffers of tax on \$17 billion a year in wages.

New drug from Thailand

seeping into raver life

Sacramento, Calif.

The newest drug to hit California's underground club scene is sweet, colourful -- and deadly.

The drug, a form of methamphetamine called ya ba, a Thai name meaning "crazy drug," has made its way into raves and is said to be significantly more powerful and dangerous than the current club drug of choice, ecstasy.

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The pills, which cost \$10 to \$20 US apiece, are sometimes passed off as ecstasy to unwitting users, Glaspy said. Packing a potent mix of highly addictive methamphetamine and caffeine, ya ba can keep users awake for days and has hallucinogenic effects, sometimes causing users to believe they have bugs crawling under their skin.

The drug can be fatal and common side effects include increased heart rate, dehydration, paranoia and depression.

Jeb Bush daughter freed

from jail after 10 days

Orlando, Fla.

Gov. Jeb Bush's only daughter, Noelle, was released from jail Saturday, 10 days after a judge ordered her locked up for violating terms of her court-ordered drug treatment program. Bush left the Orange County jail around 4 a.m. local time.

Noelle Bush, 25, was caught in September with a small amount of crack cocaine by workers at the Center for Drug-Free Living.

This was the second time Bush was sent to the Orange County jail as punishment since she entered rehab in February. She was jailed for three days in July after a worker caught her with another worker's prescription pills taken from a cabinet.

Graphic

Four die in suicide attack: An Israeli soldier wounded during a suicide bombing is brought to a hospital in Petach Tikva, near Tel Aviv Sunday. A Palestinian suicide bomber blew up as Israeli soldiers were shooting at him, killing three people and the attacker himself at a gas station on the outskirts of Ariel, one of the largest Jewish settlements in the West Bank. The 18 people injured included a number of soldiers, officials said. Associated Press photo: Nir Keidar

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IRAQ: Insurgents storm police stations in Mosul, mutilated body of Western woman found in Fallujah

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Insurgents storm two police stations in the strife-ridden city of Mosul, killing at least six Iraqi troops as attacks spread throughout Sunni Muslim areas following the U.S.-led assault on Fallujah. Marines find the mutilated body of a Western woman as they search for militants still holding out in Fallujah, the former Sunni insurgent stronghold. The woman could not be immediately identified, but a British aide worker and a Pole are the only Western women known to have been taken hostage. BC-ME-GEN--IRAQ. Recap has moved. By Tini Tran. AP Photo JBM107;CALOS101,103.

-BC-ME-GEN--IRAQ-FALLUJAH SUCCESS. BAGHDAD, Iraq - AP Interview: U.S. general praises speed and execution of ground assault on Fallujah. Has moved. By Jim Krane. AP Photos ANS121, 113, 111,107; JBM103, 106; BAG110.

-BC-ME-GEN--IRAQ-ESCAPING FALLUJAH. BAGHDAD, Iraq - A tale of escape: AP photographer flees Fallujah. Has moved. By Katarina Kratovac. AP Photo BAG121.

PALESTINIANS-POLITICS: Abbas escapes unharmed from gunfire incident at Arafat mourning tent in Gaza

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip - Interim Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas escapes unharmed after gunmen firing assault rifles burst into a tent in Gaza City where he was greeting people who came to mourn Yasser Arafat, a grim sign that efforts to prevent chaos during the transition may not succeed. The shooting, in which two security guards died and six other people were wounded, raised grave concerns about a violent power struggle in the post-Arafat

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era. Some of the gunmen shouted slogans calling Abbas an agent of the United States. BC-ME-GEN--PALESTINIANS-POLITICS. Recap has moved. By Ibrahim Barzak. AP Photos XEM104, 201, 302.

IVORY COAST: African leaders support arms embargo, sanctions against Ivory Coast government, rebels

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast - African leaders have backed an arms embargo and other immediate U.N. sanctions against Ivory Coast, isolating President Laurent Gbagbo's hard-line government even further in its deadly confrontation with its former colonial ruler, France. As a French-led evacuation of Ivory Coast builds to one of Africa's largest, French President Jacques Chirac denounces Gbagbo's "questionable regime" - and says France would not tolerate much more. BC-AF-GEN--IVORY COAST. Has moved. By Schalk Van Zuydam. AP Photos XGO102, 107; SVZ105.

PAKISTAN-INDIA: Pakistan prime minister plans to discuss Kashmir with Indian counterpart next week

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan - Pakistan's prime minister plans to discuss the territorial dispute with India over Kashmir along with other pending issues when he meets his Indian counterpart during a visit to New Delhi next week. BC-AS-GEN--PAKISTAN-INDIA. Has moved. By Munir Ahmad.

VANUATU-TAIWAN: Vanuatu Cabinet confirms diplomatic links with Taiwan, government spokesman says

WELLINGTON, New Zealand - Vanuatu's Cabinet approved an agreement granting diplomatic recognition to Taiwan - despite having long-standing formal links with China, a government spokesman says. The South Pacific nation's Council of Ministers agreed to extend diplomatic links to Taiwan, 12 days after Vanuatu Prime Minister Serge Vohor signed an agreement for links in Taipei. BC-AS-GEN--VANUATU-TAIWAN-CHINA. Has moved.

NUCLEAR AGENCY-IRAN: Iran issues written promise to fully suspend uranium enrichment

VIENNA, Austria - Iran has given the United Nations a written promise to fully suspend uranium enrichment, according to diplomats and Iranian officials, in an apparent bid to dispel suspicions that Tehran wants to build a nuclear bomb. BC-UN-GEN--UN-NUCLEAR AGENCY-IRAN. Recap has moved. By George Jahn. AP Photos VAH111-113.

NIRELAND TRUCE: Outlawed Protestant group seeks to rejoin Northern Ireland's peace process

BELFAST, Northern Ireland - The Ulster Defense Association, Northern Ireland's largest outlawed group, announces it will stop fighting, saying it wants to rejoin peacemaking efforts. The statement from the anti-Catholic group - which has killed more than 400 people in a self-proclaimed "war" against Irish Republican Army supporters - represented a potentially significant step forward in the province's decade-old peace process. BC-EU-GEN--NIRELAND-TRUCE. Moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photo XBFT101.

LEARNING THE LINGUA FRANCA: Italians learning they have to learn lingua franca

ROME - The "dolce vita" days for lazy language learners in Italy are gone. For a long while, Italians got away with ignoring the growing use of English as a lingua franca in the world and especially in Europe. If nothing else, they had that almost acrobatic lexicon of hand gestures to help communicate with foreigners. BC-EU-GEN--ITALY-ANYBODY SPEAK ENGLISH? Moved. By Frances D'Emilio. AP Photo ROM502.

BRITAIN-SMOKING BAN: Scotland readies tough smoking ban, England may follow

OBAN, Scotland - Retired nurse Carolyn Rowe carries vivid memories of cancer patients she treated and says their suffering drives her strong support for Scotland's plan to ban smoking in all enclosed public places, which Parliament is expected to approve next year. James Chambers doesn't smoke but says it's a violation of freedom. BC-EU-GEN--BRITAIN-SMOKING BAN. Moved. By Beth Gardiner. AP Photos LON807-808 of Nov. 12.

THE HAGUE, Netherlands - The war crimes trial of three former members of the Kosovo Liberation Army begins at the U.N. Yugoslav tribunal Monday, marking the first time ethnic Albanians face charges stemming from the Kosovo war. BC-EU-GEN--WAR CRIMES-KOSOVO. Has moved. By Maria Lokshin.

MEXICO-ELECTIONS: Former ruling party looks to continue strong comeback in four gubernatorial elections

CIUDAD VICTORIA, Mexico - Mexico's former ruling party, the Institutional Revolutionary Party, stands poised to extend its comeback this year in state elections, as residents of four states choose new governors on Sunday. BC-LA-POL--MEXICO-ELECTIONS. Has moved. Preliminary results expected starting at 0300 GMT. By Olga R. Rodriguez. AP Photos.

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PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti - Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin makes his first visit to Haiti, briefly touring a country mired in political upheaval and trying to recover from a rebellion that ousted its elected president. Martin's trip was aimed at boosting international commitment to rebuild and stabilize the poorest country in the Americas. BC-CB-GEN--HAITI. Has moved. By Amy Bracken.

WASHINGTON - The number of people sentenced to death in the United States reached a 30-year low in 2003, when the death row population fell for the third year in a row, the government reports. Some 144 inmates in 25 states were given the death penalty last year, 24 fewer than in 2002 and less than half the average of 297 between 1994 and 2000. Death penalty opponents say the report shows how wary the public is of executions. BC-NA-GEN--US-DEATH PENALTY, HFR. Has moved. HOLD FOR RELEASE at 2130 GMT. By Laura Meckler.

TITANIC: Man who found Titanic laments damage done to sunken ship since its discovery

WASHINGTON - The man who found the remains of the ocean liner Titanic nearly two decades ago has returned to the site and is lamenting the damage done by visitors and souvenir hunters. BC-NA-GEN--US-TITANIC, HFR. Embargoed until 2330GMT. By Randolph E. Schmid.

US-CATHOLIC BISHOPS: Catholic bishops burdened by abuse costs, internal divisions, as they meet

WASHINGTON - The United States' Roman Catholic bishops are holding their fall meeting this week during troubled times for the nation's church. Two dioceses have declared bankruptcy in the face of millions of dollars in clergy sex abuse claims and a third plans to file at the end of this month. More dioceses are expected to follow. The presidential election exposed deep divisions among bishops over how they should respond to Catholic politicians - and to all Catholics - who are at odds with church teaching on abortion and other issues. BC-NA-REL--US-CATHOLIC BISHOPS. Has moved. By Rachel Zoll.

US-CLINTON LIBRARY: Clinton presidential library opening in Little Rock, showing flaws and all

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas - As Bill Clinton's library is unveiled at a gala opening this week, one thing is certain: His messy legacy will be on full display. One alcove will be dedicated to impeachment, and organizers have promised not to sidestep even Monica Lewinsky or Paula Jones. The 58-year-old political superstar is expected to draw hundreds of thousands of visitors a year to his library. BC-NA-GEN--US-CLINTON LIBRARY. Has moved. By David Hammer. AP Photos ARDJ101, 102, 601, 602.

WINDHOEK, Namibia - Namibians will choose the successor to the only leader they have known when they vote Monday and Tuesday in presidential and parliamentary elections. President Sam Nujoma, the revolutionary leader who led a 23-year independence war against neighboring South Africa, is retiring after 14 years as president, and most observers expect his hand-picked successor, Hifikepunye Pohamba, to score an easy victory. BC-AF-POL--NAMIBIA-ELECTIONS. Recap has moved. Polls open at 0500GMT and close at 1900GMT on Monday and Tuesday. By Max Hamata.

US-DOLLAR: Concerns about possible U.S. dollar crisis as trade deficit climbs, euro rises

WASHINGTON - The United States' trade deficit is soaring, and the once high-flying dollar has sunk to record lows against Europe's common currency. The Bush administration has reacted with remarkable calm to developments that raise worries about a possible dollar crisis. BC-NA-FIN--US-DOLLAR TROUBLES. Has moved. By Martin Crutsinger.

-BC-CB-FIN--CUBA-DOLLAR. HAVANA - People line up to change U.S. dollars into local currency on the last day to do so without paying a 10 percent surcharge in Cuba, where dollars are no longer accepted. Has moved. By Vanessa Arrington. AP Photos.

US-SUN-SOFTWARE: Sun Microsystems to unveil latest operating system

SAN JOSE, California - After investing roughly \$500 million ([euro]387 million) and spending years of development time on its next-generation operating system, Sun Microsystems Inc. on Monday will announce an aggressive price for the software - free. Sun, which has never completely rebounded from the tech collapse in 2001, hopes the no-cost of Solaris 10 will not only attract customers but also expand the number of developers who write programs that work on computers running the operating system. BC-NA-TEC--US-SUN-SOLARIS 10, HFR. Has moved. Hold For Release at 0501 GMT. By Matthew Fordahl.

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LOOKING AHEAD: On Tuesday, Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo begins a visit to Helsinki, Finland.

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CHATSWORTH, England -- Their transportation system is a shambles, the National Health Service a scandal and public schooling an embarrassment. Still, the British don't complain. But try to ban fox hunting, and this country gets its knickers in a twist.

In a nation where the words "I" and "protest" are never uttered in the same sentence, fur is flying over the likelihood that Parliament will soon outlaw the right of the landed gentry to hunt with dogs.

Even the venerated Duke and Duchess of Devonshire -- who head one of the oldest and most respected ducal families in the land -- are threatening civil disobedience. Should fox hunting be banned, the 82-year-old duke proclaims, he will protest by letting it continue here at Chatsworth, his 12,000-acre estate on the edge of legendary Sherwood Forest.

"I am a very privileged man, and I don't want to break the law," says Andrew Cavendish, the 11th Duke of Devonshire, whose ancestors and their sporting habits can be traced to 1505. "But if the hunts want to disobey, I will also, and allow them to ride."

"People will go ahead and hunt, and if there are martyrs, so be it," echoes the duchess, Deborah Cavendish.

Liberal British politicians, and even some Conservatives, have been trying to ban blood sports since 1949, claiming they are cruel, unnecessary and a throwback to an era when the aristocracy reigned. When Labor Party leader Tony Blair was elected prime minister in 1997, he made outlawing hunting with hounds a key pledge in his manifesto.

A ban has proved elusive, however. Last year, the left-dominated House of Commons voted for it, but the House of Lords, rooted deeply in the land-owning aristocracy, rejected it. (Hunting was suspended for the past year, but only because of fears that rampaging dogs and horses would spread the virulent hoof-and-mouth virus that ravaged British livestock.)

Now, through either some sly-as-a-fox parliamentary maneuvering or a compromise bill, it is all but certain that blood sports in England and Wales will disappear completely within two years or be drastically restricted even sooner.

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Under the little-used Parliamentary Act, if the House of Commons votes two consecutive years for a ban, the House of Lords can be overruled. Meanwhile, some government ministers are pursuing a compromise that would allow hunting with hounds in limited areas.

Public backs a ban

"It's the end of the beginning of the end," House of Commons member Lawrie Quinn says. Quinn represents a largely rural constituency in North Yorkshire, 100 miles northeast of here. Three-fourths of his constituents, his polls show, want hunting with hounds banned. (Nationwide, 62% want it outlawed.) Quinn says he receives more letters, e-mails and phone calls from voters about fox hunting than any other issue -- nearly twice as many as he gets on crime or the crumbling rail service.

As many as 300,000 hunt supporters are expected in London Sunday to march for "Liberty and Livelihood" and the right of English country gentlemen (and gentlewomen) to gallop after a fox -- a sport playwright Oscar Wilde called "the unspeakable in full pursuit of the uneatable." The demonstration could be the largest in postwar Britain, outnumbering an anti-nuclear protest in 1981 that drew a quarter of a million people.

"Irony, isn't it? Now it's the aristocracy marching for their rights," says Derby Mayor Chris Williamson, an opponent of fox hunting and a self-confessed former hunt "sabby," as blood sport saboteurs are called. His town is the largest in Derbyshire, home seat of the duke and duchess.

The duke and duchess themselves once rode to the hunt; two hunts now ride over their land here in the heart of Jane Austen country. (Chatsworth is said to have been the model for Mr. Darcy's estate, Pemberly, in *Pride and Prejudice*.)

In England and Wales, there are 318 registered hound packs, or hunts, most of which track fox -- although hare, deer, mink and stag also are hunted by dogs.

No casual gathering, a hunt is highly organized. It has a social hierarchy, strict rules of the game and a cast of characters with specific roles and clothing that identify them. Hunts own hounds, horses and sometimes even land. After the riders meet up, the hounds are taken out to find the scent of a fox. When a fox is sighted, one of the riders cries out the traditional "tallyho," the master sounds the horn, and riders follow the dogs -- over hill, dale, shrub and stream.

The thrill is not in the kill, most riders agree, but the ride. "It's a passion! A passion!" says the Duchess of Devonshire. "It's the freedom. The liberty. The danger. You can't understand it until you've done it."

Outlawing hunting, says the Countryside Alliance, the group sponsoring Sunday's protest march, would be a colossal economic blow to the struggling rural areas: The hunts employ nearly 8,000 people and create \$ 400 million a year in income for the countryside. A ban, the group says, also will require putting down thousands of hounds and horses and coming up with other methods to control predators.

"Hunting is the best method for managing the countryside," says Clare Rowson, 29, who rides with the Worcestershire Hunt. "For predators like fox, hunting is natural: It's quick, it's clean. A grab to the neck, and it's over and done."

Rowson's sister, Diana, will lead a contingent of protesters from the USA in the march. (There are about 150 hunts in America.) Diana Rowson, who lives in Georgia and rides with the Midlands Foxhounds, hunts coyote because mange has wiped out the fox population where she lives.

Opponents say the practice is barbaric, and pointless. Pitting hounds against other animals, they say, is no different than cock fighting. The animals, tracked or frightened to exhaustion, are then set upon by hounds and often are often disemboweled by the dogs before they die.

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Claims that dogs and horses would have to be destroyed if a ban is passed are disingenuous, says David Ward of the League Against Cruel Sports. Hounds that can't keep up are culled each year, anyway, he says, and pups that don't show a nose for the hunt are killed.

Meanwhile, a study published in the journal *Nature* this month suggests that hunts have little impact on the fox population. The study, funded by animal welfare groups, showed that fox numbers did not increase last year despite the ban on hunting imposed because of the hoof-and-mouth epidemic. The varmints, some argue, are just not that pesky.

"I've never had a fox in my henhouse," says Gill Purser, who farms 120 acres in the Cotswolds, rolling farmlands 60 miles from London.

Seven hunts ride in that region, among them the prestigious Beaufort, of which Prince Charles is a member; Princes William and Harry also ride in the Beaufort. The royal family, meant to be apolitical, has stayed out of the kerfuffle. But eyes are on Charles' paramour, Camilla Parker Bowles, whose car was spotted sporting a "Liberty and Livelihood" bumper sticker, to see whether she marches Sunday.

Purser, who says she considers blood sports morally offensive, complains that the hunts also are disruptive. Herds of galloping horses, crying hounds and dozens of chase vehicles careering down the country lanes terrify her pregnant ewes and other livestock. The only fox-related poultry death she ever had, Purser says, was when a pack of frenzied hounds stampeded her horses and one stomped on a chicken.

Scotland, which has only 10 hunts, outlawed hunting with dogs in February. Enterprising huntsmen there, and in a few spots of England, are testing foxless alternatives, such as "drag" hunting, in which a scented bag is dragged over a course for the hounds to track. Others are chasing human quarry: bloodhounds put on the scent of people who race ahead of them on foot. If caught, the "prey" risk only being licked to death.

People on both sides of the fence, however, are keeping a close watch to see whether hunts in Scotland abide by the new law during the normal hunting season, which begins in November and runs through spring.

Thousands across Britain have signed petitions swearing to disobey any ban. A violent splinter group of the Countryside Alliance has even sprung up and is threatening to use Greenpeace-style tactics to bring the country to a halt by blocking bridges and roads with horse trailers. Wearing balaclavas and striking at night, the Real Countryside Alliance -- named in the fashion of the murderous Real IRA faction of the ***Irish Republican Army*** -- already has vandalized homes and offices of hunt opponents, including those of Lawrie Quinn, the member of Parliament.

A class issue above all

In many ways, this passionate debate may be much ado about something that has little to do with foxes. In what even the Duke of Devonshire calls "this wretched, caste-ridden country," fox hunting is seen as the pastime of "toffs" -- the old landed aristocracy. Until 1918, after all, only landowners were allowed to vote. Although farmers, ***women*** and average Britons now ride to the hunt, it remains, the duke says sadly, "a symbol of class divide."

"This is modern-day Britain, and people here have wanted it banned for a long time," says Purser, who says hunting with hounds is still a sport of kings. "What remains of the aristocracy has gotten in the way of democracy."

Would hunters -- the duke included -- be willing to go to jail for their cause?

"It won't come to that," he assures.

If it does, Derby Mayor Williamson promises, sarcastically, "I shall bake him a cake with a file in it."

Graphic

Protests hound Britain 's fox hunts

PHOTO, Color, Andrew Parsons, AP; GRAPHIC, Color, USA TODAY (MAP); PHOTO, B/W, Gill Flett, Getty Images, for USA TODAY; Tallyho: Robert McCarthy, front, leads the Essex and Suffolk Hunt in search of foxes last March in eastern England. Hunt opponents can smell success after decades in pursuit of a ban.<>Avid supporters: The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire say they will allow hunts to continue at their estate, Chatsworth, even if a ban passes.

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Cannabis cafe chains set to open in Britain

London

Two Dutch cannabis cafe chains plan to open up to 50 ventures in Britain in a full-frontal assault on police inability to enforce drug laws.

Following the announcement by the British government that cannabis will be downgraded from a class B to a class C drug next year, the firms -- The Bulldog and Dutch Experience -- are planning to open cafes in an attempt to force acceptance of the drug.

The cafes would be illegal even under the new classification. The owners point out that their businesses are also technically illegal in Amsterdam, but their success has forced a change in policy which allows them to operate freely.

The backers believe that in Britain, too, the police will be so overwhelmed by the number of ventures -- and their popularity -- that they would be forced to allow them to remain open.

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For Sale: Loo with view of the beach and ocean

London

A former public toilet with a beautiful view of a beach has become the latest example of England's overheated real estate market.

The 42-square-metre former men's and women's restroom overlooking the coast in Dorset, southwestern England, went on the market a few weeks ago for \$39,000. But that was before the bidding started.

"We have had several offers already," some rising above \$46,000, real estate agent Roy Wootton said Tuesday.

The single-storey building, now privately owned, has planning approval to be converted into a small chalet with a three-metre strip of land for a patio.

"The views are super, with Golden Cap cliff to the left, the sea and beach to the front and (the town of) Lyme Regis to the right," Wootton said.

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Fortuyn minister quits over role in Suriname

The Hague

Followers of Pim Fortuyn, the murdered Dutch politician, lost their first government minister within hours after it emerged that she had been a uniformed storm-trooper before migrating to Holland and starting a fresh career as a standard-bearer for women's rights.

The new right-wing government had barely taken office on Monday when it was disclosed that Philomena Biljhout, minister for emancipation and family affairs, served in the bloodthirsty militia of Desi Bouterse in the former Dutch colony of Suriname in the 1980s when it murdered 15 opposition activists.

The fiasco is a bad start for the Lijst Pim Fortuyn, a party that swept the elections in May after the murder of its shaven-headed leader and became the country's second political force.

Britain studies expansion of airports to keep up

London

Europe's biggest airport, Heathrow, could grow even larger under British government proposals to ease air congestion, especially over the capital where some fear that business could flee for the Continent if something isn't done soon.

Government proposals released Tuesday raise the possibility of a third runway at London's Heathrow or a new fifth airport in nearby Kent in southeast England to cope with the growing number of people landing in the region.

The plans have provoked anger among environmentalists and residents groups who are concerned about the damaging impact of construction and increased noise levels.

Britain should come down on loyalist killers: Adams

Belfast

Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams railed Tuesday against the "surreal" prospect that Britain might crack down on the Irish Republican Army at a time when anti-Catholic extremists were committing most of Northern Ireland's violence.

Adams, whose IRA-linked party is a controversial part of Northern Ireland's Catholic-Protestant government, met with Britain's Northern Ireland secretary, John Reid, following a wave of gun attacks on Belfast Catholics that left a teenager dead and a man wounded.

A gunman operating from a hard-line Catholic area also shot a Protestant, although Sinn Fein said the IRA wasn't responsible.

Court jails two ex-Thyssen managers for tax evasion

Berlin

A court in southern Germany imposed prison terms Tuesday on two former managers of German arms manufacturer Thyssen-Henschel, convicting them of embezzlement and tax evasion in connection with a 1991 delivery of military vehicles to Saudi Arabia.

The Augsburg state court found that the two former managers, Juergen Massmann and Winfried Haastert, took about \$10 million Cdn in bribes related to the delivery, money which they failed to declare to tax authorities.

Massmann, a former head of defence technology at Thyssen-Henschel, was given a five-year sentence, while Haastert was sentenced to two years and four months. Their defence lawyers said they would appeal.

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Presiding Judge Maximilian Hofmeister said the two managers constructed "a gigantic tissue of lies" to conceal the payments from accounts run by millionaire German-Canadian businessman Karlheinz Schreiber, a key figure in the party financing scandal that tainted former chancellor Helmut Kohl and his conservative Christian Democratic party.

Congo-Rwanda peace pact will require help from UN

Kigali, Rwanda

A proposed deal to end the conflict between Rwanda and Congo, a major factor in four years of war in central Africa, calls for the withdrawal of tens of thousands of Rwandan soldiers from Congo and a possible expansion of the region's UN force.

The deal is the latest attempt to end a dispute that has embroiled six African nations, left more than 2.5 million people dead and defied resolution efforts by mediators from around the world.

The agreement deals with ending the conflict between neighbours Congo and Rwanda that has been the main fuel of the war, but does not solve the country's internal conflicts between the government and various rebel groups.

UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan and South African President Thabo Mbeki, who mediated talks between the two countries, will oversee and verify that both nations stick to their commitments.

Mugabe biting hands that feed his people

Harare

Riot police encircled Harare Tuesday as President Robert Mugabe opened parliament with a ringing denunciation of the countries supplying food aid to Zimbabwe's starving millions.

Opening the first session of parliament since his disputed election victory in March, Mugabe said donors were trying to impose "sinister" political and economic agendas "under cover of humanitarian aid."

More than six million people, half Zimbabwe's population, are close to starvation, according to the United Nations, which says Mugabe's controversial land-redistribution policies are partly to blame.

Grenade explosion kills girl, injures 18 in Kashmir

Jammu, India

A grenade attack at a crowded market killed a young girl and wounded at least 18 civilians in a border town in India's Jammu-Kashmir state on Tuesday, police said.

Police blamed the attack on suspected Islamic rebels, who they said escaped after hurling the grenade at the market in the town of Rajouri, 160 km northwest of Jammu, the state's winter capital.

Three of the wounded were in a critical condition.

More than a dozen Muslim militant groups have been fighting to free Jammu-Kashmir from Indian rule, or merge it with Islamic Pakistan.

Priest listens to church attackers explain reasons

Islamabad

Four Pakistani militants confessed to a parish priest Tuesday that they murdered 17 members of his congregation in a machine-gun attack.

The men, members of the banned Islamic extremist group Lashkar-e-Jhangvi, boasted of their involvement in the worst massacre of Christians in Pakistan since Partition almost 55 years ago.

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They met Rev. Roccus Patras in a police cell after being arrested in the town of Vehari in Punjab province.

According to the priest, all of the accused expressed pride in their attack on worshippers gathered at St. Dominic's Roman Catholic church in Bahawalpur last October.

"They said they were satisfied with what they had done," said Patras. "They said it was because of the American attack on Afghanistan.

"They said a lot of Muslims were killed there but nobody was taking any steps to protest, so that's why they planned to kill Christians here in Pakistan."

Eight masked men riding motorcycles raked the congregation at St. Dominic's with automatic gunfire as they arrived for a Sunday service.

Giant squid not a new species, asserts expert

Sydney

A giant squid with unusual muscle growth found washed up on an Australian beach was not a new species as first thought but a damaged specimen, a scientist said Tuesday.

The 250 kg creature was found dead on a beach in Hobart in Tasmania state. It had lost its two tentacles but would have been about 15 metres long.

Experts at the Tasmanian Museum were studying long, thin flaps of muscle attached to each of its eight arms -- like keels -- that they believed were unique to the squid.

But Steve O'Shea, squid specialist with New Zealand's National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research, said all giant squid had the keels, which were used to help it swim.

Low wind hits Fossett's latest record attempt

Omarama, New Zealand

U.S. adventurer Steve Fossett flew a glider over New Zealand on Tuesday in preparation to soar into the stratosphere, but a local pilot warned the weather forecast did not look good for Fossett's bid to break the gliding altitude record until at least the weekend.

Fossett needs strong surface winds to help him climb toward powerful high-altitude winds he believes will take him to the stratosphere.

The investment tycoon plans to remain in New Zealand for another three weeks waiting for favourable weather to make his record bid.

Wrongfully convicted man freed after 17 years in jail

Buffalo, N.Y.

A 36-year-old man who spent almost half his life in prison on a murder charge has been released after having his conviction overturned.

Angelo Martinez, of Brooklyn, was convicted in the 1985 murder of Rudolph Marasco outside a bingo hall in Queens.

Another prisoner confessed to the murder about a decade ago, his defence lawyer, Oscar Michelen, said. But authorities didn't believe Charles Rivera, a federal prisoner in the witness protection program, because he failed a lie detector test.

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Deeper investigation confirmed Rivera's confession that he killed Marasco as a favour to another man.

Graphic

Bull (moose) in a flower bed: A young bull moose feeds on fireweed along Geist Road in Fairbanks, Alaska. Fairbanks Daily News-Miner photo: Eric Engman

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Lawmaker says plenty of blame to go around for intelligence failures

WASHINGTON (AP) - The chairman of the House panel investigating intelligence failures contributing to the Sept. 11 attacks says there appears to be plenty of blame to go around.

Rep. Saxby Chambliss, chairman of the homeland security subcommittee of the Intelligence Committee, says poor communication by the FBI, poor resource allocation by the National Security Agency and the CIA's refusal to follow a congressional directive are all areas of concern.

The report itself is classified, but an unclassified executive summary was being released Wednesday.

Chambliss detailed one specific area Tuesday, complaining that CIA officials have largely ignored a post-Sept. 11 law requiring them to eliminate guidelines that make it difficult for field officers to recruit unsavory characters to infiltrate terrorist organizations.

Last October, the CIA agreed to alter its requirements, allowing after-the-fact notification of authorities after a spy is hired, but Chambliss insists the agency still hasn't eliminated the guidelines, as Congress ordered.

House passes bill setting new criminal penalties for business fraud

WASHINGTON (AP) - After whisking to passage new criminal penalties for business fraud, House lawmakers were poised to try to resolve differences with the Senate on corporate crackdown legislation to send to President Bush.

The GOP-controlled House, in a hurriedly arranged vote Tuesday, adopted stiff penalties and jail terms for executives who deceive investors or shred documents.

The 391-28 vote reflected Congress' eagerness to respond to voters' anxiety over the economy and turbulence in the stock market. In another bad day on Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrials finished their seventh straight losing session, down more than 160 points.

The Senate on Monday voted 97-0 to create new criminal penalties against business fraud and tighten oversight of the accounting industry.

The House in April had passed an accounting oversight bill - widely considered weaker than the Senate version - but Republicans earlier had blocked the Democrats' attempt to bring up legislation to create criminal penalties.

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Both the House and Senate bills would create new criminal penalties for corporate fraud and document shredding.

Spanish forces kick Moroccans off of tiny, disputed island; Morocco promises response

CEUTA, Spain (AP) - Spanish troops kicked a unit of Moroccan soldiers off of an uninhabited Mediterranean island Wednesday, taking six Moroccans prisoner for a few hours in the process and intensifying the two nations' dispute over the soccer-field sized speck of land.

The Moroccan government warned it would "not fail to act" in response.

The Spanish operation was the latest move in a standoff that began last Thursday, when 12 Moroccan soldiers landed on the tiny island, set up tents and raised their national flag. The island, known as Isla Perejil to Spaniards and Leila to Moroccans, has been claimed by Spain for 300 years.

News reports said the Spanish operation to evict the Moroccans took place at around 6:15 a.m. Wednesday and involved naval units, special ground forces and combat aircraft. From the hills of Belyounech, a Moroccan coastal village about 200 yards from Perejil, two Spanish flags could be seen flying over the island by midmorning.

Israeli forces search West Bank for militants who ambushed bus, killing eight Israelis

EMMANUEL, West Bank (AP) - Israeli forces conducted a massive manhunt in the rocky hills of the West Bank early Wednesday, searching for Palestinian militants who ambushed a bus near a Jewish settlement, killing eight people.

A premature baby delivered by Caesarean section after the attack died Wednesday, bringing the toll to eight, hospital officials said. The boy, whose mother remained in serious condition, was believed to be the youngest victim of more than 21 months of fighting.

Soldiers carrying out the manhunt shot and killed one Palestinian gunman Wednesday and exchanged heavy fire with others near the Jewish settlement of Emmanuel, where Tuesday's attack occurred, military officials said. Three soldiers were injured, one seriously, the army said.

Israel called off a high-level meeting with Palestinians scheduled for Wednesday after the ambush, whose victims included an 8-month-old girl, her father and grandmother.

The well-planned attack, claimed by three different Palestinian groups, came as officials from a Mideast policy group called the Quartet met in New York to try to come up with a formula to halt nearly two years of Israeli-Palestinian violence and spur resumption of peace negotiations.

Government reports massive increase in citizenship applications since Sept. 11, but approvals drop

WASHINGTON (AP) - The attacks of Sept. 11 sparked an unprecedented surge in the number of people seeking to become U.S. citizens, but fears of further terrorism led the government to take longer in approving hopefuls.

The new numbers, released by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, reflect a changed America.

Larger numbers of immigrants are seeking the prize of citizenship - both to show their patriotism and avoid being caught in the federal dragnet for terrorists that has detained thousands on immigration technicalities since Sept. 11, according to those who work with them.

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But even with the increase, the number of people granted citizenship between October 2001 and May 2002 dropped by 10 percent from the comparable period the year before, the officials said.

IRA's apology for killing 650 civilians stirs passions in Northern Ireland

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) - The ***Irish Republican Army***'s surprise apology for killing civilians stirred passions Wednesday in Northern Ireland, where some welcomed it as a conciliatory and historic gesture while others saw it as a calculated bid to divert attention from ongoing violence.

In a statement Tuesday, the IRA offered "sincere apologies and condolences" to the families of about 650 civilians slain during 27 years of bombings and shootings.

The shadowy group, which called a cease-fire in 1997 but remains a potent force in militant Catholic areas, said it also wanted to "acknowledge the grief and pain" of the families of 1,150 others slain whom the IRA described as "combatants." That term angered many relatives.

The victims include British soldiers, police, prison guards, judges, and Protestant extremists, many of whom were killed either while off-duty and unarmed or otherwise unable to defend themselves. The dead also included IRA members who were executed as informers or who accidentally blew themselves up.

The British, Irish and American governments gave the move a qualified welcome. All three stressed that the IRA must keep scrapping its weapons stockpiles, a goal of the 1998 peace accord here.

U.N. human rights chief calls for arrest of Congolese rebels responsible for massacre

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - The U.N. human rights chief is calling for the arrest of Congolese rebels and civilians responsible for a massacre in the city of Kisangani in May that killed over 180 people.

In a report to the U.N. Security Council, Human Rights Commissioner Mary Robinson blamed Rwandan-backed rebels from the Congolese Rally for Democracy for carrying out "summary executions and extrajudicial killings of civilians, soldiers and police" following an uprising in the port city.

On Tuesday Robinson briefed the council on the report, which was based primarily on an investigation conducted by Asma Jahangir, the U.N.'s independent expert on extrajudicial executions who visited Kinshasa, Goma and Kisangani from June 16-22.

Late last month, Jahangir reported that the RCD rebels who control Kisangani embarked on an "indefensible massacre" to put down a mutiny, killing at least 150 people. She described how people were shot and stabbed to death - and how some were cut open and their bodies filled with stones and thrown into the river to sink.

Markets cheer embattled premier's decision to call early election

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) - Investors cheered Turkish Premier Bulent Ecevit's decision to call early polls in an attempt to end months of political and economic uncertainty, sending the stock market to a rally unseen for weeks.

Turkey's key index, the Istanbul 100, soared 6.3 percent Wednesday to break 10,000 points for the first time since early June. The stock market had dropped nearly 20 percent since Ecevit became ill in May.

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Reserving his decision to stay in office until his term ends in 2004, Ecevit agreed Tuesday to hold elections Nov. 3 in an attempt to avoid a possible ouster and end months of political uncertainty that has shaken market confidence and imperiled Turkey's economic recovery.

Almost half the legislators from Ecevit's party have deserted the premier in the past 10 days, leaving his three-party coalition government with just half of the seats in parliament.

Parliament is scheduled to convene Sept. 1 for a vote on the election date agreed upon by the coalition partners. Investors are hopeful that the elections will bring in a government determined to implement economic reforms backed by loans from the International Monetary Fund.

Autopsy finds drugs, alcohol in pilot in plane crash that killed Aaliyah

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP) - Authorities are investigating how cocaine and alcohol found in blood tests may have affected the pilot of a small plane that crashed in the Bahamas last year, killing nine people - including 22-year-old singer and actress Aaliyah.

Aviation officials on Tuesday said an autopsy performed on Luis Antonio Morales Blanes showed he had cocaine in his urine and traces of alcohol in his stomach. The autopsy findings were released for the first time along with the crash investigation report, the Bahamas Department of Civil Aviation said.

Investigators are trying to figure how out the substances may have affected the pilot at the time of the August crash. Morales, 30, was sentenced to three years probation on charges of crack cocaine possession 12 days before the crash.

The aviation department also said Tuesday the aircraft may not have undergone fuel-pump wiring modifications required in August 1988.

Aaliyah, who was already a two-time Grammy nominee for best female R&B vocalist, was leaving the Bahamas following a video shoot when the Cessna 402-B crashed during takeoff. All nine people aboard died.

Kile autopsy confirms he died of blocked coronary arteries

CHICAGO (AP) - St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Darryl Kile died from a blockage of the arteries supplying the heart, and there was no evidence that drugs contributed to his death, Cook County's coroner said.

"This is a natural cause of death," Edmund Donoghue, the county's chief medical examiner, said in a statement Tuesday.

Toxicology tests did show evidence of marijuana use, although it was probably weeks before and was not a factor in Kile's death, Donoghue said. Tests were negative on steroids, alcohol, cocaine and ephedrine, a substance commonly found in dietary supplements banned by some sports.

Kile, 33, had a 90 percent blockage in two of three coronary arteries, Donoghue said, confirming his preliminary analysis shortly after the death. He also had an enlarged heart and a blood clot in one of the coronary arteries.

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Vitamin pills help violent

prisoners behave better

London

Vitamin supplements dramatically improved the conduct of violent prisoners within two weeks and could work on disruptive schoolchildren and other anti-social elements in society, researchers say.

The study, carried out in Aylesbury young offenders institution, a maximum security establishment in Buckinghamshire, is the first evidence that good nutrition has a direct effect on behaviour.

It involved 231 men aged 18 to 21, all volunteers. Some were given tablets containing vitamins and minerals, as well as fatty acids found in fruit. Others were given dummy tablets.

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Within two weeks, among those taking the supplements, there was a 37-per-cent fall in serious reports and 33-per-cent reduction in minor reports. This compared with 10 per cent and 6.5 per cent in those taking placebos.

Overall, over a period of about five months, the number of incidents fell by 26 per cent.

Politicians seek to ease

Northern Ireland crisis

Hillsborough, Northern Ireland

Politicians tried to forge a plan Wednesday to ensure that Northern Ireland's peace accord and the joint Roman Catholic-Protestant government at its heart, survive a summer already troubled by rising street violence.

Police clashed early Wednesday with **Irish Republican Army** supporters in the Ardoyne district of north Belfast, the Catholic epicentre for sporadic rioting with police and Protestant neighbours during the past year.

World report

Later, with one eye on the crumbled Middle East peace process, the British and Irish governments gathered local politicians at Hillsborough Castle outside Belfast to discuss chronic rioting and other threats to the U.S.-brokered Good Friday pact of 1998, which outlined a compromise future for the British-controlled territory.

Rejection of Sharon war

crimes case casts doubt

Brussels

A Belgian appeals court dismissed a war crimes complaint against Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon on Wednesday in a decision that cast doubt on whether actions against other world leaders under a controversial Belgian law can go forward.

The ruling was the second setback this year for the 1993 law granting Belgian courts "universal jurisdiction" over war crimes committed elsewhere. A decision by the Netherlands-based World Court in February blocked Belgium from prosecuting a former Congolese foreign minister under the law.

While that ruling turned on diplomatic immunity, the three Belgian appeals court judges said the case against Sharon could not proceed because he does not live in Belgium.

The ruling means an end to the investigation into allegations Sharon was responsible for a 1982 massacre in two Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon.

Spain attacks as Gibraltar

discussions hit dire straits

Jerez, Spain

Negotiations over the future of Gibraltar appeared on the brink of collapse Wednesday, with the Spanish making a concerted attack blaming Britain for the failure.

Some Spanish newspapers claimed that Royal Marines commandos who accidentally landed on the Spanish side of the frontier with Gibraltar last February had, in fact, deliberately staged the "invasion" to destroy the talks.

As Jack Straw, Britain's Foreign Secretary, played host to his Spanish counterpart, Josep Pique, British officials admitted that there had been no progress for weeks over sticking points in the year-long talks on sharing sovereignty of the Rock.

Judge orders doctors

to assess Milosevic illness

The Hague

The UN war-crimes tribunal on Wednesday ordered a full medical exam for Slobodan Milosevic, whose illnesses have delayed his trial by nearly a month since it began in February.

The resumption of the trial was again delayed until at least next Tuesday to allow the former Yugoslav president to recover from what a tribunal spokesman described as "flu and a high fever."

Milosevic fell ill two weeks ago, the second time he caught the flu since his trial began Feb. 12 on 66 counts of war crimes in Croatia, Bosnia and Kosovo during the 1990s. He is the highest-ranking person to go on trial since the court was established in 1993.

Founder of sperm-donor

World report

Web site 'overwhelmed'

London

The founder of an Internet site to provide sperm donors for lesbian couples wanting to have children said Wednesday he has been overwhelmed with 8,000 registrations in the first 48 hours of operation.

The site, launched in Britain on Monday, was set up to provide lesbian couples with sperm for "home insemination." Founder John Gonzalez said 3,000 lesbian couples had already signed up, while 5,000 men had registered to be donors.

The company estimates it will cost about \$1,100 Cdn to conceive a child through the service and donors will be paid \$115 to \$140 in expenses.

Britain's Human Fertilization and Embryology Authority has expressed reservations about the service, saying stringent health screening of sperm is essential to prevent women's health being put at risk.

On the Net:

www.mannotincluded.com

Antibody linked to women

suffering from 'baby blues'

London

Doctors have found a chemical in the body that seems to indicate if a pregnant woman will suffer from post-natal depression.

A study found that women with higher levels of thyroperoxidase antibodies were more likely to suffer from "baby blues."

Prof. Victor Pop, from Tilburg University, the Netherlands, told the Royal College of Psychiatrists annual conference in Cardiff that none of 300 women in the survey had suffered from depression before.

He said this indicated that the thyroperoxidase antibody levels must have been related to depression associated with the pregnancy and not some earlier episode.

Hundreds protest opening

of tunnel in Alps to trucks

Chamonix, France

French police used tear gas to push back about 200 protesters who blocked traffic early Wednesday to protest the reopening of a mountain tunnel to heavy trucks after a deadly fire.

On Tuesday, the trucks were allowed to pass through the Mont Blanc tunnel in the Alps for the first time in more than three years.

On March 24, 1999, 39 people were killed when a truck carrying flour and margarine caught fire. The truck burned for two days while firefighters tried to reach people trapped in their vehicles. The tunnel has since been rebuilt to improve safety.

Car traffic resumed in March.

Arap Moi gives Kenyan

World report

MPs 700-per-cent raise

Nairobi

President Daniel arap Moi's government is giving Kenyan MPs a 700-per-cent pay raise as it seeks their support for proposals to postpone this year's elections for a year.

The increase makes the legislators among the best paid in the world. In a country whose economy is in tatters and where 58 per cent of the population earn less than \$2 Cdn a day, Kenyan MPs will earn up to \$175,000 a year in salaries and benefits alone.

With additional allowances, that figure will rise to more than \$220,000, according to the shadow finance minister, Joe Donde.

Last week, Moi's ruling party, Kanu, announced plans to postpone his retirement, scheduled for December, by seeking an extension of the life of parliament by up to 12 months, a move that has drawn widespread criticism.

Tanzanians mass at sports

stadium to identify victims

Dodoma, Tanzania

Covering their noses and mouths with their hands or pieces of fabric, grim-faced Tanzanians gathered in a sports stadium Wednesday and peered at scores of decomposing bodies, trying to identify victims of the country's worst rail disaster.

"It is her. I can recognize the jeans that she was wearing," said Kenneth Muganda, breaking down into tears after identifying his wife.

Regional commissioner Isidore Shirima said 241 bodies have been recovered from the mangled wreck of a passenger train carrying more than 1,200 people that careered backward down a hill and smashed into a cargo train on Monday.

Rescuers were trying to recover an unknown number of bodies still trapped in two twisted coaches of the 20-coach train, Shirima said.

China executes 64 to

mark UN anti-drug day

Shanghai

China marked UN anti-drug day by executing 64 people accused of drug crimes, officials and state media said Wednesday.

Many of the executions on Tuesday and Wednesday came after public rallies where thousands watched judges condemn the accused.

China usually marks International Anti-Drug Day on June 26 with a wave of publicized executions, underscoring authorities' belief that harsh punishments are an effective weapon against the spread of drugs. Officials from the United Nations have said they do not condone the practice.

Another 188 people also accused of drug crimes were given prison terms of up to life at the rallies.

Indonesians, Timorese face war crimes charges

Dili, East Timor

World report

Prosecutors on Wednesday charged two Indonesian officers and 14 pro-Jakarta East Timorese militia with crimes against humanity for their alleged involvement in the deaths of dozens of people during East Timor's violent break with Indonesia in 1999.

Prosecutor Longuinhos Monteiro filed indictments in a Dili court against suspects allegedly involved in more than 70 killings and four rapes in East Timor's Bobonaro and Oecussi districts in 1999.

The murders include those of two East Timorese citizens working for the UN mission that organized the August 1999 referendum in which East Timorese voted overwhelmingly for independence from Indonesia.

HIV cases on increase

among people over 50

Washington

Despite billboards and public service announcements, brochures in doctor's offices and media reports, older Americans just aren't getting the message regarding AIDS.

People 50 and older aren't following preventive measures to avoid HIV infection and the evidence is in the proportion of older Americans who are being diagnosed with the virus believed to cause AIDS, health officials say. According to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 14 per cent of new HIV cases are among this age group.

Baby born early -- next to

cash registers at Wal-Mart

Albany, Ga.

Shenna Williams had started feeling labour pains, but she and her mother thought they had plenty of time to stop at Wal-Mart to buy a disposable camera for the birth.

While her mother, Katherine Williams, was in the store looking for the camera, Shenna's pain increased.

"I heard someone scream out. I said, 'Lord, that's my child,' " Katherine Williams said.

By the time she reached the front of the store early Saturday, her daughter was on a bench by the cash registers preparing for birth.

She helped deliver her grandson, Michael Jerrod Williams. Shoppers and employees watching the birth recorded the event with disposable cameras.

The store donated gifts and Shenna Williams named night manager Adrian Wright as godfather.

Crawling to safety

Graphic

Tracey Iverson, 21, crawls through the driver's side window of her car Wednesday after it was hit and rolled over in the rain at an intersection in Marysville, Mich. Iverson and her sister, Angela Purzycki, 15, escaped uninjured as did the other car's driver. Marysville Times Herald photo: Jerry S. Mendoza

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INTERNATIONAL A3-10

Allies Revising Assessment Of Damage to Serb Forces

In the two weeks since NATO forces arrived in Kosovo, alliance officials have had to scale back their initial estimates of the damage inflicted by the 78-day air campaign on the Yugoslav Army, which they concede remains a force capable of maintaining President Slobodan Milosevic's hold on power. A1

German forces in Prizren said they would impose a curfew at night to cut down on lawlessness, which continues throughout Kosovo in the form of slayings, arson and looting. A8

Serbian authorities released 166 Kosovo Albanian men from two prisons in Serbia, in what one prison director called a gesture of good will. They were all detained around May 7 while trying to flee to Albania with their families. Aid agencies believe that the 166 are just a small portion of the total being held in Serbia. A8

Moving Toward Peace in Congo

Negotiations on ending 11 months of war in Congo received fresh impetus when military officials completed a draft cease-fire document at talks in Zambia. A4

Algerian Insurgency's Toll

The Government issued its first comprehensive toll since its seven-year conflict with Muslim guerrillas began, saying 100,000 people had died. It also approved a draft amnesty law for Islamic rebels, the first tangible move to try to end the violence. A6

Hints of Compromise in Ulster

David Trimble, the First Minister of the Northern Ireland Assembly, said the stalled peace effort in Ulster could be saved by a simple statement from Sinn Fein, the political wing of the Irish Republican Army, that the I.R.A. is committed to disarming by May 2000. He did not mention the position he has repeatedly expressed that the I.R.A. must start actual disarmament before Sinn Fein will be allowed to take ministerial posts in the Assembly. Some politicians and analysts said this was a sign that Mr. Trimble was getting ready to compromise. A9

NEWS SUMMARY

Perils for Russia's Farms

A blisteringly hot summer and the reverberations from Russia's economic crisis have taken a devastating toll on the nation's crops, making it likely that Moscow will appeal for American food aid, according to Russian and American officials. A10

New Movement in Indonesia

Hundreds of nongovernmental organizations have begun to flex their muscles now that President Suharto is gone, pushing agendas that include human rights, environmental protection, workers' protection, legal aid and political freedoms, as well as rights for the poor. All these groups are part of a transformation of Indonesia that is not quite a revolution, but a realignment of the patterns of power, in which the people above now have to listen to what the people below are saying. A3

NATIONAL A12-15

Clinton to Reveal Spending Plan for Budget Surplus

President Clinton plans to unveil sweeping new proposals to allocate the budget surplus among Social Security, Medicare and other spending and tax cut proposals, Democrats said. The proposal, which may be unveiled today, is sure to renew and intensify his long-running battle with Republicans in Congress over the nation's priorities as it enters a new era in which the two parties must divide up pots of money far larger than anything they could have imagined even a year or two ago. A1

Donna E. Shalala, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, moved to head off criticism of the cost of President Clinton's plan to help buy prescription drugs for older Americans, saying the new Medicare benefits "will not be as generous as people think." A13

The Clinton Presidential Library

President Clinton is to talk to about 40 business executives in Manhattan tonight about his vision for the William Jefferson Clinton Presidential Library, a museum and public policy center on the banks of the Arkansas River in Little Rock. But Federal law will bar him from talking about the \$125 million price tag. A15

Sorting Out Asbestos Law

Congress, responding to a plea from the Supreme Court to devise a legislative solution to "the elephantine mass of asbestos cases," is preparing to begin debate this week on a measure that would overhaul the way the legal system resolves lawsuits brought by people harmed by the substance. A1

Warning on Visa Program

The Visa Waiver Pilot Program, which allows people carrying passports from any of 26 nations to visit the United States for up to 90 days without obtaining a visa, is helping criminals and terrorists and increasing illegal immigration, according to an internal investigation at the Department of Justice. A14

Anger Over China Spying Case

Senator Orrin G. Hatch, a Republican Presidential hopeful who is a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee, condemned the Administration's handling of intelligence matters, particularly reports that China might have stolen nuclear secrets. A15

Blood Shortages Foreseen

NEWS SUMMARY

Blood donations are dropping so low that serious, nationwide shortages could hit as early as next year, researchers for a blood bank association warned. A12

A Concert for Whales

The National Marine Fisheries Service allowed an unusual event to take place in the waters of northern Puget Sound on Saturday night: the City Cantabile Choir of Seattle, using an underwater speaker system, presented an eclectic repertory that included Monteverdi's Vespers, Afro-Brazilian songs and "When the Saints Go Marching In" to an audience of killer whales. A12

NEW YORK/REGION B1-8

High-Risk Sex Practices And H.I.V. Infection Decline

Gay men in New York City have significantly reduced their levels of risky sexual behavior, and the number of men infected with the AIDS virus has dropped sharply in the last 15 years, city health officials said in issuing findings from the largest survey ever of gay men's sexual health. The survey was completed by 7,650 homosexual and bisexual men. A1

The Gay and Lesbian Pride March included, for the first time in its 30 years, an active-duty firefighter in blue dress uniform, and the Fire Department was recognizing Fireflag, a gay firefighters' group. B1

Charges in Bronx Rapes

The Bronx District Attorney's office said Rayshawn Aikens, 26, had been charged with four counts of rape, two counts of attempted rape, and robbery, burglary and unlawful imprisonment. The attacks, with three of the victims age 12, occurred in the Fordham area and the South Bronx. B3

SPORTSMONDAY D1-10

A Grand Slam Winner

Juli Inkster shot a 65 to capture the McDonald's L.P.G.A. championship by four strokes, becoming only the second woman, after Pat Bradley, to complete the modern career grand slam. Inkster also won the United States Open, the Nabisco Dinah Shore and the du Maurier Classic. D1

Playoff Decides Buick Classic

Duffy Waldorf defeated Dennis Paulson on the first hole of a playoff to win the Buick Classic. D1

U.S. Soccer Team Advances

The United States beat North Korea, 3-0, in the final match of group play in the Women's World Cup. D1

New U.S. Pole Vault Record

Jeff Hartwig set an American pole vault record of 19 feet 9 inches, and Maurice Greene and Marion Jones won their 200-meters finals at the United States Track and Field Championships. D7

OBITUARIES B7-8

George Papadopoulos

NEWS SUMMARY

The former Greek army colonel who led a bloodless military coup d'etat in 1967 that overthrew the parliamentary Government was 80. Ousted in 1973, he was convicted of treason and sentenced to death, which was later reduced to life in prison. B8

Marion Motley

One of the N.F.L.'s first black players of the modern era and one of its best fullbacks ever, he was 79. A star with the Cleveland Browns from 1946 to 1953, he was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. B7

Peter Abeles

A Hungarian who fled to Australia after World War II and as a transport executive became one of his adopted country's most powerful business leaders, he was 75. B8

BUSINESS DAY C1-16

Net Directory Effort Delayed By Political Wrangling

The protracted effort to introduce competition into the lucrative business of registering Internet addresses has been delayed for at least three weeks because of escalating tensions among the Clinton Administration, its handpicked successor for running the global network and the Government contractor that has had a monopoly on the business. C1

Milken Helps Finance Libel Suit

Lowell Milken, the brother of Michael R. Milken, is quietly financing a friend's libel suit against James B. Stewart, the author of "Den of Thieves" and its publisher, Simon & Schuster. The book, about the insider-trading scandals of the 1980's, presented critical portrayals of both Milkens but made only a brief mention of the plaintiff, a former lawyer for Lowell Milken. C1

Ripple Effects of Fraud Case

Insurance experts say the effects of a giant insurance fraud involving a Connecticut money manager are reverberating throughout the industry and that the first two corporate casualties, Capital Re of New York and Settlers Life of Bristol, Va., will probably not be the last. C1

Frontier to Weigh Qwest Offer

The board of Frontier, the fifth-largest long-distance phone company in the nation, is to meet today to discuss an unsolicited bid made by Qwest Communications International, a bid that is more complex than it may seem. C2

Stocks Higher in Tokyo

Stocks were trading higher in Tokyo today. At midday, the benchmark Nikkei index of 225 issues was up 176.11 points, or 1.01 percent, at 17,612.63. (Bloomberg News)

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Body

Ahern says Irish, British

must renew momentum

London

The British and Irish governments must give renewed momentum to the Northern Ireland peace process, Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern said Sunday as he called on all sides to help ease simmering sectarian tensions.

Ahern and his British counterpart Tony Blair have agreed to hold crisis talks on the 1998 Good Friday agreement in a bid to end clashes between rival Protestant and Catholic groups in Belfast.

Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble, who is also the province's first minister, lobbied the leaders last week for an emergency meeting as fresh accusations of **Irish Republican Army** activity threatened to split his power-sharing government.

Czech Communists find

new life with 41 seats

Prague

The Czech Communist Party staged a revival in the country's general election, winning nearly 20 per cent of the vote on a low turnout in Saturday's poll, its best performance since the Velvet Revolution.

Results confirmed Sunday showed the Communists took 41 seats in the 200-seat parliament, making them the third-largest party. But they are unlikely to be brought into a coalition government.

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The centre-left Social Democratic Party is set to lead the next government after it gained 70 seats. The right-wing Civic Democratic Party took 58 seats, fewer than expected.

Secret passage used to

strip abbey of rare books

WORLD REPORT

Mont Sainte-Odile

The discovery of a secret passage has explained how hundreds of priceless medieval books and illuminated manuscripts vanished from a monastery in eastern France in the past two years.

A French court heard last week that police caught a 32-year-old teacher who was carrying two suitcases as he emerged from the passage that led to the library at Mont Sainte-Odile abbey near Strasbourg.

The teacher, whose name has not been released, was carrying works from the bibliotheque. At his home, 1,000 more stolen books were found. All were undamaged, neatly stacked on shelves and catalogued by subject.

The culprit told police that he had no intention of selling the works, a course of action that would have aroused suspicion, given their rarity.

Conservatives in control

of parliament in France

Paris

The mainstream right won a huge victory in France's parliamentary election Sunday, forcing the Socialists to surrender control of the National Assembly and giving President Jacques Chirac more power than at any time in the last five years.

Conservative parties together won from 385 to 399 of the 577 seats in France's lawmaking body, exit polls showed.

The left, including the Socialists, the Communists and the Green party, won from 178 to 192 seats. The extreme-right National Front failed to win any seats.

Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy did not announce official seat counts but confirmed late Sunday that the left won approximately 180 seats, leaving the right with close to 400.

Faithful jam square to see

canonization of Padre Pio

Vatican City

Struggling against wilting heat, Pope John Paul declared the mystic 20th century monk Padre Pio a saint on Sunday.

Wild cheers from one of the Vatican's biggest crowds ever -- hundreds of thousands of pilgrims who jammed St. Peter's Square and the nearby streets -- greeted the announcement.

Padre Pio, whose hands were said to have bled for years, was considered the first priest in centuries to show signs of the stigmata -- the hand, foot and side wounds Jesus suffered when crucified.

Accused by some of being a fraud and scorned by many in the Vatican, Pio -- a Capuchin monk who died in 1968 -- attracted a huge following in Italy and abroad. His 1999 beatification drew one of the Vatican's largest crowds ever.

Italy's worst driver set

out to bump into women

Turin

An unemployed Italian from Turin has been charged with fraud, harassment and damage to property after allegedly orchestrating at least 500 car crashes in a doomed effort to meet young women.

WORLD REPORT

For the hundreds of women unlucky enough to meet him on the road, an encounter with Andrea Cabiale was a distressing and costly experience.

A minor bump, always apparently the woman's fault, was usually followed by an informal cash settlement and months of telephone calls and rejected invitations to dinner. When a number of victims complained to police of harassment, police searched his apartment and found 2,159 photographs of damaged vehicles and their female owners, all taken by Cabiale following his accidents.

An enormous address book was also found, containing hundreds of names and telephone numbers, all belonging to women aged between 20 and 40.

Skye's Black Cuillins sold

to pay for castle repairs

Edinburgh

One of Scotland's most spectacular mountain ranges is to be sold for about \$14 million Cdn.

The Black Cuillins, a series of jagged peaks that tower over the island of Skye, will pass into the ownership of an unnamed American by the end of the summer.

The mountains, which offer some of the most challenging and beautiful climbing in Britain, were put on the market two years ago by the chief of the clan MacLeod.

John MacLeod of MacLeod decided to sell the 22,300-acre estate, which has been in his family for 1,000 years, to finance roof repairs at Dunvegan Castle, the 800-year-old family seat.

His decision has met with fierce criticism from walkers, land reformers and mountaineers.

Liberia urges rebels

to lay down their arms

Gbarnga, Liberia

Liberian President Charles Taylor warned rebels fighting his government that they would not defeat him and offered an amnesty to those who surrendered their arms.

"Lay down your arms, take advantage of this amnesty, come out of the bushes, because through the grace of almighty God you will not win," the warlord-turned-president said Saturday at a rally in the central town of Gbarnga, north of Monrovia.

Gbarnga, a former Taylor stronghold during Liberia's 1989-1996 civil war, was captured by the rebels last month but was retaken by government soldiers four days later.

Vessel leaves for Antarctic

to rescue ice-bound ship

Cape Town

A South African ship carrying helicopters and rescue crews left Sunday for Antarctica where it will try to rescue 107 people on a ship trapped by ice.

After a nine-day journey, the South African ship, the Agulhas, is to meet up with an Argentinian icebreaker ship, Almirante Irizar, at the edge of the ice where they will try to free the trapped vessel.

WORLD REPORT

The Magdalena Oldendorff, the trapped German ship, was carrying 79 Russian scientists and 28 crew members to Cape Town from the Novolazarevskaya station in northeast Antarctica when it came across an ice drift blocking its path last week, said officials from Antarctic Logistics Centre International, which is co-ordinating the rescue mission.

The 18,000 tonne vessel headed back toward Antarctica and was waiting in Muskegbukta Bay either for rescue or for the ice to move out of its path.

Zimbabwe police disperse

opposition supporters

Harare, Zimbabwe

Zimbabwean police invoked sweeping new security laws Sunday, firing tear gas to disperse several hundred opposition supporters gathering to commemorate the 1976 Soweto uprising in South Africa.

In another sign the government's campaign against dissent was heating up, a state-run newspaper reported big new fees would be imposed on journalists reporting from Zimbabwe.

After firing tear gas, police charged the crowd with clubs at the gathering Sunday held at a public garden in Harare to commemorate the role youth have played in the fight for democracy in southern Africa.

Owner ordered arrested

after cafe fire killed 24

Beijing

Police ordered the arrest Sunday of the owner of an unlicensed Internet cafe where a fast-moving fire killed 24 customers trapped by iron window bars.

The 24-hour Lanjisu Cyber Cafe in the lively Haidian university district had been open for about a month and was operating without a licence, Xinhua said. Most of the customers were students who took advantage of the cheaper Internet access rates offered late at night.

The cafe owner was not identified.

Quake rumbles across

Indonesian province

Jakarta, Indonesia

A strong earthquake shook parts of Indonesia early Sunday, but there were no reports of injuries or property damage, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said.

The 5.7 magnitude quake struck Central Sulawesi at 7 a.m. and lasted for about 15 seconds. It was centred in the Sulawesi Sea, about 90 km southwest of the Central Sulawesi port town of Tolitoli, the agency said. It was also felt in the nearby Central Sulawesi towns of Palu and Donggala.

Patriotic slogans dominate

Cuban socialism campaign

Havana

Red, white and blue national flags and slogans in favour of Fidel Castro dominated street corners in Havana Saturday as the campaign got under way to collect signatures in support of Cuban socialism.

WORLD REPORT

Many people showed up early Saturday at more than 120,000 petition stations across the island. They will remain open from morning to night every day until noon on Tuesday to gather signatures from registered voters in support of a constitutional amendment declaring Cuba's socialist system is "untouchable" -- cannot be changed.

"This is the system that we Cubans want," said Maira Pena, a 35-year-old university professor, who signed in her Havana neighbourhood.

Vitamins E, C may help

counteract fast food ills

Washington

Researchers have found that high intakes of glucose and high-fat, high-calorie fast food meals both cause an increase in the inflammatory components of the blood.

They also found that an extra dose of antioxidant vitamins E and C can block this inflammatory response in the bloodstream.

The study was done with nine healthy subjects who had fasted overnight and then ate a 900-calorie breakfast consisting of a ham-and-egg sandwich and hash browns from a fast food restaurant.

Blood samples were taken before they ate and one, two and three hours afterward to measure the concentration of oxygen-free radicals, molecules that can damage blood vessel linings and of several blood components that encourage or inhibit inflammation.

On the Net: www.diabetes.org

Graphic

Father's day at The Wall: Cammie Olson, 37, of Richmond, Va., touches a rose to the engraved name of John Hill, of Van Nuys, Calif., at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial -- The Wall -- during a Father's Day ceremony Sunday in Washington. The red roses are for those killed in action and the yellow roses for those missing in action. Olson lost her own father, Second Lt. John Geoghegan, in 1965 in Vietnam when she was five months old. Associated Press photo: Kenneth Lambert

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Ahern wins Irish poll, coalition likely

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Body

With most of the votes from the general election counted, Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern's Fianna Fail emerged Sunday as the largest party in Ireland's Parliament.

But the party was expected to narrowly miss winning an absolute majority of the 166 seats in the lower house of Parliament. By Sunday evening, with just five seats still to be declared, Fianna Fail had 80, four short of the number needed to form a government without coalition partners.

Ahern said that a coalition between Fianna Fail and the small Progressive Democrat party was the most likely outcome.

"I think the Irish electorate will say that it makes a lot of sense to go back to the Progressive Democrats," he told Sky News.

The results also showed big gains for Sinn Fein, the political wing of the *Irish Republican Army*, with the party capturing a seat held by former Irish Foreign Minister Dick Spring of the Labor Party.

The IRA and Sinn Fein pursued for more than three decades a twin-track strategy -- described as employing both the ballot box and the Armalite rifle -- aimed at ending British rule in Northern Ireland.

The rapid surge of Sinn Fein came as somewhat of a surprise to the more established parties who were almost united in condemning the party as dangerous and their methods unlawful.

But none of this appears to have stuck as the party, led by the influential Gerry Adams, began to pick up crucial second- and third-preference votes in working-class districts across the country.

Ireland employs a system of proportional representation in multimember constituencies. Sinn Fein had one seat in the last parliament and will get five or more in the new one.

Sinn Fein -- pronounced "Shin Fayne" -- targeted blue-collar Irish voters with a populist anti-establishment message and campaigned on a wide range of issues that many of the other parties all but ignored.

Martin Ferris, a former IRA gunrunner who spent 10 years in prison for his part in trying to smuggle weapons into Ireland on board a fishing trawler from Boston, managed, to no one's surprise, to top the polls in the North Kerry area, ousting Spring.

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"We've run out of luck," said Spring.

He had inherited the seat in 1981 from his father Dan, who had held it since first being elected in 1943.

Ferris, a father of six had campaigned on a platform of no-nonsense politics and was solidly shored up by the huge Sinn Fein publicity machine, which has had considerable success over the years in referendums and elections in Northern Ireland and is now the largest of the parties representing the sizeable minority of Catholics there.

Traditionally Northern Ireland's Catholics -- mainly supporters of nationalist or republican parties like Sinn Fein -- have opposed British rule, while the slightly larger Protestant community -- the so-called unionists -- favor the province's union with Britain.

Ferris was a senior member of the Sinn Fein team, which negotiated and signed the 1998 Good Friday Agreement. The deal, which marked an end to the IRA's campaign of violence, established an elected assembly for Northern Ireland and a power-sharing executive on which both unionists and republicans sit.

Adams, while reminding everyone of Sin Fein's achievement in bringing more than 30 years of sectarian violence to an end and their crucial involvement in the Good Friday deal, has otherwise said very little about events in the north and has instead concentrated on issues more relevant to a population with no real comprehension of what life is like in the troubled province that remains under British control.

"There is a lot of negative comment about Sinn Fein, and the past is constantly being brought up about what we did then, but not very much about what we are doing now. And that is the difference between the other parties and us.

"We are constantly looking ahead, trying to see around the next corner, not sitting around having boring chats about days gone by. We have moved on, and we are all the better for it too.

"We are all about the future of social welfare, farming, health and housing and no one has yet come forward to challenge us on any of these issues; instead, they prefer to criticize and make as much noise about our past as they can," said Martin Horan, a Sinn Fein spokesman.

Attention then swung towards another part of the island, this time a run-down suburb in the capital, Dublin. Sen Crowe, a Sinn Fein candidate came first in the Dublin southwest constituency with a massive 7,466 first-preference votes.

Speaking after the result was announced, Crowe predicted that he would soon be joined by more of his colleagues when the Dail, the Gaelic word for parliament, was reconvened in early June.

Crowe is the first Sinn Fein member of Parliament, or TD, to have been elected in Dublin since Countess Markievicz; a legendary Irish female politician became the first-ever woman to have been elected to parliament, in 1927.

Sinn Fein -- which means "we ourselves" and whose name has sparked comparisons to the Sicilian Mafia "Cosa Nostra" ("our thing") by some of the party's fiercest critics -- has come a long way in a few short years.

It only formally recognized the Irish State and its institutions in 1986. Before that time, its members were forbidden to take part in any political activities in the Republic of Ireland.

It had already tasted success with the election of Caoimhghn O'Caolin from the Cavan-Monaghan border counties to the Dail in 1997. While O'Caolin has kept a relatively low profile in the political scene, he has been very active making new inroads for Sinn Fein at a socio-economic level and has been pivotal in identifying and exploiting weaknesses in the government's supposedly shock-resistant economic policies.

Ahern Sunday pledged to soldier on with his government's economic policies: a commitment to low income tax, pledges to cut corporation taxes, and the removal of those on the minimum wage from the tax net altogether.

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"We will continue what we were doing on corporation tax and that has to come down as well as our promises on the minimum wage. And make sure that that is tax free. ... It's not just a question of stopping what we're doing," he said to Sky News.

He once again stated that he would under no circumstances go into coalition government with Sinn Fein and anyway, the Irish constitution explicitly forbids any political party with a private army or militia from entering government.

Ahern knows that even if a coalition deal with the Progressive Democrats turns out to be difficult, there are still plenty of independent TDs who will be eager to help fill out his majority in return for a piece of the parliamentary pie.

But the real impact of Sinn Fein's success -- especially given that they are likely to end up with only 5 or 6 seats -- may well be in Northern Ireland.

The growth in support for Sinn Fein in the republic is likely to be seen as a threat by Northern Ireland's Unionists, many of whom have long been suspicious that the Good Friday Deal is only the first step on a slippery slope to a united Ireland.

The visit of the British Queen in the days before the election was seen as an effort to reassure the Protestant Unionist population which -- despite being in the majority -- often sees itself as under siege.

There has been increasing fragmentation of political and paramilitary groups on the Protestant periphery -- leaving some observers fearing an explosion of violence over the summer.

The so-called Marching Season will provide plenty of potential flashpoints. Northern Ireland's protestant population commemorate important historic dates -- such as the July 12 victory of the Protestant English king, William of Orange, over his Catholic rival James II -- by parading in traditional costumes and with marching bands along routes that sometimes pass through Catholic neighborhoods.

"It may be that while Sinn Fein does well in the south, it simultaneously creates more problems in the north by alienating Protestants with its victories in the Republic," said Jim Hynes, a veteran observer of politics in Dublin. "I wouldn't be surprised if the first item on Bertie Ahern's agenda will be how to shore up a disintegrating peace process in Belfast."

But in any election there are losers as well as winners.

The main opposition party lead by Michael Noonan, the Fine Gael, was seriously crushed in the election and was hemorrhaging seats all over the country.

Noonan took responsibility for his party's performance and quit late Saturday night, telling RTE television his position was untenable.

"I took over the party when there was an expectation of very serious seat losses. A lot of people pledged their faith in me to reverse the decline. I didn't reverse the decline," he told the state broadcaster.

Observers believe that Fine Gael is likely to lose as many as 20 seats -- reducing its role to that of a minority party unable to do its job as an effective voice of opposition.

Not that everything went completely according to plan during the election. A few prospective TDs were splattered by a couple of well-aimed pies, including the unfortunate Noonan and the counting of votes was disrupted in a few places. In the one of the only three areas where electronic polling booths were being road tested, the 7:30 a.m. opening had to be delayed due to a technical malfunction with the equipment, but was very quickly solved when someone found the correct button and switched it on.

In Castlebar in the west of the country, a computer containing Fianna Fail's election details at the count center was damaged by what was described as an "exploding beer barrel."

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The party's counters and accountants then had to revert to the tried and tested method of counting the votes by hand. Content: 11003000 11006000 11010000

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Body

They're going to have a blast at Carnegie Mellon's University Center tomorrow, and the public is invited to watch (tuxedos and gowns suggested).

The explosion of the student union is just the scene from a movie that's premiering during the campus film festival. But this particular entry is more than a film: It's a student extracurricular project of epic proportions.

Boldly billed as "the sequel to the movie that was never made," "Out of Courage 2" is the 27-minute result of months of effort by more than 150 students from different disciplines. And none of them is filmmaking, since CMU doesn't have a film program.

The movie is of the action genre, as is the story of how it was made.

The director and producer is an electrical and computer engineering senior named Jeb Wilson. But he's been focusing on a filmmaking career since last year, when he made the original "Out of Courage," the "trailer for the movie that was never made."

Completing that 16 mm film was the final for a class he was taking at Pittsburgh Filmmakers. For help, he enlisted his buddy and music composition major Adam Waite. Hearts racing from too much coffee and the trailer for "Armageddon" they'd just seen, they decided to create their own trailer for a stereotypical Hollywood action flick.

They can recite all the classic elements: Violence, romance...

"Quick cuts."

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"Powerful music."

"A narrator with a deep voice!"

Not, in this case, big budget. Their shooting was limited to eight weekends and was stopped a few times by security officers alarmed by guys running around campus with pellet guns.

But within the semester, "JEB CO Productions" wrapped up "Out of Courage." The date movie - or at least, this punchy preview of one - starred then-freshman acting major Stephen Fletcher as a CMU student whose courage in asking out the fetching female lead saves her life and the world from terrorists.

If that makes you feel as uplifted as the American flag at the end, let them tell you how their entry wound up drawing capacity crowds and winning Viewers Choice and Best of Show at the CMU film club's Film Fest 7.

Now comes Film Fest 8, and "Out of Courage" is back, with the subtitle, "Out for Vengeance."

Such a buzz did the original film generate around campus that "You'd hear people humming the music!" recalls acting major Joe Manganiello, whose roommate Arik Luck played the Irish Republican Army bad guy. Manganiello wanted to get in on the lights, camera and action, so he contacted Wilson with the idea to write the same characters into an expanded film this year.

Wilson, meanwhile, spent last summer interning in Hollywood with action-producer par excellence Jerry Bruckheimer, whose credits include "Armageddon," "The Rock," "Top Gun," and many others - "the coolest movies," as Wilson says with a grin.

Wilson mostly was a gofer, but he returned to campus inspired, and Manganiello's idea for "Out of Courage 2" grabbed him by the throat and wouldn't let go!

Wilson: "We just tried to completely overdo the first one."

Judging from the climactic fight scene and explosion, they have succeeded with this feature, which picks up the story five years later with some really bad news for Fletcher's character, Brock Jacobs. Manganiello is the new bad boy, a fanatical Russian named Ruslan Zmeyev. He buys a bomb from Luck's IRA terrorist so he can pursue his own evil designs for world domination - once again, via the renowned Pittsburgh campus.

"A ridiculous plot," Wilson says proudly.

The way this movie came together is even more unreal.

Wilson says, "I wanted it to be as big as possible," but he's gone beyond his overblown hopes.

Thanks to "OC1," "OC2" (as they're now known by insiders) attracted so many would-be actors that he held auditions. And unlike the first time, JEB CO actually had a crew - even a "best boy grip" - thanks to other students who volunteered to do whatever it took.

Manganiello: "There were people who agreed to do makeup for six or seven weeks just so they could get a line."

During shoots, held mostly in University Center - the student union - this January through March, extras stood around into the wee hours for nothing more than pizza.

"You put a little blood on them and they'll stay forever," says Fletcher, who really poured himself into this role.

Others contributed various talents. One student cast all the Russian rifles from plastic. Fletcher helped build, from plaster, the detailed 1/48th-scale model of University Center, which they wired with staggered charges to blow up so spectacularly (watch that park bench fly!).

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Actors with speaking parts include Mary Kate Schellhardt, a drama major who has appeared in "real" movies such as "Free Willy 2" (and who got permission from the Screen Actors Guild to play the female lead in this one). Playing her father and CMU's president is professor Gregory Lehane, who in real life is associate head of the School of Drama as well as a twice-E Emmy-nominated director.

"At this school," Manganiello says, "there are so many brilliantly talented people."

A recent edition of CMU News ran photos of the filming under the headline "Wonder Boys of Our Own," a reference to the real Hollywood film that's been shooting on campus this winter and spring.

"OC2" had a bit smaller budget, of course, but it still has a professional feel, thanks in great part to one huge break Wilson got: Through a drama alumnus he met, a New York camera company rented him a top-of-the-line camera package for free, instead of the \$ 50,000 it would have cost to use it for seven weeks.

The filmmakers did have a bigger budget than they thought they would this fall, when Wilson and Waite were awarded undergraduate research grants of \$ 1,500. .

As the OC2 excitement built, so did donations from other university sources, including President Jared Cohon and College of Fine Arts Dean Martin Prekop. The filmmakers ended up spending about \$ 12,000 - three times what they spent on the original.

This is not your typical student-made art film.

They're all having a blast with it, trying to be as authentically action-flick-oriented as they can. The movie already is listed on the Internet Movie Database (<http://us.imdb.com>), where an anonymous reviewer has breathlessly described it as "a true masterpiece of action, and suspense. The non-stop pacing of the film gives it an energy that pulses on the screen. "

There's even a realistic preview - "approved for all audiences by the Motion Picture Association of America" - that you can view at <http://www.contrib.andrew.cmu.edu/proj/film/oc2/oc2teaser.mov>.

You have to hear Waite's swelling music score, which he recorded in the Alumni Concert Hall with a volunteer orchestra and choir. Computer science major-turned-sound man Matt Sheby used the latest technological wizardry to help put it all together.

The highlight may be the rock anthem that plays while the credits roll, crooned by Luck in such dead-on style that it could go into rotation on Pittsburgh radio.

In fact, the filmmakers plan to eventually sell a soundtrack CD - complete with a techno remix of that song, "(With You Girl) I Can Always Fly" - and they'll be taking orders for videotapes, which they may even package with a copy of the full-color movie poster that yet another student created.

As for tomorrow's premiere, they're having family and friends in, and they want everyone to wear gowns and tuxedos.

What's next? "OC3: Student Loans Come Due"? Action figures? Fast-food kiddie meals?

"I'm still trying to figure out what to do with this," says Wilson, who is graduating. "I suppose I could send it out to agents."

They joke about sending it to Cannes, but they might be able to enter it in other festivals.

Meanwhile, they may try to get it shown to broader alumni or local audiences, who'll appreciate the scenes shot on location at familiar places like the Original Hot Dog Shop in Oakland (the movie credits "the staff of the ' O' as themselves").

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Manganiello, for one, thinks as big as his evil character:

"Look at ' South Park,' " the crude TV cartoon that became a huge cultural phenomenon. "I'm not saying that'll happen, but you never know."

Reel competition at film festival

"Out of Courage 2: Out for Vengeance" is one of about 20 films and videos from "Film Fest 8," the annual festival competition of Carnegie Mellon University's film club, called ["filmmaking@cmu."](#)

The student-made short works were selected from about 45 submissions. Seats for the festival - about 440 in Mc Conomy Auditorium in CMU's University Center - fill up fast. Tickets are \$ 2 for students and \$ 4 for non-students, and will be available at the door.

Depending on turnout, an encore showing may be next week. For more information, call 412-268-2107.

Graphic

PHOTO (2), PHOTO: Robert J. Pavuchak/Post-Gazette: CMU students and executive; film producers Jeb Wilson, left, Adam Waite and Joe Manganiello work on; editing their film "Out of Courage 2."; PHOTO: Promo poster shows "Out of Courage 2" is not a typical student-made; film.

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Body

IRA scraps more weapons to boost Ulster peace deal

BELFAST

For the second time, the **Irish Republican Army** has scrapped guns and explosives in a secret ceremony, North American weapons inspectors announced Monday.

The move bolstered the key achievement of Northern Ireland's 1998 peace accord, a Catholic-Protestant government that includes the Sinn Fein party.

Retired Canadian Gen. John de Chastelain, who has led Northern Ireland's independent disarmament commission since 1997, said he and his American deputy, diplomat Andrew Sens, had "witnessed an event in which the IRA leadership has put a varied and substantial quantity of ammunition, arms and explosive material beyond use."

David Trimble, the Northern Ireland government leader who has long battled Protestant hardliners opposed to Sinn Fein's participation in cabinet, welcomed the IRA move as evidence that the group would gradually surrender its entire arsenal.

And Trimble, whose Ulster Unionist Party has a narrow majority of the province's Protestants, said the IRA actions must spur outlawed Protestant groups "to start their own process."

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'Gloomy' Jospin sees polls now swinging against him

Paris

France's Socialists are rounding on their presidential candidate, Lionel Jospin, with less than two weeks to go before the first round of voting, accusing him of being stiff and out of touch.

Startled by the strong showing of President Jacques Chirac, Jospin, the prime minister, is being urged to revamp his image as an honest government steward with the razzle-dazzle that French voters like to see in potential presidents.

The French media have got into the habit of showing Jospin looking morose, while Chirac, cosseted by a sophisticated press team led by his daughter Claude, is rarely seen without a huge grin or a baby in his arms.

WORLD REPORT

UN officers wounded in bid to quell riot by Serbs

KOSOVSKA MITROVICA, Yugoslavia

Fourteen UN police officers were wounded Monday as they tried to quell a riot by hundreds of Serbs, a UN spokesman said.

The rioting began when UN police arrested Slavoljub Jovic-Pagi, a leader of a hardline group known as the "bridge guards," said Marko Jaksic, a leader in the Mitrovica Serb community.

The guards, a group of armed men, have in the past tried to prevent ethnic Albanians and Serbs from crossing a bridge that divides the city between the two rival ethnic communities.

Milosevic trial resumes after three-week break

THE HAGUE

The war crimes trial of former Yugoslav president Slobodan Milosevic resumed Monday after a three-week interruption that further set back the courtroom schedule.

A spokesman for the United Nations tribunal said Milosevic had fully recovered from the flu. His illness caused a two-week adjournment, followed by a one-week recess previously scheduled for the first week of April.

The judges ordered the hearing into closed session to protect the identity of the first witnesses, an action usually taken in the case of victims who fear retribution for their testimony.

Delegates meet in Spain to discuss aging world

MADRID, Spain

UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, taking advantage of his birthday, used lyrics from a pop tune Monday to open the UN World Assembly on Aging.

"I turned 64 years old today," he told representatives from 160 countries and international organizations.

"I therefore feel empowered to quote the Beatles' song and ask, on behalf of all older persons: 'Will you still need me, will you still feed me, when I'm 64?'

"I trust the answer is yes," he added to applause.

Globally, the population of people 60 and older is growing by two per cent a year, and seniors are expected to outnumber children for the first time in human history by 2050.

Delegates to the week-long forum are striving to complete a global document to guide policies for the rapidly greying planet, from providing adequate pensions and affordable health care to preventing discrimination and abuse.

Mandela seeks G-8 help in war against AIDS in Africa

PRETORIA, South Africa

Former South African president Nelson Mandela asked Monday for help from the G-8 countries in the fight against an AIDS epidemic that has hit the region hard.

"Let us have enough resources for us to address this problem," Mandela said after meeting Prime Minister Jean Chretien, who will host this summer's G-8 summit in Kananaskis, Alta.

Chretien is on a six-nation tour of Africa to prepare a plan for aid to the world's poorest countries.

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Mandela, 83, and still one of the most respected people in Africa despite his retirement from public life nearly three years ago, said he had no advice to offer Chretien in preparing the plan, adding the prime minister seems to have "clear thoughts."

Chretien made no comment during their joint appearance.

Mugabe rivals face threat in a government coalition

Harare

Direct talks between Zimbabwe's government and opposition opened Monday amid concerns that President Robert Mugabe's political rivals were in danger of neutralization.

Negotiating teams from the ruling Zanu-PF party and the opposition Movement for Democratic Change met in Harare, but the talks -- mediated by South Africa and Nigeria -- ended in deadlock after three hours. They will resume Wednesday.

Diplomats are forecasting MDC will come under immense pressure from South Africa to join a government of national unity, but that this could divide and destroy the opposition.

On the eve of the talks, Zimbabwe's army and police mounted a major operation to halt demonstrations. The weekend protests were banned under security laws, and 64 people were arrested for trying to participate.

Hong Kong ejects Chinese migrant for the first time

HONG KONG

A Chinese migrant was sent back to the mainland Monday, the first forced deportation since thousands of mainlanders were ordered to leave Hong Kong by the end of March after a court denied them residency rights.

Ng Ka-tun, 33, was muscled into a van and taken to the mainland after he failed to persuade immigration officials to let him stay several more weeks, said his sister, who did not want her name used.

The deportation came after Hong Kong security secretary Regina Ip warned that some 2,000 migrants staying illegally in Hong Kong would be deported in the coming weeks. Ng's documents allowing him to stay temporarily expired Monday.

Once close ally of Japan's PM may quit over scandal

TOKYO

A scandal-tainted legislator, who was once a close ally of Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi and a former leader of the Liberal Democratic Party, said Monday he would resign from Parliament over alleged misuse of political donations.

Koichi Kato, who had already quit Koizumi's party last month because of alleged tax evasion by an aide, was called before Parliament Monday to testify about that case and additional allegations he misused campaign funds.

During the testimony, Kato said he would resign from politics.

Kato, 62, has been under pressure to quit politics amid reports that he allegedly received political donations worth more than \$1 million Cdn in his personal bank account.

Six babies found dead in vacant Tokyo apartment

TOKYO

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The decomposed bodies of six babies, five of which were wrapped in bags, were found in a vacant apartment outside Tokyo, prompting police to launch a full-scale investigation Monday.

Housekeepers found the babies in the apartment's closet.

The apartment is located in Toda, a city 20 km northwest of Tokyo.

All six bodies were naked -- five wrapped in a half-transparent bags, one enclosed in a plastic case.

Local news media said police want to question a former female tenant who moved out of the apartment late last month.

After 100 years, workers lay first tracks in rail link

DARWIN, Australia

Workers began laying tracks Monday for a railroad that will complete Australia's long-awaited north-south rail link and provide a new trade route to Asia.

Officials gathered in Katherine, 250 km southeast of the Northern Territory capital city of Darwin, for a ceremony to mark the start of work on about 1,420 km of rails that will cross the desert Outback.

The \$1.3 billion Australian (\$1.1 billion Cdn) line, which has been planned for a century, will link Darwin -- Australia's closest seaport to Asia -- with the central city of Alice Springs, where it will connect with an existing railway to the southern coastal city of Adelaide.

Asteroid watch goes online for the worried

San Francisco

The prototype of "asteroid-casting" is now online. It's a NASA Web site -- neo.jpl.nasa.gov/risks/ -- that's tailor-made for those space fans, doomsday buffs and otherwise anxious souls who want to plan their busy lives around coming apocalypses.

Dubbed Sentry, it's billed as "an automatic near-Earth asteroid monitoring system."

Launched by NASA's Near-Earth Object Program Office at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, the site lists 37 asteroids whose orbits may bring them unnervingly close to Earth in the foreseeable future. The site ranks asteroids threats by their statistical probability of occurring.

Hurtling across the solar system at many miles per second, even a medium-sized asteroid could cause immense devastation across a wide region, akin to a small nuclear war.

Many scientists blame the extinction of the dinosaurs 65 million years ago on a much larger asteroid that hit Earth, triggering a devastating climate change and other eco-horrors.

Adventurers quit quest to drive across Bering Strait

ANCHORAGE, Alaska

Two British adventurers have abandoned their attempt to drive a customized amphibious vehicle across the ice and open water of the Bering Strait to Russia, a spokeswoman says.

Russian border authorities had threatened to arrest them, so Steve Brooks and Graham Stratford halted their journey Sunday near the U.S.-Russian frontier in the middle of the strait, said Celia Carey, who has been filming the endeavour.

The men started their Ice Challenger trek from the mainland Friday and reached Little Diomedé on Saturday.

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Brooks and Stratford have Russian visas. And an intermediary had got a letter of permission from the governor of Chukotka, the Russian state where they hoped to land. Organizers said they were baffled by the response.

On the Net:

www.icechallenger.com

Graphic

Cutting up in France: Hundreds of hairdressers carry dummies' heads and giant scissors as they demonstrate Monday in Paris to demand more flexibility in the 35-hour working week and less goods and services taxes. Associated Press photo: Francois Mori

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Body

Two hundred or so years ago, London was home base for an estimated 2,000 private gentlemen's clubs, a quintessentially English creation whose history has, in many ways, paralleled the evolution of modern British society.

Their members were largely employed in the same profession or at least were of like political persuasion, which, not unexpectedly, was reflected in the institutions' names: Arts Club, RAF Club, Reform Club, Public Schools Club and Press Club.

Other clubs had their own defined identity: Brooks was the famous gambling spot, where men were known to lose millions, and the Athenaeum was intellectually the most prestigious.

While one of the highest compliments was to describe someone as "very clubbable," one of the most painful humiliations a gentleman could endure was to be blackballed, or barred from membership.

And while few Americans have ever set foot into such clubs, most have a very accurate image right at their fingertips: that of wood-paneled libraries and reading rooms, an impeccably trained staff, fireplaces working overtime to ward off the damp, lush carpeting, portraits of the royal family, as well as club members by Royal Academy painters garnishing the walls, and mahogany furniture throughout.

One suspects that this image of the clubs, most of which are located in the West End, is due to the treatment by authors as diverse as Anthony Trollope, William Thackeray, Noel Coward, P.G. Wodehouse and Ian Fleming.

Although their numbers have dwindled dramatically, the gentlemen's clubs remain a cherished British institution, even though today many admit women and frequently advertise for members.

One of the more unusual clubs -- in that its members have always included women and children, and a good number of Americans -- is the Landsdowne.

Located just off Berkeley Square in Mayfair, the building itself was originally the home of the Marquess of Bute, who, in 1762 became George III's Prime Minister. Construction began in 1763 but due to financial problems, Bute sold the unfinished house in 1765 to Lord Shelburne for 22,000 pounds at a loss of 3,000 pounds. Lord Shelburne was made Marquess of Landsdowne in 1784, and the house was to remain in his family until 1929.

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The next few years saw several changes in ownership until May 1, 1935, when the Landsdowne Club made its debut, says General Manager Jonathan Gill. From the beginning it had the distinction of welcoming men as well as their wives and children. That open-mindedness earned the club a nickname, "the cock-and-hen club."

"We have some 6,000 members today, and there's a considerable waiting list," says Gill. "Members' occupations run the gamut from hairdresser to solicitor."

Gill adds that the Landsdowne is primarily a social institution, with its eldest member reaching 101 years. Children are allowed in the club after the age of 6, and junior members are admitted at the age of 16.

Members are afforded lodgings when visiting London, and local residents can enjoy the club's amenities, including an indoor swimming pool, fencing salle and squash court. The Landsdowne's dining room features smoked duck breast with kirsch and cherries, corn-fed chicken filled with Roquefort and celery, pan-fried skate wing with black butter and capers, and of course, whole Dover sole and grilled lamb.

Yet, in spite of its seeming unconventionality, the Landsdowne Club is an elegantly appointed Georgian edifice, from its grand ballroom to the Adam Room.

In 1988, the Landsdowne underwent significant renovations, including restoring several rooms to the Art Deco style that concurred with the club's opening in 1935.

There's American history here, as well.

In 1782, Shelburne, as prime minister, gave the United States its independence in a peace treaty crafted by Benjamin Franklin and signed in the Round Room. It remains virtually the only room in the house that is unaltered today.

However, most of the clubs did not evolve along the same lines as Landsdowne.

"Originally the clubs began as coffeehouses in the early 18th century," says H. George Hahn II, professor of English at Towson University in Baltimore, "and each was pitched to a particular group, for instance, the Whigs, Tories or merchants."

Lloyds of London got its start as a coffeeshop. The proprietor, a Mr. Lloyd, heard so many tragic stories of lost, stolen or damaged goods from the merchants who frequented his shop, that he diversified his work and got into the insurance industry.

"The social impact of coffeehouses, which evolved into what we call gentlemen's clubs, was immense," says Hahn. "Because only the eldest son could receive an inheritance, there were a lot of aristocratic men who had to seek their own way in the world."

But the name gentleman came from the common man. "In England, the highest form of commoner is the gentleman," notes Hahn, adding that the most exalted gentleman is the knight.

The upshot, he adds, is that men tended to marry late, after they had established themselves. Hence the clubs stepped in and provided virtually everything an unmarried man needed: a place to meet friends, collect one's mail, take meals and entertain. While most of the members kept a small flat elsewhere, it was for purposes of sleeping only.

Perhaps most important, the clubs were places to read the newspapers. Indeed, Joseph Addison and Sir Richard Steele began the "Tattler" and "The Spectator" at Kit Kat Club. "Oxford and Cambridge universities were at their lowest point in terms of academic achievement, and newspapers were simultaneously popularizing knowledge and were reaching more people," says Hahn. "Hence, the coffeehouses became known as 'Penny Universities.' "

Society was changing in other ways as well, becoming both more urban and more commercial. With that came a rising middle class made up of attorneys, financiers and international merchants. According to Anthony LeJeune's

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"The Gentlemen's Clubs of London," "to meet the demands of the rising middle class, the 19th century generated a whole flock of new clubs, larger, more grandiose, and more solemn."

Furthermore, adds LeJeune, the two club rules were that members pay their own way and behave in a discreet and well-mannered style. Much of those good manners included top-notch conversational skills, as well as at least a superficial knowledge of everything from accounting to zoology. "You had to be considered someone who was 'in the know,' " says Hahn. "But most important, you had to be witty to have clubbability."

Of course, from time to time, things did get out of hand.

LeJeune tells of a Lord Glasgow, who, "having flung a waiter through the window of his club, brusquely ordered: 'Put him on the bill.' " And during the 1970s, the clubs seemed to have been a favorite target of the **Irish Republican Army**'s wrath.

Their greatest days were during the 19th century, up through the first half of the 20th century. "Of course, there were reasons for this," says Hahn. "England was the most prosperous country in the world, virtually everyone was employed, and there was an abundance of wealth."

"And the Victorians loved to show their money, largely by being seen, and the best place to be seen was at the club," says Hahn. "A lot of men would be members of six or eight clubs and visit a different one each night. Lord Mountbatten was said to have had membership in more than a dozen."

Furthermore, since clubs all had their own particular personas, the clever, and well-financed, club-goer could choose a club to match his daily mood.

Nevertheless, after the end of World War II, club membership began a serious decline. Waiting lists, which a century earlier could be as long as two decades, were significantly shorter.

"After 1945, the Labor Party was running things, and it wasn't too favorable toward the clubs," says Hahn. "Another reason the clubs declined was that the war had cost the country a lot."

The decline had actually begun in the aftermath of the First World War.

"Many club members were killed at a very young age and didn't leave any sons to join," says Hahn. "Then there was the Depression in the 1930s, and many members had to cut down the number of their clubs or quit entirely. A number of the clubs merged because of falling membership."

Television was on the horizon, and wives were no longer quite so tolerant of having their husbands away from home several nights a week.

Today, an estimated 30 to 40 prominent clubs remain, many of which admit **women**, if for no other than economic reasons.

But Landsdowne's Gill begs to disagree. "The clubs really are thriving today," he says. "And most, including ours, have a waiting list that is several years long."

If you go

Green's Restaurant and Oyster Bar, London

* London visitors who desire a sense of club life should head for Green's Restaurant and Oyster Bar (36 Duke St., St. James, London; 011-44-20-7930-4566; best to write ahead for reservations). This wonderful little restaurant has all the elegance and panache that one associates with private clubs, yet Green's is utterly devoid of stuffiness. Indeed, the Green's staff here couldn't be more charming.

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Owned since 1985 by Simon Parker Bowles, Green's is a particularly popular place for lunch during the work week. Diners can eat at tables or slide into semi-private booths. On the wood-paneled walls are an assortment of framed reproductions of British cartoons, most of which energetically lampoon members of the gentlemen's clubs.

Green's menu includes traditional English dishes, such as bangers and mash with bacon and onion gravy (which translates to a pork and breadcrumb sausage served with mashed potatoes), whole Scottish lobster and grilled Dover sole. On the other hand, there's decidedly un-English fare such as seared tuna with guacamole and wasabi dressing and sesame-fried squid salad with sesame and chili dressing. For dessert Green's offers treacle tart and custard or an array of cheeses with such exotic names as Lord of the Hundred, Bath Soft, Cropwell Bishop Stilton, and Yarg.

For those seeking picnic grub, head to the Green's Web site (www.greens.org.uk). Here you can order up a hamper. Green's was rated tops in 1998 by The Times and full of culinary treasures like Taittinger Champagne 1992, Scottish smoked salmon, Sevruga caviar, Perigord brushes truffles, and Paxton and Whitfield potted Stilton.

And if you're heading off to the races, the Web site offers Parker Bowles' racing tip of the week.

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WORLD AT 0000 GMT:

NEW:

US-DIALLO TRIAL. Four white New York City police officers are acquitted of killing unarmed West African immigrant Amadou Diallo.

US-POLICE CORRUPTION. Man at center of LAPD scandal sentenced to five years.

CARIBBEAN-AIDS. AIDS explosion in Caribbean blamed on sex tourism, homophobia, poverty.

TOBAGO-AIDS ISLAND. Some blame tourists for AIDS epidemic in Tobago.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

ST. CATHERINE, Egypt Paths worn clean by millions of pilgrims lead from the Monastery of St. Catherine to Mt. Sinai, revered as the peak where God bestowed the Ten Commandments upon Moses. Pope John Paul II plans to reach the monastery Saturday and go no farther. At 79, he is now too old and ailing to attempt the trek. EGYPT-POPE. Moving by 0200 GMT. Pope scheduled to arrive at monastery 0800 GMT. By Brian Murphy. AP Photos XSL101, 104, 107, LON105.

ALBANY, New York Four white New York City police officers who killed unarmed West African immigrant Amadou Diallo in a barrage of 41 bullets are acquitted of all charges, a stunning end to a case that led to massive protests and raised tensions between police and minorities. US-DIALLO TRIAL. Lead has moved; developing. By Tom Hays. AP Photos NY112-120, XAB101, 119-120

ALSO MOVED:

LOS ANGELES The disgraced officer who revealed one of the worst police scandals in the city's history is sentenced to five years in prison for stealing cocaine. US-POLICE CORRUPTION. By Linda Deutsch. AP Photos CALOS101-102.

MOSCOW TV footage of bodies lying in a ditch, their ankles bound with wire, sparks international demands for Russia to investigate human-rights abuses in its offensive in Chechnya. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA-RIGHTS. Lead has moved. By Judith Ingram. AP Photos MOSB113-115.

ALSO MOVED:

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RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Russian soldiers, weary and demoralized, predict a drawn-out guerrilla war despite their commanders' claims that victory is imminent. New story expected by 1000 GMT. AP Photos MOSB101-106, NAZ101-102, 104.

MAKHACHKALA, Russia More than a month after being detained by Russian forces in Chechnya and then reportedly swapped to rebels in exchange for Russian prisoners, Radio Liberty reporter Andrei Babitsky surfaces in Russian custody in the republic of Dagestan. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA-JOURNALIST. Has moved. By Nabi Abdulayev. AP Photo MOSB117.

ALSO MOVED:

US-RUSSIA-JOURNALIST. The president of Radio Liberty urges the United States to press harder for release of its missing reporter.

TEHRAN, Iran A top Iranian official slams the United States for professing a desire for improved ties while pushing legislation to punish countries that help Iran's arms program. IRAN. Has moved. By Afshin Valinejad. AP Photos TEH103-105.

CHARLOTTE AMALIE, U.S. Virgin Islands Homophobia, sex tourism, infidelity and poverty are major factors causing a rapid spread of AIDS and increasingly infecting women in the Caribbean, international and regional health officials say. CARIBBEAN-AIDS. Has moved. By Jeannine Relly. AP Photos NY190-191.

ALSO MOVED:

BUCCOO, Tobago When the sun goes down, the tourists start to gather. A steel band strikes up sweet music. Young women, mostly white Europeans and North Americans, dance wildly with dreadlocked young islanders. It is from parties such as this, experts and officials believe, that AIDS can spread. TOBAGO-AIDS ISLAND. By Tim McDonald. AP Photos NY192-194.

LONDON Never one to give an inch in matters European, Britain nevertheless has followed a mandate from its European Union partners and reluctantly banished its 800-year-old imperial weights and measurement system in favor of metrics. The result has all but left Britons crying into their 0.5683 liter of beer. BRITAIN-METRIC MARTYRS. Moving by 0100 GMT. By Caroline Byrne. AP Photo XNAT101.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Monday, at the Hague, Netherlands, a trial of Bosnian Serbs accused of running several of the most notorious prison camps during the Bosnian war begins.

FEATURES:

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil Call it virtual preaching. A Catholic archdiocese in southern Brazil has found a novel way of spreading the faith: Free Internet service. FEA-Brazil-Church-Internet. To move as wire time permits. By Ana A. Lima.

FEATURES: Travel

COOKTOWN, Australia The reefs so feared by the explorer Capt. James Cook in 1770 are now a Mecca for scuba divers, snorkelers and scientists, part of the Great Barrier Reef that comprises the world's largest complex of coral reefs and islands. TRAV-AUSTRALIA-HISTORIC TOWN. To move as wire time permits. By Rohan Sullivan. AP Photo NY404.

NEW ORLEANS New Orleans is a place where people have always partied like there's no tomorrow. The fun is at its peak these days as Mardi Gras fever grips the city. But even on an ordinary day, Bourbon Street looks like a carnival. TRAV-US-Bourbon and Water. To move as wire time permits. By Alan Clendenning. AP Photos NY300-302.

With BC-TRAV-BOURBON AND WATER-TIPS.

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SAN ANTONIO To see another side of San Antonio, put on your walking shoes at first light and descend to the city's famed River Walk. Check out the small hotels and smaller cafes and walking tours seemingly not possible as you jostle for space on the River Walk's densest portion. TRAV-US-RIVER WALK. To move as wire time permits. By John Lumpkin. AP Photos NY400-406.

With BC-TRAV-RIVER WALK-TIPS.

NEW YORK New York's Museum for African Art has launched what it calls the first American exhibit devoted solely to African coiffures. In 'Hair in African Art and Culture,' hair is adorned with beads, coins, shells, feathers, wood and bone. TRAV-US-AFRICAN HAIR. To move as wire time permits. By Katherine Roth. AP Photos NY407-409.

Also Moving:

TRAV-Travel Briefs

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No major events added.

Saturday, Feb. 26:

Charlotte Amalie, U.S. Virgin Islands Republican primary, with George Bush favored to win. The territory sends four delegates to the party's nominating convention.

Gaza City, Gaza Strip French Prime Minister Lionel Jospin visits, winding up trip to Israel and Palestinian areas.

Sunday, Feb. 27:

San Juan, Puerto Rico John McCain is threatening to beat out George Bush in what would be a major upset for the traditional Republican power base in Puerto Rico. The U.S. Commonwealth sends 17 delegates to the GOP convention.

Oslo, Norway U.S. Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson and Norwegian Oil Minister Marit Arnstad meet to discuss global oil prices.

Dushanbe, Tajikistan Parliamentary elections.

Dublin, Ireland Start of two-day conference by the ***Irish Republican Army***-linked Sinn Fein party, in which members will consider the party's response to the lifting of powers to Northern Ireland's fledgling Protestant-Catholic administration.

Jerusalem European Commission President Romano Prodi arrives for two-day visit to Israel and Palestinian territories.

Kiel, Germany State election in Schleswig-Holstein. It is the first electoral test in Germany since the Christian Democratic Party's financial scandal broke.

Monday, Feb. 28:

The Hague, Netherlands Trial begins at Yugoslav war crimes tribunal of Bosnian Serbs accused of running several of the most notorious prison camps during the Bosnian war.

Cairo, Egypt Conference on the emerging African market, organized by the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Economic Forum and Euromoney Institutional Investors. Through Feb. 29.

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New Delhi, India Economic survey, annual report card of the Indian economy, to be released.

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Ousted deputy prime minister Anwar Ibrahim begins his appeal of a corruption conviction.

Moscow Chinese Foreign Minister Tang Jiaxuan arrives for two days of talks on deepening bilateral cooperation.

Brussels, Belgium EU finance ministers plan to propose German Deputy Finance Minister Caio Koch-Weser as the EU's candidate for the top post at the International Monetary Fund.

Linares, Spain Linares 2000 chess tournament with top grand masters. Through March 10.

Tuesday, Feb. 29:

New Delhi, India Finance Minister Yaswant Sinha presents budget to parliament.

The Hague, Netherlands French President Jacques Chirac arrives for two-day visit.

Wednesday, March 1:

Montevideo, Uruguay President-elect Jorge Batlle to be sworn in for five-year term.

Helsinki, Finland Inauguration of Finland's first **female** president, Tarja Halonen.

Kiev, Ukraine The North Atlantic Council, NATO's main governing body, opens two-day meeting, convening for the first time outside NATO headquarters in Brussels, Belgium.

Thursday, March 2:

Rome South Korean President Kim Dae-jung arrives for visit to Italy and the Vatican. Through March 6

Friday, March 3:

The Hague, Netherlands Yugoslav war crimes tribunal scheduled to deliver a verdict in the case of Bosnian Croat commander Tihomir Blaskic.

The Valley, Anguilla General election being held four years early in an attempt to end political squabbling.

Beijing China's top government advisory body, the China People's Political Consultative Conference, opens annual session.

Saturday, March 4:

Kuwait Start of Kuwait International Investment Forum, expected to draw more than 2,000 investors to review proposals from 75 countries. Through March 9.

Sunday, March 5:

Sohag, Egypt Murder trial scheduled to resume for Shaboob William Aarsal, accused of killing two men in southern Egypt. The case drew international attention because police investigating the murders were accused of torturing suspects in the murders.

Cairo, Egypt Mediterranean Development Forum, hosted by the Egyptian Center for Economic Development. Through March 8.

Beijing China's legislature, the National People's Congress, opens annual session.

WORLD AT 0700 GMT:

NEW:

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GUATEMALA-WOUNDS OF WAR. Commission's report may fall on deaf ears.

US-SLAVE LABOR LAWSUIT. Former POWs file lawsuit against Japanese companies.

MADAGASCAR-CHOLERA BATTLE. Battle erupts in Madagascar cholera epidemic.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

CAIRO, Egypt Hundreds of children from Roman Catholic schools gathered to wave greetings for Pope John Paul II. An ordinary sight on any papal visit. But in Egypt, there is something noteworthy. Many of the students were Muslims drawn to the schools by their strong academic reputations. EGYPT-POPE. Has moved. By Brian Murphy. AP Photos XDM101-104, XJD101-104, LON108-121, CAI101-103.

With:

EGYPT-CATHOLICS. In terms of population, Egypt's 200,000 or so Catholics barely make a dent in this largely Muslim country of 64 million. But they are a visible minority, with a deep history and highly regarded schools attended by the children of the elite. XJD105.

UVIRA, Congo On a lucky day, Albert Masuku may sell matches, women's underwear or toothpaste to anyone with a little extra money to spend on luxury goods. Yet Masuku says he still must pay half his daily earnings in taxes to the rebels struggling to maintain control over eastern Congo's mountainous terrain and increasingly restive population. CONGO-TROUBLED PEACE. Has moved. By Hrvoje Hranjski.

With:

UN-CONGO. Deployment of UN force for Congo a logistical nightmare.

KOSOVSKA MITROVICA, Yugoslavia Registration for ethnic Albanians wanting to return to their homes in the northern, Serb-dominated area of this ethnically divided town begins Friday amid protest from local Serbs who oppose the idea. KOSOVO. Has moved. BUJ101.

WITH:

NATO-KOSOVO. NATO's secretary-general issues a tough warning to "troublemakers" of any ethnic stripe in Kosovo, while his governing council studies a request for additional troops to be sent to the divided Serbian province. Has moved.

MESKER-YURT, Russia Acting President Vladimir Putin says he would be willing to hold negotiations with Chechen representatives, but only after rebels are destroyed or defeated. Federal forces meanwhile move closer to the last major rebel command post, the military says. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Lead expected by 1100 GMT. By Yuri Bagrov. MOSB101-103, NAZ101-103.

LEGAZPI, Philippines Hundreds of the 30,000 villagers evacuated from around Mayon volcano ignore warnings of new eruptions Friday and began returning home. PHILIPPINES-VOLCANO. Has moved. By Bullit Marquez. MLA101-110, LEG112-121.

GUATEMALA CITY One year ago, Guatemala's truth commission issued its report on the 36-year civil war. It told a horrific tale of death and destruction that haunts Guatemala's past, besieges the country's present, and it described a new beginning. But now, many in Guatemala say, all that remains are its horror stories. GUATEMALA-WOUNDS OF WAR. Has moved. By Will Weissert. AP Photo NY112.

ANTANANARIVO, Madagascar Madagascar's battle against a cholera epidemic is being complicated by a spat between the government of one of the world's poorest countries and an acclaimed international aid agency. MADAGASCAR-CHOLERA BATTLE. Has moved. By Katya Robinson. AP Photo ANT101.

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WASHINGTON President Bill Clinton says "it would be a terrible mistake" to reject a trade deal with China even though he acknowledges that Beijing poses a growing threat to Taiwan and has a poor record on human rights and arms proliferation. US-CHINA. Has moved. By Terence Hunt. BEJ101.

TAIPEI, Taiwan A great way for a Taiwanese presidential candidate to get a big cheer from the crowd is to hoist a huge white daikon radish over his head. But if the long root vegetable isn't handy, a big pineapple will do. TAIWAN-ELECTION LUCK. Has moved. By Annie Huang. NY190-191.

KADUNA, Nigeria On Monday, there was a war here. It began in the morning, when angry words over religious traditions turned to fistfights. By late afternoon, it was being waged with machetes, with human bonfires and finally with gunfire. A SUDDEN WAR. Has moved. By Tim Sullivan.

JERUSALEM Prime Minister Ehud Barak defends his foreign minister for pledging to exact retributions for anti-Israel attacks launched from Lebanon, "blood for blood, soul for soul, child for child." ISRAEL-SYRIA. Lead has moved. By Ron Kampeas. JRL105.

SANTA ANA, California Former British prisoners of war file a slave labor lawsuit against a Japanese company, using a recent California law that allows the filing of forced-labor lawsuits against foreign companies. US-SLAVE LABOR LAWSUIT. Has moved. By Chelsea J. Carter.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Sunday, Senegal holds a presidential election and Tajikistan holds parliamentary elections; in Dublin, Ireland, the **Irish Republican Army**-linked Sinn Fein party starts a two-day conference on the Northern Ireland peace process.

FEATURES: Arts and Entertainment

ARTS-US-OSCARS-WAJDA. Has moved.

ARTS-US-WALL STREET MOVIES. Has moved.

ARTS-SINGAPORE-PROMOTING THE ARTS. Has moved.

Also Moving:

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ARTS-US-Marcus Hummon. AP Photo NY349

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WORLD AT 1400 GMT:

NEW:

NATO-KOSOVO. NATO heads debate increased force in Kosovo.

RUSSIA-CHECHNYA-RIGHTS. Top human rights advocate discuss Chechnya.

IRAN-ELECTIONS. Big loser in Iran elections is ex-president Rafsanjani.

LEBANON-ISRAEL. Israeli jets attack southern Lebanon after guerrilla attack.

SWEDEN-ALCOHOL. Many Swedes pin their hopes on EU for looser alcohol rules.

PAKISTAN-INDIA-KILLING. Pakistan: Attack by Indian soldiers leaves 14 dead.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

CAIRO, Egypt Pope John Paul II celebrates the first papal Mass in Egypt Friday, touching on the sensitive issue of discrimination against Christians in the mostly Muslim nation. EGYPT-POPE. Has moved. By Brian Murphy. AP Photos XSL101-105.

With:

EGYPT-CATHOLICS. In terms of population, Egypt's 200,000 or so Catholics barely make a dent in this largely Muslim country of 64 million. But they are a visible minority, with a deep history and highly regarded schools attended by the children of the elite.

BRUSSELS, Belgium Ambassadors from the 19 NATO allies are expected to debate plans to reinforce the peacekeeping force in Kosovo in the light of renewed ethnic violence between Serbs and Albanians in the city of Kosovska Mitrovica. NATO-KOSOVO. Expected by 1500 GMT. Will expedite with meeting developments. By Jeffrey Ulbrich.

WITH:

KOSOVSKA MITROVICA, Yugoslavia Registration for ethnic Albanians wanting to return to their homes in the northern, Serb-dominated area of this ethnically divided town begins Friday amid protest from local Serbs who oppose the idea. KOSOVO. Has moved.

ALSO MOVED.

RED CROSS-KOSOVO. Red Cross reports nearly 3,000 missing in Kosovo.

MOSCOW Russian television on Friday broadcasts footage suggesting Russian troops have committed atrocities against Chechens. Meanwhile, Europe's chief human rights advocate meets with top Russian officials. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA-RIGHTS. Has moved. By Judith Ingram.

WITH:

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MESKER-YURT, Russia Chechen rebels fight desperately Friday to escape heavy Russian air and artillery bombardment near the southern town of Shatoi, one of the militants' last major strongholds. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Has moved. By Yuri Bagrov. MOSB101-103.

TEHRAN, Iran With final parliamentary elections results expected Friday, one of the biggest losers is former President Hashemi Rafsanjani, once Iran's best hope for economic revival but now branded a promise-breaker. IRAN-ELECTIONS. Has moved. By Vijay Joshi.

MUZAFFARABAD, Pakistan Pakistani officials accuse Indian soldiers Friday of crossing over the disputed Kashmiri border and massacring 14 villagers, including four children. India strenuously denies the claim. PAKISTAN-INDIA-KILLING. Has moved. By Roshan Moghul.

BEIRUT, Lebanon In renewed hostilities after several days of calm, Israeli jets strike targets in southern Lebanon in apparent retaliation for a guerrilla attack on an Israeli outpost near the border Friday. LEBANON-ISRAEL. Has moved. By Sam F. Ghattas.

LEGAZPI, Philippines Hundreds of the 30,000 villagers evacuated from around Mayon volcano ignore warnings of new eruptions Friday and begin returning home. PHILIPPINES-VOLCANO. Has moved. By Bullit Marquez. LEG101-105.

GUATEMALA CITY One year ago, Guatemala's truth commission issued its report on the 36-year civil war. It told a horrific tale of death and destruction that haunts Guatemala's past, besieges the country's present, and it described a new beginning. But now, many in Guatemala say, all that remains are its horror stories. GUATEMALA-WOUNDS OF WAR. Has moved. By Will Weissert. AP Photo NY112.

WASHINGTON President Bill Clinton says "it would be a terrible mistake" to reject a trade deal with China even though he acknowledges that Beijing poses a growing threat to Taiwan and has a poor record on human rights and arms proliferation. US-CHINA. Has moved. By Terence Hunt. BEJ101.

KADUNA, Nigeria On Monday, there was a war here. It began in the morning, when angry words over religious traditions turned to fistfights. By late afternoon, it was being waged with machetes and finally with gunfire. A SUDDEN WAR. Has moved. By Tim Sullivan. NY109.

SANTA ANA, California Former prisoners of war file a slave labor lawsuit against a Japanese company, using a recent California law that allows the filing of forced-labor lawsuits against foreign companies. US-SLAVE LABOR LAWSUIT. Has moved. By Chelsea J. Carter.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden The Swedish government has run up against an unusual lobbyist in its battle with the European Union to maintain strict rules on alcohol imports its own constituents. SWEDEN-ALCOHOL. Expected by 1500 GMT By Kim Gamel.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Sunday, Senegal holds a presidential election and Tajikistan holds parliamentary elections; in Dublin, Ireland, the **Irish Republican Army**-linked Sinn Fein party starts a two-day conference on the Northern Ireland peace process.

FEATURES: Arts and Entertainment

ARTS-US-OSCARS-WAJDA. Has moved.

ARTS-US-WALL STREET MOVIES. Has moved.

ARTS-SINGAPORE-PROMOTING THE ARTS. Has moved.

Also Moving:

ARTS-US-Weill Opera. AP Photos NY331

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A summary of news from The Associated Press. Some items have moved on this circuit in expanded form with "i" or "f" or "s" category codes:

CAIRO, Egypt (AP)

Pope John Paul II celebrated the first papal Mass in Egypt Friday, touching on the sensitive issue of discrimination against Christians in the mostly Muslim nation. The pope was greeted with cheers, emotional waving and song as he slowly made his way to the altar, dressed in white and gold robes. He responded by solemnly raising his right hand in greeting. He appeared tired at first, bowing his head and raising a hand to an eye during a lengthy introduction in a stadium usually used for squash and other indoor sports. His words as he began prayers in French were slurred, and aides held the text he read. His hands trembled when he later held the pages of his homily. The 79-year-old pope's slurred speech and trembling hands were symptoms of Parkinson's disease, a progressive neurological disorder. (EGYPT-POPE)

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP)

Two top generals, seeking reinforcement of NATO forces in Kosovo, briefed the alliance's ruling council Friday on heightened tension between Serbs and ethnic Albanians in the ethnically divided city of Kosovska Mitrovica. Gen. Wesley Clark, NATO's supreme commander in Europe, who appeared before the North Atlantic Council for the second time this week, and Gen. Klaus Reinhardt of Germany, commander of the NATO-led intervention force in Kosovo, spoke to the special gathering of allied ambassadors by videoconference. The Council was debating Clark's request to beef up the 2,500 troops already in Mitrovica, where tensions have been high for the past three weeks. (NATO-KOSOVO)

MOSCOW (AP)

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Russian television on Friday broadcast footage suggesting Russian troops had committed atrocities against Chechens, as Europe's chief human rights advocate met with top Russian officials. The film, which was supplied by the German television station N24, showed a pile of men's bodies in a ditch. The men's ankles were bound with wire, and at least one of the bodies was missing an ear. It also showed soldiers pushing a body wrapped in a blanket off a Russian armored vehicle, and a military truck dragging a dead man across a field. Russian TV networks said the pictures apparently showed captured Chechen fighters whom Russian troops had tortured and killed. (RUSSIA-CHECHNYA-RIGHTS)

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)

With final results of last week's parliamentary elections expected Friday, one of the biggest losers will be former President Hashemi Rafsanjani, once Iran's best hope for economic revival but now branded a promise-breaker. After the latest vote count Thursday, Rafsanjani had garnered just over 25 percent of votes, putting him in the 28th place in a slate of 30 candidates who will represent Tehran in the new Parliament. It was a humiliating result for a senior leader whose supporters had boasted he would win a majority of votes in Tehran and become a possible candidate for the powerful post of Parliament speaker. Only results from Tehran are pending from the Feb. 18 elections. (IRAN-ELECTIONS)

MUZAFFARABAD, Pakistan (AP)

Pakistani officials accused Indian soldiers Friday of crossing over the disputed Kashmiri border and massacring 14 villagers, including four children. India strenuously denied the claim. Several soldiers crept into Lanjod, a village barely 300 meters (yards) from the disputed border, and attacked villagers using knives, Pakistani officials said. The victims were in one house for a religious gathering where they were reading the Koran, the Muslim holy book and sharing food, said a report on the state-owned Pakistan Television. Five seriously wounded victims were taken to a nearby hospital, where one later died. Hospital officials said two of the 14 people killed had been decapitated. (PAKISTAN-INDIA-KILLING)

WORLD SPORTS AT 1400 GMT

SOCCER:

MANCHESTER, England Amid rumors that Inter Milan is prepared to bid dlrs 55 million for him, David Beckham is fighting to get his place back on the Manchester United lineup. The problem is, he may be ruled out anyway because of the ankle injury he suffered playing for England against Argentina.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Beckham Blues. Expected by 1430 GMT.

BANGKOK, Thailand Striker Pipat Thonkanya scores two first-half goals Friday to give Thailand a 2-1 victory over Estonia, setting up a final Sunday against Finland in the four-nation King's Cup soccer tournament.

Slug Sports-Soccer-King's Cup. Has moved.

By Patrick McDowell.

ALSO:

LOS ANGELES Sports-Soccer-Gold Cup. Has moved.

CRICKET:

BOMBAY, India The Indian top order fails once again to capitalize on a superb bowling attack and flounders at 75 for five on the second day of the first test against South Africa at the Wankhede Stadium on Friday.

Slug Sports-Cricket-India-South Africa. Lead has moved.

By Aryan Zane.

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BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS Brian Lara resigns as West Indies cricket captain, citing "the moderate success and devastating failures that have engulfed West Indies cricket" as the reasons, the West Indies Cricket Board announces.

Slug Sports-Cricket-Lara-Resigns. Has moved.

LONDON England cricketers return home after yet another defeat in a test series, convinced they are improving enough to beat the West Indies this summer. After all, the West Indians' confidence is at an all-time low and team captain Brian Lara has resigned.

Slug Sports-Cricket-England Returns. Expected by 1500 GMT.

RUGBY UNION:

WELLINGTON, New Zealand Jonah Lomu and Christian Cullen scored two tries apiece Friday as Wellington Hurricanes grabbed the first Super 12 victory of the season with a 40-23 win over Coastal Sharks in Wellington.

Slug Sports-RugbyU-Wellington-Sharks. Has moved.

ALSO:

CANBERRA, Australia Sports-RugbyU-ACT-Auckland. Has moved.

SKIING:

IGLS, Austria Renate Goetschl of Austria blazes down the Olympic course to win Friday's downhill and extend her overall World Cup lead with her fourth victory of the season.

Slug Sports-Skiing-Women's Downhill. Lead has moved.

By Nesha Starcevic.

TENNIS:

LONDON Top seeded Yevgeny Kafelnikov faces Fabrice Santoro for a place in the semifinal of the AXA Cup on Friday while Cedric Pioline meets Thomas Enqvist.

Slug Sports-Tennis-London. Expected by 1900 GMT

OKLAHOMA CITY American Monica Seles continues her comeback from a foot injury with another easy victory, beating France's Sarah Pitkowski 6-0, 6-0 in the quarterfinals of the \$180,000 IGA SuperThrift Tennis Classic.

Slug Sports-Tennis-IGA Classic. Has moved.

GOLF:

CARLSBAD, California A major scare for Tiger Woods. A walk in the park for Sergio Garcia. Despite the differences in their play, they accomplished the same thing in the Match Play Championship. They won.

Slug Sports-Golf-Match Play. Has moved.

By AP Golf Writer Doug Ferguson.

GOLD COAST, Australia Britain's Laura Davies lets rip with her driver and then celebrates with a round of high fives Friday after she takes a one-shot lead over her international rivals in the Australian Ladies Masters.

Slug Sports-Golf-Australian Women's Masters. Has moved.

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ALSO:

TUCSON, Arizona Sports-Golf-Tucson Open. Has moved.

ATHLETICS:

GENT, Belgium Romania's Gabriela Szabo opens her quest for a double at the European indoor championships, running the heats in the 1,500 and 3,000 meter races.

Sports-Track-European Indoor. Expected by 1800 GMT.

By Paul Ames.

TABLE TENNIS:

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia China and Sweden are now set for a classic Asia-Europe confrontation in the men's finals of the World Team Table Tennis Championships. Both countries steamrolled past their semifinal opponents in a clinical display of raw power, speed and finesse Friday.

Slug Sports-Table Tennis-Team Worlds. Lead has moved.

By Alvin Ung.

AUTO RACING:

NAIROBI, Kenya Tommi Makinen of Finland sets the pace in Kenya's 47th Safari Rally by being first off the ramp at the start of the first leg Friday.

Slug Sports-Auto Racing-Kenya-Safari Rally. Has moved.

ALSO:

MONTREAL Sports-Ice Hockey-NHL Roundup. Has moved.

UNDATED Sports-Basketball-NBA Roundup. Has moved.

UNDATE Sports-Baseball-Spring Training Roundup. Has moved.

TAMPA, Florida Sports-Baseball-Yankees-Strawberry. Has moved.

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WORLD SPORTS AT 0000 GMT

SOCCER:

STOKE-ON-TRENT, England Fans at every soccer ground in England will observe a minute's silence Saturday while some 100,000 people are expected to line the streets for Stanley Matthews' funeral in his home city.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Matthews Funeral. Has moved.

COPENHAGEN, Denmark The six Nordic nations Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Norway, Iceland and the Faeroe Islands are interested in co-hosting the European soccer Championship in 2008.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Euro 2008-Nordic. Has moved.

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NYON, Switzerland Portugal's national goalkeeper is banned for four matches for literally moving the goalposts during a crucial futsal soccer match against Italy.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Futsal. Has moved.

ALSO:

MANCHESTER, England Slug Sports-Soccer-Beckham Blues. Has moved.

BERLIN Sports-Soccer-German Roundup. Has moved.

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands Sports-Soccer-Netherlands-Roundup. Has moved.

ATHLETICS:

GHENT, Belgium Gabriela Szabo ends her bid for double gold at the European Indoor championship, pulling out of the 1,500 meters to concentrate on the 3,000 where she qualifies easily for the final.

Slug Sports-Track-European Indoors. Has moved.

By Paul Ames.

GHENT, Belgium The new IAAF president backs ideas to overhaul several events to make athletics more exciting in the face of competition from other sports.

Slug Sports-Track-IAAF-New Ideas. Has moved.

SAILING:

AUCKLAND, New Zealand America's Cup defender Team New Zealand and Italian challenger Prada line up again Saturday for Race 3, which was postponed Thursday due to a lack of wind on the Hauraki Gulf.

Slug Sports-Sailing-America's Cup. Race scheduled to start at 0015 GMT.

OLYMPICS:

LAUSANNE, Switzerland The world's leading drug control laboratories restate the need for tight controls on the banned steroid nandrolone, which has produced a recent spate of positive results in top athletes.

Slug Sports-Olympics-Doping. Has moved.

ALSO:

VENTURA, California Slug Sports-Olympics-Huish Charged. Has moved.

CRICKET:

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand Australia, seeking a 13th straight one-day win, plays New Zealand on Saturday.

Slug Sports-Cricket-New Zealand-Australia. Expected by 0800 GMT.

KINGSTON, Jamaica Wavell Hinds' second career century at the first-class level helps Jamaica reach 219 for the loss of two wickets at the end of first day play in the Busta Cup finals match with the Leeward Islands.

Slug Sports-Cricket-Jamaica-Leewards. Has moved.

By Howard Campbell.

TENNIS:

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LONDON Top seeded Yevgeny Kafelnikov outplays Fabrice Santoro in the AXA Cup on Friday to set up a semifinal showdown with crowd favorite Greg Rusedski.

Slug Sports-Tennis-London. Has moved.

By Robert Millward.

ALSO:

MEXICO CITY Sports-Tennis-Mexican Open. Expected by 0300 GMT.

OKLAHOMA CITY Sports-Tennis-IGA Classic. Expected by 0500 GMT.

FIGURE SKATING:

OSAKA, Japan Defending champion Takeshi Honda of Japan, three-time world champion Elvis Stojko of Canada and five-time U.S. champion Todd Eldredge highlight the men's short program at the Four Continents Figure Skating Championships.

Slug Sports-Figure Skating-Four Continents. Expected by 1200 GMT.

By K.P. Hong.

GOLF:

CARLSBAD, California Tiger Woods and Japan's Shigeki Maruyama, the only players to advance to the third round in both years of the Match Play Championship, play each other.

Slug Sports-Golf-Match Play. Expected by 0100 GMT.

By Doug Ferguson.

GOLD COAST, Australia Laura Davies has a one-shot lead over Australia's Karrie Webb heading into Saturday's third round of the Australian Ladies Masters.

Slug Sports-Golf-Australian Ladies Masters. Expected by 1200 GMT.

ALSO:

TUCSON, Arizona Sports-Golf-Tucson Open. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Mel Reisner.

BOXING:

NEW YORK Derrell Coley isn't bashful about what he will do to Oscar De La Hoya.

Slug Sports-Boxing-De La Hoya-Coley. Has moved.

By Barry Wilner

ALSO:

IGLS, Austria Slug Sports-Skiing-**Women's** Downhill. Has moved.

CASTELLON, Spain Sports-Cycling-Valencia Tour. Has moved.

DES MOINES, Iowa Sports-Football-Arena Football-Canceled. Has moved.

NEW YORK Sports-Basketball-NBA Roundup. Expected by 0700 GMT.

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NEW YORK Sports-Ice Hockey-NHL Roundup. Expected by 0700 GMT.

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Body

American ground troops move into Afghanistan

WASHINGTON (AP) - A handful of U.S. special forces are operating in southern Afghanistan, a government official said Friday, opening a significant new phase in America's military response to terrorist attacks.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld had said Thursday that airstrikes alone will not be enough to rid Afghanistan of the al-Qaida terrorist network. Ground forces will be needed to root out Osama bin Laden and other terrorists and the Taliban that shelter them, the secretary said, though he made no explicit reference to U.S. ground forces.

A senior government official said Friday that a small number of U.S. forces were supporting efforts by the intelligence community to undermine the Taliban regime.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said military action in Afghanistan could increase significantly in coming days though there will never be a conventional force the size of that used in the Persian Gulf War.

Postal carrier contracts anthrax; FBI tries to trace origin

WASHINGTON (AP) - Federal investigators are trying to track anthrax-laden letters back to their point of origin as a New Jersey postal carrier who may have handled the envelopes tested positive for the disease.

Authorities offered \$1 million for information leading to the arrest of those who sent the anthrax.

The **female** letter carrier who may have handled the envelopes sent to NBC News anchorman Tom Brokaw in New York City and Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle in Washington worked out of the West Trenton, N.J., local post office facility. She and a CBS News employee who opens Dan Rather's mail in New York brought to six the number of people infected with the disease since Oct. 4, including a Florida man who died.

The Washington Post reported in Friday's editions that FBI agents were tracing the mail route of the **female** letter carrier, who had contracted cutaneous, or the skin form, of anthrax, suggesting the anthrax-laced letters may have come from her route.

Airstrikes ease on Muslim holy day

AP News in Brief

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) - U.S. jets briefly eased round-the-clock bombardment of Kabul's capital after a pre-dawn pounding Friday, the Muslim holy day. In Washington, a U.S. official confirmed that American special forces were now on the ground in southern Afghanistan.

The handful of U.S. special-forces troops were supporting intelligence work in the south, working to undermine the Taliban regime, the U.S. government official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

In neighboring Pakistan, the Taliban Embassy's spokesman said Afghanistan's Islamic leaders had no information American ground troops had arrived - but challenged them to come on.

"Fifteen or 20 troops will be able to do nothing," embassy spokesman Sohail Shaheen said in Islamabad, the Pakistan capital.

"If they want to send in soldiers they should send in 100,000," Shaheen said. "Then it can be a fight between our soldiers and theirs. Now it is just a war against civilians."

On the 13th day of the campaign, U.S. pilots returned overnight for new strikes at Kabul.

Other attacks hit Kandahar, the Taliban's southern headquarters, and the eastern city of Jalalabad, one of several provinces where bin Laden's al-Qaida organization has outposts.

Jiang cautions Bush about bombing precision in Afghanistan

SHANGHAI, China (AP) - President Bush and Chinese President Jiang Zemin declared themselves partners in the war on terrorism Friday, although Jiang cautioned that the U.S. air war in Afghanistan must be aimed at clearly defined targets to "avoid innocent casualties."

"President Jiang and the government stand side by side with the American people as we fight this evil force," Bush said after his first face-to-face meeting with his Chinese counterpart.

Bush came here at a time when the sometimes volatile Sino-American relations are on the upswing, but both leaders alluded in a joint news conference to lingering differences.

"The war on terrorism must never be an excuse to persecute minorities," Bush said, an apparent reference to China's treatment of the restive Uighur population in China's northwest Xinjiang region.

Bush said he also stressed the need "to combat the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and missile technology." On Sept. 1, the State Department imposed sanctions on a Chinese arms producer for allegedly selling missile technology to Pakistan in violation of a U.S.-Chinese agreement.

Thousands protest outside U.S. and British Embassies in Indonesia

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - Thousands of demonstrators rallied outside the heavily guarded U.S. and British embassies on Friday to protest U.S.-led attacks in Afghanistan.

Police estimated that between 5,000 to 6,000 marched through downtown Jakarta.

The peaceful protest, organized by a small Muslim political party, was the biggest in a series of anti- U.S. protests in Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim nation, in recent weeks.

Hundreds of riot police stood guard behind rows of razor wire. Protesters held up banners that read: "The real terrorists are America and its allies" and "Stop the war."

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The protest took place as Indonesian President Megawati Sukarnoputri was to arrive in the Chinese city of Shanghai for a summit of Asian Pacific leaders, where she is expected to meet President Bush. The two met for the first time at the White House a few days after the Sept. 11 attacks. At that time, she pledged her support for Bush's war on terrorism. However, she has been under increasing pressure to condemn the bombings in Afghanistan, which critics say have killed Muslim civilians.

Israeli tanks enter Palestinian towns after militia leader killed

JERUSALEM (AP) - Israeli tanks and troops moved into Bethlehem and Beit Jalla in the West Bank early Friday after a Palestinian militia leader was killed in a bomb blast blamed on Israel, a new upsurge in violence despite U.S. appeals for calm.

Atef Abayat, local leader of the Tanzim militia in Bethlehem, died Thursday, along with two other members of his militia in a huge explosion in his car. Within an hour, Palestinian gunmen opened fire at the Jewish neighborhood of Gilo, built on war-won land annexed to Jerusalem. Israeli tanks started rolling into Palestinian territory after midnight.

The Israeli forces took control of hills and houses in Beit Jalla to stop the firing, according to the Israeli military. Soldiers and armed Palestinians exchanged gunfire.

Doctors said seven Palestinians were wounded, three critically, in Israeli fire at Beit Jalla, Bethlehem and another nearby town, Beit Sahour.

In the West Bank town of Ramallah, a Palestinian security officer was killed Friday in a clash with Israeli forces, Palestinian officials said. The Israeli military was checking the report.

In Gaza, a 13-year-old Palestinian boy was killed when a shell he was playing with exploded, doctors and relatives said. They said an Israeli tank fired the shell overnight at the Khan Younis refugee camp.

Ulster Unionists resign from Northern Ireland government

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) - British and Irish government officials were meeting Friday in an attempt to bridge a new fissure in the Northern Ireland peace process, after the province's largest Protestant party quit the unity government over the **Irish Republican Army's** failure to disarm.

The resignation of the Ulster Unionist Party ministers took effect at midnight, and the British government now has a week to decide whether to suspend the troubled experiment in Catholic-Protestant cooperation.

Britain's secretary of state for Northern Ireland, John Reid, was meeting Irish Foreign Minister Brian Cowen in Dublin for talks on the crisis Friday.

The three Ulster Unionist Cabinet ministers handed in their resignation letters Thursday.

Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble, who resigned in July as the government's leader, said his party had spent 18 months operating a coalition that included militant Catholics from Sinn Fein. However, the party's IRA allies had failed to meet their end of the bargain by disarming.

Cheney visits workers at trade center site

AP News in Brief

NEW YORK (AP) - Helicopters hovered over the financial district to guard Vice President Dick Cheney as he spoke with workers at the World Trade Center wreckage for the first time.

"I'm trying to think if there's anything I've ever seen that rivals this," Cheney said Thursday as he walked through the trade center site wearing a red-white-and-blue hard hat.

Accompanied by New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Gov. George Pataki, Cheney shook hands with firefighters, signed construction hats for the workers, and talked about how he had watched the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks unfold from the White House.

The visit, one of the few public appearances Cheney has made since the attacks, was just part of the background for students at nearby Stuyvesant High School who worry that the still-smoldering debris has been making them and their teachers ill.

About 80 of the school's 3,200 students and teachers have complained about headaches, nausea, sore throats and trouble breathing. Several students were wearing respirator masks at school Thursday.

One of four bodies recovered from sunken Japanese ship identified

HONOLULU (AP) - Divers have recovered four bodies from the wreckage of a sunken Japanese fishing ship that was rammed in February by an American military submarine.

The third and fourth bodies were brought to the surface from the Ehime Maru on Thursday, the same day the body of the first high school student pulled from the wreckage was identified through dental records.

Naval authorities and the Japanese consulate notified the family of Katsuya Nomoto, 17, that his body had been found and removed from the fisheries training vessel late Wednesday. The city medical examiner said the cause of death was drowning.

Yankees dock Mariners 3-2 in Game 2

SEATTLE (AP) - After six days and four cross-country flights, the New York Yankees have gone from the verge of first-round elimination to a streak leading to a possible fourth straight World Series trip.

Everything has changed for Seattle, too. Those 116 regular-season wins have become a tightening noose around their necks, no longer a mighty accomplishment, now merely a burden.

"We just have to keep doing whatever we're doing," Mariano Rivera said after completing Thursday's 3-2 win over the Mariners.

Slumping Scott Brosius sparked a three-run second inning, Mike Mussina slid by without his best stuff and Rivera got his 22nd straight postseason save.

Freddy Garcia, who got the Mariners' only two wins over New York in last year's ALCS, pitched on three days' rest for just the second time in his career. He allowed five of his first 10 batters to reach and couldn't escape a second-inning jam.

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Body

Paisley's party has edge in North Ireland elections

Belfast

Voters cast their ballots Wednesday to choose a new Northern Ireland Assembly, but many doubted the results would breathe new life into the suspended Catholic-Protestant government.

Analysts forecast a surge of Protestant support for the Democratic Unionist Party led by Ian Paisley. The anti-Catholic firebrand vows to block any new power-sharing administration involving Sinn Fein, the party linked to the **Irish Republican Army** and backed by an increasing number of Catholics.

Even the Ulster Unionists, although part of a previous coalition including Sinn Fein, now say they won't repeat the experience unless the IRA renounces violence and fully disarms.

Given the Protestant resistance, the British government has signalled that it will wait weeks, or perhaps months, to convene the new assembly.

Compiled from Star News Services

Results for all 108 seats will be announced Friday.

Prosecutors say 46-year sentence is not enough

The Hague

Arguing that 46 years in prison is too lenient, prosecutors asked an appeals court of the UN war crimes tribunal Wednesday for a life sentence for the only man convicted of genocide in the Balkan wars.

Bosnian Serb Gen. Radislav Krstic, 55, also appealed both his conviction and the sentence handed down by the tribunal in August 2001. His defence lawyers sought a reduction in the sentence, arguing it was never proven beyond doubt that Krstic knew the 1995 massacre of Bosnian Muslims in Srebrenica was being carried out by his troops.

The defence also sought a mistrial, arguing that prosecutors failed to provide advance disclosure of evidence that would have been in Krstic's favour.

WORLD REPORT

Between 7,000 and 8,000 Muslim men and boys were killed in Srebrenica in what was the worst slaughter of civilians in Europe since the Second World War.

Town looks at new name to make Mafia tie go away

Rome

Moves to change the name of the Sicilian town of Corleone to rid it of its Mafia associations are sharply dividing the community.

The initiative to rename the town, population 12,000, is the idea of an association of local professionals, who complain that the existing name is a Mafia byword.

They are as tired of being linked to the Corleone family of the Godfather books and films as they are to the bloodthirsty, real-life clan of the same name.

The association has suggested restoring the original name of Cuor di Leone (Lion's Heart).

But its campaign has been greeted by criticism.

Even Pippo Cipriani, the former left-wing mayor who once wrote to Mario Puzo, the author of The Godfather, complaining that he had unfairly "exported throughout the world the cliché that Corleone is the capital of the Mafia," was opposed.

"It's madness," said the current centre-right mayor, Nicolo Nicolosi.

Turkish court charges suspected accomplices

Istanbul

A Turkish court on Wednesday charged at least three suspects, two of them women, with involvement in last week's deadly suicide bombings in Istanbul.

The new arraignments bring to at least 18 the number of people charged as accomplices to the two suicide bombers who on Nov. 20 blew up trucks outside the British Consulate and a British-owned bank. Six others were earlier charged in the Nov. 15 attacks on two synagogues in Istanbul.

The two days of bombings, carried out by four suicide bombers driving explosive-packed trucks, killed a total of 57 people.

Officials have blamed Turkish militants backed by international assistance, possibly from al-Qaida.

EU redraft ends right of foreign policy veto

Brussels

A change of wording in the latest draft of the European Constitution published Wednesday would strip nations of their veto in all foreign policy.

Ignoring warnings that the British government is prepared to veto the text unless major changes are made, legal experts in Brussels and Rome have stepped up the pressure on Britain and offered little beyond "declaratory" gestures in the fields of taxation, social security, criminal justice and energy policy.

The latest version, released in advance of a tough bargaining session in Naples this weekend, empowers the EU to decide foreign policy by qualified majority voting for the first time.

Jordanian in terror plot gets four years in jail

WORLD REPORT

Duesseldorf, Germany

A Jordanian convicted of helping plot terror attacks against Jewish targets in Germany received a lenient four-year prison sentence Wednesday after providing insights into his radical Islamic group and its links to al-Qaida.

Shadi Abdellah, 27, a Palestinian with Jordanian citizenship who once was a bodyguard for Osama bin Laden, was one of nine suspected members of the Al Tawhid terror group arrested in Germany last year on suspicion of plotting imminent attacks.

The Duesseldorf state court said the sentence -- less than half the maximum of 10 years -- rewarded Abdellah for his testimony on the Al Tawhid cell, its planned targets and the months he spent as a "confidant" among bin Laden and other top al-Qaida members in Afghanistan.

Atomic agency censures Iran for past coverups

Vienna

The United Nations atomic agency censured Iran Wednesday for 18 years of secrecy, issuing a resolution that the agency's head said gives him more muscle in policing the country for evidence of nuclear weapons ambitions.

Warning Tehran to stay in line, Mohamed ElBaradei, director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency, said the measure sends an "ominous message that failures in the future will not be tolerated."

The text, adopted by the 35-country board of governors of the IAEA, was weaker than the U.S. had sought.

It avoided a direct mention of the UN Security Council -- which has the power of imposing sanctions -- to allow for compromise between the U.S. administration and key European powers seeking weaker wording.

Minister tells Chirac not to stand for re-election

Paris

President Jacques Chirac is facing a palace coup after his chief party rival warned him not to run for re-election in 2007 but instead to let "democracy breathe again."

Nicolas Sarkozy, appointed interior minister 18 months ago, told a private audience that France should introduce term limits.

His remarks cut right to Chirac's greatest weaknesses: his age, growing decrepitude and a sense among voters that he is washed up, too comfortable in his trappings and disinterested in domestic problems.

Chirac would like to stand for re-election to a third presidential term in 2007 when he will be 74. He is doing all he can to minimize the issue of his age.

Villagers celebrate first full ceasefire in 14 years

New Delhi

Villagers on both sides of the India-Pakistan border celebrated Wednesday the first full truce in 14 years between the armies of the nuclear-armed neighbours, visiting relatives and places of worship.

The ceasefire, which began at midnight Tuesday, does not cover Indian security forces and Islamic militants in Kashmir.

But there was no firing Wednesday along any part of the 1,126-km frontier, said Indian army headquarters.

The start of the ceasefire coincided with the Eid-al-Fitr festival that ended Ramadan and there was not even any celebratory gunfire to mark the holiday, officials said.

WORLD REPORT

Mick Jagger criticized for holidaying in Myanmar

Bangkok

Mick Jagger has come under fire from campaigners for democracy after taking a holiday in military-controlled Myanmar, either in defiance or ignorance of widespread calls for a tourism boycott.

The 60-year-old Rolling Stone arrived by private plane last Friday and left on Tuesday, 7-Day News magazine reported Wednesday.

Aung San Suu Kyi, Burma's opposition leader and Nobel Peace laureate who is being held in detention, has repeatedly asked foreigners not to visit.

She argues tourism legitimizes and enriches the ruling generals, while staying away applies pressure to bring them to the negotiating table.

The British government has urged its citizens and travel companies to steer clear of Myanmar because of its "well-documented cases of human rights abuses associated with the tourism industry," including forced labour to build roads and hotels and forcible relocation of communities.

Judge jails conman, 82, for defrauding state

Melbourne, Australia

A judge paid tribute Wednesday to an 82-year-old fraudster's resilience, then jailed him for 30 months.

Raymond Lewis Oughton was convicted of defrauding the government to the tune of 270,000 Australian dollars (about \$254,000 Cdn) by claiming benefits for an elderly couple he invented back in the 1970s.

He had pleaded guilty to 11 counts of fraud at an earlier hearing.

"One cannot help but admire your resilience," Victoria state County Court judge Michael Strong told Oughton, who has been handed a total of 22 prison sentences since doing time for the first time in 1939.

"But I have to say you are one of the most dishonest and disreputable individuals I have been called upon to sentence," Strong added.

Oughton will likely serve just 10 months before being paroled.

Israel defiant as U.S. cuts back on loan guarantees

Washington

Israel Wednesday brushed aside a \$380-million Cdn punishment from the Bush administration. The money was cut from loan guarantees to signal disapproval of settlement building and the security fence in the West Bank.

Zalman Shoval, a senior adviser to Ariel Sharon, the prime minister, said Israel would continue building the barrier with or without punitive loan guarantee measures.

Officials on both sides signalled that the punishment was lighter than expected.

A few weeks ago, Bush administration officials predicted a cut in loan guarantees now, followed later by further reductions, to account for the costs of building the fence.

Presidential hopeful Dean attends return of remains

Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii

WORLD REPORT

Democratic presidential contender Howard Dean joined family members Wednesday for the emotional return of the remains of three Americans and an Australian missing since the Vietnam War. Dean believes one of the Americans was his brother.

Remains tentatively identified as those of Charles M. Dean and his friend, Australian Neil Sharman, civilians travelling in Southeast Asia when they were killed in 1974, were discovered this month buried in a rice field in central Laos. The other two sets of remains were unearthed in northeastern Laos.

"While we are saddened that he is not still with us, we are comforted by the fact that he is finally coming home," Dean said.

He spoke with reporters just before four coffins were unloaded from a U.S. air force C-17 cargo plane and carried to a bus for transit to the military's nearby forensic laboratory.

The procedure has been repeated scores of times as remains of missing soldiers and others continue to be recovered from the Vietnam War era.

Graphic

Pomp and circumstance: Queen Elizabeth reads the Queen's Speech from the Throne Wednesday to the House of Lords and the House of Commons, in the House of Lords. The speech sets out the British government's legislative agenda for the coming year. Associated Press photo: Alastair Grant

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Diana's Boys ...

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Body

YOUNG PRINCES - The most commonplace activities of a young royal can be whipped into a media frenzy. A new book on 'Wills' and Harry portrays Prince William as a one-man wrecking crew among the girls. Fact, or fantasy?

Shock, horror! A teenage boy finds leggy blondes attractive! He has been known to smoke the odd cigarette or two! He suffers from hangovers after boisterous parties! He loves cars and wants a motorcycle! He hasn't decided what he wants to do when he grows up!

The parents of most 19-year-old boys would be breathing a sigh of relief -- "Phew, is that all?"
The Washington Post

But when the 19-year-old boy is second in line to the British throne, even the most commonplace of pleasures becomes whipped up into a frenzy of tabloid headlines.

Last week, Britain's Prince William found his life the subject of intense media speculation once more with the publication of a much-disputed book, *Diana's Boys: William and Harry and the Mother They Loved*.

Among other things, the book portrays the young prince as a "one-man wrecking crew" among the girls. "Is Playboy Prince a Sex Machine?" screamed the tabloids, recalling for some early stories about his uncle Prince Andrew and - difficult as it may be to believe now -- his own father.

Even the news that Diana's butler had been arrested for theft, and that the Queen is reported to be warming to the idea of a marriage between Prince Charles and his sweetheart, Camilla Parker Bowles, couldn't compete with new and juicy gossip about William and his brother, Harry, 16.

Author Christopher Andersen names William's closest girlfriends as glamorous English aristocrats Davina Duckworth-Chad and Emilia "Milly" d'Erlanger, and claims the prince has at the same time been enjoying a "steamy" e-mail correspondence with model and presidential niece Lauren Bush. (She denied this to The Washington Post in May.)

Andersen claims there was plenty of "bed-hopping" in William's year off before college, when he visited Chile on behalf of the charity Raleigh International.

Spokesmen for the royal family reacted quickly, dismissing the claims as "utterly contemptible" and "ludicrous allegations." Andersen himself says the newspapers have blown it all out of proportion, and says he sees his book as a "tribute" to the boys and their mother.

Diana's Boys ...

So, fact or fantasy? The one thing we can be sure about is that since his mother's death four years ago, His Royal Highness Prince William Arthur Philip Louis -- or "Will Wales," as he has chosen to be known until he completes his education -- has tried to tell us as little as possible about his life.

The British media have abided by a gentleman's agreement to stay away from William and Harry while they finish their schooling. But now that William is due to start undergraduate studies at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland, that protection may dissipate.

Andersen's book, published in New York by William Morrow, isn't for sale in the United Kingdom, but quotes from it -- and the palace reaction -- have been published by media in Britain and elsewhere.

"There is an enormous fascination with William and Harry in America," said royal historian and biographer Robert Lacey. "It's thought of as on a parallel with John F. Kennedy Jr., but in fact it's even more than that. It's as if Marilyn Monroe had had children."

Interest in the young man whom unauthorized royal biographer Kitty Kelley has dubbed "half movie star, half rock star and ... probably the saving grace of the monarchy" is currently at fever pitch. When it was announced that he was going to St Andrews, admission applications rose by 44 per cent -- 90 per cent of the increase accounted for by young women.

William and Harry, Diana once said, "are my one splendid achievement." The poignant sight of the two princes bravely walking behind their mother's coffin moved many.

There were fears about what would happen to the two, who had lived most of their lives in the all-out verbal warfare that was their parents' failed marriage.

At nine, William was passing tissues under the bathroom door to soothe his sobbing mother; when Harry was nine, his father went on national television to discuss his infidelity with longtime mistress Parker Bowles.

Diana was revealed as a bulimic self-harmer who had had affairs herself; Charles coldly shut himself away from his wife's grief.

Royal-watchers speculated that it would be a surprise if the boys turned out even halfway normal, coming from a family that one journalist called "the maddest since the Munsters."

And all that was before their mother's life was tragically cut short.

Four years later, Andersen's book and other press reports make the princes sound far more than halfway normal (with the proviso that these, like most "inside" revelations from the palace, are basically uncheckable). They are close to their father and have accepted his relationship with Parker Bowles. William and Harry are devoted to each other, even if Harry is determined to outdo his older brother on the ski slope and polo field.

Of course, there are the inevitable rumours about William's love life.

Andersen claims that in Chile, more than once "William's bodyguards reportedly looked the other way while he was locked in a passionate embrace with a female volunteer."

Andersen also suggests William was seen spending the night in a tent with two women, "one blonde, one brunette."

Kelley, appearing on Larry King Live, summed up what many might have felt when she retorted: "Christopher, I think you'd have a worldwide exclusive if you told us that this glorious-looking young man joined a celibate Benedictine monk abbey."

Diana's Boys ...

Not that there haven't been more serious risks. Five high-profile aristocrats in William's circle have been caught taking drugs -- among them Tom Parker Bowles (Camilla's son) and Tara Palmer-Tomkinson (the daughter of close friends of Charles) -- but there's no suggestion William has used drugs.

The worst that's been said is that he had a massive hangover after one New Year's Eve and that he apparently smokes, a habit that Andersen speculates would have enraged his mother.

Andersen also claims that in the last year William has been at the centre of as many as 20 security scares involving such terrorist groups as the Real IRA, a radical offshoot of the **Irish Republican Army**. The severity of these threats is as yet unclear.

But, said Lacey -- author of *Royal: The Lives of the House of Windsor*, to be published next year to commemorate the queen's Golden Jubilee -- for all the tales of nightclubs and wild living, the real William is very different. A military career is by far the most realistic option, he believes.

"He's a very traditional straight kind of guy," Lacey said.

"It's often forgotten that he began his gap year (between high school and college) with the Welsh Guards in Belize. He likes that sort of thing. And the army would give him the privacy he wants."

Andersen reports that William told one volunteer: "I rather like American girls. ... I can easily see myself marrying one." But most royal-watchers in Britain say he's far more likely to stick with "his own sort" -- aristocrats he's known for years -- terrified as he is that he could be set up by the press. William is said to have a real disdain for the media.

Two years ago, he skipped a skiing vacation rather than face intrusion by the paparazzi.

"My own particular reading of the situation is that the queen and Prince Charles are very permissive," Lacy said, "and that the boys have responded to that by taking on the traditional aspects of the royal family, happy to take on their duties and at ease with their destiny."

Andersen calls this being "Windsorized" -- Diana's achievement being unacknowledged, much as her Spencer relatives have been cut off from the boys. "There has been an effort by the royal family to airbrush Diana out of the picture," he said. "It reminds me of the Soviets."

William's humanitarian work in Chile, however, suggests that the training for public life that Diana began has had an influence.

"Diana's legacy lives on in the boys," said Andersen.

"But they are also her final revenge in the war of the Windsors. They are still her boys."

Lacey said that "here in Britain we must try very hard not to place these ordinary human beings with all the weight of expectations that were placed in Charles and Diana, which they both disappointed."

William and Harry "are sensitive young men, they are trying to lead private lives. And I don't think that spreading who they may be going out with ... is good for them."

Others, like Andersen, disagree, saying that media reports about the princes are necessary and inevitable: They are, after all, public figures, second and third in line to the throne.

"I think it is doing (the princes) a disservice to have this wall between the public and the boys," said Andersen.

"Diana understood this; she wanted them to be like John Kennedy Jr. and embrace the media with humour, style and grace. ... William needs practice; he cannot expect to be left alone."

Just as his mother was the most celebrated woman in her time, he is going to be one of the most celebrated figures of the 21st century."

Graphic

Photo: 'My boys mean everything to me ... they're my life,' Diana, shown in this early-'90s photo, said.; Photo: Described as one of his closest girlfriends, model Davina Duckworth-Chad has been with William on an Aegean cruise.; Photo: U.S. presidential niece Lauren Bush denied stories of a 'steamy' e-mail correspondence with the prince to the Washington Post.; Photo: Camilla's scantily-clad niece. Emma Parker Bowles ... William is said to have had a crush on her.; Photo: William and Harry ... dubbed by the British press as the heir and the spare.

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Body

Compiled by United Press International New York Times A backdoor effort to undermine abortion rights has emerged in a proposal circulated by the Federal Department of Health and Human Services to expand the availability of prenatal care. While the goal is unassailable, the method surely is not. The goal is to provide insurance coverage for pregnant women in families that earn too much to qualify for Medicaid, thus enabling them to get prenatal care. But the plan under consideration by Tommy Thompson, the secretary of health and human services, looks to be designed primarily to advance the right-to-life movement's longstanding goal of establishing a legal precedent for recognizing the fetus as a person. Under the proposal, which is described in a draft letter to state health officials, states would be allowed to define an "unborn child" as eligible for medical coverage under the federal Children's Health Insurance Program, known as CHIP. The qualifying beneficiary, in other words, would be the fetus, not the pregnant woman, but counting the fetus as a child would allow prenatal services to be delivered to the mother on its behalf. Like the benign-sounding Unborn Victims of Violence Act, which the House passed in 1999 and again this April, the plan is a backdoor assault on Roe v. Wade. Thompson need not take this approach. He can encourage states to obtain federal waivers to cover these women under the CHIP program, as two states already have. Instead he is pandering to anti-abortion groups with a proposal designed to further their political agenda.

* 0- Los Angeles Times It still isn't often that Catholics and Protestants in Ulster agree on politics. As the renewed political crisis in the region deepens, however, moderates are linking arms on three key issues. First and foremost, that the Irish Republican Army must begin putting its arms beyond reach right now. Second, the British government must accelerate efforts to make the police force accountable and impartial and to recruit more Catholics on the forces, which are still heavily Protestant and mistrusted by Catholics. Third, it must renew its commitment to reducing its military presence in Ulster. The pressure, however, is on the IRA and its political arm, Sinn Fein. As Seamus Mallon, Catholic leader and deputy first minister of the Northern Ireland Assembly, pointed out, the IRA and Sinn Fein cannot claim to believe in the political process while keeping illegal weapons hidden. Mallon is far from being the only leader urging Sinn Fein and its associates to live up to their long-delayed commitment to put their weapons "beyond use." Nobel laureate John Hume, Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern, his British counterpart Tony Blair and dozens of editorials in newspapers throughout Europe and the United States have called on the IRA/Sinn Fein leaders to honor their commitment. The 1998 Good Friday agreement leaves no doubt: "All participants accordingly reaffirm their commitment to the total disarmament of all paramilitary organizations." The disarmament process was meant to be completed by June 2001. To date, no paramilitary group in Ulster has handed over one weapon. The recent resignation of David Trimble as first minister of the Assembly and the proximity of the Protestants' so-called "Marching Season," celebrating military victories long past but still deeply resented by Catholics, are ominous signs. Under the rules of the power-sharing government, the British and Irish governments have six weeks to solve the crisis. If their efforts fail, Britain could suspend the Ulster government or call for new elections. Both options would set back the peace process. Suspension would undermine the

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credibility of the agreement. New elections might polarize attitudes further. To avoid either, the British and Irish governments must work harder for a climate of trust, with swift progress on the police force and demilitarization. Sinn Fein must respond with the same speed, disarming to keep the peace process alive. This is what unarmed citizens, both Protestant and Catholic, so clearly desire. * 0- Washington Post The plea deal reached by federal prosecutors and lawyers for Robert Hanssen serves both major government interests at stake in the case. By ensuring that Mr. Hanssen serves the rest of his life in prison, it offers an appropriately stiff punishment for the particularly damaging espionage in which this former FBI counterintelligence official engaged over many years; Mr. Hanssen's betrayals are at least partly responsible for the executions in Moscow of Russians who worked for the United States. By agreeing to forgo the death penalty and allow Mr. Hanssen's family to receive a portion of his pension, however, prosecutors also gain a chance to debrief the spy extensively during the six months between now and his sentencing. Even those who would have preferred an execution should understand that this access is more important. It should allow the government to assess the damage Mr. Hanssen caused and pinpoint the vulnerabilities in FBI security procedures that Mr. Hanssen was able to exploit. Fixing those vulnerabilities is the task ahead. No system can ensure perfect security. There will be smart and unscrupulous would-be spies at an organization the size of the bureau who find cracks to slip through. But the bureau's resistance to the sort of security measures imposed on other agencies with sensitive missions made it too easy for Mr. Hanssen. It seems crazy that Mr. Hanssen could rise through the ranks of the bureau's most sensitive sections without ever taking a polygraph exam. Mr. Hanssen spent lavishly on a stripper with whom he was friendly, while also carrying large amounts of debt and doing renovations on his house-all without setting off alarm bells. How could he and the few hundred other FBI officials doing this most sensitive sort of work not have been subject to more rigorous scrutiny? The FBI is now requiring polygraph exams for roughly 500 such officials. This is a start. A number of continuing reviews will undoubtedly make other recommendations for tightening security further. The key will be actually to implement the reasonable suggestions that emerge. Such sensible proposals for reform have been floated before but always incompletely implemented. The price of such negligence is too high. * 0- Boston Herald The United States objects to Israeli killings of Palestinian terrorists. On this issue, Israel is right. "They are extrajudicial killings, and we do not support that," said the outgoing U.S. ambassador to Israel, Martin S. Indyk. Secretary of State Colin Powell had similar remarks the next day. But the killing that soldiers do in battle against armed enemies is also extrajudicial - done without benefit of a court order, such as a death sentence. Pacifists object, but other moral codes do not judge soldiers to have sinned or committed a crime. What Indyk and the U.S. government must allow for is the fact that Israel is in a war. The security cabinet says it kills terrorists, in operations it calls "interceptions," before they can carry out attacks. If these killings are confined to preemption or prevention, they are as legitimate and as blameless as any other justifiable homicide in self-defense. Good reasons may arise at times not to undertake them, but that is true for any military tactic. The right remains. There is a line here, and many temptations to cross it. There have been times when Israel's internal security agency, the Shin Bet, has killed terrorists after capture. That is completely wrong; Israeli society and the government agree, condemn such actions and try to punish the perpetrators. When a Palestinian mob stoned two Israeli teenagers to death last month, and when another mob stabbed two captured Israeli soldiers to death in October, the silence of Palestinian leaders was deafening. Israel has captured one Aziz Salha and accused him of taking part in the killing of the soldiers - the Palestinian Authority refused to arrest him. He will be put on trial. That is the appropriate way to proceed. The State Department must not equate defense against terrorism with terrorism itself. * 0- Honolulu Star-Bulletin After a rocky start in U.S. relations with China, President Bush has begun rebuilding contacts with Chinese leaders, and should be commended for that. However, he is going about it the wrong way and should revise his tactics. The president had hardly taken office when a Chinese fighter pilot sideswiped an American intelligence plane over international waters in the South China Sea. The Chinese pilot crashed while the Americans made an emergency landing in China and were detained for two weeks. After much bickering, China permitted the United States to ship the plane home, where it arrived yesterday. Not so coincidentally, President Bush called President Jiang Zemin yesterday to resume what White House spokesman Sean McCormack called a dialogue. "The return of the airplane allows the two sides to focus on the bilateral relationship," he said. McCormack further told the Cox News Service: "The president said he looked forward to going to China in October," when he plans to attend an economic meeting in Shanghai. There's where the president and his advisers suffered a lapse in judgment. The State Department also disclosed yesterday that the Chinese have begun trials for an American citizen and a U.S. permanent resident on charges of spying. Both are of Chinese descent and are among about 30 holders of U.S. passports who have been detained in the past year. The citizen is Li Shaomin, who teaches in Hong Kong, and the resident is Gao Zhan, a

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professor at American University in Washington. In protesting the trials, the president and the State Department have been right to stay low key in public. In private, every administration official from the president on down should make clear to the Chinese that there will be no presidential visit until all Americans have been released. President Bush has leverage in this instance and should apply it judiciously. Jiang Zemin wants to be seen at home and abroad as the equal of his predecessors, Mao Zedong and Deng Xiaoping. A visit from an American president would enhance Jiang's prestige while declining the invitation would surely hurt his standing. Secretary of State Colin Powell plans to travel to China later this month. He should make clear, even if out of the public eye, that American concern for human rights and civil rights extends to the most obscure citizen and legal resident-including those who belong to minorities. * 0-

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The leadership that's lacking is in the Arab world

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Body

Re: An absence of leaders, editorial, Oct. 7.

It occurs to me that if the St. Petersburg Times believes that every leader in the current Middle East conflict is inadequate, then perhaps it is the Times that has an inadequate grasp of the true nature of the Middle East conflict.

Two of the current leaders are democratically elected, Ariel Sharon and George W. Bush, and the rest are not. Those who are democratically elected represent the will of their people. The Israelis elected Sharon because they had tried the techniques you espouse as "leadership." These approaches - giving away land, ignoring the other side's military buildup, and engaging in unconditional negotiations - were miserable failures, and the Israeli people refuse to negotiate under this formula any longer. President Bush, to his credit, refuses to make exceptions to his war against terrorism in order to prod the Israelis into more pointless negotiations.

More "leadership" is desperately needed. The Palestinians need leadership that will not only fight terrorism but also stop hate-inspired education, media-inspired incitement, and provide transparent government with due process. The Arab world needs democracy, due process and equal rights for women and homosexuals. Demanding across-the-board "leadership" without recognizing the cause of the problem and the need for the will of peoples to be expressed and respected is hollow and smacks of political correctness.

Jonathan D. Reich, Lakeland

Taking a stand for peace

Re: Pilots to be disciplined for protest, Sept. 26.

Applause, cheers, hooray and amen! I want to congratulate the Israeli pilots who signed the letter refusing to participate in the bombing of Palestinian terrorist leaders when it is reliably known that these raids will cause collateral damage to civilians. These brave men have put morals above their careers.

I hope that most Israelis agree with them. I would also like to believe that when viewed by Palestinians and other Muslims around the world it is accepted that because a government can't compromise, the individual person can.

Hopefully, this will inspire those backing the Palestinian effort to rethink peaceful solutions. The Mideast problem cannot be decided by killing. It must be gained by the individual taking a stand for peace.

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Michael Mitchell, Oldsmar

Dedicated to Israel's destruction

Re: Syria hit shows Israel is stuck, Oct. 7.

Susan Taylor Martin's incisive column highlighting the problem posed by Syria is very timely. Our government has made it clear that Syria harbors and supports terrorists. Despite our warnings, Syria continues its support of terrorist groups, such as Hezbollah and Palestinian Islamic Jihad. The hypocritical United Nations and its European and Arab supporters even have the gall to give Syria a key role in the United Nations.

Of particular interest to us in the Tampa Bay area is the fact that Ramadan Abdullah Shallah, the current head of Palestinian Islamic Jihad, was brought to Tampa as an "Islamic scholar" by Sami Al-Arian, the University of South Florida professor in jail awaiting trial on terrorism charges. Shallah continues to dispatch homicide bombers from his sanctuary in Syria. It should be noted that Shallah would not allow the name Israel to be used in his classes at USF. In 1996 Shallah wrote that Palestinians would "not concede a single meter" of land to Israel.

As for the suggestion that perhaps a charismatic Palestinian like Marwan Barghouti might provide an answer to the problem, this appears to be wishful thinking as he has sponsored terror and, like Arafat and Shallah, seems dedicated to the destruction of Israel and the creation of an Arab Palestine in its place.

What should be clear to those with open minds is the fact that Israel is willing to accept an Arab Palestine that poses no threat to its existence. What, sadly, is equally clear is that there is no Palestinian leader willing to accept the existence of the Jewish state of Israel in its ancient homeland.

Norman N. Gross, president, PRIMER, chairperson,

Anti-hate Committee, Greater Florida B'nai B'rith,

Palm Harbor

Israel's foes are many

Re: Syria hit shows Israel is stuck.

Susan Martin's column regarding the Israeli strike on Syria is off the mark on several key points.

First, Martin describes those Palestinians who wish to replace Israel with a fundamentalist Islamic state as "a small but radical faction." Radical they certainly are but both Jewish and Palestinian polls show that Hamas enjoys popularity equal to Arafat's. Four separate Jerusalem Media and Communication Center polls in 2002 each found that more than 4 in 10 Palestinians favored liberating "all of historical Palestine," which just happens to include Israel. Those factions can hardly be considered "small."

Martin's idea that Israel negotiate with the Islamic terror groups in a manner that the British did with the **Irish Republican Army** is faulty in comparison. The IRA sought only independence, not to replace England with a fundamentally religious state. Israel is facing a large faction that wants no compromise, and who see the West Bank as a stepping stone to Tel Aviv.

Greg Buete, St. Petersburg

The leadership that's lacking is in the Arab world

Israel is protecting itself

Re: Israel and the Palestinians.

If Mexico or Canada were launching terrorist homicide bombings from within their borders upon U.S. citizens in our territory, would the United Nations call for America to be restrained in our response? And would the United States even listen to those absurd suggestions? Of course not!

Those who would blame Israel for protecting its own population from terrorists are delusional in denying the facts.

Here's a fact that is undeniable:

If the Palestinians laid down their arms, they would get peace, and would achieve their goal of statehood. If Israelis laid down their arms, they would get annihilated.

Except for the death of innocents, terrorism achieves nothing.

Jeff Cabaniss, Cocoa

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Re: Israel to build homes in West Bank and Crying for choices in the Middle East, by Thomas L. Friedman, Oct. 3.

It appears our government's policy toward the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is in complete disarray; the American-backed road map to peace is defunct.

The Israeli Housing Ministry announced plans to build 600 new homes in three large Jewish settlements in the West Bank. This follows by one day the Israeli government decision to continue building a wall deep within the West Bank to guard Jewish settlements.

The Bush administration made no formal condemnation of Israel's actions. Israel's prime minister has been a leading proponent of settlement building for decades.

In a poll by Zogby International in the October issue of The Link, a publication of Americans for Middle East Understanding, it was reported that Arab attitudes toward Americans and American culture were positive. However, 72 percent of those polled said the Palestinian issue was the most important in the Middle East, and 89 percent disapproved of U.S. policy toward the Palestinians.

Tom Friedman, normally a supporter of Israel, concludes his article on choices as follows: "a vast majority of Israelis want a decent, normal society, but their ideologically driven leaders are lost in space And the Bush team, which should be acting as a reality check, has fallen so deep into the pocket of Ariel Sharon you can't even find it anymore."

We seem to have fallen asleep on the Israeli-Palestinian problem while focusing on Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran and Syria. We don't seem to be listening to the people who live in the area. I hope we wake up.

Joseph A. Mahon, St. Petersburg

Turning a blind eye to terrorism

At the United Nations a Security Council resolution has been introduced for Israel to stop committing acts that could threaten regional security. Who's kidding whom? The United Nations has always turned a blind eye to those who have been upsetting the so-called "regional security" for decades. When is the last time the United Nations held any of the Arab nations accountable for the acts of terrorism perpetrated against innocent civilians? When has the

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Just as we Americans and this administration reserve the right to destroy bomb factories and cells of terror in Iraq, so, too, Israel has the right to destroy these same cells before they are used to blow up the lives of Israeli citizens, both Jews and Arabs.

Hela Crown-Tamir, Tarpon Springs

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Re: A patriotic tax that we'll never pay, Oct. 7.

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John J. Christman, Tierra Verde

Energy bill seeks short-term answers

Re: Back president's energy bill, letter, Oct. 7.

American dependence on foreign oil is a great cause for concern. But instead of likening environmentalism to fanaticism, blaming Democrats, and promoting the president's energy bill, why don't we look at the real reason we are in this mess?

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Janna Roman, Dunedin

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Michael Bloomberg succeeds Rudolph Giuliani as mayor of New York City.

Eduardo Duhalde is sworn in as Argentina's President.

Argentina devalues the peso, ending a decade-long policy of pegging the currency one-to-one with the US dollar.

Yves Saint Laurent announces his retirement and closure of the fashion house he started 40 years ago.

The first plane-load of al-Qaeda prisoners from Afghanistan arrives at a US military detention camp in Guantanamo, Cuba

Mount Nyiragongo in east Congo erupts, destroying 30 to 40 per cent of the city of Goma and killing about 100 people

Two Israeli tanks and an armoured personnel carrier park outside Yasser Arafat's head-- quarters, confining the Palestinian leader to his office complex a day after a Palestinian gunman burst into a banquet hall and shot six Israelis. Later in the month, Israeli troops take over the entire Palestinian town of Tulkarem, and the first **female** Palestinian suicide bomber kills herself and an Israeli man on a Jerusalem street.

Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl is abducted in Karachi, Pakistan, by a group demanding the return of prisoners from the Afghan campaign.

Zimbabwe passes laws imposing sweeping media restrictions.

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Queen Elizabeth II marks 50 years as monarch.

Former Yugoslav president Slobodan Milosevic goes on trial before a United Nations tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, accused of overseeing the murders of thousands of people and the displacement of more than a million in three Balkan wars.

The US Government confirms the death of Daniel Pearl (see January).

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Religious riots taper off in India's western state of Gujarat after four days of carnage that left 485 people dead, most of them Muslims burned and hacked to death by Hindus.

An Indonesian court gives a former East Timorese militiaman six years in prison for killing a UN peacekeeper from New Zealand.

Israeli helicopters destroy Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's office in Gaza City, hours after 11 Israelis are killed in a suicide bombing in a cafe across the street from Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's residence in Jerusalem

Israeli tanks and troops storm into a Gaza Strip refugee camp, killing at least 17 Palestinians.

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Robert Mugabe is declared the winner of Zimbabwe's presidential election.

Aged 101 and having not recovered from a fall while at home in February, the Queen Mother dies. Huge crowds stand outside Westminster Abbey.

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Right-wing Dutch politician Pim Fortuyn is shot and killed in Hilversum, the Netherlands. In the election, the conservative Christian Democrats win enough seats to rule in coalition with Fortuyn's party.

A tense standoff between Israeli troops and Palestinian gunmen at the Church of the Nativity ends after 39 days, with 13 suspected militants flown into European exile and 26 released into the Gaza Strip;

The UN Security Council unanimously approves an overhaul of sanctions against Iraq in a bid to tighten the 11-year-old military embargo on Saddam Hussein's regime, while easing the flow of civilian goods to Iraq.

East Timor becomes the world's newest nation.

US President George W. Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin sign a landmark nuclear-arms reduction treaty; Nato declares Russia a limited partner in the Western alliance.

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Chile's Supreme Court rules that former dictator General Augusto Pinochet is suffering from dementia, and drops all charges against him for human rights violations.

American adventurer Steve Fossett becomes the first person to fly a balloon solo around the world.

A Pakistani judge convicts four Islamic militants in the kidnap- slaying of journalist Daniel Pearl, and sentences the British-born chief defendant to death.

The **Irish Republican Army** issues an unprecedented apology for hundreds of civilian deaths over 30 years.

US President George W. Bush signs into law the most extensive crackdown on corporate fraud since the Depression era.

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August

An Iraqi dissident group occupies the Iraqi Embassy in Berlin and calls for the overthrow of the country's leader, Saddam Hussein, but German police commandos storm the embassy.

Floods in central and eastern Europe kill at least 114.

The year in review

A Japanese midget submarine sunk Nearly two hours before the aerial attack on Pearl Harbour, Hawaii, is found in water near the mouth of the harbour, apparently confirming that the United States fired the first shot between the two nations in World War 2.

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September

Switzerland becomes the 190th member of the UN.

The US Air Force charges two F-16 pilots with involuntary manslaughter and aggravated assault for their roles in a mistaken bombing in Afghanistan that killed four Canadian soldiers and wounded eight.

A Palestinian suicide bomber blows himself up on a Tel Aviv bus, killing five people. Israeli tanks roar back into Arafat's West Bank compound.

Israeli soldiers blow up three buildings in the compound, rocking the office where he is holed up.

Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's Social Democrats win one of Germany's closest postwar elections.

Finance leaders direct the International Monetary Fund to develop a dramatic new approach to resolving debt crises that have engulfed countries from Asia to South America.

Former US President Jimmy Carter wins the Nobel Peace Prize.

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October

Bombs destroy two nightclubs on the tourist island of Bali, killing more than 180 people, most of them foreign tourists, including three New Zealanders.

Five Japanese kidnapped a quarter- century ago by North Korean spies

Saddam Hussein wins another seven-year term as Iraq's President in a referendum in which he was the sole candidate. US President George W. Bush signs a congressional resolution authorising war against Iraq.

At least 40 Chechen rebels storm a crowded Moscow theatre and later threaten to kill their hostages unless the Russian army pulls out of Chechnya. The siege ends with 118 of the 800 hostages dead, most from a knockout gas used by Russian special forces who stormed the theatre.

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November

Republicans win control of both houses of US Congress.

A voice purported to be that of Osama bin Laden praises terrorist strikes in Bali and Moscow, and threatens Western nations over any attack on Iraq, in an audiotape broadcast by a Qatar-based Arabic broadcasting station.

Iraq accepts a tough, new UN resolution that will allow weapons inspectors to return after nearly four years. Later in the month, UN inspectors arrive in Iraq to resume the search for weapons of mass- destruction.

A damaged tanker breaks in two and sinks off north-west Spain, spilling 11.3 million litres of oil.

A three-day riot triggered by a newspaper article about the Miss World beauty pageant kills about 100 people and injures 500 in Kaduna, Nigeria.

The year in review

US President George W. Bush signs legislation creating a new Department of Homeland Security devoted to preventing domestic terror attacks.

In twin attacks in Kenya, three suicide bombers kill 12 people at an Israeli-owned hotel, and at least two missiles are fired at but miss an Israeli airliner taking off from Mombasa airport.

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December

UN weapons inspectors make their first unannounced visit to one of Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's palaces in a test of new powers to check for weapons of mass destruction anywhere, at any time.

The UN Security Council votes unanimously to extend the UN humanitarian programme in Iraq for six months, and to review within 30 days a list of goods that Baghdad needs approval to import.

After a bitter 19-year war, Sri Lanka and Tamil Tiger rebels reach a breakthrough in their quest for peace, agreeing in Oslo, Norway, on a way to govern their ethnically divided island as one nation.

Ten Palestinians, including two UN employees, are killed when Israeli troops, tanks, and helicopter gunships pour into a Gaza Strip refugee camp, searching for a fugitive militant.

Iraq's huge dossier detailing its chemical, biological, and nuclear programmes arrives in New York.

United Airlines files for Federal bankruptcy court protection, the largest such filing in the history of aviation.

CAPTION:

PHOTO: REUTERS Oil disaster: a fisherman unloads buckets of oil scooped up from the sea along Spain's north-western coast. The tanker Prestige, which sank in November, could continue to leak oil until 2006.

PHOTO: REUTERS Church siege: Israeli soldiers watch St Mary's Church in the West Bank city of Bethlehem in April during a standoff with Palestinian gunmen. PHOTO: REUTERS Deadly floods: rescue workers paddle a boat in front of a collapsed building in Prague, hit by record flooding which killed nearly 100 people across Europe in August. Osama bin Laden: audiotapes broadcast in November convinced many he was still alive. Yasser Arafat: the Palestinian leader survived an Israeli siege of his Ramallah headquarters in March. Pim Fortuyn: the Dutch politician's assassination in May was followed by a surge to the Right and renewed debate in Europe about immigration. Slobodan Milosevic: the former Yugoslav president was sent to the Hague in February to stand trial on charges of genocide. Robert Mugabe: the Zimbabwean President remains defiant in the face of condemnation of civil breakdown in his country. Daniel Pearl: the American reporter's execution in February by Islamic extremist kidnappers was videotaped.

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Earth has a 'close shave' as large asteroid wings by

London

An asteroid the size of a football field and large enough to raze a major city missed the Earth by just 125,000 km last Friday, a distance considered by astronomers to be a "close shave."

In one of the closest known passes of an asteroid to Earth, the space rock passed well within the orbit of the Moon at a speed of more than 23,000 mph, but it was not detected until Monday. Had the asteroid, called 2002MN, struck a built-up area the damage and loss of life would have been similar to that caused by a large nuclear bomb.

The asteroid, which was between 28 metres and 100 metres across, was detected by astronomers from the Lincoln Laboratory Near Earth Asteroid Research Project in New Mexico.

It was only the sixth asteroid known to have penetrated the Moon's orbit and by far the biggest.
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Blair vows investigation into 1989 killing of lawyer

London

British Prime Minister Tony Blair pledged Thursday his government would "get to the bottom" of allegations that Northern Ireland security forces aided the killers of a Catholic lawyer in Belfast 13 years ago.

Blair was responding to a BBC documentary that included a secretly recorded interview with a Protestant militant named Ken Barrett, who said he was one of two gunmen who burst into Patrick Finucane's Belfast home and shot the lawyer several times in front of his wife and three children.

Barrett accused a senior police officer and the British army's senior agent within his organization, the Ulster Defence Association, of playing key roles in arranging the murder.

Catholic politicians and Finucane's family have campaigned for years for a foreign-led inquiry into the slaying.

Finucane specialized in defending **Irish Republican Army** suspects.

Men fire at car carrying Moscow's deputy mayor

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Moscow

Unidentified gunmen fired on a car carrying a deputy mayor of Moscow on Thursday morning and one of his bodyguards and a young man were wounded, a police official said. A body was later found in the assailants' abandoned car, which was on fire.

The deputy mayor, Losif Ordzhonikidze, was not injured in the shooting, which took place on one of Moscow's major highways during morning rush hour, said Lt.-Col. Anatoly Shershevnyev, a Moscow police official.

The 19-year-old student, who was riding in a minibus near the scene of the shooting, was also wounded by gunfire and taken to the hospital, said a Moscow police spokesman.

Six burned by low-flying fighter during exhibition

Stockholm

A fighter plane flew too low during an exhibition at a military airport in central Sweden on Thursday, burning six people on the ground, three seriously.

The Swedish-built Viggen (Thunderbolt) fighter jet came in too low over a group of visitors after taking off from the airport near Uppsala, 60 km north of Stockholm, spokesman Christer Ulriksson said.

The injured -- three men and three women, all in their 20s -- were among visitors standing some 50 metres from the runway.

Ulriksson, a press officer with the air force's F16 wing in Uppsala, didn't know exactly how low the plane was flying, but speculated that it couldn't have been above 20 metres, judging by the injuries.

Millions of strikers bring Spain to a crashing halt

Madrid

Millions of Spanish workers joined a general strike Thursday, bringing airport and rail station closures, clashes with police and a bleak welcome for EU leaders heading for the Seville summit.

In searing heat, around a third of the workforce observed the country's first general strike in eight years, called to protest labour reforms proposed by the centre-right government.

Almost every part of the public transport system, including most buses and airplanes, were cancelled. Every sector from newspapers to amusement parks succumbed to the protest.

Queen's reign now fourth longest in British history

London

Queen Elizabeth becomes the fourth longest-reigning monarch in 1,000 years of English history today.

Only three ancestors have enjoyed longer on the throne: Victoria, George III and Henry III.

Elizabeth II, who acceded on Feb 6, 1952, overtakes Edward III, who was proclaimed king on Jan 25, 1327 and died on June 21, 1377, reigning for 50 years and 148 days.

Taking into account leap years, the Queen has reigned for 50 years and 149 days.

But she will have to reign until 2008 to overtake the 56-year record of Henry III (1216-1272) and until 2012 to beat the 59 years of George III (1760-1820).

Victoria is the longest-reigning monarch with 63 years and 216 days.

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To surpass her great-great-grandmother, the Queen must reign until Sept 11, 2015, when she would be 89.

Pig had foot-and-mouth symptoms: Government

London

A pig showing the symptoms of foot-and-mouth disease was found at a slaughterhouse in Lincolnshire in eastern England Thursday.

All livestock movements in an eight-km radius of the slaughterhouse was banned.

The livestock market at Selby, north Yorkshire, where the pig is thought to have come from and 34 farms have been closed while vets trace the pig's movements back to the original farm.

An investigation has also been launched to trace other pigs that might have come into contact with the suspect animal.

A government spokesman said: "The symptoms indicate it is either foot and mouth disease or swine vesicular disease."

Chinese coal mine blast kills 58; scores missing

Beijing

A massive gas explosion Thursday in a northeastern China coal mine killed 58 miners with scores more injured or missing, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

Twenty-five miners had been rescued from the Chengzihe mine in Heilongjiang province and eight of them were receiving emergency treatment in a hospital, Xinhua said.

The agency said about 140 miners were working underground when the explosion occurred and still were missing.

The mine's general manager, Zhao Wenlin, was among the missing. He was inspecting work in the shaft when the blast occurred at about 9:45 a.m., Xinhua said.

Pakistan to curb Koran schools in crackdown

Islamabad

President Pervaiz Musharraf opened a new front in Pakistan's crackdown on Islamic militants Thursday by giving religious schools six months to register with the authorities or face closure.

Thousands of Madrassahs, or religious colleges, have sprung up in Pakistan and many are viewed as hotbeds of Islamic militancy. Afghanistan's Taliban movement was originally founded in Pakistani Madrassahs.

Before gaining official government recognition, all Madrassahs will have to teach a broad curriculum, covering English and mathematics as well as Koranic studies and seek clearance from the government for any foreign students.

Opponents predict political ruin from major shake-up

Hong Kong

Opponents warned of a political catastrophe Thursday as Hong Kong's Beijing-backed leader prepared the biggest government shake-up since Britain surrendered colonial control.

Chief Executive Tung Chee-hwa, who had planned to reveal the new cabinet lineup today, subsequently delayed the announcement until next week to give the central Beijing government time to approve the choices.

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Tung was expected to name political appointees to jobs once held by civil servants -- a reshuffle that his critics are dreading as a massive tightening of his control.

Lesbian sues over attire for yearbook photograph

Tampa, Fla.

A high school student who was not allowed to pose for her senior yearbook picture in a jacket and tie has filed a lawsuit in federal court, claiming the school's actions violated her constitutional rights.

Nicole "Nikki" Youngblood, 17, alleges in the suit the Robinson High School dress requirement for yearbook photos is discriminatory.

All **female** students are required to wear a scoop-necked drape and all male students must wear a white shirt, tie and dark jacket.

Youngblood, a lesbian, hasn't worn traditionally **female** clothes in several years.

President declares war on the evil of excess fat

Washington

President George W. Bush, a self-styled fitness fanatic, urged Americans Thursday to take responsibility for their ever expanding waistlines and start taking some exercise.

"The evidence is clear: A healthier America is a stronger America," Bush said, welcoming 1,500 guests to a sports fair on the White House lawns.

While it is doubtful that Bush's call to action will rouse the 61 per cent of American adults deemed overweight or obese, the president's fitness obsession has already galvanized one group of citizens: White House officials, who have, almost as one, miraculously discovered long-buried urges to get fit and "go for the burn."

Desperate to impress a president who runs five km a day, lifts weights, eschews alcohol and likes to be in bed by 10 p.m. they are flocking to White House gymnasiums or boasting about their biceps curls and bench presses.

U.S. cedes its Lend-Lease right to seize Bermuda

Washington

The United States has renounced its right to seize Bermuda in the event of an emergency, in a ceremony in Washington that laid to rest a bargain forged by Sir Winston Churchill in the Second World War.

Under the 1941 Lend-Lease deal, the United States -- then still neutral in the war -- loaned 50 antiquated destroyers to Britain in exchange for 99-year leases on military bases in Bermuda, the West Indies, Newfoundland and British Guiana.

The agreement included a clause giving the U.S. emergency powers to seize the colonies' entire land mass, as well as sea and air territories, to keep them out of Nazi hands if Britain fell to Germany.

The U.S. abandoned the sites seven years ago, but the restoration was held up by wrangling over who would fund a clean-up of oil and other pollution at the former military bases.

Bermuda, which was claimed for the Crown in 1609, is the oldest British colony. Its 63,000 residents rejected independence in a referendum in 1995.

Houseflies can make you sick: Researchers

Anaheim, Calif.

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Research has found that flies carry more dangerous pathogens than do cockroaches and laboratory tests have been able to locate the pathogens on common houseflies that cause meningitis and serious food-borne diseases.

Jerry Butler, a University of Florida entomologist, warned that fast-food restaurants' practice of leaving food under heating lamps until the food is sold provides a fertile breeding ground for pathogens transported to food on flies' feet or guts.

More worrying, Butler said, is that houseflies feeding at hospital dumpsters are picking up drug-resistant strains of some bacteria, making treatment of infected humans more difficult. Houseflies can travel 16 km a day and live for about a month.

Pentagon approves patrols for troops in Philippines

Washington

U.S. special forces will step up training of local troops in the Philippines as they prepare to end the largest military counterterror effort outside Afghanistan.

The Pentagon has approved a plan to send Americans on jungle patrol with Philippine soldiers who are fighting Islamic rebels, defence officials said.

While agreeing to the expansion of a counterterror training program, the military rejected the idea of letting Americans stay beyond July.

Graphic

Fiery threat: Fires burn in the mountains around Vallecito Reservoir in southwestern Colorado as the Missionary Ridge fire continues to threaten homes in the area. Firefighters were more focused on saving homes than battling the 53,888-acre fire because the blaze was growing so quickly. Denver Post photo: Shaun Stanley

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VIENNA, Austria (AP)

A governing coalition tainted by a party identified with Nazi sympathies took power in Austria Friday, triggering diplomatic sanctions and egg-throwing protests that forced the new ministers to leave the swearing-in ceremony

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through an underground tunnel. President Thomas Klestil, who swore in the new center-right coalition, appealed to the world to give the new government a chance to fulfill its promises to govern under European standards of democracy and human rights.

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NASA Listens for Mars Signal

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)

Giant dish antennas in Europe and North America were aimed toward Mars on Friday to begin another attempt to detect what may be a flicker of life from NASA's Mars Polar Lander. It's the largest effort to listen for a signal since Stanford University engineers announced last month that they received an extremely faint signal that could have originated from the \$165 million probe. The lander was to have touched down Dec. 3 for a 90-day mission to study the atmosphere and dig for water beneath the surface near Mars' south pole. But it failed to radio its arrival.

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INDIANAPOLIS (AP)

Mark Jackson had a triple-double and cold-shooting Reggie Miller hit two key jumpers as the Indiana Pacers defeated Sacramento 104-94 Friday night to tie their franchise record of 17 straight home wins. The Pacers won despite losing All-Star forward Dale Davis to a broken nose. He had helped limit Chris Webber to eight points on 4-of-13 shooting until he caught an inadvertent elbow from Nick Anderson with 1:20 left in the half.

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Lakers Crush the Jazz 113-67

LOS ANGELES (AP)

Shaquille O'Neal and the Los Angeles Lakers limited Utah to only 21 points in the first half and sent the Jazz to their sixth straight loss, 113-67 Friday night. The Jazz just barely managed to avoid their most lopsided defeat ever a 158-102 loss to Milwaukee on March 14, 1979, when they still played in New Orleans. The Lakers' biggest lead was 51 points. O'Neal finished with 25 points. The Lakers led 33-14 after the first quarter and made it 56-21 at halftime.

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Pistons Defeat Cavaliers 105-96

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP)

Lindsey Hunter had 26 points and 10 assists to lead the Detroit Pistons to a 105-96 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Friday night. Detroit, still playing without the injured Grant Hill, won for just the second time in its last 10 games. Cleveland played without the injured Bobby Sura, then saw Brevin Knight limp off in the second quarter with what appeared to be an ankle injury. Jerry Stackhouse scored 22 points despite a case of the flu, and Terry Mills had 19. Shawn Kemp led Cleveland with 22 points and Lamond Murray scored 19.

Loud Noises Recorded Before Crash

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Taiwanese Enter Dragon Year

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)

Eye-stinging clouds of incense wafted through one of Taipei's most popular temples, where thousands of Taiwanese bowed, prayed and made offerings of oranges and cakes today on the first day of the Dragon Year. Traffic was bumper-to-bumper for several blocks around the Hsingtien Temple, where crowds followed the Chinese tradition of praying for peace, good luck and wealth at the start of the Chinese Lunar New Year. Taiwan is one of the best places in the world to observe China's unusual mix of Buddhism, Taoism and folk religions.

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ARICA, Chile (AP)

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Austrians Remain Worried, Defiant

VIENNA, Austria (AP)

With sanctions from abroad and riots at home, Austria has seen dramatic change since Friday, when Joerg Haider's anti-immigrant party became half of the government. Average Austrians remain alternately worried and defiant, their national pride replaced by anxiety as governments reduce relations or withdraw ambassadors and foreign tourists begin canceling trips. Haider's party stepped in as the advocate of the little people, attacking the ruling parties and their leaders. The Freedom Party narrowly outpolled the People's Party, setting the stage for the months of torturous negotiations that ended with Haider's party sharing power.

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Body

Time moves swiftly in Ireland these days. Five years ago Roddy Doyle caused an uproar with a hard-hitting television series called "Family" that portrayed domestic violence and alcoholism among the Irish working classes. "Even my old teachers' union complained that I had a teacher striking a child," he recalled. "But I'm fairly convinced that if 'Family' were broadcast tonight, it wouldn't cause half the fuss that it did in 1994."

The proof may be Mr. Doyle's acclaimed new novel, "A Star Called Henry" (Viking). In it he has done no less than dismantle some of the founding myths of 20th-century Irish nationalism. And so far he has heard nothing but praise for it here.

"I did expect at least one person to stand up and object," he said softly. "But there seems to be a self-confidence that wasn't there in the past. A lot of the old statues have come tumbling down."

Mr. Doyle, 41, has now knocked down a few more, not least that Ireland was actually a better place after its war of independence against Britain led to creation of the Irish Free State in 1921. Yet in the newly prosperous Ireland of the 1990's such a notion is no longer treasonable. Money, rather than memory, is the new Irish obsession. And with the present breaking free at last from the past, history is now available to become raw material for Mr. Doyle's fiction.

The novel, described as Volume I of a trilogy called "The Last Roundup," follows Henry Smart's first-person account from his birth in a Dublin slum in 1901 to an alcoholic mother and a one-legged bouncer-cum-murderer father, until 1921. His early years are miserable as he lives on the streets with his younger brother. As a teen-ager he joins the Citizen Army and helps seize the General Post Office during the abortive 1916 Easter Rising. The rebel leader Michael Collins then has him bumping off traitors and training young revolutionaries. But when the war ends, Henry feels betrayed by the Irishmen who have seized power. His own life now threatened, he leaves Dublin for Liverpool.

For Mr. Doyle, who cuts a distinctive figure with his shaven head, wire-rimmed glasses and pierced left ear lobe, the book marks a dramatic change from his narrative close-ups of the past. He made his name in the 1980's with his

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Barrytown trilogy -- "The Commitments," "The Snapper" and "The Van" -- affectionate and humorous looks at working-class life in a Dublin suburb that were all made into movies.

His next novel, "Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha," which won Britain's Booker Prize in 1993, is a 10-year-old boy's account of his parents' crumbling marriage. Two years later, in "The Woman Who Walked Into Doors," the narrator tells of her struggle to rebuild her life after a violent marriage.

Now, variously inspired by Charles Dickens, Peter Carey, Gunter Grass and Salman Rushdie, Mr. Doyle is reaching out to embrace a nation's history through the best part of a century. If things go according to plan, the second volume of "The Last Roundup" will follow Henry Smart to the United States to live the Irish immigrant experience, while the third installment will return him to a different Ireland.

"Gradually, in the writing and the planning, the big history began to become real and big to me," Mr. Doyle said in an interview. "At first I saw Henry as a bit of a liar, chancing his arm through the 20th century, claiming he'd done things and seen things. But when I started describing his childhood, the lying element became less important. Although it's not exactly realistic, I felt that essentially Henry is telling the truth."

And yet, like that of many of his generation, Mr. Doyle's knowledge of Irish history was anything but reliable. At primary school, he recalled, the distinction between legendary and mythical figures like St. Patrick and "the real lads who came later" was blurred. When the "troubles" began in Northern Ireland in the 1970's, with Mr. Doyle now in a high school run by the Christian Brothers, the passions of the war of independence returned, with the **Irish Republican Army** again the heroes. "Then the heirs to the idealism of 1916 started planting bombs in restaurants and pubs in Belfast," he said, "and suddenly history disappeared."

So he had to do his own digging. At the end of "A Star Called Henry" Mr. Doyle lists a score or more books whose authors he thanks for "the information, ideas, images, phrases, maps, photographs and song lyrics" that helped him in his writing, not only in understanding the early Republican movement and its assorted socialist and nationalist factions and in portraying figures like Collins, James Connolly, Padraic Pearse and Eamon de Valera, but also in getting a feel for slum life in Dublin at the turn of the century.

One book in particular, "Dublin Tenement Life: An Oral History" by Kevin C. Kearns, proved invaluable. From it Mr. Doyle learned that many working-class **women** were known as "shawlies," for the shawls they wore. He discovered that rat catchers would make a "soup" of baby rats that they rubbed on their arms to bring rats rushing out of their hiding places.

And most crucially he was reminded of the popular belief that dead babies became stars. In the title of Mr. Doyle's book, the "star" is Henry's dead brother, whose name he was given and whose star he learned to identify.

A book of maps provided Mr. Doyle with a key to the myriad rivers flowing beneath Dublin, rivers where Henry's father dumped bits of the bodies of his victims, rivers that his wooden leg (which Henry inherited as a lethal weapon) could divine from street level, and rivers that Henry himself used for escaping from trouble. This being fiction, though, Mr. Doyle excused himself from actually exploring subterranean Dublin.

"I read as I wrote," he recalled of his three years' work on this book. "I have always done that when I have done research. I wouldn't have the ability or the mind to read for a year and then sit down and write. I have to work away. I read for verification or for a new idea. But if I have always tried to be realistic until now. This time I was quite happy that the reality be seen in a distorted sort of way." Certainly not every narrator remembers his birth, as Henry Smart does. Not every hero is 6 feet 2 inches tall and irresistibly handsome at age 14. Not every young lover carries "two nipple-made pockmarks" on his forehead as a trophy. No wonder more than one critic has noted the "magic realism" in this book.

"Historical novels run a constant risk of lurching into costume drama," Roy Foster wrote in The Guardian of London. "Doyle, however, avoids creaky verismo by using a carefully gauged admixture of magic-realist techniques."

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Mr. Doyle said he suspected that someone would bring up "magic realism," although he confessed that he did know exactly what it meant.

"I am a fairly well-read person, but not in terms of magic realism," he said. "The nipple indentations were just part of the fun. It was a joke that I can reintroduce if I feel like on page 732 of the next volume, when everyone has forgotten about the marks on Henry's forehead."

On the other hand, Ivan Reynolds, the character in this book who comes to personify the post-1921 Ireland, is fictional but all too real because, as Mr. Doyle puts it, "he represents the men on the make, the men 'whose time has come,' as they described themselves."

Recruited into the revolution by Henry, Ivan has become a corrupt rural warlord by 1921, when he tells the disillusioned Henry what the fighting was all about. "It wasn't Ireland," he explains. "Ireland's an island, Captain, a dollop of muck. It's about control of the island, that's what the soldiering's about, not the harps and the martyrs and the freedom to swing a hurly. Am I right, d'you think?"

Mr. Doyle would appear to agree, at least, that things turned out that way, that for decades after 1921, as Ireland wallowed in poverty and its sons and daughters emigrated in search of jobs, politics here became an extension of the civil war that erupted among the Irish once the British had left, about control of the island. And these lines remained drawn, more through tradition than conviction, until the Ireland of the 1990's discovered that there was an alternative.

"I think maybe that now the old preconceptions have been rattled in the last five or six years, there's a generosity that wasn't there before," Mr. Doyle said. "There's a genuine curiosity about what went on. People have asked me, how will anyone outside Ireland understand the book? To be honest, people in their 20's and 30's in Ireland will have as much difficulty in some ways because that part of our history was bypassed."

Some Irish critics see the book as accelerating Ireland's process of understanding itself. "It exposes each of the ideological underpinnings on which the state rests and then demolishes each in turn," Carlo Gebler wrote in *The Irish Times*. "In other, less forgiving climes (say, the Soviet Union), Doyle would be put on a cattle truck and sent away. Forever. There is no higher praise, I believe, than to say a book is that dangerous."

Ireland, though, seems to be just as pleased to celebrate yet another Irish writer whose work is applauded abroad, with Irish officialdom happy to point to this country's booming arts as further evidence that something new is afoot here. But Mr. Doyle still sounds a tad skeptical.

"There's a staggering amount of quality writing being done here now," he said, "But it seems we're always trying to live up to some sort of image. The ol' Paddy dancing at the crossroads has just been replaced by a sexier version."

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Graphic

Photos: Roddy Doyle says he is surprised by the warm reception that his latest novel, "A Star Called Henry," has received in Ireland. (Eamonn McCabe/*The Guardian*)(pg. E1); The gutting of Dublin's General Post Office in the Easter Rising of 1916 figures in "A Star Called Henry." (Time Inc.)(pg. E2)

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Body

Air Canada agent pleads guilty to air miles scam

London

A former check-in agent working for Air Canada has pleaded guilty to an air miles scam that allowed him and others to fly first-class around the world.

Satbal Singh, 24, pleaded guilty to charges of false accounting, obtaining services by deception and obtaining property by deception in a London court on Monday. A police spokesman could not say Tuesday what punishment Singh faces when he returns to court May 21 for sentencing.

In a news release, Britain's National Crime Squad said Singh credited phoney accounts he set up for himself with the air miles points of passengers he checked in while working for Air Canada at Heathrow Airport.

He fraudulently collected five million air miles in accounts with a variety of airlines.
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2 children stabbed to death in Connecticut

New London, Conn.

A man seriously wounded his ex-girlfriend and stabbed their toddler son and the woman's 10-year-old sister to death early Tuesday before wounding himself, authorities said.

A neighbour who sheltered the ex-girlfriend also suffered stab wounds, authorities said.

The two children, 15-month-old Josiah Swain and his 10-year-old aunt, Emmaline Turner, were killed at a public housing complex, Deputy Police Chief William Gavitt said.

The suspect, Robert Swain III, 23, was being treated for what appeared to be two self-inflicted superficial stab wounds to the chest, authorities said. Swain, the boy's father, was to be arraigned on two counts of capital felony, which carry a possible death sentence, Gavitt said.

Swain's 20-year-old ex-girlfriend, Jennifer Turner and a neighbour, Rita Whitehead, were also stabbed.

Police said the attack began with an argument between Swain and Turner.

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If elected, Labour vows vote on dumping Queen

Sydney, Australia;

Republicans on Tuesday welcomed a pledge by the opposition Labour party leader to allow Australia to vote again on whether to dump the Queen as its head of state if he wins office in federal elections.

A Labour government would hold a plebiscite -- a nonbinding, national vote -- to test the country's readiness to become a republic within 12 months of taking office, said opposition leader Mark Latham, in comments to a forum due to be broadcast later Tuesday.

"We'd want to get that done in our first term, so have the first plebiscite, then the second and then by the time of the following election would be good timing for a constitutional referendum," Latham told the voters' forum late Monday in Sydney.

National elections are expected to take place later this year.

His timetable would allow Australia to become a republic by 2007.

Haiti calls off recruitment after academy stampede

Port-Au-Prince, Haiti

Police fired tear gas and U.S. marines blocked the entrance of the police academy in the Haitian capital Tuesday as hundreds of candidates stormed the building during a recruiting drive.

The police used batons to beat back recruits and called off the recruiting drive after several people reportedly were injured in the incident.

Haiti's interim government began the drive Monday in an effort to replenish the country's depleted police force. Hundreds of officers, fearing reprisal attacks because of their loyalties to ousted president Jean-Bertrand Aristide, fled their posts when rebels launched an armed rebellion that ousted Aristide on Feb. 29.

The government fired 150 of the former officers last week for leaving their posts or for ethics violations. Dozens more have fled the country.

Tree crashes onto car, couple dies, baby survives

Hastings-On-Hudson, N.Y.

A large tree fell onto a parkway and hit two cars, killing a couple and injuring their baby daughter, police said.

The tree fell across all four lanes of the Saw Mill River Parkway north of New York City on Monday evening and smashed onto the back of a sport utility vehicle, rolling it over onto the shoulder where it came to rest on its roof.

The driver, Stephen Spruck, 27 and his wife, Suzana Dedivanaj-Spruck, 31, were killed. But six-month-old Kristina Spruck had been strapped into a safety seat in the back and was rescued by police and firefighters.

She was in fair condition in hospital Monday night, said police spokesman Sgt. Bruce Bellom. A call seeking an update Tuesday was not returned.

The tree also hit a second car but the driver was not seriously injured. She said she was stunned because the weather seemed fine.

Sinn Fein to face financial penalty over IRA violence

London

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The Sinn Fein party will lose its British government funding because of a new report confirming that the **Irish Republican Army** remains deeply involved in violence, Britain announced Tuesday.

The announcement came as the government published an expert report on the Northern Ireland activities of outlawed paramilitary groups.

"I hope this report and the firm but carefully measured action the government is taking in response to it, will underline it is essential that all paramilitary activity, from whatever quarter, should cease fully and completely," Northern Ireland Secretary Paul Murphy told the House of Commons.

The report by the four-member Independent Monitoring Commission concluded that some Sinn Fein leaders were also influential IRA commanders who should bear responsibility for the IRA's continuing violence and preparations for potential wider violence.

Aboriginal woman puts curse on Australian PM

Colac, Australia

An Aboriginal woman clad in face paint and possum skins pointed a small bone at Australian Prime Minister John Howard on Tuesday in what appeared to be an attempt to curse him in retaliation for his plan to disband the country's top panel on indigenous affairs.

The woman, known only as Moopor, was part of a group of Aborigines protesting Howard's decision to eliminate the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission, an elected body meant to allow indigenous people to run their own affairs.

The woman pointed the bone at the prime minister while he climbed into a waiting car. Howard was in the outback town of Colac in the state of Victoria after visiting about 500 members of a local community.

The prime minister, apparently oblivious to any hex, smiled and waved at the woman.

Russian bid for year-long space station stay rejected

Cape Canaveral, Fla.

NASA has turned down a Russian request for astronauts to spend a full year aboard the International Space Station, saying it lacks the medical know-how for such excessively long stints.

The Russian Space Agency wanted to extend a future mission from six to 12 months, so it could fill the seats on the ferrying capsule with tourists or other paying customers who would spend a week at the station.

A Russian Soyuz capsule is launched to the station every six months and the two seats that would have been taken by replacement crew could have been sold.

Americans have spent no more than 6 1/2 months at a time in space, while a handful of Russian cosmonauts have flown a year or more.

The world space endurance record, held by a cosmonaut, is 14 1/2 months.

Afghan leader announces shakeup, cabinet size cut

Kabul

Afghan President Hamid Karzai said Tuesday that he has ordered a reduction in the size of his cabinet and a clarification of the responsibilities of each ministry, a shakeup that could create resentment among the country's fractious ethnic and regional groups.

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Karzai made the announcement at the opening of a three-day gathering of representatives of international donor countries in the capital, Kabul.

"I have come to the conclusion that the size of the cabinet is too large," Karzai told the gathering. He said that Vice-President Hedayat Amin Arsala and two ministers would come back with recommendations in two weeks on how to pare it down.

He also announced plans to overhaul the system of selecting sub-cabinet level posts in an effort to make them more transparent.

L.A. airport hit with 2nd power outage in 8 days

Los Angeles

Los Angeles International Airport suffered its second power outage in eight days, although flights were not disrupted thanks to backup batteries.

A malfunctioning transformer was blamed for leaving some airport buildings without regular electricity for nearly two hours Monday. The cause of the electricity problems wasn't known.

"It's a little disturbing," said Bob Marks, regional vice-president of the National Air Traffic Controllers Association. "This sure seems like a fragile power infrastructure."

The airport's April 12 power failure lasted less than a second, but caused radar and communications systems at the control tower to malfunction and forced dozens of planes to be delayed. Officials suspect a bird landing on a wire was the cause.

Violence mars first day of voting in Indian election

New Delhi

Indians braved attacks by separatists and communists as they started voting Tuesday in Parliament elections expected to return Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee to power for another five years.

At least 11 people were killed and 18 injured in election-day violence.

The massive polls in the world's largest democracy, with more than 660 million registered voters, will be staggered in five phases over three weeks ending May 10, with vote-counting starting three days later.

Militants opposed to India's control over portions of Kashmir were blamed for fatally shooting a paramilitary soldier guarding a polling station and a separate bomb attack in the region that wounded six civilians, including two poll workers.

A car filled with Indian journalists and human rights activists on their way to monitor polling stations exploded when it ran over a land mine in Kashmir. Two died and four others were wounded.

Maoist rebels have ordered an election boycott in the isolated northeastern states of Jharkhand and Bihar.

Gorillas adjusting to new home in South Africa zoo

Johannesburg, South Africa

Four young African gorillas, captured illegally and held at a Malaysian zoo, are adjusting well to their new home at the Pretoria National Zoological Gardens, officials said Monday.

Animal activists, however, said the gorillas would be better off at a sanctuary in the West African country of Cameroon, where poachers are believed to have caught them.

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After six weeks' quarantine, the gorillas, one male and three females about three or four years old, will be transferred to the zoo's gorilla enclosure, which is being refurbished to a "state of the art" exhibition centre, said Willie Labuschagne, the zoo's executive director.

Pretoria has one other gorilla, a male named Hobbit who is nearly 30 years old.

Despite the zoo's improvements, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals said the apes should be returned to Cameroon, as that country's government demands.

Subway line construction causes highway collapse

Singapore

Excavation for a new subway line caused a section of highway to collapse along Singapore's eastern coast, killing one person and leaving three others missing, authorities said.

An underground explosion was believed to have caused the collapse at around 3:30 p.m. local time during construction of the \$1.12 billion subway line, police and transport authorities said.

It wasn't immediately clear what caused the explosion but police said the incident did not appear to have been terrorist-related.

"We have no evidence to believe that this is sabotage," a police statement said.

Rescue workers recovered one body, Singapore Civil Defence Force spokesman Abdul Razak said. He did not identify the person.

Graphic

Something left behind: Don Skinner, right, in Sydney, Australia on Tuesday, looks at an X-ray showing a pair of surgical scissors inside the abdomen of his wife Pat. Pat had an operation at St. George hospital in Sydney in May 2001, but continued to suffer intense pain and it was only when she insisted on an X-ray 18 months later that she discovered the scissors inside. Associated Press photo: Rob Griffith; John Howard

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Today is Monday, Oct. 11, the 285th day of 2004 with 81 to follow.

This is Columbus Day.

The moon is waning. The morning stars are Jupiter, Saturn, Venus and Mars. The evening stars are Mercury, Pluto, Uranus and Neptune.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Virgo. They include clergyman Mason Locke Weems, who invented the story of George Washington and the cherry tree, in 1759; Englishman George Williams, founder of the YMCA, in 1821; food industry pioneer Henry John Heinz in 1844; first lady and author Eleanor Roosevelt in 1884; choreographer Jerome Robbins in 1918 (age 86); country singer Dottie West in 1932; actor Roy Scheider in 1935 (age 69); actor/singer Rob Leibman in 1937 (age 67); singer Daryl Hall in 1949 (age 55); and actors David Morse in 1953 (age 51), Joan Cusack in 1962 (age 42) and Luke Perry in 1966 (age 38).

On this date in history:

In 1811, the first steam-powered ferry in the world started its run between New York City and Hoboken, N.J.

In 1868, Thomas Alva Edison filed papers for his first invention: an electrical vote recorder to rapidly tabulate floor votes in Congress. Members of Congress rejected it.

In 1950, the Federal Communications Commission issued to CBS the first license to broadcast color television.

In 1962, Pope John XXIII opened the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

In 1984, financier Marc Rich agreed to pay the U.S. government nearly \$200 million, biggest tax fraud penalty in U.S. history.

In 1991, the UN Security Council passed a resolution barring Iraq from pursuing any atomic programs.

In 1993, armed demonstrators in Port au Prince, Haiti, prevented U.S and Canadian troops from landing.

In 1994, the Pentagon reported that Iraqi troops were withdrawing from the Iraq-Kuwait border. Their deployment had brought the U.S. Navy and Marines to the Persian Gulf less than a week earlier.

Also in 1994, the Colorado Supreme Court struck down a law that barred local governments from enacting laws protecting homosexuals from discrimination in employment and housing.

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In 1996, the Nobel Peace Prize went to Jose Ramos-Horta and Carlos Ximenes Belo, who work for freedom for East Timor, Indonesia, where famine and repression had killed one-third of the entire population.

In 2002, Congress gave President Bush its backing for using military force against Iraq.

In 2003, Officials in India arrested more than 1,500 Hindu activists in an effort to ward off violence during a protest planned later this week.

A thought for the day: in her diary, Anne Frank wrote, "If God lets me live, I shall attain more than Mummy ever has done. I shall not remain insignificant. I shall work in the world and for mankind!"

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 12, the 286th day of 2004 with 80 to follow.

The moon is waning. The morning stars are Jupiter, Saturn, Venus and Mars. The evening stars are Mercury, Pluto, Uranus and Neptune.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Virgo. They include Elmer Sperry, who devised practical uses for the gyroscope, in 1860; English composer Ralph Vaughn Williams in 1872; comedian and activist Dick Gregory in 1932 (age 72); opera singer Luciano Pavarotti in 1935 (age 69); TV correspondent Chris Wallace in 1947 (age 57); singer/actress Susan Anton in 1950 (age 54); actors Adam Rich in 1968 (age 36) and Kirk Cameron in 1970 (age 34); and track star Marion Jones in 1975 (age 29).

On this date in history:

In 1492, Christopher Columbus discovered America, making his first landing in the New World on one of the Bahama Islands. Columbus believed he had reached India.

In 1899, the Boers of the Transvaal and Orange Free State in southern Africa declared war on the British. The Boer War was ended May 31, 1902, by the Treaty of Vereeniging.

In 1915, British nurse Edith Cavell, 49, was executed by a German firing squad in Brussels for helping Allied soldiers escape from German-occupied Belgium during World War I.

In 1960, Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev removed one of his shoes and pounded it on his desk during a speech before the United Nations.

In 1964, the Soviet Union launched Voskhod 1 into orbit around Earth, with three cosmonauts aboard. It was the first spacecraft to carry a multi-person crew and the two-day mission was also the first flight performed without space suits.

In 1973, President Nixon nominated House Minority Leader Gerald Ford for the vice presidency to replace Spiro Agnew, who had resigned in disgrace two days earlier.

In 1984, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher escaped injury in the bombing of a hotel in Brighton, England. Four people were killed in the attack, blamed on the **Irish Republican Army**.

In 1991, Iran agreed to withdraw its 1,500 Revolutionary Guards from Lebanon.

In 1992, more than 500 people were killed and thousands injured when an earthquake rocked Cairo, Egypt.

Also in 1992, this was the 500th anniversary of the arrival of Christopher Columbus in the New World.

In 1993, New Delhi announced that more than 9,700 people had died in an earthquake the previous month in southern India.

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In 1995, a cease-fire took effect in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

In 1998, University of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard died, five days after the 21-year-old gay man was beaten, robbed and left tied to a fence.

In 1999, the elected government of Pakistan was overthrown in an apparently bloodless military coup. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and several other leaders were arrested.

In 2000, 17 sailors were killed when an explosion rocked the U.S.S. Cole as it refueled in Yemen. President Clinton blamed the attack on accused terrorist Osama bin Laden.

In 2002, the terror continued for Washington area residents as the week-long death toll from a mysterious sniper reached eight. Law officers were on the lookout for a white van seen near a slaying site earlier in the week.

Also in 2002, a bomb exploded near two crowded discos on the Indonesian island of Bali, killing 202 people.

In 2003, two-year-old Egyptian twins joined at the head were successfully separated and in stable condition at Dallas Children's Medical Center.

Also in 2003, Uganda says its army rescued more than 400 children held captive by rebels in a remote village north of the capital of Kampala.

A thought for the day: Chinese educator, writer and diplomat Tehyi Hsieh said, "The key to success isn't much good until one discovers the right lock to insert it in."

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 13, the 287th day of 2004 with 79 to follow.

The moon is waning. The morning stars are Jupiter, Saturn, Venus and Mars. The evening stars are Mercury, Pluto, Uranus and Neptune.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Virgo. They include American Revolutionary War heroine Molly Pitcher in 1754; actress Lillie Langtry in 1853; actor Cornel Wilde in 1915; puppeteer Burr Tillstrom in 1917; comedian Nipsy Russell in 1924 (age 80); actor/singer Yves Montand in 1925 and former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, also in 1925 (age 79); comedian Lenny Bruce and Jesse L. Brown, the first black American naval aviator, both in 1926; actress Melinda Dillon in 1939 (age 65); singer/songwriter Paul Simon in 1941 (age 63); rocker Sammy Hagar in 1949 (age 55); Chris Carter, creator of "The X-Files," in 1957 (age 47); entertainer Marie Osmond in 1959 (age 45); actress Kelly Preston in 1962 (age 42); and figure skater Nancy Kerrigan in 1969 (age 35).

On this date in history:

In 54, the Roman Emperor Claudius was poisoned by his fourth wife, Agrippina.

In 1775, the Continental Congress ordered construction of America's first naval fleet.

In 1792, the cornerstone to the White House was laid. It would be November 1800 before the first presidential family (that of John Adams) moved in.

In 1903, the Boston Red Sox beat the Pittsburgh Pirates to win the first World Series, five games to three.

In 1943, conquered by the Allies, Italy declared war on Germany, its former Axis partner.

In 1972, more than 170 people were killed when a Soviet airliner crashed near the Moscow airport.

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In 1977, four Palestinians hijacked a Lufthansa airliner in an unsuccessful attempt to force release of 11 imprisoned members of Germany's terrorist group known as the Red Army Faction.

In 1987, Costa Rican President Oscar Arias Sanchez was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize -- the first winner from Central America -- for his Central American peace treaty.

In 1989, the Dow Jones industrial average plunged nearly 191 (190.58) points, the stock market's worst loss since the 508-point crash of October 1987.

In 1990, Lebanese Christian military leader Michel Aoun ended his two-year mutiny, ordered his forces to surrender, and sought refuge in the French Embassy in Beirut after Syrian-backed Lebanese government troops attacked his headquarters.

In 1991, the Group of Seven industrialized democracies agreed to formulate a Soviet economic reform program with Moscow.

In 1992, the first pig liver transplant patient died in a Los Angeles hospital 30 hours after surgery and just hours before she was to get a human organ.

In 1993, the U.N. Security Council voted to reinstate an oil and arms embargo against Haiti after its military leaders refused to step down as promised.

Also in 1993, the Bell Atlantic Corporation and Tele-Communications Inc. announced plans for a merger; the deal was worth \$33 billion.

In 1994, two months after the **Irish Republican Army** announced a cease-fire, Protestant paramilitaries in Northern Ireland did the same.

In 1999, the Senate rejected a treaty signed by the United States that banned all underground nuclear testing. Despite that, President Clinton pledged to abide by the treaty's provisions.

Also in 1999, a grand jury in Boulder, Colo., announced it had insufficient evidence to charge anyone in the Dec. 26, 1996, slaying of 6-year-old beauty queen JonBenet Ramsey.

In 2002, historian Stephen Ambrose, author of numerous books on World War II, American presidents and America's early westward expansion, died of lung cancer. He was 66.

In 2003, jockey Bill Shoemaker, one of horse racing's most renowned figures who won nearly 9,000 races, died at his home in San Marino, Calif. He was 72.

A thought for the day: French playwright Pierre Corneille said, "To win without risk is to triumph without glory."

Today is Thursday, Oct. 14, the 288th day of 2004 with 78 to follow.

The moon is new. The morning stars are Jupiter, Saturn, Venus and Mars. The evening stars are Mercury, Pluto, Uranus and Neptune.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Virgo. They include William Penn, the English Quaker who founded Pennsylvania, in 1644; Irish political leader Eamon de Valera in 1882; Dwight D. Eisenhower, World War II military leader and 34th president of the United States, in 1890; poet e.e. cummings in 1894; actress Lillian Gish in 1896; singer Allan Jones in 1908; former basketball Coach John Wooden in 1910 (age 94); former U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop in 1916 (age 88); actor Roger Moore in 1927 (age 77); Watergate figure John Dean in 1938 (age 66); designer Ralph Lauren in 1939 (age 65); British pop singer Cliff Richard in 1940 (age 64); and actors Harry Anderson in 1952 (age 52) and Greg Evigan in 1953 (age 51).

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On this date in history:

In 1066, William, Duke of Normandy, better known as William the Conqueror, led his invading army to victory over England's King Harold at Hastings.

In 1912, former President Theodore Roosevelt, campaigning for a return to office, was shot in Milwaukee. He refused to have the wound treated until he finished his speech.

In 1944, British and Greek troops liberated Athens, ending three years of World War II occupation by German troops.

In 1947, Air Force Capt. Chuck Yeager, 24, flying a Bell X-1, became the first person to fly faster than the speed of sound.

In 1964, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. became the youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize.

In 1973, Bing Crosby, one of the most popular singers of his day and winner of the best actor Academy Award for his role in "Going My Way," died of a heart attack while playing golf in Madrid. He was 74.

In 1992, the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Oakland A's, 4 games to 2, to win the American League pennant and become first Canadian team to go to the World Series.

In 1993, gunmen shot and killed Haitian Justice Minister Guy Malary, who'd been appointed by President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, in an apparent attempt to scuttle the agreement to return Aristide to power.

In 1994, the kidnapping of an Israeli soldier by Palestinian extremists ended with the soldier and four others being killed in a shootout. The same day, the Nobel peace prize was awarded to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

In 1996, the Dow cracked 6000, closing at a record 6,010.

In 2000, Israeli and Palestinian leaders agreed to meet with President Clinton in Egypt to seek a truce and possibly a way back to the peace table.

In 2003, Washington-area sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad pleaded innocent in a Virginia Beach, Va., courtroom, kicking off the first trial in the case that terrorized Washington for weeks.

A thought for the day: American author Margaret Sangster said, "Creative genius is a divinely bestowed gift which is the coronation of the few."

Today is Friday, Oct. 15, the 289th day of 2004 with 77 to follow.

The moon is waxing. The morning stars are Jupiter, Saturn, Venus and Mars. The evening stars are Mercury, Pluto, Uranus and Neptune.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Virgo. They include Roman poet Virgil in 70 B.C.; German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche in 1844; boxing champion John L. Sullivan in 1858; English writer and humorist P.G. Wodehouse in 1881; Mervyn LeRoy, producer of the film "The Wizard of Oz," in 1900; picture archivist Otto Bettmann in 1903; writer and historian Arthur Schlesinger Jr. in 1917 (age 87); author Mario Puzo in 1920; former Chrysler Corp. Chairman Lee Iacocca in 1924 (age 80); actress Linda Lavin in 1937 (age 67); actress/director Penny Marshall in 1943 (age 61); Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher Jim Palmer in 1945 (age 59); pop singers Richard Carpenter in 1946 (age 58) and Tito Jackson in 1953 (age 51); and Sarah, Duchess of York, in 1959 (age 45).

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On this date in history:

In 1917, the most famous spy of World War I, Gertrude Zelle, better known as Mata Hari, was executed by a firing squad outside Paris.

In 1946, Nazi Reichsmarshal Herman Goering, sentenced to death as a war criminal, committed suicide in his prison cell on the eve of his execution.

In 1951, "I Love Lucy," TV's first long-running sitcom and still seen regularly in syndication, made its debut.

In 1964, Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev was ousted and replaced by Alexei Kosygin and Leonid Brezhnev.

In 1984, astronomers in Pasadena, Calif., displayed the first photographic evidence of another solar system 293-trillion miles from Earth.

In 1990, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

In 1991, the Senate confirmed Judge Clarence Thomas as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court by a vote of 52-48, the closest confirmation vote in court history.

In 1992, a man who terrorized the Russian city of Rostov-on-Don for more than a decade with a series of more than 50 grisly killings was sentenced to death.

In 1993, South Africa's President F.W. de Klerk and African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela were named winners of the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize.

Also in 1993, the Pentagon censured three Navy admirals who'd organized the Tailhook Association convention in 1991 during which scores of women had been subjected to abuse and indignities by junior officers.

And in 1993, Russia's ousted vice president, Alekandr Rutskoi, and the speaker of the parliament, Ruslan Khasbulatov, were charged with ordering mass disorders in the bloody street fighting between supporters and opponents of President Boris Yeltsin that left almost 200 people dead.

In 1994, Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide returned to Haiti three years after being driven into exile by a military coup.

In 1995, Iranian-backed guerillas killed six Israeli soldiers in Israel's security zone along the border with Lebanon.

In 1998, talks that would lead to an agreement to revive the stalled Middle East peace process began at the Wye Conference Center in Queenstown, Md.

In 1999, the Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to the international group Doctors Without Borders.

In 2001, a package containing a substance believed to be anthrax was opened in the personal office of Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle.

In 2002, the Washington area sniper claimed his ninth fatality, a female FBI analyst, as the massive manhunt continued with authorities on the lookout for two vehicles that could be linked to the two-week rash of apparently random shootings.

Also in 2002, former ImClone Chief Executive Officer Samuel Waksal pleaded guilty to insider trading as part of an ongoing investigation into the trading of shares from his biotech company, which also involved home decor diva and Waksal friend Martha Stewart.

And, in 2002, the Dow Jones industrials, which hit a five-year low only four trading days earlier, rebounded strongly and by this date had reached 8,255.68, more than 900 points above that low.

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In 2003, 10 people were killed and dozens injured when a New York ferry, transporting passengers from Manhattan, slammed into a pier on Staten Island.

Also in 2003, China became the third nation, joining the United States and Russia, to launch a man into space. He landed safely the next day after orbiting the Earth 14 times.

A thought for the day: Sir Arthur Conan Doyle wrote, "Mediocrity knows nothing higher than itself, but talent instantly recognizes genius."

Today is Saturday, Oct. 16, the 290th day of 2004 with 76 to follow.

The moon is waxing. The morning stars are Jupiter, Saturn, Venus and Mars. The evening stars are Mercury, Pluto, Uranus and Neptune.

Those born on this day are under the sign of Virgo. They include lexicographer Noah Webster in 1758; Irish author and dramatist Oscar Wilde in 1854; David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, in 1886; playwright Eugene O'Neill in 1888; Irish revolutionist Michael Collins in 1890; Supreme Court Justice William Orville Douglas in 1898; German novelist Gunter Grass in 1927 (age 77); actor Barry Corbin ("Northern Exposure") in 1940 (age 64); actresses Linda Darnell in 1921, Angela Lansbury in 1925 (age 79) and Suzanne Somers in 1946 (age 58); Grateful Dead co-founder Bob Weir in 1947 (age 57); actor Tim Robbins in 1958 (age 46); basketball player Manute Bol in 1962 (age 42); and actress Kellie Martin in 1975 (age 29).

On this date in history:

In 1701, Yale University was founded.

In 1793, French Queen Marie Antoinette was beheaded.

In 1859, abolitionist John Brown led an abortive raid on the federal arsenal at Harper's Ferry, Va. He was convicted of treason and hanged.

In 1868, America's first department store, ZCMI, opened in Salt Lake City.

In 1916, the nation's first birth control clinic was opened in Brooklyn, N.Y., by Margaret Sanger and two other women.

In 1946, at Nuremberg, Germany, 10 high-ranking Nazi officials were executed by hanging for World War II war crimes. Hermann Goering, founder of the Gestapo and chief of the German air force, was to have been among them but he committed suicide in his cell the night before.

In 1964, China detonated its first atomic bomb.

In 1972, a light plane carrying House Democratic leader Hale Boggs of Louisiana and three other men was reported missing in Alaska. The plane was never found.

In 1984, black Anglican Bishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa won the Nobel Peace Prize for his struggle against apartheid.

In 1989, the New York stock market bounced back from staggering losses, with the Dow gaining more than 88 points after a 190-point plunge on Friday the 13th.

In 1991, George Hennard killed 22 people and then took his own life after driving his pickup truck through the front window of Luby's Cafeteria in Killeen, Texas. It was the worst mass shooting in U.S. history.

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In 1992, Attorney General Barr appointed an independent counsel to investigate congressional charges of administration wrongdoing in the case of an Iraqi loan by an Atlanta bank.

In 1994, German Chancellor Helmut Kohl retained his office in parliamentary elections -- but just barely.

In 1995, hundreds of thousands of black men from across the nation gathered at the Mall in Washington, D.C, to take part in the "Million Man March."

In 1998, Protestant David Trimble and Roman Catholic John Hume, both political leaders in Northern Ireland, were named as co-winners of the 1998 Nobel Peace Prize for their work toward bringing peace to Ulster.

In 2002, President Bush signed into law the joint congressional resolution authorizing him to use military force if necessary to rid Iraq of its suspected weapons of mass destruction.

In 2003, the U.N. Security Council unanimously passed a resolution endorsing a U.S.-led multinational force in Iraq.

A thought for the day: Irish author and dramatist Oscar Wilde's dying words were said to have been, "This wallpaper is killing me; one of us has got to go."

Today is Sunday, Oct. 17, the 291st day of 2004 with 75 to follow.

The moon is waxing. The morning stars are Jupiter, Saturn, Venus and, Mars. The evening stars are Mercury, Pluto, Uranus and Neptune.

Those born on this day are under the sign of Libra. They include Jupiter Hammon, America's first published black poet, in 1711; actress Irene Ryan in 1903; big band trombonist and wide-eyed comic Jerry Colonna, best remembered as a featured comedian on Bob Hope shows, in 1905; playwright Arthur Miller in 1915 (age 89); actress Rita Hayworth in 1918; actor Tom Poston in 1927 (age 77); actor Montgomery Clift in 1920; newspaper columnist Jimmy Breslin in 1930 (age 74); daredevil Robert "Evel" Knievel in 1938 (age 66) actors Michael McKean in 1940 (age 63), and Margot Kidder and George Wendt, both in 1948 (age 56); and former astronaut Mae Jemison, the first African-American woman in space, in 1956 (age 48); rapper Eminem in 1972 (age 32).

On this date in history:

In 1777, at one of the turning points of the American Revolution, British Gen. John Burgoyne surrendered to American Gen. Horatio Gates at Saratoga, N.Y.

In 1945, Juan Peron became dictator of Argentina. He remained in power for 11 years before being overthrown.

In 1967, the rock musical "Hair" opened at the Public Theater in New York City.

In 1973, the Arab-dominated Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, commonly known as OPEC, said it would cut oil exports to the United States and other nations that provided military aid to Israel in the Yom Kippur War of October 1973. A full oil embargo hit the U.S. in December causing a serious energy crisis.

In 1979, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, a Roman Catholic nun who cared for the sick and poor, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

In 1986, Congress passed a landmark immigration bill, the first U.S. immigration law authorizing penalties for employers who hire illegal aliens.

In 1989, the most powerful California earthquake since the legendary temblor of 1906 struck the San Francisco Bay Area at evening rush hour, just before scheduled start of Game Three of the World Series in San Francisco between the Giants and the Oakland A's. At least 67 people were fatally injured.

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In 1990, U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said military force would be a legitimate response to the Iraqi occupation of Kuwait if sanctions did not work.

In 1992, the Justice Department said it would investigate the case of a prison inmate who said he was silenced during the 1988 presidential campaign after claiming he once sold marijuana to Dan Quayle, the Republican candidate for vice president.

In 1994, North Korea agreed to freeze its nuclear weapons program and allow international inspections of its facilities.

In 1996, O.J. Simpson, who had been acquitted in a highly publicized trial of murdering his estranged wife and her friend, went on trial in civil court in a suit brought by the victims' families, alleging responsibility for the deaths.

In 1998, by request of Spanish authorities, British police arrested former Chilean dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet for questioning about "crimes of genocide and terrorism that include murder."

In 2001 the anthrax scare continued as Congress began closing down for security sweeps after 321 staffers and police tested positive for exposure to anthrax.

In 2003, the U.S. hostile fire death toll in the Iraqi war reached 100 since President Bush announced the end of major combat in May.

- A thought for the day: Russian novelist Fyodor Dostoyevsky wrote, "With love one can live even without happiness."

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Powell admits to doubts over case for war in Iraq

London.

Doubts over the Iraq war emerged at the heart of the Bush administration Tuesday when Colin Powell, the U.S. secretary of state, suggested that he might not have supported the conflict had he known Saddam Hussein lacked stockpiles of deadly weapons.

Though hedged with careful expressions of support for President George W. Bush, Powell's comments were aimed at the hawks who pressed for war over his calls for diplomacy to be given more time.

His intervention was embarrassing for British Prime Minister Tony Blair who Tuesday set up a tightly drawn inquiry into the reliability of prewar intelligence on Iraq's WMD. The inquiry will not be able to question his decision to take the country to war.

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Blair continues to say he has no regrets over the conflict. The inquiry, to be led by Lord Butler of Brockwell, a former cabinet secretary, could not reopen the argument over whether the war was right or wrong -- that had been a decision for the government and parliament.

French premier urges ban on Islamic head scarves

Paris

French Premier Jean-Pierre Raffarin urged legislators Tuesday to ban Islamic head scarves and other conspicuous religious apparel in public schools, saying France must set clear limits in the face of growing militancy.

The measure also bans Jewish skullcaps and large Christian crosses from public schools, but French authorities have made clear it is aimed at Muslim head coverings. There is growing concern that Muslims are not integrating into French society -- a concern magnified by fears of a rise in Muslim fundamentalism.

"Certain religious signs ... are multiplying in our schools," he said, adding that such signs "take on a political sense and cannot be considered a religious sign. "I say with force, religion must not be a political project."

Talks to revive deal on power sharing resume

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Belfast, Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland's political enemies gathered around the same table Tuesday to begin discussing the possible revival of a joint Catholic-Protestant administration, the central goal of the 1998 peace accord.

Britain and Ireland hope that the coming three months of negotiations that have been scheduled will somehow resurrect power-sharing. But their task appears daunting given the recent electoral triumph of extremist forces in Northern Ireland politics: the Democratic Unionists on the British Protestant side of the fence and Sinn Fein on the Irish Catholic side.

And Democratic Unionist leader Ian Paisley declared as he exited Stormont Parliamentary Building that his party would not negotiate with Sin Fein, which is linked to the **Irish Republican Army**. His negotiating team did break new ground by sitting, for the first time, at the same negotiating table as Sinn Fein.

EU tells Romanians to halt 'export' of children

Brussels

The European Commission has warned Romania to halt the export of children for adoption or face a bar on EU membership and the severance of aid funds.

The commission wrote to Adrian Nastase, the prime minister, warning that his government's conduct failed to meet the "political criteria" on human rights required for EU accession. Romania is hoping to join in 2007.

The unprecedented letter, signed by the enlargement commissioner Gunther Verheugen, not only threatened to cut off aid, it also referred to the need for a "recovery of funds" already spent unless Bucharest can account for its actions. Officials say about \$90 million Cdn in aid is at risk.

The mounting dispute comes after reports in the Italian press that Romania has sent 105 children to Italy on dubious pretexts, confirming suspicions in Brussels that the Nastase government is turning a blind eye to large-scale racketeering by adoption agencies and corrupt officials.

Topless barber shop in Paisley condemned

Edinburgh.

A topless barber's shop was condemned Tuesday as an appalling example of the loutish culture sweeping Britain.

The proposed hairdresser, in which all the **female** staff will be over 18 and topless, is due to open in Paisley, Scotland and the local authority says there is nothing it can do to stop it.

It will take the place of another controversial shop called Bongheads in the centre of Paisley, which sold cannabis seeds, drugs paraphernalia and sex toys.

Sandra White, a Scottish National Party MSP and a member of a cross-party group on violence against **women**, said she was disgusted by this "laddish culture" and would picket the shop.

But Kenny Campbell, 23, a postman, supported the proposal. "Going to the barber's can be a bit dull, but topless **women** would certainly liven things up. People would be queuing at the door. I think I could be getting a trim every couple of days."

Car bomb explodes near market in south Russia

Vladikavkaz, Russia

A car bomb exploded Tuesday evening near the central market in Vladikavkaz, a southern Russian city near the war-racked republic of Chechnya, killing two people and injuring up to 10.

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Heavy smoke filled the area as firefighters battled flames after the explosion. Glass in many of the nearby two-storey buildings was shattered by the bomb, which officials said had a force equivalent to six or seven kg of TNT.

Regional interior ministry spokesman Ismel Shaov said the dead included one civilian and one serviceman and that six other people had been admitted to hospital, including a mother and father and their two-year-old daughter.

European scientists plan Mars missions to rival U.S.

London

European scientists set out plans Tuesday for manned missions to Mars that aim to land astronauts on the red planet within 30 years.

Like U.S. President George W. Bush's proposed mission to Mars, the outline put forward by the European Space Agency involves a "stepping-stone" approach that includes robotic missions and a manned trip to the moon first.

"We need to go back to the moon before we go to Mars. We need to walk before we run," said Dr. Franco Ongaro, who heads the ESA's Aurora program for exploration of the solar system.

The ESA has planned two flagship missions to Mars -- ExoMars would land a rover on the planet in 2009 and Mars Sample Return would bring back a sample of the Martian surface in 2011 to 2014.

More than 40 feared drowned in boat mishap

Kampala, Uganda

A boat overloaded with passengers and cargo capsized in stormy weather on a lake in western Uganda and more than 40 people were feared drowned, police said Tuesday.

So far, 37 of the more than 80 passengers have have been rescued and 19 bodies recovered from the waters of Lake Albert, where the large dugout canoe with an outboard engine overturned early Monday, said Grace Turyagum, the region's police commander. The rest are feared dead.

The accident took place just south of Panyimur, a village 280 km west of Kampala, he said.

Nigerians decry old AIDS drugs, scarcity, corruption

Lagos, Nigeria

AIDS activists complained Tuesday that a Nigerian government plan to provide cheap AIDS drugs had failed, threatening the lives of more than 14,000 HIV-infected people who began taking the drugs two years ago -- only to be told that the supply has run out.

A top health official in Nigeria -- one of Africa's top-five HIV-infected nations -- acknowledged that the AIDS program had exhausted its medication, but said the government has ordered more.

Nigeria's main organization of people with the virus, AIDS Alliance Nigeria, faulted the government for its overall handling of the project.

Repeated shortages, dispensing of expired drugs and corruption have marred what should have been a laudable program, activists said.

North Korea agrees to resume nuclear talks

Seoul, South Korea

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North Korea agreed Tuesday to resume six-country talks Feb. 25 -- a breakthrough in U.S.-led efforts to persuade the Communist state to abandon its nuclear weapons programs for economic and other concessions from Washington.

The new round of talks, to begin in Beijing, is expected to take up North Korea's offer to freeze its nuclear programs as a first step toward what Washington hopes will be a complete dismantling of them.

While the U.S. is willing to see where the North's proposal leads, its ultimate objective is the elimination of Pyongyang's program, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said. "A freeze is not our goal."

Taiwan's leader calls for demilitarized zone

Taipei, Taiwan

Presenting himself as a peacemaker, Taiwan's leader on Tuesday proposed a demilitarized zone, special envoys and liaison offices with China -- this democratic island nation's biggest security threat.

President Chen Shui-bian made his case during his first news conference in more than three years and linked his proposals to his much-criticized call for a historical March 20 referendum that deals with China relations.

Chen said the referendum, which falls on the same day he seeks re-election, would give voters a chance to decide whether they favour setting up a "peace and stability framework" that would help ease the threat of war with China. Chen said his proposals could be part of this framework.

New train service given cheeky Outback welcome

Sydney

The first passenger train to cross Australia from south to north arrived in Darwin Tuesday to be welcomed by women flashing their breasts and men baring their backsides in a mass "moon."

It was not the reception expected by the dozens of dignitaries, including a former prime minister, Gough Whitlam, who had travelled for 47 hours aboard the 1.6-km-long train from Adelaide.

"There were about 60 of them all lined up," said a photographer, Clive Hyde. "That's the Outback for you -- you're pretty much free to do what you want."

Police asked the group to keep away from a gathering of local families who were also awaiting the arrival of the "Ghan," named after the Afghan camel handlers who helped explore central Australia in the 19th century.

Traversing nearly 3,500 km of desert, scrub and sand dunes, the Ghan route is the longest north-south railway in the world, the realization of a dream dating to 1859. Until now it had extended only as far as Alice Springs, halfway across the continent.

S.D. trial begins for man charged in 1975 death

Rapid City, S.D.

Jury selection started Tuesday in the trial of a man charged with the 1975 murder of an aboriginal Canadian woman who participated in an uprising at Wounded Knee a few years earlier.

Arlo Looking Cloud is one of two men charged in the killing of Anna Mae Pictou-Aquash, a Mi'kmaq from Nova Scotia whose frozen body was found on the Pine Ridge Indian reservation in February 1976.

After investigating the case for years with little luck, federal agents arrested Looking Cloud in Denver last March. Authorities have not discussed a motive or what evidence led to his arrest after more than 25 years.

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The other suspect, John Graham, was arrested in Vancouver and is free on bail. He has said he will fight extradition to the United States.

Whales figure out how to pluck fish right off hook

Anchorage, Alaska

Sperm whales have the largest brain of any animal and some in the Gulf of Alaska are proving it at mealtimes by letting humans do all the work.

Researchers are now investigating what commercial fisherman have long noticed, that the whales have learned to pluck sablefish off hooks attached to their long fishing lines.

"They somehow just pick them off like grapes," said fisherman Dick Curran,. "I don't know how they do it."

No one knows how the whales have come to target sablefish, also called black cod, whose oily, rich flesh has become a lucrative product in Japanese markets. So a team of commercial fishermen and biologists has begun to investigate with about \$200,000 US from the North Pacific Research Board.

"We don't want the fishermen to have an economic loss. Plus it's a biological loss, because we don't know how many sablefish are being taken," said whale specialist Jan Straley, a lead investigator in the project.

"My interest is biological and I really want to understand what these whales are doing."

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The top stories at this hour from The Associated Press.

NATO-YUGOSLAVIA: NATO promises more attacks at heart of Yugoslavia; refugee crisis worsens

-BODY- BELGRADE, Yugoslavia - NATO promises more attacks like the one that destroyed Yugoslavia's Interior Ministry if the weather improves, while the allies scramble to help neighboring regions deal with hundreds of thousands of Kosovo Albanian refugees. A NATO spokesman says all of Kosovo's ethnic Albanians could be forced out within three weeks.

Slug AM-Yugoslavia-Kosovo. Developing. About 1000 words.

By George Jahn. AP Photos BEL115, Cars pass burning buildings in Belgrade; BEL116, The ruins of Serbian police headquarters Belgrade; PDG103, A refugee holds his wife as they cry; XSKJ106, Refugees reach for milk at a refugee camp on the Macedonian border. NATO'S OBJECTIVE: Alliance struggling to achieve its goal

WASHINGTON - Nearly two weeks into NATO's air campaign against Serb forces, chilling pictures of thousands of Kosovar refugees provide grim confirmation of the yawning gap between the alliance's objectives and the reality on the ground. In the battle between Balkan tribalism and high tech aerial warfare, tribalism has the clear edge in the early going.

Slug AM-US-Kosovo-First Days. New, may stand. 800 words.

By George Gedda As Belgrade government buildings burn, rage at NATO soars

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia - Standing as close to the destruction as police allow, the old woman spits her rage at NATO for daring to strike at the heart of Belgrade - and at her heart. Jeliseveta Popovic curses "the scum, the garbage" behind the destruction of the Serbian police headquarters, where she worked for decades, and which was left a charred ruin by NATO missiles.

Slug AM-Yugoslavia-Belgrade Scene. New. Should stand. 700 words.

By George Jahn. 'History' at work again in Balkans

UNDATED - "It seems history is to blame," the Englishman sympathizes with the Irishman in "Ulysses," sweeping centuries of oppression under a rug of empty words. "History" is at it again these days, in the mournful hills and dying villages of Kosovo. As Kosovo shows, the fires of nationalism - of ethnic conflict - are taking global center stage once more at century's end, after a half-century sideshow called the Cold War.

Slug AM-Full Circle. New. Should stand. 900 words.

By Charles J. Hanley. Fears grow that Kosovo blaze will race through region

KUKES, Albania - Fires built by Kosovo refugees dot the soggy fields at the beginning of a trail of misery into Albania. It's a suitable analogy for what the latest Balkan blaze could bring to the region: a current of human desperation and political pressures that could drag under neighboring countries and splatter trouble directly onto the laps of Western leaders.

Slug AM-Balkans-Regional Ripples. New. Should stand. 800 words

By Brian Murphy.

Separates:

- AM-US-Kosovo, from WASHINGTON: The administration declares "no target is off-limits" in NATO's campaign to pressure Serb forces to end their attacks in Kosovo. The alliance's military operation is "a difficult and dangerous one, but it's necessary and right," President Clinton says in his weekly radio address.

- AM-Kosovo-Refugees, from BLACE, Macedonia: With an estimated 60,000 refugees jammed at the border and as many as 300,000 more coming, Macedonia says it won't take any more unless it knows they can be sent on to European countries and neighboring states.

- AM-Kosovo-Vigil in the Skies, from ABOVE THE ADRIATIC SEA: A U.S. Navy P-3 Orion aircraft heads north over the Adriatic Sea, a narrow stretch of calm blue between Italy and warring Yugoslavia. It's dawn patrol. The first surveillance mission of the day.

- AM-Germany-Ready for Kosovo? from AMBERG, Germany: Germans used to watching their soldiers sit out allied operations because of World War II inhibitions are nervously preparing to do their part in Kosovo if NATO changes course and orders ground troops.

- AM-Europe-Kosovo Refugees, from BONN, Germany: Germany says it is willing to accept some of the tens of thousands of refugees who have fled Kosovo. Other European countries are mulling whether to take in some of those displaced in the conflict.

- AM-Geneva Conventions-Kosovo, from GENEVA: The capture of three American servicemen on the Kosovo border has sent Red Cross lawyers diving for their textbooks. But one thing is sure, they say - the men are prisoners of war and are entitled to protection under the third Geneva Convention.

CHINA-US: China's premier visits an indispensable U.S.: America, vent your rage

BEIJING - Outrage among Chinese over NATO bombing Yugoslavia, U.S. condemnation of China's human rights abuses, accusations in Congress of concerted Chinese espionage and threatened mobs of American protesters - all these could not keep Premier Zhu Rongji from visiting the United States. Zhu's determination to brave Chinese resentment and American anger during a nine-day tour proves that for China, the relationship with the United States has become indispensable.

Slug AM-China-Indispensable US. Should stand. 825 words.

By Charles Hutzler.

MEDICARE: Progress uncertain this year, politics to blame

WASHINGTON - President Clinton and Republicans in Congress have pledged to forge ahead in their quest to overhaul Medicare this year. But they favor very different fixes. And politics is threatening to widen the gap, raising the question of whether anything substantial will get done.

Slug AM-Walter Mears. 780 words.

By Alice Ann Love

Eds: Also moved Thursday as b3009 for release Sunday.

With:

- AM-Budget-Trust Funds, from WASHINGTON: Politicians bickering over which party would best protect Social Security's huge trust fund are ignoring a dirty little secret: More than 100 other, smaller but similar accounts routinely are used to make the budget surplus look bigger.

ROCKEY RELATIONSHIPS: Man accused of bilking vulnerable victims coast to coast

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo. - Michael Dean Rockey has been many things to many people. Police say that while duping vulnerable women out of tens of thousands of dollars, he posed as a Cornell University psychiatrist, a prospective Irish Republican Army member and a British wool-business scion - just to name a few. Rockey's trail of deception leads from California to New York, "and who knows where in between," said Robert Weiner, a deputy district attorney in this mountain town where Rockey faces trial on charges of bilking a woman out of more than \$30,000.

Slug AM-Rockey Relationships. New. Will stand. 900 words.

By Steve Gutterman. AP Photo NY116, Rockey in a file photo; NY117, Robert Weiner the prosecutor.

COLD CASE SQUADS: Crime drop frees cops to reopen decades-old cases

LAS VEGAS - Dave Hatch sits alone, a solitary researcher in a library of death. Each of the 300-plus binders on the shelves around him holds a tale of murder unsolved - the prostitute murdered in her Las Vegas room in 1976, the Boston thug dumped out in the desert back in 1969. These cold cases are the 27-year police veteran's new beat. As the crime rate drops and crime-solving acquires new technology, cold case investigators are appearing from Newark to New Orleans, from San Antonio to Seattle.

Slug AM-Cold Case Squads. Will stand. 2,000 words.

By National Writer Larry McShane. AP Photos NY321-322 of March 29.

Eds: Also moved March 29 as b0720 for Sunday, April 4. A 1st Ld-Writethru moved April 2 as b0740.

With:

- AM-A Case Solved, b0721

Y2K RELIGION: Many conservative Christians brace for millennium bug

RALEIGH, N.C. - Marvin Tarlton and his neighbors fear a great storm may be approaching, and they're preparing as coastal dwellers would for a hurricane - stocking the farm pond with fish, stockpiling dried beans. The tempest would not be wind and rain, but computer data gone haywire on New Year's Day. Tarlton is among thousands of conservative Christians who have heeded the Bible's advice to err on the side of caution when it comes to the Y2K threat.

Slug AM-Y2K-Cosmic Crisis. Will stand. 1,375 words.

By Gary D. Robertson. AP Photos NY339-340 of March 29.

Eds: Also moved March 29 as b0717 for Sunday.

With:

- AM-Y2K-Churches, b0718

- AM-Y2K-Books, b0719

EASTER PILGRIMS: In holy Jerusalem, season of millennial pilgrimage begins

JERUSALEM - At the Via Dolorosa's third station, where tradition says Jesus stumbled with the cross, the voices rose up in somber unison. "Our father, who art in heaven ...," dozens of Roman Catholics from the United States intoned, beginning the Lord's Prayer. A peddler waving souvenir booklets interrupted them, yelling: "Fourteen stations of the cross for a dollar."

Pilgrimages have taken many forms over the centuries, from the bloody Crusades to the court-ordered penance trips of convicts in the Middle Ages to the mass tourism of today.

Slug AM-MIL-Earth Meets Heaven. Should stand. 1,525 words.

By Karin Laub.

Eds: Also moved in advance as b0714 for Sunday and thereafter.

With:

- AM-MIL-Earth-Glance: Some facts about millennium pilgrimages to the Holy Land.

- AM-MIL-Earth-Scripture: Biblical passages about pilgrimages.

RWANDAN JUSTICE: Five years after genocide, Rwandans still wait for justice

NYAMATA, Rwanda - Jean-Paul, a 14-year-old with an ugly scar on his head from a machete slash, wants to be a soldier so he can hunt down the men who killed his parents and left him for dead under their bodies. Five years after Hutus slaughtered an estimated 500,000 Rwandans, most minority Tutsis, survivors are still waiting for compensation and for justice to be meted out.

Slug AM-Awaiting Justice. Should stand. 880 words.

By Hrvoje Hranjski.

Eds: Also moved in advance as b0747 for Sunday.

TUNICA's LUCK: In Delta, casinos transform America's poorest county

TUNICA, Miss. - In the engulfing whirr and hum and jingle and jangle of a thousand slot machines, accented by the occasional Rebel yell of a jackpot winner, your brain has to do a fast rewind to remember that this cavernous casino sits - floats? - in what was once the poorest county in the poorest state in the Union. Today Tunica County has nine world-class, big-name, floating gambling casinos out along the Mississippi River, making it the country's third-largest gambling center, behind Las Vegas and Atlantic City. Some call it the "Tunica Miracle."

Slug AM-Tunica's Luck. Will stand. 1,800 words.

By David L. Langford. AP Photos NY400-NY402 of March 29.

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Two postal workers dead; inhalation anthrax is suspected cause

WASHINGTON (AP) - Damage from the anthrax-by-mail attack spiraled, with two postal workers dead of what officials suspect was inhalation anthrax and two more hospitalized. Officials were monitoring nine others with suspicious symptoms.

The Postal Service defended a delay in looking for anthrax at the city's central facility, where the victims worked, and considered new precautions for workers nationwide.

Testing for anthrax continued Monday at Washington's Brentwood postal facility, a week after a tainted letter first appeared on Capitol Hill. Health officials said they would expand testing to 36 post offices across the city that received mail from Brentwood, as investigators tried to pinpoint any other sites contaminated with anthrax.

And authorities said postal workers citywide should begin taking preventive antibiotics, with the number of people prescribed preventive antibiotics nearing 10,000 in Washington alone.

U.S. jets blast oil storage facilities; opposition reports U.S. attacks around key city

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP) - U.S. jets blasted oil storage facilities in the Taliban stronghold of Kandahar on Tuesday, and the opposition reported U.S. attacks around a key northern city which the anti-Taliban rebels have been trying to take for years.

Near the front line north of Kabul, a Taliban rocket slammed into the main bazaar in the opposition-held town of Charikar, killing two people including a 60-year-old vegetable vendor, witnesses said.

Opposition spokesmen complained that U.S. jets were still not striking close enough to the front to enable their forces to advance.

In Uzbekistan, opposition spokesman Ibrahim Ghafoori said American planes were attacking Taliban positions around Mazar-e-Sharif, a key northern city which the rebels have been trying to recapture since they lost it in 1998. Ghafoori said opposition fighters had advanced six to nine miles toward Mazar-e-Sharif in brisk fighting Monday and Tuesday.

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Opposition officials also reported a third day of airstrikes Tuesday along the front line north of the capital Kabul, the opposition official said. However, Taliban fighters along the Kabul front were holding their ground, responding with rockets and mortars toward front line opposition positions.

Southern Pakistani city tense as militants vow to march on air base

JACOBABAD, Pakistan (AP) - Police locked down a southern city Tuesday after Islamic militants vowed to marshal thousands of supporters to storm an air base that is providing support to U.S. military personnel.

More than 100 people had been arrested by midmorning after a protest inside Jacobabad, site of Shahbaz Air Base.

Blockades and sandbag bunkers were erected around the city, most shops were closed and many streets were deserted except for heavily armed patrols of police, army and paramilitary troops.

Islamic militants summoned by Jamaat-e-Islami, Pakistan's largest and most influential religious party, vowed to seize the base Tuesday afternoon. They want to expel U.S. personnel supporting the U.S.-led military campaign designed to root out terrorist installations in Afghanistan belonging to Osama bin Laden.

Roads to the city have been blocked for days to prevent mass entry. But on Tuesday morning, about 200 militant Muslims appeared inside the city, chanting anti-government slogans. They made no immediate move toward the base three miles away.

Police rushed them with batons, ordering them to disperse. Nearly all were arrested, according to an Associated Press photographer on the scene who said at least five protesters appeared to have been injured by batons.

Terror investigators look at foreign exchange companies

WASHINGTON (AP) - Investigators are looking at whether terrorists may have laundered money through foreign exchange bureaus. Two men faced charges about financial transactions in connection with the terrorism investigation, but neither been linked to the Sept. 11 attacks.

German Interior Minister Otto Schily said foreign exchange companies that operate globally could have been used by terrorists. He would not name specific companies but urged money exchange firms to cooperate.

"I don't want to mention some names, but it also includes the role of some companies doing the exchange of money and delivering money. Maybe they are situated in the United States," said Schily.

Schily oversees interior security in Germany, where several suspected hijackers lived and may have plotted the Sept. 11 hijackings. He was in Washington on Monday to meet with Bush administration officials.

Elsewhere, a Saudi man who apparently holds a student pilot's license was arrested in Missouri on a bank fraud charge.

The FBI has not tied Adel F. Badri to last month's attacks in which terrorists crashed airliners in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania. Badri was charged with bank fraud for cashing allegedly forged checks worth \$10,000, according to an FBI affidavit released by the Justice Department.

Hundreds drown when refugee boat sinks

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BOGOR, Indonesia (AP) - Traumatized survivors of a boat sinking compared the tragedy to the film "Titanic" and one said 200 people, mainly women and children, were trapped in the vessel's hull as it sunk off the Indonesia coast.

Others drowned after floating in the water for hours. Officials say the death toll may pass 350.

The wooden boat, which was reportedly carrying illegal immigrants to neighboring Australia, sank Friday. U.N. officials said only 44 survivors were pulled from the water out of a reported 421 on board. News of the catastrophe was only made public on Monday.

By Tuesday some survivors were recovering in a refugee camp, said Kemala Ahwil, spokeswoman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees in Jakarta.

Sinn Fein's Gerry Adams calls for disarmament

LONDON (AP) - Britain and Ireland awaited a breakthrough in Northern Ireland's crumbling peace process after IRA-allied Sinn Fein urged the paramilitary group to make a long-delayed move on disarmament.

Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams called on Irish Republican Army supporters to act with "clear heads and brave hearts" in moving the peace process forward. His statement Monday came within days of the likely collapse of Northern Ireland's power-sharing government, created as part of the Good Friday peace agreement of 1998 but hobbled repeatedly by the disarmament issue.

As in 1997, when the IRA announced a cease-fire a day after Adams publicly recommended it, his speech raised expectations of a quick IRA gesture.

Leaders of the Ulster Unionist Party, whose support is essential to the survival of Northern Ireland's government, resigned their posts last week hoping to force an IRA move. They have said they would return to the government if the IRA began to disarm.

Israel insists on holding West Bank towns despite U.S. demand to leave

JERUSALEM (AP) - Israel insists on holding six West Bank towns until its demands are met, despite stiff U.S. criticism of the widest Israeli incursion in seven years.

While complaining bitterly about the Israeli stranglehold on six of the eight main towns in the West Bank, Palestinians also charged Monday that Israel was behind an explosion that killed a prominent Hamas militant in the city of Nablus.

In Washington, the U.S. government issued its harshest criticism yet of the Israeli incursion, rejecting Israeli arguments that the move was necessary in the wake of the assassination of Cabinet minister Rehavam Zeevi last week. State Department spokesman Philip Reeker expressed regret over the deaths of Palestinian civilians during the operation, now in its sixth day.

Israel has remained defiant, responding with a statement that said, "The murder of Rehavam Zeevi crossed the red line, and Israel, as any democratic country, is exerting its right to self defense and the defense of its citizens."

Exchanges of fire continued at night in the biblical town of Bethlehem, where Israeli tanks took up positions a few miles from the Church of the Nativity, marking the traditional birthplace of Jesus.

Indonesian parliament passes autonomy bill for troubled Irian Jaya

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - Indonesia's parliament has passed a bill granting the rebellious province of Irian Jaya sweeping autonomy, a greater share of resource revenues - and a new name.

The government expects the new law will help end a long-running separatist struggle in the region, on the western half of New Guinea island.

Under the new legislation, the province will have its name officially changed to Papua, a move the indigenous population has long sought. It will also retain 80 percent of royalties from logging and fishing, and 70 percent from mining and the exploitation of oil and natural gas reserves, lawmaker Sabam Sirait said Tuesday.

Pro-independence politicians have long complained that the region gets little back from the revenues it generates. The bill also permits the province to fly its independence flag and use its own anthem, Sirait said.

Convicted killer who was 17 at time of slaying put to death

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) - A convicted killer who was 17 at the time of the murder was executed after losing an appeal that attempted to make his age a rallying point for keeping him from the death chamber.

Gerald Mitchell, 33, had spent nearly half of his life on death row before the Monday execution, which marked the 19th time since 1976 a U.S. inmate was put to death for a murder committed when the killer was younger than 18.

He apologized to the victim's mother and told his family and friends to be strong. His sister, Marsha, sobbed and slid to her knees on the floor of the witness area,

"I am sorry for the life I took from you," Mitchell said, looking at Diane Marino, whose son Charles was killed. "I sincerely apologize."

By the time he was arrested for shooting three people in 1985, killing two of them, the 17-year-old Mitchell had a history of robbery and theft and had been expelled from an alternative school.

Mitchell was accused of killing Charles Anthony Marino, 20, who was shot with a sawed-off shotgun after he and his brother-in-law, Kenneth Fleming, tried to buy \$1 worth of marijuana from Mitchell in Houston, court records show.

Yankees mothball Mariners for fourth straight World Series trip

NEW YORK (AP) - The New York Yankees beat the Seattle Mariners 12-3 Monday to win the American League championship series and a chance to capture their fourth straight World Series.

Next up for New York is Game 1 of the World Series against the Arizona Diamondbacks in Arizona on Saturday night.

The Yankees have played for baseball's ultimate title 37 times and won it 26 times, the most successful professional sports franchise in history.

Only five times in baseball history has a team won four straight pennants, none since another group of Yankees started a similar run in 1960.

The Diamondbacks beat the Atlanta Braves 3-1 in Game 5 of the National League championship series Sunday. They reached the series faster than any expansion team, doing it in only their fourth year.

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Memorial Service held at ground zero for families of victims of World Trade Center attack

NEW YORK (AP) - The families of people killed in the Sept. 11 terrorist attack gathered Sunday for a memorial service filled with prayer and song.

City officials estimated the crowd at 9,200, far more than expected. Mourners filled the rows of chairs to capacity; some people were forced to stand. Many wore the jackets and headgear of the police and fire units to which their loved ones belonged.

It was only the second time in the seven weeks since the attack, the round-the-clock recovery and demolition work at the site was halted to allow for the memorial service. The first time was on Oct. 11 at 8:48 a.m. - one month to the minute after the first hijacked plane struck the trade center's north tower - when a moment of silence was observed.

More than 4,000 people are still missing.

Misdirected air strikes kill more civilians in Afghan capital, near northern front lines

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) - American airstrikes meant to punish the Taliban spilled over Sunday into residential neighborhoods of the Afghan capital, killing 13 civilians - the second time in as many days that missiles have accidentally hit homes and killed residents.

Later Sunday, U.S. jets were back over the skies of the beleaguered Afghan capital, and strong explosions could be heard in the direction of the main road from Kabul to the opposition-controlled Bagram air base.

Weeping families buried their dead hours after the morning bombardment, apparently aimed at Taliban targets to the north and east of Kabul.

In Washington, Pentagon spokesmen had no immediate comment on the latest strikes and civilian casualties involved.

CDC confirms eighth inhalation anthrax case

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WASHINGTON (AP) - The Centers for Disease Control and prevention confirmed that a **female** New Jersey postal worker has inhalation anthrax, the most serious form of the disease that has claimed three lives and prompted thousands to take antibiotics.

CDC spokesman Tom Skinner stressed it was not a new case of the disease but one that had been listed as suspected anthrax. Lab tests confirmed the diagnosis, he said.

At least five New Jersey postal workers have suspected or confirmed cases of anthrax. Anthrax-tainted letters sent to Washington and New York originated there.

The diagnosis came as tests continued at postal and government offices in the nation's capital and elsewhere. Officials were seeking to determine whether other tainted letters are in the mail system. Thousands of postal workers and others who dealt with large amounts of mail were being urged to take preventive antibiotics.

There have been 14 confirmed cases of anthrax in the outbreak, including eight inhaled versions of the disease. Six people in New York and New Jersey are being treated for the less dangerous skin form of anthrax, and a few other cases are suspected.

CIA sent drone to save Afghan guerrilla hunted by Taliban

WASHINGTON (AP) - The CIA sent a missile-armed drone to protect Afghan opposition leader Abdul Haq in his flight from the Taliban, hitting a vehicle convoy but failing to prevent Haq's capture and execution.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Sunday on ABC's "This Week" that Haq called for help and then received air support.

Asked if it was military air support, he said, "It was from another element of the government." He did not go into detail.

On Friday, Taliban forces spotted Haq and a group of companions traveling on a mountain road near Jalalabad in eastern Afghanistan.

The Predator reached the area a few hours later and struck a Taliban convoy.

But Haq and some others from his group were captured and hanged as spies, according to Haq's nephew in Pakistan. Haq's group had entered Pakistan to encourage an anti-Taliban uprising among fellow ethnic Pashtuns.

Israel starts pullback operation from Bethlehem, Beit Jalla; shootings kill five Israelis

BETHLEHEM, West Bank (AP) - Israeli forces began pulling out of two West Bank towns Sunday, despite an attack by Palestinian gunmen on a bus stop in the north of the country that killed four Israelis.

The shooting attack in Hadera and a drive-by shooting earlier in the day that killed an Israeli soldier had thrown the pullback into question, with Israeli officials demanding a cease-fire before they would withdraw.

In the evening, Israeli tanks and armored personnel carriers were seen leaving the biblical town of Bethlehem and nearby Beit Jalla, and others still in the towns were pulling back toward Israeli territory, witnesses said.

Raanan Gissin, an aide to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, said the redeployment operation had begun after the Palestinians took steps and "started to comply with their obligations."

Palestinian police moved into take over security operations in certain positions and made some arrests, he said without elaborating.

Rioting continues in Belfast before key legislative vote

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) - Rioting flared Sunday in a divided section of Belfast as Northern Ireland headed toward a crucial legislative vote. More than 20 police officers were injured.

Catholics and Protestants fought along Limestone Road, a common flashpoint for sectarian violence, a Royal Ulster Constabulary spokesman said.

Several homemade grenades were thrown at police and army lines during fighting that continued all day, police said. They said 23 officers were wounded, and several security force vehicles were damaged.

There have been sporadic outbreaks of violence in Belfast in recent days.

Protestants are split over the significance of the destruction of an arms cache last week by the **Irish Republican Army**.

The outlawed Catholic militants began disarmament - a key phase of the Northern Ireland peace process that the IRA had stalled on - as the province's Protestant-Catholic government stumbled to the brink of collapse.

Musharraf accuses India of threatening regional peace

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) - Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf accused India on Sunday of threatening regional peace and trying to dominate South Asia.

The two countries have accused one another of taking advantage of the turmoil in Afghanistan to strengthen their positions in Kashmir, the Himalayan region claimed by both.

Musharraf said India has engaged in "massive shelling" of Pakistani positions in Kashmir.

The shelling began earlier this month, and Pakistan has responded in kind. The two-way artillery barrage ended a 10-month peace on the cease-fire line dividing the province.

Hindu-dominated India accuses Pakistan of supporting Islamic militants in India's part of Kashmir, its only Muslim majority state. The guerrillas are waging a secessionist war to merge the state of Jammu-Kashmir with Muslim Pakistan or declare independence. Pakistan denies the charge.

Ukraine's president promises compensation to Israeli families for plane crash

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) - President Leonid Kuchma has promised that Ukraine will compensate the families of Israelis killed when a Ukrainian missile accidentally shot down a Russian passenger jet, officials said Sunday.

The Sibir Airlines Tu-154 crashed into the Black Sea on Oct. 4 on its way from Israel to Novosibirsk, Russia, killing all 78 people aboard. Most of the passengers had recently emigrated from Russia to Israel.

Kuchma promised compensation during a telephone conversation with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon on Saturday, presidential spokesman Ihor Storozhuk said.

Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Emmanuel Nachshon said the ministry was satisfied by the announcement and would "open a diplomatic dialogue concerning all aspects of the tragedy."

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Megawati nears 100-day mark, says Indonesia in danger of breakup

JAKARTA, Indonesia - Nearing the 100-day mark as president of Indonesia, Megawati Sukarnoputri warned Sunday that the world's fourth most populous nation is in danger of breaking up and becoming the "Balkans of the East."

"If (violence) continues, we will split into lots of small races, into lots of small countries all of which will be weak in the face of outside forces," Megawati said at a ceremony commemorating the birth of Indonesia's nationalist movement in 1928.

The president passes the 100-day milestone on Tuesday. Despite Sunday's warning, she is increasingly accused of doing little to defuse multiple ethnic and religious conflicts.

On July 23, Megawati replaced Abdurrahman Wahid, the first freely elected president after 32 years of military dictatorship by President Suharto. The national assembly ousted Wahid after 21 erratic months in office during which Megawati served as vice president.

Deadly bomb blast in southern Philippine city where U.S. military advisers are staying

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines (AP) - A powerful bomb tore through a food court Sunday, killing at least six people and injuring scores while U.S. military officers were in town to discuss helping the government fight Muslim rebels.

The Americans were unhurt in the early evening attack in this city in the restive southern Philippines, officials said.

There was no evidence the group of more than 20 Americans was targeted, but Cimatu said the bombing might have been a protest against their presence.

Cimatu said among the suspects was the Abu Sayyaf, an extremist Muslim group the Philippine military is targeting in a major offensive focusing on nearby Basilan island.

The U.S. officers were here for talks on how the United States can help the Philippine government fight the Abu Sayyaf. The United States says the group has ties to Osama bin Laden, the chief suspect in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on New York and Washington.

United's CEO James Goodwin resigns, replaced by retired head of Weyerhaeuser

CHICAGO (AP) - United Airlines replaced embattled chairman and chief executive James Goodwin on Sunday with board member John Creighton, less than two weeks after Goodwin's warning that the carrier could "perish" next year.

The parent company of the nation's second-biggest airline, UAL Corp., said Goodwin had resigned and released a statement quoting him as saying it was "the right time for a new leader."

Its choice of the 69-year-old Creighton, the retired head of Weyerhaeuser Co., came with the company under enormous pressure from shareholders and employees to oust Goodwin.

Creighton, who was CEO and president of the timber giant from 1991-97 and a UAL board member since 1998, acknowledged he is an interim leader. He said he will head Elk Grove Village, Ill.-based United "until we are confident that the company is on the road to financial stability."

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Mars Odyssey delays photo shoot of Red Planet as it slows entry into atmosphere

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) - NASA's Mars Odyssey spacecraft has delayed its first photo shoot of the Red Planet until at least Tuesday after scientists decided to slow the spacecraft's entry into the atmosphere, a mission official said Sunday.

The slowing is not the result of any problems with the unmanned probe that reached Mars and entered orbit last Tuesday, said mission manager David A. Spencer of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Scientists are trying to avoid any problems caused by friction from Odyssey's descent into the atmosphere. Too much friction could hurt the winglike 75-square-foot solar array that powers Odyssey, although a catastrophic failure is unlikely, Spencer said.

The slowing means the spacecraft will take longer to tighten its orbit of Mars and reach an optimum altitude for the photos, which had been expected Sunday.

Despite the delay, the \$297 million mission "couldn't be going better," Spencer said.

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New JAPAN-GLOBAL WARMING. Official says Japan may seek revision of Kyoto Protocol to prompt U.S. to return.

New GERMANY-FERRY FIRE. Stricken ferry towed to German port with all unhurt.

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New NORTHERN IRELAND. IRA hasn't begun to scrap weapons, disarmament chief confirms.

New EGYPT-FEMINIST UNDER FIRE. Outspoken writer faces prospect of forced divorce with defiance.

New SUDAN-FLEEING WAR. Fleeing rebel advance, Sudanese lose husbands, wives and children.

WORLD at 1000 GMT:

ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS: Car bombs explode in Israeli city after Israel killed three Palestinian militants

JERUSALEM Two car bombs blow up Monday in a city in central Israel, just hours after three Palestinian militants were killed by missiles fired by an Israeli helicopter in a pinpointed attack. No one is injured in the twin bombings in the central Israeli town of Yehud. The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a radical PLO faction, claims responsibility, saying the blasts came in revenge for the helicopter attack. ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Has moved. By Jack Katzenell. AP Photos JRL102,104,106.

ALSO:

SYRIA-ISRAEL. DAMASCUS, Syria A day after one of its military installations in Lebanon was destroyed by Israeli missiles, Syria on Monday accuses Israel of wanting war. Has moved.

MILOSEVIC: Milosevic's legal team maps strategy for historic court appearance

THE HAGUE, Netherlands Slobodan Milosevic's defense team is mapping plans for Tuesday's historic court appearance, when the former Yugoslav president must answer charges stemming from his brutal crackdown

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against Kosovo Albanians. WAR CRIMES-MILOSEVIC. INCORPORATES Yugoslavia-Milosevic. By Robert H. Reid.

WITH:

YUGOSLAVIA-SHOW ME THE MONEY _The dlr 1.28 billion pledged by Western donors to reward Yugoslavia's government for sending Slobodan Milosevic to the U.N. war crimes tribunal is just a drop in the ocean for an economy ruined under the former president. Has moved.

EUROPE:

MACEDONIA: Macedonian insurgents reported taking over four villages

SKOPJE, Macedonia Defying new international efforts to help reach a negotiated peace, ethnic Albanian rebels are grabbing for new territory in their four-month insurgency against the Slav-dominated government. MACEDONIA. Has moved. By Konstantin Testorides.

ALSO:

AUSTRIA-ECONOMIC SUMMIT-YUGOSLAVIA. SALZBURG, Austria Serbian Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic primes his republic for possible EU membership, downplaying political turmoil in Yugoslavia and promising to cooperate in international war crimes trials. Expected by 1200 GMT.

RUSSIA: French President Chirac holds talks with Vladimir Putin

MOSCOW European security in the face of U.S. missile defense plans and ending sanctions on Iraq are key issues on the agenda for talks Monday in the Kremlin between French President Jacques Chirac and Russian President Vladimir Putin. RUSSIA-FRANCE. Has moved AP Photos MOSB101-102; PAR102.

ALSO:

GEORGIA-RUSSIA. TBILISI, Georgia Georgian president hopes for compromise in Russian base pullout. Has moved.

NORTHERN IRELAND: IRA hasn't begun to scrap weapons, disarmament chief confirms

BELFAST, Northern Ireland The ***Irish Republican Army*** hasn't begun to scrap any of its stockpiled weapons, the head of a disarmament commission confirms Monday in a report that sharpens arguments tearing apart Northern Ireland's joint Catholic-Protestant government. NORTHERN IRELAND. Has moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik.

GERMANY: Stricken ferry towed to German port with all unhurt

BERLIN A passenger ferry stricken by an engine room fire as it crossed the Baltic Sea from Germany to Sweden is towed into a German port Monday with all 227 people aboard uninjured, the ship's operator says. GERMANY-FERRY FIRE. Has moved. AP Photo STO101.

MIDEAST:

EGYPT: Outspoken Egyptian writer faces prospect of forced divorce with defiance

CAIRO, Egypt Circumcision, prison and threats have only made Nawal el-Saadawi more outspoken. And the leading Egyptian feminist says she won't be cowed now by a court suit that would use Islamic law to force her to divorce her husband of 37 years. EGYPT-FEMINIST UNDER FIRE. Has moved. By Mariam Fam. AP Photo CAI105 of June 18.

SUDAN: Fleeing rebel advance, Sudanese lose husbands, wives and children

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ED-DAIEN, Sudan Justin Georgin didn't wait for the rebels to reach his town. As the sound of guns grew louder, the 14-year-old hit the road along with some 18,000 others. It took him four days to cross 400 kilometers (250 miles) on foot and by truck to this squalid camp in government-controlled northern Sudan. He doesn't know what happened to his father, his only family. Along the way, someone stole his bundle of clothes. Pregnant women lost babies. Husbands and wives lost each other. Between separation and death, only a few families survived intact. SUDAN-FLEEING WAR. Has moved. By Mohamed Osman. AP Photos KHT101-105 of June 20.

ASIA:

INDONESIA: More die in separatist violence in Aceh province despite peace talks

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia Humanitarian workers find 27 bodies dumped outside a village in Indonesia's Aceh province, the latest casualties of separatist violence that continues to escalate, despite peace talks between rebels and Indonesian officials over the weekend. INDONESIA-VIOLENCE. Has moved.

ALSO:

INDONESIA-POLITICS. JAKARTA, Indonesia President Abdurrahman Wahid accuses his opponents of treason and admits that he has been unable to forge a political compromise that would avert impeachment. Has moved. AP Photos JAK101, 102, 105.

PHILIPPINES-VOLCANO: Threat of major eruption dwindles for volcano in the Philippines

LEGAZPI, Philippines Recent explosions in the Mayon volcano released enough internal pressure to lessen the chance of a major eruption in the near term, scientists say. An eruption is still expected within the next week, but it probably will be smaller than the one that blew ash clouds 15 kilometers (9.3 miles) into the air on June 24, volcanologist Ed Villacorte says. PHILIPPINES-VOLCANO. Has moved. By Adam Brown. AP Photos LEG101-102.

PAKISTAN: Karachi tense after a night of violence as Pakistanis go to polls

KARACHI, Pakistan Pakistan's largest city was tense Monday as polls opposed by powerful ethnic groups opened for local government elections, following a night of violence that killed five people. PAKISTAN-ELECTIONS. Has moved. By Zahid Hussain. AP Photos KAR101-102.

SRI LANKA: Government says war only way to end Tamil insurgency

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka Tamil Tiger rebels on Monday call a government statement advocating full scale war to end their insurgency "military adventurism," and warn of adverse consequences if the plan goes through. SRI LANKA-CIVIL WAR. Has moved. By Dilip Ganguly.

GLOBAL WARMING: Japan may seek revision of Kyoto Protocol to prompt U.S. to return

TOKYO Two days after Japan's prime minister backed off of criticism of Washington's stance on global warming, the top government spokesman here says that Tokyo may seek to revise the Kyoto Protocol in order to lure the United States back. JAPAN-GLOBAL WARMING. Has moved. By Mari Yamaguchi.

JAPAN: Rape raises concerns about American presence in Okinawa

OKINAWA CITY, Japan American Village is the kind of place where many believe Okinawa's future can be found its boutiques attract crowds of tourists by day, its bars and restaurants are filled at night. But allegations that a local woman was raped by a U.S. Air Force sergeant have renewed concerns about the heavy concentration of American troops here. JAPAN-OKINAWA RAPE. Has moved. By Eric Talmadge. AP Photo XITS101-104.

AMERICAS:

US-SECURITY: Military fears domestic bases could be terrorism targets

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WASHINGTON While American military posts overseas get the lion's share of the attention and money to fight off possible terrorist attacks, officials are taking a closer look at how secure stateside bases are as well. US-BASE SECURITY. Has moved. By Pauline Jelinek.

CHENEY RETURNS: Vice president returning to work following pacemaker implant

WASHINGTON Vice President Dick Cheney is returning to work with a new heart pacemaker in his chest, promoting the energy strategy he assembled for the administration and attending his usual series of White House meetings. US-CHENEY. Has moved. Cheney expected to arrive at office around 1130-1200 GMT. By Scott Lindlaw.

MEXICO: U.S. migrant declares victory in mayoral race

JEREZ, Mexico A man who entered the United States in a car trunk and built a multi-million-dollar business declares victory in a race for mayor of this ranching town that has sent nearly half its people across the border. MEXICO-ELECTION. Has moved. By Julie Watson. AP Photo JEZ102.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE:

OPEC: Lower oil prices ease pressure on OPEC to boost output; Iraq still a concern

LONDON Despite a continued halt in Iraqi oil exports, analysts say the recent decline in world energy prices makes it unlikely that OPEC will decide to boost production of crude when its members meet this week in Vienna, Austria. OPEC MEETING. Has moved. By Bruce Stanley.

FIAT: Fiat makes takeover bid for energy conglomerate Montedison

TURIN, Italy Italian carmaker Fiat SpA has offered to buy out energy conglomerate Montedison, a Fiat spokesman says Monday. Fiat will make a 2.82 euro (dlrs 2.39) per share bid through its energy company, Italenergia, which already owns 48 percent of Montedison, spokesman Gualberto Ranieri says. ITALY-FIAT-MONTEDISON. Has moved.

JAPAN: Business sentiment in Japan continues to worsen

TOKYO Business sentiment in Japan worsened in the second quarter, as companies hit by weakening demand for their products in overseas markets and plunging profits continued to pare spending, a central bank survey shows Monday. JAPAN-ECONOMY. Has moved.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Tuesday, OPEC holds a meeting in Vienna, Austria. In the The Hague, Netherlands, ousted Yugoslav leader Slobodan Milosevic is due to be arraigned before the U.N. tribunal.

FEATURES:

NEW:

DHAKA, Bangladesh In a workshop in a Dhaka suburb, four young women assemble light bulbs from spare parts. One woman has a white gauze bandage around her neck and chemical burns on the right side of her face. Her name is Nayan, and the story she tells, while horrific, is a tale of survival. Her husband poured acid on her when her father could not pay the dowry he demanded. Nayan is one of 441 victims who have been maimed or disfigured by acid in the past two years. She belongs to a small group of survivors who are working to get their lives back with help from the Acid Survivors Foundation, which offers medical care, counseling, physiotherapy, rehabilitation and legal support to acid victims. FEA-BANGLADESH-TALE OF SURVIVAL. Has moved. By Parveen Ahmed. AP Photos NY398-399 of May 14.

FEATURES MOVED:

FEA-ARGENTINA-BUENOS AIRES BEWARE. Argentina's 'Paris of the South' unsettled by crime surge. AP Photos NY323-326.

FEA-SOMALIA-NEW SULTAN. Somali veterinarian-turned-sultan assumes role as regional pacifier. AP Photos NY317-318.

FEA-THAILAND-RAVAGED CREEK. Tribal village ravaged by lead mine is landmark case in Thai activism. AP Photos NY435-438.

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Body

Czechs take sober look at EU after voting 'yes'

Prague

A day after voting decisively to join the European Union, Czechs on Sunday began looking ahead to the benefits of integration -- and the expected hardships.

The sober debate came a day after fireworks lit up the skies over Prague Castle to celebrate that this central European country of 10 million voted to take part in the largest expansion of the EU next year.

"The EU is not a prescription. It is an opportunity and we have to solve our own problems and modernize our society," Prime Minister Vladimir Spidla said in a televised debate Sunday.

On Saturday, Spidla and other officials were more enthusiastic.
Compiled from Star News Services

"This is a victory for the Czech people," Spidla said late Saturday. "For me this is the end of World War II, with all its consequences."

The victory came after a lacklustre campaign that nonetheless persuaded Czechs of the economic benefits of joining the EU.

British army dismantles van bomb in North Ireland

Londonderry, Northern Ireland

British army experts dismantled a large van bomb Sunday that had been abandoned by a roadside in Londonderry, Northern Ireland's second-largest city.

No group claimed responsibility for the thwarted attack, but police and politicians blamed **Irish Republican Army** dissidents opposed to the IRA's 1997 ceasefire.

Police said the bombers were spotted driving the van in a suspicious manner on the Foyle Bridge, one of two bridges that connect Londonderry's predominantly Catholic west side with its mostly Protestant east.

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After the bombers left the van at a roadside near the city's hospital, police said they inspected the vehicle and found two explosives-filled drums attached to wires.

The British army's bomb disposal squad later estimated the bomb weighed about 250 kg -- large by the standards of dissident IRA groups.

BT in 'zero tolerance' blitz on Internet porn

London

British Telecom has launched one of the toughest crackdowns ever by a company on staff looking at pornography on the Internet, sacking 200 employees and reporting 10 of them to the police.

The company said it had decided on a "zero-tolerance" approach toward staff using porn sites and that it is confident the practice is now all but wiped out.

Pierre Danon, the chief executive of BT Retail, said that he and Ben Verwaayen, the group chief executive, decided to send e-mails to all staff last year warning them against trying to gain access to pornographic sites during working hours.

A second warning followed months later when the initial e-mail failed to stamp out the practice.

According to some studies, a third of all U.K. Internet users log on to porn sites and an estimated two-thirds of porn traffic occurs between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Paris Air Show takes off amid gloom in aviation

Le Bourget, France

Fewer jets are on hand and the U.S. military presence is a shadow of its former self, but the Paris Air Show opened to a delighted public Sunday in a year of economic turbulence for the world's top commercial plane makers.

French Mirage 2000 and Rafale fighter planes roared overhead, carrying out dramatic corkscrew spins as thousands of people craned their necks at the show's public opening.

Despite the impressive aerial acrobatics, the global aviation industry is slumping and the air show is feeling it. Only 206 planes are on display this year -- 20 fewer than at the last Paris show two years ago -- and exhibit space has shrunk five per cent.

The show, first held in 1909 -- six years after the Wright brothers' historic flight, offers airplane makers a chance to strike deals, subcontractors to showcase their technologies and national militaries to tout their air power.

French cabinet minister blasts U.S. defence policy

Paris

France's defence minister criticized her U.S. counterpart Donald Rumsfeld in an interview published Saturday as someone who considers the United States the world's only military, economic and financial power.

Michele Alliot-Marie also accused U.S. industry of waging "economic war" by trying to "take over the capital" of European defence-related industries.

Europeans must regroup to resist, she said, in the interview in Le Monde newspaper.

Alliot-Marie's blunt remarks recalled the bad blood between Paris and Washington over France's leading role in opposing the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq.

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"The American defence secretary believes that the United States is the world's only military, economic and financial power," Alliot-Marie told Le Monde.

"We do not share this vision."

German chancellor wins support for economic plan

Cottbus, Germany

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's junior coalition partner, the Greens, gave tentative backing Saturday to his plans to shake up the job market and trim the welfare state to try and revive the stagnant economy.

At a special party conference, 360 delegates chose a motion backing policies proposed by Schroeder. Two rival motions were discarded. The delegates were to consider proposed amendments to the motion before voting on it later.

Germany, Europe's biggest economy, is mired in a third year of near-zero growth that has seen unemployment rise to post-reunification records.

Schroeder has responded with plans to create jobs and ease the burden on the government and employers.

Briton trying to row boat across Pacific is rescued

Tokyo

Japanese coast guard plucked a British man from waters off Japan's northern coast early Sunday after his boat's rudder broke, forcing him to abandon an attempt to row across the Pacific Ocean, officials said.

Mick Dawson, uninjured and in good health, was rescued at 3:50 a.m. local time Sunday, about 640 km off the coast of Miyagi prefecture by coast guard searchers dispatched on a patrol vessel, said Koji Narita, a coast guard official.

Heavy fog prevented a search plane from spotting him for hours but the patrol boat eventually found Dawson, he said.

Narita said the patrol boat carrying Dawson was expected to reach a local port early today.

Myanmar won't commit to a date to free Suu Kyi

Phnom Penh

Myanmar's foreign minister said Sunday his country will not commit itself to a date for releasing opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

But the government definitely wants to free her when the time comes, Foreign Minister Win Aung said in the Cambodian capital where he will attend an annual Association of Southeast Asian Nations conference beginning Monday.

Suu Kyi was detained May 30 after a clash between her supporters and a pro-government mob in northern Myanmar. She has been kept incommunicado since, jeopardizing the reconciliation process to end the country's 15-year-old political deadlock.

Sri Lanka hikes security after violent incidents

Colombo

WORLD REPORT

The Sri Lankan military stepped up security in the capital Colombo and the Tamil city Jaffna on Sunday, a day after a clash between the navy and the Tamil Tiger rebels raised tension between the two sides, who are observing a ceasefire.

In Colombo, police were checking vehicles -- as they routinely did before the February 2002 ceasefire halted Sri Lanka's 19-year civil war.

In Jaffna, where a top Tamil politician opposed to the rebels was assassinated Saturday, the military was checking vehicles and travellers.

The developments further cloud the fate of the truce.

Since April, the rebels have refused to take part in peace talks, accusing the government of not doing enough to help Tamils.

The rebels want more autonomy in areas where most of Sri Lanka's 3.2 million Tamils live, charging discrimination by the majority Sinhalese, who number 14 million.

Afghanistan's insurgents stepping up attacks: U.S.

Kabul, Afghanistan

Insurgents have been stepping up attacks on coalition forces in Afghanistan with the advent of warmer weather and on Saturday fired rockets at a U.S. base in the east of the country, the U.S. military said.

Three rockets were fired at the U.S. base in Asadabad, the capital of Kunar province, U.S. military spokesman Col. Rodney Davis said. The rockets fell harmlessly, as scores of others have over the past year, causing no damage or casualties.

Last week, insurgents fired on patrolling U.S. forces near Shkin, a volatile town in Paktika province near the Pakistan border, triggering a firefight that left four attackers dead.

Saudi police kill five in Mecca apartment raid

Mecca, Saudi Arabia

Police fought overnight gunbattles with suspected al-Qaida militants who were planning an imminent terrorist attack, killing five and arresting others believed linked to last month's suicide bombings in Riyadh, Saudi officials said Sunday.

One security official said two police officers were killed in a shootout at a checkpoint shortly before a fierce gunbattle erupted during a raid on a bomb-filled, booby-trapped apartment late Saturday.

The Saudi Interior Ministry released a statement saying the raid took place at an apartment building in the al-Khalidiya district, about five km from the main Mecca mosque, at 9:30 p.m.

The statement said police clashed with a "group of terrorists ... (who) were preparing an imminent terrorist act."

No details of the plot were given.

Scott Peterson getting loads of letters in jail

Modesto, Calif.

Scott Peterson, charged with murdering his pregnant wife and their unborn child, is receiving stacks of letters in jail, many of them from women, a newspaper reported Sunday.

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A fellow inmate told the Modesto Bee that Peterson's correspondents include a woman serving time for murdering her husband. A guard read the letter aloud, inmate Chris Young said.

Peterson has pleaded not guilty to double-murder charges that make him eligible for the death penalty if convicted.

Late last week, a judge issued a gag order barring lawyers, witnesses and police officers from publicly discussing details of the case. Judge Al Girolami said the gag order was the only way to stop leaks and rumours from derailing Scott Peterson's right to a fair trial.

Search ends for two still missing after nine drown

Garibaldi, Ore.

All eight survivors among the 19 people thrown into the ocean when a wave capsized their small charter fishing boat were wearing the vessel's bright orange life vests, authorities said Sunday. None of the dead was.

Coast guard helicopters and boats returned for several hours Sunday to search for two men still missing since the accident at the mouth of Tillamook Bay a day earlier. On shore, federal investigators walked the beach, collecting the remaining soaked life jackets that had washed up from the wreck of the Taki Too.

National Transportation Safety Board official John Goglia told reporters the investigation would examine the condition of the ocean when the 10-metre boat set out early Saturday, as well as the boat itself and its equipment.

One prairie dog linked to half of suspected cases

Madison, Wis.

A single prairie dog infected with monkeypox before health officials identified the virus may have been responsible for spreading monkeypox to half of the human cases in Wisconsin, a state health official said Saturday.

"A lot of people got exposed over time," said Robert Ehlenfeldt, acting state veterinarian. "That exposure would have happened before we knew what we were dealing with."

State epidemiologist Jeff Davis said that the prairie dog had been linked to three confirmed human cases, six probable cases, nine suspected cases and a case of monkeypox in a rabbit, which infected one of the humans.

"Clearly a super-spreader if there ever was one," he said.

Ehlenfeldt took a more cautious approach, saying the prairie dog probably was not more contagious than other prairie dogs with the disease; it just had more contact with humans.

Graphic

Pomp and circumstance: Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh return Saturday to Buckingham Palace in a carriage from Horse Guards Parade, where the Queen's Birthday parade, Trooping the Colour, took place. Associated Press photo: Sang Tan

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IRA won't undermine peace efforts: Adams

Belfast

Seeking to keep Northern Ireland's elections on course, Sinn Fein party leader Gerry Adams pledged Wednesday that the ***Irish Republican Army*** would not undermine the province's 1998 peace agreement and the joint Catholic-Protestant administration it created.

Adams' statement was billed by the IRA-linked party as his clearest yet on the crisis that pulled the plug on power-sharing in October, but it still left key questions unanswered and the May 29 elections for Northern Ireland's legislature in doubt. Britain and the major Protestant party dismissed his words as inadequate.

"The IRA leadership is determined that there will be no activities which will undermine in any way the peace process and the Good Friday agreement," said Adams, a reputed IRA commander.

Bardot bemoans the cruel world, but praises Le Pen

Paris

Brigitte Bardot is appalled by the world and has written a new book, *A Cry in the Silence*, attacking the state of humanity.

Compiled from Star News Services

The former actress turned animal rights activist lives between two villas near St. Tropez. She sleeps in one, surrounded by nine dogs, 40 cats, a fourth husband, Bernard and a cemetery for her pets. In the daytime she inhabits the second, where she keeps horses, donkeys, goats, pigs, geese and ducks.

She rarely ventures out except to fight on behalf of animals. But her world vision, she told *Paris Match* magazine, is "inspired by the blood and atrocities I bathe in" and gives her a "shocking view of humanity, which at a global level, I detest."

But some individuals can move her, notably the right-wing Jean-Marie Le Pen, National Front leader and Trotskyite Arlette Laguiller, who "have remained faithful to the same ideas" and like her "have not changed."

Bardot writes of the mistreatment of the elderly, the abuse of public money, the horror of abattoirs and war and the pointlessness of military service.

World report

More nations condemning Euro-army as NATO threat

London

Diplomatic warfare over proposals for a new Euro-army intensified Wednesday as Greece and Russia came out in support of it while others, including Britain, condemned the initiative as a divisive threat to NATO.

Greece became the only other EU member to support a call by France, Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg to boost Europe's self-reliance in defence one day after the four countries had met in Brussels.

Russia added its weight, to the consternation of its former central European satellites, saying that it considered "that yesterday's meeting marks the start of a process at the heart of the European Union."

But condemnation of the initiative spread across Europe as concerns grew over what was being seen as an attempt by a small caucus to loosen American and NATO ties to Europe.

Local elections provide judgment on Blair's rule

London

Prime Minister Tony Blair led Britain into an unpopular war and emerged with a decisive military victory and an enhanced approval rating. But back on the home front, he faces a hard slog over his plans to reshape Britain's battered public services.

Most analysts expect Blair's Labour party to lose ground in mid-term local elections.

Britons vote today for more than 10,000 seats on 308 of 388 local councils across England, as well as for legislatures in Scotland and Wales, in the first postwar test of the government's support. No parliamentary seats are at stake.

Labour holds a big majority in Parliament and polls taken since the end of the Iraq war give the party a comfortable lead of at least 10 points over the opposition Conservatives.

Forensic biologist who cracked ripper case dies

London

Stuart Kind, a leading forensic biologist who helped British police crack the "Yorkshire Ripper" serial murder case, has died at 78, his son said Wednesday.

Kind died April 19 at home in Harrogate, northeast England, of cancer, Alan Kind said.

The "Yorkshire Ripper" murdered 13 women across the north of Britain in the 1970s in a killing spree that shocked the nation and sparked a major police investigation. Truck driver Peter Sutcliffe was later convicted of the slayings.

Police sought help from Kind, who described the area of northern England where the killer lived.

Using techniques he had picked up while serving as a navigator in the RAF in the Second World War, he mapped the dates and times of the murders and correctly concluded the killer lived between the towns of Shipley and Bingley. Sutcliffe was arrested within two weeks of Kind's report.

Kind later helped research into how Sutcliffe evaded the police for five years.

Union: Talks deadlocked in Nigerian hostage-taking

Lagos, Nigeria

World report

Oil company and labour negotiators trying to end an 11-day hostage standoff broke off talks Wednesday "in deadlock," union leaders said, as navy ships sailed toward offshore drilling rigs where 97 foreigners were being held.

After four hours of negotiations in the commercial capital of Lagos, Peter Akpatason, president of Nigeria's largest oil union, accused company and government officials of "planning to use force" to end the standoff by 100 disgruntled Nigerian workers.

"If they use force and hurt any of our members, we will hurt the economy," Akpatason warned without elaborating.

Capt. Shinebi Hungiapuko refused to say how many ships were involved.

The navy move came as oil officials held negotiations with union members representing the strikers. ATV News in Halifax reported two Canadians are on one of the rigs where workers are being held.

The rigs are drilling wells run on behalf of oil multinationals Royal/Dutch Shell and TotalFinaElf.

About 100 strikers have prevented the foreign oil workers, including 35 Britons and 17 Americans, from leaving four offshore rigs owned by Houston-based Transocean since April 19.

Another 170 Nigerian "third-party personnel" from other companies also were prevented from leaving.

Hindu nationalist party leader shot dead in India

Patna, India

A Hindu nationalist party leader was shot and killed in India's eastern state of Bihar on Wednesday by political rivals, police said.

Satyanarain Sinha of the Bharatiya Janata Party was killed by supporters of Rashtriya Janata Dal, the state governing party, a police officer said on condition of anonymity.

Details of the attack in Danapur, a town 15 km west of Patna, the state capital, were not available.

About 100 angry BJP supporters immediately converged on the residence of a relative of Rabri Devi, the state chief minister, in Danapur and refused to disperse until the assailants were arrested by police.

They burned four buses, police said.

Indonesian officials lay first Bali bombing charge

Bali, Indonesia

Indonesian prosecutors on Wednesday charged the first suspect in last year's Bali bombings that killed 202 people, mostly foreign tourists, including two Canadians.

The suspect, known by the single name Amrozi, is one of 32 people detained on suspicion of involvement in the Oct. 12 attack. His arrest Nov. 5 was considered the first major break in the investigation.

Antasari Ashar, a spokesman for the prosecution, said Amrozi had been charged with violating the country's new anti-terror laws. If convicted, he faces a maximum punishment of death. His trial is expected to begin in mid-May.

Police sheepish over rustling in California

Davis, Calif.

Someone stole 25 sheep sometime between April 10 and April 13. Whoever did it seems to have pulled the wool over several pairs of eyes.

World report

The Davis police have called the offence grand theft. But two weeks after the crime occurred, they still have "no suspects, no leads, just missing sheep," Sgt. Scott Smith said.

The victim is John Thomas Muller, 42, of Dixon. Along with 25 ewes, Muller said that a large number of lambs also disappeared. He said he has liability insurance for his animals but no theft insurance. He estimates the theft cost him a minimum of \$3,000.

The sheep were surrounded by an electric fence. The gates were locked. Access was restricted. A large white llama stood sentry to protect the herd from domestic animals and coyotes.

Man faces months in jail for killing of rare condor

Los Angeles

A Southern California man has been charged with fatally shooting an endangered California condor.

Britton Cole Lewis, 29, of Tehachapi, faces up to six months in prison and a \$15,000 US fine if convicted of shooting the bird, found dead Feb. 13 on a Kern County ranch, federal prosecutor E. Robert Wright said from Fresno.

The condor, known as Adult Condor 8, was one of the few hatched in the wild. She was captured in 1986, the last female of the species caught for an intensive breeding program to save the giant vultures from extinction.

Searchers find live worms from on-board shuttle test

Cape Canaveral, Fla.

Hundreds of worms being used in a science experiment aboard the space shuttle Columbia have been found alive in the wreckage, NASA said Wednesday.

The worms, known as *C. elegans*, were in debris found in Texas several weeks ago. Technicians sorting through the wreckage at Kennedy Space Center in Florida didn't open the containers of worms and dead moss cells until this week.

All seven astronauts were killed when the shuttle disintegrated over Texas on Feb. 1. Columbia contained almost 60 scientific investigations.

The worms and moss were in the same four-kg locker located in the mid-deck of the space shuttle. The worms were placed in six canisters, each holding eight petri dishes.

The worms, each about the size of a pencil tip, were part of an experiment testing a new synthetic nutrient solution.

The worms, which have a life cycle of between seven and 10 days, were four or five generations old, Buckingham said.

The experiment was put together by researchers at the NASA Ames Research Center in California.

The moss, known as *Ceratodon*, was used to study how a space-flight environment influences cell growth.

Marine charged with 13 attempted murder counts

Camp Lejeune, N.C.

A 21-year-old marine has been charged with 13 counts of attempted murder for allegedly sabotaging parachutes before a jump last fall that left three fellow marines injured, the military said Wednesday.

World report

The Marines Corps formally referred Lance-Cpl. Antoine Boykins to a general court martial on charges that also include 13 counts of reckless endangerment and one conspiracy to commit premeditated murder. Boykins will remain in confinement at the base.

Three marines were injured last September when their parachutes failed to open after they jumped from 380 metres; their reserve chutes deployed safely.

Three teens charged in 12-year-old boy's murder

Chicago

Three teenagers were charged with first-degree murder in the shooting death of a 12-year-old boy who had just participated in a children's neighbourhood cleanup program.

Leon Brown, 18, fired three shots into a group of young people, as "retaliation for an alleged theft of a bicycle by a rival gang," said Chicago police Cmdr. James Jackson.

One shot struck seventh-grader Rene Guillen, who was on his way to a candy store with other kids who had participated in the cleanup program on Chicago's southwest side. Guillen was not affiliated with a gang, Jackson said. No one else was injured.

Also charged were George Anderson and Cleodis Bassett, two 17-year-olds who were with Brown at the time of the shooting, Jackson said.

Graphic

Gun amnesty over: Det.-Supt. John Hesketh of West Midlands Police displays some of the more than 800 weapons handed in during this month's gun amnesty in England. The weapons in Birmingham Wednesday included an Uzi submachine-gun, a Bruni imitation handgun, which is easily converted to fire live ammunition, an AK-47, a Thompson submachine-gun and a rocket launcher. The Home Office say the firearms amnesty, which ended at midnight, has seen an estimated 20,000 weapons and 483,000 rounds of ammunition handed in to police and taken out of circulation. Press Association photo: David Jones

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PERU-ELECTION. Fujimori running alone in runoff election.

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COLOMBIA-COCA. Drug crops bring decadence, false prosperity to violent region.

FRANCE-SAINT EXUPERY. Diver claims to have found part of St. Exupery's plane.

US-LIAR LIAR. Appalachian storytellers duke it out in yearly contest.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

BELFAST, Northern Ireland By the tightest of margins, Northern Ireland's leading Protestant politician wins backing Saturday from his bitterly divided party to revive a coalition government with Catholics. But he warns that it will survive only if the **Irish Republican Army** disarms. NORTHERN IRELAND. Lead has moved; developments will be expedited. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photos LON101-102,109,112.

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone Guerrillas clash Saturday with pro-government forces at a strategic crossroads in Sierra Leone, even as the rebels release 180 more U.N. hostages, authorities say Saturday. SIERRA LEONE. Lead has moved to some points; upcoming to others. By Clarence Roy-Macaulay.

CHEBAA, Lebanon Israeli forces remove outposts ahead of U.N. teams marking the Lebanese-Israeli frontier, and peacekeepers are deployed Saturday to a flashpoint border fence to keep away Lebanese who have been throwing stones and firebombs at Israeli soldiers. LEBANON-ISRAEL. Lead has moved. By Susan Severeid. AP Photos XDM101-103,106-107; BEI103-106.

ALSO MOVED:

ISRAEL-LEBANON'S LEGACY. When Israeli tanks rolled into Lebanon in June 1982, retired army colonel Mordechai Baron volunteered, hoping his country's cross-border foray would be brief. It took 18 years.

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MAKELE, Ethiopia Ethiopia's forces drive deeper into Eritrea on Saturday despite a new agreement for peace talks, claiming to have taken a city just 80 kilometers (50 miles) from Eritrea's capital. HORN OF AFRICA. Lead has moved. By Andrew England. AP Photos MDF101-103.

PORCON, Peru International doubts about the fairness of Peru's election process are evident Saturday, a day before the country's runoff election in which incumbent President Alberto Fujimori is running alone. PERU-ELECTION. Expected by 2000 GMT. By Monte Hayes. AP Photos NY190-191, LIM105-107.

WITH:

PERU-ELECTION GLANCE. Expected by 2000 GMT.

TEHRAN, Iran Iran's new parliament opens Saturday, dominated for the first time by reformers who support President Mohammad Khatami's programs to loosen the strict Islamic rules kept in place by the hard-line clergy who still wield enormous power. IRAN-PARLIAMENT. Lead has moved. By Afshin Valinejad. AP Photos TEH101-103.

TALIPAO, Philippines Government negotiators and Muslim rebels hold first talks Saturday over freeing 21 hostages being held in a Philippine jungle. The chief government negotiator immediately rejects one main demand an independent Islamic state carved out of the southern Philippines. PHILIPPINES-HOSTAGES. Lead has moved. By Jim Gomez. AP Photos JOL103-108.

SUVA, Fiji President Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara announces Saturday that he has fired the country's democratically elected government, now being held captive by armed rebels, and will appoint a new caretaker administration. FIJI-UNREST. Lead has moved; developments will be expedited. By Rohan Sullivan. AP Photos SUV101-112.

WASHINGTON As the century closed, world tourism was surging, wind power was blowing through the roof and organic farmers were plowing new fields but global inequalities were growing. These and other mixed doses of optimism and gloom highlight the latest conclusions of trend-watching environmental monitors taking the millennial pulse of the planet. GLOBAL PULSE. Has moved; hold for release at 2200 GMT. By David Briscoe.

WITH:

GLOBAL PULSE-GLANCE. Findings from Worldwatch report. Hold for release at 2200 GMT.

PARIS A deep-sea diver claims to have discovered part of the plane piloted by Antoine de Saint-Exupery, author of "The Little Prince," a news report says Saturday. It is the latest in a series of finds none of which have been authenticated. FRANCE-SAINT-EXUPERY. Has moved.

LA GABARRA, Colombia A major anti-drug offensive in remote eastern Colombia does more than put a dent into the coca plant supply. Killing the plants that produce cocaine is also affecting this dusty village's economy. COLOMBIA-COCA'S MIXED BLESSING. Has moved. By Margarita Martinez. AP Photo NY192.

CHARLESTON, West Virginia What does a gun-shy huntin' dog who chased a bullet smack into a movin' coal train have in common with a fishin' line that caught hold of a marijuana-laden airplane? They're lies! "It usually starts with a kernel of truth and just gets bigger and bigger from there," says Bil Lepp, reigning champion of West Virginia's annual Liars Contest, a celebration of Appalachian traditions set for Sunday. US-LIAR LIAR. Expected by 2000 GMT. By Malia Rulon.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Sunday, thousands are expected to march across Sydney Harbor Bridge to support reconciliation between Aborigines and non-indigenous Australians. On Monday, Japanese Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori visits South Korea.

FEATURES MOVED:

FEA-US-ROCKETTE DREAMS.

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TRAV-CHILE-PATAGONIA. AP Photos NY400-405. With TRAV-PATAGONIA-TIPS.

TRAV-US-WHITEWATER SPRING. AP Photos NY406-408. With TRAV-WHITEWATER SPRING-TIPS.

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YUGOSLAVIA-OPPOSITION. Opposition parties, students pledge peaceful resistance.

ISRAEL-LEBANON-LAST SOLDIER. Family mourns last soldier killed before withdrawal.

SOUTH KOREA-BOMBING RANGE. Korean fishermen battle Air Force bombing range.

US-CLINTON-GLOBAL LEGACY. Clinton seeks major foreign triumph before departure.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

LIMA, Peru President Alberto Fujimori risked threats Sunday of international isolation in his quest for an unprecedented third term, going it alone in a runoff election boycotted by his rival. PERU-ELECTION. Recap moving by 0200 GMT. Polls open at 1300 GMT; lead expected then. Polls close at 2100 GMT. By Monte Hayes. AP Photos LIM112-118.

ALSO MOVED:

PERU-FUJIMORI. AP Photo LIM103.

PERU-TOLEDO. AP Photos LIM109-111.

PERU-ELECTION GLANCE.

EU-PERU.

WITH:

VENEZUELA ELECTION. Political parties, except for President Hugo Chavez's movement, demand the resignation of the Electoral Council, saying it lied to the nation about its readiness for elections that were postponed due to computer glitches. Moving by 0100 GMT.

NEW DELHI, India Sri Lanka's military prepares to take on a Tamil Tiger offensive Sunday in the northern Jaffna peninsula, dismissing a 12-hour rebel cease-fire as a publicity gimmick. SRI LANKA-CIVIL WAR. New story expected by about 0700 GMT. AP Photos COL101-105.

MOSCOW President Vladimir Putin quietly reappoints the controversial Kremlin chief-of-staff Saturday, the strongest sign yet that he will not sever ties with the powerful circle of advisers of his predecessor, Boris Yeltsin. RUSSIA-POLITICS. Lead has moved. By Nick Wadhams. AP Photos MOSB101-107.

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BELGRADE, Yugoslavia Serbia's opposition leaders are urging their followers to embark on a broad campaign of civil disobedience against President Slobodan Milosevic's rule, hoping that a well-organized, peaceful struggle might oust the autocrat. YUGOSLAVIA-OPPOSITION. Recap moving by 0200 GMT. By Misha Savic. AP Photos BEL101-103.

KOON-NI RANGE, South Korea Fishermen call them "shriekers" _ U.S. military jets that swoop down and strafe practice targets only 550 yards (meters) from the nearest village. Several thousand villagers say they cannot sleep or work in comfort near the U.S. bombing range. SOUTH KOREA-BOMBING RANGE. Moving by 0100 GMT. By Sang-hun Choe. AP Photos NY186-189.

ELYAKHIN, Israel Shaked Uzeri's parents hope he'll be remembered for his wide and ready smile, his industriousness, his strength of character. But they know he'll likely be recorded as a statistic the last soldier killed before Israel pulled its troops from the Lebanon quagmire. ISRAEL-LEBANON-LAST SOLDIER. Moving by 0100 GMT. By Jocelyn Noveck. AP Photos NY181-184.

ALSO MOVED:

LEBANON-ISRAEL. Israeli forces remove outposts ahead of U.N. teams marking the Lebanese-Israeli frontier, and peacekeepers deploy to a flashpoint border fence to keep away Lebanese who have been throwing stones and firebombs at Israeli soldiers. By Susan Severeid. AP Photos XDM101-103,106-107; BEI103-106.

WASHINGTON Embarking Monday on perhaps his last official trip to Europe, President Bill Clinton is running out of time as he scans the globe in search of a major triumph in arms control, peacemaking or crisis-solving to mark his place in history. Some experts consider it more likely that he will be remembered not as a president who, distracted by domestic policy and impeachment, was cautious on international affairs. US-CLINTON-GLOBAL LEGACY. Moving by 0200 GMT. By Terence Hunt.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland By the tightest of margins, Northern Ireland's leading Protestant politician wins backing from his bitterly divided party to revive a coalition government with Catholics beginning Tuesday. But he warns it will survive only if the **Irish Republican Army** disarms. NORTHERN IRELAND. Lead has moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photos LON101-103,109,112.

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone Guerrillas clash with pro-government forces at a strategic crossroads in Sierra Leone, even as the rebels release 180 more U.N. hostages, authorities say. SIERRA LEONE. Lead has moved to some points; upcoming to others. By Clarence Roy-Macaulay.

With: SPAIN-GIL FUNERAL. APTN cameraman Miguel Gil Moreno de Mora buried in Spanish hometown. AP Photos XSL101-105.

ASMARA, Eritrea Ethiopia's forces drove deeper into Eritrea despite a new agreement for peace talks that are to begin Monday, shelling a city just 80 kilometers (50 miles) from Eritrea's capital. HORN OF AFRICA. By Craig Nelson. AP Photos MDF101-103.

SUVA, Fiji Fiji's president signals that he is accepting two main demands of rebels holding the prime minister and about 30 others hostage: a new government and immunity from prosecution. FIJI-UNREST. Recap moving by 0100 GMT. By Rohan Sullivan. AP Photos SUV111-114.

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WORLD AT 0600 GMT:

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NEW:

FIJI-UNREST. President dismisses Fiji's democratically elected government.

US-COMPUTER VIRUS. FBI says a new computer virus is spreading through e-mail.

AUSTRALIA-RECONCILIATION. Protesters shout at prime minister during reconciliation event.

MYANMAR-ELECTION ANNIVERSARY. Police block roads as opposition marks hollow victory.

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PERU-ELECTION INTELLIGENCE. His hospital gown stained with blood, Fabian Salazar says he was tortured with a saw and robbed of evidence he says would have proved President Alberto Fujimori's shadowy intelligence chief pulls the strings in Peru's elections. Expected by 0700. By Rick Vecchio. AP Photos. LIM111-113

YANGON, Myanmar Police block roads to the headquarters of Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi's political party Saturday ahead of a planned commemoration of its hollow election victory 10 years ago. MYANMAR-ELECTION ANNIVERSARY. Has moved.

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone Liberia says Sierra Leone's rebels have released 180 more U.N. hostages, as the president declares that rebel leader Foday Sankoh will be put on trial. SIERRA LEONE. Has moved. By Clarence Roy-Macaulay.

HORN OF AFRICA-WAR. Ethiopia agrees with Eritrea to resume peace talks, even as it pressed a punishing offensive that seized cities and towns kilometers (miles) deep in Eritrean territory. By Andrew England. Has moved. AP Photos ADG101-115, KKN106.

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JERUSALEM When Israeli tanks rolled into Lebanon in June 1982, retired army colonel Mordechai Baron volunteered for service but hoped the cross-border foray would be brief. Instead, it took 18 years for Israel to extricate itself from the "mire" of Lebanon. Baron's grandson ended up serving there too. ISRAEL-LEBANON'S LEGACY. Has moved. By KARIN LAUB. AP Photos available.

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WITH:

LEBANON-ISRAEL. AP Photos XELD101-104, XEW102-103.

LEBANON-ABANDONED CAMP.

ISRAEL-LEBANON.

BEIJING For China, now the hard work begins. Having all but secured permanent access to the U.S. market and nearing entry to the World Trade Organization, Chinese leaders must prepare struggling domestic industries and government bureaucrats for global competition. CHINA-FOLLOWING WTO. By Charles Hutzler. AP Photos BEJ101,SHA101-103.

ALSO MOVED:

CHINA-CATHOLICS. Catholic priest sentenced to six year in prison for printing Bibles. Has moved.

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TRAV-US-CREATIONISM MUSEUM. By Terry Kinney. AP Photos NY362-363.

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NEW:

NORTHERN IRELAND. Ulster Unionists vote on whether to join territory's administration.

HORN OF AFRICA-WAR. Ethiopia chases fleeing Eritrean forces north, seizing city.

IRAN-PARLIAMENT. Iran's first reformist-dominated parliament in two decades opens.

LEBANON-ISRAEL. U.N. peacekeepers are deployed to a border fence flashpoint.

PHILIPPINES-HOSTAGES. Government and rebel negotiators begin talks for release of hostages.

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TEHRAN, Iran Iran's new parliament opens Saturday, dominated for the first time by reformists who support President Mohammad Khatami's programs to loosen the strict Islamic rules kept in place by hard-line clergy who still wield enormous power. IRAN-PARLIAMENT. Lead has moved. By Afshin Valinejad.

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GUATEMALA CITY When lawyer Amilhar Camney met with three men he was defending on military charges in 1981, someone was watching. When professor Carlos Gomez dismissed class early and headed to a rally in 1983, someone was watching. Their names, along with more than 650,000 others, are on a list of citizens the Guatemalan government spied on over three decades of dictatorship and civil war a top-secret military archive that last week was opened to the public. GUATEMALA-MILITARY FILES. Has moved. By Will Weissert. AP Photos NY111-112

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MARJAYOUN, Lebanon (AP)

U.N. peacekeepers were deployed Saturday to a flashpoint border fence where Lebanese guerrillas and civilians have been taunting and throwing stones and firebombs at Israeli soldiers facing them. The troops from the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon kept people about 25 meters (yards) away on the Lebanese side of the fence to prevent friction. A white armored personnel carrier with 10 armed soldiers wearing flak jackets and blue helmets blocked access to the fence Saturday. About 100 Lebanese stood by and one threw stones that landed across the fence. Since the Israeli withdrawal from southern Lebanon on Wednesday, civilians and armed guerrillas have been converging on the locked border crossing. (LEBANON-ISRAEL)

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WORLD SPORTS AT 1230 GMT:

SOCCER:

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Slug Sports-Soccer-Euro 2000-Turkey. Has moved.

By Selcan Hacaoglu.

WEMBLEY, England Warming up for the European Championship, Kevin Keegan's England hosts star-studded Brazil at Wembley on Saturday.

Slug Sports-Soccer-England-Brazil. Game kicks off at 1400 GMT.

By Robert Millward.

MADRID, Spain Atletico de Madrid plays Espanyol in the Spanish Cup or Copa del Rey final Saturday, the last important event of the Spanish soccer season.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Copa del Rey. Expected by 2130 GMT.

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ALSO:

BRUSSELS, Belgium Sports-Soccer-Euro 2000-Wilmots. Has moved.

BRUSSELS, Belgium Sports-Soccer-Euro 2000-Waseige. Has moved.

ISTANBUL, Turkey Sports-Soccer-Euro 2000-Sukur. Has moved.

ISTANBUL, Turkey Sports-Soccer-Euro 2000-Deniizli. Has moved.

GLASGOW, Scotland Sports-Soccer-Scottish Cup Final. Expected by 1800 GMT.

GOLF:

VIRGINIA WATER, England Strong winds and driving rain greet the players as they struggle to complete the delayed first round of the Volvo PGA Championship on Saturday.

Slug Sports-Golf-Volvo PGA Championship. Expected by 1300 GMT, will be updated with second round.

By Brian Creighton.

DUBLIN, Ohio Tiger Woods once again takes the 36-hole lead in the Memorial Tournament.

Slug Sports-Golf-Memorial. Lead expected by 2100 GMT.

By Golf Writer Doug Ferguson.

CORNING, New York After basically striking out this year on the golf course, Nancy Ramsbottom suddenly is contending for her first LPGA victory. And she's as stunned as anyone.

Slug Sports-Golf-LPGA-Corning Classic. Expected by 2300 GMT.

By John Kekis.

ALSO:

HINO, Japan Sports-Golf-Mitsubishi Motors. Has moved.

ICHIHARA, Japan Sports-Golf-Kosaido Ladies. Has moved.

TENNIS:

DUESSELDORF, Germany Yevgeny Kafelnikov and Marat Safin, two candidates to win the French Open, lead Russia against Slovakia in the finals of the dlr\$ 1.9 million World Team Cup.

Slug Sports-Tennis-World Team Cup. Expected by 1600 GMT.

MADRID, Spain Colombia's Fabiola Zuluaga faces Spaniard Gala Leon Garcia on Saturday in the final of the dlr\$ 170,000 Villa de Madrid WTO Tour open.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Madrid Open. Expected by 1900 GMT.

ALSO:

STRASBOURG, France Sports-Tennis-Strasbourg Open. Expected by 1700 GMT.

CYCLING:

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SELVA GARDENA Overall leader Francesco Casagrande, a recognized climber, is expected to successfully defend his pink jersey in one of the toughest stages of the Giro, Saturday's 13th leg from Feltre to Selva Gardena, including three Dolomite passes.

BC-Sports-Cycling-Giro. Expected by 1530 GMT.

RUGBY UNION:

TWICKENHAM, England Northampton faces Munster in the European Cup final at Twickenham.

Slug Sports-RugbyU-European Cup. Expected by 1800 GMT.

FIELD HOCKEY:

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands Australia plays South Korea in its opening match of the men's Champions Trophy field hockey tournament Saturday. Olympic and World champion Australian women meet Argentina.

Slug Sports-Field Hockey-Champions Trophy. Expected by 1330 GMT.

By Mandy Mann.

MOTORCYCLE RACING:

SCARPERIA Championship leader Kenny Roberts battles Italian rivals Max Biaggi and Valentino Rossi for the 500-cc pole in Saturday's final qualifying session for the Italian Grand Prix.

BC-Sports-Motorcycle Racing-Italian GP. Expected by 1700 GMT.

AUTO RACING:

INDIANAPOLIS When A.J. Foyt came to the Indianapolis 500 in 1958 as a 23-year-old no-name, he was turned away and told to bring back some proof he belonged.

Slug Sports-Auto Racing-IRL-Indy 500. Has moved; race takes place Sunday.

By Nancy Armour.

ALSO:

PORTLAND, Oregon Sports-Basketball-NBA Playoff Roundup. Has moved.

PHILADELPHIA Sports-Ice Hockey-NHL Playoff Roundup. Has moved.

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SOCCER:

WEMBLEY, England Franca heads his first goal in Brazilian colors in first half injury time on Saturday to earn a 1-1 tie with Euro 2000-bound England at Wembley.

Slug Sports-Soccer-England-Brazil. Has moved.

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By Robert Millward.

VALENCIA, Spain Espanyol wins its first Spanish Cup title since 1940 on Saturday, getting an insurance goal by Sergio Gonzalez with five minutes remaining to beat relegation-bound Atletico Madrid 2-1.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Copa del Rey. Has moved.

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands Dutch striker Patrick Kluivert and midfielder Marc Overmars score easy goals Saturday to give the Netherlands a 2-1 victory over Romania, part of the Dutch team's preparation for the European Championship.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Netherlands-Romania. Has moved.

ALSO:

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia Sports-Soccer-Euro U21s. Has moved.

GLASGOW, Scotland Sports-Soccer-Scottish Cup Final. Has moved.

RUGBY UNION:

CANBERRA, Australia Canterbury makes it three Super 12 titles in a row with a nail-biting finish over the ACT Brumbies in the tournament championship.

Slug Sports-RugbyU-Super 12 Final. Expected by 0500 GMT.

ALSO:

TWICKENHAM, England Sports-RugbyU-European Cup. Has moved.

TENNIS:

DUESSELDORF, Germany Slovakia captures its first World Team Cup title Saturday against favored Russia and its two French Open title hopefuls, Yevgeny Kafelnikov and Marat Safin.

Slug Sports-Tennis-World Team Cup. Has moved.

ALSO:

MADRID Sports-Tennis-Madrid Open. Has moved.

ST. POELTEN, Austria Sports-Tennis-Raiffeisen Grand Prix. Has moved.

STRASBOURG, France Sports-Tennis-Strasbourg Open. Has moved.

CRICKET:

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua Veteran left-arm fast bowler Wasim Akram takes six wickets for four runs in the space of 28 balls Saturday to bring Pakistan back into the crucial third and final cricket Test against the West Indies on day three Saturday of the five-day match at the Recreation Ground.

Slug Sports-Cricket-WIndies-Pakistan. Has moved.

By Craig Cozier.

NEW DELHI, India A former Indian cricketer on Saturday plays what he says is a secretly made videotape in which former cricketers and officials named Indian players allegedly involved in match-fixing, the United News of India news agency said.

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Slug Sports-Cricket-India-Match Fixing. Has moved.

ICE HOCKEY:

MONTREAL Maurice "The Rocket" Richard, one of the greatest scorers in NHL history, dies Saturday at the age of 78. The former Montreal Canadiens star, who slipped into a deep coma overnight, died of abdominal cancer, family friend Jean Roy confirms.

Slug Sports-Ice Hockey-Obit-Richard. Has moved.

FIELD HOCKEY:

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands Two goals by Tuen de Nooijer lifts the Olympic and world champion Netherlands to a 2-1 victory over Britain on Saturday, while Australia downs South Korea 2-0 to begin defense of its men's Champions Trophy title.

Slug Sports-Field Hockey-Champions Trophy. Has moved.

By Mandy Mann.

ALSO:

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands Sports-Field Hockey-SAfrica-Olympics. By Mandy Mann. Has moved.

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Slug Sports-Cycling-Giro. Has moved.

AUTO RACING:

NAZARETH, Pennsylvania Car owner Roger Penske gets his long-awaited 100th CART Indy-car victory when Brazilian driver Gil de Ferran avoids a rash of accidents Saturday in the Bosch Grand Prix.

Slug Sports-Auto Racing-Bosch GP. Has moved.

By Dick Brinster.

OLYMPICS:

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch says Saturday he was "pleased" at the release of a secret document related to the Salt Lake City bid scandal, while officials began considering whether to launch a full investigation.

Slug Sports-Olympics-IOC Meetings. Has moved.

By Stephen Wilson.

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It is precisely that messy, manipulative and murderous kind of fighting between conventional forces and elusive defenders that could confront the Americans and British as they try to enter Baghdad, despite their much-publicized reluctance to engage in a close urban brawl.

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"The fighting will be full of the tricks we have already seen and more: ambushes, fake surrenders, soldiers dressed as women, attacks on rear areas and command posts. The Iraqis will be prepared to conduct high-risk missions of a kind we would not consider," he said in an article for the Times of London.

For all that allied commanders in Iraq have expressed outrage at what they see as such dishonorable tactics, though, urban warfare has always set its own rules of guile and deceit -- from the legendary use of a wooden horse at Troy over 3,000 years ago to modern times when war is broadcast live 24 hours a day.

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That was evident enough in Mogadishu, Somalia, in 1993 when sophisticated Black Hawk helicopter gunships were brought down by crude, shoulder-fired Soviet-era RPG-7 rocket propelled grenades -- a standard item in the kit of guerrilla armies around the globe along with AK-47 assault rifles, land mines and hand grenades. Indeed, similar tactics were popularized by the Afghan guerrillas who battled the Soviets in Afghanistan in the 1980's, courtesy largely of more sophisticated American-supplied Stinger missiles.

The downing of the helicopters in Mogadishu not only seemed a victory for the lightly equipped Somali street fighters. It also led to humiliating American casualties, 18 dead, that hastened the United States withdrawal -- just as images of wounded and slain United States marines at Hue and other battle zones of the Tet offensive in Vietnam turned American opinion against the war.

Those memories underscore the perils of street fighting that face allied troops in Iraq. History offers little solace.

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In Beirut in the mid-1970's, by contrast, and in Sarajevo in the 1990's, cities were divided along lines of faith. In Sarajevo, it was a Serbian siege against Muslim-led defenders. In Beirut, the fighting between Muslim and Palestinian forces and Christian militias began with an incongruous war for luxury seafront hotels -- the St. Georges, the Phoenicia, the Palm Beach and the Normandie, won and lost in room-to-room fighting.

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In Berlin, Beirut and Sarajevo -- as in successive waves of Russian assaults on the Chechen capital, Grozny -- the fighting reduced large urban areas to rubble. But it is precisely the familiarity of the urban terrain to those who live there that enables them to use it to the advantages of ambushes, surprise attacks and rapid redeployment.

In Iraq, urban warfare "will negate the technological advantage of the coalition," said Clifford Beal, the editor of Jane's Defense Weekly, a leading publication on military matters. "The Iraqis will be jumping in and out of alleyways, he added. "It tends to become a low-tech, house-to-house situation, and that kind of combat can become very costly for combatants and others."

A war depending on low technology and high numbers of combatants and casualties is the opposite of what most of the modern American army is trained to do. Even the British Army, with three decades of experience fighting the **Irish Republican Army** in Northern Ireland, would not be familiar either with the Iraqi terrain in cities like Basra or Baghdad or with the much greater firepower Iraqi troops could use in urban areas.

Indeed, said Tom Clonan, a military analyst in Dublin, a more likely comparison for allied troops in Iraq would be the experience of Russian troops fighting Chechen separatist forces in Grozny. "There are striking similarities between Grozny and Baghdad," he said. "Low-tech weapons would form a formidable arsenal in the narrow alleys and back streets of Iraq's capital."

Others draw comparisons to house-to-house fighting in Hue in 1968, which not only sent home bloody images of American casualties but also forced United States commanders to loosen the rules of engagement in a way the Pentagon says it is seeking to avoid in the Iraq war.

That reflects the differences in the role of public opinion for defenders and attackers in any urban warfare in Iraq, where ruthless irregulars and ultra-loyal forces would have few qualms about civilian casualties or using civilians as human shields. The United States and Britain face opinion at home that may prove fickle, constraining their ability to use overwhelming force, military analysts said.

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"The allies are fighting with kid gloves on, but it'll be very difficult to keep this clinical if urban warfare ensues," said Mr. Beal of Jane's Defense Weekly. "Urban warfare takes longer. It can bog down large numbers of troops. This war is being fought on a clock. And the longer it goes on, the more carnage is seen, the more difficult it is for the Bush administration to continue."

In the region's recent history, there are some ominous parallels. When Israeli troops invaded Lebanon in 1982, they evicted Yasir Arafat from Beirut, only to find him depicting his departure as a victory, validated simply by his ability to survive superior force.

Moreover, as The Economist magazine noted last week, the Israelis' welcome was short-lived. "When Israel invaded here in 1982, we met them with showers of rice and roses," a spokesman for the Hezbollah Shiite Muslim militia in Lebanon was quoted as saying. "One hundred days later, we blew up their headquarters."

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Photo: A United States Marine Abrams tank patrolled Mogadishu, Somalia, without incident in January 1993. But in October of that year, two American Black Hawk helicopters were downed by guerrillas using relatively unsophisticated weapons, illustrating one of the dangers of urban warfare. (Associated Press) Chart/Diagram: "Soldiers in the Streets" United States Army and Marine Corps doctrine recommends isolating and bypassing urban areas when possible, because cities are difficult, dangerous and costly to fight in. Still, most soldiers undergo some form of training in the very complicated business of urban combat. If American forces must fight in Baghdad, here are just a few of the thousands of special considerations they may need to keep in mind as they hit the streets.

DOUBLE COLUMN -- The double column is the preferred method for moving along an urban street. It provides 360 degrees of security and allows for overlapping coverage.

WINDOWS AND DOORS -- A common danger is passing by windows and doors without being aware. One technique is to pie off the opening. Using the near wall for cover, a pointman aims along the edge of the window or door while another soldier covers his back. Both soldiers cross the opening as the pointman pivots completing a 180 degree sweep of the opening.

URBAN BATTLEFIELD: PHYSICAL FEATURES The blend of horizontal and vertical geometry, and the variety of surfaces and spaces make urban areas vastly more complex than a similarly sized piece of natural terrain. Some of the dimensions:

Airspace The area usable by aircraft and aerial munitions. It is broken up at low levels by manmade structures.

Interior space The unseen battle space behind the exteriors.

Exterior space The visible battle space.

Supersurface areas The roofs, balconies, and upper floors that can be used for movement and advantage.

Surface areas Streets, alleys, parks, fields that follow the natural terrain and are broken up by manmade features.

Subsurface areas Sewers, drains, subway tunnels and other underground corridors that provide a concealed means of movement and engagement.

TARGET MARKING AND FRIENDLY POSITIONS Support from aircraft, artillery and other combat elements is critical in urban warfare, so locating and marking friendly positions and enemy targets is important. Soldiers can use a number of techniques to mark buildings, but the simplest methods are often best. Sometimes spray paint or bed sheets hung out of windows is enough. Flares, strobes, smoke and mirror signaling or even laser pointer devices might also be used.

CORNERS -- The urban landscape is full of corners, each a potential hazard. A technique called popping the corner puts the soldier near the ground, where enemy fire is less likely to hit. The weapon is short stocked (see weapon carrying techniques below) to hide the muzzle.

WALLS AND HOLES -- Walls may provide cover or present obstacles. They should be crossed by rolling quickly over the top, keeping a low silhouette. In urban warfare, doors should rarely be used. Soldiers must seek alternate ways to enter buildings.

EXPOSURES NEAR THE GROUND -- It can be easy to pass by basement windows or stairwells without noticing, exposing a soldier's legs to enemy fire. Staying close to the walls, soldiers must be careful to either step or jump over these low-lying hazards.

Ready to Fire The hallmarks of urban combat are the proximity of the enemy

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(very close) and the amount of time a soldier has to react to an enemy action (very little). Soldiers are therefore trained to hold their weapons in ways that maximize reaction time while moving through city streets. At right, four basic weapons carries for urban combat. TACTICAL CARRYUSED: When an immediate threat is presentPermits control of the rifle while moving; still allows quick engagement. The stock is placed at hip level and the barrel is angled upward at 45 degrees. ALERT CARRYUSED: When enemy contact is likelyStock placed against shoulder; muzzle angled downward at 45 degrees. As needed, rifle is snapped into firing position with front sight post aligned on target. READY CARRYUSED: When enemy contact is imminent.Stock placed against shoulder; muzzle pointed outward in direction of enemy. Alignment of the front sight on the enemy is made as the shot is fired. SHORT STOCKINGUSED: In enclosed spaces or to conceal the muzzle.Stock is positioned above the shoulders, with hand guard near the cheek. The index finger or thumb is used to pull the trigger. (Sources: "Military Operations on Urbanized Terrain," U.S. Marine Corps; Joint armed services publications "Multiservice Procedures for Aviation Urban Operations" and "Doctrine for Joint Urban Operations")

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"Urban warfare usually benefits the defender," said Clifford Beal, the editor of Jane's Defence Weekly, a leading publication on military matters. Not only that, urban warfare "will negate the technological advantage of the coalition."

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"For example, Saddam's Republican Guard, equipped with the same weaponry as Chechen separatists in Grozny, might well mimic their modus operandi in the streets of Baghdad."

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'URBAN WARFARE TAKES LONGER'

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The pressure, therefore, could be to unleash a huge strike, despite the ostensible war aims of keeping civilian casualties and damage to a minimum.

"If such force were to be applied in the indiscriminate manner required of high-intensity urban warfare in Baghdad," Clonan said in Dublin, "military casualties would be eclipsed by the certain destruction of the Iraqi capital and the annihilation of its citizens."

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FIGHTING IN THE STREETS

A coalition forces advance in Iraq, they are increasingly faced with the inevitability of fighting in cities. Urban combat poses specific challenges in communicating, travelling and isolating enemies from noncombatants. Tall buildings and underground tunnels stretch the dimensions of the combat zone and shorten the range of engagement, making warfare even more unpredictable.

EYE IN THE SKY (circle/square)

Satellites play a vital role in ground operations, transmitting reconnaissance photos and routing some voice communications and data transfers.

MOVEMENT (triangle)

Navigating a maze of unfamiliar streets and buildings

RISK (diamond)

Aspects of an urban area that present special dangers

INTELLIGENCE AND SURVEILLANCE (circle)

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Knowing the battlefield and the enemy

COMMUNICATIONS (square)

Co-ordination amid chaos

PREPARATION (circle/square)

Because urban combat zones are so complex and dynamic, excellent intelligence is critical

Strategists use intelligence to identify areas of interest, optimal corridors for movement and to assess potential threats.

Once the operations begins, command control must react to a constant flow of status reports from the field. A city's terrain can change quickly during a battle, with streets becoming impassable because of rubble or large crowds of civilians.

Soldiers are briefed on objectives before each mission.

TARGET RESTRICTIONS

Targeting is complicated by the proximity of restricted buildings, such as schools and places of worship.

HELICOPTERS (diamond/circle/triangle)

used mainly for troop movement, surveillance and fire support, Vulnerable to rocket-propelled grenades. Tall objects on the ground, such as towers or telephone polls, can complicate low-altitude flying and landing.

SWEEPING BUILDINGS (triangle)

Rooftop entry allows any enemy personnel inside to be flushed out to the street, where they are vulnerable, rather than face a desperate standoff. Also, ground entrances are likely locations for booby traps.

TANK-INFANTRY CO-ORDINATION (triangle/square)

Because tank crews have a limited field of vision, soldiers on foot act as eyes nd ears, directing movement and assigning targets. Forces must rely on nonverbal signals if radio communication is hindered by intense noise or other factors.

"HIGH" PRIORITY (square/circle)

Securing tall buildings can be useful for surveillance purposes and planting radio transmitters for wireless communications.

TANKS AND ARMOURED VEHICLES (triangle)

Stay close to one side fo the street when possible, providing cover for the opposite side.

BUILDINGS (diamond/square)

Pose several problems. They offer snipers concealed points from which to shoot. There is also a danger of falling debris or collapse. Areas of dense development can interfere with radio communications.

SMALLER ARMOURED VEHICLES (triangle)

Provide support on streets too narrow or too littered with rubble for tanks to pass.

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TANK POSITIONS (triangle)

Can be taken inside buildings to provide fire support from a protected location. tanks can also create smoke screens to conceal troop movements.

REAR TANKS (triangle)

Fill in to secure advancing positions. Increased distance from targets allows them to shoot higher than forward armour, since tanks' main guns have a limited trajectory.

UNDERGROUND TUNNELS (triangle/diamond/circle)

Offer concealed avenues for troop movement. Infrastructure for utilities such as water and electricity often is located underground.

GOING INSIDE

Forces only enter buildings when absolutely necessary because of the danger it entails. An analysis should be done prior to entry, using whatever information is available. A building's material is relevant because its structural integrity can be compromised by the rigours of war. Floor plans with mobility corridors are valuable, but often unavailable.

Marking territory

Rooms and buildings are marked with tape, spray paint or chalk as they are cleared. markings point out safe entry points, dangerous areas or signal that medic is needed within.

Surprise entry

Buildings are cleared from the top down, when possible. If forces do enter at ground level, they might demolish a wall, rather than using a door or window.

Concealed risk

The threat of enemy fire penetrating walls, floors and ceilings heightens risk.

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