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2. [UNDERSTANDING YOUR WORLD: PUT FOCUS ON AVERTING, NOT FIGHTING WAR](#)

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3. [From schoolchildren to buses, extremists increasingly aim at 'soft targets'](#)

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4. [Terror on our minds](#)

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5. [THE DEATH OF ANOTHER DREAM; TWO GENERATIONS OF KENNEDYS ARE DEAD; SO TOO, SADLY, IS THE IRISH PEACE PROCESS](#)

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6. [UP TO SPEED: THE WEEK'S TOP STORIES](#)

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7. [PM praises N. Ireland progress 'Will to succeed' encouraging, he says](#)

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8. [AP News Digest](#)

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9. [WORLD & NATION BRIEFS](#)

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10. [Irish leader optimistic about peace deal's chances](#)

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11. [AP Top News at Midnight EST Friday, Feb. 11, 2000](#)

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12. [Hard to imagine female bad guy? Think again](#)

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13. [Norris McWhirter, 78, Dies; A Matchless Record Keeper](#)

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14. [Silly sausages again](#)

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15. [*Obituaries in the news*](#)

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16. [*PACK OF LIES TAWANA BRAWLEY, JUNE-JULY 1988 CHAPTER 480*](#)

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17. [*AFTER THE ATTACKS: IN MONTREAL A Sense of Foreboding in Canada's Diverse Muslim Haven*](#)

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18. [*Rivals Form New N. Irish Government*](#)

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19. [*Clinton pushes Irish to seek peace; Uneasy truce: 'You cannot win by making neighbor lose,' he says*](#)

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20. [Clinton urges Irish people not to turn backs on peace](#)

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21. [In murderous urban warfare, the rules are different ; WAR IN IRAQ / The underdog's arsenal](#)

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22. [-0-](#)

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23. [WORLD BRIEFING](#)

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24. [The Globe at a Glance](#)

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

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26. [Pledges by Ulster Rivals Break the Deadlock at Talks](#)

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27. [Officer allegedly plots to kill Musharraf](#)

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28. [BOOKS OF THE TIMES Chambers of Memory Within a Scarred Heart](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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29. [PROTESTANTS AND CATHOLICS WORK IN ULSTE AS NEIGHBORS](#)

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30. [World Briefing](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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31. [Rebels gain ground in Guerrero](#)

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32. [McGahern weaves a languorous, lakeside tale](#)

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33. [PM-World-News-Digest ; INDEX: International; EDS: All stories below are also moving as separates. This digest will stand for the PM cycle.](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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34. [Other views views views](#)

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35. [Waiting for O'Lefty](#)

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36. [What Did You Do in the War?](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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37. [CORRECTS features to move](#)

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38. [Belfast Journal Icy Relations in Ulster Melt at the Hockey Games](#)

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39. [UK to lead Afghan peacekeepers](#)

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40. [Rick Bennewitz](#)

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41. [AP News Digest](#)

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42. [Obituaries in the News](#)

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43. [WORLD BRIEFING](#)

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44. [*Analysis: Old warriors haunting Mideast*](#)

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45. [*Commentary: The history of terrorism*](#)

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46. [*Profnet Sources for Tuesday, Aug. 14: IRA Withdraws Disarmament Plans*](#)

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

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48. [*IRA's allies rise in Ulster support*](#)

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49. [What's happening in Hollywood](#)

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50. [RETRANSMITTING](#)

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51. [AP News Digest](#)

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52. [AP News Digest](#)

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53. [WORLD IN BRIEF](#)

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54. [*Tribute to a wartime leader*](#)

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55. [*See AP Photos NY631-635*](#)

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56. [*Eyes on the prize ENTERPRISE*](#)

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57. [*How Hollywood fans hatred*](#)

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58. [*World Briefing*](#)

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59. [UNIONISTS GIVE NORTHERN IRELAND 'SECOND CHANCE TO GET IT RIGHT'](#)

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60. [AP Weekly News Calendar Saturday, Feb. 5:](#)

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61. [IRA: We'll lay down our arms](#)

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62. [CRIME WRITERS ARE BEHIND THE TIMES; DNA TESTING THAT LED TO THE ARREST OF A WEE WAA MAN, TOP, IS ONLY PART OF A FORENSIC REVOLUTION THAT INCLUDES A MICROCHIP CAPABLE OF IDENTIFYING FINGERPRINTS IN HALF A SECOND WITH AN ACCURACY OF 99 PER CENT OR MORE.](#)

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63. [IRA hard-line may doom Irish peace process](#)

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64. [WORLD BRIEFING](#)

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65. [Updates FEA-2000-Calendar, sent Dec. 22, with additional events](#)

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66. [Attack silences most extreme voice of Palestinian nationalism](#)

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67. [WORLD](#)

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68. [N. IRELAND 'S PRECARIOUS GOVERNMENT COLLAPSES PROTESTANTS HELD FIRM TO THEIR DEMANDS FOR IRA DISARMAMENT, CRIPPLING THE PLAN FOR BALANCED CONTROL.](#)

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69. [NEWS SUMMARY](#)

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70. [NEWS SUMMARY](#)

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71. [WORLD](#)

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72. [WORLD](#)

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73. [WORLD](#)

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74. [WORLD & NATION BRIEFS](#)

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75. [McKevitt 'wanted to exact a huge financial toll in London':](#)

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76. ['Bloody Sunday' recalls the Troubles](#)

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77. [In low-tech street war, a different set of rules ; Deception is a key underdog tactic](#)

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78. [Letters](#)

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79. [Taliban invites Bush, Blair for a duel](#)

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80. [Commentary: The Nature of Terrorism](#)

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81. [AP News Digest](#)

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82. [AP -News Agenda](#)

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

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84. [*The 2200 GMT news advisory*](#)

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85. [*New-books list begins with 'endless' novel*](#)

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CONGO

Uganda, Rwanda agree to immediate truce

Uganda and Rwanda agreed to an immediate truce Tuesday, ending four days of heavy combat that pounded the northern city of Kisangani, officials from both countries said. "There's been a cease-fire. Both sides agreed," said Lt. Col. Patrick Nyavumba, commander of Rwandan forces in Congo. Ugandan state radio also announced that an accord had been reached. The agreement followed talks between Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni and Rwandan Vice President Paul Kagame in southwestern Uganda. The two nations had been united in their support for rebels fighting Congolese President Laurent Kabila, but a simmering feud over their backing of separate rebel factions turned into full-scale combat in Kisangani on Saturday.

PAKISTAN

Indian mortar shells reportedly kill infants

Indian troops fired mortar shells into the Pakistan-controlled part of Kashmir on Tuesday, killing two infants in a border village and six soldiers, a Pakistani army spokesman said. The Indian forces fired across the disputed border in the divided Himalayan territory at a village in the Chakothi sector, said the spokesman on customary condition of anonymity. Three women and eight soldiers were wounded, he said. There was no comment from India, and the casualties could not be independently confirmed. The spokesman said Pakistani troops returned fire, hitting several Indian positions. The shelling was the latest in cross-border violence that has raised tensions between the South Asian rivals following the downing of a Pakistani military plane by an Indian jet on Aug. 10.

NORTHERN IRELAND

IRA killings would violate truce, official says

The Irish Republican Army would be in violation of its cease-fire if any recent killings can be linked to the outlawed group, a British official said Tuesday. Protestant politicians have been pressing British authorities for months to say whether the IRA - whose July 1997 cease-fire is a key to Northern Ireland's fragile peace - should be held

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responsible for four suspicious killings this year. The IRA has denied involvement in the killings of two drug dealers, a former IRA member who wrote a critical insider's expose and most recently an alleged anti-IRA police informant. All four were members of Northern Ireland's Catholic minority, which the IRA continues to dominate in a deliberate challenge to the province's police force. Common IRA tactics include beating people or shooting them in the arms and legs.

GERMANY

Chancellor will attend Jewish leader's service

German Jewish leader Ignatz Bubis will be honored at ceremonies in his home country - including a memorial service to be attended by Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, officials said Tuesday. Schroeder had been criticized in Israel for not attending Bubis' funeral Sunday in Tel Aviv. He now plans to attend a Sept. 14 memorial service at Frankfurt's main synagogue, said Charlotte Knobloch, a deputy chairwoman of the Central Council of Jews. Bubis, the outspoken leader of Germany's Jewish community, died Friday in a Frankfurt hospital at age 72. He had headed Germany's Central Council of Jews since 1992. Bubis had wanted to be buried in Israel because of fears his grave would be desecrated, as was his predecessor's.

MEXICO

Man suspected in 100 killings is sentenced

A man suspected of killing more than 100 people throughout central Mexico has been sentenced to 30 years in prison for the murder of a former police officer, a judge said Tuesday. Fernando Hernandez Leyva was arrested March 24 near the Morelos state capital of Cuernavaca. He is a suspect in 137 killings, six kidnappings and several robberies in Mexico City and the states of Morelos, Jalisco, Colima, Guanajuato and Michoacan. Morelos Judge Jesus Valencia said that Hernandez Leyva had been notified of the sentence in the Puente Grande prison in the western state of Jalisco, where he was being held on other charges. A psychological exam of Hernandez Leyva portrayed him as a "psychopath" who killed for "personal satisfaction," prosecutors said.

COLOMBIA

Right-wing gunmen slay 13 villagers, police say

Suspected right-wing gunmen killed at least 13 villagers Tuesday, dumping their bodies along a highway, police said. A 13-year-old girl was among the dead in the early morning attack in Zambrano, 335 miles north of Bogota. Based on witness accounts, the assassins were probably members of a paramilitary group, said the state police chief, Col. Francisco Bermudez. Violence by the rightist militias and leftist rebels has raged unabated this year, despite the launching of peace talks in January to end Colombia's 35-year conflict. According to the country's federal human rights ombudsman, 847 civilians have been killed in massacres this year, up 44 percent from the year before.

PERU

Another Shining Path rebel leader is killed

One of a dwindling number of Shining Path rebel leaders was killed, along with his wife, during a clash with military forces in Peru's northeastern jungle, officials said Tuesday. Carlos Audel Nunez, also known as Comrade Manuel, was killed Saturday in the jungle province of Tocache, 280 miles northeast of Lima, along with his wife, Mercedes Chamorro Arrieta, military officials said. Nunez was considered the right-hand man of Filomeno Cerron Cardoso,

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who officials say now heads the Maoist Shining Path after the July 14 capture of the group's national leader, Oscar Ramirez Durand. Nunez's death was another blow to the weakened rebel group, which lost its destructive momentum after the capture of its legendary founder, Abimael Guzman, in a Lima safe house in 1992.

Graphic

PHOTO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Photo - Dagestanis keep watch

Pro-Russian Dagestani volunteers keep watch from an outpost in the Botlikh region Monday. Muslim militants in Dagestan seeking to set up an Islamic state maintained their grip Tuesday on several villages in the region despite Russian bombing.

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UNDERSTANDING YOUR WORLD: PUT FOCUS ON AVERTING, NOT FIGHTING WAR

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The Bush administration tells us repeatedly that we are at war. But are we? And if so, against whom? At the moment, U.S. forces total some 6,000 in Afghanistan, where the last major battle took place months ago. However, there are more than 8,000 U.S. soldiers in Bosnia and Kosovo, where there is no fighting. Despite presidential rhetoric, there has been no declaration of war.

The al-Qaida network is not a legal entity, though because of its worldwide reach, its finances, communications and equipment, it might be termed a virtual state. It is composed of terrorists, criminals and the misled, against whom we rightly struggle. The victims include not only American and coalition servicemen and women but civilians, both Afghan and U.S., most notably Daniel Pearl.

Nevertheless, this is not World War II, nor the Korean War, nor even the Vietnam War. There is no draft, nor has there been a rush of volunteers to join the fight despite the attack on American soil and the death of some 3,000 people. More Americans seem to be flying the flag but not many rushing to join it. Is this because of a decline in patriotism or the result of confusion? I believe it is the latter. The president's goal -- the defeat of terrorism -- is both popular and worthwhile, but the means to achieve it seem nebulous and unfocused.

Just where are we headed to justify the extraordinary security measures called for by the administration and the constant, numbing drumbeat of fear? In an article in the "Financial Times," historian Philip Bobbitt notes that "under U.S. constitutional law, Congress does not have to make a declaration of war for a state of war to exist; nor under international law do acts have to be either crimes or acts of war -- they can be both, as the defendants at Nuremberg learned."

There was no declaration of war in Korea, though we still have some 35,000 troops there as a result of President Harry S. Truman's "police action" (joined by tens of thousands of U.N. troops). Nor was there a formal declaration of war over Vietnam, though that conflict grew incrementally, taking the lives of some 58,000 Americans and more than 1 million Vietnamese. In those days, at the height of the Cold War, we had the draft, so there was no need for volunteers. Neither President Clinton nor President Bush, though each was eligible, ever saw active duty. In the short term, at least, it obviously pays to be either smart or rich, and preferably both.

Does it really make any difference, Bobbitt asks, whether we are legally at war when a state of war actually exists? After all, Osama bin Laden said in 1995 that al-Qaida was at war with the United States. But many historians and members of the military maintain that we are not at war.

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Since the Renaissance, Bobbitt says, war has been the prerogative of states. We may fight against pirates, as the world did in the 18th and early 19th centuries, but the struggle against that particular international menace was never regarded as a war. The Dutch East India Co. and the British East India Co. (which once ruled most of India and was one of the world's great powers, though not legally recognized as such) often took up arms in the acquisition of their semiprivate empires, but their battles were never recognized as wars.

Clearly bin Laden and the leaders of Hamas and other radical organizations believe they are at war, though much of the world regards their activities as terrorism. But the world has changed greatly since the days of piracy and economic buccaneering, when small wars were just that, small, isolated and containable.

Today's pirates and ideological fanatics have ready access to such multinational support as money, weapons, scientific research and personnel. They regard the power of the United States as a fundamental threat to their way of life in such places as the Middle East and Pakistan. They seek the support of others such as the Palestinians who find themselves on the front lines of a national struggle.

Do we deal with these people as criminals or as soldiers? Does it make any difference? For many years in Northern Ireland, Bobbitt says, the British government was careful to define Irish terrorism from any quarter as a civil conflict and not as a war. To do otherwise would have accorded terrorists a status they both craved and yet did not deserve. Yet in the end, the British government was forced to deal with the **Irish Republican Army** through its political front, Sinn Fein.

So if we are not fighting a sovereign state, what are we fighting? A gang of mindless criminals? An idea? An historical process? I suspect in the case of al-Qaida, it's a little of all these things.

We clearly needed to take action to prevent the repetition of the horrendous events of Sept. 11.

The first part already has been done in Afghanistan, with the destruction of the Taliban government as well as the al-Qaida headquarters. But this part of the operation appears to be over, even though we have not captured bin Laden.

Further military action in Afghanistan may well prove to be counterproductive, with the increased likelihood of civilian casualties.

We need to consolidate, not expand.

Instead of emphasizing war, when clearly the nation does not really feel itself to be at war, we should emphasize prevention of further attacks. This means greatly increased intelligence coordination and renewed support for the kind of multilateral cooperation, especially the International Criminal Court, that will gain us international cooperation.

This struggle does not belong to us alone. Unilateral action, no matter how tempting, cannot protect us. Just as our friends need us, so we need them.

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From schoolchildren to buses, extremists increasingly aim at 'soft targets'

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In Iraq, they've sawn off civilians' heads in grisly executions aired on the Internet. In Israel, they've blown themselves up inside packed buses. Now, in Russia, they've turned a school into a slaughterhouse.

Extremists have become chillingly brazen in singling out so-called "soft targets" - and counterterrorism experts say they fear nothing is off-limits anymore to those intent on achieving maximum punch and publicity for their cause.

This week's school seizure in southern Russia, which culminated Friday in a commando raid and mass civilian casualties that included children, shattered whatever might have remained of the notion that innocents are taboo as targets.

"They're crossing thresholds - no question about it," said Jonathan Stevenson, a terrorism expert with the Washington office of the International Institute for Strategic Studies.

The raising of the bar is a result of the need to draw attention of a global audience that is increasingly difficult to shock, the growing sophistication of the militants as a result of experience, and cooperation between terrorist groups whose causes and cultures may otherwise have little in common.

Militants "are becoming much more educated in terms of what will have an effect," said Sandra Bell, director of homeland security at the Royal United Services Center, a London think tank.

Extremists in Russia's breakaway Chechnya region increasingly have adopted the tactics of al-Qaida and other Middle Eastern terrorism groups, contends Rohan Gunaratna, a Singapore-based counterterrorism expert. "They have blown up mosques, attacked transportation infrastructure, destroyed planes and now conducted a mass hostage-taking," he said.

"These groups are copycats and imitative, not innovative ... In terms of scale, this is unprecedented and follows the category of spectacular and theatrical attacks akin to al-Qaida."

Experts tracking terrorist cells say the trend toward soft targets is undeniable - and probably unstoppable.

In the late 1960s, Palestinian hijackers pioneered the seizing of airliners - although, unlike many of today's terrorists, they usually sought to survive the situation and demanded the planes be flown to safe havens.

From schoolchildren to buses, extremists increasingly aim at 'soft targets'

In the 1970s, the **Irish Republican Army** pioneered the use of car bombs in Britain and Northern Ireland - although the group usually tried to avoid great civilian casualties.

A decade later, pro-Iranian Lebanese Shiite Muslim militant groups used kidnappings to maximum effect, holding dozens of foreigners in captivity for years.

In the '90s, embassies, government buildings and crowded subways became the targets of choice. Terry Nichols and Timothy McVeigh blew up the Oklahoma City federal building in 1995, killing 168 people; three years later, al-Qaida bombed U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, killing 231.

Algerian Islamic extremists planted bombs that terrorized Paris subway commuters in 1995, killing eight people and wounding more than 200 others. That same year, a Japanese doomsday cult killed 12 people and injured thousands in a nerve gas attack on Tokyo's subways.

But it was Palestinian extremists who first made widespread use of the suicide strategy - exploiting the terrifying advantage wielded by anyone who is perceived as not only willing but eager to die. Over the past decade human beings who turned themselves into walking bombs have devastated the region's peace process, and have killed many hundreds of Israelis, turning every cafe outing or bus ride into a high-stakes gamble.

In June 2001 a suicide bomber blew up in a crowd of teenagers outside a seaside disco in Tel Aviv, killing 21 and crossing something of a threshold. In April 2002 a suicide bomber killed 29 people who had gathered for the traditional Passover eve feast - attaining yet another level of horror.

In the latest twist, Islamic radicals have begun beheading some of their kidnap victims, and video of some of the incidents have found their way onto the Internet. The gruesome tactic has spread fear and revulsion greater, perhaps, than what could be achieved by killing greater numbers of innocents in less extraordinary ways - and has brought pressure on some governments to pull troops or workers out of Iraq.

One explanation for the trend to ever more cruelty and shock value is that tactics that triggered international outrage just 20 years ago - such as the 1985 hijacking of the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro by Palestinian militants who killed a wheelchair-bound American tourist and tossed his body overboard - might seem relatively tame to a world stunned by the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

"Militants are now trying to damage their enemies any way they can, to search for soft targets such as schools and underground stations," said Dia'a Rashwan, an Egyptian expert on Islamic extremism.

But the strategy can backfire.

After IRA terrorists came under scathing Catholic condemnation for civilian carnage, they focused mainly on bombs detonated with advance warning that inflicted huge economic damage on London's financial district while killing fewer bystanders.

Most groups that employ terrorist have insisted that they would not purposely target schoolchildren - a threshold now spectacularly crossed by the hostage-takers in Russia, a group that reportedly included Arabs, Chechens and others.

Palestinian militant groups are unlikely to follow that lead because it could detract from their aim to be seen as "resistance fighters, not terrorists," Rashwan said.

The Quran admonishes the followers of Islam that not even the children of infidels should be killed. The Palestinian militant group Hamas contends its policy is not to target children, although it justifies attacks on civilians to avenge Israeli army attacks on ordinary citizens.

"We are freedom fighters, not gangs," a senior Hamas official in Gaza told the AP. "**Women** and children are not a target for Hamas. They have never been a target and they will never be our main target despite the daily killing of our **women** and children by Israel in cold blood."

From schoolchildren to buses, extremists increasingly aim at 'soft targets'

Abu Mahmoud, a spokesman for the Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades in the West Bank, said the group was "shocked by what we see on television" about the Russian school standoff.

"We would never agree to such a thing," he said. "We never did such a thing and never would. When there is an explosion and children are killed, we are sorry for this because this was a mistake, not on purpose."

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Terror on our minds

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Of the 76 countries and regions listed on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' travel advisory website, New Zealanders are warned to steer clear of 38. Anyone already in those lands should leave. Another 19 are listed as high risk and people are told to defer non-essential travel. Still more are listed as having some risk.

"Widespread criminal violence, kidnappings and attacks on foreigners," reads Angola. "We advise against all travel," for East Timor, Ecuador, Haiti, Iraq, Indonesia, Kryzstan. "Be security conscious. Avoid crowded/landmark places. Possibility of terrorist action," for Egypt, Kenya, Laos, Cambodia and Georgia. The list goes on.

It is hard to avoid the impression the world is not as safe as it used to be. It seems for the past three years, since two aeroplanes ploughed into two tall buildings in America on this weekend in 2001, terror has dominated the news.

In 2002, the Bali bombing killed New Zealanders and Australians even though it was on neither country's home soil. It was still too close to home. The United States invaded Afghanistan and Iraq and a jittery Western world tried to carry on as usual, despite constant kidnappings and beheadings posted on the internet.

This year, the bombing of train stations in Madrid and the ghastliness of Russia with bombs downing aeroplanes and terrorism again caught live on TV as Chechen rebels heralded another new low with the gratuitous shooting of children as they ran for their lives. Now, the bombing of the Australian Embassy in Jakarta.

Has the world changed? The answer is no, not really, and yes, quite a bit.

Terrorism has been around for centuries. The sword has been upgraded to the bomb, the actors have changed, the targets have changed and the number of victims has escalated, but terrorism is as part of the political landscape now as it has been always. Stay vigilant and get used to it, say the experts.

"There has been politically motivated terrorism since the year dot," says terrorism expert Professor Clive Williams from the Australian National University. "It's just it wasn't always called terrorism in those days."

In the name of religion, the Crusaders slaughtered women and children, and Guy Fawkes has a day of celebration named after him, even though his plot to blow up the British Parliament failed.

Israel was born out of two terrorist groups, Irgun and the Stern Gang; the Palestine Liberation Organisation was born out of displaced Arabs and the desire for an independent state, their message passed on by the hijacking of international airliners.

Terror on our minds

The anarchists in Europe in the 18th century assassinated political figures to create a state of chaos and bring down governments, and from the 1970s to 1990s the radical Bader-Meinhof German group of young intellectuals conducted kidnappings and murders.

These groups have come and gone and George Bush's war on terror is now targeting the new Islamic fundamentalist campaign. Even he admitted it could not be won, before hurriedly backtracking.

"I don't think you can win it," he said, but soon after changed it to "we are winning and we will win".

There will be some victories in this so-called war but Williams says terrorism is here to stay and is not just perpetrated by fanatical groups or individuals.

He points to the scale of the slaughter by Germany during World War II or the Russians under Stalin, or the Chinese under Mao.

"I mean, they killed scads more people than terrorist groups ever did. It is a form of terrorism. It's just the perpetrators are a bit different."

Campaigns of terror have worked. One of the most successful was waged by Jews against the British in Palestine, culminating with the bombing of the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, - "that's an example of a considerable success".

The Jewish group Irgun, which fought British rule, in 1946 blew up the hotel which was a British military post. Ninety-one people were killed, including women, children and Jews. The British left Palestine and in 1948 Israel was an independent state. Other terrorist groups have not been so successful, such as the ideologically driven Bader-Meinhof group. "Those sorts of people have been less successful because they've got older and they've got mortgages and, you know, have settled down."

Professor Williams' colleague Dr Michael McKinley, also a terrorism expert from the Australian National University, agrees terrorism has long played a role in shaping the world.

"The PLO were taken seriously after they committed acts of terrorism, particularly airline hijacking, starting in the 1960s.

"The IRA were taken much more seriously than they would have been in the contemporary sense after they took up what they called the Armed Struggle in 1969.

"The Basque region of Spain got much more autonomy than it would have otherwise once Eta came to the fore.

"It's always been there, it's always been a problem area and it's usually because the people who are involved don't have many other means of drawing attention to their

The history of political terror

The Black Hand

A secret group formed in 1911 with the aim of using violence to create a united Serbia.

Biggest act was assassinating Archduke Franz Ferdinand, the heir-apparent of Austria.

Credited with helping to start World War I.

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Red Brigade

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Evolved out of student protest movement of the 1960s supposedly supporting the working classes to become Italy's foremost terrorist group.

Biggest act was kidnapping former Prime Minister Aldo Moro, then killing him.

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Symbionese Liberation Army

American-based terrorist group, killing and robbing in the the early to mid-1970s.

Best known for kidnapping publishing heiress Patricia Hearst who went on to join the group.

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Irish Republican Army (IRA)

Armed wing of political party Sinn Fein, responsible for numerous bombings of tube stations and shopping centres in Britain and Ireland, with the aim of getting rid of British rule from Ireland.

Notable attack: Omagh in Northern Ireland, exploded a bomb in 1998, killing 29 people, mainly women and children.

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Black September.

One of the most notorious of a number of armed Palestinian terrorist groups.

Biggest act was taking Israeli athletes competing at the Munich Olympic Games hostage in 1972, resulting in the death of them all.

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**THE DEATH OF ANOTHER DREAM;
TWO GENERATIONS OF KENNEDYS ARE DEAD; SO TOO, SADLY, IS THE
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When John F. Kennedy visited Dublin in the summer of 1963, he had no way of knowing his legacy would be remembered some 36 years later as a mass of shriveled dreams.

Kennedy was the first Irish Catholic -- in fact, the first Catholic at all -- to be elected U.S. president. His visit to the Irish Republic was a mission of hope, a symbol of a progressive new Irish generation taking power. Now, the world mourns two deaths Kennedy is lucky to have missed: The flying death of his only son and the fatal crash of the peace process in Belfast.

For most people, the death of JFK Jr. is far more interesting than Irish unrest. And why not? The JFK Jr. story has mystery (whispers of a family curse), action (a plane crash), and sexy main characters galore. Meanwhile, there's no mystery in the Irish peace failure: Hard-line Protestant men simply put their machismo before the public good in refusing to govern with Catholic civil-rights activists.

(The players in the peace process are also far less sexy than JFK and company: Nationalist Sinn Fein leader Gerry Addams looked haggard and in need of a beard-trim after staggering out of the peace talks, while Ulster Unionist leader Rev. Ian Paisley was seen smiling like a well-fed shark just 15 minutes after the process collapsed.)

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The failure of this particular stage of the Irish peace negotiations was never supposed to happen. One year ago, the Good Friday Agreement was democratically ratified by the people of Ireland. It called on all parties to sit down and create a new government that would allow Protestants and Catholics to make decisions together. It also called on terrorist groups, Protestant and Catholic alike, to give up their guns through a series of time-tables for "decommissioning." What was supposed to be a breakthrough for Irish peace became another link in the endless chain of injustices weighing down the world community.

Venerable political commentator Dalton Camp wrote in the Toronto Star in April of 1998 that "one of history's most intractable blood feuds may be nearer to an end" because everyday people were excluded from the political process: '(The Good Friday Agreement) was a celebration of elitism, a triumph of elites, a measure of what elites are for, and why a working democracy must have them.'

THE DEATH OF ANOTHER DREAM; TWO GENERATIONS OF KENNEDYS ARE DEAD; SO TOO, SADLY, IS THE IRISH PEACE PROCESS

A year later, the "triumph of elites" has ended in disaster. The everyday citizens excluded from Ireland's so-called "democratic peace process" are the ones who will truly suffer as the campaign of terror and discrimination spins on.

This is especially true for women. With the exception of lonely pioneers like Mo Mowlam, the British minister for Northern Ireland, Irishwomen of all religious stripes are surely the most under-represented group in the entire peace process. One can only dream of what the peace process would be like if Dalton Camp's pipe-smoking 'elites' were replaced by the mothers and grandmothers of the young people who have died in Ulster's endless sectarian violence. Bitter divisions would still be there, of course, but imagine the difference a little less testosterone could make.

Unfortunately, a vision far more realistic than mine was spoken by the Irish Republican Army in last week's issue of An Phoblacht (a Catholic nationalist newspaper): "It remains our view that the roots of conflict in our country lie in British involvement in Irish affairs. Responsibility for repairing the damage to the argument that the present political process can deliver real change rests primarily with the British government."

The IRA rightly points out that British Prime Minister Tony Blair, once the great white hope of the Ulster peace process, has revealed himself this summer to be a gutless wonder in the tradition of Margaret Thatcher, clinging to an outdated view of England as a land-hungry kingdom. Great Britain gave up on being the world's greatest territorial superpower after young American men took the newspapers' advice to 'Go west' in the 1850s.

For Blair to advocate clinging to the little green spot of Northern Ireland after so much pain and bloodshed is now nothing but vain cruelty. Not that we should be surprised. After all, this is the man who visited Belfast five days after being elected prime minister to say: 'There is hope for peace, obviously, but the North will never be part of the Republic of Ireland.'

Isn't it inspiring when our world leaders leave the door open to compromise?

CHRETIEEN

Our own illustrious Prime Minister, Jean Chretien, suggested during a recent trip to Ireland that the Canadian example "should serve as an example of harmony" to the warring factions of Northern Ireland. So what if he forgot the long history of war and suffering that led to Canada's shotgun marriage of French and English powers?

Who cares if our 19th-century anti-Irish land laws make Canada an absolutely inappropriate (and offensive) example of "harmony" to offer today's Irish people?

What really matters is the reaction of the Irish statesmen who heard Chretien's remarks: They skirted the pesky peace issue entirely and echoed Paul Martin's advice to follow "the Celtic Tiger" in cutting taxes for the wealthy. (Politicians in the nationalist Sinn Fein were the only ones to disagree, advocating the long-abandoned Canadian model of investment in community services and environmental protection.)

Everyone who voted for Chretien should sleep better at night knowing that our Prime Minister is taking advice from the men who wiped their bottoms with Ireland's best shot at peace.

So long, JFK.

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UP TO SPEED: THE WEEK'S TOP STORIES

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Body

\$ 792 billion in tax cuts OK'd

The Republican-controlled House narrowly approved the largest tax cut since the Reagan era, a \$ 792 billion package that would reduce income taxes by 10 percent over the next decade if Congress makes continued progress in reducing the national debt.

The massive tax package, the centerpiece of the GOP's congressional agenda, would ease the so-called marriage tax penalty, phase out the estate tax and offer deductions to defray health and education costs. Business would benefit from a capital gains tax cut and targeted relief for industry and agriculture.

Since about half the total tax benefits would go to taxpayers with incomes above \$ 300,000, the average family would see only about \$ 100 a year in additional income.

AJC

Coming up: The fight over what to do with expected huge budget surpluses now shifts to the Senate, but in any event, the legislation probably won't be enacted because President Clinton has promised to veto it.

WASHINGTON

PBS contributor lists

After criticism from congressional Republicans, the Public Broadcasting Service advised its stations against providing their contributor lists to political organizations. And Republicans and Democrats alike lined up behind a proposal to prohibit the practice.

Coming up: A ban against list sharing is likely to pave the way for the House telecommunications subcommittee to approve an increase in funding for PBS from \$ 250 million to at least \$ 300 million.

NATION

Kennedy remembered

John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, and her sister Lauren Bessette were mourned after their bodies were recovered off the coast of Martha's Vineyard, Mass. Kennedy's plane crashed into the Atlantic last weekend. He was to drop off his sister-in-law before heading to the wedding of his cousin Rory at Hyannisport. The three later were given burials at sea. A memorial Mass --- in which Kennedy's uncle, Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-

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Mass.), gave the eulogy --- was celebrated in New York for the couple. A memorial for Bessette was planned in Greenwich, Conn.

Coming up: The wreckage will be taken to a Coast Guard installation for examination. It will be six to nine months before the accident's cause is determined, according to the National Transportation Safety Board.

Woman leads mission

The space shuttle Columbia lifted off early Friday with NASA's first **female** commander, Air Force Col. Eileen Collins. The shuttle carried the world's most powerful X-ray telescope, the \$ 1.5 billion Chandra. The mission was twice delayed, first by faulty hydrogen measurements and later by lightning.

Coming up: The first images from the telescope are expected in three to four weeks.

WORLD

China bans sect

China banned a Buddhist-based spiritual movement called Falun Gong, accusing its exiled founder of plotting against the Communist Party and inciting his followers to confront the government in protests. The Ministry of Public Security warned that citizens who post fliers supporting the group or carry out "any other activities" to encourage the practice of Falun Gong " will be pursued for criminal liability" or sent to labor camps. Attempts to appeal the ban were also banned.

Peace talks

Former U.S. Sen. George Mitchell returned to Northern Ireland to try to revive the faltering peace accord. Mitchell, called in by the British and Irish prime ministers, met with key parties in hopes of paving the way for formation of a provincial government. Efforts to form the government and implement the 1998 Good Friday peace accord were stalled by an argument over the **Irish Republican Army**'s refusal to disarm.

Coming up: Mitchell plans to review problems in September.

SOUTH

Warning to Rudolph

A year after bombing suspect Eric Robert Rudolph came out of hiding, then disappeared, federal authorities working in North Carolina repeated their commitment to keep up the hunt. They warned Rudolph not to get too comfortable. The retiring task force chief also introduced his successor.

Coming up: Chief Woody Enderson said that "nothing has changed" and declared that Rudolph will be hunted until he is caught. Steven C. McCraw, 45, replaces Enderson next month.

LOCAL

Cleaner metro gas

Atlanta's reputation as one of the sprawl capitals of America brought it a benefit as BP Amoco introduced a special ultralow-sulfur fuel in the metro area. Sold in 25 counties in and around Atlanta, the fuel meets state pollution standards four years early and federal rules five years early. The project manager for the fuel said BP Amoco "views Atlanta as somewhat of a case study."

Coming up: BP Amoco plans to have the fuel in 40 cities worldwide by the end of 2000.

PASSAGES

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David Ogilvy, who started the ad agency later known as Ogilvy & Mather and created the debonair Hathaway Man with his black eye patch, died at his home in Bonnes, France, at 88.

A. Stanley Tretick, the former Look magazine photographer who shot portraits of former President Kennedy and his children, including a picture of John Kennedy Jr. as a toddler looking out from under his father's Oval Office desk, died from strokes at 77.

Claudio Rodriguez, the Spanish poet known for his down-to-earth themes and deeply symbolic language, died in a Madrid hospital at 65.

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Photo

Terry Collins has become the first woman to lead a NASA mission into space. / TERRY RENNA / Associated Press

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PM praises N. Ireland progress 'Will to succeed' encouraging, he says

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BELFAST -- In a land where loud and divisive voices are most often heard, Prime Minister Jean Chretien listened to the quiet words of moderates in Northern Ireland yesterday and came away encouraged.

"I'm just an observer from the outside, but I discovered a real political will to succeed, " he said.

Mr. Chretien met with the Protestant unionist chiefs and the Catholic nationalists and republicans. But he also took time to talk with the likes of David Ervine. He leads a small unionist party in the elected Northern Ireland assembly and represents two outlawed paramilitary groups. And, he's served time in prison for transporting explosives.

Mr. Ervine has renounced violence and is now considered to be a bridge between the warring communities -- a reality check for those who believe there is no middle ground between the Protestant desire to stay in Britain and the Catholic dream of reuniting with Ireland. He argues that implementing last year's Good Friday Agreement is the only way forward.

Mr. Chretien also saw Monica McWilliams, the Catholic leader of the Women's Coalition in the assembly. She's a busy mother who kept him waiting because her boys' sleep-over party ran late.

"I think it is really important that ... a Canadian prime minister comes here," she said. "A lot of our equal-opportunity legislation is based on Canadian equal-opportunity legislation. A lot of research about diversity and the need to create a pluralistic society takes place between Canada and Northern Ireland."

Mr. Chretien is the first Canadian prime minister to visit Northern Ireland since 1961, and one of the few world leaders to venture in since The Troubles began in 1969.

Such views are not often heard in the wider world. They are drowned out by articulate Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams, parsing the subclauses of every agreement, and the thundering unionist Ian Paisley, preaching doom and gloom.

On the ground in Northern Ireland, they touch a chord with many people who aren't prepared to let the peace and normality of the past two years slip through their fingers.

Chretien arrived here two weeks before a make-or-break deadline in the peace process. He is the first Canadian prime minister to visit Northern Ireland since John Diefenbaker in 1961.

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He's also one of the few world leaders to venture into the province since "The Troubles" began in 1969.

Northern Ireland's first minister-designate David Trimble has until June 30 to choose an all-party cabinet to preside over the assembly that was elected last June but has yet to sit.

It's the centrepiece of the year-old Good Friday Agreement, but he's refusing to make a move until Sinn Fein convinces the **Irish Republican Army** to give up its arms.

That's a precondition that is not included in the agreement and Adams won't budge.

The prime minister could have hoped for a more upbeat moment for his visit, but Irvine, for one, thought his timing was perfect.

"I think that the Canadian premier being here, talking to political parties and that being pronounced throughout the community that the world is watching, that the world is with us in many ways and wishes us well, it encourages people to take the responsibility of what we must do in the next two weeks very serious," he said.

After half-a-day of meetings that spanned the religious and sectarian divided, Chretien said: "I had the impression (Northern Ireland politicians) will go to the limit to make sure that they will start to have the executive put in place and the operation started, with responsibilities distributed among the members of the executive."

Canada, according to Britain's Northern Ireland Secretary Mo Mowlam, has played a "quiet" role that has made "a practical difference" in the province during its struggle to emerge from a quarter century of sectarian violence.

"In practical, day-to-day ways, it's helped build peace in Northern Ireland," Mowlam said.

She mentioned, in particular, Gen. John de Chastelain, calling him one of the "independent voices that people will accept."

The former chief of the Canadian armed forces has spent the better part of three years working as an international "fixer" in Northern Ireland -- a neutral in a cause where too many people have taken sides. He first helped draft a peace blueprint for the British government and went on to become one of the co-chairmen of the peace talks.

He is now the man who has, under the terms of the Good Friday Agreement, until next May to collect the paramilitary weapons.

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Mowlam conceded, "it isn't the most exciting years in John's life." But she added: "He did help and make a difference."

She also mentioned Canada's contribution to the International Fund For Ireland, \$5 million in total. It sends young people from the roughest parts of Northern Ireland to countries abroad, including Canada, for job training.

It changes attitudes, Mowlam said, and that is the key. "Peace doesn't arrive when you get the signature on the document."

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Chretien is in the Republic of Ireland today, simultaneously courting Europe's most vibrant economy and the four million Canadians who claim Irish descent.

He moves on to Vienna later in the week and plans to attend a meeting of the world's most exclusive club, the G-7 summit of the major powers, in Cologne, Germany, on the weekend.

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Graphic

P Black & White Photo: The Canadian Press / Prime Minister Jean Chretien, left, with Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams in Belfast, Northern Ireland yesterday.

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AP News Digest

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NEW:

YUGOSLAVIA-FEARFUL FOES. Opposition fears ill effects from indictment.

PAKISTAN-INDIA-KASHMIR. Pakistan's prime minister pleads for peace.

RUSSIA-POLITICS. New first deputy prime minister resigns.

CUBA-FOREIGN MINISTER. Fidel Castro's protege is replaced.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia Russia's Balkan envoy meets Friday with Slobodan Milosevic, declaring that Yugoslavia's elected president remains the key person to negotiate with regardless of his indictment as a suspected war criminal. YUGOSLAVIA-KOSOVO. Lead expected by 1900 GMT. By Candice Hughes. AP Photos BEL101-103,111.

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia The opposition in Serbia fears the international war crimes tribunal's indictment will provoke yet another government crackdown and further erode their ebbing support. YUGOSLAVIA-FEARFUL FOES. Has moved. By Candice Hughes.

ALSO MOVED:

NATO-KOSOVO TALKS NATO is anxious to work with Moscow, but Russian envoy Viktor Chernomyrdin is speaking only for his own government in talks with Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic, a top U.S. official insists.

ALBANIA-WAR GAMES The Albanian army on Friday simulates a defense of its territory against a cross-border strike by Serbian forces. AP Photos XKUK102-103.

US-KOSOVO U.S. defense secretary has growing confidence in airstrikes.

DRAS, India An Indian helicopter gunship is shot down Friday over the disputed territory of Kashmir, where India's campaign against Pakistan to dislodge secessionist Islamic militants has escalated tensions between the two nuclear powers. INDIA-PAKISTAN. Lead has moved. By Arthur Max. AP Photos SRI107, ISL103-104.

AP News Digest

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif telephones his Indian counterpart Friday to plead for peace, and a captured Indian jet fighter pilot is shown on Pakistani TV. PAKISTAN-INDIA-KASHMIR. Lead expected by 1900 GMT. By Kathy Gannon. AP Photo KAR103.

ALSO MOVED:

PAKISTAN-INDIA-DOWNED AIRCRAFT Indian aircraft downed well within Pakistani territory.

UN-INDIA-PAKISTAN, PAKISTAN-INDIA-REACTION, PAKISTAN-NUCLEAR CELEBRATIONS.

MOSCOW In the biggest blow yet to Russia's new prime minister, one of his top deputies resigns Friday less than a week after being appointed. It marks the second power struggle Stepashin had lost since being appointed. RUSSIA-POLITICS. Lead has moved. By Judith Ingram. AP Photo MOSB103.

ALSO:

RUSSIA-RUNAWAY AMBITION Last week, Nikolai Aksyonenko was the relatively obscure chief of Russia's railroad network. Then he was named first deputy prime minister. By this week, Aksyonenko's ambition has assumed stunning proportions.

HAVANA The former Communist Party youth leader once seen as President Fidel Castro's protege is replaced Friday as foreign minister by an even younger man the 34-year-old chief of staff who handles Castro's daily schedule. CUBA-FOREIGN MINISTER. Lead has moved. By Anita Snow. AP Photos HAV101-104.

JERUSALEM Acting in its final days, Israel's hard-line government decides to connect the West Bank's largest Jewish settlement to Jerusalem, undercutting Palestinian hopes of setting up a capital in or near the disputed city. ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Has moved. By Karin Laub. AP Photos JRL101-103.

LOME, Togo A West African mediator says Friday that Sierra Leone's government has conceded to demands by the country's feared rebel movement to release the rebels' charismatic founding leader. SIERRA LEONE-PEACE TALKS. Lead has moved.

WARSAW, Poland Poland's government and Roman Catholic church take a major step toward ending an embarrassing controversy Friday by removing about 300 crosses from a lot that borders the former Auschwitz Nazi death camp. POLAND-AUSCHWITZ CROSSES. Lead has moved. By Tom Cohen. AP Photos planned.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland The ***Irish Republican Army*** on Friday begins handing over the bodies of nine secretly buried victims, a gesture designed to build goodwill at a critical moment in peacemaking. NORTHERN IRELAND. Lead expected by 2000 GMT. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photos XBFT101-102.

JAKARTA, Indonesia Security is tight Friday when hundreds of thousands of people turn Jakarta's main streets red again in a show of support for Indonesian presidential frontrunner Megawati Sukarnoputri. INDONESIA-ELECTION. Lead has moved. By Ali Kotarumalos. AP Photos. AP Photos JAK101-104,107.

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa Election officials and church leaders appeal for tolerance Friday in the two regions considered most vulnerable to political violence in the final days of South Africa's election campaign. SOUTH AFRICA-ELECTION. Has moved. By David Crary. AP Photos LOS101-105, JOH101-103.

ST. GEORGE'S, Grenada The United States and its allies succeed Friday in maintaining a 13-year ban on commercial whaling as an often-acrimonious meeting of the international Whaling Commission closes. WHALING CONFERENCE. Lead expected by 1900 GMT. By Chris Hawley. AP Photos planned.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Saturday, Nigeria's military ruler is scheduled to hand over power to the elected government. On Monday, Kurdish rebel leader Abdullah Ocalan goes on trial on treason charges in Turkey.

FEATURES MOVED:

New:

CAIRO, Egypt After winning admiration on both sides of the Atlantic, the al-Sabah exhibition has opened in Cairo, its debut in an Islamic country outside Kuwait. ARTS-EGYPT-LUCKY ART. By Vijay Joshi. AP Photo NY302.

Also:

FEA-EGYPT-UNBURIED TREASURE New Cairo exhibit to trace stolen, recovered Egyptian treasures. AP Photos NY318-319.

FEA-MEXICO-WOMEN'S TOWN Migration to United States leaves women behind to care for town. AP Photos NY364-366.

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LEXINGTON, Va.

VMI graduates first female cadets

Virginia Military Institute handed diplomas to two women on Saturday, the first time in the school's 160-year history that females have graduated.

More than a dozen female cadets stood in the bleachers and shouted when Chih-Yuan Ho became the first woman to earn a VMI degree. Later in the ceremony, Melissa Kay Graham also graduated to cheers.

Ho, 23, and Graham, 21, entered VMI in August 1997 as transfer students along with 28 other women who were freshmen. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1996 that the state-run school's all-male admissions policy was unconstitutional.

CAIRO, Egypt

Libyan deal may bring Congo cease-fire

African leaders agreed Saturday in Libya to a peace deal that proposed a cease-fire in Congo's civil war and the first direct talks between the government and rebels.

The agreement was reached at an African summit that gathered together for the first time Congolese President Laurent Kabila and Rwandan Vice President Paul Kagame, whose country is the main backer of Congo's rebels.

The rebels were not present at the summit, and it was not clear if they would accept the accord. But the agreement means the two countries that have backed their nine-month war, Rwanda and Uganda, have both struck deals with Kabila.

Under the agreement, participants confirmed an earlier Iraqi-brokered peace agreement between Congo and Uganda that recommended a cease-fire, a withdrawal of Rwandan and Ugandan troops and the deployment of African peacekeepers.

PORT HURON, Mich.

Teens charged in Littleton copycat case

WORLD & NATION BRIEFS

Four boys have been charged with plotting a shooting at their middle school similar to the April rampage at Colorado's Columbine High School.

Justin Schnepf and Jedaiah Zinzo, both 14, were charged as adults Thursday with conspiracy to commit murder for allegedly planning to kill classmates at their 560-student Holland Woods Middle School. The two remained in custody Saturday on \$ 100,000 bail each.

The two others, ages 12 and 13, have been charged as juveniles with the same crime. They also remained in custody on Saturday.

"They planned to commit a slaughter and massacre of Holland Woods students," said Mary Kelly, a St. Clair County assistant prosecutor. She said the plot "had been in the planning and in the making for over a week."

The four were arrested on Wednesday and Thursday at their homes.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.

Jefferson, Hemings relatives gather

Descendants of Thomas Jefferson and offspring of his slave Sally Hemings gathered at his plantation Saturday for the first time in 170 years and promised to stay close.

"I hope this is the beginning of a long relationship," said James Truscott, a white descendant of Jefferson's daughter Maria and vice president of the Jefferson family's Monticello Association.

The association, comprised of white Jefferson descendants, will debate at a private family meeting Sunday whether to accept Hemings' progeny as their blood cousins, allowing them to be buried at the family cemetery at Monticello.

Jefferson, who became president in 1801, was accused publicly in 1802 of being the father of several of Sally Hemings' children. A DNA study published in November said Jefferson may have fathered at least one of Hemings' children.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland

Blair sets deadline for N. Irish government

British Prime Minister Tony Blair has set an "absolute" deadline of June 30 for Northern Ireland's long-delayed Protestant-Catholic government to be formed.

Blair's decision came during 10 hours of negotiations Friday involving Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern and the three major Northern Irish parties that want to form the government.

"The prime minister has told the parties that the deadline is absolute," said a statement Saturday from Blair's London office.

The other three negotiation participants were: the Ulster Unionists, which represent the province's British Protestant majority; the pacifist Catholics of the Social Democratic and Labor Party, or SDLP; and the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party.

A 12-member government the envisioned centerpiece of Northern Ireland's April 1998 peace accord should have been formed by last November. But Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble has insisted that the **Irish Republican Army** must start to disarm before his Protestant supporters will sanction a government role for Sinn Fein.

ROME

Italy's President Scalfaro quits a little early

WORLD & NATION BRIEFS

With a parting kiss to the nation's flag, President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro resigned Saturday and left Italy's 16th-century Quirinale Palace, ending a term that saw seven governments in seven years and the remaking of Italy's political system.

Scalfaro stepped down 13 days before his seven-year term expires, clearing the way for Tuesday's swearing-in of newly elected successor Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, an internationally respected banker-politician.

Scalfaro submitted his resignation Saturday morning. Stopping his car on the wide-open piazza outside the presidential Quirinale Palace, on the highest of Rome's seven hills, the white-haired 80-year-old scrambled out to shake hands with journalists and well-wishers. He waded into a crowd of horseback color guards to plant a kiss on the tricolor flag.

"They've just freed me," Scalfaro joked before heading to Rome's famed Campo di Fiori, getting a smattering of applause from shoppers and tourists on a spin through the square's market stalls.

Premier Massimo D'Alema paid tribute to Scalfaro's presidency, the latest stage in a decades-long political career. "In long years of transition, Italy had in President Scalfaro a moral guide, an influential arbitrator, a sage and expert moderator," D'Alema said.

Graphic

MANDI WRIGHT/The Associated Press * Happy: Melissa Graham, center, is embraced by underclass cadets Saturday after Graham became one of the first women to graduate from the Virginia Military Institute.

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Irish leader optimistic about peace deal's chances

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Body

Prime Minister Bertie Ahern of Ireland said Sunday that there would be a settlement of the dispute over *Irish Republican Army* disarmament in time for the Northern Ireland peace effort to advance by an Easter deadline.

In his most sanguine statement on the year-old dispute, Ahern said that he would meet with Northern Ireland political leaders this week.

Ahern noted that there recently have been positive indications from the leaders, Gerry Adams of Sinn Fein, the IRA political wing, and David Trimble, the Protestant first minister of the Northern Ireland Assembly. Ahern said on Irish national radio: "I have to keep at them to move further. I believe we will find a formula."

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Jordan's King Abdullah

names his wife queen

AMMAN, Jordan - King Abdullah named his wife, Rania, the queen of Jordan on Sunday, and described her as "my partner" in serving the country and the Arabs.

Palace officials said the new designation will have no bearing on the status of Abdullah's stepmother, Queen Noor, who has held the title of queen since she married the late King Hussein in 1978.

One official said, however, that Noor, 47, will be referred to as "queen mother," a designation that traditionally carries less involvement in affairs of the state.

Savage cyclone slams

into northwest Australia

PERTH, Australia - Cyclone Vance, packing winds up to 180 mph near its core, battered the sparsely populated northwest coast of Australia today, forcing the evacuation of most residents.

Forecasters warned that the cyclone would bring with it a tide 23 feet higher than normal, very large waves and flooding in the region over the next few days.

Irish leader optimistic about peace deal's chances

Cyclone Vance, a Category 5 storm, could cause major damage to iron ore and oil operations in the northwest if mines are flooded and rail lines are washed out.

Elections . . .

FINLAND: The governing party hung on to the largest share of parliamentary seats in national elections Sunday but lost substantial support, apparently suffering from voter frustration over high unemployment.

With all votes counted, the ruling Social Democrats had 51 seats in the 200-member Eduskunta, while the main opposition Center Party had 48. Four other parties that have been part of the Social Democrat-led coalition government won 88 seats.

The Social Democrats lost 12 seats from the last election in 1995. The Center Party gained four seats, after criticizing the government for not doing enough to attack joblessness.

MEXICO: Mexicans voted Sunday in a non-binding referendum on Indian rights, hoping their voices could break an impasse in negotiations between the government and Zapatista rebels.

The results of the referendum were a foregone conclusion. Only Mexicans sympathetic to the Zapatista National Liberation Army cause were likely to vote and the wording of the questions - such as whether the opinions of indigenous people should be taken into account - made opposition unlikely. But the Zapatistas hope the vote will put pressure on the government.

Violence . . .

CHECHNYA: A mine exploded near Chechen President Aslan Maskhadov's motorcade Sunday in an assassination attempt while he was returning to his residence in the provincial capital of Grozny, Russia. Maskhadov was not hurt.

One person was killed and eight were wounded, said the president's press secretary, Mayerbek Vachgayev, according to the Interfax news agency.

It was the second explosion to rock the troubled Caucasus region in just three days. On Friday, at least 51 people were killed in an explosion at a crowded market in Vladikavkaz. Both blasts were seen as attempts at further destabilizing the region and Russia as a whole.

AFGHANISTAN: Heavy fighting has broken out between the Taleban religious army and opposition forces in recent days, but a U.N. special envoy said Sunday that both sides are still committed to peace.

After meeting with Taleban officials in the capital, Kabul, U.N. envoy Lakhdar Brahimi was hopeful about the future of a deal negotiated last week in which the warring factions agreed in principle to share power.

TURKEY: An explosion damaged part of the oil pipeline to Iraq on Sunday, cutting the flow of oil, a pipeline official said.

The cause of the blast was unknown, said the official, speaking on customary condition of anonymity from the site of the explosion in Midyat in the southeastern province of Mardin.

In the Mideast . . .

MRS. CLINTON IN EGYPT: America's first lady and her daughter arrived Sunday in Egypt on the first leg of a three-nation North African tour.

Hillary Rodham Clinton is scheduled to make several speeches, including an address about women's rights in Tunisia. Today, she and Chelsea Clinton will see Old Testament scrolls at Ben-Ezra Synagogue in Old Cairo and visit sites of Egypt's minority Christian community.

Irish leader optimistic about peace deal's chances

IRAQIS IN HAJJ DISPUTE: Iraqi pilgrims streamed Sunday into Islam's holiest city of Mecca, Saudi Arabia, apparently unaware their government had ordered them home in a dispute over who's going to pay for the trip.

The pilgrims, completing the 930-mile journey from the Saudi border, stepped out of buses and made their way to camps set up to accommodate them during the annual Muslim pilgrimage.

A day earlier, Baghdad ordered the 18,000 Iraqis who traveled to the holy city for two weeks of religious observances to return home after Saudi Arabia refused its demand that Iraqi funds frozen by U.N. sanctions be used to pay for the journey.

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Indonesia's Wiranto Said Resigning

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP)

Indonesian security minister Wiranto, accused of responsibility for the violence in East Timor, will resign, President Abdurrahman Wahid said. Wahid, in Bangkok for a U.N. trade meeting, said Saturday he would meet with Wiranto after his return to Indonesia and expects him to resign within two days. Wahid, who has been traveling outside Indonesia for about two weeks, first called for Wiranto's resignation on Jan. 31 after an Indonesian government investigation blamed the general for the mayhem in East Timor last year when the territory voted to break away from Indonesia in a U.N.-supervised ballot.

Britain Suspends Belfast Cabinet

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

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Economic globalization may be inevitable, but the leaders of poor nations told an international trade conference today that it holds painful and frightening downsides for their countries. The weeklong U.N. Conference on Trade and Development, which started today, is being touted as a place for trade officials to pick up where they left off in December in Seattle, where street protests turned violent and World Trade Organization ministers failed to launch a new round of global commerce talks. About 1,000 people demonstrated in Bangkok today, but they were subdued and peaceful.

Australia Hacker Penalties Proposed

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)

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Computer hackers could face years in prison for sabotaging Web sites under tough new proposals released today by the Australian government. Hackers responsible for Web site attacks similar to those launched this week on AOL and Yahoo could face up to 10 years behind bars if the Model Criminal Code discussion paper becomes law. "The recent hacker attacks ...have highlighted the need for the criminal law to address the actions of those who intentionally impair electronic communications," Justice Minister Amanda Vanstone said.

Tom Landry's Leukemia Returns

DALLAS (AP)

Tom Landry, who has been under treatment since May for leukemia, has taken a turn for the worse. The 75-year-old former Dallas Cowboys coach, who has been undergoing chemotherapy treatments, had been in temporary remission since last August. He was readmitted to Baylor University Hospital last month. A telephone hotline established by the family was updated today. "While the results of coach Landry's latest chemotherapy treatment were at first encouraging, it now appears that the leukemia has returned," the message said.

Trimble: IRA Must Promise To Disarm

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

The senior Protestant in Northern Ireland's impotent administration said today he wants to resume power-sharing with Catholics soon, but the ***Irish Republican Army*** must spell out disarmament plans first. Ulster Unionist Party leader David Trimble emerged unscathed from a party conference in downtown Belfast, where his critics had originally planned to demand his ouster. A plan mediated by American diplomat George Mitchell fell apart over the IRA's continued refusal to start scrapping its secret weapons dumps as the accord expected.

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Ross Perot's Reform Party struck back at dissident Jesse Ventura's faction today during a showdown here which exploded almost immediately with raw hostility and scuffling. At one point, local police threatened to shut down the proceedings, organizers said. "It's an illegal meeting!" Jack Gargan, the embattled chairman of the national party, hollered from the podium as the audience chanted that he be turned "out, out, out!" from his post. A motion to oust him had not come up by early afternoon, but even Gargan and his allies expect it to succeed.

Bradley: I'd Be The Stronger Leader

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP)

Bill Bradley told California Democrats today that the main difference between him and Vice President Al Gore is "a difference in boldness" and said he would provide the kind of strong leadership that would lead to victory in the general election. He contrasted his plans on gun control, health care and education to Gore's. The former New Jersey senator said his proposals were more aggressive than the vice president's. Gore, seeking to protect a commanding lead in California polls, courted democrats at late-night convention appearances yesterday.

Death Penalty Moratorium Gains Ground

DALLAS (AP)

The American Bar Association's call three years ago for a national moratorium on capital punishment once seemed destined for a quiet death, but now, "there's growing momentum," ABA President William Paul said today at his 400,000-member group's national convention. The major catalyst is Illinois Gov. George Ryan's announcement two weeks ago that no one will be executed in his state until he finds out why more death sentences have been overturned than carried out. "We are learning that a lot of mistakes are made," said Jerome Shestack, a Philadelphia lawyer and former ABA president.

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Space shuttle Endeavour's astronauts fired up their radar and began bouncing its beams off Earth's surface today to create the ultimate map of the planet's peaks and valleys. Mapping got under way as Endeavour orbited high above the Maldives and then Sri Lanka. If all goes well, more than 70 percent of the Earth's terrain will be mapped, as far north as Alaska and as far south as the tip of South America. After nine days of mapping, the astronauts hope to fill nearly 300 data tapes, or the equivalent of 13,500 compact discs.

Final 'Peanuts' Comic Says Goodbye

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (AP)

Charles Schulz ended his 49-year-old "Peanuts" comic strip with a poignant letter published in tomorrow's newspapers across the country. The signed letter also ran when he ended his daily comic strip on Jan. 3. The strip opens with Charlie Brown on the phone saying, "No, I think he's writing." In the next panel, Snoopy is shown on his dog house, pecking on a typewriter. "Dear Friends...", it reads. The final panel, decorated with images from the strip, is Schulz's farewell.

No. 5 Ohio St. 88, Penn St. 75

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)

Michael Redd had another big game against Penn State, scoring 25 points today to lead No. 5 Ohio State to an 88-75 victory. Redd came in averaging 26.8 points in his four games against the Nittany Lions. Ohio State (17-4, 8-2) assured itself of at least a tie for the Big Ten lead. Just three days earlier, the Buckeyes lost sole possession of the lead with a 67-64 to Iowa.

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Russians Battle Chechen Rebels

SLEPTSOVSKAYA, Russia (AP)

Russian jets and troops battered Chechnya's southern mountains today, where thousands of rebels were entrenched. Since Russian forces claimed control of the Chechen capital of Grozny early in February, the military

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St. John's guard Erick Barkley scored 16 points in his first game back from a two-game suspension to lead the Red Storm to a 78-75 victory over Villanova today. Barkley was suspended by the NCAA for a rules violation involving his trading cars with a family friend. The suspension originally was three games but it was shortened by one game Thursday following an appeal by St. John's.

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Nine Indicted in La. Jail Takeover

NEW ORLEANS (AP)

Eight Cubans and a Bahamian accused of holding hostages during the six-day takeover of the St. Martin Parish Jail in December have been indicted on state kidnapping charges that carry mandatory life sentences. Only three two Cubans and the Bahamian will immediately face the charges because the rest of the Cubans were sent back to their home country after the standoff. The hostage-takers, most of them being detained for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, said they rebelled because they had served their prison sentences but were being held indefinitely awaiting deportation.

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LONDON (AP)

The crew of a hijacked Afghan airliner decided to escape after tiring of persuading their captors to surrender, a flight captain named Nabi said today. "We thought if we escaped, the hijackers would be stranded and probably would not dare to harm any passengers," he said. The hijackers took over the Ariana jet last Sunday during what should have been a short domestic flight from the Afghan capital of Kabul to the northern town of Mazar-e-Sharif. The hijackers finally gave up on Thursday.

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CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP)

Former archbishop of South Africa Desmond Tutu joined several prominent theologians today to urge religious leaders to work together to find a new image of God for the 21st century. Tutu, a Nobel Peace Prize winner, spoke at a news conference before he addressed the "God at 2000" conference at Oregon State University. Another panelist, Joan Chittister, a Benedictine nun and author, said a more feminine image of God is needed because the Earth is in danger from overpopulation and pollution, and needs nurturing, not punishment.

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SAN DIEGO (AP)

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Florida Judge OKs First Lethal Injection

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)

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A judge today gave state corrections officials the go-ahead to carry out Florida's first lethal injection since the state changed its primary execution method from the electric chair. Death row inmate Terry Sims had challenged the constitutionality of the state's new lethal injection law, passed last month. His execution is scheduled for Feb. 23 for the death for the 1977 murder of a retired New York City Police officer during a pharmacy robbery.

E-Mails Flood Wyoming Web Provider

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP)

A company that provides Internet service was flooded with hundreds of thousands of e-mail messages recently that could be the work of computer hackers, the owner said. Cyberhighway of Snowy Range received about 250,000 e-mail messages Jan. 25 that overwhelmed the company's systems and caused some customers to experience e-mail delays of up to 48 hours. Lance Lewis, owner of Cyberhighway, said the e-mail onslaught was similar to what happened to Yahoo and other sites that came under recent attack by computer hackers.

Music Pioneer George Jackson Dies

LOS ANGELES (AP)

George Jackson, a former president of Motown Records who produced the movies of some of Hollywood's leading black actors, has died. He was 42. Jackson died in New York on Thursday after suffering a stroke, the Los Angeles Times reported today. A Harvard University graduate, Jackson became president and chief executive of Motown in 1997. He oversaw several acts, including the group 98 Degrees and the Temptations.

No. 2 Stanford Beats Oregon State 82-56

STANFORD, Calif. (AP)

Mark Madsen had 20 points and 14 rebounds to lead No. 2 Stanford to an 82-56 victory today over Oregon State. David Moseley and Jarron Collins added 14 points each, and Casey Jacobsen had 13 for the Cardinal (21-1, 10-1 Pacific-10).

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Nine more jets were temporarily grounded today after a government order forced airlines to examine tail wings for a problem that may have caused the Alaskan Airlines crash two weeks ago. Since Thursday, 21 planes have been found to have irregularities with tail wing jackscrews, the 2-foot-long rods that drive the stabilizers that keep planes level, the Federal Aviation Administration and airlines said. Most airlines said their companies had completed most of the required inspections and expected to have the job finished by Sunday morning.

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Falun Gong Member Back in U.S.

NEW YORK (AP)

An American woman who had been detained in Beijing for a week as part of a roundup of Falun Gong practitioners returned to New York City today. Tracy Zhao, 30, arrived at LaGuardia Airport, where she was met by her mother and the cheers of supporters. Zhao was among at least 50 Falun Gong followers detained at the protest. Police kicked, punched and dragged many of the demonstrators before putting them in vans and driving them away. The Chinese government banned Falun Gong in July as a menace to the public and a threat to Communist Party control. Zhao was visiting Beijing to celebrate the lunar new year with family and to find out how Falun Gong members in China were being treated, Yan said.

51 Mexican Students To Be Tried

MEXICO CITY (AP)

A Mexico City judge ordered 51 students held for trial without bail today, after they led a bitter university strike that canceled classes for more than nine months. Most of the 745 strikers arrested Feb. 6 have been released from jails and juvenile detention centers ahead of Monday's reopening of the National Autonomous University of Mexico. The strike broke out April 20 over a plan to increase tuition to the university, Latin America's largest. Many members of the 260,000-student university community have called for dropping the charges against the students.

Poor Nations Seek Share of Wealth

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP)

Economic globalization may be inevitable, but the leaders of poor nations told an international trade conference Saturday that it holds painful and frightening downsides for their countries. The weeklong U.N. Conference on Trade and Development, which started Saturday, was being touted as a place for trade officials to pick up where they left off in December in Seattle, where street protests turned violent and World Trade Organization ministers failed to launch a new round of global commerce talks.

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Reform Party Names Choate Chairman

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After a hostile showdown local police threatened to break up, allies of Ross Perot today ousted Reform Party chairman Jack Gargan and replaced him with Pat Choate. Choate was the Texas billionaire's running mate during the 1996 presidential election. A Reform Party committee voted out Gargan, noting that he had "failed to faithfully perform and execute the duties of his office." Minnesota Gov. Ventura yesterday quit the national party, saying it was "dysfunctional."

Poll: Bush, McCain Tied in S.C.

WASHINGTON (AP)

A Newsweek poll released today shows Republican presidential hopefuls John McCain and George W. Bush locked in a dead heat in a campaign to win the South Carolina primary in a week. The Texas governor was supported by 43 percent and McCain, a senator from Arizona, was supported by 40 percent in the poll conducted Wednesday through Friday. The poll supported the McCain camp's belief that it will need a heavy turnout of independents to win in the state. McCain got the backing of 55 percent of independents in the poll, while Bush was backed by 53 percent of Republicans.

China Considers Armed Tax Police

BEIJING (AP)

China is considering setting up a special armed police force to protect tax collectors and help curb rampant tax evasion, a state-run newspaper said Sunday. Since 1993, more than 20 tax officials have been killed and hundreds injured, with violence mainly occurring in rural areas where farmers are often heavily taxed. Tax evasion also is rampant, with more than \$3.6 billion in back taxes owed at the end of last year, the China Daily said in its Business Weekly edition.

Witness: 24 Die in Somali Fighting

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP)

At least 24 people were killed and another 45 wounded in interclan fighting in southwestern Somalia, a witness said Saturday. Fighting in Dhobley, 340 miles southwest of the capital, Mogadishu, erupted during the night when 150 subclan fighters attacked the town, the witness said. The witness, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the casualties included noncombatants and fighters from both sides of the Ogaden clan. Somalia has had no central government since late dictator Mohammed Siad Barre was ousted by a coalition of rebels. After Siad Barre's ouster, the rebels turned against each other and the country disintegrated into fiefdoms controlled by clan militias.

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Blackhawks Beat Thrashers 4-3

ATLANTA (AP)

Jocelyn Thibault made 37 saves and Kevin Dean banged in a second-chance rebound with nine seconds left in the second period as the Chicago Blackhawks defeated Atlanta 4-3 today and extended the Thrashers' winless streak to 13. Dean McAmmond, Tony Amonte and Steve Sullivan also scored for the Blackhawks, while Michael Nylander added three assists. After holding a 20-minute, closed-door meeting the previous night following a 3-0 loss to San Jose, the Thrashers played a much more competitive game. They snapped a five-period scoreless stretch, twice rebounding from one-goal deficits.

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Hard to imagine female bad guy? Think again

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Close your eyes for a moment and imagine a woman -- perhaps slight of build, perhaps a young mother -- piloting American Airlines Flight 11 into the World Trade Center. Imagine her praising Allah as she hurtles into the building while savoring her achievement of personal glory. Imagine her committing mass murder without regret.

Hard to picture, isn't it? But it can happen, and we need to think about the possibility, because the use of a least likely suspect is the most likely tactic for a terrorist group under scrutiny. Israel discovered that Sunday, when a Palestinian woman easily eluded security checks and detonated a bomb on a busy Jerusalem street.

Contrary to initial media reports, this was not the first time a Palestinian woman has proved capable of terrorist violence. Far from it.

Last summer, on Aug. 3, a young Palestinian woman was arrested by the Israeli police as she was preparing to detonate a bomb at a Tel Aviv bus station.

Another woman, Dalal Maghrebi, was more successful in her mission: She was involved in one of the worst terrorist incidents in Israel's history, in which more than 30 passengers were massacred in a bus hijacking in 1978.

Still another, Leila Khaled, tried to hijack an El Al flight to London in 1970, but was foiled. Her attempt was one of several hijackings that day by her organization, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

Eventually, the British agreed to release Khaled and other terrorists in exchange for hostages held in the Middle East. When Khaled wrote to her mother from her British prison cell, she said, "The only thing that grieves and hurts me today is that I am not now carrying arms and am not sharing with my people in the battle."

Khaled clearly viewed herself as a warrior and not, by any means, as a freak of feminine nature.

She was, after all, operating in the 1970s, a period that witnessed a flowering of **female** terrorism. In 1977, co-ed sympathizers of Germany's Baader-Meinhof Gang hijacked a Lufthansa flight en route to Frankfurt from Majorca. All of the **women** involved were carrying weapons, and most of them were killed in the resulting shootout on the tarmac.

Ten years later, the terrorist Kim Hyon-hee, a North Korean woman, planted a bomb that blew up Korean Air Lines Flight 858, killing all on board.

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Female terrorists have since been found in the ranks of the **Irish Republican Army**, the Tupac Amaru movement in Peru, the Japanese Red Army, the Italian Red Brigade, and the Kurdistan Workers Party, or PKK, in Turkey.

The most intense **female** guerrilla fighters come from Sri Lanka, where they are known colloquially as the Tamil Tigresses. In the past few years, Tamil **women** have blown themselves up in the course of murdering dozens of officials and civilians.

The most famous among them went by the single name of Dhanu. She was a young Hindu woman from Jaffna, Sri Lanka, who hid a girdle of grenades beneath her gown and went to meet Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in 1991. When he clasped the diminutive woman's hand, she exploded, instantly killing them both. Dhanu has become a heroine to the **women** of Sri Lanka's Hindu Tamil minority.

Here in North America, we have easily convinced ourselves that the terrorist threat we are facing comes from young Arab men. Al-Qaeda may be a deeply misogynistic organization, whose members view **women** as household treasures for a patriarch's eyes only, but we have to be careful about our presumptions.

Women have been supportive of Osama bin Laden -- as that notorious footage of Palestinian **women** dancing in the streets on Sept. 11 made vivid -- and not all radical Islamic organizations restrict **women** when it comes to killing and dying for God. If you look further afield, to networks and organizations that are loosely affiliated with al-Qaeda, you begin to find disturbing recent evidence of **female** terrorist activity.

Indian security forces twice went on high alert last year, in January and again in August, to guard against possible attacks by **female** suicide bombers. The suspects sprang from Pakistan-based Islamic organizations Jaish-e-Mohammed and Lashkar-e-Tayyaba, both of which are associated with al-Qaeda. Meanwhile, a report in Russia's *Pravda* newspaper last month suggested that Chechen rebels were beginning to train **women** for terrorist attacks.

If we want to cling to the notion that **women** are too compassionate or too oppressed to become hard-core terrorists, then we're more the fools for it.

Scholars have observed that the violence of the Tamil Tigresses is not at odds with their femininity. On the contrary, the idea of self-sacrifice is considered noble in their culture.

Many of the **female** suicide bombers in Sri Lanka are victims of rape at the hands of Sinhalese or Indian soldiers, a stigma that destroys their prospects for marriage. "Acting as a human bomb," a Tamil woman told Ana Cutter, the former editor of Columbia University's *Journal of International Affairs*, "is an understood and accepted offering for a woman who will never be a mother."

Did Dhanu assassinate the prime minister of India because her only alternative was to be an outcast? Was she seeking to avenge her ruined honor, to achieve status within her culture, or to express her personal rage? The answer probably encapsulates elements of all of these motives.

Likewise, although we know little about the assassin in Jerusalem on Sunday, we can fairly assume that her motives were complex, and her gender (and religion) no impediment to violence.

Yes, it may be hard to imagine a woman flying into the Twin Towers. But our imagination failed us before Sept. 11, and we paid a steep price.

Patricia Pearson, a member of USA TODAY's board of contributors, is the author of *When She Was Bad: How and Why **Women** Get Away with Murder*.

Graphic

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Norris McWhirter, 78, Dies; A Matchless Record Keeper

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Body

Norris D. McWhirter, one of the founders of Guinness World Records, the ubiquitous reference work that keeps track of superlatives both serious and frivolous, from sports records and tall buildings to the oldest licensed driver (104) and the farthest a person has walked with a milk bottle balanced on his head (80.96 miles), died yesterday at his home in Wiltshire in southern England. He was 78.

He died after a heart attack he suffered after playing tennis on Monday evening, a family spokesman told The Associated Press.

Mr. McWhirter started the publication, long known as the Guinness Book of Records, with his twin brother, Ross, in 1954; the first edition appeared the next year. Together they discovered and then printed that the record mother of twins was a Russian woman who gave birth to 16 sets of twins from 1725 to 1765, not to mention seven sets of triplets and four sets of quadruplets.

Annual editions of their multifarious mix of matchlessness have surpassed 100 million in sales, making it the world's best selling copyrighted book, at least according to itself. (The Bible, the Koran and Mao's "little red book" -- all larger sellers -- are not copyrighted.)

Though the twins once personally helped cram 70 people into a compact car, other records were sent in from around the world and all received scrupulous inspection before acceptance. Once, when Mr. McWhirter was accosted by a machete-wielding cane-cutter, who claimed a record for cutting cane, he calmly requested documentation.

Except for life-threatening stunts -- like the lowest height from which a handcuffed parachutist has dived -- pretty much any activity became fair game for setting a record. (Mr. McWhirter was personally unenthusiastic about pop music because it was ephemeral and Greek mythology because it was made up, but did not totally bar these subjects.) After all, new and updated categories meant new editions for people to buy.

In 2003, a columnist at The Evening Standard, a London newspaper, called the record book "The Guinness Book of Morons Doing Pointless Things to Make Ross and Norris McWhirter Even Richer."

Ross was murdered in 1975 after offering a reward of \$50,000 for information leading to the arrest of **Irish Republican Army** bombers. He and Norris were outspoken in their conservative views on many political and social issues, with Norris in recent years becoming a leader of the opposition to Britain's forging closer ties with Europe.

Norris McWhirter, 78, Dies; A Matchless Record Keeper

Norris continued to appear on a British Broadcasting Corporation television show on which he and his brother had starred, "Record Breakers." He answered any question the audience chose to ask from memory. Exchanges were unrehearsed.

A typical question: How many miles away can a male silkworm moth detect a **female** by smell?

"Six, he tells you without a moment's hesitation," The Times of London reported in 1989.

A later expression of his cleverness was his forming a company to secure a monopoly on rights for televising the sighting of the earliest sunrise of the new millennium on Pitt Island near New Zealand. He ballyhooed the island as the first terrestrial, accessible, populated place the sun would strike.

Norris D. McWhirter and his brother were born on Aug. 12, 1925, in London. Their father was editor of several newspapers, including The Daily Mail, and he brought home 150 newspapers a week. His sons developed an interest in systematizing the information, by compiling lists of the deepest lakes or longest tunnels, for example.

Both attended Trinity College at Oxford, both were track stars and both saw minesweeping duty as members of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve in World War II.

They worked as sports writers for newspapers, and in the early 1950's formed McWhirter Twins Limited to sell facts and figures, particularly sports information. Fleet Street newspapers were the main customers.

On May 6, 1954, Norris became part of history himself by being the official announcer when Roger Bannister broke the four-minute barrier for running a mile.

The crowd at a track meet at Oxford drowned out his voice as soon as he said, "The time is three"

The idea for The Guinness Book of Records came during a shooting party in Ireland in 1951. When Sir Hugh Beaver, managing director of Arthur Guinness, Son & Co. Ltd., brewer of Guinness stout, and his friends failed to down a flock of golden plovers, they argued about whether it or the red grouse was Europe's fastest bird.

The answer turned out not to be in encyclopedias, but the McWhirters happily supplied it: grouse, 58 to 63 miles an hour, and plover, 50 to 55 miles an hour. Sir Hugh realized the utility of a reference book -- with his company's name on it, of course -- to settle similar arguments in the 84,000 pubs of Britain and Ireland. Within six months of publication, it was No. 1 on Britain's best-seller list.

Norris had found an avocation as well as a highly remunerative vocation. A typical vacation was to the Atacama desert in Chile, rainless for 400 years and the driest place in the world, at least according to Guinness. On a trip to Japan in the early 80's, he delighted in meeting what was then thought to be the oldest man in the world, Shigechiyo Izumi, believed to be 116. He lived to be 120 -- or perhaps only 105, later research suggested.

"The thing about him that was so amazing, and so annoys the doctors, is that he drank like a fish and smoked like a furnace," he said in an interview with The Sunday Mail in 1993. "He began smoking when he was 70 years old."

Mr. McWhirter is survived by his wife, Tessa, and a daughter, Jane, and a son, Alasdair.

He went on to other writing assignments after retiring as editor of Guinness Records in 1986, and as advisory editor in 1996. One project was "Norris McWhirter's Book of Millennium Records" (Virgin, 1999), which traced the evolution of world records from prehistory.

By 1981, some records, at least as far as Mr. McWhirter was concerned, were already eternal. He dropped the category of bike-eating from Guinness because, he concluded, it was silly.

Graphic

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Silly sausages again

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Body

NOW that Australians are once again being portrayed as "knockabout larrikans" I suppose it means we'll have to be relentlessly ocker when anyone from overseas lands on our turf.

The first big advertising campaign to lure the tourist dollar Down Under showed us behaving like silly sausages among the kangaroos and gum trees. What a wacky, fun lot of people we were.

When Paul Hogan threw shellfish on a barbecue all those years ago it fixed in concrete an image of Australians as a mob of amiable clowns with a fairly loose grip on culture. This was fair enough provided visitors didn't swarm into the country expecting us to be running around in Speedos with surfboards grafted to our bodies and that it was understood we could speak without dropping some of the essential consonants and vowels of the English language.

It took a while but we managed to get the message across that we were a shade more worldly and civilised and that yes, we could eat out and not guzzle on stubbies in restaurants and that yes, we were aware Joan Sutherland had an amazing set of tonsils.

Now comes the new ad campaign and what are we doing? Behaving like silly sausages among the kangaroos and gum trees. And just to show that we can be unconventional scamps as well, we're sunbathing near

Silly sausages again

the Opera House with our swimmers off. Come a long way, haven't we.

Tasmania wasn't a high profile component of the \$150 million ad campaign. In fact, we didn't score one film clip. Still, should they get here, one hopes visitors will not expect us colder climate Australians to be as toggled-down as our Opera House counterparts. Even if we are promoting ourselves as a get out and enjoy the pristine wilderness kind of place, I really can't see a big future in overland treks for nude bushwalkers.

IOC stuck

in the mire

THE IOC gravy train trundled through one more week of revelations about delegates doing very nicely out of the Games. The stories are nothing new. The Olympics are becoming further and further removed from the ideal of excellence and fair play in sport and closer and closer to brown paper bags full of cash and sleazy inducements for those delegates who'd sell their grannies to score the Games, the glamour and the grovelling room service.

Olympic Games mania hasn't exactly swept across Australia. Even a lot of Sydney people are less than jubilant about it. This latest round of seedy revelations won't make them any more sanguine.

The IOC seems to have become so stuck in the mire of scandal and rampant rorting that you wonder should the whole organising thing be ditched and the Games taken back to Greece and left there. And let's make it a contest between individual equals and get rid of the ridiculous nationalism that's blighted the event over the years.

Buried somewhere in the xenophobia, commercialism, logo-mania and payola that's crept up on the Games must still lie some sort of Olympic ideal.

Should be great

to see Beasties

Silly sausages again

WHATEVER else happened through the week no news was bigger for a lot of Tasmanians than that the Beastie Boys were coming to town. It seemed wherever I went before Christmas I struck people signing petitions to get the boys to come on down. It's sort of refreshing to know that despite the various woes that have been afflicting us we can still find time to woo three Beasties to Hobart. Should be a great night.

Sensitive little

IRA calendar

THERE must be some sort of prize for gross moral behaviour that can go to the **Irish Republican Army** for its latest effort _ a calendar of armed militants. The IRA, having bombed and maimed men, **women** and children pretty well at random, has now produced a charming 1999 calendar featuring snaps of men in hoods and battledress brandishing the guns and rocket launchers that probably did the killing. The idea is a fund-raiser. Whoever put it together must have decided fluffy lambs and cheeky puppy dogs were a bit ho-hum for your fighting man's calendar. They could have had photos of the lambs and puppies being blown to bits of course, but that might have been a little insensitive.

The calendar is selling like hot cakes, according to a spokesman. This could encourage all concerned to go one better next year. A bombed out bus full of kiddies perhaps. Happy 1999 IRA. Here's to some good killing.

Bring back the
stocks, I cry

TWO of our true icons were hit for six early in the week.

First it was sighs of relief all round as Slim Dusty licked a potential heart attack early in the week. Slim is not ready to be put out into the paddocks just yet.

Silly sausages again

Then there were wails of misery as all that lovely wine swirled down the drains at Pipers Brook. Bring back the stocks, I cry. Put whoever did this monstrous thing into them and pelt the bounders with rotting grapes.

When the taps were turned on it was more than wine that was destroyed.

It was a thing of incalculable value to Tasmania. Our wine industry is so important and so highly regarded this must have been the work of someone who is totally mindless of the status it enjoys throughout the country.

If we could have got to Pipers Brook in time I'm sure there would have been an army of volunteers prepared to get down and slurp up the spillage.

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Obituaries in the news

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Norris McWhirter

LONDON (AP) - Norris McWhirter, co-founder of the Guinness Book of Records, final arbiter on everything from the fastest climb of Mount Everest to the world's longest hot dog, has died. He was 78.

McWhirter suffered a heart attack Monday after playing tennis at his home in Wiltshire, southern England, a family spokeswoman said.

The first Guinness book appeared in 1954, edited and compiled by McWhirter and his twin brother, Ross, both noted British athletes and journalists. At first, the book was published by the Guinness brewery as a book for settling trivia disputes in pubs.

Ross McWhirter was murdered by the ***Irish Republican Army*** in 1975, but Norris McWhirter continued to edit the Guinness Book of Records until 1986, remaining as advisory editor until 1996.

By 1964, the books were selling 1 million copies a year. Sales topped 40 million in 1981.

McWhirter was the sports correspondent for London's Observer newspaper and later worked briefly for a tabloid before going into publishing himself. From 1951 he worked as a sports commentator for the British Broadcasting Corp., including as a broadcaster of Olympic track and field events from 1952-72.

In 1954, he announced the time after Roger Bannister ran the first sub-four-minute mile - his announcement drowned out by the roars of the crowd as soon as he said "three." Bannister's time was 3:59.4.

Julia Compton Moore

AUBURN, Ala. (AP) - Julia Compton Moore, a military wife whose care for the families of soldiers killed in war was portrayed in the Mel Gibson movie "We Were Soldiers," has died of cancer. She was 75.

Moore died Sunday, the funeral home said. She was the daughter, wife and mother of soldiers who served in a succession of wars over the past century.

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Her husband of 55 years, Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Harold G. Moore, was wounded in Korea and Vietnam and later wrote the book based on his combat experience, "We Were Soldiers Once ... and Young," which Gibson turned into the 2002 movie. Her father fought in Europe in World War II and one of her sons fought with the 82nd Airborne Division in Panama and the Gulf War.

By her family's account, Mrs. Moore challenged the Army's informal practice of delivering combat death notices by taxi to wives and families in small apartments or trailers. She urged the Army to deliver more compassionate notices with uniformed personnel and she became active in building support networks for families of slain soldiers.

"I was a stay-at-home Mom, volunteering with the Red Cross and Army Community Service. My main love and focus has always been the Army family and especially our Child Care Centers," she wrote two years ago.

She married Harold Moore in 1949. His book and the movie depicted a 1965 battle in Vietnam, with its impact felt at home at Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga., where Julia Moore was raising five children, attending every funeral of slain soldiers and personally comforting their families.

Cecil Waldo Parrott

SEATTLE (AP) - Cecil Waldo Parrott, a survivor of the Bataan Death March in the Philippines who unsuccessfully sought reparations from Japanese corporations for forced labor as a World War II prisoner, died Thursday, friends and relatives said. He was 83.

Parrott enlisted in 1940 and was a corporal in the Army Signal Corps when the Bataan Peninsula fell on April 9, 1942.

Of the 70,000 soldiers who surrendered to the Japanese, more than 10,000 died of exhaustion, thirst, disease and maltreatment in the ensuing 70-mile Death March.

Parrott endured 1,228 days in Japanese captivity. Dysentery, beriberi and starvation had reduced him from 165 pounds to 96 pounds by the time he was liberated from a Japanese work camp on Aug. 19, 1945.

Parrott moved to Bellevue, Wash. in 1955 and worked as an engineer for Boeing until being laid off in the "Boeing Crash" of the early 1970s, then opened his own general contracting business.

In 1999 he joined an eventually unsuccessful class-action lawsuit against Mitsui and Mitsubishi over unpaid prisoners of war forced to perform for mining subsidiaries of the two Japanese corporations.

Soundarya

BANGALORE, India (AP) - South Indian cinema star Soundarya, who transcended the industry's often formulaic portrayal of women to search out more meaningful roles, died in a plane crash Saturday, police said. She was 32.

In her 1992 debut in the Kannada-language film "Gandharva," Soundarya was cast in the stereotypical female lead of the coquettish vamp, performing the obligatory and sometimes risqué "rain dance" as she pouted coyly and even kissed her co-star - almost unheard of in Indian cinema at the time.

But soon she gravitated to roles that depicted women with substantial on-screen personalities.

She went on to perform in nearly 100 films in 5 languages, win several awards and became so popular that politicians sought to be seen at events with her.

It was on her way to appear at an election rally for Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's Bharatiya Janata Party that the chartered aircraft she was a passenger in crashed seconds after take off from an airfield near Bangalore.

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Born Sowmya before assuming her stage name, Soundarya acted alongside India's top male stars and produced one critically acclaimed Kannada-language film, "Dweepa," meaning "Island."

Abraham Spiegel

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) - Abraham Spiegel, a Holocaust survivor who founded a thrift that collapsed during the savings and loan crisis of the 1980s and 1990s, has died. He was 97.

Spiegel, who also was a noted philanthropist, died of pneumonia on April 10, his publicist said.

Spiegel formed Beverly Hills-based Columbia Savings & Loan in 1974 and it was for years considered one of the country's most profitable thrifts. The institution under the stewardship of Spiegel's son, Thomas, collapsed in the 1990s during the savings and loan debacle.

In 1944, Spiegel and his wife, Edita, were imprisoned in Auschwitz and their 2-year-old son, Uziel, died in a gas chamber.

Spiegel and his wife moved to the United States after the war and he became successful as a developer of tract homes and entered the savings and loan business.

As philanthropists, the Spiegels' projects included the Children's Memorial at the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem, the Spiegel Family Building at the Museum of the Jewish Diaspora in Tel Aviv and the Spiegel Family Park in Tel Aviv.

The demise of Columbia Savings & Loan was a key development in the costly thrift bailout in the 1990s. Under the leadership of Thomas Spiegel the thrift became Drexel Burnham Lambert's best customer for junk bonds and after that market collapsed, the losses mounted for Columbia.

Thomas Spiegel resigned in March 1989 and his father returned as chairman in January 1990.

Federal regulators seized Columbia in 1991 and its assets eventually were sold at a loss to taxpayers of more than \$1 billion.

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Body

THROUGH THE spring of 1988, an overwhelming majority of New Yorkers, black and white, male and ***female***, increasingly found themselves inclined to disbelieve 16-year-old Tawana Brawley's sensational charge that she had been kidnapped and violated by six white men in Dutchess County.

Examining physicians said they had found no evidence of rape, or of hypothermia or malnutrition, which you might expect to find in someone who had been wandering dazed in the woods for four days, and there were numerous other forensic contradictions to her account as well. Meanwhile, young Miss Brawley emerged as a chronic runaway, no stranger to the drug dens of Newburgh. More and more, suspicions arose that she was just a little fibber who had partied too long and concocted a yarn to avoid a beating at home.

Many black leaders were deeply troubled that Tawana's dubious-at-best claim had become an open sore in racially tense modern America. Brooklyn Assemblyman Roger Green, chief of the Black and Puerto Rican Legislators Caucus, openly branded the girl a liar. The Rev. Jesse Jackson, running again for the presidency, declined to get anywhere close to the tangled tale.

Manhattan Borough President David Dinkins professed himself puzzled at the tactics of Tawana's lawyers, who, having won their demand for a special state prosecutor, this being Attorney General Robert Abrams, now refused to deal with him and clamored for a federal probe instead. Months after her supposed abduction, Tawana had still not come forward to testify.

Lawyer C. Vernon Mason alleged "an officially sanctioned conspiracy to obstruct and subvert justice." Lawyer Alton Maddox, offering no shred of evidence, publicly named a Dutchess County prosecutor as one of the teen's attackers. Brawley family adviser Rev. Al Sharpton, equally without substantiation, described a local police cult with links to the ***Irish Republican Army*** and said he feared Tawana would be murdered.

By June, Abrams' grand jury had subpoenaed Glenda Brawley, amid hints that she might have collaborated with her daughter in fabricating the kidnap story, and, on Monday the 6th, following her refusal to appear, a court sentenced her to 30 days in jail for contempt. Here was now the moment of showdown that Mason, Maddox, Sharpton & Co. had been looking for.

'RELIGIOUS SANCTUARY,' the Brawley team called it. Into Ebenezer Baptist Church in Flushing, Queens, moved Brawley, protected by a squad of soldiers from Minister Louis Farrakhan's Nation of Islam, and Team Brawley dared the law to come and get her. "We challenge Robert Abrams!" roared Maddox. "Before you put a hand on Glenda Brawley, you will come through me! Please have a bullet designated for me!"

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Managing not to be baited by such bluster, law enforcement authorities made no move whatever to enter the church. And so Brawley sat there for days and days, as her handlers kept assuring the assembled TV crews that they were ready to fight to the death.

It was at this moment that Perry McKinnon exploded across the Tawana Brawley affair.

McKINNON HAD been one of Team Brawley's security men. Now, he told Daily News reporter Richard Pienciak, he had quit in disgust. "It's nothing but a pack of lies," he said. "I'm not going to live with all those lies." Sharpton, he charged, knew perfectly well that Tawana had made up the entire terrible story - and didn't care.

It don't matter, McKinnon quoted Sharpton as having told him. We're building a movement. This is the perfect issue. Because you got whites on blacks. That's an easy way to stir up all the deprived people, who want to believe, and who would believe - and all you got to do is convince them - that all white people are bad. Then you've got a movement.

"A damning indictment," Abrams seethed. Sharpton and Mason and Maddox, he said, "have been consciously perpetrating a hoax, not only on the black community but on all the people of the State of New York." Team Brawley blew up, called McKinnon a psychopath, denied everything. "This is just war," said Sharpton. Said Mason: "It is, I think, clear to those of us of African descent that we are now under a state of siege."

But McKinnon, on live TV, submitted to a lie-detector test - and passed. And then he went before Abrams' grand jury.

AFTER NEARLY 40 days of unmolested religious sanctuary, Glenda Brawley, dramatically handcuffed to Sharpton, emerged from church and boarded a charter bus for the Democratic National Convention in Atlanta. Once again, Abrams, not seeking confrontation, made no effort to have her arrested. "Coward," she snapped.

In Atlanta, America's black capital, Team Brawley marched and picketed and sang and attempted unsuccessfully to storm a caucus or two. "Come home, Jesse!" Sharpton called out, but Jesse Jackson's mortified New York delegation would have nothing to do with the Brawley bunch. Sharpton settled instead for the public endorsement of soul singer James Brown. "Rev. Sharpton would not be a part of anything that is wrong," Brown said. "I know you believe what you're doing, reverend, with a clear heart." He admitted he hadn't really heard very much about the Tawana Brawley matter.

Back to New York convoyed Team Brawley, again pledging to battle Abrams' storm troopers to their last breath. "Be ready to deal with the Brawley family and the black communities of the nation!" cried out Glenda Brawley. Quite enraged they all were to find that Abrams pretty much seemed to have lost interest in them by now. "Shows why Abrams can't be trusted," Sharpton complained.

'SHARPTON, MASON and Maddox have had a wild run," noted The News' Jack Newfield. "They have been a factory of racial hatred as they turned civil rights into roller derby. This rampage might be coming to an end."

"Sometimes I suspect some of these people are looking for chaos," ventured Gov. Mario Cuomo, mildly. "Provoke the establishment, call them names, hope that they fire back. ...

"Chaos destroys the existing order. You fill the vacuum with your own political power. That's a story as old as civilization."

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AFTER THE ATTACKS: IN MONTREAL; A Sense of Foreboding in Canada's Diverse Muslim Haven

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Body

The imam of Quebec Province's oldest mosque had a message of survival for his congregation on Friday: "You have to handle this with wisdom." Outside, an informal security patrol watched the streets and sidewalks for the first time.

At Concordia University in downtown Montreal, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police were checking out a hall where foreign students were to hold a reception that diplomats were expected to attend.

In neighborhoods all over Montreal where Muslim families have been living in harmony with families of other religions, there has been apprehension and some fear since the attacks on the United States and Washington's assertion that Islamic extremists are to blame and will be tracked down and eliminated.

This city has one of Canada's largest Muslim populations, about 100,000 people. There is a sense of foreboding here about what could happen between neighbors if any of the people suspected of helping to carry out the attacks in the United States have been living among them.

While the police have been supportive and peace still prevails, Islamic leaders say, a drumbeat of anti-Muslim invective has been coming from some radio talk shows. They feel vulnerable.

"We have to be very careful," said the imam, Syed Fida Bukhari, a Pakistan-born scholar who has been the spiritual leader of the Masjid ul Islam, known in English as the Islamic Center of Quebec, in the suburb of Ville St.-Laurent. "We are living in this society and we don't want our relations with it to be damaged."

He also told his congregation on Friday to call the police at the first sign of trouble and not to tolerate troublemakers in their midst. If you are insulted because you are a Muslim, he advised them, "Just say, 'Peace be upon you.' "

"Teach your children this," he said.

Some of their Canadian children have picked up more radical views, however, and this contributes to tensions in Islamic homes and institutions. In a video shop owned by a Tunisian and Egyptian family, the television was tuned by satellite to a station in Abu Dhabi, in the United Arab Emirates, their main source of news.

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A daughter, a college student, ventured to suggest that the Palestinians might have reason to cheer the attacks on New York and the Pentagon. "They have seen their babies dying," she said. The young woman went on to say that in Montreal these days, "any Muslim girl who walks in the street can be abused."

Her mother chided her gently to qualify her conclusions, saying that things were really not so bad. Both women wear a Muslim head covering, known as a hijab, which makes them more visible than Muslim men. But, of course, when insults are directed at the women, the men get angry.

Concordia University here has numerous Muslim students, as well as Christian Arabs, from many countries, and there are rivalries and hostilities among them, students say.

One student, Basel Al-ken, whose family is from Syria, was taking his mother to Wal-Mart one night this week. A man in a parked car turned a laser-pointer in her face and made a throat-slitting motion with his hand.

"Now I'm scared for my mother," he said, "I won't let her walk alone in the streets."

On the other hand, he and a group of Syrian students had organized a rally on behalf of Palestinians this weekend, and were planning to show a video next week of a documentary that addresses the question of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's role in massacres of Palestinians in the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps in Lebanon in 1982, when he was defense minister. They called off the rally because it seemed inappropriate, they said. Other students on campus had suggested that it would not be smart to push this agenda right now.

Gondah Amin, a Ghana-born cook, holds the rotating presidency of the Islamic Center of Quebec. He is among the Muslims in the Montreal mix who are not part of Middle Eastern and North African culture, and he is also one of many middle-aged immigrants who fled unhappy political circumstances -- even violence -- worldwide and who are committed to keeping their places in Canada unsullied by violence.

"We consider ourselves North Americans because we live here," he said. "You love your own house. We try to think like Americans. We love America. This is our world. This is where we live."

Like Imam Bukhari, Mr. Amin said that what hurts them is the perpetual tendency to lump all Muslims together when blame for violence is apportioned.

"In every religion there are good people and bad people," he said. Both he and the imam asked why all Christians were not labeled violent because of the Irish Republican Army's atrocities over the years. Or the Oklahoma City bombing by Timothy McVeigh.

Imam Bukhari said that his news releases about Muslim condemnation of the attacks in the United States went unnoticed. He has asked Muslims in North America to pray for the victims, to send money, to give blood, to do anything necessary.

"We are victims two ways," he said in his small study after Friday midday prayers. "We are shocked as citizens of Canada and America who feel the sadness and pain. On the other hand, the media says someone is suffering, and they come along and blame us. Our neighbors don't have this problem. They have peace of mind."

"Islam doesn't accept killing innocent people," he said. "If somebody is doing this, it is not Islamic."

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Photos: Muslims at prayer at the Islamic Center of Quebec in a Montreal suburb on Friday. The imam has told them, "We have to be very careful."; A member arranged shoes at the Ville St.-Laurent mosque on Friday. (Photographs by Robert J. Galbraith for The New York Times)

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Rivals Form New N. Irish Government

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Body

After 30 years of violence in Northern Ireland, old enemies have united to form an unprecedented power-sharing government that joins Catholics and Protestants who long vowed never to accept each other as political equals.

The four biggest parties in Northern Ireland's legislature took less than an hour Monday to build their Cabinet in a meeting delayed for almost a year because of demands that the **Irish Republican Army** disarm before the government is formed.

Power is due to shift from the British government to the new administration on Thursday. The British government in London will retain control of policing, taxation and other important policy areas.

The parties took turns appointing one representative at a time to each of the 10 open posts. The two top posts in the government, those of first minister and deputy first minister, have already been filled.

The province's major British Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, went first, followed by the major Irish Catholic party, the Social Democratic and Labor Party, or SDLP. They were each allotted four posts.

The province's most uncompromising Protestant party, the Democratic Unionists, went next, followed by the IRA-linked Sinn Fein. Both were allowed two positions.

The most controversial appointment was that of reputed former IRA commander Martin McGuinness as education minister.

Protestant legislators gasped and spectators in the public gallery hissed when Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams announced his surprise first pick. McGuinness, an apprentice butcher who rose to the top of the IRA's command in the 1970s, will oversee the predominantly Protestant state school system.

"We now have a mastermind of murder in a position to educate our children," said Nigel Dodds, a Democratic Unionist whom the IRA tried to kill three years ago while he was visiting his gravely ill boy in a hospital. Dodds will be minister for social development.

Sinn Fein denied hard-line unionist claims that McGuinness' appointment was designed to be provocative.

"He will have an enormous amount to prove in terms of his peaceful commitment to education," said Danny Kennedy, the Ulster Unionist chairman of an oversight committee for the new education department.

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Meanwhile, the Democratic Unionists promised to do their jobs impartially but vowed never to sit in the same Cabinet room as McGuinness, a factor certain to make the government's early days particularly problematic.

"We will never rest until we rid this country of IRA-Sinn Fein and all other brands of terrorism. They have no place in any democracy," said the Rev. Ian Paisley, the Democratic Unionist leader.

The Ulster Unionists, who made Monday's Cabinet formation possible by dropping their longtime condition of IRA disarmament before the government be formed, took an upbeat view of the prospects for the new administration.

"The fact is, we're all in government with Sinn Fein now," said Reg Empey, the new Ulster Unionist minister for enterprise, trade and investment. "We have to make the best of it, to show people in our long-suffering communities that politics can work, and to hope the IRA delivers their side of the bargain by decommissioning their weapons soon."

Northern Ireland's only previous attempt at a joint Protestant-Catholic government, a joint Ulster Unionist-SDLP administration, collapsed after five months in 1974 under the weight of a Protestant general strike. At that time, both Empey and David Trimble, who now holds the Cabinet's top post of first minister, were party rebels who helped to topple the Ulster Unionists' compromise-minded leaders of the day.

The Protestant and Catholic ministers of Northern Ireland's new Cabinet got down to their first day of work today, concentrating on mastering their new in some cases unexpected jobs.

Elsewhere in Stormont Parliamentary Building, the province's legislative Assembly haggled over who among them would fill 11-member committees that oversee all 10 government departments.

In most cases, departments with Catholic ministers will face Protestants in the lead committee posts, and vice versa, as the new era of cooperation and compromise envisaged in last year's Good Friday accord finally takes shape.

Parliament in London was due to pass a bill that would transfer substantial powers Thursday to the Belfast Cabinet from the British government, which has exercised sole authority in Northern Ireland since abolishing a Protestant-dominated government in 1972.

London will retain control of key areas, such as taxation and security, but the new Cabinet members say they already will have their hands full. Having spent the past generation excluded from power because of their mutual hostility, none has held a government post before.

"The fact is all of us not just the ministers, but everybody in every department is going to have to come to terms with wielding real responsibility for the first time in their political careers," said Finance and Personnel Minister Mark Durkan, a moderate Catholic from the Social Democratic and Labor Party, which holds four of the 12 ministerial posts.

"We all must move away from the politics of making demands to the politics of making decisions. We've got to learn to stop making decisions against each other, and start making them with other _ and even making decisions FOR each other."

The changing fortunes were particularly stark for Minister of Education Martin McGuinness, a reputed former **Irish Republican Army** commander and one of two ministers from the outlawed group's allied Sinn Fein party.

Less than five years ago, following an IRA cease-fire, McGuinness made his first trip up Stormont's grand front steps to open negotiations with British civil servants. Today, they began working for him.

McGuinness has declined the customary police protection that comes with the job because Sinn Fein remains committed to abolishing Northern Ireland's predominantly Protestant police force along with the state itself.

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Also today, the hard-line Protestants of the Democratic Unionist Party, who long railed against the Good Friday agreement, issued upbeat news releases from the two Cabinet departments they now oversee.

The new minister for regional development, Democratic Unionist deputy leader Peter Robinson, even offered a nod to Catholic sensitivities over the disputed name of the province's second-largest city, calling it "Londonderry/Derry."

Though its name is officially the former, its predominantly Catholic residents call it the latter.

Brid Rodgers and Bairbre de Brun, the two Catholic women in the otherwise male 12-member Cabinet, lost no time in transmitting another signal of changing times dispatching the first British government news releases issued from Belfast in Gaelic.

Many Protestants resent the use of the little-spoken native Irish tongue. Its use was legalized in Northern Ireland seven years ago.

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The British government will give the Cabinet substantial responsibilities on Thursday.

McGuinness, who is credited with directing a bombing campaign that wrecked most of his native Londonderry's businesses in the 1970s, told the province's Protestants that their state schools would be in safe hands.

"I went back to school today," he quipped as he visited Department of Education offices in the prosperous Protestant town of Bangor, the kind of place where Sinn Fein voters are in short supply.

"I am on a learning curve, but I am prepared to learn," he said. "I am prepared to work hard."

McGuinness said his new job had nothing to do with the issues that drove Northern Ireland's past three decades of bloodshed — whether the Protestant-majority state would remain linked with Britain or be absorbed into the neighboring Irish Republic, as he still wants to happen.

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The province's major Protestant-read newspaper, the Belfast News Letter, said the idea of McGuinness as education minister was "something only the most audacious of lampooning scriptwriters could have dreamed up five years ago."

But it was hardly the only unlikely scene Tuesday.

It started with several new Cabinet ministers arriving in chauffeur-driven cars at Stormont, the white-marble, neoclassical building east of Belfast where Protestants excluded Catholics from power from Northern Ireland's inception in the early 1920s until the British government abolished the local regime in 1972.

The ministers were adapting to their newfound status within minutes. Their departments issued a string of upbeat press releases pledging their determination to tackle the kinds of practical problems insolvent pig farmers, looming hospital closings and traffic congestion that a generation of political impotence had denied them.

In a newfound attempt to project neutrality, Stormont's usual press release letterhead topped with the British royal symbol of lion, unicorn and crown had disappeared.

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But the whole Cabinet still could come toppling down if the IRA doesn't start to disarm the issue that long gridlocked efforts to get the government up and running in the first place.

The major Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, last weekend dropped its policy of requiring disarmament before Sinn Fein entered the Cabinet, but simultaneously signaled it would withdraw from the body if IRA disarmament had not begun by February.

In a statement issued late Tuesday, the IRA said it still intended to begin negotiations with a Belfast-based disarmament commission Thursday, shortly after the Cabinet receives powers. But the outlawed group warned that the Ulster Unionists' latest position "represents a clear departure from the terms" mediated by American diplomat George Mitchell.

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Shortly before midnight, lawmakers in London's House of Commons voted 318-10 to approve legislation that authorized the British government to transfer substantial powers to the Belfast administration on Thursday.

"For the first time all shades of political opinion in Northern Ireland will have a stake in the future," Britain's Northern Ireland Secretary Peter Mandelson declared when opening the Commons debate.

"After a quarter of a century the curtain is finally coming down on direct rule," he said, referring to the British government's exclusive control of affairs in Northern Ireland since abolishing a Protestant-dominated parliament in 1972.

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Clinton pushes Irish to seek peace; Uneasy truce: 'You cannot win by making neighbor lose,' he says

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DUNDALK, Ireland (AP) - Seeking to hold together Northern Ireland's uneasy truce, President Clinton acknowledged Tuesday that there are "still a few hills to climb," and urged residents not to turn their backs on peace. "You cannot win by making your neighbor lose," he said.

Clinton opened his third and final visit to Ireland as president by fusing the political and the sentimental, telling a crowd numbering about 20,000 that the economic boom under way in Dundalk is "proof of the fruits and wisdom of peace."

Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern pledged to resolve the differences that could jeopardize the fragile Good Friday peace accord.

"Peace is a living reality that few people would have thought possible. We firmly reject that tiny minority that seeks to destroy it," Ahern said. "We will stay on course no matter how long it takes."

At a time of unraveling Middle East peace efforts, Clinton is trying to shore up Northern Ireland's fragile truce between the Unionists - mostly Protestants - and the nationalists - mostly Catholic - to mark his place in history as a peacemaker.

Declaring "a new day in Dundalk and a new day in Ireland," Clinton stressed that none of the business investment - from giants such as Xerox Corp. - now feeding Dundalk's prosperity would have happened had the Irish people failed to negotiate peace and allowed those who oppose it to prevail.

"We know violence suffocates opportunity," Clinton said. "Some fear the change won't last. But some of the smartest business people in the world are already betting that it will last."

"The past is history, not destiny," Clinton said. "Oh yes, there are still a few hills to climb. But you now know the value of peace."

The crowd, tightly packed and fanned across the town square in three directions, listened raptly to Clinton's speech. They stood in the cold for more than two hours awaiting his arrival from Dublin, entertaining themselves by dancing to tunes from Irish traditional bands.

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When Clinton finally arrived late, after shopping and stopping at a pub on the outskirts of Dublin, they cheered wildly, many waving Old Glory and the orange, green and white Irish flag. Irish singer Brian Kennedy serenaded him afterward with a rendition of "Danny Boy."

Earlier, Clinton told reporters in Dublin that he was willing to be "a resource" should his successor take up Northern Ireland as a foreign policy priority.

"One of the things I will most cherish ... is that I had a chance to put America on the side of peace, and dignity, and equality and opportunity for all people in both communities in Northern Ireland," Clinton said. "Even though it gave me a few more gray hairs, I'm still grateful that I did."

Ahern said Clinton's presence in Ireland on Tuesday was helping the parties "to focus on, still, what are difficulties and to try to narrow down those difficulties."

The president's three-day trip also included stops in London and in Belfast, where he planned to meet with David Trimble, Protestant first minister in the new Northern Ireland government, and Seamus Mallon, the senior Roman Catholic in that government.

They went together to a Guinness brewery in Dublin, where Clinton greeted Irish lawmakers and business leaders. The president shook hands with Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness of the Sinn Fein party, which is linked to the **Irish Republican Army**.

The Good Friday accords, approved in April 1998, proposed a joint Catholic-Protestant government for Northern Ireland. It took effect December 1999 but is being threatened by claims that the IRA has failed to put away its weapons.

Last week, the IRA said it would only move toward further disarmament if Britain agreed to toughen its legislation reforming the overwhelmingly Protestant police force.

Dundalk, a town just south of the Northern Ireland border, is an IRA stronghold. Clinton's trip there was meant to emphasize the burgeoning U.S. investment that is helping the town recover from its losses during the troubles, as locals call the 30 years of political and sectarian violence that have left more than 3,600 people dead.

Dundalk has been a recruiting town for an IRA dissident group dubbed the Real IRA. The group claimed responsibility for a 1998 car bombing that killed 29 people in the town of Omagh, the worst terrorist strike in Northern Ireland's history.

The president took pains to avoid injecting himself directly in remaining disputes. For example, Clinton did not address the Real IRA issue during his visit.

"I think the president hopes that his presence here - his private conversations and his public dialogues with the people here - will remind them what's at stake," national security adviser Sandy Berger said.

Clinton was accompanied on the trip by his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, the new senator-elect for New York and their daughter, Chelsea.

In remarks to about 40 **female** Irish politicians at a **women**-only reception, Hillary Clinton pledged to raise the profile of **women** worldwide when she takes office Jan. 3.

"I hope to create opportunities for **women**'s voices to be heard," she said.

Clinton conferred Tuesday morning with Irish President Mary McAleese at her home in Dublin's 1,750-acre Phoenix Park.

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Seeking to hold together Northern Ireland's uneasy truce, President Clinton acknowledged Tuesday that there are "still a few hills to climb," and urged residents not to turn their backs on peace. "You cannot win by making your neighbor lose," he said.

Clinton opened his third and final visit to Ireland as president by fusing the political and the sentimental, telling a crowd numbering about 20,000 that the economic boom underway in Dundalk is "proof of the fruits and wisdom of peace."

Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern pledged to resolve the differences that could jeopardize the fragile Good Friday peace accord.

"Peace is a living reality that few people would have thought possible. We firmly reject that tiny minority that seeks to destroy it," Ahern said. "We will stay on course no matter how long it takes."

At a time of unraveling Middle East peace efforts, Clinton is trying to shore up Northern Ireland's fragile truce between the Unionists - mostly Protestants - and the nationalists - mostly Catholic - to mark his place in history as a peacemaker.

Declaring "a new day in Dundalk and a new day in Ireland," Clinton stressed that none of the business investment - from companies such as Xerox Corp. - now feeding Dundalk's prosperity would have happened had the Irish people failed to negotiate peace and allowed those who oppose it to prevail.

"We know violence suffocates opportunity," Clinton said. "Some fear the change won't last. But some of the smartest business people in the world are already betting that it will last."

"The past is history, not destiny," Clinton said. "Oh, yes, there are still a few hills to climb. But you now know the value of peace."

The crowd, tightly packed and fanned across the town square in three directions, listened raptly to Clinton's speech. They stood in the cold for more than two hours awaiting his arrival from Dublin, entertaining themselves by dancing to tunes from Irish traditional bands.

When Clinton finally arrived late, after shopping and stopping at a pub on the outskirts of Dublin, they cheered wildly, many waving Old Glory and the orange, green and white Irish flag. Irish singer Brian Kennedy serenaded him afterward with a rendition of "Danny Boy."

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Earlier, Clinton told reporters in Dublin that he was willing to be "a resource" should his successor take up Northern Ireland as a foreign policy priority.

"One of the things I will most cherish ... is that I had a chance to put America on the side of peace, and dignity and equality and opportunity for all people in both communities in Northern Ireland," Clinton said. "Even though it gave me a few more gray hairs, I'm still grateful that I did."

Ahern said Clinton's very presence in Ireland on Tuesday was helping the parties "to focus on, still, what are difficulties and to try to narrow down those difficulties."

They went together to a Guinness brewery in Dublin, where Clinton greeted Irish lawmakers and business leaders. The president shook hands with Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness of the Sinn Fein party, which is linked to the **Irish Republican Army**.

The Good Friday accords, approved in April 1998, proposed a joint Catholic-Protestant government for Northern Ireland. It took effect last December but is being threatened by claims that the IRA has failed to put away its weapons.

Last week, the IRA said it would only move toward further disarmament if Britain agreed to toughen its legislation reforming the overwhelmingly Protestant police force.

Dundalk, a town just south of the Northern Ireland border, is an IRA stronghold. Clinton's trip there was meant to emphasize the burgeoning U.S. investment that is helping the town recover from its losses during the troubles, as locals call the 30 years of political and sectarian violence that have left more than 3,600 people dead.

Dundalk has been a recruiting town for an IRA dissident group dubbed the Real IRA. The group claimed responsibility for a 1998 car bombing that killed 29 people in the town of Omagh, the worst terrorist strike in Northern Ireland's history.

The president took pains to avoid injecting himself directly in remaining disputes. For example, Clinton did not address the Real IRA issue during his visit.

"I think the president hopes that his presence here - his private conversations and his public dialogues with the people here - will remind them what's at stake," national security adviser Sandy Berger said.

From Dundalk, Clinton flew by helicopter to Belfast, Northern Ireland's capital. He met informally at his hotel with British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Clinton was accompanied on the trip by his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, the new senator-elect for New York and their daughter, Chelsea.

In remarks to about 40 **female** Irish politicians at a **women**-only reception, Mrs. Clinton pledged to raise the profile of **women** worldwide when she takes office Jan. 3.

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***In murderous urban warfare, the rules are different ;
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Each battered high-rise becomes a sniper's lair, each deserted thoroughfare an ambush zone. In this kind of warfare, advances and retreats are measured in blocks or half-blocks, or even just houses.

In the calculations of battle, the shield of technology gives way to human failings and human skills speed and deception, close knowledge of streets and alleys.

Since Stalingrad and Berlin in World War II to the American assault on Hue in 1968 and on to the war zones of Beirut or Nablus, Belfast or Mogadishu, urban warfare has become a central part of the underdog's arsenal, a fight without scruples for the high ground of propaganda that exploits civilian losses and denies the intruder's superior might.

The New York Times

And, it is precisely that messy, manipulative and murderous kind of fighting between conventional forces and elusive defenders that could beckon American forces as they approach Baghdad, despite their much-publicized reluctance to engage in a close, urban brawl.

"The Iraqis will want to fight close and dirty, with Iraqi tanks darting in and out of garages and buildings; they will conduct small-scale offensive actions with dismounted soldiers supported by mortars," wrote General Wesley Clark, the American former commander who led North Atlantic Treaty Organization forces during the Kosovo campaign.

"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," he said in a newspaper article. "The Iraqis will be prepared to conduct high-risk missions of a kind we would not consider."

For all Western 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 use of a wooden horse to break the siege of Troy more than 3,100 years ago to modern times when war is broadcast live 24 hours a day.

And in this post Cold War era of asymmetric warfare the fight between overwhelming conventional forces and zealous adversaries seeking the chinks in the hi-tech Western armor the fight has come to mean a contest to disable the technology that enables American forces to contemplate killing without loss of their own.

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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.

The downing of the helicopters not only seemed a victory for the lightly equipped Somali street fighters, it also led to humiliating American casualties that hastened the U.S. withdrawal just as images of wounded and slain U.S. 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. And history offers little solace.

In recent decades, urban warfare has taken many forms, with many aims.

When battle-hardened Soviet troops pushed into Berlin in 1945 against the last feeble remnants of the Third Reich, lofting the Red Flag over the battered Reichstag, their intention was clearly conquest, not the liberation Washington says it seeks in Iraq.

In Beirut in the mid-1970s, by contrast, Muslim and Palestinian forces fought Christian militias across a line of faiths whose incongruous initial markers were luxury seafront hotels the St. Georges and the Phoenicia, the Palm Beach and the Normandie, won and lost in room-to-room fighting.

The weapons were generally low-tech shoulder-fired anti-tank grenades, assault rifles and mortars, pickup-mounted machine guns that put a premium on stealth and mobility. But when American Marines intervened in Lebanon, an equally crude weapon, a suicide truck bomb, killed more than 230 of them in 1983.

In Berlin and Beirut, as in successive waves of Russian assaults on the Chechen capital, Grozny, the fighting reduced 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.

"Urban warfare usually benefits the defender," said Clifford Beal, the editor of Jane's Defense Weekly, a leading publication on military matters. Not only that, urban warfare "will negate the technological advantage of the coalition. The Iraqis will be jumping in and out of alleyways. 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 precisely the opposite of what the modern American Army is trained to do. And 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 such as 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 humbling experience of Russian troops fighting Chechen separatist forces in Grozny. "There are striking similarities between Grozny and Baghdad," he said.

"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." The "low-tech weapons would form a formidable arsenal in the narrow alleys and back streets of Iraq's capital," Clonan said.

Others draw comparisons with house-to-house fighting in Hue in 1968, which not only sent home bloody images of American casualties but also forced U.S. 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, indeed, using civilians as human shields. The United States and Britain face opinion at home that may prove fickle, constraining their ability to use massive 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 Beal. "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."

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ETHIOPIA - Ethiopia on Thursday claimed a major victory in its war with Eritrea. The Eritreans admitted they had lost control of the regional center of Barentu, a city 45 miles east of their border, and that they had been forced to evacuate 200,000 people from it. According to some estimates, the latest eruption of fighting between the two historic East African enemies has already created half a million Eritrean refugees in less than a week.

In New York, the United Nations Security Council Thursday unanimously agreed by 15 votes to none to impose a year-long arms embargo on both Ethiopia and Eritrea. Eritrea has criticized the embargo as unfair, saying it is the victim of Ethiopian aggression.

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SIERRA LEONE - Prominent African-American leader and special U.S. presidential envoy Jesse Jackson launched a five-nation tour of West Africa on Thursday in Nigeria, seeking to negotiate a new peace deal for Sierra Leone. He also hopes to visit Liberia, Sierra Leone, Mali and Guinea. Jackson's trip began as citizens of the Sierra Leone capital Freetown celebrated the capture Wednesday by British troops of ruthless rebel leader Foday Sankoh. Sankoh's Revolutionary United Front troops in the heartland are still holding 250 U.N. peacekeepers hostage.

Jackson is expected to meet Liberian President Charles Taylor in the Liberian capital Monrovia on Friday. Taylor and Libyan leader Muammar Gadhafi have backed Sankoh's nine-year rebellion, which has cost thousands of lives as his troops cut off the hands of countless civilians including women and children.

Jackson last week said Sankoh should be brought back into the political process, a remark that angered many Nigerians. Their troops have borne the brunt of regional and U.N. peacekeeping efforts in Sierra Leone and have suffered serious casualties in past clashes with Sankoh's RUF. The United Nations Security Council was expected to adopt a resolution this week to expand the military contingent of UNAMSIL, the U.N. Mission in Sierra Leone, from 11,000 troops to 13,000.

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KOREA - North Korea and South Korea agreed Thursday in talks at Panmunjon on the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) on the 38th parallel on the agenda and formula for a groundbreaking summit June 12-14 between their leaders. President Kim Dae-jung of the South and Kim Jong-il of reclusive, communist North Korea will meet in the North Korean capital Pyongyang. The two nations have yet to negotiate a peace treaty over the 1950-53 Korean war.

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PHILIPPINES -- Terrorist bomb attacks killed at least 5 people and wounded scores more on the southern Philippine island of Mindanao on Thursday. Four people were killed and dozens wounded in grenade attacks at a marketplace in the town of Jolo and another civilian was killed by a bomb attack on a bakery in the city Zamboanga at the eastern end of Mindanao. The attacks were widely believed to be the work of the extremist Abu Sayyaf terror group, which is holding more than 20 people hostage in the mountains of the island.

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IRELAND - Leaders of the Ulster Unionist Party, the largest Protestant political party in Northern Ireland, remained undecided about rejoining the Power-Sharing Executive with Catholic nationalist political leaders after meetings with their chief, David Trimble, Thursday. The UUP is to hold a crucial assembly Saturday to decide whether or not to rejoin the Executive, which was suspended in February. The Catholic nationalist **Irish Republican Army** has announced that it is prepared to start decommissioning, or handing over its arms supplies, to an independent disarmament commission. But Unionists remain distrustful and are also angry over British proposals to rename and reorganize the Protestant-dominated northern Irish police force, the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

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SRI LANKA - The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, or Tamil Tigers, claimed in an announcement from their office in London on Thursday they had conquered a major Sri Lankan army base guarding the besieged city of Jaffna in the northeast of the of the Indian Ocean island. If confirmed, the move would be a critical success for the LTTE guerrillas in their drive to conquer the 30,000 to 40,000 Sri Lankan regular army troops trapped in Jaffna.

The Sri Lankan government Thursday blamed the LTTE for a terror bomb attack Wednesday near a Buddhist temple that killed 23 people during religious festival celebrations in the town of Batticaloa. The Tamils are overwhelmingly Hindu, but the Sinhalese, who comprise 82 percent of the island's population, are Buddhist.

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POPE - Pope John Paul II celebrated his 80th birthday Thursday at the Vatican by holding a mass with several thousand bishops, cardinals and other senior officials of the Roman Catholic Church. John Paul is now the longest reigning pope of the past century. Only six of the recorded 261 popes in church history have reigned longer. He was elected in 1978 to succeed John Paul I, who only reigned one month. Although the pope is believed to have chronic health problem, he remains fully alert and appears determined to maintain his grueling schedule of work and travel.

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JAPAN - Japanese Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori informed his coalition allies Thursday in Tokyo that he would call a general election for June 25. Elections must be held by October, but Mori wants to have a fresh mandate as prime minister when Japan hosts the Group of Eight major industrialized nations summit on the island of Okinawa in July. Mori succeeded Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi only six weeks ago when he suffered a severe stroke, dying last Sunday. Mori was expected to cruise smoothly to electoral victory. But he angered moderates this week with politically charged remarks, saying Japan was still a divine society based on the emperor - using language that appeared to reverse or blur the historic post-1945 separation of state politics and Shinto religion. Other major power brokers in Mori's ruling Liberal Democratic Party are reportedly unhappy already about the new prime minister's propensity for making embarrassing public slips and politically charged remarks.

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ISRAEL: PRISONER PLEA REJECTED

The Supreme Court rejected a last-minute appeal that sought to prevent the release of Lebanese detainees who have been held as "bargaining chips" for missing Israeli soldiers. They will now be freed by midweek, the government said, but the cabinet and Parliament will meet in special sessions today to contemplate legislation to bypass the court's decision that holding detainees as "bargaining chips" is illegal. Deborah Sontag (NYT)

ISRAEL: 5 CONVICTED IN BRIDGE COLLAPSE

Three years after four Australian athletes were killed and scores injured when a footbridge collapsed during the Maccabiah Games, five Israelis were convicted of causing death and injury by negligence. The five, who face four years in prison, include an engineer, two contractors, the director of a special events company and the organizer of the games. Deborah Sontag (NYT)

LEBANON: PULLOUT CONFIRMED

Israel formally notified the United Nations that it intends to withdraw all its forces from Lebanon and pledged to cooperate with the organization in carrying out the withdrawal. Yehuda Levy, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, said all Israeli troops would be gone by July 7. The Security Council is expected to discuss a response in the next few days. Barbara Crossette (NYT)

IRAN: HARD-LINER REMOVED

The judiciary chief Mahmoud Hashemi Shahroudi, left, has removed a renowned hard-liner, Gholamhossein Rahbarpour, as head of the powerful Revolutionary Courts, the official news agency said. Mr. Rahbarpour was criticized in Iran for calling 13 Jews spies before their trial on espionage charges had begun. Experts say Mr. Shahroudi wants to overhaul the legal system but faces opposition. (Reuters)

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MEXICO: STRIKE THREAT

The employees' union at the National Autonomous University of Mexico threatened a strike to protest a decision to post hundreds of federal policemen on the campus in the two-week spring break. The administration wants the police to prevent dissidents from taking over campus buildings while other students are away. Julia Preston (NYT)

MEXICO: LEGISLATOR ATTACKED

A gunman assaulted a congressman handling an opposition request to impeach Oscar Espinosa, a cabinet member. The assailant forced his way into Marcos Gutierrez's car, causing a crash and seriously injuring the lawmaker. Opposition leaders demanded an investigation to determine if the attack was political. Mr. Espinosa has been accused of embezzling \$50 million while he was Mexico City mayor. Sam Dillon (NYT)

AFRICA

KENYA: DEAL ON IVORY

African nations agreed on a continued ban on the ivory trade, though it may become legal again in two to three years if monitoring is in place to ensure that poaching is no longer a threat to elephants. South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Namibia argued that herds had recovered enough to resume limited trade, but Kenya and India said poaching was still a big problem. The four nations won the right, however, at the United Nations Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species, to trade in live elephants, their skins and meat. Ian Fisher (NYT)

ANGOLA: 25,000 FLEE

More than 25,000 people fled their towns in Huambo province after attacks by the rebel group Unita, the government-controlled news service reported. The rebel group has stepped up attacks in recent months. Rachel L. Swarns (NYT)

RWANDA: KAGAME IS PRESIDENT

The military strongman Paul Kagame, 43, was elected president, the first ethnic Tutsi head of state since Rwanda became independent in 1962. As was widely expected, Mr. Kagame, left, won an overwhelming mandate in a secret ballot by government ministers and legislators to replace Pasteur Bizimungu, who quit last month. The former rebel leader, whose forces ended the country's 1994 genocide and ousted the Hutu government, beat Charles Muligande of the ruling Rwandan Patriotic Front by 81 to 5. (Reuters)

EUROPE

NORTHERN IRELAND: BLAIR IN TALKS

Prime Minister Tony Blair travels to Belfast and Dublin today for talks with Catholic and Protestant political leaders on efforts to break the deadlock on disarmament that has blocked progress in putting the Northern Ireland peace settlement into effect. Britain reimposed direct rule from London after the *Irish Republican Army* failed to make expected moves on weapons. Warren Hoge (NYT)

HUNGARY: HELP FOR GYPSIES

The government said it would step up efforts to integrate Gypsies, the Roma people, into society with more schooling and job-training programs. The government estimates that there are 400,000 to 600,000 Gypsies in Hungary, and that more than a third of the adults are illiterate. The European Union, which Hungary hopes to join,

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has complained about the treatment of Gypsies in several eastern European countries. Donald G. McNeil Jr. (NYT)

ASIA

JAPAN: A WOMAN WINS AGAIN

For the second time in two months, Japanese voters have elected a woman as governor. Yoshiko Shiotani of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party defeated two other candidates to win the governor's race in Kumamoto Prefecture in Kyushu. Her victory follows that of Gov. Fusae Ota in Osaka, who became the country's first female governor in February. Calvin Sims (NYT)

INDIA: OPPOSITION WALKOUT

Opposition members walked out of Parliament, protesting the government's increase in prices for essential commodities like cooking oil and fertilizers. New Delhi has said the increases are necessary to keep pace with global prices, but protesting legislators say the increases are too much of a hardship on consumers. Barry Bearak (NYT)

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Correction

A report in the World Briefing column on Tuesday about Israel's confirmation that it intends to withdraw its troops from Lebanon misidentified Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, who said the troops would be gone by July 7. He is Yehuda Lancry, not Yehuda Levy.

A listing of credits in Weekend on Friday with a film review of the documentary "American Gypsy: A Stranger in Everybody's Land," playing at Cinema Village in Manhattan, misstated the responsibilities of three crew members. Michal Conford, Herb Bennett and Herb Ferrette were additional editors, not producers.

A picture caption with the review carried an erroneous identification from the exhibitor for the man shown. He was David Marks; his father, Jimmy Marks, is also in the film.

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Runoff reverses standing

Voters reversed the order of finish from the first round of presidential elections in Uruguay and elected ruling-party candidate Jorge Batlle over socialist challenger Tabare Vazquez in Sunday's runoff. Batlle took 51 per cent of the vote to 44 per cent for Vazquez. Batlle, a nephew of a former president, was making his fifth try for the office. Vazquez won the Oct. 31 first round, 39 to 32 per cent.

2. SIERRA LEONE

Big UN force welcomed
The Spectator

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

3. spain

Basques end 14-month truce

The Basque separatist group ETA announced that beginning today, its 14-month unilateral truce will end and hostilities against the government of Spain will resume. ETA (Basque Homeland and Freedom) repeated accusations that the government had shown intransigence by refusing to discuss any change to Spain's boundaries. In response, Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar accused ETA of "terrorist blackmail," and security measures in the Basque region were stepped up.

4. northern ireland

Ex-IRAer draws hisses

Catholics were reporting to Protestants, and vice versa, as the departments of Northern Ireland's new government prepared to receive self-rule powers from Britain. But the process was not without incident as hard-line Protestants hissed at the election of reputed ex-***Irish Republican Army*** commander Martin McGuinness to the post of

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education minister. Meanwhile, the Republic of Ireland government was to rescind articles in the Constitution that make territorial claims on the North.

5. croatia

Vote set for Jan. 3

Elections that could hasten the end of authoritarian rule in Croatia were scheduled for Jan. 3 by the nation's acting president. But parliament Speaker Vlatko Pavletic, who took on the new role because of President Franjo Tudjman's prolonged hospitalization, drew quick criticism by opposition leaders for picking that date. While Croats generally chafe under low living standards and high unemployment, one of the ruling party's key voting bases is the thousands of supporters who live overseas but return home for the year-end holidays.

6. kosovo

Serb killed in Pristina

NATO peacekeepers arrived too late to stop an attack on two Kosovo Serb women and an elderly man by ethnic Albanians in Pristina, the capital. All three were beaten, and the man was shot dead before the assailants fled. The incident, another in a growing series of revenge attacks by Albanians, followed public celebrations of Kosovo's first Flag Day since the ouster of Serb forces loyal to Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic.

7. Kuwait

Women lose vote on vote

The cause of political rights for women in Kuwait went down to defeat for the second time in two weeks in the oil-rich state's all-male parliament. By a two-vote margin, legislators rejected a measure that would have allowed females to vote and seek elective office. Last week, parliament exercised its right to veto a decree by Emir Sheikh Jaber al-Ahman al-Sabah granting full participation in elections to women, but proponents resubmitted it in the form of a bill and forced it to the top of the legislative agenda.

8. Sri Lanka

Rebel leader calls for peace

Buoyed by recent successes on the battlefield, the leader of Sri Lanka's main separatist rebel group called for peace talks with the government -- but only if President Chandrika Kumaratunga loses her reelection bid Dec. 21. Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam chief Velupillai Prabhakaran said Kumaratunga lacks the "honesty and determination" to resolve the Tamil bid for an independent homeland "in a fair manner." The government had no comment. Almost 60,000 people have died in 16 years of civil war.

9. indonesia

Attempts made at meeting

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

10. malaysia

PM's win not without concern

The Globe at a Glance

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

11. Hong kong

Pro-China trend in voting

Candidates from the democracy movement in Hong Kong were losing heavily to pro-Beijing opponents in the first local-council elections since the territory reverted to Chinese control in July 1997. Although totals were incomplete, analysts said the outcome showed negative feelings toward China among residents were fading. The councils serve mainly an advisory role in municipal affairs. More important legislative elections are to be held next year.

12. New Zealand

Leftist coalition ousts PM

A left-of-centre government will rule New Zealand after voters ousted Prime Minister Jenny Shipley Saturday. Shipley conceded defeat to a Labour-Alliance party coalition led by the former's Helen Clark. The winners campaigned on a tax-the-rich pledge to fund improvements in education and health care and to shift the economy toward a high-tech base.

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On a day of historic firsts and defining moments, ***Irish Republican Army*** supporters sat down Thursday with their Protestant antagonists in a new Northern Ireland government. That first meeting produced no decisions but encouraged great hopes that three decades of bloodshed may truly be at an end. Late Thursday, the IRA confirmed it had appointed a senior member to meet soon with a Belfast-based disarmament commission. The outlawed group issued brief statements to the BBC in Belfast and RTE, the Irish state broadcasters in Dublin. The day passed in Belfast without the sort of big celebrations that followed the IRA cease-fire of 1994, which didn't last, and without the kind of mass protests that killed a short-lived attempt at power-sharing in 1974. (NORTHERN IRELAND)

SEATTLE (AP)

Trade ministers got down to serious negotiations Thursday after a two-day disruption of their meeting by street protests that kept many of them confined to their hotel rooms. President Bill Clinton urged countries attending meetings of the World Trade Organization to include worker rights and environmental safeguards in global trade talks but got a chilly reception from developing nations. Demonstrators clashed with police early Thursday in the city's Capitol Hill neighborhood, a mile (1.5 kilometers) from the convention center where delegates from 135 nations are meeting. Police used tear gas, flash bombs and pepper spray to scatter the crowd while protesters and residents of the upper-middle-class neighborhood shouted at police and National Guard troops to leave. (WORLD TRADE)

WILHELMSBURG, Austria (AP)

An explosion believed caused by natural gas devastated a three-story apartment building Thursday in this town 50 kilometers (30 miles) west of Vienna, and rescuers searched through the night for dozens of victims believed buried in the ruins. About three hours after the blast, one dead had been recovered as about 200 firemen, soldiers, police and sniffer dogs searched through the mound of debris. One woman was brought out alive after medics amputated both her legs to free her. Firemen earlier said two dead had been found but later amended the report to one. It was unclear how many people were in the building, which contained 12 apartments, when the blast occurred Thursday evening. (AUSTRIA-EXPLOSION)

MADRID, Spain (AP)

With hours to go before armed Basque separatists end a 14-month truce, thousands of people rallied in Madrid Thursday night to urge them to reverse course and choose peace. The crowd packed the Puerta del Sol, a

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downtown plaza, carrying banners with slogans like "Violence, never again." They chanted, "Basques yes, ETA no." ETA is the armed separatist group fighting for independence for Spain's northern Basque region. The group stunned Spain last Sunday by announcing that a unilateral cease-fire it called in September 1998 would end Friday and attacks could resume immediately. (SPAIN-BASQUE PEACE)

GROZNY, Russia (AP)

The Russian military admitted Thursday that Chechen rebels are putting up a tough defense of Grozny and nearby areas, but claimed to have surrounded a key city just outside the capital. Russian troops encircled the city of Argun, the site of heavy fighting in recent days, on Thursday and were waging street battles for control of the city, commander Gennady Troshev said, according to Russian news reports. Casualties in Argun, five kilometers (three miles) east of Grozny, appeared high, though reliable figures were unavailable. The Russians claimed 200 rebels were killed and no federal troops were lost, according to the ITAR-Tass news agency; the Chechens reportedly claimed 150

ussians were killed. (RUSSIA-CHECHNYA)

THURSDAY, Dec. 9:

Montevideo, Uruguay soccer, CONMEBOL, Copa Mercosur, semifinals, second leg, Penarol (Uruguay) vs. Flamengo (Brazil).

Bogota, Colombia soccer, CONMEBOL, Copa Merconorte, semifinals, second leg, Independiente Santa Fe (Colombia) vs. Caracas FC (Venezuela).

Onnason, Japan golf, men, Japan PGA, Okinawa Open, through Dec. 12.

Port Elizabeth, South Africa cricket, ICC, South Africa vs. England, second test, through Dec. 13.

UEFA Cup

Third Round

Second Leg: Benfica (Portugal) vs. Celta Vigo (Spain), Newcastle (England) vs. Roma (Italy), Panathinaikos (Greece) vs. La Coruna Deportivo (Spain), Mallorca (Spain) vs. Ajax (Netherlands), Nantes (France) vs. Arsenal (England), Leeds (England) vs. Spartak Moscow (Russia), Kaiserslautern (Germany) vs. Lens (France), Sturm Graz (Austria) vs. Parma (Italy), Steaua Bucharest (Romania) vs. Slavia Prague (Czech Republic), Monaco (France) vs. AEK Athens (Greece), Galatasaray (Turkey) vs. Bologna (Italy), Atletico Madrid (Spain) vs. Wolfsburg (Germany), Leverkusen (Germany) vs. Udinese (Italy).

Val d'Isere, France skiing, women, FIS, Alpine World Cup, giant slalom.

Vuokatti, Finland skiing, men, FIS, Nordic Combined World Cup, sprint.

FRIDAY, Dec. 10:

Sappada, Italy skiing, men, women, FIS, Nordic World Cup, cross-country, women's 10K freestyle, 5K classical, 7.5K freestyle pursuit; men's 15K freestyle, 7.5K classical, 10K freestyle pursuit, through Dec. 12.

Anaheim, California baseball, U.S. MLB, Winter meetings, through Dec. 14.

Adelaide, Australia cricket, ICC, Australia vs. India, first test, through Dec. 14.

SATURDAY, Dec. 11:

Brussels, Belgium soccer, UEFA, UEFA executive board meeting.

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Vuokatti, Finland skiing, men, FIS, Nordic Combined World Cup, one-day event.

Lausanne, Switzerland Olympics, IOC session for adoption of reforms, through Dec. 12.

Innsbruck, Austria speedskating, men, women, ISU, World Cup, men's 500-, 1000-meter events; women's 500-, 1000-meter events, through Dec. 12.

Val d'Isere, France skiing, men, FIS, Alpine World Cup, downhill.

Bulawayo, Zimbabwe cricket, ICC, Zimbabwe vs. Sri Lanka, first ODI.

TBD, Japan soccer, J-League, final, second leg.

SUNDAY, Dec. 12:

Brussels, Belgium soccer, UEFA, 2000 European Championship, final draw.

Villach, Austria ski jumping, FIS, World Cup, 90K hill.

Val d'Isere, France skiing, men, FIS, Alpine World Cup, giant slalom.

Sestriere, Italy skiing, women, FIS, Alpine World Cup, slalom.

New York soccer, CONCACAF, CONCACAF Executive Committee meetings, through Dec. 14.

Tunis, Tunisia soccer, CAF, African Champions Cup, final, second leg, Esperance (Tunisia) vs. Raja (Morocco).

Bulawayo, Zimbabwe cricket, ICC, Zimbabwe vs. Sri Lanka, second ODI.

Asuncion, Paraguay soccer, exhibition, Paraguay vs. Trinidad and Tobago.

Tarawa, Kirabati soccer, exhibition, Vanuatu vs. Myanmar.

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Pledges by Ulster Rivals Break the Deadlock at Talks

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Body

Northern Ireland's rival parties exchanged unusually conciliatory statements and pledges today, raising expectations of an imminent break in the stalemate blocking progress in their peace agreement.

In a long-conflicted corner of northern Europe where politics is normally articulated in snubs and taunts, the companion statements by leaders of Sinn Fein and the Ulster Unionist Party held out real promise of success for the 11-week effort by George J. Mitchell, the former United States senator, to mediate a power-sharing administration and civil peace for the province.

Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Fein, the political ally of the **Irish Republican Army**, said his party "wishes to work with, not against, the Unionists" and addressed their main concern by saying that paramilitary disarmament would be a vital part of any political settlement. Violent conflict, he said, is "now a thing of the past, over, done with and gone."

In a statement passed out at the Stormont Castle buildings where the talks conducted by Mr. Mitchell are ending on a surge of optimism, Mr. Adams declared, "I.R.A. guns are silent, and the Sinn Fein leadership is confident that the I.R.A. remains committed to the objective of a permanent peace." The outlawed underground force has maintained a cease-fire for more than two years.

The Ulster Unionist leader, David Trimble, reading his deliberately worded statement from the steps of the office complex, said: "We now have a chance to create a genuine partnership between Unionists and nationalists in a novel form of government. The U.U.P. is committed to the principles of inclusivity, equality and mutual respect."

The Unionists are those, mostly Protestant, who favor keeping Northern Ireland within the United Kingdom while nationalists and republicans, who tend to be Catholics, favor eventual union with the Irish Republic. The conflict between them and the paramilitary violence it has spawned has cost more than 3,300 lives in the last three decades.

The struggle Mr. Trimble now faces in persuading his increasingly hard-line party to adopt his formula for cultural compromise did not deter him from making a remarkable admission for a man practiced in the tribal politics of

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Northern Ireland. "For too long," he said, "much of the unrest in our community has been caused by a failure to accept the differing expressions of cultural identity." He spoke of the need for "mutual respect and tolerance rather than division and alienation."

The striking dialogue drew a comment filled with wonder from Monica McWilliams of the Women's Coalition, which was a party to the original peace talks that produced the April 1998 accord. "These are kinds of statements that we thought were never possible in Northern Ireland," she said.

Notably, Mr. Trimble said that the deadlock over guerrilla disarmament -- which has prevented a start-up of the political institutions created by the accord -- would end if the I.R.A. agreed to name a go-between to the independent commission on disarmament headed by a retired Canadian general, John de Chastelain. That is precisely the pledge the I.R.A. is expected to make in its own statement on Wednesday.

The choreographed series of remarks began with statements Monday from Mr. Mitchell, General de Chastelain and various party leaders and were intended to win over the many distrustful members of Mr. Trimble's party.

A growing number of Ulster Unionists have adopted a line-in-the-sand position called "no guns, no government." They insist that the proposed Northern Ireland coalition government, structured to divide power among the Protestant majority and the Catholic minority, can take office only when the I.R.A. begins dismantling its arsenal.

As favorable as the prospects are becoming for putting the peace agreement into effect after 19 months of stubborn delay, the struggle to obtain the necessary Ulster Unionist support in a Nov. 27 meeting of the 850-member party council remains a formidable obstacle.

As the Mitchell rescue mission progressed, it increasingly focused on Mr. Trimble and Mr. Adams, men who previously had never been capable of speaking to each another but who in recent weeks have become comfortable together.

The Ulster Unionist leader consequently emerged with a belief in the dependability of Sinn Fein promises that he will now have to put to his doubting party members. They have had either no dealings, or exclusively hostile ones, with Mr. Adams, a much demonized figure in their community.

If Mr. Trimble succeeds in swaying his party, the nomination of the cabinet members to run the Northern Ireland Assembly and the passage of the legislation in the House of Commons transferring home rule powers from London to Belfast would follow in days. Disarmament would begin two months later.

"Then we'll be able to get to work on the real business, and I can say for myself and for my party colleagues, we are bursting to get at the real jobs," Mr. Trimble said in an ebullient appearance at a jobs announcement ceremony in nearby Portadown this afternoon with Britain's Northern Ireland Secretary, Peter Mandelson.

Mr. Mandelson, a close aide to Prime Minister Tony Blair, has a reputation as a crafty and effective persuader. He has offered to travel the province to reassure Ulster Unionist gatherings about sharing government with Sinn Fein even in the absence of immediate disarmament.

He urged critics today to examine all the statements being made before making up their minds. "We must not allow people to dismiss the process," he said, "before it has been completed."

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Pledges by Ulster Rivals Break the Deadlock at Talks

Photos: David Trimble, the Unionist leader, and his colleague Reg Empey leaving the Stormont Castle buildings in Belfast to address the press yesterday. "We now have a chance," he said, "to create a genuine partnership."; The headline by the nationalist paper The Irish News reflected expectations of an imminent breakthrough in the stalemate in the Ulster talks. (Photographs by Associated Press)

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Officer allegedly plots to kill Musharraf

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Police in Pakistan arrested a Rangers officer Tuesday for allegedly plotting to assassinate President Gen. Pervez Musharraf with the help of a previously unknown religious group. Two of three men detained for allegedly bombing the U.S. Consulate in Karachi and a bus carrying French navy engineers told police that in April they attempted to blow up Musharraf's motorcade.

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Saddam Hussein's stepson deported The stepson of Saddam Hussein was on his way to New Zealand Tuesday, deported by the United States for trying to attend a Miami flight school without a visa. Muhammed Nour Al-Bin Saffi admitted he did not have a visa and did not oppose his removal. No criminal charges were filed and there were no hearings or judicial decisions in the case. He left Miami Monday night in the company of federal agents. INS officials said he entered the United States with tourist status but tried to attend flight school at AeroService Aviation Center without a student visa as required. Federal officials said there is no intelligence linking Saffi to terrorism and his name is not on any list of suspected terrorists.

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Israel closes PLO official's office The Israeli government Tuesday closed the offices of the Palestinian Liberation Organization's political commissioner in Jerusalem, saying the office worked to undermine the sovereignty of Jerusalem. An order signed by Public Security Minister Uzi Landau alleged that the offices of Professor Sari Nusseibeh, who is also president of Al-Quds University, and the school's administration functioned as a Palestinian Authority "representation" and were therefore closed. Nusseibeh is in Greece and could not be immediately reached for comment. A spokesman for Nusseibeh, Dimitri Dilianni, told United Press International police removed files and computers, detained five employees for half an hour and ordered him to report for an Israel Security Agency investigation.

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Report: IRA building weapons in Colombia The **Irish Republican army** is developing new weapons in Colombia despite denying links to Marxist rebels in that country, the Washington Times reported Tuesday. "The PIRA (Provisional IRA) have been using Colombia as a training ground to carry out tests with their engineering department as they are no longer able to use the Irish Republic due to the current political climate," the Times cited a newly released British intelligence report as saying. Three IRA members -- James Monaghan, Neil Connolly and John McCauley -- were arrested in Colombia last August and were accused of training members of the banned

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Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC. The Marxist group is on the State Department's list of foreign terrorist organizations.

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EU launches \$1.8 billion Russian clean-up fund European states launched Tuesday a \$1.8 billion fund to clean up the polluted environment of northwest Russia and stave off the threat of a nuclear catastrophe in the world's biggest reactor graveyard. The European Commission kick-started the program at a pledging conference in Brussels attended by the United States, Canada and most European countries. The EU's executive arm promised to offer \$50 million to the fund. Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, the Netherlands and Russia offered \$10 million apiece. Other EU states pledged to make donations, intended to leverage private capital, at a later date.

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Russian pilot got contradictory orders The Russian pilot who was involved in last week's collision with a cargo plane over southern Germany received contradictory instructions moments before the mishap killed 71 people, officials said. Data from the plane's voice recorders showed that the Swiss air traffic controllers, who had jurisdiction over southern Germany, contradicted the Russian plane's cockpit warning systems. The Russian Tu-154 complied, and the aircraft's descent resulted in it hitting the DHL cargo plane with its two pilots. "Both traffic collision avoidance systems were working properly, and the Russian pilots made a mistake because in such cases it is common, and standard procedure, that the pilot obeys the computer and not the air traffic controller," Swiss aviation analyst Sepp Moser told Swiss Info radio.

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Government halts hormone test The U.S. government has halted a large in-progress study examining the effects of estrogen and progestin in healthy, menopausal women because the hormones appear to increase the risk of breast cancer as well as heart disease, blood clots and stroke. The study was scheduled to appear in the July 17 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association but the researchers deemed the findings so important they decided to release them Tuesday on the journal's Web site.

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Thompson drowned out at AIDS meet Whistling, shouting and clapping activists Tuesday drowned out Tuesday's speech of U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy Thompson at the 14th International AIDS Conference. About 50 to 100 demonstrators carrying signs denouncing U.S. AIDS policy demonstrated for nearly 30 minutes, although Thompson gamely recited his remarks in an auditorium at the conference. The moment Thompson began his speech, demonstrators erupted with cries of "Shame, shame, shame." Some blew high-pitched whistles while others in the audience clapped and stamped their feet. About 50 protesters marched in the aisles and to the edge of the stage where Thompson was standing.

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Bush creates 'financial SWAT team' President Bush announced the creation Tuesday of a "financial SWAT team" to expose and root out corporate fraud. The Corporate Fraud Task Force, to be headed by the deputy attorney general, comes in the wake of revelations that WorldCom Inc. and other corporations cooked their books, causing turmoil on the markets and disrupting the lives and fortunes of investors and employees. Bush also proposed new and tougher criminal penalties for corporate corruption in the wake of the Enron Corp., Arthur Andersen LLP and WorldCom Inc. scandals. In his speech to businessmen on Wall Street, he urged Congress to pass a \$20 million funding increase for the Securities and Exchange Commission, so the agency can hire more enforcement personnel.

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President has little impact on stocks Stock prices on the New York Stock Exchange and the Nasdaq Stock Market were little changed in light early afternoon trading Tuesday as investors digested President Bush's plans to battle

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corporate corruption. The blue-chip Dow Jones industrial average, which dropped 104.60 points Monday, was ahead 2.08 points at 9,276.98. The tech-heavy Nasdaq composite index, which fell 42.75 points in the previous session, was up 1.35 points to 1,406.96. |end| Content: 03010000 04006000 04009000 06005000 07001000 07003000 07005000 11006000 11014000 11020000 16002000 16003000 16005000 16010000

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MARTIN SLOANE

By Michael Redhill

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"Bereft little worlds" the narrator calls the transparent boxes, akin to those of Joseph Cornell, made by the artist Martin Sloane. What Michael Redhill's entrancing novel depicts is itself a kind of Cornell box: a plangently charged little world out of which his narrator painfully finds her way.

"Martin Sloane," essentially, is a journey along which its protagonist learns to detach herself from moments of the past that, like those boxes, contain an imprisoning beauty. Memory, unappeased and clung to -- and whether of happiness or pain -- may possess an intensity that denies life to the present.

As a student at Bard College, Jolene Iolas, the narrator, visits art galleries in Toronto. "The country above us" -- her lofty American's phrase for Canada -- "always struck me as storage space, like an attic." What she finds is Martin's boxes. Her imagination kindles and soon she does. For a year she corresponds with the artist, then persuades the gallery curator at the college to organize a show for him. He arrives: gray-haired, in his late 50's and, to Jolene, irresistible. "I felt like someone who'd suddenly come into more money than she knew what to do with, except it's not easy to find a place to stash excess feeling."

The art students carry the boxes across a field to the gallery. The sunlight catches their glass panels at odd angles "so the little crowd looked like a broken mirror spreading across the green."

After the opening and an intimate dinner, Jolene invites Martin to her room; they chat for a bit and then he asks if she wants to go to bed. Quivering -- she is a virgin -- she turns off the light and embraces him. From his stillness she realizes she'd overinterpreted a polite query as to whether she was sleepy.

It is awkward comedy. After they talk some more. "I probably should go to bed," she says. "Before I accept an erroneous marriage proposal or something." Then they do go to bed, and remain lovers for the next few years as she graduates and begins teaching.

Martin, though, insists on visiting her from Toronto, but won't let her visit him. She sees the best of him that way, he argues; the rest is not that nice. What he is hiding is not a secret, but himself. His is a compulsive detachment, a

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need simultaneously to exercise passion and to remain apart. His art is the equivalent: a beauty that conveys aching emotion and is contained in boxes.

He is fiercely averse to any attempt by Jolene to get close to his work or, beyond his limits, himself. After she finally presses him into agreeing to a Toronto visit, he crawls out of bed in the middle of the night mumbling, "Gotta go." She replies, "Don't leave the seat up." By dawn he is indeed gone, permanently and untraceably.

This first part of Jolene's story is light, young, with touches of rueful comedy and hints of something starker. It is only one panel in the author's Cornell box. He has written a novel of simultaneities, advances and flashbacks.

We see Jolene trying to trace her lover in Toronto and -- older and more purposeful -- finding a new professional and romantic life. Right after Martin vanishes, we have a perplexingly hostile flare-up on the part of Molly, Jolene's mercurial college roommate.

We have the story of Martin's childhood in Dublin, the tension between Colin, his kind and troubled Catholic Irish father, and his Jewish-Canadian mother. Despite her opposition, Colin tries to make a proper Irish nationalist of his son, sending him secretly to see "The Informer," the classic film about an ***Irish Republican Army*** turncoat, and questioning him afterward about its meaning. Later he sneaks him in to see a priest who, without the boy's realizing it, baptizes him.

It will be a secret, as well, from the mother. The family lives amid distances and silences; eventually the mother returns to Canada and sends for her husband and children. At dockside Martin, alarmed, notices that Colin has no luggage. Even after his father tells him he is staying behind, the boy insists, agonizingly, "You have forgotten your bags." The links are there to Martin's later distances and boxes, but here is a writer for whom linking is less important than making what is linked unique and memorably human.

Years after she has settled in Canada, Jolene gets a call from Molly, who has just seen a show of what seems to be Martin Sloane's work in Dublin. Reluctantly, and at Molly's urging, she flies over. What ensues is in part a search for the artist's whereabouts. The gallery owner neither knows nor cares. He compares his operation to a vanity press: renting space to exhibitors and nothing more.

Jolene and Molly get the name of the woman who brought the boxes in and paid the fee; they trace it to a Dublin suburb. There they find two aged and failing sisters, one of whom claims to have been married and later abandoned by Martin. The mystery begets further mysteries during a car ride across Ireland. They are resolved, approximately - - Mr. Redhill is too interesting a writer for complete resolutions -- in an extraordinarily strange and affecting conclusion.

What is resolved as well, approximately, is Molly's guilty secret. She needs to tell it: her life remains captive to what happened long before. Jolene is virtually indifferent. Some of the novel's finest passages are her thoughts on keeping memory at bay and moving on. Driving, the two ***women*** glimpse a stubby pile, once a castle, among fields of lettuce.

"It suddenly came to me that time was passing," she reflects. Not just in days and weeks and years but in castles and stones. Long before my heart was ever broken, long before the man I had once loved with something I remember now as devotion, long before any of us became the people our loved ones recognize, there were the castles and the stones. The stones lay there in the earth until they became castles, and now the castles lie there."

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PROTESTANTS AND CATHOLICS WORK IN ULSTE AS NEIGHBORS

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With its sumptuous setting on a green hill above the cool blue waters of Belfast Lough, the Bawnmore neighborhood would be perfect for a park or a lush resort.

In fact, Bawnmore is a slum - a public housing project so burdened with urban pathologies that the local government has almost given up on the place.

Children play soccer on cracked asphalt littered with broken glass and rusting auto parts. Older siblings use the burned remains of a nearby building as a drug market. Their parents spend most days at home because unemployment hovers around 75 percent.

Barely a 10-minute walk away, the British government runs a bright, friendly employment center, its bulletin board filled with job openings and training courses. But Bawnmore residents don't dare visit. It's in a Protestant neighborhood, and the Roman Catholics of Bawnmore are not welcome. In recent years, eight Bawnmore residents have been shot going to or from the center.

Bawnmore is a microcosm of myriad differences that divide this British province. But it reflects the province in another sense, too: Ordinary people here are stepping in to fill the gaps left by the political stalemate that has delayed implementation of last year's Good Friday peace agreement.

With financial help from the Northern Ireland Voluntary Trust, a community group that guides and funds local events here, the people of Bawnmore have created their own women's center and child-care facility to give parents the freedom to look for jobs. They've created a private employment center as well, in a safer neighborhood. In just a year, the Jobs Co-op has placed more than 100 people. Now, even Protestants drop in to browse the employment listings.

"We petition the government. . . . We complain. But this is basically a forgotten neighborhood," said Jim McCole, a social worker from the Voluntary Trust who has a dusty office in the graffiti-spattered community center in Bawnmore, north of the Belfast city line. "So we decided to get things sorted on our own."

All over Northern Ireland, community-based movements have sprung up to "get things sorted" while the political leadership is snarled in disagreement.

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"Yes, the Good Friday peace process is stalemated, and yes, violence is still part of life here," said Voluntary Trust Director Avila Kilmurray. "But I keep telling people that the idea of community is alive. There are thousands of local projects with Protestants and Catholics working together."

For all the segregation in Northern Ireland - shopping areas and public schools in almost every neighborhood are clearly delineated as Protestant or Catholic - its 1.6 million residents work together in many areas of life. People are finding that shared interests - garden societies, hiking clubs, library boards, music ensembles - can overcome long-standing enmities.

And while the leaders of the Ulster Unionists, the largest Protestant party, and Sinn Fein, the political wing of the ***Irish Republican Army***, won't even shake hands, rank-and-file members of both parties manage to sit down every day in local governments and community groups to work on common issues.

"When you get depressed about the political situation, you have to remember all those local councils," said John Hume, leader of the Social Democratic and Labor Party, a moderate Catholic party, and a co-winner of last year's Nobel Peace Prize for his work on the peace plan. "That's where the hope is in Northern Ireland."

An influx of community development money - from the U.S. and British governments, the European Union and private fund-raising campaigns, primarily in the United States - has provided the wherewithal for a huge expansion of these local projects. Kilmurray says the Northern Ireland Voluntary Trust oversees about 2,000 community efforts, many focusing on the particular problems of a war-torn province.

On North Belfast's York Street, Protestant Billy Mitchell and Catholic John Loughran run a support center for former sectarian militiamen who are being released by the hundreds from prisons here under the Good Friday accord.

"Our rule is simple," said Mitchell, who served 14 years for crimes he committed in a paramilitary gang. "Whether you're from the UVF [the Protestant Ulster Volunteer Force] or the IRA, you're people, aren't you now? That gives us a wee bit of shared space where we can steer these ex-prisoners away from hatred."

In the Upper Springfield neighborhood of West Belfast, Jim Auld runs a "Restorative Justice" project dealing with a basic fact of local life: The Catholics of Upper Springfield refuse to rely on the overwhelmingly Protestant police force, instead turning to the rough-and-ready tactics of local IRA vigilantes, who regularly beat and maim those suspected of criminal activity.

"We had an 18-year-old kid over in Ballymurphy who knicked [stole] a car, and he was seen," Auld recalled. "Of course the victim said, 'I'm going to have the IRA kill that kid.'"

"Instead, we got the kid and his family to sit down with the victim. The offender saw that his joy ride inflicted a lot of pain and cost. It was a couple of hundred pounds [about \$ 325] of damages, so they worked out a repayment plan."

In Bawnmore, social worker McCole is working on another cross-community project to stop construction of a massive new public incinerator, which would block the neighborhood's handsome view of a dramatic cliff.

"This is another case where people work together when they see the common interest," McCole said. "When it comes to enjoying scenic beauty, it doesn't really matter whether you're Catholic or Protestant. Even in Northern Ireland."

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PROTESTANTS AND CATHOLICS WORK IN ULSTE AS NEIGHBORS

PHOTO, MAP, PHOTO: JOCKEL FINCK/ASSOCIATED PRESS: CHILDREN LOOK OVER ONE OF THE; FENCES SEPARATING THE CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT DISTRICTS OF BELFAST, NORTHERN; IRELAND, ON FRIDAY.; MAP: Post-Gazette: (Newtownabbey)

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FRANCE: BEEF BAN STANDS -- The Food Safety Agency recommended that the Government maintain its embargo on imports of British beef because of continuing risks of mad-cow disease. European Union officials, who ruled that the three-year old ban be lifted, said they might take legal action if Paris persists in its ban. France's action has infuriated the British authorities. Marlise Simons (NYT)

FRANCE: BRETONS HELD -- The French police detained two Breton nationalists suspected of having helped Basque separatists steal eight tons of dynamite in western France. After recovering part of the stolen explosives near the Spanish border and arresting three Basques, the police said, they had found a second lot in an abandoned truck in Brittany. Marlise Simons (NYT)

BRITAIN: TORIES PICK ARCHER FOR MAYOR -- The millionaire novelist and member of the House of Lords, Jeffrey Archer, 59, won in a postal ballot of party members as the Conservative candidate to be London's first elected mayor. His Labor opponent in the May vote 4 is still to be chosen from a field that includes the former actress Glenda Jackson, who is now a Member of Parliament. Warren Hoge (NYT)

IRELAND: 6 ARRESTED -- Six hard-line republicans were arrested for questioning in two counties south of Dublin amid reports from the police in Ireland and Northern Ireland that dissident guerrillas were planning acts of violence in the North to disrupt peace talks. The renegades oppose the cease-fire adopted by the Irish Republican Army two years ago. Warren Hoge (NYT)

VATICAN: 3 NEW PATRON SAINTS -- Pope John Paul II announced three new patron saints for Europe: two 14th-century nuns and Edith Stein, a Jewish philosopher who became a nun and was killed at Auschwitz in 1944. Until now, Europe had only male patron saints. The Pope explained that he picked them "to underline the great role women have played in the civil and ecclesiastic history of the Continent." Alessandra Stanley (NYT)

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TURKEY: RAIDS ON KURDS CONTINUE -- Turkish troops kept up their offensive against Abdullah Ocalan's Kurdish guerrillas on both sides of the Iraqi border, despite the rebels' promises to sue for peace. Officials said there was no word on casualties from the five-day incursion into Iraq, loudly condemned by Baghdad as a violation of sovereignty. The Iraqi Government lost control of northern Iraq after the 1991 gulf war. (Reuters)

THE AMERICAS

COLOMBIA: LEGISLATOR AN EXILE -- Citing repeated death threats, a prominent Liberal Party legislator has announced she is going into exile. In a statement issued from Spain, Piedad Cordoba said the Government "does not have the will to end a war in which human rights violations are the order of the day." More than a dozen rights activists have been killed since 1997. Senator Cordoba was kidnapped in May and held for two weeks by a right-wing group. Larry Rohter (NYT)

ASIA

NORTH KOREA: NUCLEAR ACCUSATIONS -- The International Atomic Energy Agency said in Vienna that North Korea is refusing to upgrade safety at its nuclear installations, as required by treaty, and is generally not cooperating with the agency. The agency said 12 rounds of talks with the North Koreans had produced "no progress on important issues." Barbara Crossette (NYT)

INDIA: HINDU ALLIANCE FADING -- A poll conducted for The Times of India predicted that the alliance led by the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party would win only a narrow majority in the national elections, which largely conclude on Sunday, not the sweeping victory that one large exit poll had forecast. A total of 23,098 people were questioned, with a margin of sampling error of 1 percent. Celia W. Dugger (NYT)

PAKISTAN: 8 SLAIN IN MOSQUE -- Gunmen attacked a Shiite mosque in Karachi and killed eight worshippers. Pakistan has a history of sectarian violence between its Shiite minority and the Sunni Muslim majority. Celia W. Dugger (NYT)

KAZAKHSTAN: PREMIER QUILTS -- After months of rumors that he was about to be fired, Prime Minister Nurlan Balgimbayev resigned, saying it was time for a new Government to try to tackle the republic's economic crisis. Kazakhstan's autocratic President, Nursultan A. Nazarbayev, appointed Foreign Minister Kasymzhomart Tokayev as acting Prime Minister. Steve LeVine (NYT)

UNITED NATIONS

AMERICAN GUILTY OF THEFT -- For the second time in recent years, an American has been found guilty of defrauding the United Nations. A Manhattan jury found Charles Kim, of Great Neck, N.Y., guilty of stealing \$800,000 from the organization through false travel claims for staff in the Balkans. From 1995 to 1998, he was chief of chief of travel and traffic for the United Nations, based in Zagreb, Croatia. Barbara Crossette (NYT)

GULF WAR PAYOUTS -- The United Nations gulf war reparations body announced it had approved payments of \$234 million to companies that suffered losses in Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait. The body said \$190 million would be paid to Kuwaiti firms. The rest was shared among companies from China, India, Japan, Britain and the United States. The payout will bring to \$3.6 billion the payouts to individuals, companies and governments that were able to document losses. Elizabeth Olson (NYT)

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MOROCCO: EXILE RETURNS -- A Marxist leader from Morocco, Abraham Serfaty, left, has been allowed to return home after eight years of exile in France. Mr. Serfaty had written to the new King, Mohammed VI, asking to be allowed to return, according to a palace spokesman. Mr. Serfaty was expelled by the King's father, who died in July. Marlise Simons (NYT)

AFRICA

ZIMBABWE: LAW OFFICER CHARGED -- Attorney General Patrick Chinamasa said he had been charged with contempt of court after he criticized as too lenient the six-month sentences passed on three Americans convicted of illegal arms possession and trying to load dangerous weapons on an aircraft. (Reuters)

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Rebels gain ground in Guerrero

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Highlight: Military abuses in the Mexican state are driving more disaffected poor toward rebels for protection.

Body

Valentina Rosendo Cantu was laundering clothes in the creek when soldiers patrolling the remote highlands of southern Guerrero state emerged from the forest and showed her a list of wanted "rebels."

The soldiers wanted "to kill these men," one told her. And though nine of the names were men from her tiny village of Barranca Bejuco, Ms. Rosendo lied and said she knew none of them.

The soldiers were angry with Rosendo because she wasn't cooperating, they thought she was lying, and two of them raped and beat her.

She and her husband reported the Feb. 16 attack to authorities. Soon after, military trucks began ominous midnight visits, beaming lights down from the hills above. Rosendo now says she's too frightened to continue with the case.

Her story is familiar in the mostly indigenous highlands of inner Guerrero state, a world rarely glimpsed by outsiders - or even by most Mexicans - where extreme poverty and isolation play a direct role in a distressing cycle of abuse.

Better known for jet-set beach resorts like Acapulco and Ixtapa, Guerrero is also home to a network of 10 or so rebel groups active in the remote mountains. It's also a major transit point for smuggled narcotics and Mexico's No. 1 state for marijuana and opium poppy cultivation.

Heavy military and police forces have long been deployed across the West Virginia-size territory to battle both problems, in part with US funding.

Experts blame the military's presence for Guerrero's poor record on human rights, and say the situation could explode if continued unchecked, driving more discontented villagers into the arms of the rebels.

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Growing discontent in Guerrero has parallels in the southern state of Chiapas, where the Zapatista rebels took brief control of state buildings in 1994 in a crusade for Indian rights. Their push via negotiations for local autonomy within the government won them international support for their cause.

Most rebel groups in Guerrero, however, have the stated intent of overthrowing the government, and are more often compared with Northern Ireland's ***Irish Republican Army*** IRA and Peru's Maoist Shining Path than to their southern counterparts in Chiapas. "These are groups involved in kidnappings, robberies, even assassinations," said Armando Bartra, who has written two books on Guerrero. "This is terrorism of the left."

Although there is new attention being paid to the problem, human rights issues in Guerrero are nothing new. In 1995, for example, state police ambushed a truckload of unarmed dissident farmers, killing 17 and injuring 20 in Aguas Blancas.

The governor at the time, Ruben Figueroa, a member of the then-ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI), was forced to resign amid evidence he ordered the attack. He was later exonerated by a federal prosecutor.

When President Vicente Fox came into office in 2000, ousting the PRI for the first time in 71 years, he promised to close the door on the culture of corruption.

Yet human-rights lawyers defending poor villagers across this state say that, if anything, the number of abuses has increased.

"It's always been bad here," says Abel Barrera Hernandez, director of the Tlachinollan Mountain Human Rights Center. "But it's really tough right now."

Among the litany of human-rights cases since Fox took office:

- * Six reported rapes of indigenous ***women***, including Rosendo, by soldiers. There have been no arrests in any of the cases.

- * Twelve reported "desaparecidos," civilians who vanished without a trace. Nine of the men were taken away by the Judicial Police. Signed testimonies from officials indicate some were tortured and then jailed. No arrests have been made in any of the cases. In one, authorities claim they can no longer locate the policemen allegedly involved.

- * Dozens more reported cases of bribery, kidnapping, torture, illegal detention, and robbery by police and military.

- * The murder earlier this year of a prominent local businessman, who had launched a crusade against corrupt officials he had linked to kidnapping rings. Though he was gunned down on a busy street corner, authorities say they have no leads.

- * Three local human rights lawyers, including Mr. Barrera, have received death threats.

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Speaking last month in Acapulco at a ceremony to incinerate almost 11,000 pounds of narcotics, Fox said his government was "betting its political capital" on winning the war on drugs, while also improving life for Guerrero's poor. "We are well aware how far we have to go," he said, adding later that, "this fight is moving forward with full respect to human rights."

State officials, blaming a lack funds and facilities for the failure to bring about change, say Fox needs to put his money where his mouth is.

"Human development is human-rights development," says Juan Alarcon Hernandez, director of the State Human Rights Commission.

To lure poor communities into the fold and away from the rebels, he adds: "We need stronger financial support from the federal government."

Journalist Marivel Gutierrez, founder of the Mexican newspaper El Sur, notes that there have been few reports of rebel activity since the largest group, the Popular Revolutionary Army (EPR), splintered last year. But she says there are indications that at least some villages have grown silent - even protective - about guerrilla whereabouts.

"It appears there is some clandestine work in the communities - villagers inviting them to eat, or attend local fiestas," she said. "They may not all embrace [the rebels], but neither are they reporting them."

Villagers in Barranca Bejuco, a humble collection of mud and straw huts - which lack electricity, running water, and phones - insist they have no ties to guerrilla groups.

Hilda Navarette, a local human rights lawyer representing families of three former EPR members who were abducted by the rebels, says the case has changed her views on the rebels.

"I had always rejected the idea that we had guerrilla activity here, arguing it was just discontented peasants," she says. "Now, I find it harder to deny."

Even if the rebels don't gain in prominence, activists say Guerrero is likely to become an ugly scar on Fox's campaign to bring cleaner government to Mexico.

"The narco-economy and the culture of crime have permeated this entire state," said Barrera. "And the worst part is, there's almost no way to attract any interest."

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McGahern weaves a languorous, lakeside tale

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Body

The glass flowers at the Peabody Museum could not have been crafted with a more deliberate delicacy than the lilting scenes of John McGahern's new novel "By The Lake." The story recounts a year of everyday labors and occasional intrigues in a small village.

A meditative eye for the details that color passing moments gives this novel a quiet integrity, unrivaled by works that impatiently resort to plot twists, muddled psychology and politics for their excitement. McGahern's story recalls that while societies seem to be progressing and deteriorating at a dizzying pace, most people are just trying to live their lives as best they can.

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McGahern is one of Ireland's most prominent contemporary writers, claiming an accompanying slew of awards and visiting fellowships. Most of his novels unfold in Irish villages, the sort of quiet rural places where one generation stays and tends the farm while the children leave to make a life in a faraway city. Don't expect quaintness though: the villages are as modern-minded as Dublin or London. There is a lot of "post-" to the small lakeside village of "By the Lake": post-World War II, post-migration, post-soccer riots, post-***Irish Republican Army***. It is a place where grandparents tune into "Blind Date" but do not have telephones; where combine machines ease the labor of the summer hay harvest; and where a sheep rancher supplements his income by writing for an ad agency in London.

It takes a special kind of character to stay in a village when the rest of the world is rushing off to the city. Besides the occasional grandchild on holiday, no young people populate the lovely countryside. Bachelors predominate: there is the entrepreneur known as The Shah, who resolutely refuses marriage; Patrick Ryan, a gruff builder; Bill Evans, a survivor of Ireland's horrific orphanages, who made it into old age quiet and strangely asexual. Gentle, blithe Jamesie and his wife Mary have grandchildren faraway in Dublin, while their friends Ruttledge and Kate, transplants from London, are childless. Because of the absence of children, the days carry a bittersweet sense of life living itself out rather than skipping hurriedly on to the next generation. Neighbors show each other a regard unknown in places where nuclear families tend to be insular.

Of course, village life means accommodating bad neighbors along with the good. When Ruttledge and Kate are called upon by John Quinn, the local womanizer always looking for chances to "get into the boggy hollow," they are obliged to welcome him just as they would their best friends. The villagers' wry, patient sense of humor makes such a mix of people endurable; gossip makes them interesting. Jamesie is guilelessly fascinated by the details of other

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people's lives. But his wife recognizes that the importance of knowing other people runs far deeper than entertainment.

"People we know come and go in our minds whether they are here or in England or alive or dead,' Mary said with a darkness that was as much a part of her as the sweet inward-looking smile. 'We're no more than a puff of wind out on the lake.'"

One of the most compelling aspects of "By the Lake" is the ripening of the friendship between two couples -- Jamesie and Mary and Rutledge and Kate -- through shared traditions. Their relationship passes imperceptibly over time from acquaintanceship to friendship to the deepest affection. Their daily rapport is pleasant as the couples take turns calling on each other, sharing meals and drinks, helping with birthing cows and stacking hay. Their interactions are refreshingly free of gender-war stereotypes; the women do not gather to commiserate, the men do not spend their time talking about sports or politics. With their honesty and warmth, Jamesie and Mary become something of role models for the younger couple, who quietly rejected upward mobility in London for a simpler life in Ireland. Both couples made a deliberate decision to bind themselves to the village, to its people and especially to the land.

The overarching presence of the lake sets the rhythm of the human year. The way McGahern describes the changing lights, the colors of the foliage, the life of the animals and the demands of planting and harvest is intuition distilled to intensity -- a mellow intensity, so to speak. His careful attention to the way people move in their environment is evident even in the brief appearance of a London visitor: "He washed, walked around the lake, read a newspaper. The way he crackled the pages as he read created a space around the rocking chair."

Everyone in the village knows that close by runs a world of factories and unemployment; a little further out, migrations, cities, anonymity. To live in peace, characters create a space small enough to feel snug but wide enough to see clearly. Take, for instance, the exchange between Patrick Ryan and Rutledge as they are erecting the rafters of a shed: "What are you looking at, lad?"

"At how the rafters frame the sky. How the squares of light are more interesting than the open sky. They make it look more human by reducing the sky, and then the whole sky grows out from that small space."

"As long as they hold the iron, lad, they'll do," Patrick Ryan laughed sympathetically.

McGahern has created a vivid portrait of a peaceful corner of a demanding world. An uncomfortable conversation between Rutledge and the leader of the local IRA chapter reveals the conflict between devoting oneself to the community and confronting the outside world.

"Rutledge knew that as he was neither a follower nor a leader he must look useless or worse than useless to this man of commitment and action. As far as Jimmy Joe was concerned he might as well be listening to the birds like an eejit on the far side of the lake..."

But Rutledge is convinced that for himself a life by the lake is the most honest choice. The lakeside is not a paradise, but a place where people also live and work -- where they manage to live their days in a comprehensible rhythm and not a passing rush.

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A summary of top world news today:

IMRALI ISLAND, Turkey - A three-judge panel sentenced Kurdish rebel leader Abdullah Ocalan to death today, a widely expected decision against the guerrilla leader that many Turks hold responsible for 37,000 deaths in 15 years of war.

-BODY- A sombre Ocalan looked at Judge Turgut Okyay as he read out the sentence, but he showed no reaction to the verdict, broadcast on state-run TRT television.

Relatives of Turkish soldiers killed fighting the rebels began singing the national anthem in the courtroom after Okyay finished reading his statement.

Police in Turkey and across Europe were ordered to be prepared for possible airplane hijackings or other attacks. Security will be particularly high around U.S. diplomatic missions.

Many Kurds believe the United States co-operated with Turkey during the February abduction of Ocalan. After Turkish commandos captured Ocalan in Nairobi, Kenya, Kurds staged violent attacks in Turkey, killing more than a dozen people.

Kurds also held violent demonstrations throughout Europe and as far away as Canada, and European authorities were preparing for a possible repeat of those protests.

The panel found Ocalan guilty of treason and separatism for leading the 15-year war for Kurdish autonomy in southeastern Turkey.

"(He has) murdered thousands of innocent people without regard to babies, children, women or the elderly," said Okyay, wearing a traditional black robe with high, scarlet collar. "His activities constitute a serious, immediate and great danger to the country."

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia - Serb clerics are appealing to western leaders to curb reprisal attacks by ethnic Albanians, warning the violence could produce an ethnically pure Kosovo - which NATO fought its air war to prevent.

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NATO is hoping the attacks against Kosovo's Serbs will subside now that ethnic Albanian rebels turned over their weapons to peacekeepers as part of the June 21 agreement by the Kosovo Liberation Army to demilitarize over 90 days.

Under the deal, KLA fighters were to have put their weapons into NATO-guarded storage sites and they can carry them only in designated assembly areas. They are also to vacate their military positions.

In an effort to end ethnic Albanian arson attacks on Serbian and Gypsy property, German peacekeepers imposed a 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew on Kosovo's second-largest city, Prizren.

Despite those measures, ethnic Albanians continued retaliating Monday for the horrors of the Serbian crackdown that ended when Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic accepted an international peace agreement.

In their letter to U.S. President Bill Clinton and UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, leaders of the Serbian Orthodox Church urged peacekeepers to stop attacks against Kosovo Serbs.

"Kosovo might soon become an ethnically pure territory unless the terror against Serb population is not stopped immediately," they warned.

DRAS, India - The Indian army recaptured a towering peak close to the frontier with Pakistan in a fierce battle after dawn today that claimed dozens of casualties, officers said.

Infantrymen clambered up Point 4700, and stormed the 13 guerrilla positions on the 4,700-metre mountain five kilometres from the Line of Control, the 1972 ceasefire line dividing the disputed province of Kashmir between India and Pakistan.

The Pakistan-based guerrillas retreated, but then launched a counterattack. India rushed up more reinforcements to hold on to the hard-won positions, officers said on condition of anonymity.

Reporters near the town of Dras could see the soldiers in white snow boots and helmets making their way up the precipitous slopes toward the battle line early today.

Thousands of artillery shells pummelled the mountain through the night, sending up huge plumes of smoke, to prepare for the assault.

Unconfirmed reports said five Indian soldiers were killed and 20 wounded. Officers estimated as many as two dozen fighters were killed on the other side.

The battle for 4700 was part of the groundwork for the expected attack on the most important peak remaining to be reclaimed in the Dras sector, the 5,000-metre Tiger Hill.

Tiger Hill overlooks India's National Highway 1, the lifeline for supplies for the Ladakh region of northern Kashmir.

BELFAST - The prime ministers of Britain and Ireland resume talks with Northern Ireland's divided politicians today amid mounting tension in the province as a deadline looms for an agreement on disarmament.

Tensions are on a knife-edge after a decision by the province's parades commission to ban a Protestant parade from passing through a Catholic enclave next Sunday.

The Protestant Orange Order has threatened to defy the ban.

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There was little sign of give-and-take at Monday's first round of talks between British Prime Minister Tony Blair and Ireland's Bertie Ahern, which were overshadowed by the parade decision.

The focus of the negotiations, aimed at ending a deadlock in the peace process before a Wednesday midnight deadline, will be a report by the province's independent disarmament commission, headed by retired Canadian Gen. John de Chastelain.

His assessment of how ready paramilitaries are to hand over their weapons could be a key factor in getting politicians from the majority Protestant and minority Catholic communities to resolve the deadlock over guerrilla weapons.

De Chastelain has been questioning parties, including the ***Irish Republican Army***'s political wing Sinn Fein, on whether they would support a weapons handover by next May.

Political sources say his report, which was to be presented to the prime ministers in late afternoon, will be influential because it might show whether there is scope for narrowing the gap between the parties.

What's ahead

June 30

Belfast - Deadline for establishing a power-sharing executive to end 30 years of sectarian strife in Northern Ireland.

July 13

Salt Lake City, Utah - Trial begins for Ferosa Bluff and Andrew Federicz of Mountain View, Alta., charged in death of Bluff's three-year-old daughter Rebecca.

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Abortion idea misguided

Conservative Washington lawmakers are proposing to make it a crime to take a minor across state lines to have an abortion if laws in the girl's home state require that her parents must be notified before she may surgically end her pregnancy. The plan professedly is a bill to protect parental rights, but it really is just another attack on women's constitutional right to control their reproductivity.

If passed, the impact of this federal proposal would be felt in Texas.

That is because the Legislature passed a bill changing Texas law to require doctors to notify parents before a minor daughter may have an abortion. That law will require girls who fear violence from their their their parents to disclose the most private details of their lives to a judge - many of whose opposition to abortion is an open secret - in order to bypass the notification requirement...

Teen-agers should not have sex. The fact is, however, that many do. It stands to reason that most girls who become pregnant go to their parents for help. Even those who are reluctant should be encouraged to do so. But Congress should not throw up still more obstacles before those girls who want to end their pregnancies and have very valid reasons for not informing their parents of their decision. Nor should

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lawmakers be working to turn caring relatives into criminals.

- Houston Chronicle

Why keep bases open?

Secretary of Defense William Cohen, the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the secretaries of the Air Force, Navy and Army pleaded with Congress last week to allow two more rounds of base closings in 2001 and 2005...

Military officials have called the closings "absolutely necessary."

Unfortunately, the Senate rejected, on a 60-40 vote, a measure that would have authorized a new round of base closings in 2001 as part of a \$ 288.8 billion defense spending bill for the next fiscal year...

Closings favored by the Pentagon would save an estimated \$ 20 billion and generate \$ 3.6 billion annually by eliminating the overhead costs of running the bases...

Members of Congress know the devastating effect a base closing can have on a community. Still, evidence exists that many communities have recovered and even flourished when nearby bases were converted to non-military use...

The military leaders charged with the responsibility of defending the country are united in their support for an objective process of base closings. It makes you wonder what exactly most senators are trying to defend.

- St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times

Vitamin makers must pay

The best thing about the Justice Department's unmasking of the criminal cartel run by the world's leading makers of vitamins is that the huge fines they'll pay are just the beginning.

Their punishment also will include the opportunity to answer in court to class-action suits by consumers and corporate customers who were fleeced by this outrageous scheme to fix prices and divvy up territory...

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Milk, bread, pasta, orange juice, cereal, butter and a host of other household food staples contained the overpriced vitamin supplements. Hoffmann-LaRoche Ltd., a Swiss pharmaceutical firm, agreed to pay \$ 500 million in fines, the largest ever imposed by the Justice Department. BASF A.G. of Germany will pay \$ 225 million. A number of smaller companies participating in the conspiracy are still being investigated.

"The vitamin cartel was as bad as they get," said one Justice Department official. Still, the agency settled for less than it was entitled to. It could have socked Hoffmann-LaRoche \$ 1.3 billion for its share of the profiteering on \$ 53 billion worth of vitamins... Perhaps in showing restraint, the Justice Department was just saving some of these corporations' ill-gotten money to be awarded to the rest of us victimized vitamin consumers.

- Seattle Post-Intelligencer

IRA's evil knows no end

Jean McConville cushioned the head of a dying British soldier. Because of this warmhearted gesture, she was cold-bloodedly murdered. The **Irish Republican Army** abducted her and killed her. The republicans refused even to tell the family where McConville's body was buried. Later they hinted that it had been hidden under a Belfast housing estate. Still later they indicated that it had been concealed in the Irish Republic, beneath a car park built on reclaimed sand dunes. Last night, after a second day of digging by the Irish police, no body had been found.

McConville is one of the "disappeared" - those whose bodies were dumped, frequently after torture, by the republicans. Last Friday, the remains of Eamon Molloy, who was shot in 1975, were found in a coffin. Excavations are taking place at five other sites in the Irish Republic. The story of the disappeared has helped remind people, both

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in the United Kingdom and Ireland, of quite how evil Sinn Fein/IRA has been. And the failure to find McConville's body, or others, has fixed attention to its wickedness. There has been a wave of protest and horror.

- The Daily Telegraph, London

Don't count on pay raise

Does the person who lives in the best public housing complex in the country deserve a pay raise?

A House subcommittee on Monday was told by a panel of former presidential advisers that the president's pay should be increased from the current \$ 200,000 a year.

The president, courtesy of the people, has a home for four or eight years, a complete staff and transportation.

The president has always reaped the rewards of office after leaving the White House. Pay from one public speaking engagement can garner as much as what one average American earns in a year.

It will be difficult to convince the American people the president deserves such a pay raise, especially after the escapades that went on in the White House during the current administration.

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Waiting for O'Lefty

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Body

IRISH ON THE INSIDE

In Search of the Soul of Irish America.

By Tom Hayden.

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"I AM a believer in invisible ancestral influences," Tom Hayden writes in "Irish on the Inside," and I imagine that few people of Irish heritage anywhere in the world do not share that belief, at least privately. This book by the onetime New Left leader is a daring and sometimes awkward quest in the most ambitious Irish manner: a memoir, a confession, a catalog of invisible influences, an alternative history of Irish America and a call for its cultural and spiritual renewal. Many readers will no doubt take issue with Hayden's conclusions, but few will be able to dismiss them entirely.

"Where the trail of evidence disappears, where intellect fails," Hayden says, "one must rely on imagination, on possibilities that are technically unprovable." Indeed, for all Hayden's historical research and despite his delicately handled account of the painful birth of the contemporary "peace process" in Northern Ireland -- much of which he witnessed firsthand as a human rights observer -- this is primarily and unapologetically a work of the poetic imagination.

In the book's first and most adventurous section, Hayden rambles through the fields of Irish and American history, as well as his own life story, making connections and drawing inferences wherever he can. A child of the fully assimilated Irish-American middle class -- whose parish priest in suburban Detroit was none other than Father Coughlin, the infamous anti-Semitic radio orator -- Hayden did not discover until he was a grown man that he had been named for the Irish rebel Thomas Emmet. (The name had been handed down in his family, its significance forgotten.)

In examining the career of Emmet, a Protestant renegade who immigrated to America in 1804, became attorney general of New York and worked for both the cause of Irish freedom and the abolition of slavery, Hayden begins to uncover what he calls his "Irish radical past." This heritage includes the San Patricios, Irish famine immigrants who deserted the United States Army and fought for the Mexicans during the Mexican-American War; the Molly

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Maguires, the legendary saboteurs of the Pennsylvania coal fields; and the Land League of the 1870's, which sought to unite the Irish peasantry with the American labor movement.

Needless to say, these are not the protagonists of conventional up-by-the-bootstraps histories of the Irish in America, those miserable and despised immigrants who, as Hayden puts it, "became white, became conservative, became superpatriotic," and who in turn inflicted an ugly history of racist violence upon African-Americans, the only group below them on the social ladder. When Hayden went south in the early 1960's to join the civil rights movement, he was enlisting, he believes, in the alternate tradition of his radical Irish forebears without knowing it: "My Irishness was a hidden magnet drawing me towards dreams, underdogs, lost causes and crusades, to acts of defiance against hopelessness."

In telling the story of his rediscovery of his roots, this great-grandson of famine immigrants from County Monaghan has an urgent message to deliver: the essential mythic and romantic qualities of the Irish character, he writes, are in danger of being destroyed, "to be replaced by a middle-class roboculture and an 'old country' that is marketed as a theme park for tourism," as well as an office park for multinational capital.

When Hayden labors to expose the hidden Irishness of such left-wing heroes as Che Guevara and C. Wright Mills, he is working too hard. When he claims that his own preference for blond, blue-eyed women is evidence that he was "sexually colonized" by Anglo-Saxon standards of attractiveness, one can only hope his tongue is planted firmly in his cheek. But his central question -- what role Irish identity can play in the age of a multicultural America, a united Europe and a globalized economy -- is one well worth exploring.

Authentic Irishness, Hayden argues, has to mean something more than getting drunk on St. Patrick's Day, attending Mass on Easter Sunday and rooting for Notre Dame (or, to cite a more contemporary version of Irish-American nostalgia, practicing a Celtic New Age spirituality of dubious provenance). Instead, he advocates "a new global Irish identity" that bypasses "the cliches of assimilation, neither clinging to parochial Catholic nationalist pride nor blending meekly into the English-speaking world."

Hayden finds something of this new identity in contemporary Northern Ireland, which he has visited on numerous occasions and discusses eloquently here. Few Americans, and in fact few observers of any nationality, have written about that tormented province with such sympathy and clarity, and it's a relief to encounter someone halfway respectable taking the American political and journalistic establishment to task for its pro-British bias. I share Hayden's belief that Sinn Fein, the political movement associated with the now-decommissioned **Irish Republican Army**, has the potential to become a transformative force in peacetime Irish politics. But he seems distressingly reluctant to criticize any aspect of the I.R.A.'s campaign of violence, and barely acknowledges the extent to which it was bankrolled by precisely the kind of sentimental and ill-informed Irish-Americans he deplores.

ULTIMATELY, Hayden never quite defines his vision of global Irishness, although he writes his way around it in often lovely, imagistic prose. Essentially, he hopes that the recent groundswell of interest in Irish culture and heritage will breed a new generation of dissenters from what he sees as the Anglocentric myth of the American melting pot, from global corporate capitalism and even from the racial category of whiteness itself. (In filling out his 2000 census form, Hayden reports, he angrily crossed out the "white, non-Hispanic" category and wrote in "Irish, born in the United States, American citizen.")

This may be too much dissent to hope for. On the other hand, any Irish-American who has ever flown to Ireland will recognize Hayden's enthralled account of his 1971 voyage on Aer Lingus, whose noisy, convivial passengers didn't exactly seem "white" to him, but didn't seem alien either. Hayden stepped onto Irish soil for the first time feeling enchanted. Then the Irish police, unimpressed by his invisible ancestors, identified him as a dangerous radical and put him on the next plane back to New York.

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What Did You Do in the War?

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BLOOD-DARK TRACK

A Family History.

By Joseph O'Neill.

Illustrated. 338 pp. New York:

Granta Books. \$27.95.

How few of us truly know our grandfathers. Even if our lives overlap, even if they are geographically proximate, the men who fathered our parents are often depleted or ill by the time we may question them. Their struggles are decades past, their money and marriages made or lost, their paths long taken. And if by chance they remain vigorous, the particulars of their lives -- their secrets -- are not necessarily for the sharing.

Joseph O'Neill faced an especially tantalizing impasse. As a boy, he became aware that his Turkish grandfather, Joseph Dakad, had been imprisoned in Palestine during World War II. "A shiver of an explanation accompanied this information," O'Neill writes; "the detention had something to do with spying for the Germans." He also learned that his Irish grandfather, James O'Neill, had been jailed in Ireland during the same war, a member of the ***Irish Republican Army***. But in neither case were more details forthcoming. O'Neill's parents rarely discussed the men whose names he shared.

"Blood-Dark Track" is O'Neill's reconstruction of the lives of his grandfathers, what he calls "a slow, idiotic awakening" that for the reader is anything but. Rather, the book is an enormously intelligent plunge into the World War II era that involves, among other elements, an unsolved 65-year-old murder, a rusted pistol, clandestine train travel and assignments in the dark. O'Neill, who is the author of two novels, adeptly makes scene and character where otherwise there might be only chronology, but he also draws on his experience as a lawyer for insight into the Realpolitik of armies, embassies, prisons and families -- or anywhere else men and power inevitably collide.

Joseph Dakad, we learn, was a Syrian-born Christian who owned a hotel in Mersin, a port in southern Turkey on the Mediterranean. It was a humid town of old families and flowered verandas, with palms on the shore and warships in the harbor -- a kind of pocket Casablanca where a Levantine like Dakad could flourish. He spoke French, Arabic, Turkish, English, German, Italian and Spanish. He dressed in silk shirts, practiced his horsemanship, promenaded with respectable ***women***, ate oranges daily and hoarded tin beneath his restaurant.

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When the war came, "there was an influx of European newcomers -- diplomats, construction workers, sailors, business people -- and it seemed to Joseph that the exciting streams of history on which they arrived were safely navigable by a man like himself." Turkey was officially neutral but leaned toward the Allies. Germans moved about the country, however, and were to be seen in Dakad's hotel. But there were, O'Neill writes, "hazards attached to such a profile, particularly if . . . the guiding political precept for Mersin Christians was that il ne fallait pas se mouiller: it wouldn't do to get wet. My grandfather, intoxicated by the success of the hotel and restaurant and the new opportunities, lost sight of this."

In January 1942, a freeze destroyed the local citrus crop, and Dakad realized he would make a small fortune if he could import lemons from Palestine. He decided to travel to Jerusalem, then under British control, to procure a shipment of 200 tons of the fruit, and although he received British visas for the trip, on his return he was arrested by the British at the Syrian border. Were his subsequent interrogations and three and a half years of internment the result of a secret complicity with the Germans, who were eager to know of British influence over the Turkish government? Or was Dakad, the fastidious hotelier and import-export dabbler, merely a man out of his depth? O'Neill parses these questions brilliantly, gathering accounts and remembrances and examining Dakad's own letter of protestation to the British, which, curiously, was never mailed.

Dakad's counterpart, James O'Neill, could not have been more different, an "agitated, moody man prone to explosions of temper." The father of 10, he was an unstinting provider as a truck driver and laborer, a man who "changed the soles of the children's shoes himself." Despite being "a very handsome man with a fine physique," he nonetheless "gripped life's every stick and pole with the white-knuckled rage of a man gripping the bars of a cell." Born in County Cork, he witnessed the British-Irish conflict of 1918-21 and had two young cousins gunned down, probably by a British death squad. He became a dedicated training officer of the I.R.A., and his incarceration in the internment camp at the Curragh, in County Kildare, was the result of a nationwide sweep of I.R.A. members initiated by the British as the war began.

The real issue for his grandson is whether O'Neill was one of the famously uncaught murderers of Vice Adm. Henry Somerville, an Irishman who had served in the British Navy and who, after retiring to Cork, continued to help Irish boys join the British armed services. His shooting in 1936 marked the revival of the I.R.A. as a political force and signaled the beginning of years of terror in the countryside. While making inquiries, the author is handed a folded white towel by his uncle Brendan, his grandfather's eldest son. Inside is a rusted Colt .45. "That's the gun that shot Admiral Somerville," he's told.

O'Neill's investigation into the culpability of both of his grandfathers might be called an exercise in cultural forensics, for he tirelessly turns the soil of his grandfathers' lives, discovering proofs of guilt or innocence in the offhand utterances of relatives, in obscure documents (some entombed in libraries, others left in a safe for decades) and in shards of local history, politics, language and custom. This bent may derive from the author's own Continentalism: his surname is Irish, his upbringing Dutch, his French fluent, his summers Turkish and his accent English. In any case, O'Neill ably shows his grandfathers to be actors on historical stages not of their own making, yet individuals nonetheless. It may be said that he loves them but offers them little narrative absolution. O'Neill notes, for example, that had Joseph Dakad somehow been transported to Ireland, he was the type of man that his Irish grandfather might have killed with no remorse.

"If we are lucky," O'Neill says, "we have better and more urgent things to do than indulge in the regressive business of dwelling on the dead." This is true. But if we are lucky we also have writers like O'Neill, who are willing to recover secrets that the dead so wished we might never know.

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EGYPT-TRAIN CRASH. At least two killed, 46 injured in train crash in northern Egypt.

US-CHINA-SCIENTIST. FBI raids home of scientist fired in China investigation.

JAPAN-ELECTION. Ballots cast in election for Tokyo governor that has drawn national attention.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia Air-raid sirens sound in the Yugoslav capital as residents prepare to usher in Orthodox Easter in the midst of a NATO bombing campaign. Refugees making their way out of Kosovo, meanwhile, tell harrowing stories of Serb atrocities. YUGOSLAVIA-KOSOVO. Recap by 0200 GMT. By Veslin Toshkov. AP Photos KUK101,103,105, XSKJ103,105.

BRAZDA, Macedonia Burned villages. Corpses. Trapped, terrorized refugees. Reaching safety in Macedonia over mountain passes, ethnic Albanians joining the exodus from Kosovo tell a tale of horror along the route. KOSOVO-REFUGEES. Recap by 0200 GMT. By Elena Becatoros. AP Photos KUK101,103,105; XSJK105.

LARNACA, Cyprus A jubilant but tired Spyros Kyprianou flew into Yugoslavia, expecting to win the release of three captured American soldiers. He left bitterly disappointed two days later, returning home after riding a rollercoaster of hopes and recriminations. CYPRUS-KYPRIANOU MISSION. Recap by 0200 GMT. By Alex Efty. AP Photos NIC102-105.

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YUGOSLAVIA-BITTER EASTER Air raids, wartime cast pall on Orthodox Christian holy day. AP Photo BEL105.

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NATO-KOSOVO Weather hampers NATO airstrikes; radio relay station destroyed. Has moved.

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NIAMEY, Niger A day after the president died in a hail of gunfire, residents return to the notably calm streets of Niger's capital on Saturday, while military leaders meet to name a successor. NIGER-ASSASSINATION; was NIGER-UNREST. Recap by 0300 GMT. By Tim Sullivan.

SHIRBIN, Egypt Two trains collide head-on in northern Egypt, killing at least two people and injuring 49 others, the government says. EGYPT-TRAIN CRASH. Lead has moved. By Tarek El-Tablawy.

LOS ALAMOS, New Mexico FBI agents search the home of a fired Los Alamos National Laboratory scientist for nearly six hours, hauling away boxes of evidence in their investigation into whether nuclear weapons secrets were leaked to China. US-CHINA-SCIENTIST. Lead has moved. By Barry Massey.

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US-CHINA. Chinese premier visits Denver after trade talks fail in Washington. Lead has moved. AP Photos DX106; DXR200-201; NY138.

MOSCOW Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov delivers a nationally televised address to give an accounting of his government's first seven months in office and to appeal for political stability. RUSSIA-POLITICS. Lead has moved. By Judith Ingram. AP Photos MOSB101-102,105.

DUBLIN, Ireland Spokesmen for the **Irish Republican Army** confirm Saturday that the outlawed group opposes the latest compromise plan for making Northern Ireland's peace accord work. NORTHERN IRELAND. Has moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik.

CAIRO, Egypt Sudanese rebels overrun two camps of the pro-government militia, killing more than 120 militia fighters and wounding about 300, their spokesman says. SUDAN-REBELS. Has moved.

TOKYO Voters heading to the polls to cast ballots in an election for Tokyo governor that has drawn nationwide attention. JAPAN-ELECTION. Expected by 0300 GMT.

KAMPALA, Uganda Twenty years after Idi Amin Dada was forced from power after eight years of terror that bled Uganda dry, few in this East African nation even want to think about the man who lives quietly in exile in Saudi Arabia. UGANDA-FORGETTING IDI AMIN. Has moved. By Henry Wasswa. AP Photo NY190.

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida Come 2001, **women** may have an inside track in the male-dominated world of space. Within the next two years, NASA may be flying all-**female** space shuttle crews for science. US-**WOMEN** IN SPACE. Has moved. By Marcia Dunn. AP Photos NY123-124.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Monday, in The Hague, Netherlands, two notorious Bosnian Croat war crimes suspects go on trial before the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal. On Tuesday, negotiations aimed at forming Northern Ireland's new Protestant-Catholic government resume.

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HOLLYWOOD Anyone who has lived in the 20th century carries a portable library of film images. Let's roll the credits for this art form that is called the greatest of the century. Who produced and directed this spectacle? How did we all hire on as extras? ARTS-HOLLYWOOD'S CENTURY. To move as wire time permits. By Bob Thomas AP Photos NY376-NY380

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LOS ANGELES All the hype surrounding the upcoming "Star Wars" movie the sold-out theaters showing the trailers, the Internet chatter, the cover stories in the magazines is just the beginning. A toy maker is ready to roll out

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a big line of related merchandise. ARTS-US-STAR WARS HYPE. To move as wire time permits. By Michael Fleeman. AP Photo LA300

TORONTO Posthumously, Canadian novelist Robertson Davies makes his opera debut as librettist for a world-premiere production based on an ancient Roman tale. It represents one of the Canadian Opera company's attempts to present a brand-new opera with Canadian origins and personnel. ARTS-CANADIAN OPERA. To move as wire time permits. By David Crary.

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Body

Catholics and Protestants in this deeply divided city have long found reasons to avoid one another, but now they have discovered an unlikely one to come together: a professional ice hockey team.

"In the land of the Giants everyone is equal" says the game programs of the hard-skating Belfast Giants. Sellout crowds are filling the new 7,000-seat Odyssey arena in Belfast's redeveloped docklands area and breathing vibrant life into the motto.

"This has given the silent majority a chance to come out," said Nigel Ringland, 28, who covers the team for local newspapers. "It's a sport with no tradition and no identification with one culture or the other in Northern Ireland, and people who come here are the ones who want to show they have no sectarian baggage."

Despite the signing of a peace accord in 1998 and the start of institutionalized power-sharing politics a year later, the capital city remains segregated. Adjoining Catholic and Protestant blocks are demarcated by flags, painted curbstones and militaristic murals, and some neighborhoods have brick walls through them to keep people apart.

Fans of the Belfast Giants have built their common allegiance by avoiding the kind of probing questions and giveaway comments about schools and street addresses and family that typically begin conversations between new acquaintances in Northern Ireland.

"We never met these people before hockey," said Lesley Walker, 42, sweeping her arm across the rows of newfound friends who attend the games together dressed in their teal, red and white Giants jerseys. "We don't know where they're from or what religion they are because we don't ask."

The choice of colors is one of the ways that the Giants' management has had to be sensitive to the charged symbols here. Catholic green and Protestant orange are banned and so are other athletic team shirts, which often convey bias.

The need to avoid the appearance of taking sides also governs the team's merchandising. "The mini-sticks are made by a firm that makes hurling sticks," said Mark Forsythe, 38, the marketing director, citing a game associated with Catholics. "So I make sure the printing is done in the Shankill Road," the city's main Protestant thoroughfare.

Belfast Journal Icy Relations in Ulster Melt at the Hockey Games

The Giants settled on their name because Northern Ireland's greatest natural attraction is the ancient collection of huge rocks off the North Antrim coast known as Giant's Causeway. Myth holds that it enabled the giant Finn MacCool to cross the sea to visit his girlfriend in Scotland, and a cartoon version of Finn is the team mascot.

Asked why people who have seen so much violence in their public life would want to watch a game that often features fighting, the managing director, Bob Zeller, said: "I think they like it because the violence is restricted to the ice. And there is instant punishment, meaning there is almost a kind of morality to this."

The penalty box, "sin bin," is sponsored by the police, and a patrol car siren accompanies a player to his two-minute sentence there.

The games attract families, and audiences are nearly 50 percent women, as opposed to an average of fewer than 10 percent at soccer, rugby and Gaelic football matches.

The Odyssey is a refuge from outside realities for people like Tina Hackett, 38, and her son Declan, 10. He cannot pursue his dream of skating himself, she said. The only rink close to her North Belfast home is in a Protestant suburb -- a no-go area for Catholics.

Mr. Zeller, 59, a Canadian former journalist, and Albert Maasland, a London-based Canadian banker, built the team, with 16 Canadian players and one American. It continues a recent pattern of foreigners having success building bridges between Northern Ireland's two distrustful communities.

The 1998 peace agreement was brokered by George J. Mitchell, a former United States senator. The panel charged with bringing about the disarmament of guerrillas was headed by Gen. John de Chastelain of Canada. The monitors for Irish Republican Army weapons dumps were Cyril Ramaphosa, a South African, and Maarti Ahtisaari, a Finn.

That said, it was not easy persuading the North American players to come to a city with an international reputation for violent neighborhood rivalries and street bombings. "One guy we talked to on the West Coast told us that at the moment we called, he was watching CNN, and it was showing a picture of a burning car on the streets of Belfast," Mr. Zeller said.

Mr. Zeller's English wife, Lynne, tried to make the players feel comfortable by arranging for diaper service and finding houses with the look of North American suburban homes. To make sure the shower stalls were big enough to accommodate the hulking athletes, she made Dave Whistle, the 6-foot-2-inch tall head coach, stand in each one before she signed the leases.

With the mainstream paramilitary groups in their fifth year of cease-fire and the three-decade organized sectarian violence halted, Belfast has become a city where people move around downtown freely and frequent restaurants and bars without fear. The players found the adjustment easier than they anticipated.

The Giants are also providing a winning team to a city accustomed to being thought of as a loser. In only their second season, they are far ahead in the standings and a lock to win the championship of the seven-team league.

Success in Northern Ireland usually brings threats and intimidation from gangs trying to horn in on the operation, but there has not been a single such instance in connection with the Giants.

"We have such a positive image that it would be detrimental to any group to take us on," Mr. Zeller said. "It would be a bit like blowing up your neighborhood kindergarten."

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Belfast Journal Icy Relations in Ulster Melt at the Hockey Games

Photos: Fans of the Giants ice hockey team celebrating victory unbothered by sectarian rivalries. They shun questions about schools and street addresses in segregated Belfast. "In the land of the Giants everyone is equal," say the game programs. Tina Hackett and her son Declan are ardent fans. (Photographs by Martin McCullough for The New York Times)

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UK to lead Afghan peacekeepers

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British Defense Secretary Geoff Hoon announced Wednesday Britain will lead a multinational peace force in Afghanistan over Christmas to help stabilize the country under its interim government. "A deployment of this kind -- involving troops, equipment, and logistical support from several nations -- is undoubtedly a complex undertaking," Hoon told Parliament. "We have no illusions about Afghanistan -- deploying forces there inevitably involves an element of risk. It is a challenging, difficult, and sometimes dangerous environment." He said Britain would send 1,500 of its troops, including the Royal Marines and paratroopers -- the bulk of a 4,000-strong force drawn from more than a dozen countries.

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13 killed in al Qaida prisoner revolt At least 13 people were confirmed killed and some 36 al Qaida members escaped in a clash between Pakistani security forces and members of Osama bin Laden's organization Wednesday, officials said. The clash occurred at Arawal when Pakistani security forces were shifting 194 Arab and Chechen fighters to Peshawar in four trucks, officials from the North West Frontier Province's Kurram agency said. The province borders Afghanistan. Al Qaida men on one truck tried to overpower security personnel escorting them and took their weapons. They also attempted to take control of a truck. In the struggle, the driver was killed.

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Yemen issues al Qaida deadline Tribes in eastern Yemen were given 24 hours to hand over to security forces three suspected members of Osama bin Laden's al Qaida network, according to well-informed sources Wednesday. The sources said the order to Obeida tribes in Maareb district -- about 75 miles east of Sanaa -- was issued by Yemeni special forces, which is headed by President Ali Abdallah Saleh's son Ahmed. Four tribesmen and 13 army soldiers were killed Tuesday and 18 others wounded during clashes in Maareb where three of bin Laden's followers have been hiding under the protection of the tribes.

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U.S. wounds 2 intercepting Iranian tanker U.S. forces wounded two people when they forcefully intercepted an Iranian-registered tanker Wednesday, according to regional news reports. Iran's Oil Ministry announced that the tanker flying a Belize flag was headed for a refinery in Khuzestan province; the country's Foreign Ministry in protest summoned the Swiss ambassador who represents the United States.

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UK to lead Afghan peacekeepers

Sinn Fein vote divides UK parliament A government-led move to let Irish republican parliamentarians move into the House of Commons despite their avowed aversion to Britain and the monarchy Wednesday divided the British parliament. Four members of the republican Sinn Fein, political wing of the **Irish Republican Army**, won seats in the Westminster parliament in the June election but could not attend because of a 1997 ban on republicans who refused to take an oath of allegiance to the United Kingdom and the monarch, Queen Elizabeth II.

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Mom convicted of killing children A jury of six men and six **women** Wednesday convicted a former surgical nurse of first degree murder in the drugging and smothering deaths of her three children, rejecting a defense argument Marilyn Lemak was insane at the time. The verdict came after nine hours of deliberations, following three weeks of testimony and four hours of closing arguments before Judge George Bakalis. Deliberations began Tuesday afternoon in DuPage County Court in suburban Wheaton, Ill. Prosecutors described Lemak, 44, as vengeful, out to "inflict the most pain possible" on her estranged doctor husband, David, because he had become involved with another woman. Defense attorneys argued Lemak was clinically depressed and thought she was sending her children to a better place.

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Tyson, officers charged in alien smuggling A federal grand jury in Chattanooga, Tenn., returned a 36-count indictment against executives and managers of Tyson Foods Inc., for conspiracy to smuggle illegal aliens to its U.S. facilities for profit, the Justice Department said Wednesday. The company immediately disputed the allegations. Tyson is the world's largest producer, processor, and marketer of poultry-based food products in the United States. The indictment, unsealed Wednesday, is the result of a 2 1/2-year undercover investigation conducted by the Immigration and Naturalization Service into the business practices of Tyson Foods, Justice said.

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Chrysler halting Prowler production Chrysler is ending production of its retro roadster, the Prowler, after a five-year production run, DaimlerChrysler AG said Wednesday. The hand-assembled \$45,000 two-seater was introduced by the Plymouth division in 1997 after wowing auto enthusiasts as a concept car in 1993. It continued as a Chrysler, selling some 11,000 vehicles. The last Prowler rolls off the production line in February. "We anticipated a five-year run for the Prowler when we started production in 1997," Tom Marinell, vice president Chrysler/Jeep Global Brand Center, said. "Like Dodge Viper and Chrysler PT Cruiser, Prowler showcases the innovation, technology and creativity within this company."

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Holiday-themed virus deletes Windows An e-mail virus bearing Christmas and New Year tidings will cripple Windows-based PCs if opened, computer security companies warned Wednesday. The virus, variously called Reeezak.A, Zacker.C or Maldal.C, appeared in the United Kingdom early Wednesday morning, according to both Islandia, N.Y.-based Computer Associates and Santa Clara, Calif.-based Network Associates. Infected messages carry a subject line of "Happy New Year!" and have a "Christmas.exe" attachment, which displays the icon of a Flash multimedia file. The malicious payload includes some Christmas-themed animation to distract a user from the file's serious contents, said Vincent Gullotto, director of Network Associates' AVERT antivirus center.

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Stocks mixed, Dow up, Nasdaq down After losing ground early in the session the Santa Claus rally continued on the New York Stock Exchange Wednesday but the Nasdaq Stock Market closed lower. The blue-chip Dow Jones industrial average rose 72.10 points, 0.72 percent, to 10,070.49 with a moderately active 1.4 billion shares changing hands. The technology-rich Nasdaq composite index was down 21.87 points, or 1.09 percent, to 1,982.89.

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Giants stadium bans bottles In the wake of violent fan reaction at two recent NFL games, officials of Giants Stadium have banned bottled drinks for the rest of the football season. In both of the incidents, one in Cleveland Sunday and the other in New Orleans Monday night, fans threw bottled beverages at people on the field after referees made disputed calls. At Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J., beer, soft drinks and water have been sold in plastic bottles with the caps removed and fans have been allowed to carry in their own drinks as long as they remove the caps. Fans now will no longer be allowed to bring in bottled drinks and drinks will be sold only in open plastic cups.

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Rick Bennewitz, an Emmy-winning director who worked on NBC's "Sunset Beach," died January 9 of a heart attack. He was 62.

Bennewitz had been a director for "Sunset Beach" since its premiere in 1997.

He won his first Emmy for "The Andersonville Trial," a production of PBS' Hollywood Television Theatre.

His credits also included "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" with Jessica Lange and Tommy Lee Jones for American Playhouse, and a production of "Pippin" for Showtime, co-directed with Bob Fosse.

Bennewitz also worked on many network daytime dramas such as "The Young and the Restless," "Santa Barbara" and "General Hospital."

His work on "Sunset Beach" earned him two more Emmys.

Joanne Gordon

TULSA, Okla. (AP) - Joanne Gordon, whose humor columns about motherhood and life's daily irritations appeared in the Tulsa World for 37 years, died Wednesday. She was 76.

In 1943 she went to work as a reporter for International News Service in Detroit. She came to the World in 1952 and wrote her column from 1955 to 1992.

Her late husband, Troy Gordon, also wrote a humor column for the World from 1956 until his death in 1981.

Survivors include three daughters, a son and several grandchildren.

Jerzy Grotowski

WARSAW, Poland (AP) - Jerzy Grotowski, an avant-garde Polish director who was one of the most influential theatrical innovators of his time, died Thursday from leukemia and a heart condition. He was 65.

Rick Bennewitz

Grotowski studied acting and directing at the State Theater School in Krakow and in Moscow. He made his directorial debut in 1959 at the Old Theater in Krakow with "Chairs," by Eugene Ionesco.

He found world recognition with his Laboratory Theater, which he founded in the provincial town of Opole, 210 miles southwest of Warsaw. Grotowski left Poland in 1982 for the United States, and the company closed in 1984.

Three years after leaving Poland, he moved to Italy and opened a theater center in Pontedera.

Lord Lowry

LONDON (AP) - Lord Lowry, once Northern Ireland's senior judge who in the early 1980s survived an assassination attempt by the **Irish Republican Army**, died Friday. He was 79.

He was appointed a judge in 1964 and served as lord chief justice - Northern Ireland's senior position overseeing the highest court of appeal - from 1971 to 1988.

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NEW:

NORTHERN IRELAND. Outspoken ex-IRA member found dead.

INDONESIA-EAST TIMOR. Indonesia might discuss independence for East Timor.

NETHERLANDS-JET CRASH PROBE. Commission begins probe of '92 plane crash

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

ARMENIA, Colombia Teams from as far away as Japan, Britain and the United States aid the task Wednesday of finding survivors and pulling bodies from the rubble of one of Colombia's worst natural disasters. COLOMBIA-EARTHQUAKE. Lead expected by 2100 GMT. By Frank Bajak. AP Photos PER101-110, GEV102; AP Graphic COLOMBIA QUAKE.

ALSO:

COLOMBIA-QUAKE-LOOTING. Shops close and owners stand guard against looters. Expected by 2200 GMT.

COLOMBIA-QUAKE-COFFEE. Quake not likely to damage coffee crop. Has moved.

WASHINGTON Poised to call Monica Lewinsky and two others as witnesses, Senate Republicans discuss Wednesday a timetable that could end President Bill Clinton's impeachment trial within 10 days. US-CLINTON-IMPEACHMENT. Lead has moved; developments will be expedited. By Larry Margasak. AP Photos.

DRAGOBILJE, Yugoslavia American and European envoys on Wednesday try to convince Kosovo's rival ethnic Albanian factions to unite in pressing their demands against the Serbs. YUGOSLAVIA-KOSOVO. Lead has moved to some points, expected to others by 2000 GMT. By Robert H. Reid. AP Photos PRI102-110, BEL102.

ALSO MOVED:

US-KOSOVO. Albright pushes plan to give Albanians maximum self-rule. AP Photo ACAP 106.

NATO-KOSOVO. NATO thrashing out details of a threat to Milosevic. AP Photos BRU105-107.

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ST. LOUIS Pope John Paul II takes his campaign against capital punishment to the U.S. heartland Wednesday, urging 100,000 worshippers on the final day of his journey to the Americas to spare even those who commit heinous crimes. POPE. Lead expected by 2300 GMT. By Victor L. Simpson. AP Photos STW101-108, STRC102-104, XST101,51,153.

WITH:

POPE-SCENE. It was a Mass for the masses. Expected by 2300 GMT.

UNITED NATIONS Too badly divided to agree on a future policy toward Iraq, the U.N. Security Council on Wednesday focuses instead on a more modest step assessing the status of Iraq's disarmament and the humanitarian situation in the country. UN-IRAQ. Expected by 2100 GMT. By Edith M. Lederer. AP Photos XUN101-104.

ALSO MOVED:

US-MIDEAST. Albright discusses Iraqi "regime changes" with Arab leaders. AP Photos CAI101-103.

IRAQ. Iraqi parliament urges Arabs to topple Saudi, Kuwaiti rulers.

IRAQ-TROOPS. Iraq reportedly masses troops in south to head off uprising.

AMMAN, Jordan Hundreds of Jordanians jam Amman's Raghadan palace to express loyalty to their new crown prince on Wednesday, amid mounting concern over the deteriorating health of King Hussein. JORDAN-KING. Lead has moved. By Jamal Halaby. AP Photos JOR101-106.

ALSO MOVED:

US-JORDAN. Albright to visit Jordan.

IRAQ-JORDAN. Iraqi paper questions loyalty of Jordan crown prince.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland The author of a hard-hitting expose of life inside the *Irish Republican Army* was found dead by a roadside Wednesday, the likely victim of former comrades unwilling to forgive or forget. NORTHERN IRELAND. Lead expected by 2000. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photos XBFT101-104.

JAKARTA, Indonesia For the first time since it annexed East Timor as its 27th province in 1976, the Indonesian government Wednesday raises the possibility of granting independence to the troubled territory. INDONESIA-EAST TIMOR. Lead has moved. By Haris Syamaun.

ALSO MOVED:

PORTUGAL-INDONESIA-EAST TIMOR. East Timorese exiles skeptical about hints at independence.

THE HAGUE, Netherlands Haunted by conflicting accounts about the cargo an Israeli jet was carrying when it crashed in 1992, the government opens an inquiry Wednesday into the worst Dutch air disaster. NETHERLANDS-JET CRASH PROBE. Lead has moved to some points; expected to others by 2100. By Mike Corder. AP Photo AMS101.

TORONTO From Maine to the state of Washington, Canadian men are crossing the world's longest undefended border by the thousands with a common item atop their shopping lists. Viagra. CANADA-VIAGRA VOID. Expected by 2100 GMT. By David Crary.

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands Hoping to stop the use of underage girls and desperate immigrant women as prostitutes, Dutch lawmakers Wednesday begin debating a controversial plan to overturn a 1912 ban on brothels. NETHERLANDS-BROTHEL BAN. Has moved to some points; expected to others by 2000 GMT. By William J. Kole. AP Photo AMS102.

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WASHINGTON President Bill Clinton is scheduled to meet late Wednesday with Venezuela's controversial president-elect, former military coup leader Hugo Chavez. US-VENEZUELA. Lead has moved. Time of meeting uncertain. By George Gedda.

NAIROBI, Kenya Kenya's Charles Mukora, one of six IOC members facing expulsion over the Salt Lake City bribery scandal, decides on Wednesday to quit rather than fight. SPORTS-OLYMPICS-IOC-BRIBES-MUKORA. Lead has moved with "s" category code. By George Mwangi. AP Photos NAI101,102.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Thursday, government and business leaders hold an annual meeting on the world economy in Davos, Switzerland.

FEATURES:

PARIS French officials refuse to take simple precautions after the Chernobyl nuclear explosion, leading to abnormally high rates of thyroid cancer, a new book claims. FEA-FRANCE-NUCLEAR FALLOUT. Has moved. By Marilyn August.

Moved:

FEA-PAKISTAN-VIOLENCE-POLICE. Crime down in Karachi, but people complain of police abuse. AP Photo ISL101.

FEA-FRANCE-BRANCHING OUT. American universities expanding overseas study programs. AP Photo NY313. AP Graphic STUDENTS ABROAD 011899.

WITH: FEA-BRANCHING-GLANCE.

FEA-PHILIPPINES-COUNTERFEIT STREET. Philippine document counterfeiters thrive in economic hard times. AP Photo NY314.

FEA-ISRAEL-AFRICAN ROOTS. Seeking solace, young Ethiopian Jews look to U.S. black culture. AP Photo NY315.

WITH: FEA-ROOTS-GLANCE.

FEA-FRANCE-ASTERIX AND OBELIX. Operation Asterix: France prepares for comic book invasion. AP Photo PAR108.

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His credits also included "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" with Jessica Lange and Tommy Lee Jones for American Playhouse, and a production of "Pippin" for Showtime, co-directed with Bob Fosse.

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TULSA, Okla. (AP)

Joanne Gordon, whose humor columns about motherhood and life's daily irritations appeared in the Tulsa World for 37 years, died Wednesday. She was 76.

In 1943 she went to work as a reporter for International News Service in Detroit. She came to the World in 1952 and wrote her column from 1955 to 1992.

Her late husband, Troy Gordon, also wrote a humor column for the World from 1956 until his death in 1981.

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WARSAW, Poland (AP)

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Grotowski studied acting and directing at the State Theater School in Krakow and in Moscow. He made his directorial debut in 1959 at the Old Theater in Krakow with "Chairs," by Eugene Ionesco.

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EUROPE

NORTHERN IRELAND: I.R.A. 'FRUSTRATED' BY DELAYS -- The ***Irish Republican Army*** said it was committed to the Northern Ireland peace settlement but felt "growing frustration" over delays in putting it into place. In a New Year's message to a nationalist newspaper, An Phoblacht, the I.R.A. complained that the opportunity offered by its 18-month-old truce was "yet to be securely grasped" and dismissed demands that it disarm as "raising old preconditions." Warren Hoge (NYT)

GERMANY: PLAN TO PAY SLAVE LABORERS -- Chancellor Gerhard Schroder's chief of staff, Bodo Hombach, will visit the United States and Israel this month to discuss compensating the Nazis' slave laborers, a spokeswoman said. Before taking office in October, Mr. Schroder's Government decided to establish a fund to settle wage claims and suits. (AP)

ESTONIA: 300 OFFICERS OUSTED ON ETHNICITY -- Three hundred police officers, mostly ethnic Russians, have been discharged because they cannot speak Estonian and are not citizens, the Baltic News Service reported. The dismissals underline continuing tensions over ethnic Russians since Estonia became independent. (AP)

TURKEY: ECEVIT IS CALLED AGAIN -- In what may be the last phase of a six-week crisis President Suleyman Demirel gave Bulent Ecevit, left, the task of forming a new Government. Mr. Ecevit, who was Prime Minister for three terms in the 1970's, failed to form a Government last month. But a change of heart by a power broker, Tansu Ciller, appeared to give him needed support. Stephen Kinzer (NYT)

SERBIA: PROTEST OUTSIDE KOSOVO CAPITAL -- Hundreds of armed Serbian civilians blocked roads out of Pristina, the capital of Kosovo, to protest the killing of a Serb on Wednesday, which was Christmas Eve in the Eastern Orthodox calendar. The protests further strained the fragile truce reached in October and restored by international monitors last week. (Reuters)

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THE AMERICAS

CHILE: ROLE SOUGHT IN PINOCHET HEARING -- Chile has asked to participate in a hearing by the British House of Lords on Gen. Augusto Pinochet, the former dictator. Officials at the House of Lords, which acts as the highest court in the land, said the Chilean Government's lawyers had asked to make its case before the Law Lords this month. (Reuters)

ARGENTINA: AMNESTIES RULED OUT -- President Carlos Saul Menem ruled out amnesties and pardons for former military officers implicated in the theft of babies in the dictatorship from 1976 to 1983. Seven officers are in custody for their suspected roles in stealing babies of political prisoners. (Agence France-Presse)

MIDDLE EAST

SYRIA: ASSAD RENOMINATED -- Syria's governing Baath Party has unanimously nominated President Hafez al-Assad for a fifth term. The Parliament Speaker, Abdul Qader Qaddoura, said that he would likely set Feb. 8 as the date for the public referendum on the presidency. Mr. Assad, 68, has become one of the Arab world's strongest and most enduring leaders since he took power in 1970. (AP)

ASIA

JAPAN: ACCORD ON USING ARMED FORCES -- Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi moved nearer to forming a coalition when officials from his Liberal Democratic Party and the Liberal Party agreed in principle to lift a ban on Japan's participation in peacekeeping missions. (Reuters)

SOUTH KOREA: P.O.W.'S KIN FLEE TO SOUTH -- Six North Koreans, including three family members of a South Korean prisoner of war, arrived in Seoul after escaping from their homeland. The group -- Kim Soon Hee, 62; a son, 23, and a daughter, 32, and three other unrelated North Koreans flew from a "third country," believed to be China, where they had lived in hiding since escaping their homeland. Ms. Kim's husband, a South Korean soldier captured in the Korean War, was forced to work in a North Korean coal mine until he died in 1997. (AP)

CHINA: SEX IMBALANCE GROWS -- The sex imbalance in China's huge population is growing worse. Research from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences finds that the ratio of men to women was 120 to 100. A longstanding bias in favor of sons over daughters has taken a harsh toll when combined with Beijing's one-child policy. (Agence France-Presse)

MALAYSIA: POLICE CHIEF QUILTS -- Malaysia's top police official resigned, saying he was taking full responsibility for the beating of a former Deputy Prime Minister in police custody. The official, Inspector General of Police Abdul Rahim Noor, said he bore responsibility for the Sept. 20 beating of the former Deputy Prime Minister, Anwar Ibrahim, on the night of his arrest. Opposition leaders said he should have quit months ago. (AP)

AFRICA

SOUTH AFRICA: \$6.6 BILLION PACT SIGNED -- Prime Minister Tony Blair of Britain signed an agreement on a visit to South Africa that could mean \$6.6 billion in British investment when the Government buys military equipment. Although Mr. Blair received a warm official reception, Afrikaner protesters in Pretoria demanded an

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apology for the women and children who died in British concentration camps in the Boer War. In Cape Town, Muslims protested Britain's role in the bombing of Iraq. Suzanne Daley (NYT)

SOUTH AFRICA: 10% DECLINE IN ROAD DEATHS -- A campaign against speeding and drunken driving cut road deaths 10 percent this year, the country, the Minister of Transport, Mac Maharaj, said. South Africa has one of the world's highest per capita fatality rates, which peaks over the Christmas holidays. During this season 718 died, compared with 806 last year. Donald G. McNeil Jr. (NYT)

ZIMBABWE: APPEAL TO I.M.F. FOR \$53 MILLION LOAN -- Zimbabwe has asked the International Monetary Fund to release a \$53 million loan and part of a \$175 million credit line that the fund suspended. In talks in Harare, Zimbabwe contended that Congo and Angola were paying the \$1 million-a-day cost of its 6,000 soldiers who are fighting in Congo. But the I.M.F. was reported to remain unhappy about President Robert Mugabe's plan to seize 841 farms, most owned by whites, without payments. Donald G. McNeil Jr. (NYT)

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Guerrilla groups dormant for almost two decades are suddenly grabbing international headlines as the conflict in the Palestinian territories continues gradually, but steadily, to climb that dangerous slope to the point of no return.

Many observers and analysts who monitor the Levant are finding increasing reasons for concern amid indications that the area is quickly heading for a major conflict.

Much like Arab bedouin women who try to read the future in coffee cups, modern analysts have to scrutinize and decipher a number of recent events that have occurred in this troubled part of the world.

First, Yasser Arafat, leader of the Palestinian Authority announced plans to visit Damascus during the first half of September. Except for a brief visit to attend Hafez Assad's funeral in 2000, Arafat had not set foot in the Syrian capital in years, and remained at great odds with the former president, father of the current Syrian leader, Bashar Assad.

In a statement released ahead of this visit to Damascus, President Bashar Assad said the 1993 Oslo peace accords between Israel and the Palestinians no longer exists and that "war with Israel was always likely."

This statement comes on the heels of an attack last Saturday by Palestinian gunmen belonging to the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, run by Nafef Hawatmeh. The DFLP is based in Damascus. Since their expulsion from Beirut following Israel's invasion and siege of the Lebanese capital in 1982, the DFLP (and others - but more on that later) were quasi-dormant.

The DFLP fighters sneaked into a fortified Israeli military outpost in the southern Gaza strip killing three soldiers before being shot, and in turn killed.

Syria in fact houses several Palestinian groups, some of which are on the U.S. State Department's list of terrorist organizations. It should be noted that Palestinian groups based in Syria will not usually undertake military operations without direct Syrian government consent.

In an interview with the London-based Ash-Sharq al-Awsat newspaper that was published Monday, Assad, whose country never recognized the accord set up the Palestinian Authority in exchange for peace, said he was looking forward to Arafat's visit scheduled for mid-September.

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Assad said he "welcomed" Arafat's planned visit to Damascus at any time, and added that he wants to prepare in advance for the visit's success. Reading into the Middle East's coffee cup, one would find that a Syrian-Palestinian rapprochement is not necessarily a good omen for Israel.

Second, another name from the past suddenly popped back into the headlines with Israeli helicopter gunships firing two missiles Monday and killing Abu Ali Mustafa, the top ranking leaders of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. Mustafa was seen as the de-facto replacement of the aging and ailing leader of the PFLP, Dr. George Habbash. Israel accused Mustafa of planning a bombing campaign against Israel. Habbash is also based in Damascus.

Habbash and his guerrilla fighters played a major role in bringing the plight of the Palestinian refugees to the attention of the West in the late 1960s and early 1970s with a number of spectacular attacks -- not only in Israel -- but in the West as well.

Habbash's group is one of the oldest Palestinian factions engaged in fighting a guerrilla war with Israel. Influenced by Egypt's nationalist leader Gamal Abdel Nasser, Habbash founded the Arab Nationalist Movement in 1952. It was after the Arab defeat by Israel in June 1967 that the name was changed to the PFLP. The group adopted a Marxist-Leninist line, much like Hawatmeh's DFLP which was at one time affiliated with the PLFP. Both organizations found a sympathetic ear, political support, and sufficient supplies of arms in the Soviet Union.

During the bloody Black September clashes that pitted Jordan's King Hussein bedouin army and the Palestinian militias in 1970, Habbash's men made front-page news when they hijacked three Western commercial airliners within days, forcing them to land in Dawson's Field, an abandoned military airfield in the Jordanian desert.

A fourth hijacking involving the Palestinian passionaria Leila Khaled was thwarted and she was handed over to British authorities at London's Heathrow Airport. Her fellow hijacker, a Nicaraguan named Patrick Arguello was shot and killed by Israeli guards. Khaled was eventually exchanged for hostages.

Habbash captured the interest of many Western intelligence services because of strategic alliances he initiated between his Palestinian guerrilla force and other Left-wing revolutionary outfits operating in Europe, Japan and Latin America. Habbash established close links, exchanges, cross-training programs, and safe houses between his PFLP and radical groups such as Germany's Baader-Meinhof gang, the Japanese Red Army Faction, Corsican separatists, the Italian Red Brigades, the ***Irish Republican Army***, Basques autonomists, and others.

The Popular Front would train many of those revolutionary fighters in exchange for safe houses and assistance in Europe. It was Japanese Red Army terrorists associated with the PFLP that carried out one of the deadliest attacks in Israel. Using machine guns and hand grenades the group carried out an attack on Tel Aviv's Lod Airport (now called Ben Gurion) on May 30, 1972, that killed 25 and wounded 80.

The PFLP was always seen as one of the most radical Palestinian groups. Along with two other groups, the Arab Liberation Front and the PFLP-General Command, they united to form the "Rejection Front," refusing all peaceful solutions to the Middle East conflict.

However, since his return to the Palestinian territories in 1989, Mustafa was seen as preaching a more peaceful approach. The PFLP denied Israeli allegations that Abu Ali Mustafa was involved in a bombing campaign.

Since the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and their forced re-basing in the Syrian capital, the PFLP has remained out of the limelight, though they stayed active on the political and social front, especially in the refugee camps.

Following the killing of Mustafa in the West Bank town of Rammalah Monday, the PFLP released a statement from Damascus saying, "his assassination is a crime and Israeli will pay a heavy price."

Assad added: "The possibility of war with Israel always exists. We believe that military force could result in winning a battle or a series of limited battles. In the short term, Israel might win but it will be the biggest loser in the long term."

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With the situation deteriorating daily and the numbers of casualties rising, one can only keep watching those coffee cups trying to predict the future which at the moment does not look good.

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The word "terrorism" was first used in 1795, a grim spawn of the heady period that brought the American War of Independence and the French Revolution with its Rights of Man. The word was born with the Terror, the use of the guillotine by the French revolutionaries to consolidate their regime by killing their enemies and intimidating potential opposition.

Until well into the 20th century, terror usually meant state terror, using the tactics of the CHEKA secret police founded by Vladimir Lenin in 1918 to ensure the Bolshevik grip on power, or of Nazi Germany's Gestapo. And it was the Nazi occupiers of Europe during World War II who characterized the work of the French and Czech and Polish Resistance movements, as backed by Britain's Special Operations Executive, as 'terrorism.'

For the Resistance movements, and for their British backers in SOE who had been ordered by Prime Minister Winston Churchill to "set Europe ablaze," they were freedom fighters. Their clandestine work of sabotage and ambush, destroying bridges and railroads, assassinating German officials and their local collaborators, was a wholly justifiable tactic of a war of national liberation.

That was precisely the justification used after the war by a series of anti-colonial movements. Some, like the Viet Minh against French rule in Vietnam, had been supplied by British and American forces to fight the Japanese. They then shifted their targets to attack the returning French with the classic weapons of terrorism, with raids on remote plantations to kill French overseers, random shootings and bombs in crowded cafes, all designed to destroy the morale of the French civilians.

Similar tactics were used against the British in Palestine by Israeli "terrorists" (or freedom fighters) like the future Prime Ministers Menachem Begin and Yitzhak Shamir. The Irgun and Stern Gang blew up civilians in hotels, assassinated British troops, ambushed British patrols - all in the name of the national liberation of Israel.

Learning from these examples, the National Liberation Front of Algeria fought French rule with a deliberate campaign of terrorism, using Arab women dressed as fashionable young Frenchwomen to place bombs in cafes and dancehalls and cinemas. The French fought back ferociously, and in the battle of Algiers General Massu's elite Paratroop Battalion broke the FLN networks in the casbah, or Arab quarter, by ruthless interrogations and the widespread use of torture.

The Battle of Algiers was a military victory, but a political defeat, horrifying public opinion in France and elsewhere, toppling French governments and eroding the French national will to maintain the struggle against the FLN. France

Commentary: The history of terrorism

suffered a political collapse that returned the wartime hero Gen. Charles De Gaulle to power in 1958, to launch negotiations that led to Algerian independence in 1962.

These were the lessons that inspired modern terrorism, a phenomenon which emerged from the twin roots of the Arab-Israeli Six-Day War of 1967, and the worldwide student movements of 1968. The devastating Arab defeat and the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip inspired the Palestine Liberation Organization - from the inability to fight an orthodox struggle -- to adopt terrorist tactics, and impose their demands on a global audience by hijacking airliners.

Young militants in Europe, Japan and the United States turned to similar tactics for different reasons. In Northern Ireland, a Protestant backlash against the campaigns of the Roman Catholic civil rights movement revived the moribund **Irish Republican Army**. Ham-fisted attempts by the British Army to detain militants without trial triggered a 30-year terrorist campaign.

In the United States, the Weathermen broke off from the less extreme anti-war movement to plant bombs in the Pentagon and elsewhere. West Germany's Red Army Faction and Japan's Red Army and Italy's Red Brigades made common cause with the PLO, used their training camps and cooperated on operations, while also conducting their own operations against "the fascist capitalism" of their homelands.

Through police and intelligence, most of these post-1968 terrorist groups have been defeated or marginalized. The two which survived, the PLO and the IRA, were sustained by a degree of popular legitimacy that stemmed from their origins as national liberation movements. And the two campaigns waged against them illustrate the two extremes of counter-terrorist strategy.

The British, despite ruthless bombings of civilians in London and elsewhere and repeated assassination attempts on British prime ministers, strove to maintain their civil liberties and the rule of law. Police and troops who had gone too far, or killed without cause, were put on trial. Miscarriages of justice were sometimes corrected, and outrages like the Bloody Sunday shootings by paratroops in Londonderry in 1972 became belatedly the subject of public inquiries. By these means, and by working closely with the U.S. and Irish government in Dublin, the British were able to develop a peace process that brought much of the IRA back into the democratic and political arena.

The Israelis, by contrast, have taken few prisoners, assassinated PLO leaders, used bombs and missiles and helicopter gunships despite the likelihood of civilian casualties and left desperately little space for any return to the negotiating table. The Israelis, it must be stressed, believe they are fighting for their very existence, which the British were not.

But the British and Israeli strategies represent the parameters of the counter-terror policies which the United States must now consider. But it may not make sense to follow the British technique, when there seems to little prospect of political negotiation with the suicidal nihilists who destroyed the World Trade Center and attacked the Pentagon. And the ruthless Israeli tactics would fit most uneasily into the U.S. political tradition and its rule of law.

The Bush administration, however, may have little choice. It may not be dealing with a "rational" terrorist, with a clearly defined and negotiable aim like a united Ireland or a Palestinian state or an independent Algeria. There is a new cleavage between the terrorists, like Arafat or Begin before him, who sought their bomb their way to the peace table, or at least to a negotiated political solution, and the new implacables like the suicide bombers of New York and Washington who simply want to blow up the peace table along with everything else.

It is not possible to negotiate with a suicide bomber who never said what his goal was.

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The ***Irish Republican Army*** announced Tuesday it had withdrawn its agreement on a method for disarming, rebuffing Britain's efforts to create more negotiating time to preserve Northern Ireland's power-sharing government, the AP reported today.

The following individuals can provide reporters and editors with commentary and background information on this subject. They are leading experts with varying perspectives compiled from ProfNet's Experts Database. You'll find complete entries at www.profnet.com/ped. [NOTE: Not having contacted these individuals, we know neither their perspective on recent developments nor their immediate availability.]

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Gary R. Perlstein, co-author of "Perspectives on Terrorism" (1991), which made important breakthroughs in coverage on terrorism, including chapters on **women's** involvement, narcoterrorism, and United States policies on terrorism. Concluded that the U.S. has no national policy on terrorism; suggested criteria that such a policy must meet to provide adequate defensive strategy against terrorist acts. Published articles on/related to terrorism, including "The Mercenary as Social Bandit" (International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology, 1988) and "Defining Terrorism" (Jane's Defence Weekly, 1989). Currently researching domestic terrorism in the U.S., especially the Militia movement and radical anti-abortion groups. Other expertise: crime control strategies, prison alternatives (intermediate sanctions including Boot Camps), and the debate between victims' and offenders' rights.

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Jerrold Post has devoted his entire career to field of political psychology. He came to GW after 21 years with the U.S. Government where he founded and directed the Center for the Analysis of Personality and Political Behavior, which provided political psychology assessments of foreign leaders for the President and other senior officials to prepare for summit meetings and other high level negotiations and for use in crisis situations. He took the lead in developing the "Camp David profiles" of Menachem Begin and Anwar Sadat for President Carter, and initiated the U.S. government program in analyzing the psychology of terrorism and political violence. He was a founding member of the International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP). He is a member of the editorial boards of

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"Political Psychology," "Politics and the Life Sciences" and of "Terrorism," and was appointed to the International Task Force for the Prevention of Nuclear Terrorism. He has conducted research on leadership and crisis decisionmaking and the psychology of terrorism.

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Anthony J. Corrado, an associate professor of government, is a leading national expert on campaign financing, presidential campaigns, presidential debates and national politics. He also is a leading authority on campaigning in cyberspace - on candidates' use of the Internet and World Wide Web. Corrado is the author or coauthor of four books on campaign finance: "Campaign Finance Reform: A Sourcebook" (1998), "Financing the 1992 Election" (1995), "Paying for Presidents: Public Financing in National Elections" (1993) and "Creative Campaigning: PACs and the Presidential Selection Process" (1992). In 1996, he served as Executive Director of the Twentieth Century Fund Task Force on Presidential Debates and wrote the book "Let America Decide" (1996) that reported the task force's findings. He is a member of the American Bar Association's Advisory Commission on Election Law and was a member of the Brookings Institution Working Group on Campaign Finance Reform and the Citizens' Research Foundation Task Force on Election Reform. A senior consultant for a variety of presidential campaigns, Corrado is one of the Democratic Party's leading experts on presidential candidate selection and campaign finance. He is a frequent commentator for national print and electronic media. Corrado has a B.A. and M.A. from The Catholic University and a Ph.D. from Boston College.

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David Magleby is an expert on elections and politics in the United States. His specialty areas are campaign finance reform, voter partisanship, crossover voting, and initiatives and referendums. He tracks political activity across the country. Magleby is also researching soft money and issue advertising. He is author or co-author of several books including: Myth of the Independent Voter on voter loyalty and partisanship and the impact of those who call themselves "independent;" The Money Chase on campaign finance problems and the potential for reform; and Direct Legislation: Voting on Ballot Propositions in the United States on initiative and referendum activities. He is also lead author of the textbook, Government by the People, the longest running American government text in use today. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Utah and his master's and doctoral degrees from the University of California-Berkeley. He is active in the American Association of Public Opinion Research, the American Political Science Association, and the International Political Science Association.

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Jim Thurber is an expert on the presidency, U.S. Congress and political campaigns. An aide to the late U.S. Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D-MN), Thurber recently hosted a congressional reform conference. He has authored Remaking Congress: Change and Stability in the 1990s and Rivals for Power: Congressional- Presidential Relations. Thurber founded AU's Campaign Management Institute and the Lobbying Institute, which have been televised by C-SPAN. He has been quoted by numerous national television, radio and print reporters. Thurber can comment about American government and politics; presidency and vice presidency; legislative process; Clinton and Congress; congressional budget process, management, reform and ethics; federal budget process and deficit; interest groups; lobbying reforms and ethics; congressional and presidential campaigns; campaign finance legislation; political party conventions and delegate selection; public opinion; and voting behavior.

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81 arrested in U.S.-Mexico drug bust

U.S. authorities capped an 18-month investigation early Wednesday by rounding up 81 alleged members of a Mexican drug gang suspected of killing 60 people in the United States and Mexico and smuggling millions of dollars worth of cocaine, marijuana and other drugs.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, working with Mexican authorities and other local and federal agencies, charged that the Marquis drug organization, based in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, supplied drugs to at least a dozen U.S. cities, primarily in the Southeast, Midwest and on the East Coast.

In addition to seizing \$12.5 million in cash, authorities said, they confiscated 27,738 pounds of marijuana, more than 19,000 pounds of cocaine, 50 pounds of methamphetamine and smaller amounts of heroin and crack cocaine. The seizures are expected to put a major dent in drug supplies in Atlanta, Charlotte, Cleveland, Dallas, New York, Philadelphia and at least six other U.S. cities.

From News Services

Before Wednesday, law enforcement agencies had arrested 185 suspects in the investigation, dubbed "Operation Marquis." After the arrests, 90 suspects remained at large in 27 U.S. cities, and 14 more were being sought in Mexico.

Joseph Keefe, DEA chief of operations, said the operation has disrupted the Marquis organization, believed to be run by Vicente Carrillo-Fuentes, the brother of Amado Carrillo-Fuentes, a Mexican drug kingpin who died in 1997 after plastic surgery to disguise his appearance.

U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft said the case shows cooperation between U.S. and Mexican drug authorities is bearing fruit.

THE AMERICAS: Clinton facing protests for Rwanda policies

Former President Bill Clinton will face protests next week in Canada for being an "inappropriate" person to speak on behalf of a group trying to raise money for a Holocaust memorial. Rwandan exiles and other groups plan to picket Monday night's speech in Toronto because they say the policies of Clinton's administration worsened the bloodshed in Rwanda seven years ago. Some Jews also are upset about Clinton's appearance on behalf of the Canadian

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Society for Yad Vashem because they believe it will dishonor the massacre of up to 800,000 people in Rwanda in 1994.

MIDDLE EAST: Thousands in Yemen watch 'Ripper' die

A Sudanese morgue assistant, who had come to be known as "the San'a Ripper," was executed in front of 50,000 people near a university in San'a, Yemen, where he raped, killed and mutilated two women. Mohammad Adam Omar was ordered to lie on the ground face down, his hands cuffed behind his back, and was shot several times with an AK-47 assault rifle. Omar had admitted killing dozens of women but later recanted and said he killed two.

New deaths intensify strain on cease-fire

Israeli soldiers killed a Palestinian, and a Jewish settler died in another West Bank shooting. Their deaths further underlined the danger that the weeklong cease-fire could collapse. Another acknowledgment of the U.S.-sponsored truce's fragility came later in the day, when the White House announced it would send Secretary of State Colin Powell to the region next week.

EUROPE: Defection unravels Lithuanian government

Lithuanian Prime Minister Rolandas Paksas resigned after a key member of his year-old coalition government in the ex-Soviet Baltic republic withdrew its support. The move was expected after the center-left New Union, which formed the core of the government with the prime minister's center-right Liberal Union, urged Paksas to resign and said it opposed his plans to cut taxes and quickly privatize big utilities.

IRA won't begin disarmament

The Irish Republican Army said Wednesday it will not begin disarming, stubborn words that come at a critical moment in Northern Ireland's peace process. The precariousness of peace efforts was highlighted hours later, as riot police battled rival Catholic and Protestant mobs early today in northern Belfast. Police called it the worst rioting in the city since 1998. On Wednesday, riot police had moved into the Ardoyne district to intervene in a clash between the two sides.

Envoy's wife puts notoriety to good use

American Shawne Fielding, whose occasional flamboyance has shocked the Swiss government, which her husband represents in Germany, has joined UNICEF as a fund-raiser. The wife of Thomas Borer, Switzerland's ambassador to Germany, caused an uproar last month when photos in a German magazine showed her in a tight miniskirt on the embassy roof.

ASIA: Hong Kong may expel migrant children

A government lawyer has told Hong Kong's top court that about 5,000 migrants from mainland China have no legal right to stay in the affluent capitalist territory and must return home. Attorney Geoffrey Ma urged the Court of Final Appeal not to be emotionally swayed by families that will be split up if the migrants, all children of Hong Kong residents, are deported. The court ruled in January 1999 that anyone with at least one Hong Kong parent could remain. That ruling was soon rejected by Beijing.

Buddhist center under attack in China

Chinese authorities have launched a campaign against one of the most significant centers of Buddhist teaching in China, knocking down housing for monks and nuns and forcing several thousand Buddhist followers to leave the

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center, witnesses said. The center, Sera, is in an isolated valley in western Sichuan province, near the border with Qinghai, high on the Tibetan plateau.

Japan tries to mediate global climate dispute

Japan proposed itself as an arbiter between the United States and the European Union on the topic of global warming and said it will urge Washington to return to the Kyoto Protocol but also seek more "flexibility" from the EU.

COMING UP Officials from the U.N. Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species are meeting in Paris this week to consider steps to save the fish that produces black caviar. A ban is possible on exports of beluga caviar from Russia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan. The millennium's first total eclipse of the sun will arc across the southern part of Africa today. Zambia has become the main magnet for eclipse watchers.

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Protesters decry Israeli occupation

A peace activist struggles with an Israeli soldier Wednesday in the West Bank as Israeli, French and Palestinian protesters, including a Frenchman who became a folk hero for attacking a McDonald's, denounced Jewish settlements and closure of a Palestinian road. / LEFTERIS PITARAKIS / Associated Press

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IRA's allies rise in Ulster support

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As moderate and extreme Ulster Protestants clash over the future of the Northern Ireland peace process, another even more unheralded struggle is transforming the Catholic community -- with dire implications.

Sinn Fein, the political movement of the *Irish Republican Army*, is struggling to wrest political leadership of Northern Ireland's 600,000 Catholics from the more moderate Social and Democratic Labor Party, and it could succeed.

The struggle is a fierce one, far more passionate and violent than any current clashes between Protestant and Catholic political movements.

But if Sinn Fein wins and the hard-line Democratic Unionist Party of the Rev. Ian Paisley similarly succeeds in displacing the Ulster Unionists in on the Protestant side, then Northern Ireland will be more polarized than it has been in 80 years and the prospects for continued peace will be poor indeed.

Even John Hume, the veteran leader of the SDLP, may not be immune to an upset in his northwest Ulster constituency of Foyle, where he is being challenged by Michael McLaughlin of Sinn Fein. At the moment, Hume is still expected to hold that seat. But if he sees his party's longstanding position erode in the Catholic community, he only has himself to blame.

For it was Hume who brought Sinn Fein into the heart of the political process and established a close political alliance with it.

But now that Sinn Fein has achieved political legitimacy, with its own ministers serving alongside SDLP and Protestant Unionist ones on Northern Ireland's Power-Sharing Executive local government, Hume no longer can make the case that only the SDLP can legitimately speak for Northern Ireland's Catholics.

Also, Sinn Fein and its politically shrewd president Gerry Adams have been systematically undermining Hume's longstanding claim to speak on behalf of Northern Ireland's Catholics to successive Irish governments in Dublin.

Sinn Fein support has been growing in the Republic of Ireland and the party increasingly is expected to join the government of Prime Minister Bertie Ahern after the exit elections. That would give Adams far more political clout in the South as well as the North than Hume.

IRA's allies rise in Ulster support

Major gains in the North's elections could help Sinn Fein's political ambitions in the Irish Republic. Therefore Adams and his supporters have an added incentive to seek to displace the SDLP on Thursday. Currently, Sinn Fein and the SDLP each hold three Northern Irish seats in the British parliament.

In this election, the SDLP is expected to hold its existing seats of Newry-and-Armagh, South Down and Foyle. But Sinn Fein is challenging strongly in the current Unionist-held seat of North Belfast.

SDLP could unseat Ulster Unionist leader and Northern Ireland Assembly First Minister David Trimble in Upper Bann.

Sinn Fein and the SDLP are fighting it out in West Tyrone and Sinn Fein hopes to beat Seamus Mallon, the top Catholic political partner of the Unionists in the Power-Sharing Executive local government, in Newry-and-Armagh.

Morale in Sinn Fein is high. The party is well-funded, confident and supremely well organized. Both in terms of votes and seats in the House of Commons, the main chamber of the British parliament, its leaders are confident they will for the first time outstrip the SDLP and establish themselves as the dominant party of the Catholic community.

Sinn Fein is playing hardball. And its supporters appear to be focusing on trying to terrorize and intimidate popular women SDLP candidates.

In the key battleground constituency of West Tyrone Monday, Brid Rodgers, one of the most popular and effective SDLP candidates, was bombarded with stones and eggs and subjected to verbal abuse by Sinn Fein supporters in the republican stronghold of Lochmacrory.

The pattern of intimidation is widespread. The Irish Times reported Tuesday that SDLP election posters in West Tyrone had been systematically destroyed and party activists there repeatedly warned their cars would be destroyed if they did not abandon their efforts.

West Tyrone is up for grabs. In the last British general election four years ago, the SDLP and Sinn Fein literally split the majority Catholic vote between them.

The SDLP polled 14,842 votes and Sinn Fein was only 600 behind with 14,280. That allowed Ulster Unionist candidate Willie Thompson to squeak in with a united Protestant vote of 16,003.

Now Mrs. Rodgers for the SDLP and Sinn Fein's Pat Doherty are struggling for majority nationalist support. Sinn Fein support has been growing massively in West Tyrone, but Mrs. Rodgers is personally exceptionally popular.

Another SDLP candidate, Dolores Kelly in Upper Bann who is fighting to unseat Trimble, has been subjected to verbal abuse as she has tried to campaign in the Upper Bann constituency.

The pattern is widespread. SDLP activists complain they been followed, threatened and harassed while campaigning within republican nationalist areas in the constituencies of West Tyrone, Foyle, Newry-and-Armagh across Northern Ireland.

So far, the race is tough, urban North Belfast is less ugly within the Catholic nationalist community. But it is equally intense.

Both Gerry Kelly of Sinn Fein and Alban Maginness of the SDLP are arguing that only they can beat DUP candidate Nigel Dodds, the Protestant frontrunner.

If they split the vote evenly between them, Dodds, a strong critic of the peace process on the Protestant side, will win the seat. But on which of them will win the inner fight within the Catholic community, the smart money currently favors Kelly of Sinn Fein.

IRA's allies rise in Ulster support

Sinn Fein is not just pushing to increase its representation in the British parliament at Westminster but also its grassroots power at local government level in Northern Ireland. Sinn Fein already has more than 70 councillors sitting in local government around Northern Ireland. Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams has fielded 153 candidates and believes he can get at least 100 of them elected. That would boost Sinn Fein representation at local government level, which decides crucial bread and butter issues like education and housing, by one third.

And that, in turn, would mean that Sinn Fein Catholic nationalist and DUP Protestant unionist hardliners would be clashing repeatedly not just in the British parliament and the Northern Ireland Assembly but in the day-to-day administration of local government.

With sectarian tensions rising again in both communities, that is not a reassuring prospect for Northern Ireland. But the rising tide of Sinn Fein support suggests it may happen -- and soon.

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What's happening in Hollywood

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WHAT IS 'REALITY'?

The executive producer of "Survivor: The Australian Outback" admits the show reenacted some scenes, but says that doesn't make it any less real.

Mark Burnett came clean Monday in New York, at a Museum of Television & Radio panel titled "What is Reality on Television?" -- confessing that producers used stand-ins to re-create at least one scene.

He said aerial shots of a swimming race actually showed body doubles, not contestants, wearing copies of the same suits and swimming at "exactly the same speed" as the actual contestants.

Burnett said producers wanted a wide-angle shot of the race that was "uncluttered" by the presence of other cameras in the shots.

When the panel at the Museum of Television & Radio looked at some TV news footage about "Big Brother" -- another CBS reality series -- Burnett was critical of producers for staging, complete with rehearsal, a meeting between two contestants that was presented as spontaneous.

Burnett said he would never reenact scenes, and suggested that "Survivor" is not bound by the same rules of documentary filmmaking because it's just for entertainment.

"I couldn't care less," Burnett told the New York Times. "I'm making great television."

CBS issued a statement saying the scenes involving body doubles are "nothing more than window dressing." The statement said "Survivor" is "exactly what it appears to be -- 16 people battling the elements and each other."

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OF COURSE, THEY'RE ALREADY MILLIONAIRES ANYWAY

A U.S. Senate ethics committee has torpedoed a Walt Disney Co. plan to promote "Pearl Harbor" by having several members of the Senate -- all U.S. military veterans -- appear as guests on the ABC-TV game show, "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire."

What's happening in Hollywood

Daily Variety reports that some of the stars of "Pearl Harbor," including Ben Affleck, are in talks to answer questions from host Regis Philbin.

Proceeds from the politicians' appearances would have been turned over to the World War II Memorial fund. The payoff for Disney -- which owns ABC -- would have come in the form of an apparent endorsement of the movie by top government leaders, and a likely ratings boost at a critical time.

Variety said plans called for the senators to appear on "Millionaire" during the last weekend of May -- the final weekend of the current sweeps period, and the opening weekend for "Pearl Harbor."

The ethics panel concluded that Senate rules do not permit members to receive honoraria of more than \$2,000, even if the money is for charity.

Disney has scheduled a special Washington, D.C., screening of "Pearl Harbor" for May 24, the day before the picture opens nationwide. The screening is for government officials who are also military veterans.

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HARD ACT TO FOLLOW?

"The Producers," a smash hit on Broadway by any measurement, may be hitting its first bump on the road to a long and profitable run -- the need to replace one of its stars for six weeks so he can work on another project.

Gossip columnist Mitchell Fink reports that Matthew Broderick's contract allows him to take six weeks away from the show, so he can star in a TV movie version of "The Music Man" for ABC. Sources told Fink Broderick's managers are trying to lock in dates -- most likely some time this fall.

Broderick was nominated for a Tony Award this week as best actor in a musical for his performance as Leo Bloom, the accountant who comes up with the idea of making money by putting on the worst show in history. Nathan Lane is also up for a Tony, for his performance as Max Bialystock -- the amoral producer who tries to pull off the scam.

Both are signed to play in "The Producers" for one year.

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HOLLYWOOD SCANDAL COMING TO BIG SCREEN

Paul Schrader, the director of "Affliction" and writer of "Taxi Driver" and "Raging Bull," will direct "Auto-Focus" -- a movie based on the brutal 1978 murder of "Hogan's Heroes" star Bob Crane.

The actor was 49-years-old when he was bludgeoned to death with a camera tripod in an apartment in Scottsdale, Ariz., where he had been appearing at a dinner theater -- seven years after his hit comedy series ended its six-year run on CBS-TV.

Investigators found a video library in Crane's room, a catalog of his sexual one-night-stands.

John Henry Carpenter, an electronics equipment dealer who helped Crane learn how to use video equipment -- and frequently shared women with Crane -- was accused of killing the actor because he was afraid Crane was going to end the friendship.

Carpenter was acquitted in 1994, when a jury concluded that there was insufficient evidence to convict him.

The movie is being produced by Scott Alexander and Larry Karaszewski, the writers of "The People vs. Larry Flynt" and "Man on the Moon." The screenplay was written by Michael Gerbosi, based on the Robert Graysmith book, "The Murder of Bob Crane."

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UPPING THE ANTE IN SUIT AGAINST DREAMWORKS

The producer of a comedy set against the political troubles in Belfast in the 1980s has raised the stakes considerably in his legal battle with DreamWorks, accusing the studio of fraud, and seeking \$100 million in punitive damages.

Jerome O'Connor originally sued DreamWorks for \$10 million, accusing the studio of failing to properly market and distribute the movie -- "An Everlasting Piece," directed by Barry Levinson. The suit claimed that DreamWorks was afraid that the picture would offend the British government because it presented a sympathetic picture of the **Irish Republican Army** and ridiculed British soldiers.

O'Connor claims his agreement with DreamWorks called for the movie to be booked on 800 screens in the United States, but that it only showed up on eight screens -- and grossed just \$75,000 before it was yanked.

When O'Connor first raised the issue, Levinson concurred -- publicly questioning DreamWorks' handling of the movie -- which told the story a Catholic and a Protestant who scheme together to corner the market on sales of toupees in Northern Ireland. The business arrangement allows them to transcend the political differences that otherwise might divide them.

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JULIANNE MOORE'S NEXT

Julianne Moore is all set to star in a movie about two courageous **women** who joined the French resistance when the Nazis occupied France during World War II.

"Paris Underground" is based on a true story, told in Etta Schiber's 1997 book about the **women** -- an American and an Englishwoman -- who helped get stranded British soldiers out of France so they could return to get back into battle.

Moore -- who co-starred with Anthony Hopkins in "Hannibal" earlier this year -- was nominated for a best actress Oscar last year for "The End of the Affair." She was nominated for supporting actress for "Boogie Nights" in 1997.

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WOMEN'S DAY: Governments urged to toughen anti-trafficking laws

GENEVA International **Women's** Day looks like most days for thousands of **women** and children involved in the international sex trade. As the world celebrates **women's** achievements on Thursday, governments are being urged to toughen and enforce their anti-trafficking laws. UN-**WOMEN'S DAY.** Has moved. By Naomi Koppel.

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EU-PROSTITUTION. The European Union marks **Women's** Day with a hearing on international prostitution rackets. Upcoming.

US-**WOMEN'S** HEALTH. Study finds that **women** in Africa die in pregnancy or childbirth at a rate 33 times higher than **women** in Europe. Has moved.

CHINA-SCHOOL COLLAPSE: Parents say children were forced to make fireworks

BEIJING It should have been their classroom. Instead it became their grave. The children who died when their schoolhouse exploded were forced to make fireworks in class, their parents say. CHINA-SCHOOL COLLAPSE. Lead Upcoming. By John Leicester.

STARBUCKS: Starbucks coffee finally comes to Europe

FRANKFURT, Germany Europe is the last frontier for one of America's greatest commercial icons. But can Starbucks Coffee Co. make it in the homeland of the leisurely street cafe? After building a caffeine empire that stretches from Seattle to Shanghai, Starbucks finally wades into continental Europe on Thursday, opening the first of 650 stores. EUROPE-STARBUCKS COFFEE. Upcoming. By Hans Greimel.

EUROPE:

NORTHERN IRELAND: IRA says it will renew disarmament talks

DUBLIN, Ireland The **Irish Republican Army** announces Thursday 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.

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MACEDONIA-FIGHTING: Macedonians report more fighting near Kosovo

SKOPJE, Macedonia Macedonian troops on Thursday drive ethnic Albanian insurgents from their stronghold where renewed fighting has raised fears of a rising Balkan war. MACEDONIA-FIGHTING. Lead has moved. By Konstantin Testorides. AP Photos PRI101-103; AP Graphic MACEDONIA.

NAZI-LABOR: Germany industry urged to pay its share into planned fund

BERLIN Backers of compensation for Nazi-era slave laborers pressed German industry Thursday to finally pay its share into a planned fund after a U.S. judge refused to dismiss a class-action lawsuit because the fund is not prepared to make the payouts. GERMANY-US-NAZI LABOR. Has moved. By Tony Czuczka.

AMERICAS:

COLOMBIA: Foreign diplomats look for expanded peace role in Colombia

LOS POZOS, Colombia Signaling an expanding international peace role in 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. Expected by 1900 GMT. By Margarita Martinez.

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.

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.

SPACE SHUTTLE: Discovery set for launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida Space shuttle Discovery blasts off Thursday on a mission to replace the weary crew of the international space station with three fresh workers. SPACE SHUTTLE. Has moved. By Marcia Dunn. AP Photos.

MIDDLE EAST:

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NAZI-LABOR: Germany industry urged to pay its share into planned fund

BERLIN Backers of compensation for Nazi-era slave laborers pressed German industry Thursday to finally pay its share into a planned fund after a U.S. judge refused to dismiss a class-action lawsuit because the fund is not prepared to make the payouts. GERMANY-US-NAZI LABOR. Has moved. By Tony Czuczka.

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LOS POZOS, Colombia Signaling an expanding international peace role in 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. Expected by 1900 GMT. By Margarita Martinez.

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.

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.

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LIVESTOCK DISEASE: Crisis far from over as British cases top 100

LONDON Confirmed foot-and-mouth cases in Britain top 100 Thursday, and the country's chief veterinarian warns the crisis is far from over. BRITAIN-FOOT-AND-MOUTH. Has moved. By Jill Lawless. XFM101, XJD101.

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LONDON Like so many great Russian artists, Anna Pavlova the 20th century's most celebrated ballerina died in exile. Now, plans to transport the dancer's ashes from their longtime resting place in London back to her homeland have been called off at the last moment, perhaps permanently. BRITAIN-PAVLOVA'S ASHES. Has moved. By Laura King. LAB101.

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AIDS: New form of AIDS vaccine to be tested in humans

WASHINGTON A new form of vaccine that prevents monkeys from developing AIDS despite exposure to high levels of virus is on a fast track toward testing in humans, researchers say. MED-AIDS VACCINE. For release at 1900GMT. By Paul Recer.

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

TORONTO Bernard Landry is sworn in as the new premier of Quebec on Thursday, saying his goal of sovereignty for the Francophone province will make him the last head of the provincial government. CANADA-QUEBEC PREMIER. Eds: Swearing in at 1915 GMT. By Tom Cohen. AP Photo.

US-DRUGS: Efforts to halt drugs hampered by ineffective intelligence

WASHINGTON Efforts to stop illegal drugs from entering the United States are hampered by ineffective intelligence, inadequate equipment and poor coordination among agencies, according to an internal U.S. Customs report obtained by The AP. US-DRUGS. Upcoming. By Ken Guggenheim.

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NEW YORK Shares of Yahoo! Inc. plunge nearly 20 percent Thursday after the former dot-com darling warned that it will miss Wall Street's first-quarter expectations. US-YAHOO. Has moved.

JAPAN-ECONOMY: finance minister warns on nation's debt, jolts markets

TOKYO Japan's finance minister sends shudders through currency markets Thursday by saying the nation's finances were "near collapse," but other economic officials were quick to downplay the comment. JAPAN-ECONOMY. Has moved. By Joji Sakurai.

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Ghana picks new kind of leader

Ghana's president-elect is a mild-mannered British-trained lawyer with more than 30 years of political experience behind him --- a sharp contrast to the flamboyant former fighter pilot who has dominated politics in this West African country for two decades.

John Agyekum Kuffuor, 62, does not have the charisma of his predecessor, President Jerry Rawlings. But he is regarded as an experienced and levelheaded opposition leader who represents the change sought by many in Ghana, which has been hit by a steep economic decline in recent years.

Kuffuor was declared the winner Saturday in a runoff election against Rawlings' chosen successor, Vice President John Atta Mills. With ballots counted in all but one of the country's 200 constituencies, the national electoral commission said Kuffuor had won 56.7 percent of the vote, compared to 43.2 percent for Mills.

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Ruling party wins boycotted Sudan vote

Despite a simmering civil war, the ruling National Congress of Sudanese President Omar Bashir has won an overwhelming majority of seats in legislative elections boycotted by the opposition. The results followed elections that all the main opposition parties refused to participate in, saying the government should negotiate an end to the war and restore full political freedom before holding elections. Results from 264 of Parliament's 360 seats have been approved, said General Elections Authority official Jalal Mohammed Ahmed. The National Congress had won all but 10 of those approved.

Crowded field of 19 seeking to lead Uganda

Nineteen candidates have registered to run for president in Uganda, three times as many as anticipated and more than the budget can handle, an elections official said. Candidates had until the end of the year to register for the race against President Yoweri Museveni, who is seeking re-election in what he says would be his last term in office. Uganda operates under a "no party system" in which political parties are not allowed. Museveni, head of the National Resistance Movement that effectively runs Uganda, has blamed political parties for a series of civil wars that devastated Uganda before he took power in 1986.

EUROPE: Catholics honor 'martyrs of 2000'

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Thirty Roman Catholic missionaries died in the line of duty over the past year, including three who perished while nursing victims of the deadly Ebola virus outbreak in Uganda, the news service of the Vatican's missionary arm said. The Fides' service "martyrs of 2000" list includes priests, nuns, seminarians and lay workers.

Deal opens road on Serbia's boundary

Serbia's deputy prime minister encountered hostility from ethnic Albanian rebels along a disputed road, hours after a verbal agreement to open the artery to traffic on both sides. The deal, brokered overnight by NATO-led peacekeepers, aims to defuse tensions in the three-mile buffer zone along Serbia's boundary with the Yugoslav province of Kosovo, where ethnic Albanian rebels had taken control of the main road, preventing Serbs from traveling freely.

U.S. senators urge trial for Milosevic

Two U.S. senators on a visit to Yugoslavia told pro-democracy leaders that former President Slobodan Milosevic must be tried for war crimes if the country wants to fully rejoin the international community. Sen. Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) and Sen. George Voinovich (R-Ohio), who is of Serbian descent, are the first U.S. legislators to visit Yugoslavia since diplomatic relations were re-established following Milosevic's removal from power Oct. 5.

Man dies 13 years after IRA bombing

A man who remained in a coma for 13 years following an ***Irish Republican Army*** bombing has finally been laid to rest. Ronnie Hill, 68, slipped into a coma two days after being injured in a bomb in Enniskillen, Northern Ireland, in November 1987. Hill never regained consciousness and died on Thursday. Mourners at his funeral Saturday heard there had been "no evidence of bitterness" from his devoted wife, Noreen, toward those behind the attack, which killed 11 people and injured 63 others.

New Russian anthem acknowledges God

Russia's revived and revamped Soviet-era national anthem, which once praised the atheist Communist Party and dictator Josef Stalin, now celebrates Russia as a "holy country" that is "protected by God." Russian President Vladimir Putin approved the new version, written by the same person who co-authored the old lyrics, poet Sergei Mikhalkov. "Russia, our holy country!" the new anthem begins. It goes on to praise the country's vast "forests and fields . . . from the southern seas to the polar region."

Russia to seek missile talks with U.S.

In a published newspaper article, Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov said his country will seek serious talks with the United States on missile defense, one of the most difficult issues between the two countries. President-elect George W. Bush is expected to push strongly for the creation of a national missile-defense system, which Russia vehemently opposes.

MIDDLE EAST: EgyptAir crash remains returned for burial

The first remains of Egyptian victims of EgyptAir Flight 990 arrived home more than a year after the plane bound from New York to Cairo crashed into the Atlantic Ocean. Among them were the remains of co-pilot Gamil El-Batouty - -- who U.S. authorities suggested put the Boeing 767 into its fatal dive --- which were being buried in a family plot.

THE AMERICAS: Guerrillas blamed in Colombian killings

Colombian President Andres Pastrana said there was "serious evidence" linking leftist guerrillas to the assassination of a congressman who led a peace committee. He warned that the peace process was at risk. Rep. Diego Turbay, his mother, brother-in-law, and four others were killed Friday when gunmen stopped their vehicle on a highway in southern Colombia, forced them to lie on the road and then shot them in the head, police said.

Release of jailed rebels may revive peace talks

The head prosecutor of Mexico's Chiapas state freed 17 jailed Zapatista rebels in the latest move to woo rebels to the negotiating table and end a seven-year conflict. The releases --- the first of 103 prisoners that Prosecutor Mariano Herran Salvati has said he will free --- met a condition of the Zapatista rebels to restart peace talks, which have been stalled since 1996. The rebels led a brief uprising on Jan. 1, 1994, in the name of Indian rights. Since

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then, rebel sympathizers and paramilitary groups have often sparred, forcing many poor Indians to flee communities across the state.

COMING UP

Pakistanis vote in a series of municipal and district council elections that start today, the first since the army took power more than a year ago. A third of the seats will be reserved for women and a third for the poor candidates.

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Tribute to a wartime leader

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Pushing back from the table at the world renowned Savoy Grill after digesting a superb meal highlighted by a perfectly prepared Chateaubriand, I suddenly had a craving for a cigar - and I don't even smoke.

"You are experiencing the Churchill influence," observed a dinner companion who noted that the Savoy Grill, located off the main lobby of the legendary Savoy Hotel, was the favourite dining spot of Britain's cigar-chomping former prime minister and wartime inspiration, Sir Winston Churchill.

Chateaubriand, according to my friend, was also Churchill's favourite meal.

"He (Churchill) would come here most every evening and sit at that table right over there," said my companion, pointing to "table No. 5" where a group of middle-aged women were attracting stares with their high-pitched laughter.

Legend has it that after dinner, the grumpy-looking statesman, arguably Britain's greatest political leader, would sit back in his chair, light up one of his trademark cigars and regale his guests with stories about his fascinating life.

Now, 40 years after his death, the smoke has cleared and visitors to Britain's capital, home to many of Churchill's finest hours, are desperately looking for anything relating to the great man's life. That included a couple from Nebraska who poked their head inside the Art Deco Savoy Grill restaurant because "we just had to come to the Savoy and see where Churchill spent his leisure hours."

However, the Americans, like so many others, expressed bewilderment over the lack of tributes in London devoted to Churchill.

That, thanks to a man named Phil Reed, is all about to change.

Reed is the director of London's fascinating Cabinet War Rooms museum, the remarkably preserved collection of underground offices that served as Churchill's and his government's bunker during the Nazi bombing of the capital during World War II. Reed is also heading up a project that will see an entire museum - the first ever - devoted just to Churchill.

Tribute to a wartime leader

The Churchill Museum, scheduled to open in February, will be located at the back of the Cabinet War Rooms under a building that now houses the country's Treasury. The space the museum will now occupy was used as storage until just recently.

The museum will be divided into five chapters of Churchill's life and will be presented under different titles: Young Churchill (1874-1900), Politician and Statesman (1900-1929), Wilderness Years (1929-1939), War Leader (1940-1945) and Cold War Statesman (1945-1965). Museum displays will offer a roadmap of Churchill's life that, with the help of historical artefacts and modern-day technology, will take visitors on a fascinating journey back in time.

Reed, an interesting man in his own right, has spent over a decade researching and poking into every aspect of Churchill's life in an effort to find artefacts for the museum. That fascination with Churchill led Reed to some exciting discoveries.

"A lot of the artefacts that will make up the museum were found right here in this area of the Cabinet War Rooms," said Reed as we toured the former storage room where workmen were putting the finishing touches on the high-tech, interactive displays that form the nucleus of the museum.

"The most incredible thing we found was the original door to No. 10 Downing Street - the official residence of Britain's prime ministers - which hung on the hinges when Churchill occupied that house," said Reed.

The famous black door was discovered under a pile of rubbish that Reed and a friend were investigating as part of their research.

"The original (wooden) door was removed from No. 10 and replaced with a bomb-proof steel door at the height of the IRA (***Irish Republican Army***) terrorist campaign in London," said Reed.

"We have decided to place the No. 10 door at the end of the museum tour so people can have their photographs taken beside it."

The Churchill Museum will be combined with tours of the Cabinet War Rooms and the two are certain to become one of the capital's must-see attractions. The Cabinet War Rooms are already one of London's most popular tourist stops.

The day World War II ended, the military occupants of the war rooms where Churchill planned strategy with his cabinet, simply put on their coats, turned off the lights and locked the doors behind them. The forgotten rooms remained locked until someone discovered their existence in the 1980s.

The bedrooms where Churchill, his family, important government ministers and aides worked, slept and ate during the bombings, remain intact today and give a haunting insight into what life was like back then.

Bewildered visitors tour the rooms that feature the paraphernalia used by their occupants back in 1945 - right down to the makeshift cigar lighter that army engineers installed for Churchill.

The Churchill family donated many artefacts to the museum, including some of his famous clothing - like his iconic spotted bow tie and his baby rattle. On display will be many of his personal documents, including school reports and love letters to and from his wife Clementine. The almost \$30 million project will officially open Feb. 11 and the Queen is expected to be in attendance to cut the ribbon. The museum will feature two main parts - an electronic lifeline table which will give an overview of his life and the static displays divided into the previously-mentioned chapters. The chapters, each a series of plinths including showcases, will hold the original objects and documents, as well as audiovisual presentations.

As Reed led us to the exit, a man appeared at the entrance of the Cabinet War Rooms chomping on a cigar. The smoke drifted into the mine-like shafts of the Cabinet War Rooms and just for a second, we felt like we had been transported back to 1945 with Churchill.

Tribute to a wartime leader

The Cabinet War Rooms and Churchill Museum are located at Clive Steps in King Charles Street, a five-minute-walk from Westminster station.

The museum and War Rooms are open every day except Christmas. For information on the War Rooms, call 020 7930 6961. For information on Britain go to www.visitbritain.com

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Graphic

MARC ATCHISON PHOTOS The new museum dedicated to the fascinating life of Sir Winston Churchill will officially open in February with the Queen in attendance. The museum, above, will be located at the back of the Cabinet War Rooms, the perfectly preserved London bunker where Churchill and his government conducted business during the World War II Nazi bombing campaign of the British capital. The grumpy-looking leader, who was been photographed many times, was Britain's inspiration during the war.

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Although it has no ending, 21 is itself an ending. It's the last book in Patrick O'Brian's popular series of naval adventure novels set in the early 19th century and featuring the exploits of British seamen Jack Aubrey and Dr. Stephen Maturin.

21 (Norton) contains the fragments of the novel O'Brian was writing when he died in January 2000. It would have been the 21st Aubrey-Maturin book.

O'Brian's 63-page handwritten manuscript consists of three chapters that pick up where *Blue at the Mizzen* (1999) left off, with Rear Adm. Aubrey setting sail for South Africa and Maturin awaiting his next intelligence assignment. Alongside the typeset text are facsimiles of O'Brian's handwritten pages.

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Other new hardcover books include fiction by Tom Wolfe, John Updike, Danielle Steel and Roddy Doyle; and nonfiction titles about George Washington, Armistice Day, American women and the adventures of a professional foodie.

College life in the '00s _ or, perhaps, the "oh-oh's" _ is visited in Wolfe's novel, *I Am Charlotte Simmons* (FSG). The bright, beautiful and somewhat inexperienced Charlotte, a freshman at prestigious Dupont University, gets an unexpected education from her roommates and schoolmates, for whom sex, beer and sports are far higher priorities than perfect grade-point averages.

The 70-ish Owen Mackenzie reminisces about his life and the three villages he has called home in Updike's 21st novel, *Villages* (Knopf). Owen, spending his retirement in a village in Massachusetts, recalls his youth in Willow, Pa., during the Great Depression, and his middle years in Middle Falls, Conn., where he became a successful businessman.

The two world wars help cast the fates of a mother and daughter in Steel's novel *Echoes* (Delacorte Press). During the First World War, a woman becomes estranged from her German-Jewish family when she marries a French-Catholic nobleman and army officer. Later, as Hitler rises to power, her 18-year-old daughter abandons plans to become a nun and undertakes dangerous missions behind enemy lines for the French Resistance.

Henry Smart, the star of Doyle's *A Star Called Henry* (1999), has an encore in *Oh, Play That Thing* (Viking). It's 1924 and Henry, a hired assassin for the Irish Republican Army, has fled Ireland for New York. After the mob ends his brief career supplying bootleg booze to Lower East Side speakeasies, Henry heads for Chicago, where a

young jazz trumpeter named Louis Armstrong hires him to help him navigate his way through the white, mob-controlled music business.

Joseph J. Ellis, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Founding Brothers* (2001), profiles "the Foundingest Father of them all" in *His Excellency: George Washington* (Knopf). In his biography of the "most important and perhaps least understood" figure in U.S. history, Ellis explores Washington's military and presidential careers, his marriage, his attitude toward slavery, and the effect his private life had on his public image.

The First World War didn't end even after a truce was reached. In *Eleventh Month, Eleventh Day, Eleventh Hour* (Random House), Joseph E. Persico chronicles the war with a focus on Armistice Day, Nov. 11, 1918, on which there were 11,000 casualties even though both sides had agreed beforehand that the fighting would end that day. Persico follows everyday soldiers who participated as well as some who would become famous, including Cols. George Patton and Douglas MacArthur, Capt. Harry Truman, and a German corporal named Hitler.

Women who shaped the country are the subjects of *American Heroines* (Morrow) by Republican senator Kay Bailey Hutchison. In her book, Hutchison, who in 1993 became the first woman from Texas elected to the U.S. Senate, profiles **women** from various fields _ the arts, business, education, government _ and the obstacles they overcame to achieve success. Included are historic and contemporary figures, from Mary Cassat to Beverly Sills, Margaret Bourke-White to Barbara Walters, and "Babe" Didrikson to Jackie Joyner-Kersey.

Feel free to dig into *Fork It Over* (HarperCollins), in which Alan Richman, food writer and longtime restaurant critic for GQ magazine, tells what it's like to eat for a living. In this series of essays, most adapted from GQ articles, Richman shares his views on restaurants, celebrity chefs and cuisines _ from Vietnamese to vegan, and Neapolitan pizza to North Carolina barbecue _ and takes readers along on his dinner date with the surprisingly voracious actress Sharon Stone.

More fiction

In *To the Last Man* (Ballantine Books), Jeff Shaara offers a novel about the First World War from the perspectives of four participants, including Gen. John Pershing, Baron von Richthofen, a U.S. Marine and an American aviator.

Second World War Europe is the setting for *The Final Solution* (Fourth Estate), Michael Chabon's adventure about a mute nine-year-old boy, his talkative parrot, and an elderly, once-famous detective.

The Virgin's Lover (Touchstone) is Philippa Gregory's novel about the troubled early years in the reign of Elizabeth I, who ascended to the throne in 1558.

In modern-day London, it's love at first sight for a housepainter and a radio personality, two people whose complicated lives become more complex when one of them flees to Boston only hours after they've met in Margot Livesey's *Banishing Verona* (Henry Holt).

In *Citizen Girl* (Atria), Emma McLaughlin and Nicola Kraus follow up their best-selling *The Nanny Diaries* with a satire about a young working woman trying to survive in the business world.

A widow in her late 70s reminisces about her life in small-town Kentucky in *Hannah Coulter* (Shoemaker & Hoard) by Wendell Berry.

Fans of short stories can choose from among *Runaway* (Knopf) by Alice Munro; *The Pacific and Other Stories* (Penguin Press) by Mark Helprin; and *Men and Cartoons* (Doubleday) by Jonathan Lethem.

More nonfiction

In *Queenan Country* (Henry Holt), humorist Joe Queenan describes his trek through England searching for "what made the British tick."

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Letter From America: 1946-2004 (Knopf) by Alistair Cooke is a compilation of BBC dispatches on subjects ranging from Hollywood stars to Sept. 11 by the British-born U.S. citizen, who died in March.

In The Pontiff in Winter (Doubleday), John Cornwell chronicles the reign of Pope John Paul, which began in 1978.

The Crisis (Little, Brown) is David Harris's account of the Iran hostage crisis, which began on Nov. 4, 1979, when radical students seized the U.S. Embassy in Tehran and held Americans captive for 444 days.

For sports fans, there are Unforgivable Blackness (Knopf), Geoffrey C. Ward's biography of Jack Johnson, who became the first black heavyweight champion in 1908; When Nothing Else Matters: Michael Jordan's Last Comeback (Simon & Schuster) by Michael Leahy; America's Game (Random House), Michael MacCambridge's account of the rise of pro football in America; and Let Me Tell You a Story (Little, Brown) by Red Auerbach and John Feinstein, which includes tales from a life in pro basketball as told by Auerbach, who led the Boston Celtics to nine NBA world championships.

A Tale of Love and Darkness (Harcourt) is a memoir by Amos Oz, Israeli novelist and essayist.

Essayist and novelist Stanley Crouch offers a series of essays about the problem of authenticity in various aspects of American life in The Artificial White Man (Basic Books).

In The Great Psychedelic Armadillo Picnic (Crown Journeys), Texas author and musician Kinky Friedman takes readers on a walking tour of Austin.

The success of The Simpsons, the pop-culture phenomenon and television's longest-running sitcom, is explained in Planet Simpson (Da Capo) by Canadian writer Chris Turner.

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Body

A talent for constant reinvention has seen a Bondi pharmacist

turn sunglasses into gold.

Most fashion bosses don't greet you by telling you they've had no sleep because they were up all night looking after their grandchildren. But Betty Lasse isn't most fashion bosses. A few months shy of 70, she is a pharmacist by profession and property millionaire several times over who founded, runs and owns Sunshades Eyewear, Australia's biggest private eyewear company.

The company has grown from a side project Lasse ran from her bedroom while pregnant into a \$20 million operation on the growth trail. Sunshades holds the licence to design, manufacture, distribute and market eyewear for such brands as Orotan, Mossimo, Mooks, Disney and StÃ¼ssy, and produces in-house lines for high-street stores such as Sportsgirl and Marcs. Then there are lucrative supply deals with Myer and David Jones.

Lasse is anything but orthodox: she claims to have once been a member of the ***Irish Republican Army*** and says, while she is proud to have a 75 per cent **female** workforce, she wishes she had more men because they are "less emotional". She clinched a recent deal with Quiksilver, a team comprised largely of ex-surfing champions, by telling them she thought they were all good boys whose mothers would be proud of them.

Says her general manager, Michael Lawrence: "Our secret weapon for all negotiations is Betty." Lasse flew to France to meet the reclusive and notoriously prickly thirty-something owner of Blinde, the iconic sunglasses brand made famous by the Matrix movies. Blinde's owner loved her and Sunshades won the rights to the brand. She had a similar effect on Australian fashion heavyweight Peter Morrissey, who sent her flowers after meeting her. She got his business too.

Lasse says there is "a lot of love" between her,

Lawrence, chief executive Rod Grunseit (who is also her son) and Sunshades' 40 employees. Since Lawrence joined in 2000 - reinventing Sunshades as an "eyewear brand specialist" instead of a sunglasses company and letting most of the old staff go in the process - the company has had close to zero per cent staff turnover.

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In the early 1960s Lasse borrowed money to buy a pharmacy and turned it into one of Bondi's most popular shops. "Michael says by nature I did marketing then because I went to see the local doctors," she says. "Every Saturday afternoon the doctors used to come down and we'd back the horses and have a drink in my dispensary."

A few years later she got hold of a batch of unwanted sunglasses for next to nothing and had a travelling salesman sell them. Soon she was making more money from sunglasses than the shop. Sunshades was born, putting together ranges from the redundant stock of Australia's three sunglasses companies and sending a band of eight travellers out to sell them. "I didn't pay any wages but I paid very large commissions," Lasse says. "And it was just me. I did everything. I got the sunglasses in, I made the ranges, I put them into dozens and they went out selling them."

In 1979, when she ran out of stock, she took a shot in the dark and caught a plane to Taiwan. "I found three sunglasses wholesalers and I rang them all," she says. "One in particular stood out. I gave him a small order and I told him that I was testing him out because I was the largest importer of sunglasses in Australia. He told me was the largest manufacturer of sunglasses in Taiwan. Both of those stories were lies."

Success in business, Lasse says, is a simple equation: "Assets plus debtors, over creditors plus a negative bank balance. If that's ahead, OK, keep going. The moment it slides backwards, stop and reassess what you're doing."

Lasse has had no formal business training. Both her parents were academics who "died without ever having owned so much as a brick". She says gut instinct and a sense of fun have driven her success: "I don't have a mind for detail. I'm a big-picture person." Her son thinks she is just a good gambler.

By 1995 Lasse was importing on a major scale, but she lost two of her biggest customers and thought she was going under. Importers and wholesalers were wising up to the benefits of cutting out the middleman. Grunseit, with a degree in computer science and philosophy and six years as a financial controller on his CV, had just returned from a year's backpacking. Lasse begged him not to come and work for her. He joined anyway and worked in the warehouse on a wage of about \$20,000. Gradually he rose to the role of GM - and masterminded a change to the business model.

Grunseit wanted to target high-street chains with a complete offering. "I didn't see us as a sunglasses company anymore," he says. "We're a service industry."

He came up with a business model that included supplying display stands, cases and tags. Sportsgirl was the first customer. In five years business tripled. Then came Disney, - "Our first step into brands," says Lasse - then Fiorelli, Morrissey and Oroton - and more bargaining power with brand-hungry department stores.

Lawrence was hired as a consultant to help devise a three-year plan to tackle the step into brand management. He says brands opened the door to another world. "You start talking to other buyers, you start walking another set of floors in retail." Lasse then made him general manager, with Grunseit as CEO. Lawrence had been offered a better-paying job but chose Sunshades because of the "emotional connection".

The model the trio developed in 2000 - developing Australian and international brands, doing private labels such as Sportsgirl and their own house brands - has been a runaway success. That means it's time to change.

The first step in Sunshades' latest metamorphosis is a new headquarters. Says Grunseit: "When Betty started the company, she had the founding of a great

sunglasses company. When I joined the company, I

saw that the future was to become a great eyewear company - which meant the introduction of optical, which we've started very successfully - and international brands. Now we're taking it one further step and saying we're a brand-management company that specialises in the vision business, and we might go into R&D or industry events." He thinks the company needs a bigger, brighter, more creative space to do this.

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If Sunshades achieves its latest targets - which include doubling its staff and taking turnover above \$50 million - the logical endgame might be an ASX listing. Yet the business is asset rich and has no problems raising capital. Lasse acquired most of her money, and her capacity to fund Sunshades' down periods and new directions, through property. "[The properties] have been used as collateral for this business," she says. "Today, if we want to buy a brand, we can because of the property." She does not want to see an IPO in her lifetime.

Lasse still makes the big decisions, and has no plans to retire. She is full of pride. "These two boys have made a golden mountain out of my little business," she says.

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PHOTOS: Shared vision: Sunshades Eyewear general manager Michael Lawrence, owner Betty Lasse and CEO (and Lasse's son) Rod Grunseit have built their company with a focus on brands. Photograph: Arunas

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How Hollywood fans hatred

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Tommy Lee Jones. Samuel Jackson. Gratuitous violence. Action-packed thriller. You've seen the arresting trailers. Ingredients of a box-office hit? Yes, indeed. William Friedkin's latest movie Rules of Engagement topped the weekend charts when released a few months ago. Those Moslems are at it again, but this time America was prepared. Well, at least Hollywood was.

While Hollywood has produced another hit, Muslims and Arabs are bracing for another thrashing as a result of the slew of stereotypes, dangerous inaccuracies and associations contained in the movie.

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The movie dehumanizes Arabs and Muslims by depicting them as hateful, vicious murderers obsessed with killing Americans. What makes this movie even worse than the earlier ones is its focus on women and children. Women in Islamic garb and young children are shown as bloodthirsty killers shouting religious slogans and firing automatic weapons at a peaceful American embassy.

At one point, the audience is moved to feel for the civilians gunned down by the Marines, in particular a young girl who lost her leg in the shooting. The sympathy quickly fades when we discover that even this little girl -- barely old enough to hold a gun -- was firing at the Marines. In essence, the clear message is "they are all animals." Thank God for the Marines who do what they have to do to keep "us" safe from "them."

"Nothing in my 36 years as an Arab-American, and my years as a graduate student studying literature and popular culture at the University of Massachusetts, and my one and half years as communications director for the Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC), during which I thought I had seen it all, prepared me for the explosion of hatred that burst through the screen during Rules of Engagement, wrote Hussein Ibish of the ADC. "[it] was like being physically beaten." My feelings exactly.

The average moviegoer who sees this film leaves with the impression that all Muslims and Arabs have a religious duty to kill Americans.

Indeed, some in the audience cheered when the demonstrators were gunned down. The effect is all the more pronounced given that some even thought it was based on a true story because of the epilogue.

Sadly, Hollywood is still oblivious to the detrimental repercussions of depicting Muslims and Arabs at large as terrorists. According to the Washington-based Muslim civil rights group, the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), there were more than 350 reported incidents of anti-Muslim violence in 1999. CAIR's fifth annual report,

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released on April 18, 2000 which is the fifth anniversary of the wave of anti-Muslim hysteria in the wake of the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, reveals a 57 per cent rise in total incidents since the year of the bombing which was falsely blamed on Muslims. Similar statistics are not available for Canada, though Muslim organizations here report increased incidents during times of crisis in the Middle East.

Thanks to the continuous stereotyping of Muslims and Arabs in the media and by Hollywood, the figures are bound to be much higher next year if the aftermath of the Gulf War and the rush to judgment in the wake of the Oklahoma bombing are any indication.

Perpetuation of such stereotypes and inaccuracies have the greatest impact on the most vulnerable -- the children. Growing up as a Muslim or Arab child in North America is a challenge in itself without the added burdens imposed by the media and Hollywood. Many feel ashamed of their cultural and religious heritage -- thanks to their popular portrayal as intolerant, fanatical, violent, anti-modern, etc. The impact is also manifested in actions as diverse as discrimination in the workplace, the singling out of Muslims in airports, harassment of Arab and Muslim children, and even threats against Muslim and Arab institutions.

The effect of exaggerated Hollywood images of Arabs and Muslims is very real. Unfortunately, in times of crisis in the Middle East, which has nothing to do with Muslims or Arabs living in this part of the world, there is a surge in hate crimes and discrimination.

The trend is pronounced even though most go unreported. Negative coverage in the media and depictions of Muslims and Arabs in movies such as *True Lies*, *Executive Decision*, *Not Without My Daughter*, *The Siege* and now *Rules of Engagement* contribute significantly to the marginalization of these two communities.

It is imperative that all conscientious people speak out against this movie and the growing marginalization of Muslims and Arabs and call for a more responsible and accurate depiction of their fellow Muslim and Arab citizens, who are law abiding contributors to society.

Muslims and Arabs have launched a campaign of protest and education, but need the support of others to drive home the point that enough is enough. The issue is not one of censorship but rather one of speaking out against the promotion of hatred.

As Ibrahim Hooper of CAIR said "We are not in favour of censorship. In fact, it is the movie industry that engages in censorship every time it fails to show the reality of the Muslim experience and instead offers a narrow and distorted view of Islam."

The media and the movie going public must question whether the acts of a few should be a green light to indict two communities and a religion. No other religion is defined by the actions of its followers acting outside the boundaries of the faith as determined by the general consensus. For instance, the bombings by the **Irish Republican Army** (IRA) in Northern Ireland do not define Catholicism.

Judaism is not defined by the actions of fanatical settlers in Israel. Similarly, Islam should not be defined by those who harm civilians in its name.

For too long, Islam, Muslims and Arabs have been defamed with impunity.

It is time that others joined the fight to bring about responsible portrayal of Arabs and Muslims, for selfish reasons if not for the sake of fairness --after all, today it is Muslims and Arabs, tomorrow it may be you.

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Photo: Hamilton Spectator File Photo; Samuel L. Jackson, top right, stars in Rules of Engagement, a movie writer Faisal Kutty says dehumanizes Arabs and Muslims by depicting them as vicious murderers.

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NORTHERN IRELAND: RESHAPING POLICE

Tom Constantine, 61, a former New York State police chief and head of the Drug Enforcement Administration until his retirement last year, is to take charge of reshaping Northern Ireland's police. The British government said he would be responsible for overseeing proposed reforms to the Royal Ulster Constabulary, the 93-percent Protestant force that is to be renamed the Police Service of Northern Ireland and employ more Catholics. Warren Hoge (NYT)

NORTHERN IRELAND: PAISLEY ROADBLOCK

The hard-line Democratic Unionists of the Rev. Ian Paisley said their party would fill its two seats in the 10-man cabinet of the power-sharing government as long as Sinn Fein, political wing of the ***Irish Republican Army***, was permitted to keep its two seats. The party's deputy head, Peter Robinson, said the arrangement was intended to frustrate the work of the legislature and bring down the peace accord by denying the two seats to any supporters of the agreement. Warren Hoge (NYT)

CHECHNYA: TOP RUSSIAN KILLED

A senior Russian official, Sergei Zverev, was killed along with the deputy mayor of Grozny, Nusreda Khabuseyeva, when their car struck a mine on the outskirts of the Chechen capital. The blast also hurt Grozny's mayor, Supyan Makhachayev, and Russian officials speculated the attack was an assassination attempt against the city's political leaders, who are cooperating with Russian forces there. Patrick E. Tyler (NYT)

GERMANY: VISA PLAN APPROVED

Chancellor Gerhard Schroder said his cabinet approved a disputed plan to overcome a shortage of computer experts by offering temporary visas for up to 20,000 specialists from outside the European Union. The Christian

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Democrats say Germany should concentrate on integrating currentimmigrants rather than letting more come in. The bill will go to the upper house on July 14 and if passed will take effect Aug. 1. Victor Homola (NYT)

THE AMERICAS

CANADA: E. COLI TOLL RISES

The death toll from an E. coli outbreak has risen to seven, and autopsies are being conducted on the bodies of two other people who died before the contamination became known on May 21. Dr. Murray Quigge, health official for Waterton, the infected town in Ontario, has charged that Stan Koebel, manager of the town's water company, knew about the contamination on May 18. James Brooke (NYT)

ASIA

HONG KONG: 'BOAT PEOPLE' CAMP CLOSED

Hong Kong closed its last camp for Vietnamese refugees, ending the 25-year saga of "boat people" who fled after the fall of Saigon. The territory announced in February that it would shut the camp, offering local residency to the 1,070 people still inside. By nightfall only 164 holdouts were left. Despite warnings, the authorities seemed willing to give the refugees -- some of whom have been in the camp for more than a decade -- a few more days to find new lodgings. Mark Landler (NYT)

JAPAN: WARTIME COMPENSATION

After a long period of neglect, Parliament approved legislation to compensate Korean and Taiwanese veterans wounded while serving in the Imperial Army in World War II. About 3,000 people will receive about \$37,500 each, while about \$18,750 will be paid to bereaved families. Until now, Japan has denied such claims on the ground they were not citizens of Japan. Howard W. French (NYT)

PAKISTAN: FIRM ON TAXES

The military ruler, Pervez Musharraf, told businessmen he would not back away from a plan to raise sales taxes and require tax evaders to pay up despite a continuing strike by shopkeepers in most major markets. Pakistan is deeply in debt and trying to convince international lenders that it is increasing tax collections. Celia W. Dugger (NYT)

MIDDLE EAST

ISRAEL: WOMEN AND THE WALL

A bill that passed Parliament in a preliminary reading would make it illegal for Jewish women to wear prayer shawls, don phylacteries or blow ram's horns at the Western Wall. The bill, which requires three more readings to become law, is intended to bypass a recent High Court ruling that said women should be allowed to pray at the wall just as men do. Deborah Sontag (NYT)

IRAQ: U.N. PANEL RE-ELECTED

Iraq's oil minister said in Baghdad that the government of Saddam Hussein would not deal with a new arms inspection commission being organized at the United Nations. The chief inspector, Hans Blix of Sweden, is about to submit to the Security Council his first report on the start-up of the body, the United Nations Monitoring Verification and Inspection Commission, which is interviewing experts to monitor Iraq. Under council resolutions, sanctions on Iraq cannot be lifted until it cooperates with the panel. Barbara Crossette (NYT)

IRAN: 4 MORE REFORMERS

The conservative election watchdog body, the Council of Guardians, confirmed the victories of four more reformers in the second round of parliamentary voting on May 5, Iranian television said. The elections bring to 202 the number of seats reformers hold in the 290-seat Parliament. The council must still confirm 25 seats. (Agence France-Presse)

AFRICA**ETHIOPIA: WAR'S END DECLARED**

Prime Minister Meles Zenawi declared the two-year-old border war with Eritrea at an end, saying Ethiopia had recovered all its territory. But he warned that Ethiopia would take appropriate action if there was any provocation from Eritrea. Ethiopians captured huge swaths of territory in a ground and air offensive begun on May 12 to reclaim lands it says Eritrea occupied at the start of their border war in May 1998. (Reuters)

SIERRA LEONE: REBELS RETAKE TOWN

Rebels struck back against government forces, recapturing the strategic town of Lunsar two days after it was taken, loyalist fighters and officials said. The recapture was the latest twist in a crisis that began when Revolutionary United Front rebels took hostage hundreds of United Nations peacekeepers. Although the last of the hostages were freed last weekend, 258 peacekeepers remain surrounded in eastern Sierra Leone. (Reuters)

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Correction

Because of an editing error, a heading in the World Briefing column yesterday referred incorrectly to efforts to form a new United Nations arms inspection commission for Iraq. The Iraqi oil minister rejected the panel, saying his government would not cooperate. The heading should have read, "U.N. Panel Rejected," not "Re-elected."

Reports in the World Briefing column on Thursday and on May 26 about an outbreak of illness in Ontario caused by E. coli bacteria misstated the name of the town where it occurred. It is Walkerton, not Waterton.

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UNIONISTS GIVE NORTHERN IRELAND 'SECOND CHANCE TO GET IT RIGHT'

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IRA riddle remains unsolved, B2

BELFAST - A crucial vote to restore Northern Ireland's home-rule government squeaked by yesterday, ending in neither triumph nor tragedy.

"Northern Ireland today has a second chance to get it right," said a relieved Peter Mandelson, Britain's Northern Ireland secretary, who immediately announced the re-opening of the province's assembly for Tuesday.

But for David Trimble, leader of the tattered Ulster Unionist Party, it was a costly victory. The grassroots council of the party backed him by only 53 per cent, with nearly 47 per cent opposed to resuming seats in government with the ***Irish Republican Army***'s political wing Sinn Fein, before the guerrillas give up their guns.

The bitter debate over IRA disarmament grew more divisive when Trimble accepted a republican offer to open arms dumps to inspection by international monitors, and put the weapons permanently "beyond use."

UUP members who insisted IRA weapons must be turned over for destruction under the 1998 Good Friday agreement, felt betrayed. The vote was a signal to Trimble and the British government that the problem was not solved by the gesture, widely hailed as evidence the province's most well-armed guerrillas were giving up the struggle to reunite Ireland through violence.

Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams welcomed the results of yesterday's vote and the return of home rule, but declined to speculate on when the IRA would begin to reveal any of its secret weapons dumps to international inspectors.

Trimble, who narrowly survived a recent leadership challenge from the hardline wing of his party, made it clear he understood Ulster Unionists would not indefinitely back the new government unless the IRA made real steps toward disarmament.

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"It is patently obvious that those promises must be delivered," a subdued Trimble said after the vote. "And let there be absolutely no doubt that I and my colleagues will hold the republicans to the promises they have made. If there's any foot-dragging, if there's any delay, there will be difficulties."

The debate inside the vast Waterfront Hall, where the more than 850 delegates met yesterday, was fierce, with Trimble's main opponent, Jeffrey Donaldson, calling for exclusion of Sinn Fein from cabinet posts until the IRA began to disarm.

But passions also ran high outside the hall. On the way to the entrance before the vote, council members ran a gauntlet of emotional citizens urging them to accept or reject the proposal at hand.

"Whose agreement is it? Ours!" shouted the cross-community group Women Together Moving On, who waved Yes banners. "We're marching toward peace, and we shall not be moved."

"Aw, go home and do the washing up," bawled the mainly male nay-sayers across the police barrier, brandishing placards reading "No Guns No Government, Trimble, it's a lie."

They later greeted Trimble with cries of "traitor" as he left the building.

The openly displayed anger made it difficult for party leaders to maintain that the Ulster Unionists were still united. Earlier, Trimble was forced to postpone the vote for a week to try to consolidate opinion behind him, knowing his leadership would be in jeopardy along with the peace process if he failed.

Yesterday's vote, and its divisive debate, has left the major Protestant party - the most moderate of the pro-British factions - strained to the breaking point.

"No matter what the result, the party would split," said Maynard Hanna, who ran unsuccessfully for the assembly to support Trimble's peace deal two years ago and now says he feels cheated.

"I'm totally disgusted. We were assured when we signed up that, if we went into government with Sinn Fein, that the IRA would disarm. It hasn't happened, and it won't."

Hanna is still suffering from the trauma he experienced in December, 1976, when he identified the body of his 18-year-old nephew, a police recruit who was killed in a republican ambush.

"There wasn't much left of him," he said. "It was so bad that his immediate family couldn't go down and look at him. I can never forget that day."

The No camp received a boost from a recent local council by-election in an Armagh town that is usually an Ulster Unionist stronghold: Ian Paisley's ultra-hardline Democratic Unionist Party soared to victory, leaving the Trimble candidate in the dust. The by-election, and the run-up to yesterday's vote, demonstrated the anti-agreement faction has become more organized and adept at getting their point across.

Polls consistently show the majority of Northern Ireland voters favour the Good Friday agreement, which paved the way for a home-rule government with power shared between the Protestant and Catholic communities.

But the division within the Ulster Unionists does not bode well for the future of Northern Ireland, if the nay-sayers decide to form their own party.

In the back rooms of Stormont, the seat of the assembly, there is disagreement over whether to join the DUP, or split off into a new party that would take in some of the hardline splinter groups.

Either could cripple the Ulster Unionist Party in the assembly and the government, putting the fragile peace process in peril.

Yesterday, reaction to the vote was positive.

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"The wind is back in the sails of peace in Northern Ireland," U.S. President Bill Clinton declared in Washington.

The province's power-sharing government began operating in December, ending 27 years of direct rule by Britain, but it was suspended 11 weeks later because the IRA refused to make any disarmament commitments.

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Meanwhile, Irish police have arrested eight men as part of investigations into the activities of dissident republican group the Real IRA, Reuters news agency reported. The group had been linked to the 1998 Omagh car bomb - the deadliest single attack during 30 years of sectarian violence.

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Cairo, Egypt British trade delegation visits. Through Feb. 9.

Osaka, Japan Gubernatorial election in Osaka Prefecture to replace Knock Yokoyama, who resigned over a sexual harassment scandal.

Helsinki, Finland Runoff in Finnish presidential election.

Singapore Fifteen-day Chinese New Year holiday season begins. Banks, businesses, financial markets closed on Monday, Feb. 7 only, for one-day public holiday.

Monday, Feb. 7:

London High Court judges begin hearing appeal by Belgium and six human rights groups, denied the right to challenge Home Secretary Jack Straw's handling of the case of former Chilean dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet.

Tuesday, Feb. 8:

Sohag, Egypt Murder trial scheduled to resume for Shaboob William Aarsal, accused of killing two men. The case drew international attention because police investigating the murders were accused of torturing suspects.

Kiev, Ukraine Gen. Wesley Clark, commander of NATO forces, arrives for one-day visit.

Lima, Peru Conference on Latin American and Caribbean **Women**. Through Feb. 10.

St. John's, Antigua Magistrate to decide whether there's enough evidence for an Antiguan to stand trial in the Christmas Day 1998 deaths of Scottish Louise Torrens, 24, and Mitchell Melins, 22, of St. Lucia, whose bodies were burned in their home.

Wednesday, Feb. 9:

Moscow Russian foreign Minister Igor Ivanov leaves for six-day trip to North Korea, Japan and Vietnam.

Berlin 50th Berlin Film Festival opens. Through Feb. 22.

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Seoul, South Korea Indonesian President Abdurrahman Wahid arrives for two-day visit.

Friday, Feb. 11:

Vatican City Pope John Paul II celebrates the Jubilee of the Sick and of Healthcare workers.

Amsterdam, Netherlands World Press Photo award winners announced.

London Britain's Prince Andrew tours the British Virgin Islands, Montserrat, Anguilla, the Caymans and the Turks and Caicos Islands. Through Feb. 21

Saturday, Feb. 12:

Belfast, Northern Ireland Vote scheduled by Northern Ireland's largest Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, on whether to remain in the province's four-party Cabinet.

Bangkok, Thailand U.N. Conference on Trade and Development. Through Feb. 20.

Sunday, Feb. 13:

Jerusalem Target date for Israel and Palestinian Authority to agree on the framework of a final peace accord for resolving Palestinian statehood aspirations and the future of Jerusalem.

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CUBAN BOY. Elian's father demands new home for son.

TAIWAN-SAD NEW YEAR. Quake dampens Chinese New Year celebrations.

COLOMBIA-REBELS. Media, rebels spur over kidnapping.

ALASKA-AIRLINES CRASH. Searchers find pieces of plane on ocean floor.

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VIENNA, Austria Austria's president agrees to swear in a coalition government that includes a far-right party whose leader Joerg Haider has applauded aspects of the Nazi regime and who campaigned on what critics term an anti-foreigner platform. AUSTRIA-GOVERNMENT. Has moved. By Robert H. Reid. AP Photo VIE108,123,125,134, 149; BRU109; ROM103.

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US-GULF TANKER BOARDED. The U.S. administration discloses it has been in contact with Russian officials for almost a month about the smuggling of Iraqi oil in violation of the U.N. economic embargo. Moved. WX118, NY191; AP Graphic IRAN RUSSIAN TANKER.

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PORT HUENEME, California Searchers found the tail of Alaska Airlines Flight 261 and recovered the flight data recorder, two pieces key to determining why the jetliner plummeted into the ocean. US-ALASKA AIRLINES CRASH. AP Photos XHUE124-128. Has moved. By Jeff Wilson.

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TOKYO It was a nightmare beyond belief: A schoolgirl grabbed off the street and imprisoned in the second floor of her captor's house for nine years. The kidnapping is raising questions about police incompetence and the breakdown of communities. JAPAN-NINE YEARS LOST. Has moved. By Joseph Coleman. NY190

NEW YORK George W. Bush is wooing right-wing Republicans in a bid to ensure he becomes the party's nominee for the presidency. The strategy may backfire later in the presidential campaign, when Bush has to reintroduce himself to uncommitted voters as a moderate. US-PRESIDENTIAL-TILTING RIGHT. Has moved. By Peter James Spielmann. XELG105, BUF102.

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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.

Sunday, Feb. 6:

Jerusalem Israel and the Palestinians are to resume marathon talks toward a framework agreement for a peace treaty.

Cairo, Egypt British trade delegation visits. Through Feb. 9.

Osaka, Japan Gubernatorial election in Osaka Prefecture to replace Knock Yokoyama, who resigned over a sexual harassment scandal.

Helsinki, Finland Runoff in Finnish presidential election.

Singapore Fifteen-day Chinese New Year holiday season begins. Banks, businesses, financial markets closed on Monday, Feb. 7 only, for one-day public holiday.

Purchase, New York Hillary Rodham Clinton announces her campaign for U.S. Senate.

Monday, Feb. 7:

London High Court judges begin hearing appeal by Belgium and six human rights groups, denied the right to challenge Home Secretary Jack Straw's handling of the case of former Chilean dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet.

Washington U.S. President Bill Clinton expected to release his fiscal 2001 budget.

Tuesday, Feb. 8:

Sohag, Egypt Murder trial scheduled to resume for Shaboob William Aarsal, accused of killing two men. The case drew international attention because police investigating the murders were accused of torturing suspects.

Kiev, Ukraine Gen. Wesley Clark, commander of NATO forces, arrives for one-day visit.

AP Weekly News Calendar Saturday, Feb. 5:

Lima, Peru Conference on Latin American and Caribbean Women. Through Feb. 10.

St. John's, Antigua Magistrate to decide whether there's enough evidence for an Antiguan to stand trial in the Christmas Day 1998 deaths of Scottish Louise Torrens, 24, and Mitchell Melins, 22, of St. Lucia, whose bodies were burned in their home.

Washington Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearings on the president's foreign affairs budget request, with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

Wednesday, Feb. 9:

Moscow Russian foreign Minister Igor Ivanov leaves for six-day trip to North Korea, Japan and Vietnam.

Berlin 50th Berlin Film Festival opens. Through Feb. 22.

Feb. 9, 16 St. John's, Antigua Stays of execution expired for five death row prisoners whom the government wants to hang in Antigua's first executions in 10 years.

Washington House International Relations Committee hearing on the fiscal 2001 budget for foreign affairs, with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

Thursday, Feb. 10:

Seoul, South Korea Indonesian President Abdurrahman Wahid arrives for two-day visit.

Friday, Feb. 11:

Vatican City Pope John Paul II celebrates the Jubilee of the Sick and of Healthcare workers.

Amsterdam, Netherlands World Press Photo award winners announced.

London Britain's Prince Andrew tours the British Virgin Islands, Montserrat, Anguilla, the Caymans and the Turks and Caicos Islands. Through Feb. 21

Saturday, Feb. 12:

Belfast, Northern Ireland Vote scheduled by Northern Ireland's largest Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, on whether to remain in the province's four-party Cabinet.

Bangkok, Thailand U.N. Conference on Trade and Development. Through Feb. 20.

Sunday, Feb. 13:

Jerusalem Target date for Israel and the Palestinians to agree on the framework of a final peace accord for resolving Palestinian statehood aspirations and the future of Jerusalem.

Seattle South African Bishop Desmond Tutu speaks about working for a democratic and just society without racial division.

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IRA: We'll lay down our arms

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Body

In a breakthrough, the outlawed group says it will allow inspectors to check its arsenals, a move that could lead to peace in Northern Ireland.

For the first time in its long and bloody history, the **Irish Republican Army** said Saturday that it would disarm.

The stunning announcement that it will "put IRA arms beyond use" comes after months of behind-the-scenes negotiations led by the British and Irish governments. It sets the stage for the reopening of Northern Ireland's disbanded Catholic-Protestant assembly and breathes new life into the province's moribund peace process.

Compiled from Times WiresIRA

The pledge was the IRA's contribution to a plan, set forth Saturday morning by the prime ministers of Britain and Ireland, Tony Blair and Bertie Ahern, to revive the power-sharing local government in the embattled British province. Pro-Irish "republican" groups hailed the new plan, and initial reaction from the largest of the pro-British "unionist" parties also was positive.

Gerry Adams, leader of Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing, made much the same point Saturday.

"This is a life-and-death, blood-and-sinew, emotional, painful step for the IRA," he said.

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

If it works, the plan will solve both of the two major issues - guns and government - that have blocked implementation of the ambitious 1998 Good Friday peace plan.

The IRA and other paramilitaries will give up their guns, and the historic new government of Protestants and Catholics, which was suspended in February after just 10 weeks, will be back in business.

Blair and Ahern said they hope to re-open the power-sharing government in two weeks.

For that to happen, the plan has to be approved by the largest Protestant party, the Ulster Unionist Party, which has demanded a clear IRA pledge to disarm before it would resume any power-sharing arrangements. And there were hopeful signs Saturday from that front.

IRA: We'll lay down our arms

David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist leader, seemed almost jaunty after reading the IRA statement. "It does appear to break new ground," Trimble told a news conference in Belfast. "There are some quite positive elements in it."

The most striking of the positive elements in the statement was this unprecedented commitment: "The IRA leadership will initiate a process that will completely and verifiably put IRA arms beyond use. We will do it in such a way as to avoid risk to the public and misappropriation by others and ensure maximum public confidence."

The statement isn't as definitive as some would like: The IRA didn't promise to destroy its weapons or hand them over to police, it didn't define the phrase "beyond use" and it didn't set any time frame.

Still, the promise goes further than the IRA has ever gone before, and it was a stunning break from the belligerent declarations the IRA had been making this spring.

Just a few weeks ago, the IRA, which for decades has attempted through violence to end British control of the six-county province in Ireland's northeastern corner, reminded its followers that "an undefeated army has never disarmed itself."

"This is a very good day for the people of Northern Ireland. It is a truly historic step," President Clinton said Saturday.

Clinton, who has worked hard to get the Good Friday process moving again, said he thinks the agreement will stick this time.

"We never got this far on the details of implementation," he said.

White House officials were elated with Saturday's developments and called the IRA's commitment quite dramatic.

One element of the Blair-Ahern proposal that was appealing to the IRA was Britain's offer to withdraw more of its troops from Northern Ireland. London has also reportedly agreed to remove several of the British Army watchtowers that dot the hills in South Armagh, Northern Ireland, along the border with the Republic of Ireland.

The IRA considers itself a full-fledged military force on par with the British Army, so it can now say that its disarmament is a tit-for-tat response to British troop withdrawals.

Under the Good Friday Agreement, all paramilitary groups in Northern Ireland were to "decommission" - that is, give up their weapons - by May 22 of this year. It has been obvious for some time that that deadline would not be met.

Saturday, the British government accepted the inevitable and announced that it will delay the deadline for decommissioning to June 1 of next year.

But that seems a minor step backward compared to the IRA's reversal of its long-standing refusal to discuss decommissioning. In addition to the promise to put guns "beyond use," the intensely secretive group also agreed Saturday to independent inspection of "the contents of a number of our arms dumps."

Blair and Ahern immediately responded to that offer.

To inspect the "arms dumps," they appointed Marti Ahtisaari, former president of Finland and a veteran of U.N. peace-keeping operations, and Cyril Ramaphosa, former secretary-general of South Africa's African National Congress.

The latter choice should particularly please the IRA.

Ramaphosa, a confidant of Nelson Mandela, is an old hand in the Byzantine world of Anglo-Irish politics. He hosted Northern Ireland's political parties at workshops in South Africa aimed at getting them to make peace as the ANC did with the white National Party to end apartheid.

Ramaphosa has also visited Belfast regularly.

IRA: We'll lay down our arms

The IRA is the biggest and best-armed of all the secular street armies in Northern Ireland, and it has the most lethal history.

Police estimate that it has only a few hundred members. But those few hundred have disproportionate political clout, partly because most "republicans" admire the IRA's history, and partly because it is an "army" with tens of thousands of weapons, including anti-aircraft missiles, hidden all over Ireland.

The section in the IRA leaders' statement Saturday promising to prevent "misappropriation" of hidden weapons is important, because the IRA is not a single organization at the moment but rather a collection of mutually hostile units.

One of those IRA splinter factions used explosives from an IRA arms cache to build a bomb that killed 28 people, mostly women and children, in the town of Omagh, Northern Ireland, in August 1998.

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**CRIME WRITERS ARE BEHIND THE TIMES;
DNA TESTING THAT LED TO THE ARREST OF A WEE WAA MAN, TOP, IS
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Body

BY THE TIME the next crime thriller hits the best-seller list, forensic scientists will be using new technological weaponry that defies the imagination of even knowledgeable crime writers like Patricia Cornwell and Kathy Reichs. University of Sydney Associate Professor of Chemistry Tony Masters said, " You won't see this stuff in crime fiction for years." Masters, who spoke at the recent Science in the Court forum on forensic science, is referring specifically to " vacuum metal deposition" , a technique developed to obtain fingerprints from polymer bank notes. Suspect notes are covered in a layer of gold and then re-coated in a layer of zinc. The gold sticks to the ridges of the fingerprints while the zinc sinks into the valleys between the ridges, lighting up the prints like hot wires. The idea owes more to Auric Goldfinger, the bad guy from the James Bond thriller of the same name, than to Sherlock Holmes.

Or, to use another analogy, this is " the Star Wars of forensic science" , Masters said.

Dedicated to the study of traces of evidence that are left at a crime scene by both the victim and the perpetrator, forensic science is based on the key principle that every contact leaves a trace. This derives from the work of a 19th-century French criminologist Edmond Locard. " Wherever he steps, whatever he touches, whatever he leaves will serve as a silent witness against him. Not only his fingerprints or his footprints, but his hair, the fibres from his clothes, he deposits or collects. All of these and more, bear witness against him. This evidence is not absent because human witnesses are," Locard wrote.

Ted Bundy, who killed more than 40 **women** in the United States during the 1970s, was convicted because of trace evidence. After eluding the police for long enough to become one of the world's most infamous serial killers, he made the mistake of biting his last victim. Seventy-six times. The bite marks led to Bundy's execution.

Similar evidence was also the downfall of a notorious ***Irish Republican Army*** gunman, who was identified from the remains of an apple he left at a murder scene. His teeth marks indicated a very broad, sloping head and that he was a habitual snorer.

Australian and New Zealand Forensic Science Society national president David Griffiths thinks it is ironic that the least obvious trace of evidence was the means of his identification.

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" He was very thorough. The funny thing was that he took everything away from the site. He took the cartridge cases, everything. But he bit the apple, threw it away and took aim. He didn't even think about the apple. And so that was the only bit of evidence left." This is the stuff of crime fiction. A body lies dead on the ground, a bullet in the brain, and the killer is identified by an apple core. However, forensic science is increasingly the stuff of science fiction as new developments shift from the laboratory to the computer.

DNA analysis is a good example. NSW Forensic Laboratories, in conjunction with the NSW Police, currently hold more than samples of DNA relating to all types of crime.

Institute of Clinical Pathology and Medical Research senior forensic biologist Bob Gertz said, " We have a room of freezers that are full of samples." Several of these connected a number of separate sexual assaults in Sydney to the same offender. This DNA evidence tied the offender to each of the crimes, and led to his conviction. " In a lot of cases, the women couldn't identify their attacker. At least in four cases, there was no other evidence linking the rapist to the crime. The DNA was really the only link," Gertz said.

A proposed DNA database, to be part of a Federal Government " tracking" initiative, will electronically record the DNA profiles generated from samples collected from the scene of unsolved crimes, and from convicted offenders. Each time a new profile is added to the database, it will immediately be " searched" against all existing profiles.

Operating in tandem with the proposed DNA database will be Livescan, which uses a laser scan of finger and palm details to produce a digital image. Police stations will be equipped with sheets of glass that contain laser-optic technology. An arrested person will place a hand on the glass, where it will be scanned and the image immediately transmitted to a computer database.

Detective Sergeant Fiona West anticipates that mobile laser scanners will one day replace the dust-and-brush method of detecting fingerprints at the crime scene. She looks forward to the day when ink will no longer play a role in crime detection. " The current method of fingerprinting persons involves the use of a tube of printer's ink, a roller and a slab. It's a method that has not changed since 1902. Livescan is an inkless process and therefore reduces the inconvenience to both police and persons in custody by ensuring a cleaner environment and a more efficient process." But without ink, crime fiction authors may find it difficult to write. While every criminal leaves their own traces of evidence, there will not always be a sample of DNA or a clear fingerprint at the crime scene. Despite the latest developments in forensic science, a case can still turn on a single thread of fabric.

University of Technology, Sydney, forensic science coordinator Claude Roux gives the example of a recent sexual assault in Germany in which a rapist used a condom that was not recovered, leaving no DNA at the crime scene. He was later convicted on the basis of 55 fibres from the victim's clothes found on his clothes and in his car.

And in Sydney last year, a man was convicted because of fibres from the carpet of his car found on the shoes of his murder victim. Forensic scientists determined that the carpet used in that particular model of car in Australia was unique, and police were able to exclude all but four of the cars, which included the car of the accused.

At both of these crime scenes, no DNA evidence was found. Roux said the examples illustrate that traditional methods of forensic analysis and detection, the standard fare of crime writers, should not be passed over. " DNA has grabbed attention because it is so powerful. But, in the big picture, the other types of trace evidence are probably more fascinating and challenging. Everything starts from the crime scene. In the beginning you are blind." Or, as NSW Institute of Forensic Science Associate Professor John Hilton said, " At the end of the day, death delights in helping the living."

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IRA hard-line may doom Irish peace process

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Body

For decades, the ***Irish Republican Army*** fought to expel the British army and bring the hostile Protestant majority of Northern Ireland into a United Ireland with the symbols of an Armalite automatic rifle in one hand and a democratic ballot in the other.

Now the IRA looks set to wreck Northern Ireland's best hope for peace in more than 30 years because it cannot give up the Armalite in order to keep a permanent place in a government elected by democratic ballot.

After Herculean efforts by the British and Irish governments, the Ulster Unionist Party, representing a plurality of Northern Ireland's 900,000 Protestants had finally agreed to allow Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing, to participate in the province's historic power-sharing executive, which divided power equally between Protestant political parties and those of Ulster's minority 600,000 Catholics.

Two Sinn Fein representatives, including Martin MacGuinness, one of the IRA's top military commanders over the past generation, participated in the executive.

However, the Unionists insisted that they would only allow the Sinn Fein members to participate in the executive if the IRA agreed to at least start handing over its massive arms caches. These are believed to be stashed away in deeply hidden bunkers in the Irish Republic near the border with British-ruled Northern Ireland.

British and Northern Irish security authorities estimate they contain enough automatic weapons and Czech-made, Libyan-supplied Semtex plastic explosive to equip two light infantry divisions.

The IRA avoided making any express commitment to disarm in the 1998 Good Friday Agreement -- the historic breakthrough in the peace process. British and Irish government negotiators knew that the Unionists insisted on complete IRA disarmament while the IRA refused to disarm at all. But they believed they could craft a compromise whereby the IRA would at least agree to start disarming, handing over at least a handful of weapons to an international disarmament commission led by retired Canadian Gen. John de Chastelain.

However, this year, Gen. De Chastelain reported that the IRA had not even begun to disarm. The Unionists insisted that the British government honored its pledge to dissolve the power-sharing political institutions in Belfast or they would pull out of the Power-Sharing Executive themselves.

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In order to maintain their credibility with the majority population and largest political party in the province, the British government bit the bullet and dissolved the Executive.

In retaliation, the IRA Tuesday pulled out of the disarmament talks with Gen. De Chastelain and his commission.

According to some political sources in Belfast and Dublin, the Irish Republican leadership has been internally divided on the disarming issue.

Sinn Fein President Adams and MacGuinness, who were both prominent IRA leaders during its most murderous bombing terror campaigns against Northern Irish civilians in the early 1970s, have both evolved into tough but pragmatic realists who maintain their goal of a united Ireland but were ready to adopt constitutional political means to advance more slowly but more surely to it, these sources said.

Indeed, MacGuinness in only two months of work as the Power Sharing Executive's Education Minister had already proven to be able, energetic and enthusiastic. As a result, some disgruntled hard-liners in Belfast were joking that he and Adams had traded their Armalites for Armanis -- a sarcastic reference to the well-cut Italian suits both men were said to favor.

However, they were opposed by younger hard-liners who now dominate the IRA's own direct ruling body, the Army Council, these sources said.

The IRA hard-liners were also concerned that if they appeared too moderate and too willing to begin to turn over their weapons, they would lose ground to the more militant splinter group, Continuity IRA. That group has already set off at least one bomb in an Ulster hotel in recent weeks in a bid to rock the cease-fire.

Many of the former members of the Real IRA splinter group which set off the 1998 bomb in the Northern Irish country town of Omagh, killing 28 people, most of them women and children, are believed by Irish security authorities to have joined Continuity IRA.

A deep chasm of hatred, fear and distrust underlies these maneuvers on both sides of Ulster's sectarian divide. That canyon of fear and hate was briefly bridged by the Good Friday Accords, but it always remained a yawning abyss beneath them.

On one side, the majority Protestant Unionists remember that well over two thirds of the 3,600 people killed in the 30 plus years of The Troubles died at the hands of the IRA. As long as the IRA refuses to even begin to hand over any of its weapons, they remain convinced that it retains its determination to renew its own terror campaign when they have been so divided and demoralized by so-called peace policies as to be virtually defenseless at last.

But in the minority Catholic community, Republican supporters of the IRA are convinced that over the past decade and more, murderous Protestant death squads have operated with impunity, killing scores of prominent Catholic nationalists and harmless bystanders in a host of crimes that were never solved. They are convinced that many or most of the killings were carried out by -- or with the protection of -- the Royal Ulster Constabulary, the official British-administered Northern Irish police force.

For the IRA to make any moves towards disarming, so the argument from this side goes, would be to leave the Catholic nationalist community in the North at the far from tender mercies of such killers.

The British and Irish governments, backed by the Clinton administration in Washington, were optimistic that operating a power-sharing local government between both communities would teach both the advantages and responsibilities of partnership. They believed that the experience of cooperation would gradually break down old fears.

In the case of constitutional political party leaders like David Trimble of the Official Unionists and Seamus Mallon, deputy leader of the Catholic community's Social and Democratic Labor Party, this liberal and optimistic assessment proved to be correct. The act of sharing power did foster mutual respect and trust.

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But for the Republican movement, its leaders remained wedded to Mao Tse-Tung's murderous dictum that political power grows out of the barrel of a gun.

At the end of the day, it was the reluctance to let go of the Armalite that doomed the strategy of the ballot box. After long boasting of running a dual political and military strategy, the IRA was forced to choose between them, and it proved incapable of letting go of the options of terror and armed force.

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EUROPE

BRITAIN: PINOCHET APPEAL

In a joint action, six rights groups are asking the High Court today to block the release of Gen. Augusto Pinochet from house arrest. They are seeking a public hearing into Home Secretary Jack Straw's Jan. 11 determination that the former Chilean dictator is medically unfit to stand trial in Spain on torture charges. Mr. Straw said he would await the outcome of any judicial review before announcing his decision on whether General Pinochet, 84, can return to Chile. Warren Hoge (NYT)

IRELAND: ARMS CACHE FOUND

The police questioned an unidentified 39-year-old man they found transporting bomb-making equipment, homemade mortars and rockets in a van near Tipperary. The police said they suspected that the arms were destined for the Continuity I.R.A., a group opposed to the Irish Republican Army's cease-fire and intent on bringing down the Northern Ireland peace accord. Warren Hoge (NYT)

GERMANY: EX-COMMUNIST MOVED

Officials said that to protect his privacy, the former East German Communist leader Egon Krenz, left, had been transferred in Berlin from the Hakenfelde open prison to Plötzensee prison, where rules are stricter. Officials said "unremitting media interest" in Mr. Krenz had caused disruption at Hakenfelde. But Mr. Krenz's lawyer said his client was being harassed by justice officials. Mr. Krenz is serving a six-and-a-half year sentence in connection with the shooting of people who tried to flee across the Berlin Wall. Victor Homola (NYT)

KOSOVO: REPORT ON G.I.'s

American peacekeeping soldiers may have mistreated and threatened local civilians and made "inappropriate physical contact" with women while trying to control demonstrations, United States forces said in a report. The

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report came just over a week after an American soldier was charged with the murder of an 11-year-old Kosovo girl. The reported incidents occurred in the eastern town of Vitina, near where the girl's body was found. (Reuters)

SPAIN: SOCIALISTS WOO COMMUNISTS

The opposition Socialist Party, which trails the center-right government in opinion polls before March 12 elections, offered to form a government with the smaller Communist-led United Left. The deal would be the first of its kind in 20 years. The United Left called an urgent meeting with the Socialists, who said the alliance would be enough to win power. Al Goodman (NYT)

SPAIN: PROTESTS CONTINUE

As protests against the Basque separatist group E.T.A. continued for a fourth day across Spain, King Juan Carlos condemned what he termed "criminal terrorism" and lauded, in a speech to foreign diplomats, the international cooperation to fight the group. The government blames the rebels for a bombing last Friday that killed an army officer in Madrid, in the first such attack in 18 months. Al Goodman (NYT)

MIDDLE EAST

IRAN: POLICE FACE TRIAL

Twenty police officers, including Tehran's former police chief, Brig. Gen. Farhad Nazari, will go on trial on Feb. 29 for their role in the storming of a student dormitory last July that set off pro-democracy riots, the daily Arya reported. A prosecutor, Abbasali Farati, was quoted as saying that 400 students had complained to the military court about the officers. General Nazari, a hard-liner, was fired after being blamed for the attack. (AP)

THE AMERICAS

MEXICO: SCHOOL SHOWDOWN

The administration of the National Autonomous University of Mexico is headed for a showdown today with student strikers who have closed it down for nine months. Pointing to results of a referendum in which university members voted to end the strike, President Juan Ramon de la Fuente said he would walk onto the campus to take back control. The strikers began to fortify barricades blocking entrances to the campus. Julia Preston (NYT)

MEXICO: CHARTER CHANGE SOUGHT

Francisco Labastida, in a speech starting his campaign as the governing party's presidential nominee, urged party members to consider amending the Constitution to allow senators and congressmen to stand for re-election. He said it would strengthen Congress as a balance to the presidency. The re-election of all officials has been banned since the 1910 revolution, which began after Porfirio Diaz's sixth term as president. Sam Dillon (NYT)

ASIA

EAST TIMOR: DOLLAR INTRODUCED

The United Nations transitional administration decided to make the American dollar the territory's temporary currency as it moves toward independence. Timorese leaders agreed to the move, although several said they would have preferred to see the Portuguese escudo, the currency of the former colonial power, replace the Indonesian rupiah. Barbara Crossette (NYT)

KASHMIR: FREED REBEL

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Mushtaq Ahmad Zargar, one of three jailed militants freed by India in its swap for the hostages of a hijacked airliner, has rejoined guerrillas fighting against the army in Indian-controlled Kashmir, according to a statement by the militant group Al-Umar. Barry Bearak (NYT)

INDIA: PAKISTAN ACCUSED

Defense Minister George Fernandes accused Pakistan of stepping up "cross-border terrorism" in the Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir, including an attack by army regulars over the weekend. "We have bodies of six Pakistani soldiers still lying with us," he said. India has beefed up security and intensified operations against separatist guerrillas in the region ahead of Republic Day celebrations later this month, the police said. Barry Bearak (NYT)

AFRICA

COMOROS: VOTERS BACK SECESSION

Secessionist leaders on the Indian Ocean island of Anjouan celebrated after voters endorsed their 1997 breakaway from the Comoro Islands federal republic. The vote was condemned by the Organization of African Unity, which said it would "under no circumstances recognize its outcome." Diplomats said the island was facing international economic and diplomatic isolation as a result. (Reuters)

SOUTH AFRICA: POLICE QUESTIONED

A commission investigating the shootings and murders of members of taxi companies competing over routes has urged prosecutors to investigate police complicity in the violence. The commission found that some police officers owned taxis and may have been involved in committing crimes. At best, the commission found, the police displayed ineptitude in investigating the violence, which led to at least 19 deaths in five years. Rachel L. Swarns (NYT)

SIERRA LEONE: DIAMOND MINING HALTED

Foday Sankoh, the rebel leader now in charge of mineral resources in a coalition government, announced the suspension of all diamond mining in an effort to control smuggling. The illegal digging and export of diamonds, especially through neighboring Liberia, financed rebel groups, including Mr. Sankoh's, during a nine-year civil war. Norimitsu Onishi (NYT)

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Body

Saturday, January 1:

New Year's Day celebrations worldwide.

Lisbon, Portugal Portugal takes over six-month presidency of the European Union.

London Millennium Dome opens to the public.

Tokyo, Japan Emperor Akihito delivers annual New Year's address at Imperial Palace. Emperor and other imperial family members to greet well-wishers at Imperial Palace.

Rome Pope says New Year's Day Mass, blesses Rome Marathon runners.

Baghdad, Iraq President Saddam Hussein issues New Year's greetings to Iraqi Christians. He has touched on political issues in such messages in the past.

Sunday January 2:

Vatican City Tens of thousands of children expected in St. Peter's Square for pope's blessing.

El-Kusheh, Egypt Murder trial of Shaboob William Aarsal, accused of killing two men in southern Egyptian village.

Tuesday, January 4:

Tokyo Prime Minister Obuchi holds press conference.

Tokyo Japan's eight stock exchanges, including Tokyo and Osaka, reopen after the New Year's holidays.

Thursday, January 6:

Baghdad, Iraq Army Day, President Saddam Hussein addresses the nation.

Rome Pope leads Epiphany Mass and ordains bishops.

Friday, January 7:

Tokyo Announcement of Japan's overall household spending statistics for November 1999. Spending was down in October.

Updates FEA-2000-Calendar, sent Dec. 22, with additional events

Saturday, January 8:

Middle East End of Ramadan.

Wednesday, January 12:

Cairo, Egypt Trial resumes of a prominent lawyer and 19 other members of the banned Muslim Brotherhood.

Thursday, January 13:

Algiers, Algeria Deadline for Islamic militants to benefit from government-backed amnesty by turning in their weapons.

Friday, January 14:

The Hague, Netherlands Yugoslav war crimes tribunal expected to issue ruling in the case of six Croatian army soldiers accused of persecuting Muslims during Bosnia conflict.

Sunday, January 16:

Santiago, Chile Second round of Chilean election to replace President Eduardo Frei.

Finland Presidential election.

Monday, January 17:

Geneva First session of the Conference on Disarmament. Through March 24.

Saturday, January 22:

Tokyo G-7 meeting of finance ministers and central bankers.

Monday, January 24:

Geneva Executive Board of the World Health Organization holds annual meeting. Through January 29.

Croatia Croats choose a new president to replace the late Franjo Tudjman.

Wednesday, January 26:

Stockholm, Sweden International Forum on the Holocaust. Through January 28.

Thursday, January 27:

Davos, Switzerland Opening of annual World Economic Forum of leaders of business and government.

Tuesday, February 1:

Jiddah, Saudi Arabia Iranian export trade fair.

Friday, February 11:

Amsterdam, Netherlands World Press Photo award winners announced.

Saturday, February 12:

Bangkok, Thailand Tenth U.N. Conference on Trade and Development. 3,000 officials, experts and others expected from 188 countries. Through February 19.

Wednesday, February 16:

North Korea North Korean leader Kim Jong Il's birthday.

Friday, February 18:

Iran Parliamentary elections.

Wednesday, March 1:

Montevideo, Uruguay Jorge Batlle is sworn in as president for five-year term, continuing rule of the Colorado Party.

Sunday, March 5:

Cairo, Egypt Mediterranean Development Forum. Through March 8.

Saturday, March 11:

Santiago, Chile New president starts six-year term.

Sunday, March 12:

Bern, Switzerland National referendum on judicial reforms, increasing the representation of women in government and reducing road traffic.

Saturday, March 18:

Taiwan National election.

Sunday, March 19:

Port-au-Prince, Haiti Legislative elections.

Monday, March 20:

Geneva U.N. Human Rights Commission meeting. Through April 27.

London High Court begins hearing former Chilean dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet's latest appeal against extradition to Spain.

The Hague, Netherlands Yugoslav war crimes tribunal holds hearings in the Foca case, a rape-as-war-crime trial.

Thursday, March 23:

Lisbon, Portugal EU summit. Through March 24.

Sunday, March 26:

Moscow Deadline for holding Russian presidential elections to replace Boris Yeltsin.

Thursday, March 30:

Caracas, Venezuela OPEC meeting.

Friday, April 7:

Bogota, Colombia 2000 VII Ibero-American Theater Festival, with 55 companies from 32 countries. Through April 23.

Saturday, April 15:

North Korea Birthday anniversary of late North Korean leader Kim Il Sung.

Sunday, April 16:

Copenhagen, Denmark Queen Margrethe II of Denmark turns 60.

Sunday, April 23:

Vatican City Pope Easter mass for Millennium.

Sunday, April 30:

Vietnam 25th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War.

Monday, May 1:

Vatican City Pope leads Millennium year celebrations for workers.

Wednesday, May 3:

Camp Zeist, Netherlands Trial of two alleged Libyan intelligence agents accused of blowing up Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988.

Thursday, May 4:

London Londoners vote for the capital's first elected mayor.

Wednesday, May 10:

Cannes, France Cannes Film Festival. Through May 21.

Monday, May 15:

Geneva Annual governing assembly of the World Health Organization. Through May 20.

Oporto, Portugal EU defense, foreign ministers meetings. Through May 16.

Monday, May 22:

Geneva Second session of the Conference on Disarmament. Through June 7.

Belfast, Northern Ireland Deadline for the **Irish Republican Army** and other paramilitary groups to surrender arms.

Wednesday, May 24:

Florence, Italy NATO foreign ministers meeting. Through May 25.

Thursday, May 25:

Lisbon, Portugal EU foreign and trade ministers meet counterparts from a dozen Mediterranean and Middle Eastern nations. Through May 26.

Tuesday, May 30:

Geneva Annual governing assembly of the International Labor Organization. Through June 15.

Thursday, June 8:

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Brussels, Belgium NATO defense ministers meeting.

Sunday, June 18:

Vatican City Start of International Eucharistic Congress.

Monday, June 19:

Santa Maria da Feira, Portugal EU summit. Through June 20.

Saturday, June 24:

Reykjavik, Iceland Presidential elections.

Sunday, June 25:

Korea 50th anniversary of the start of the Korean War.

Monday, June 26:

Geneva Special session of the U.N. General Assembly to examine progress on social development. Through June 30.

Saturday, July 1:

Paris France holds presidency of European Union. Through Dec. 31.

Copenhagen, Denmark Planned opening of the tunnel-bridge crossing linking Danish capital to Swedish city of Malmoe.

Sunday, July 2:

Mexico City Mexican presidential elections.

Sunday, July 9:

Durban World AIDS conference. Through July 14.

Friday, July 21:

Nago, Japan G8 summit in Nago, Okinawa. Through Aug. 3.

Saturday, July 29:

Amsterdam, Netherlands Billy Graham and some 10,000 other evangelists from 185 countries open Amsterdam 2000, a conference on Christianity in the new millennium. Through Aug. 6.

Friday, Aug. 4:

London 100th birthday of Queen Elizabeth II's mother, Queen Mother Elizabeth.

Monday, August 7:

The third session of the Conference on Disarmament. Through September 22.

Tuesday, Aug. 15:

Vatican City Pope celebrates the 15th World Youth Day.

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Friday, Sept. 15:

Sydney, Australia Summer Olympics. Through Oct. 1.

Saturday, Sept. 16:

Brunei APEC finance ministers meet in Brunei. Through Oct. 1.

Friday, Oct. 20:

Seoul The Asia-Europe Meeting group summit. Through Oct. 21

Sunday, Dec. 10:

Stockholm, Sweden Awards ceremonies for Nobel prizes; peace prize awarded separately in Oslo, Norway.

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Attack kills fiery leader

Abdel Aziz Rantisi was the hard, unblinking face of Palestinian nationalism at its most extreme, a man who saw no advantage in a two-state solution. Better that Israel be destroyed, he said.

And though Rantisi, 56, led Hamas for less than a month, since the March 22 assassination of the militant Islamic movement's founder and spiritual leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, he had long been the uprising's loudest, most defiant voice.

Israeli officials confirmed the assassination, saying in a statement that Rantisi was personally responsible for the killing of dozens of Israeli civilians in Hamas-sponsored attacks.

Hamas is responsible for most of the 112 suicide bombings that have killed 465 people on the Israeli side during 31/2 years of violence.

Rantisi's behaviour made him Number One on Israel's hit list.

And he knew it, only three weeks ago telling reporters: "We will all die one day. Nothing will change. If by Apache or cardiac arrest, I prefer Apache."

It was an Apache, as fate would have it.

Moments after the Israeli gunship missile struck his car in Gaza City's Sheikh Radwan neighbourhood at 8: 30 last night, Rantisi emerged from the wreckage alive - just as he did in June, when the first such assassination attempt left him with superficial wounds.

This time the damage was fatal. Five minutes after he was rushed to nearby Shifa Hospital, Rantisi was gone.

"He was badly wounded to the head, the neck, the body. Each wound was enough to kill him. There was nothing we could do," said Dr. Goma El Saka, the hospital director.

Two of Rantisi's bodyguards were also killed. Rantisi's wife was also believed to be in the car, but her condition is not known. Several bystanders were also injured.

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Palestinians responded in an outpouring of white-hot rage. Thousands gathered at the hospital, the crowd growing in a march of anger that coursed through Gaza's inner-city streets.

Calls for revenge were immediate.

Hamas' armed wing issued a statement vowing "100 retaliations" that will shake "the criminal entity."

Ismail Haniyeh, one of Hamas' last remaining political leaders, said on the steps of Shifa Hospital: "This blood will not be wasted. We are not going to give up."

The killing of Yassin, the killing of Rantisi and - 72 hours earlier - U.S. President George W. Bush's endorsement of the Israeli leadership's plans for a unilateral solution to the crisis all became one in the official Palestinian reaction.

Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia called the assassination a "direct result of American encouragement," while legislator Hanan Ashrawi denounced the Bush administration policy as "complicit in Israel crimes."

Palestinian cabinet minister Saeb Erekat said in choosing to assassinate, Israeli leaders are "setting themselves up as judge, jury and executioner. They are playing God."

In Washington, U.S. officials last night denied America had given the green light for the strike, saying the administration remains opposed to targeted assassinations.

"There's been no change in our policy. We think Israel should bear in mind the consequences of what it's doing and we also think the Palestinians should get a handle on terrorism," a State Department official said.

Last night, Isabelle Savard, a spokesperson for Canadian Foreign Minister Bill Graham, said: "The Government of Canada condemns (the) attacks, which can only impede progress toward a peaceful solution to the complex conflict in the Middle East."

British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw also condemned the killing as "unlawful, unjustified and counter-productive." U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan denounced the killing, saying the assassination could lead to more violence.

A spokesperson told Reuters: "(Annan) reiterates that extra-judicial killings are violations of international law and calls on the government of Israel to immediately end this practice."

Israel's two Arab peace partners, Egypt and Jordan, joined the European Union in condemning the assassination and cautioning such killings could destroy chances for peace.

Daniel Gillerman, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, brushed aside the criticism, calling Rantisi's death "good news for the freedom-loving world."

"This is a man whose gloating face appeared on television every time there was a suicide bombing that killed women and children and babies in Israel."

Yesterday, hours before Rantisi was killed, a Palestinian suicide bomber blew himself up at the Erez crossing between Gaza and Israel, killing an Israeli border police officer and injuring three security workers. Hamas and Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades claimed responsibility.

A pediatrician by training, a politician by nature, a populist among Palestinians by dint of his forceful insistence that only violent resistance will free his people, Rantisi consistently denied a role in planning attacks.

Hamas, he maintained, operated very much like the *Irish Republican Army*, with mutually exclusive military and political wings. He would be Sinn Fein.

There was a time when Israel recognized such distinctions. But last summer, with the Palestinian uprising approaching a fourth violent year, such niceties vanished.

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Rantisi's assassination leaves Hamas with an acute leadership deficit.

Apart from Khalid Mashaal, who continues to lead the organization from exile in the Syrian capital of Damascus, nearly all of the movement's best-known leaders inside Gaza and the West Bank now are either dead or jailed.

In the wake of Yassin's killing, many Israeli analysts suggested a leaderless Hamas is the goal of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, to prevent the militant group from filling any political vacuum that might arise from his plan to withdraw troops and Israeli settlements from the Gaza Strip.

Many Palestinian analysts warn that without strong leadership, Hamas threatens to devolve and fragment into uncontrollable militancy; with all bottom and no top, the movement could continue attacks heedless of pressure from the weakened Palestinian Authority or neighbouring Egypt.

In an interview last night with Al-Arabiya TV, Samir Mousharka, a senior member of the mainstream Fatah movement, underscored those fears.

"Look at me, Israelis, and do not rejoice. Sharon is creating a new generation of violence and hatred. Now revenge will be in the young hearts of thousands and thousands."

Rantisi's status as a firebrand dates back to 1982, when he was first arrested by Israeli police after he refused to pay his taxes as a gesture of defiance.

Two years later he was stripped of his medical licence by Israeli authorities because of his active role in the militant Islamic Brotherhood movement.

In 1987, Rantisi was among six men who, together with Sheikh Yassin, founded Hamas, shortly after the onset of the first Palestinian intifada.

He was arrested and jailed many times and was among more than 400 Palestinians deported by Israel to Lebanon in 1992.

Hamas' armed wing vows '100 retaliations' that will shake 'the criminal entity'

Graphic

AHMED JADALLAH reuters Angry Palestinians descend yesterday on the destroyed vehicle that was carrying Hamas leader Abdel Aziz Rantisi. He and two bodyguards were killed in a missile attack. SUHAIB SALEM reuters Mortally injured leader of Hamas, Abdel Aziz Rantisi, arrives at Gaza hospital yesterday after his car was attacked. SUHAIB SALEM reuters Mortally injured leader of Hamas, Abdel Aziz Rantisi, arrives at Gaza hospital yesterday after his car was attacked.

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ANTARCTICA

Cargo planes set out to pick up ailing doctor

After a 24-hour delay caused by bad weather, two U.S. military cargo planes flew from New Zealand to the South Pole today to prepare to rescue a polar research station's doctor who has a lump in her breast. Two Air National Guard Hercules LC-130 cargo planes set out for McMurdo Base on the northern coast of Antarctica after high wind and swirling snow eased in Antarctica. When the planes arrive in McMurdo, they must wait until the temperature at the Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station rises above minus 58 degrees Fahrenheit before flying there to pick up Dr. Jerri Nielsen. A replacement doctor for the station and a team of medics to treat Nielsen are on one of the planes.

CYPRUS

Reputed doomsday cult is turned away from port

More than 20 members of a Christian group were refused permission to dock in Cyprus on Tuesday after they were turned away from Israel because officials there said they belonged to a doomsday cult. The group, which includes women and seven children, were refused permission to land at the port of Limassol because "they refused to reply to basic questions posed to them by immigration officials," police said. Cyprus police said they had learned that the Sekta group was threatening to commit suicide with the advent of the millennium. Cyprus police said there were 25 members in the group, including 18 Irish citizens, six Romanians and one Colombian. Israel fears it will become a target for Christian doomsday groups as the millennium approaches. It has set up a special police unit to screen visitors and prevent cultists from passing through border controls.

SOUTH KOREA

U.S. envoy will discuss inquiry into alleged massacre

A high-ranking U.S. envoy traveled to Seoul, South Korea, on Tuesday to discuss investigations into allegations American soldiers killed hundreds of Korean refugees in the early days of the Korean War. Assistant U.S. Secretary of State Stanley Roth planned to meet with Foreign Minister Hong Soon-young and Defense Minister Cho Sung-tae.

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Defense Secretary William Cohen has sent a letter to South Korean President Kim Dae-jung promising full U.S. cooperation, Kim's aides said Tuesday. The Associated Press reported late last month that American war veterans confirmed accounts by South Korean villagers who said they saw U.S. forces shoot civilians under a railroad bridge at No Gun Ri in July 1950. Survivors estimated 300 civilians were shot to death under the bridge and an additional 100 died in a preceding air attack.

NORTHERN IRELAND

New secretary takes over for Mo Mowlam

Peter Mandelson, Britain's new top official for Northern Ireland, came to Belfast on Tuesday to begin talks with the province's political leaders. Mandelson was appointed secretary for Northern Ireland on Monday as part of Prime Minister Tony Blair's Cabinet reshuffle. He replaces Mo Mowlam, who had fallen into disfavor among many Protestant politicians. Mandelson said he believes the faltering Northern Ireland peace accord still can be rescued if key parties work together. Mandelson held initial meetings Tuesday with the Ulster Unionists, Northern Ireland's major pro-British Protestant party; the ***Irish Republican Army***-allied Sinn Fein party; and the moderate Catholic Social Democratic and Labor Party. The formation of a Protestant-Catholic government for Northern Ireland - the cornerstone of last year's Good Friday peace accord - has been stalled by the Ulster Unionists' refusal to accept Sinn Fein members as Cabinet colleagues until the IRA begins to surrender its weapons.

AUSTRALIA

U.S. closes obsolete missile detection base

The United States closed a missile detection base in the Australian Outback on Tuesday because its job is now done by satellites. The joint Australia-U.S. Nurrungar base near Woomera, 280 miles north of Adelaide, played a key role for 29 years in monitoring missile launches. It also played a crucial role in the Persian Gulf War, warning of Iraqi Scud missiles. The information the base was receiving now can be gathered by satellites, said Air Force Secretary F. Whitten Peters. The base's functions have been transferred to another U.S. base in the central Australian desert, Pine Gap, and to a facility in Colorado, where six Australian officials will be posted. The upgraded system will be able to detect launchings in Asia and on the Korean Peninsula, which Nurrungar couldn't do, Peters said.

JAPAN

Firms must enforce safety standards, official says

Private companies running nuclear facilities bear responsibility for preventing accidents such as last month's radiation leak in northeastern Japan, a top nuclear official said Tuesday. Kaoru Mamiya, director-general of the Science and Technology Agency's nuclear safety bureau, said nuclear operators had a duty to follow government operating guidelines. It's not the government's fault when companies fail to meet those guidelines, Mamiya said. The Sept. 30 accident at a nuclear fuel reprocessing plant in Tokaimura, 70 miles northeast of Tokyo, exposed at least 49 people to radiation and forced the evacuation of surrounding homes.

FRANCE

Official must go to prison during war crimes appeal

An appeals court in Bordeaux ruled Tuesday that Maurice Papon, the Vichy official convicted for his role in deporting Jews in World War II, must go to prison on the eve of his appeals hearing. The court rejected a demand

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by Papon's lawyers to dispense with the incarceration - required by French law - ahead of an Oct. 21 hearing by France's highest court. Papon, 89, remained a free man during his six-month trial last year for complicity in crimes against humanity. His lawyers argued for similar treatment during the appeal on the grounds that Papon is old and ill. One of Papon's attorneys said he would not counsel his client to blindly obey the law. Instead, Jean-Marc Varaut said on France-Info radio he would advise Papon "to follow his conscience." Should Papon fail to turn himself in, he would lose his chance to appeal, making his conviction definitive.

Graphic

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Mexicans clean up after deadly mudslides - Soldiers recover what they can Monday from the mud and debris in Teziutlan, Mexico, after floods and mudslides buried part of the town. Officials estimate 500 people were killed in the flooding nationwide, and more than 500,000 are homeless.

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Body

Northern Ireland's year-old peace settlement was in tatters yesterday after the main Protestant political party refused to participate in a new Catholic-Protestant government until the **Irish Republican Army** began to disarm.

Ulster Unionist Party leader David Trimble and UUP members boycotted a critical meeting of the province's new assembly, saying they would not form a government with the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party before the IRA began giving up its large arsenal of illegal weaponry.

After three hours of acid exchanges between remaining assembly members including Protestant hard-liner Ian Paisley, the new assembly collapsed because only Catholic parties - Sinn Fein and the Social Democratic and Labor Party (SDLP) - agreed to nominate ministers for an executive board that must be balanced between Protestant and Catholic communities.

Immediately, British Prime Minister Tony Blair said his government would meet next week with the Irish government to order a review in hopes of salvaging a peace process that began in 1996 and culminated in the historic Good Friday peace agreement of 1998.

"I won't give up. I never give up. And I never will give up until the destiny of Northern Ireland is peace, the real peace that the people there deserve," Blair said.

In Washington, President Clinton said he was disappointed but still hopeful about the ultimate success of a peace settlement the U.S. government had played a decisive role in brokering. "I just don't believe as far as we have come that this thing is going to come apart," he said.

But with the legislative assembly suspended and no clear plan for resolving the long-standing impasse over IRA arms, there appeared little chance for the peace agreement's revival before the fall.

N. IRELAND 'S PRECARIOUS GOVERNMENT COLLAPSES PROTESTANTS HELD FIRM TO THEIR DEMANDS FOR IRA DISARMAMENT, CRIPPLING THE PLAN FOR BALANCED CONTROL.

The assembly's designated deputy leader, Seamus Mallon of the moderate SDLP, resigned in protest, blaming the unionists for "dishonoring the agreement" and "insulting its principles."

But UUP leader Trimble, who was awarded the 1998 Nobel Peace Prize with SDLP leader John Hume, said his party felt it was premature to form a new government in the province without disarmament commitments from the IRA.

"I hope very much we don't see a crash [of the peace agreement] today," Trimble said. "We're still working at this with every expectation of being able to deliver on the hopes that people have."

Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams said his party also would continue working toward the Good Friday agreement's success. "This is the time for people to be calm, for people to be reasonable," he said yesterday during an informal news briefing held at the foot of the assembly building's grand marble staircase.

There was no indication yesterday that the peace settlement setback might lead the IRA to abandon its two-year cease-fire and return to a bloody bombing and shooting campaign aimed at forcing the British government to give up control of the six-county province.

But despite recent urgings from Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern, there also was no statement from IRA leadership that it contemplated giving up any of its guns, missiles and explosives.

Last year's Good Friday peace agreement - the most positive development in a province plagued by 30 years of Catholic and Protestant warfare known as "The Troubles" - was crafted after two years of difficult negotiations among the UUP, Sinn Fein, the SDLP and other Northern Ireland political parties.

Yesterday, in the stately assembly room that was to be the crowning jewel of a power-sharing government, it took just three hours for the agreement to unravel.

On Wednesday, the UUP signaled its unhappiness with final peace agreement adjustments by saying it would not give up its "no guns, no government" policy and serve with Sinn Fein before IRA disarmament began. Yesterday, it made good on its promise - the UUP's 28 assembly seats were starkly empty as other assembly members filed into the room.

Sitting in an ornate assembly room of soft blue carpets, polished walnut desks, and gilt-topped columns, the assembly members made a remarkable scene. Sinn Fein leader Adams and former IRA prisoner Gerry Kelly were just a few seats from arch-enemy Ian Paisley of the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP). David Ervine, a former Protestant paramilitary who served time in prison for bombing, was near Monica McWilliams, leader of the Women's Coalition.

But as soon as the speaking began, the insults began flying. Paisley first called for Sinn Fein's expulsion from the assembly - a motion that failed. There followed hoots and guffaws from DUP members as the assembly chairman looked toward the empty UUP seats as he asked for UUP nominations for ministry posts.

The chairman next called on the SDLP and Sinn Fein to nominate ministers, and when Sinn Fein's Martin McGuinness - a man who has long denied reports that he is an active IRA leader - was nominated as agriculture minister, hoots from Paisley's side filled the room.

"He needs the fertilizer!" shouted a voice from the DUP benches - referring to the use of fertilizer in making IRA bombs.

Adams got in his own points against the DUP, calling the 73-year-old, wan-looking Paisley "a disgrace" and warning that the collapse of the peace agreement will mean that young Protestant unionists attending universities in Scotland and England will be "the ones who will leave and not come home."

N. IRELAND 'S PRECARIOUS GOVERNMENT COLLAPSES PROTESTANTS HELD FIRM TO THEIR DEMANDS FOR IRA DISARMAMENT, CRIPPLING THE PLAN FOR BALANCED CONTROL.

With UUP members absent to fill ministerial posts, and the DUP refusing to do so, the assembly was suspended, perhaps forever, at 1:25 p.m.

If the peace plan had gone as expected, the British Parliament in London would have devolved power to the new assembly by Sunday - giving self-rule to Northern Ireland and giving its Catholics and Protestants their first truly representative government since the province was formed with the partition of Ireland in 1920.

But even if the province's parties cannot reach agreement on the disarmament of the IRA and Protestant paramilitary groups after the government-ordered review of the peace process, the peace agreement still may survive in another form without an assembly.

Ironically, yesterday was the day that Queen Elizabeth honored the three men who brokered the peace agreement.

"It's a day of irony," said former U.S. Sen. George Mitchell, holding a ribboned medal awarded to him after he was given an honorary knighthood at Buckingham Palace in London.

Mitchell, who chaired peace talks in Northern Ireland last year, was honored together with his two cochairmen, Canadian Forces Gen. John de Chastelain and former Finnish Prime Minister Harri Holkeri.

"No one could have foreseen [this] would be the day the process encountered this difficulty in Northern Ireland," Mitchell said. "Obviously we're deeply grateful for the honor but wish it were under more happy circumstances."

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NATO Agrees to Bomb Sites in Belgrade

The United States and NATO agreed to an escalated air campaign that would include government buildings in downtown Belgrade as targets, two senior American officials said. Western officials admitted that air strikes had failed to halt the Serbs' assault in Kosovo or to damage their military sufficiently. A1

NATO warplanes bombarded Serbian ground forces, airfields and supply depots around the clock, but did not knock out the Serbs' air defenses or blunt their offensive. A11

The growing exodus of refugees from Kosovo has left Clinton Administration officials and NATO officials wondering whether they will ever be able to achieve the goal of a province in which Serbs and ethnic Albanians can live in peace. A1

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A day of mediation by the Russian Prime Minister, Yevgeny M. Primakov, produced a flurry of ideas but no evidence of a breakthrough. A9

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Struggle for Ulster Compromise

Prime Ministers Tony Blair of Britain and Bertie Ahern of Ireland were again unable to persuade Protestant and Roman Catholic leaders to compromise on the bitter dispute over the disarmament of the Irish Republican Army. A third round of talks is to be held today. A5

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Jury Awards \$81 Million To a Smoker's Survivors

An Oregon jury ordered the largest award in a smoking-related lawsuit, deciding that Philip Morris should pay \$81 million to the family of Jesse Williams, a former janitor who smoked Marlboro cigarettes for four decades and who died at age 67 in 1997. A14

Alabama Political Settlement

The Alabama Senate found its way out of the monthlong procedural chaos that had prevented any legislation from being passed and threatened to paralyze state government. A14

Report on Bottled-Water Safety

People who buy bottled water cannot be sure that it is purer or safer than tap water, an environmental advocacy group said in a report of a survey that sampled 1,000 bottles of water sold under 103 brand names. The group said that some samples of bottled water contained unsafe levels of bacteria or chemicals. A14

U.N. Report on U.S. Prisons

A United Nations special investigator for violence against women reported that sexual misconduct by prison guards was common in women's prisons in the United States. The investigator, a lawyer from Sri Lanka, based her findings on visits last June to state and Federal prisons in six states and Washington, D.C. A16

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Disabled air travelers are often mistreated by airline personnel and denied special accommodations, including access to wheelchairs and escorts, in violation of a 1986 law, according to a report by the National Council on Disability, a Federal advisory agency. A16

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Researchers at the Holocaust Memorial Museum say that about half the Jewish refugees aboard the St. Louis, a ship turned away by the United States in 1939, survived the war. B1

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Mayor Giuliani, an as-yet-undeclared candidate for Senate, said a Web site set up by his supporters was not intended as an attack on Hillary Rodham Clinton, who is also considering a candidacy. B4

Diallo Indictments to Be Opened

The grand jury indictments in the police killing of Amadou Diallo are to be unsealed at 2 P.M. The victim's family is to meet earlier with the Bronx District Attorney for a preview. About 400 off-duty officers rallied outside the courthouse to support the four officers who are expected to be charged with second-degree murder. B3

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INTERNATIONAL A3-11

U.S. Makes a Final Effort To Avoid Balkans Bombing

The United States dispatched a special envoy, Richard C. Holbrooke, to meet with President Slobodan Milosevic of Yugoslavia in what officials described as a final effort to persuade him to accept a peace agreement for Kosovo and avoid a NATO bombing. A1

NATO Near Accord on Strategy

NATO appeared to be moving toward agreement on an American plan that would authorize heavy bombing against elite Serbian units carrying out attacks on ethnic Albanians in Kosovo. The new plan may be approved on Monday. A10

Serbian forces, taking advantage of the departure of 1,300 unarmed foreign monitors, pressed an offensive into the guerrilla heartland of Kosovo, an area known as Drenica. A10

OPEC Plans Production Cuts

OPEC, in partnership with major oil producers like Mexico and Norway who are not members of the group, plans to take more than two million barrels of oil a day out of world markets starting in April. The action, at an emergency meeting on Tuesday in Vienna, would mark the first time in 13 years that the cartel had taken such a drastic measure, largely because of the pressing needs of the largest producer, Saudi Arabia, and other producing countries to generate more revenue, experts said. A6

Chechen Leader Attacked

Aslan Maskhadov, the leader of the separatist region in the Caucasus area of southern Russia, survived when a bomb exploded near his motorcade in the Chechen capital of Grozny, wounding several people. The attack came two days after a bomb in Vladikavkaz, the capital of the North Ossetia region 30 miles from Chechnya, killed more than 50 people. A7

Balloonists Land in Egypt

NEWS SUMMARY

The first balloonists to circle the globe touched down in southern Egypt after a final night soaring across North Africa, and then spent hours waiting for a ride home. A8

U.S.-Saudi Tension on Iraq

Nearly three months of American bombings against Iraq are proving an irritant to ties between the United States and Saudi Arabia, as Saudi officials acknowledge that the kingdom refuses to allow Saudi-based American warplanes to take part in what it regards as punitive raids. The kingdom is the main base for American warplanes in the region. A6

Irish Premier Sees Progress

Prime Minister Bertie Ahern of Ireland said there would be a settlement of the dispute over **Irish Republican Army** disarmament in time for the Northern Ireland peace effort to advance by an Easter deadline. A3

Mexican Rebels' Referendum

Mexico's Zapatista rebels, in a characteristically imaginative but one-sided attempt to put their isolated movement back in the limelight, held a nationwide referendum on their proposals for peace. A5

NATIONAL A12-18

Few Dwellings Meet Rules On Access for the Disabled

A Federal law enacted eight years ago that requires new multifamily dwellings to be accessible to people with disabilities has been widely ignored, the Justice Department and advocates for the disabled say. Surveys conducted by the advocates indicated that only a tiny percentage of the multifamily buildings in their communities were in compliance. A1

Victims of Train Crash Recalled

Townpeople gathered in Bourbonnais, Ill., to remember the 11 people killed when a train crashed into a truck last week, and to honor those who helped in the rescue effort. A12

A Candidate With a Voice

John R. Kasich, an Ohio Congressman, is only one of several Republican Presidential candidates who wants to cut the Federal income tax. But Mr. Kasich, unlike the others, is the chairman of the House Budget Committee and has an influential role in fiscal policy. The budget plan he helped to draft is scheduled for a House vote this week. A13

A Survivor Lives With Grief

Jim Larson's sad celebrity comes from having two high-profile murderers, in otherwise unrelated crimes, sentenced to die for killing **women** he loved. And as a relative of the victims, he has the legal right to watch both men die. A14

New Rules for Coal Dust

The Federal Government is about to revamp its 25-year-old rules setting limits on coal dust, which can cause black lung disease and other respiratory illnesses. A15

Medicare Debate Intensifies

NEWS SUMMARY

Dr. Donna E. Shalala, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, is resisting proposals to raise eligibility ages for Medicare or reduce its benefits and said the Administration will not accept any plan that would "make people sicker or poorer." A17

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Response to Diallo Case Is Criticized by Pataki

With the grand jury investigation of the Amadou Diallo case wrapping up and the daily protests over Mr. Diallo's slaying by police gathering momentum, Gov. Pataki described the case as horrific and suggested that the Giuliani administration was not "responding appropriately to criticism" over the matter. A1

Calm Amid the Mayor's Storm

Joseph J. Lhota, who became New York's Deputy Mayor for Operations last year, has stood out as the most easygoing member of Mayor Giuliani's tightly knit, tightly wound inner circle, known for his willingness to talk openly and his insouciant humor. B1

New Life for Labor Unions

A new cast of union leaders is starting to make New York City's labor movement more vigorous -- and more combative -- than it has been in decades. B1

ARTS E1-10

'Shakespeare' and 'Life' Win

Gwyneth Paltrow won the best actress Oscar for "Shakespeare in Love," and Roberto Benigni became the first actor in a foreign language film, "Life is Beautiful," to win for best actor. E1

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These Four Are Final

Duke, Connecticut, Michigan State and latecomer Ohio State are headed to the 61st Final Four. D1

Heavyweights to Meet Again

Evander Holyfield and Lennox Lewis will fight again. D1

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Internet Privacy Technology

The Novell Corporation plans today to announce an Internet technology intended to give Web surfers greater control over their identities as they travel through cyberspace. Novell hopes the technology, called Digital Me, will gain acceptance as a standard means of controlling identity on the World Wide Web, permitting network users to reveal or retain personal information. C1

Banking Revolution in Italy

NEWS SUMMARY

Italy was bracing for a banking revolution as its third-largest bank, Unicredito Italiano, offered to buy the smaller Banca Commerciale Italiana in an exchange of stock that would create a major European player to be called Eurobanca. C2

Cable's New Generation

Cable television programmers, in search of shows that can feed off the ground-breaking tone of "South Park" and professional wrestling, are seeking to up the ante in terms of the "edginess" and "outrageousness" of their new programming. C1

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VENEZUELA

Bodies of activists were being sent home to U.S.

The bodies of three American activists will be returned home today, Wednesday, nearly a week after they were shot to death near the Colombian border. The bodies of the Indian-rights activists, slain after being kidnapped in Colombia, were taken to the Venezuelan capital Monday evening. U.S. authorities blame the killings on Colombia's largest rebel group, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia. The rebels deny the allegation, though they say they are conducting their own investigation. The three were kidnapped on Feb. 25. Their bodies were found Thursday in rural Venezuela. The Americans, Ingrid Washinawatok, 41, a member of the Menominee nation of Wisconsin, Lahe'ena'e Gay, 39, director of the Hawaii-based Pacific Cultural Conservancy International, and Terence Freitas, 24, an environmentalist from Los Angeles, were on a mission to help preserve the culture of the U'wa Indians in northeast Colombia.

SWITZERLAND

Balloonists float over China with Beijing's blessing

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PAKISTAN

Nuclear force deters India, ex-official says

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GERMANY

Ukrainians used as forced labor seek redress

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RUSSIA

Chechen president seeks talks over general's kidnapping

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Chechnya's president called Tuesday for a meeting with Russian leaders to coordinate efforts to find an abducted Russian general, but again warned Moscow against attacking Chechnya in retaliation. "Threats and blackmail are unacceptable," Chechen President Aslan Maskhadov said through his spokesman. "We must start negotiations to solve the issue." The kidnapping of police Maj. Gen. Gennady Shpigun in Grozny, the Chechen capital, last Friday worsened already tense relations between Russian and Chechen leaders. The two sides have never settled Chechnya's political status following the 1994-96 war in which the republic won what amounts to independence. No one has claimed responsibility for Shpigun's kidnapping. Russian Interior Minister Sergei Stepashin has ordered more soldiers to the border areas around Chechnya.

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GUATEMALA

3 are convicted of raping U.S. students in Guatemala

A three-judge panel in Escuintla, Guatemala, convicted on Monday three men of rape and aggravated robbery for an attack last year on a group of visiting American students. Judge Elmer Rolando Espina Figueroa sentenced each defendant to 28 years in prison - 18 years for rape and 10 years for robbery. The sentences will be served consecutively. Defense lawyer Salvador Herrera said he would appeal the convictions. Thirteen students and three faculty members from St. Mary's College of Maryland were robbed and five women were raped when the bus they were traveling in was pulled over at gunpoint on Jan. 16, 1998, near Santa Lucia, 60 miles southwest of Guatemala City. The men convicted were Cosby Urias, 38, Rony Polanco Sil, 29, and Reyes Guch Ventura, 25. All had pleaded innocent.

UNITED NATIONS

Indonesia rules out a vote on autonomy in East Timor

Indonesia's foreign minister denied Monday that the government had approved a ballot on autonomy for East Timor, saying Jakarta wants to consult the Timorese but fears a vote could provoke civil war. Ali Alatas disputed comments by his Portuguese counterpart, Jaime Gama, who said earlier Monday that Indonesia had agreed to a U.N.-sponsored ballot over the status of the former Portuguese colony. "We are still trying to find a way in which we can consult the views of the East Timorese short of a referendum," Alatas said as he arrived at the United Nations for a final round of U.N.-sponsored talks on the future of the territory. Indonesia invaded East Timor in December 1975 and annexed it in January 1976. The United Nations and Portugal do not recognize Indonesia's claim. Two weeks ago, Indonesia made a surprise offer, saying it would consider independence for East Timor if a majority of the territory's people rejected autonomy.

MEXICO

Leftist party claims election fraud in governor's race

WORLD

Apparently a narrow loser in a key gubernatorial race, Mexico's main leftist party complained of election fraud in the vote in Guerrero state. With 98 percent of the vote counted, the Democratic Revolution Party had received 47.6 percent to the incumbent Institutional Revolutionary Party's 49.9 percent. The Institutional Revolutionary Party, known by its Spanish acronym PRI, has dominated Mexican politics for 70 years. Misael Medrano, Democratic Revolution's representative on the State Electoral Council, said in Chilpancingo that some voting stations reported suspiciously high turnout rates. He claimed the PRI had bought votes and exceeded campaign spending limits.

VATICAN CITY

Cyst, drugs may have affected killer, officials say

Marijuana use and a brain cyst may have impaired the reasoning of a disgruntled Swiss Guard who killed his commander and the man's wife in May, Vatican officials said Monday. Closing its investigation of the first murders in the Vatican in 150 years, the Vatican said Cedric Tornay, 23, shot the couple with his service revolver before killing himself. The nine-month investigation reached the same conclusion expressed immediately after the slayings of Col. Alois Estermann and his wife, Gladys Meza Romero.

NORTHERN IRELAND

Residents want outlaws to disarm, new poll shows

More than four-fifths of people in Northern Ireland want paramilitary outlaws to start disarming immediately in support of last year's peace accord, an opinion poll shows. The poll by Market Solutions (NI), published Monday in the Belfast Telegraph, provided fresh ammunition for politicians who have argued for months over how to form a new Protestant-Catholic government for the British-ruled province. Protestants are refusing to govern alongside the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party unless the ***Irish Republican Army*** starts destroying its weapons stockpiles first. But the IRA has rejected calls to disarm. It is observing a July 1997 cease-fire after trying for 27 years to overthrow the predominantly Protestant province. The opinion poll suggested that 84 percent of residents - including 93 percent of Protestants and 68 percent of Catholics - want the IRA and the two major pro-British paramilitary groups to start disarming immediately.

POLAND

Police fire rubber bullets at protesting farmers

Police fired rubber bullets and marched on protesting farmers Monday to break up a road block set up despite a preliminary agreement between farm leaders and the government. No one was injured in the clash 55 miles east of Warsaw, where traffic was jammed for miles on the main road to the eastern border with Belarus. Dozens of farmers had parked tractors and other farm machinery in the road. They ran into nearby fields when 300 policemen in riot gear began advancing after firing a few rounds of rubber bullets. It was one of eight blockades set up by farmers backing radical union leader Andrzej Lepper, who called for more protests hours after the government and other farm leaders signed an agreement following all-night talks.

SWITZERLAND

Three people are killed as avalanches crash down Alps

Avalanches killed three people in Switzerland on Monday - including a couple in their restaurant - as forecasters said heavy snowfall had made the central Alpine region more dangerous than it had been in 15 years. Every winter in the Alps, skiers and snowboarders who veer off marked trails are killed by snow slides. But this was the first time

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in more than a decade that a Swiss avalanche had killed people inside a building, experts said. The couple who ran the Oberland restaurant in the upper part of Wengen, a well-known resort in central Switzerland, were alone in the building when it was hit at 2 a.m., officials said. The upper floor of the building was swept away. The two were identified only as a 58-year-old man and a 52-year-old woman. In another avalanche, one person was killed when snow crashed down on two cars traveling on the highway near Lavin in far eastern Switzerland. Three others were hospitalized.

ERITREA

Army says it forced retreat of Ethiopian soldiers

Eritrean forces claimed to have dealt the Ethiopian army a heavy blow on a new front Monday, inflicting casualties and forcing thousands of soldiers to retreat. Ethiopian officials, meanwhile, admitted that jet fighters were being used to support a counteroffensive. Eritrea condemned the violation of a freeze on airstrikes that was brokered last June by President Bill Clinton. Fighting over the weekend ended an eight-month stalemate in the war between the two Horn of Africa nations. Disagreement over their unmarked border has simmered since Eritrea gained independence from Ethiopia in 1993. Both countries accused the other of setting off the latest round of fighting along the 600-mile border.

Graphic

PHOTO AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE Photo - Danger of avalanches closes roadA policeman stands Monday in Pians, Austria, where a road had been closed because of the danger of avalanches. Heavy snowfalls in Tyrolean valleys have left some villages cut off.

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ANKARA, Turkey

U.S. warplanes bomb Iraqi radar sites

U.S. warplanes bombed Iraqi military sites today after being targeted by Iraqi radar in the northern no-fly zone, the U.S. military said. U.S. and British planes also struck in the southern no-fly zone today after two Iraqi planes crossed into the zone.

In the north, U.S. F-15s dropped 11 precision-guided bombs on Iraqi anti-aircraft artillery and radar sites near Mosul, the U.S.-European command reported. Mosul is 250 miles north of Baghdad, the Iraqi capital.

None of the planes was damaged. All returned safely to their base of Incirlik, in southern Turkey. The U.S.-European command said damage to the Iraqi sites was being assessed.

WASHINGTON

Study: Teachers unprepared for computers

There are more than 6 million computers in the nation's schools, but most teachers still lack the training to use them in a way that helps children learn, a study finds. Simply using computers as a tool to "drill" students doesn't raise achievement, said a group of business leaders who released the report today.

The report suggests teacher training in technology should be mandatory by 2002. The CEO Forum on Education and Technology, a group of 20 business and education leaders, examined and analyzed a variety of education data.

LOS ANGELES, Calif.

Pete Wilson won't run for president

Former California Gov. Pete Wilson has made his decision: It would be senseless to run again for president. He can't raise enough money to compete. Wilson, who left office Jan. 4, said he will instead become a visiting fellow at Stanford's Hoover Institution, a conservative think tank.

WASHINGTON

WORLD & NATION BRIEFS

Activists oppose use of IV bags made of PVC

Environmental activists are mounting a campaign against plastic medical IV bags that can leach a suspected cancer-causing chemical into patients, but the Food and Drug Administration says alarm is unnecessary.

There's no evidence that medical equipment made of PVC plastic harms patients, agency officials say. PVC, or polyvinyl chloride, is a plastic used in products ranging from shower curtains to medical devices. Environmentalists dislike it because the manufacture and incineration of PVC can cause dioxin pollution.

Greenpeace and the Health Care Without Harm coalition are urging that hospitals use only IV bags made of other plastics.

EVOLENE, Switzerland

Two die in Swiss avalanche; six lost in France

Two people were killed and several others were missing after two avalanches in a valley of the southern Swiss Alps, police said today. The avalanches hit Sunday between the villages of Evolene and Les Hauderes, sweeping away several chalets.

Two people were found dead under the snow. One girl survived with a broken leg, according to police spokesman Carlo Kuonen.

Rescue workers in France, aided by helicopters and specially trained dogs, were searching today for four men and two women missing in a snowstorm in the Pyrenees mountains in southwestern France. They have been missing since they set off Sunday to climb a mountain near the town of Bagnères-de-Bigorre.

MAKHACHKALA, Russia

One person killed, 20 hurt in earthquake

An earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 5.5 struck southern Russia, killing one person and injuring 20 others, officials said. The Sunday night earthquake had its epicenter 40 miles west of Makhachkala, a city on the western coast of the Caspian Sea, the Ministry for Emergency Situations said.

Several homes in the Kizilyurt region were badly damaged, and the area was left without gas and electricity, it said.

SYDNEY, Australia

One killed, nine injured in street shooting

A man wielding a shotgun opened fire on a busy street in the Australian coastal city of Wollongong today, killing one man and wounding nine people, authorities said.

Witnesses said the gunman jumped into a vehicle immediately after the shooting and was driven away by another man. Police have not determined a motive for the shooting.

HONG KONG

Woman killed by antibiotic-resistant germ

A supergerm that has proven resistant to one of the most potent antibiotics available has killed a Hong Kong woman, officials said today, raising fears that more such germs could develop as doctors continue to misuse or overuse antibiotics.

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The woman was one of a few known cases in the world in which staphylococcus aureus bacteria, or staph, proved resistant to vancomycin, an antibiotic that doctors use as the last resort to treat infections when all other antibiotics fail.

"We are getting into the terminal stage. It is very dangerous; the bacteria have broken the last defense," said Yuen Kwok-yung, a microbiologist at the University of Hong Kong.

NEW DELHI, India

Indian leader praises talks with Pakistan

India reached a landmark in its foreign relations in weekend peace talks with its neighbor and nuclear rival Pakistan, India's president said today.

Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's visit Saturday to Pakistan on the first commercial bus service between the two countries in 51 years was heralded by President K.R. Narayanan. It was the first time an Indian prime minister had visited Pakistan in 10 years.

MOSCOW

New crew docks with Mir space station

A new three-member crew, which may be part of the last team to work and live on the Mir, successfully docked with Russian space station this morning.

The Soyuz capsule carrying Russian Viktor Afanasyev, Frenchman Jean-Pierre Heignere and Slovak Ivan Bella linked up with the Mir two days after blasting off from the former Soviet republic of Kazakstan. The trio could be the last to visit Mir, which may be discarded as early as August if the Russians cannot find private donors to pay costs of about \$ 250 million a year.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland

Police arrest suspect in Omagh bombing

Police arrested an eighth man today on suspicion of involvement in last year's car bombing in Omagh, the deadliest attack in the 30 years of Northern Ireland's conflict.

Spokesmen for the Royal Ulster Constabulary did not identify the latest man to be arrested in a crackdown on alleged members of the **Irish Republican Army** dissident group responsible for the Aug. 15 attack. Twenty-nine people were killed and about 370 were wounded in the bombing.

On Sunday, police in the Irish Republic arrested five people and the Northern Irish police detained two others.

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McKevitt 'wanted to exact a huge financial toll in London';

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ALLEGED Real IRA leader Michael McKevitt told FBI agent David Rupert that he wanted his campaign to exact a "huge financial toll in London, the Special Criminal Court was told yesterday.

It is the first time anyone in the Republic has stood trial for directing terrorism under legislation introduced after the 1998 Omagh bombing which killed 29 people including a woman pregnant with twins.

Laurence Rush, whose wife Elizabeth was killed in the Real IRA attack, was among those who attended the start of McKevitt's trial in Dublin.

Prosecuting counsel George Birmingham SC said that during more than 20 meetings between McKevitt and Mr Rupert, the Co Louth man had discussed policy decisions and given his analysis of the situation.

He said the accused had told Mr Rupert that the Omagh attack was a joint operation, that the Real IRA had built the bomb while the Continuity IRA had chosen the target and delivered the device.

The court also heard that McKevitt had spoken about how car bombs were "out" unless they were directed at British army barracks, how he wanted to take the campaign to London to exact a "huge financial toll" and how his dissident organisation might be involved in a feud with the Provisional republican movement.

The defendant's counsel, Hugh Hartnett SC, told the court that Mr Rupert had signed a contract with two US journalists to write a book about his experiences and that he would receive 55 per cent of the profits.

Mr Birmingham said that the central prosecution witness in the case would be Mr Rupert, who had engaged in an intelligence gathering operation against dissident republicans.

He said: "The case will significantly turn on the credibility of Mr Rupert because he is the principal prosecution witness.

"The court will be satisfied that Mr Rupert was a figure of quite remarkable courage who took on this extraordinarily dangerous task and performed it with great skill over a number of years.

"He will now come to court to give evidence against Mr McKevitt who is charged with membership of an illegal organisation and directing it."

McKevitt 'wanted to exact a huge financial toll in London';

It was the opening day of the trial of 53-year-old McKevitt, from Beech Park, Blackrock, Co Louth, who pleaded not guilty to two charges - membership of an unlawful organisation styling itself the ***Irish Republican Army***, otherwise Oglagh na hEireann, otherwise the IRA, between August 29 1999 and March 28 2001 and directing the activities of the same organisation between March 29 1999 and October 23 2000.

Mr Birmingham told the court that Mr Rupert had been approached by the FBI in the summer of 1994 and agreed to work for and provide information to its agents about "persons of a terrorist disposition in Ireland".

Mr Rupert later agreed to work for the British Security Service and was subsequently put in contact with Chief Superintendent Dermot Jennings of the Garda Síochána.

Mr Birmingham said that Mr Rupert was "a contracted employee" of the FBI and that in round figures to date he had received a total of \$1.25 million.

New York-born Mr Rupert had been involved in construction, engineering and life assurance and had built up a substantial trucking business which was the subject of enormous claims after one of his vehicles was involved in an accident with multiple fatalities, counsel said.

The court was told of how Mr Rupert, who had no Irish background, had first come to Ireland in early 1992 and returned that August with a ***female*** companion who was a lobbyist in Florida for the Sean MacBride principles (whereby Northern Ireland firms seen to operate sectarian recruiting policies were boycotted by US companies). The pair spent a lot of time in the north west and spoke at a hunger strikers commemoration in Bundoran.

Mr Rupert met a number of prominent republicans in the north west, including people associated with Republican Sinn Féin, the Continuity IRA, Sinn Féin and the Provisional IRA, the court heard.

In the early years his contact was with the Continuity IRA and he moved back and forth between the US and Ireland, the court was told.

"It would appear that his association with these people came to the attention of the gardai. He is a person of rather striking appearance," Mr Birmingham said.

The Garda contacted the FBI whose agents approached Mr Rupert in the summer of 1994 to work for the bureau in return for covering his expenses for visiting Ireland, the court heard.

Mr Rupert met the leadership of Republican Sinn Féin and attended its Ard Fheiseanna, the court heard. It was alleged that he had been shown pubs by his contacts in the RSF leadership.

Mr Rupert identified a premises known as the Drowse Bar in Co Leitrim and the FBI put him in touch with Garda Chief Superintendent Jennings.

The Drowse Bar operation failed. In June 1997 the FBI offered Mr Rupert a contract and he came on to the bureau's payroll.

Some months later he agreed to work for the British security services, the court heard.

"He would work for whoever would pay him. He described himself as a whore, saying whoever would pay him, he would work for," Mr Birmingham said.

"His task was to provide intelligence on republican activities."

Mr Rupert had never been an accomplice and was not a terrorist who had turned informer, Mr Birmingham said.

Following the failure of the Drowse Bar operation the Garda dropped out of the loop but Mr Rupert continued to work for the British security services and the FBI, the court heard.

McKevitt 'wanted to exact a huge financial toll in London';

Mr Birmingham said Mr Rupert had been in Ireland in August 1998 when the Omagh bomb exploded and he was told this was a time of great sensitivity and he should return to the US.

The court heard how he had returned to Ireland that November and met a Derry RSF supporter who was drifting away from the group.

Mr Rupert had a number of meetings with the man and was told of a coming together of the dissident republican community, the court was told.

Mr Rupert attended a meeting on August 29 1999 at the Four Seasons Hotel in Monaghan which, it was alleged, was attended by McKevitt, a man described as the director of operations, the Derry man and a prominent figure in the Irish American community.

It was claimed that McKevitt was very much in charge and indicated that he saw himself as being "very hands-on, although he did not want to be chief of staff or on the army council".

On another occasion McKevitt had spoken about his targeting preferences, which included targets outside Ireland, police and British army bases and politicians who had taken seats in Stormont, the court heard.

The trial continues today.

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ACCUSED: Michael McKevitt SUFFERING: Laurence Rush TRIAL: Defendant Michael McKevitt's wife, Bernadette Sands McKevitt, and her mother, Rosaleen Sands, leave the Special Criminal Court in Dublin yesterday PICTURE: Haydn West/PA

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'Bloody Sunday' recalls the Troubles

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ANYONE WHO HAS EVER LISTENED to the Irish band U2 is familiar with the term "Bloody Sunday." It refers to the day of Jan. 30, 1972, when British paratroopers fired upon thousands of protesters in the Catholic city of Derry.

The final tally: 13 dead, 14 wounded, with one man dying later from complications caused by his wounds. The paratroopers emerged unscratched.

The protesters were marching in protest of a law the British government had passed the previous August. That law, one more twist in the already tragically tangled history of Northern Ireland, made it legal for the government to jail anyone it wanted without trial. It was intended as another weapon in the ongoing war with the Provisional ***Irish Republican Army***, but as it applied to everyone, there was understandable, widespread resentment. Thousands of people ended up being jailed in the search for "terrorists."

Writer-director Paul Greengrass' film version of the events of that day, "Bloody Sunday" (available this week on DVD and VHS; 1:47, rated R) is a riveting study of how long-standing grievances, fueled by sectarian and ethnic hatred, is a ready mix for violence.

Shooting his film in documentary fashion, Greengrass uses mostly a hand-held camera to take us into the headquarters of Ivan Cooper (James Nesbitt), the Protestant Member of Parliament who hoped to merge the working classes of Catholics and Protestants in the quest for peace. In alternate moments, we're in the war room of the British commander, Gen. Robert Ford (Timothy Pigott-Smith), watching as orders lead to a feeling among the foot soldiers that these upstart civilians need to be taught a lesson.

And in between, we're on the streets, watching loved ones say goodbye, wishing each other luck, hoping for the best and collapsing in grief when the worst strikes them down.

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Greengrass' film wasn't nominated for a 2002 Oscar (it was filmed originally for Irish television), though it has won a number of international awards, including the audience award for World Cinema at the 2002 Sundance Film Festival. Greengrass offers a point of view that holds the soldiers responsible for the violence. It's a contentious point, one that was denied in the first official inquiry, though in 1998 British Prime Minister Tony Blair ordered another inquiry, which is ongoing.

But whatever your feeling about what really happened that day in 1972, Greengrass' film remains a masterpiece of its kind. He not only brings his characters to life, he pulls you right into their world. "Bloody Sunday" may not be reality, but it is the closest you can come and still remain a work of fictional art.

The week's other major home-entertainment releases:

The ChubbChubbs!

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Winner of the Oscar for Best Animated Short, Eric Armstrong's "The ChubbChubbs!" is now available for home purchase.

Until now, the only way you could obtain this six-minute short was by purchasing a copy of the DVD version of "Men in Black II." That still might be the best deal, since Amazon.com is pricing the short itself at \$9.95 and "Men in Black II" at \$24.95 new (special widescreen edition) and around \$10 used. (Of course, some of you might think it worth the extra money not to have to see "Men in Black II.")

Anyway, the story of a tone-deaf creature trying to become a lounge singer is funny. And surprising. Local note: Spokane's Tim Larkin was the film's sound designer. (DVD only; :06) Not rated.

Standing in the Shadows of Motown

In the late 1960s, Motown was churning out one hit tune after another by artists such as Smokey Robinson, The Supremes and Marvin Gaye. But the group that may have been as responsible for the music as those who stood in the spotlights was a motley mix of musicians called the Funk Brothers. Studio musicians all, they were the ones who came up with the musical hooks, who kept the steady beats and supported the stars with the kind of music that the world had never yet heard and hasn't yet been bettered.

Documentary filmmaker Paul Justman tells their story, and in the process the story of Motown Records itself, by putting them on camera both to relate tales and play the old music with new faces such as Chaka Khan, Montel Jordan and, most improbably (but successfully), Joan Osborne. It's a fitting legacy to some talented musical unknowns. (DVD, VHS; 1:56) Rated PG-13 (language, thematic elements)

The Crime of Padre Amaro

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This tale of a Mexican Catholic priest gone bad is based on an 1875 Portuguese novel by Eca de Queiroz. Given all the controversy about sexual abuse and the modern church, no doubt director Carlos Carrera thought the subject timely.

The story here, though, is deeper. When a young priest (Gael Garcia Bernal) comes to a tiny village, he finds a world that may not be steeped in corruption but certainly is in bed with it. The parish priest is laundering drug money to get the funds he needs to build a modern hospital (he's also carrying on an affair with a local widow).

Other priests ignore what's going on (one seems more interested in his gourmet cooking than anything else), while the one who does object is himself covering up for local rebels who are fighting the drug lords. It doesn't take long before the young priest finds himself taken by a local beauty and in some twisted way convinces himself that he can reconcile his calling and his physical needs with the calling always being more important.

"The Crime of Padre Amaro" doesn't give a pretty view of the Catholic church, which in many ways is justified, but it comes close to pushing the point a bit too far.

(DVD, VHS; 1:58) Rated R (sexuality, language, disturbing images).

Real Women Have Curves HH

Talented and smart enough to win a scholarship to Columbia University, Ana (America Ferrera) is held back by her overly protective parents (especially her mother, played by Lupe Ontiveros). They, of course, want her to stay at home and blend in with the rest of the Mexican-American community.

There's a nasty undertone to "Real Women Have Curves," and it's provided almost exclusively by Ana's mother. She's the type who is always justifying her belittling remarks about Ana being overweight or her other daughter's inability to get a husband by saying that she's just trying to help her children the best she knows how.

The movie is supposed to be about Ana's coming of age, but her mother's self-hatred is one of the only original things that the film has going for it. It's not nearly enough. (DVD, VHS; 1:30) Rated PG-13 (sexual content, language).

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Photo; Catholic children leave flowers at a Bloody Sunday memorial at Free Derry corner in the Catholic district in Londonderry, Northern Ireland. The monument marks the spot where 27 Catholics were shot and 14 killed in 1972 by British paratroopers.

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In low-tech street war, a different set of rules ;
Deception is a key underdog tactic

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Each battered high-rise becomes a sniper's lair, each deserted thoroughfare an ambush zone. In this kind of warfare, advances and retreats are measured in blocks or half-blocks, or even just houses.

In the calculations of battle, the shield of technology gives way to human failings and human skills speed and deception, close knowledge of streets and alleys.

From Stalingrad and Berlin in World War II, to the American assault on Hue in 1968 and on to the war zones of Beirut or Nablus, Belfast or Mogadishu, urban warfare has become a central part of the underdog's arsenal, a fight without scruples for the high ground of propaganda that exploits civilian losses and denies the intruder's superior might.

The New York Times

And it is precisely that messy, manipulative and murderous kind of fighting between conventional forces and elusive defenders that could beckon American forces as they approach Baghdad, despite their much-publicized reluctance to engage in a close, urban brawl.

"The Iraqis will want to fight close and dirty, with Iraqi tanks darting in and out of garages and buildings," according to General Wesley Clark, the American former commander who led North Atlantic Treaty Organization forces during the Kosovo campaign. "They will conduct small-scale offensive actions with dismounted soldiers supported by mortars."

"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," he wrote in a newspaper article. "The Iraqis will be prepared to conduct high-risk missions of a kind we would not consider."

For all Western commanders in Iraq have expressed outrage at what they see as such dishonorable tactics, urban warfare has always set its own rules of guile and deceit, from the use of a wooden horse to break the siege of Troy more than 3,100 years ago to modern times when war is broadcast live 24 hours a day.

And in this post-Cold War era of asymmetric warfare the fight between overwhelming conventional forces and zealous adversaries seeking the chinks in the high-tech Western armor the fight has come to mean a contest to disable the technology that enables American forces to contemplate killing without loss of their own.

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That was evident 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.

The downing of the helicopters not only seemed a victory for the lightly equipped Somali street fighters, it also led to humiliating American casualties that hastened the U.S. withdrawal just as images of wounded and slain U.S. Marines at Hue and other battle zones of the Tet offensive in Vietnam turned American opinion against the war.

In recent decades, urban warfare has taken many forms, with many aims.

When battle-hardened Soviet troops pushed into Berlin in 1945 against the last feeble remnants of the Third Reich, lofting the Red Flag over the battered Reichstag, their intention was clearly conquest, not the liberation Washington says it seeks in Iraq.

In Beirut in the mid-1970s, by contrast, Muslim and Palestinian forces fought Christian militias across a line of faiths whose incongruous initial markers were luxury seafront hotels the St. Georges and the Phoenicia, the Palm Beach and the Normandie, won and lost in room-to-room fighting.

The weapons were generally low-tech shoulder-fired anti-tank grenades, assault rifles and mortars, pickup-mounted machine guns that put a premium on stealth and mobility. But when American Marines intervened in Lebanon, an equally crude weapon, a suicide truck bomb, killed more than 230 of them in 1983.

In Berlin and Beirut, as in successive waves of Russian assaults on the Chechen capital, Grozny, the fighting reduced 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.

"Urban warfare usually benefits the defender," said Clifford Beal, the editor of Jane's Defense Weekly, a leading publication on military matters. Not only that, urban warfare "will negate the technological advantage of the coalition."

A war depending on low technology and high numbers of combatants and casualties is precisely the opposite of what the modern U.S. Army is trained to do. And even the British Army, with three decades of experience fighting the **Irish Republican Army** in Northern Ireland, would not be familiar either with the terrain in Iraqi cities such as 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 humbling experience of Russian troops fighting Chechen separatist forces in Grozny. "There are striking similarities between Grozny and Baghdad," he said.

"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." The "low-tech weapons would form a formidable arsenal in the narrow alleys and back streets of Iraq's capital," Clonan said.

Others draw comparisons with house-to-house fighting in Hue in 1968, which not only sent home bloody images of American casualties but also forced U.S. commanders to loosen the rules of engagement.

"The allies are fighting with kid gloves on," Beal said, "but it'll be very difficult to keep this clinical if urban warfare ensues. 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."

The pressure, thus, could be to unleash a massive strike, despite the ostensible war aims of keeping civilian casualties and damage to minimum.

"If such force were to be applied in the indiscriminate manner required of high-intensity urban warfare in Baghdad," Clonan said, "military casualties would be eclipsed by the certain destruction of the Iraqi capital and the annihilation of its citizens."

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In the region's recent history, there are some ominous parallels. When Israeli troops invaded Lebanon in 1982, for example, they evicted Yasser Arafat from Beirut, only to find him depicting his departure as a victory, validated simply by the same ability to survive superior force as Saddam Hussein displayed after the last Gulf War in 1991.

And, as The Economist magazine reported 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 Lebanon's Hezbollah Shiite Muslim militia was quoted as saying. "One hundred days later, we blew up their headquarters."

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Body

More To Report

Media reports about the estrogen-progestin study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association ignored a very telling fact. A careful review showed that 40 percent of the estrogen-progestin participants began suffering from persistent vaginal bleeding; less than 7 percent of the placebo group had that problem. The bleeding led to 35 percent more hysterectomies in the estrogen-progestin group compared with the placebo group.

How did this problem occur? The natural cycle of progesterone increases around the 14th day and tapers off on the 28th day. Artificial continuance with a daily dose of medroxyprogesterone hurts the natural cycle. No wonder 40 percent of the participants suffered.

We have better ways to reduce osteoporosis and heart disease, but it takes personal effort. Exercise and a good calcium source provide a safe and favorable alternative to the synthetic hormone risk. Let's read between the lines of these medical reports to get to the whole truth.

MICHAEL CAPRIA

Tampa

The writer is a doctor of chiropractic. Sheldon's Election Plan; Regarding "Sheldon Wants New State Board Of Elections" (Metro, July 9); George Sheldon, assistant attorney general and candidate for attorney general, has proposed a plan to establish an independent commission to oversee the state's elections. This commission would replace the current system of certifying election results through the governor's office via the secretary of state. I believe that this nonpartisan and innovative plan merits the support of all voters.

Under Sheldon's plan, the members of the commission cannot hold elective office while on the board; they may not publicly support any candidate or issue while on the board; they may not run for public office within two years of serving on the board; and they may not be a member of any federal, state or local party committee.

The majority of the controversy surrounding the 2000 election fiasco was related to partisan manipulation or the appearance thereof. It is time to restore faith in our election system by Floridians, the nation and the world. I hope Sheldon will pursue this plan through to a citizens initiative on the 2004 ballot. You have my vote, Mr. Sheldon.

ALICE DONOVAN

Letters

Port Richey

Voucher Opponents

Regarding "Voucher Backlash" (Other Views, July 15):

It's a shame Thomas Sowell, an obviously intelligent man, chooses to spend his time running down the opinions of others when he can't back up his own.

Sowell has the opinion that voucher opponents are "desperate in the wake of the Supreme Court's refusal to outlaw vouchers" when that's not what they said at all, and opponents are hardly desperate. In fact, those of us who can see the big picture applaud this ruling as a final nail in the coffin of the pro-voucher movement. We feel this way because even though "choice" is a powerful word in the political lexicon, so is the word "accountability," and it's accountability the taxpayers will be demanding of voucher schools. The pro-voucher people will be saying the accountability will come from the parents - as if parents don't exist in the public schools - but eventually through legislation or constitutional amendment, voucher schools will have the same accountability measures as public schools. With this, the number of voucher schools will diminish into insignificant numbers.

As a public school teacher, I have never been afraid of vouchers because in the first place, they don't do anything in regard to improving the education of the child. Also, I know voucher schools can't compete with public schools, and despite what Sowell says, studies show voucher school students aren't doing as well or at least do no better than the students in public schools from which they came. Our Republican leaders know this, and that's why they oppose private schools being measured by the same standards as public schools. Also, regardless of the fears - or boasting, depending on which side you take - very few parents will use the vouchers anyway.

Finally, I loved the cartoon showing children bursting through the door marked "Public School Monopoly" with a giant gavel. It reminded me of a "Road Runner" cartoon in which Wile E. Coyote bursts through a door, only to fall into the canyon below. Such will be the result of voucher schools because of the court ruling.

DAVID R. JONES

Zephyrhills

Needed Improvements

Regarding "Future Indebted To Mayors" (Nation/World, July 8):

Tampa's \$1 billion debt is simply the cost of progress. So what if the next administration takes a breather and does not contribute a major project? Maybe only the new mayor will lose sleep over it.

However, the city certainly needed those past improvements and amenities listed in the article. Consider the alternative of not having them in place now. Tampa would still be a smudge on the map - a nondescript, Florida Cracker town, woefully inadequate and without a future. D. GROFF JR. Tampa

Not A Soldier

Regarding "Lindh Pleads Guilty To Serving Taliban" (Nation/World, July 16):

As a retired member of the U.S. military, I take exception to the subheadline "Soldier accepts 20-year sentence in surprise deal." This individual is a self-admitted terrorist who joined a foreign regime to fight against our country. He does not deserve the title of "soldier," but rather that of traitor!

C.L. HERTZ

Apollo Beach

IRA's Apology

Letters

Regarding "**Irish Republican Army** Apologizes For Deaths It Caused" (Nation/World, July 17):

As a participant of the 42,000-person "Bloody Sunday March" this year in Derry, I read with interest your article concerning the IRA apology. This proves the point that Sinn Fein, under the leadership of Gerry Adams, is in the forefront of cross-community reconciliation in northeast Ireland. Promoting understanding "on both sides of the room" is vital for the concept of a united Ireland.

The people of America should be aware that Sinn Fein has dedicated itself to protecting the civil rights of all people of Ireland. On the other hand, it is most unfortunate that Ian Paisley and Jeffrey Donaldson, the arch-Cromwellites of the violent anti-Catholic Orange Order (and its supporters in America's Orange Lodges), still delude themselves with heinous penal laws that still exist in Ireland. Ireland unfree shall never be at peace!

JAMES J. HARKINS

Hofbieber, Germany

Don't Act In Haste

Neither doctors nor patients should base their decisions solely on recent news events. As reported in the article "Hormone Treatment's Risks Exceed Benefits, Study Says" (Nation/World, July 10), the **Women's** Health Initiative's study of the combination of estrogen and progestin was closed prematurely because of a trend toward an increased risk of breast cancer at 5.2 years of use, as well as an adverse risk-benefit profile for the parameters studied. The estrogen-alone portion of the study continues as planned.

It is necessary for doctors to review all of the data and confer with colleagues and other experts in the field and arrive at an informed decision for **women** about the combination of estrogen and progestin. This work is currently in progress. The worst action we could take as physicians would be to act in haste in either direction.

JAMES FIORICA

Tampa

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Taliban invites Bush, Blair for a duel

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Afghanistan's ruling Taliban militia Monday proposed a duel among President George W. Bush, British Prime Minister Tony Blair and its leader, Mullah Mohammad Omar. "The Americans have launched propaganda that Mullah Omar has gone in hiding, so I will propose that Mr. Blair and Mr. Bush should take Kalashnikovs and come to a specified place where Mullah Omar will appear with the Kalashnikovs to determine as to who will run," Taliban Foreign Minister Maulvi Wakil Ahmed Mutawakil was quoted as saying by Iran's IRNA news agency. Mutawakil also reiterated the Taliban's claim that U.S. soldiers and "spies" had been arrested in Afghanistan but refused to provide details of the incidents.

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Taliban remove bin Laden curbs Afghanistan's ruling Taliban has removed all restrictions on suspected terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden and his al Qaida network, a Taliban diplomat said Monday. "Their right of freedom and expression has been restored," said Taliban ambassador to Pakistan Abdul Salam Zaeef. Monday's decision reverses repeated Taliban assertions prior to Sept. 11 that bin Laden was isolated and denied access to modern communications.

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Poll: Bin Laden gets U.K. Muslim support Four in 10 British Muslims questioned in a newspaper survey say Osama bin Laden is justified in his war against the United States and Britons who choose to fight alongside the accused terrorist leader are right to do so. The poll conducted by the Sunday Times of London also showed 11 percent of respondents believed Islamic terrorists were justified in the Sept. 11 attacks against New York's World Trade Center and the Pentagon near Washington. The newspaper described its survey as the first large-scale poll of Britain's Muslim community since the Oct. 7 start of a bombing campaign against the Taliban regime in Afghanistan.

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Four detained after box cutter found Four Armenians were in custody Monday after one of them was found with a box cutter in a secure area of Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, officials said. The four men, who said they were musicians, were not charged in connection with the box cutter but the Immigration and Naturalization Service took them into custody for other reasons. "They are required to carry their documents at all times and they had no documents with them at all," INS spokesman Lynn Ligon said.

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Airport detainee to be arraigned A Nepalese immigrant appears before a federal magistrate Monday on charges of trying to board an aircraft with a weapon. Subash Gurang initially was arrested Saturday after a random search of his carry-on before boarding a United Airlines flight to Omaha, Neb., turned up seven knives, a stun gun and mace. Gurang had already passed through an airport security check where two knives in his pocket were confiscated. Seven airport security workers, including a supervisor were fired for negligence.

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Anthrax detected in Pentagon post office Six post office employees at the Pentagon and one Navy service member are on antibiotics after a test of two post office boxes showed signs of anthrax over the weekend, Pentagon officials said Monday. The post office is a U.S. Post Service facility inside the defense center. The separate Pentagon mail distribution center room has been tested twice since Oct. 15 with negative results. Seventeen of the 241 private post office boxes were tested for anthrax under orders of the Center for Disease Control Oct. 30. Two of them were positive for small amounts of the potentially deadly spores.

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Police blame car bomb on Real IRA Police Monday blamed a dissident branch of the **Irish Republican Army** for a "very substantial" car bomb that exploded in Birmingham during the weekend. At the same time, Scotland Yard said security in London had been tightened in advance of a series of public events in November, including Saturday's traditional Lord May's parade and Remembrance Day services in honor of the nation's war dead on Sunday. Birmingham Assistant Chief Constable Chris Sims said the car bomb was loaded with 66 pounds of explosives and "we would have sustained very serious loss of life and substantial damage to the city" had it not misfired. Only the detonator went off in the bomb, planted in a car parked in a busy part of Birmingham's city center.

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Shevardnadze: I won't resign The president of the former Soviet republic of Georgia Monday refused to resign despite continuing public protests, arguing that if he left office the country would be destabilized. Eduard Shevardnadze said his resignation would be an "irresponsible step" that should be avoided by all means. Protestors called for his resignation after last week's raid of an independent television network by security agents. The move sparked massive protests that blocked Tbilisi's main thoroughfare. Protesters also demanded the resignations of security officials involved in the raid.

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Five killed in Russian helicopter crash At least five servicemen were killed when an MI-8 Russian military helicopter crashed Monday in Russia's northwest Leningradsky region, state-controlled ORT television network reported. The aircraft crashed after hitting a radio transmitter pole near the village of Krasny Bor, the network added. The helicopter plunged to the ground from a height of more than 200 meters (660 ft.) and immediately caught fire.

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Mass. wants changes in Microsoft deal Massachusetts will not go along with the federal government's proposed settlement of the Microsoft Corp. antitrust suit without major changes, setting the stage for possible protracted litigation, reports said. State Attorney General Tom Reilly said he plans to protest the settlement at a court hearing Tuesday in Washington. Massachusetts is one of 18 states party to the suit filed against Microsoft more than three years ago by the Justice Department. The judge gave the states until Tuesday to decide whether to go along with the settlement announced Friday.

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Fed rate cut hopes boost stocks

Expectations that the U.S. Federal Reserve will slash interest rates once again this week drove up share prices in early afternoon trading Monday. The Federal Open Market Committee will be meeting Tuesday and Wall Street

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broadly expects policymakers to vote for yet another interest rate cut as the economy continues to weaken. If the FOMC does OK another rate cut, it will be the 10th this year. The blue-chip Dow Jones industrial average was 99.17 points higher at 9,422.71. The Nasdaq composite index, meanwhile, was up 44.61 at 1,790.34.

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Defending champ advances Defending champion Anne Kremer overcame Nadejda Ostrovskaya of Belarus, 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 (8-6), Monday to advance to the second round of the \$110,000 Volvo **Women's** Open tennis event. Kremer, the fourth seed from Luxembourg, won her second career title here last year with a straight-sets win over Tatiana Panova of Russia. She also was a finalist in 1999, losing to Magdalena Maleeva in three sets. The 26-year-old Kremer's best result of the year, runner-up at the Budapest Open in April, also ended in a defeat to Maleeva. She next takes on Martina Sucha of Slovakia, who posted a 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 first-round victory over Pavlina Nola of New Zealand. Content: 02001000 02002000 03013000 04003000 04009000 04016000 07001000 07002000 10006000 10007000 11001000 11002000 11006000 15065000 16001000 16002000 16003000 16005000 16009000

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Commentary: The Nature of Terrorism

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Body

The assertion by Gerry Adams, the president of Sinn Fein, and republican apologists that the **Irish Republican Army** are not terrorists and the equally absurd comparison of their activities with those of George Washington and Nelson Mandela warrant examination.

Sinn Fein is the political wing of the IRA. And its leader, Adams, declared at its annual party conference last week in the presence of the U.S. ambassador to Ireland that the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the United States "had set back" progressive struggles around the world and were inexcusable and unjustified.

Decoded, his statement is a recognition that the enormity of those outrages has focused the democratic world upon the nature of global terrorism and that the response may have to include "progressive struggles" such as that of the IRA's "Freedom Fighters."

This reality has forced Adams and Sinn Fein to attempt a redefinition of political terrorism which will exclude "progressive struggles" such as the IRA claims to be engaged upon.

The essential differences between freedom fighters and terrorists are these. First, a genuine freedom fighter is usually engaged with a totalitarian or repressive regime which denies the democratic expression of his aims or cause. Second, his struggle is against the forces of regimes which seek to suppress him rather than against the civil population. Third, his true objective is to gain for those on whose behalf he fights a full and equal participation in democratic government.

The Freedom Fighter's "progressive struggle" is for the process of real democratic government, not against it.

A dictionary of modern thought has defined "terrorism" as "the policy of using terror to break the spirit of resistance to a particular political movement by inculcating the fear of death, mutilation and torture against the resisters, their families, dependents and communities. In opposition to "government" it is essentially the weapon of a minority which sees no chance of success by democratic persuasion.

"To be successful it must first impose its will upon those whom it wishes to lead into battle". No group's activities more accurately reflects this classic definition than Sinn Fein, the political wing of the IRA.

Just as Adams attempted to disguise the real terrorist nature of Sinn Fein/IRA by associating it with George Washington's democratic opposition to taxation without representation, or that of Nelson Mandela against the evil of

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undemocratic apartheid, so apologists for terrorism produce the adolescent mantra of "one man's freedom fighter is another man's terrorist."

The naivete of this argument ignores the essential distinctions in both their objectives and their methods. The aim of the freedom fighter is to obtain recognition and admittance to a democratic process. The purpose of the terrorist is to distort and, if necessary, destroy a democracy to which he may already have access, but is unable by lawful persuasion to gain the acceptance of his political arguments.

The same simplistic mantra confuses the methods of the terrorist with the cause he claims to support. That cause may be a good one or a bad one. No one disputes the rights of Irish nationalists or republicans to pursue the aim of Irish Unity through the democratic process -- a process which British governments have made available in a form designed to facilitate their objective.

As far back as 1988, John Hume, the leader of the Catholic nationalist Social and Democratic Labour Party in Northern Ireland, declared that no civil right remained unfulfilled in the conflict-troubled province that was worth the loss of a single life. Yet Sinn Fein/IRA has continued to condone and encourage indiscriminate murder, distinguishing neither between the innocent or guilty, adult or child, soldier or civilian and, as such, stands guilty of terrorism.

Those who plant bombs in restaurants, as the IRA did in its 1970s campaign, killing and maiming scores of people at a time or in public places in provincial Northern Irish towns, Belfast and London Street, who murdered school teachers in front of their pupils or the driver of a school bus deserve no other description but that of terrorist. Those who commit such crimes are the truly perverted, though relatively few in number.

The far greater number who support their cause too often condone the methods by their silence.

Pervaded by the cause, they do not wish to acknowledge that someone is killing and maiming innocent people in the name of a cause which they may passionately support. For them, the terrorist is transmuted into a freedom fighter engaged in a "progressive struggle" with which they sympathize.

It is to maintain that sympathy and to deflect the odium which the horrors of New York and Washington have brought home to all democrats that Adams sought to disassociate himself, Sinn Fein and the IRA from the reality of their terrorism.

In this, he is being aided by a British government whose policy of craven surrender to IRA terrorism sits so unhappily with the declared policy of the United States. It is anxious to avoid the outright condemnation of the IRA which U.S. policy might demand.

Britain's Northern Ireland Secretary John Reid, in an interview with David Frost on BBC television, made the fatuous case that the British policy of attempting to democratize republican terrorists by negotiations was justifiable, though different from that which the United States was to employ against Osama Bin Laden.

No such justification existed for, scale apart, the strategy of bombing the financial heart of London and that of a New York is entirely similar.

The real difference is that President Bush has no intention of obtaining a cease-fire for the purpose of negotiating with Osama bin Laden for the abandonment of Israel, Saudi Arabia and America's other allies in the Muslim world and facilitating the extension of distorted Islamic fundamentalist influence and power in the Middle East.

Blair, while expressing a macho solidarity with President Bush, has also attempted to equivocate by declaring that he will also take a principled stand against "Mass Terrorism". Perhaps, in his view, Northern Ireland has not suffered such terrorism. Yet, in proportionate terms, the IRA has murdered and maimed many more British citizens in Northern Ireland than those Americans who perished in New York and Washington.

Nor has the bitter irony of British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw's advice to the United States that it should remember the failure of a British policy of appeasing Hitler escaped those British citizens who have watched his

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government endorse and pursue a similar policy of appeasement in Northern Ireland. And the same British government has treated the pro-Union people of Northern Ireland with a similar cynical expediency in the face of terror as Neville Chamberlain afforded to the Czechs in 1938.

Adams carried the coffin of the terrorist who took the lives of the innocent men, women and children who died in the Shankill Road bombing in Belfast in 1994. British Prime Minister Tony Blair's government released that terrorist's surviving companion after a derisory period in prison.

It will take more than the substitution by Adams of a visit to Nelson Mandela in South Africa for one to Fidel Castro in Cuba to erase from Sinn Fein/IRA the description of terrorists. The democracies of the United States and Britain must never forget the true nature of IRA terrorism or the lessons it has given to its global accomplices.

Robert McCartney, the leader of the UK/Unionist Party and a member of the Northern Ireland Assembly, served as a Member of the British Parliament from 1995-2001 and is author of the book "Reflections on Liberty, Democracy and the Union."

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Update: MACEDONIA. Ethnic Albanian rebels step up attacks as peace talks continue.

Update: US-BUSH-STEM CELL RESEARCH. Decision imminent on federal funding for stem cell research.

New: FRANCE-CHIRAC'S CHATEAU. Now, Chirac's vacation home being investigated.

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ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS: Bombing in Jerusalem restaurant kills at least 15

JERUSALEM A suicide bomber detonates his explosives in a crowded pizza restaurant in central Jerusalem at lunchtime, killing at least 15 people including the bomber and wounding almost 90. Islamic Jihad claims responsibility for the attack, the second deadliest in 10 months of Mideast violence. ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Developing. By Mark Lavie. AP Photos JRL1113-114, 118, 123, 126. AP Graphic JERUSALEM BOMB.

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ISRAEL-BOMB SCENE. JERUSALEM Traumatized women huddled on sidewalks and cried. Some people stood motionless in shock. The deafening sound of ambulance sirens filled the air and scores of policemen ordered people to leave the area. ISRAEL-BOMB SCENE. Has moved. By Laurie Copans.

MACEDONIA: Ethnic Albanian rebels step up attacks in Tetovo

SKOPJE, Macedonia Ethnic Albanian rebels besiege government forces in Macedonia's second-largest city, stepping up attacks despite a tentative peace deal accepted by the country's leading politicians. MACEDONIA. Has moved. By Misha Savic. AP Photos XSI101, 108, 112; XBG101.

EUROPE:

NORTHERN IRELAND: Protestants refuse to accept IRA assurances on disarmament

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BELFAST, Northern Ireland Britain faces a decision on stripping powers from Northern Ireland's coalition government, as Protestant politicians refuse to accept the latest **Irish Republican Army** assurances on disarmament. The major Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, and the IRA-linked Sinn Fein party each accuse the other of undermining the 1998 peace accord. NORTHERN IRELAND. Lead expected by 1800 GMT. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photo LON101.

RUSSIA-NEW FIGHTER: Russia pondering joint project with China or India on fighter jet

MOSCOW Russia may pool resources with China or India to build a costly new-generation fighter intended to re-equip Russia's air force and secure a competitive edge in the global arms market against prospective U.S. and European designs, a top Cabinet official says. RUSSIA-NEW FIGHTER. Has moved. By Vladimir Isachenkov.

UN-RACISM: Talks may be prolonged to reach agreement on racism conference

GENEVA The top U.N. human rights official urges negotiators from more than 100 countries to press on beyond their Friday midnight deadline to reach accord on documents for the World Conference Against Racism, which is threatened with a U.S. boycott. UN-RACISM. Lead expected by 1730 GMT. By Alexander G. Higgins. AP Photo GEV101.

FRANCE-CHIRAC: Now Chirac's vacation home comes under scrutiny

PARIS For weeks, Jacques Chirac's private vacations have been under scrutiny as judges look into allegations that he misused public funds. Now, the French president's private retreat a chateau in southwest France is also attracting attention. FRANCE-CHIRAC'S CHATEAU. Has moved. By Angela Doland.

AMERICAS:

US-BUSH-STEM CELL: Bush to announce decision on federal funding for stem cell research

WACO, Texas After months of deliberations, President George W. Bush will announce his decision Thursday night on whether to allow federal funding for embryonic stem cell research, a White House spokesman says. US-BUSH-STEM CELL. Has moved. Announcement to be made at 0100 GMT. By Scott Lindlaw.

US-SPACE SHUTTLE: NASA prepares for space shuttle launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida NASA fuels space shuttle Discovery for a late-afternoon launch to the international space station, in need of fresh supplies and a new crew. Forecasters said there was a 60 percent chance that the weather would cooperate. US-SPACE SHUTTLE. Has moved. By Marcia Dunn. Launch scheduled for 21:38 GMT. AP Photos.

BRAZIL-CHEAP PHONES: Brazilians cashing in on unprecedented price war between phone companies

BRASILIA, Brazil When an Internet user in a Rio de Janeiro suburb wanted to chat with a friend downtown, she logged on the cheapest way available: through New York. Brazilians are cashing in on an unprecedented price war between the country's biggest long-distance telephone companies, just as the government hoped when it privatized the phone system three years ago. BRAZIL-CHEAP PHONES. Has moved. By Adalid Cabrera Lemuz.

MIDEAST:

LEBANON-CHRISTIANS: Government accuses Christian activists of inciting unrest

BEIRUT, Lebanon As protests widen against an army clampdown on Christian groups opposed to Syrian dominance in Lebanon, the government accuses Christian activists of inciting divisions in the already splintered country. LEBANON-CHRISTIANS. Has moved. By Hussein Dakroub.

UNITED NATIONS:

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UN-INDIGENOUS PEOPLES: Tribal chiefs discuss ways to protect their culture

UNITED NATIONS On a special U.N. day honoring indigenous peoples, tribal chiefs from across the Americas bemoan what they feel is a lack of attention from the world body and say they were being shut out of an upcoming conference on racism. UN-INDIGENOUS PEOPLES. Expected by 1800 GMT. By Dafna Linzer. AP Photos covering.

AFRICA:

ZIMBABWE-VIOLENCE: Violence spreads in northern Zimbabwe

HARARE, Zimbabwe Violence spread across at least 15 white-owned farms in northern d Zimbabwe on Thursday with widespread looting by illegal land occupiers, farmers leaders said. ZIMBABWE-VIOLENCE. Has moved. By Angus Shaw.

ASIA:

INDONESIA: Indonesian president announces new Cabinet

JAKARTA, Indonesia President Megawati Sukarnoputri Thursday names a coalition Cabinet dominated by nonpartisan specialists who she said will try to pull Indonesia back from the brink of "disintegration." INDONESIA-POLITICS. Has moved. By Slobodan Lekic. AP Photos JAK101-102.

CHINA-TIBET: Tibetan official says China will control selection of successor to Dalai Lama

HONG KONG A senior Tibetan official says the Chinese government will decide on a successor for the Dalai Lama _ countering the spiritual leader's prediction that his reincarnation will be found outside China. CHINA-TIBET. Has moved. By Elaine Kurtenbach.

AFGHANISTAN: International embassies, U.N. negotiating for release of jailed aid workers

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan Western diplomats, lobbying for the release eight foreign aid workers being held in Afghanistan, cancel a visit to the Afghan capital of Kabul because they were not issued visas in time. AFGHANISTAN-ARRESTS. Has moved. By Kathy Gannon.

BUSINESS and FINANCE:

GERMANY-EARNS-BAYER: Bayer AG announces job cuts; plant closures

BERLIN Germany's Bayer AG says it will cut jobs and shutter plants as it rushes to rethink a strategy shattered by the withdrawal of a lucrative anti-cholesterol drug linked to deaths in the United States. GERMANY-EARNS-BAYER. Has moved. By Stephen Graham.

US-ECONOMY: New claims for unemployment insurance rise after falling for three straight weeks

WASHINGTON After a three-week decline, new claims for state unemployment insurance rose last week, suggesting that some workers were having trouble holding onto their jobs in the sagging economy. US-ECONOMY. Has moved. By Jeannine Aversa.

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(Dublin, Ireland-AP) -- A major setback today for efforts to salvage the peace deal for Northern Ireland.

The **Irish Republican Army** has withdrawn its agreement on a method for disarming. That move rebuffs Britain's efforts to create more negotiating time to preserve Northern Ireland's power-sharing government.

The Catholic-Protestant government is at the heart of Northern Ireland's 1998 peace accord.
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The I-R-A says it's not ruling out the prospect of eventually scrapping some weapons. But the outlawed group emphasizes that recent British and Protestant demands are totally unacceptable."

The British had found a way just last weekend to get around a deadline and buy six more weeks of negotiating time.

(Undated-AP) -- Wyoming's Air National Guard is being called in to help douse raging forest fires in Oregon, California and Nevada.

And the National Interagency Fire Center in Idaho has raised wildfire alert status to Level Four. That opens the door for the military to help fight fires.

More than 85-hundred firefighters already are on the fire lines in six Western states.

Near Ashland, Oregon, two homes have been destroyed and several others evacuated. Oregon's governor has declared a state of emergency.

Lightning has sparked new fires in Washington state, where officials estimate more than 60 fires are burning.

Officials say high winds fanned one fire from 300 acres to more than two-thousand acres on Monday. It's near Brewster in north central Washington.

(McAllen, Texas-AP) -- Testimony resumes today in the first tire-defect case against Bridgestone/Firestone to go to trial.

The first day of the trial was marked by fingerpointing, with a Firestone attorney telling a jury that the Ford Explorer is uncontrollable at highway speeds."

Firestone says its tires weren't responsible for the S-U-V rollover crash in March 2000 that injured four people and left one of them unable to walk.

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The Texas family that's seeking a (b) billion dollars from the tire company has already reached a confidential settlement with Ford.

An attorney for the family says the tiremaker knew the tires were defective but refuses to take responsibility.

Tires manufactured by Bridgestone/Firestone have been linked to more than 200 U-S traffic deaths and more than 700 injuries.

(Crawford, Texas-AP) -- President Bush is interrupting his month-long vacation at his Texas ranch to travel to Colorado and New Mexico.

It's what his aides have called a Heartland Tour."

Bush told reporters yesterday that the strength of the country is in our heartland." He says it's important for him to get out amongst the people as best as a president can."

During his appearances today and tomorrow, he says he'll be emphasize such values as character education and people helping their neighbors."

Bush says those values are not often visible in Washington, D-C, so it's important to get outside of the nation's capital.

Still, he notes he'll be ready to return once lawmakers return from their August recess. Bush says he'll be ready to welcome them and encourage them to get moving on legislation, such as his proposals for education and the faith-based initiative.

(Los Angeles-AP) -- A federal judge has dismissed a copyright and trademark infringement lawsuit against a Utah artist who uses Mattel's Barbie dolls in his photographs for social commentary.

The judge agreed with an attorney for artist Tom Forsythe, who argued that the photos are parodies of the Barbie dolls and do not hurt Mattel's marketing of the doll.

Forsythe used the dolls in a series of photos titled Food Chain Barbie" to criticize what he calls Barbie's embodiment of America's culture of consumption and conformism."

The photos show Barbie dolls doing household chores or posed in sexual positions. One doll is shown wrapped in tortillas.

The toy maker says it is disappointed by the ruling and will appeal.

(Jerusalem-AP) -- Israel's army says it has pulled out of the West Bank city of Jenin after destroying the town's main police station.

Officials say tanks and bulldozers rolled into the Palestinian city to retaliate for a string of recent terror attacks."

There was no immediate word on casualties.

Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat (sah-EEB' EHR'-ih-kaht) denounces the raid. He calls it part of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's campaign to undermine the peace process and undermine the Palestinian Authority."

Palestinians are appealing to the U-N Security Council for protection.

Later, two Israeli settlers -- a mother and daughter -- were wounded when shots were fired at their car near Hebron.

(Washington-AP) -- A majority of Americans approve of President Bush's decision to allow limited federal funding for embryonic stem cell research, according to two polls released Monday.

About one-third disapprove.

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Up to six in ten people in polls by A-B-C News and C-N-N/U-S-A Today/Gallup approve of the president's decision, which he announced last Thursday.

But the public was more fragmented when asked its preferences. A third would have preferred broader federal funding; a third favored Bush's limited funding; and about a fourth would have preferred no federal funding, according to the A-B-C poll.

The polls were conducted Friday through Sunday with just over one-thousand adults, each and had margins of error of plus or minus three percentage points.

(San Francisco-AP) -- Another family is lined up to take over the pregnancy contract held by a California couple entangled in a battle with a British surrogate mother.

That's what the couple's lawyer has said to reassure the surrogate mother and the public that the babies won't be orphaned when they're born.

Helen Beasley is suing Charles Wheeler and Martha Berman for reportedly backing out of a pregnancy deal after she refused to abort one of the fetuses.

The couple says it never gave Beasley such an order.

Their attorney says the pregnancy contract called for a selective reduction" if Beasley became pregnant with more than one fetus.

Beasley says she has no legal rights to the twins and will not be able to care for them. But she says she doesn't want Wheeler and Berman to have them either.

(Dallas-AP) -- Police are trying to determine what sparked a murder-suicide in Dallas

The victims are an 18-year-old pregnant woman, her ex-husband and the couple's two young daughters.

Authorities found them all in a vehicle outside an elementary school. The woman and her two children were already dead. The man was rushed to a hospital, where he later died.

Police say the man shot the three before turning the gun on himself.

The lone survivor was the woman's 13-year-old brother -- who escaped the vehicle.

(Clearwater, Florida-AP) -- A family judge in Clearwater, Florida, is taking some time off as he decides how to deal with peeping-and-prowling charges against him in California.

Judge Charles Cope has been given a Friday deadline to accept or reject a plea offer on the two misdemeanor charges.

Cope was arrested last April in Carmel, California. Police say he tried to enter the hotel room of two women while attending a seminar.

Police say he had been out drinking with the women the night before.

Cope is 52. He is a married father of three.

He calls the incident a huge misunderstanding."

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What U.S. newspapers are saying

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New York Times

Last week's assassination of an Israeli Cabinet minister should have spurred the Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat, to find and arrest the killers without delay. Regrettably, Mr. Arafat has not done so, and his inadequate response has provoked Israel's prime minister, Ariel Sharon, to launch ill-advised military operations in Palestinian-ruled areas of the West Bank. Mr. Sharon's actions have made it less likely that a reduction in violence will be negotiated any time soon and have strained relations between Israel and the United States.

No one expected Israel to stand by passively after the murder of the tourism minister, Rehavam Zeevi, responsibility for which has been claimed by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. Mr. Sharon was correct to demand that the Palestinian Authority live up to its obligation under the Oslo agreement to find and detain those culpable, a demand that the Bush administration has fully endorsed. Mr. Sharon went further, insisting that the suspects be turned over to Israel for prosecution, an understandable position given Mr. Arafat's release of terrorism suspects in the past.

Since Sept. 11, Mr. Arafat has said that he is fully signed on to the war against terrorism. He would have been wise to use this case to demonstrate his commitment. Although he has arrested members of the P.F.L.P., his police forces have made little progress in tracking down Mr. Zeevi's killers. Israel now cites that failure as justification for partially reoccupying a growing list of West Bank towns that passed to Palestinian control under the Oslo agreements.

To many Israelis and Palestinians, Mr. Sharon's moves seem to be a deliberate step toward undermining Mr. Arafat's authority and dismantling the administrative arrangements put in place by Oslo. Israel's security will not be strengthened by a return to military occupation of Palestinian-inhabited areas of the West Bank. Sending tanks into Bethlehem and other Palestinian communities only invites further bloodshed and terrorism.

It also threatens to undermine Israeli relations with Washington. The new eruption of violence in the Mideast is not helpful to America's effort to hold together a fragile coalition of nations in the battle against Osama bin Laden and international terrorism. Despite a personal plea from President Bush to withdraw Israeli troops, Mr. Sharon continues these military operations, the broadest in the West Bank in nearly a decade. That ill serves the long-term interests of both Israel and the United States.

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Boston Globe

What U.S. newspapers are saying

If ever there was a country where American nation-building seemed unlikely before Sept. 11, it was Afghanistan. Indeed, the Taliban might never have come to power if Washington had not turned its back on Afghanistan after Soviet troops withdrew from that war-shattered land in 1989. U.S. policymakers kept their distance as warlords struggled for power until 1996, when the Taliban -- under the tutelage of Pakistani intelligence and with financing from Osama bin Laden -- bought off enough warlords to conquer the country and implement their counterrevolution against women and reason.

Today America has no choice but to take part in a multilateral effort to help Afghans create a stable, humane government to succeed the Taliban. American security depends on nation-building in Afghanistan. The primary objective of Washington's war on terrorism is to thwart future terrorist attacks from bin Laden's network. Toward that end, U.S. military forces are now conducting air and ground operations intended to topple the Taliban regime, so that Afghanistan may be taken away from bin Laden as a training ground for new recruits and a staging area for new atrocities.

President Bush and his advisers will need to keep those goals in mind as they participate in the delicate process of helping Afghans form a post-Taliban government. There is danger in not doing enough to form a broad-based, decentralized, competent Afghan government for the post-Taliban period. There is also a danger that America and its allies could be tempted to do too much, demanding that the Afghan leaders who replace the Taliban follow political prescriptions from foreigners that may be inimical to Afghan ways.

A conference of tribal, political, and religious leaders -- known to Afghans as a "shura" -- held Wednesday in the Pakistani city of Peshawar illustrated the delicacy of any American role in helping to rebuild the Afghan nation. The delegates acknowledged past errors in fomenting civil war. They denounced the terrorist attacks on America. And they addressed the need for a new government with trained administrators and technocrats who can be counted on to cooperate with the United Nations and foreign aid organizations in tackling the staggering problems of hunger, illiteracy, drug trafficking and violence that are the residue of the Taliban's five-year reign.

But many voices at the shura also called for an Islamic constitution and for an end to the American bombing that has killed their civilian compatriots. These are emblematic of the views that well-meaning foreigners will have to heed if they are to help bring into being an Afghan government that truly represents the diverse elements of that society.

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Washington Post

After years of dragging its feet on disarmament, the Irish Republican Army has at last taken the plunge. On Tuesday the group announced it had begun getting rid of illegally held weapons in order to "save the peace process" in Northern Ireland. For an armed group that imbued weapons with an almost spiritual significance, giving up even a fraction of its arsenal is a brave gesture. "This is the day we were told would never happen," exulted Northern Ireland's main Protestant leader, David Trimble.

Other parties in Northern Ireland must now respond generously to the IRA's move. The British government has already begun to dismantle four military installations; it should press on with demilitarization provided that IRA disarmament moves ahead also. Mr. Trimble has declared himself ready to resume his old job as first minister in Northern Ireland's new Protestant-Catholic executive, having earlier resigned in protest at the IRA's refusal to give up weapons. But Northern Ireland is also plagued by Protestant hard-liners who may refuse to take an IRA yes for an answer. The British government and Mr. Trimble, supported by pressure from the Bush administration, need to do all in their power to quell Protestant obstructionism.

That obstructionism may take two forms. First, Mr. Trimble's Ulster Unionist Party may block his bid to return to the helm of the executive, an unlikely but potentially debilitating problem. Second, paramilitary groups that operate on the fringe of Protestant politics may refuse to follow the IRA's lead in disarming. Earlier this year, Protestant thugs attacked Catholic children on their way to school. The territory's Protestant leaders must make it clear that such ugliness is intolerable.

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Containing Protestant extremism will be easier if the IRA follows up on this first disarmament move quickly. The group has some catching up to do: Whereas the British government has been withdrawing troops since soon after the signing of the Good Friday Agreement, the IRA has taken only the first step. Moreover, the IRA should also start cooperating with the new Protestant-Catholic police force that has been set up to replace the overwhelmingly Protestant one that came before it.

On Tuesday President Bush took a moment out from a day dominated by anthrax to hail the Irish progress. He should take courage from this successful example of American engagement, since discreet State Department diplomacy together with a broad revulsion against terrorism following Sept. 11 helped to push the IRA in the right direction. And Mr. Bush should now make clear that his war on terrorism may lead to a tougher line on IRA fundraising in this country. So long as the IRA sticks to its cease-fire, carries on disarming and avoids cooperation with terrorist groups in other countries like Colombia, it is fine for the IRA and Sinn Fein to raise money here. But if the IRA chooses to behave as part of a global terrorist network, the money flow should stop.

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Washington Times

The perpetrators of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks strove to undermine America's global leadership by making the world's superpower appear weak, vulnerable and isolated from the rest of the world. But, interestingly, many countries have seen the White House's coalition-building efforts as a prime opportunity to reinforce their friendship with the United States.

Russia, driven no doubt by its own national interests, is taking a lead in cooperating with America's campaign. And over the weekend, at a gathering of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, Russian President Vladimir Putin stated his clear recognition of America's need to develop missile defense technology -- a plan the Kremlin has traditionally been strongly opposed to. In making this acknowledgement, Mr. Putin is surely considering his country's potential benefit from a U.S. missile defense capability, since Russia's battle with Islamic militants in Chechnya, who are seeking autonomy from Moscow, could make the Russian people a target of terrorist attacks. If these militants were to acquire nuclear weapons, U.S. missile-busting technology could provide invaluable protection. To a large degree, however, it has been the White House's diplomatic efforts that have prompted residual Cold War hostilities to thaw and allowed Mr. Putin to see the United States as a strategic partner.

Regarding the Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty, an agreement the United States signed with the Soviet Union in 1972 that has prevented the development of a comprehensive U.S. missile defense system, Mr. Putin said, "I believe we do have an understanding that we can reach agreements, taking into account the national interests of Russia and the United States, and taking into account the necessity to strengthen international stability in this very important area." Unfortunately, neither Mr. Putin nor President Bush has outlined, even in broad strokes, the hallmarks of this apparent agreement. And while Mr. Putin's stated awareness of the ABM's counterproductive limitations represents a step forward in the U.S.-Russian relationship, the White House must avoid any future agreement with Moscow that prevents the U.S. military from maintaining a formidable deterrent to nuclear attack, retaliating in the event of an attack and developing the most effective missile defense system engineers can devise. While a negotiated agreement with Russia on neutralizing ABM limitations would be welcomed, America's ability to best defend itself is the paramount, not to mention urgent, priority. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld said yesterday that the United States, proceeding cautiously with its tests for a nuclear missile shield, has asked Russia to break with the ABM treaty, citing the threat of terrorism. Since America is clearly a target of coordinated attacks, this seems a most reasonable request.

And, while a defense system wouldn't have protected America from the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, those assaults have made clear that the United States should never underestimate its enemies and must plan not only for those threats that may appear likely, but also those that are feasible. Since missile defense technology will take years to develop, the system should be designed to counter threats that may emerge in the future, rather than in response to the dangers that are prevalent today. Should America fail to invest in the future, it could find itself tragically vulnerable tomorrow.

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Mr. Putin now has a vested interest in a safe America that has the capability of defending itself and its allies. The White House's unyielding commitment to this technology will fortify U.S. global leadership and surely make friendships with the United States increasingly attractive.

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New York Post

Is the **Irish Republican Army**, at long last, giving up the gun?

The organization announced Tuesday that it would begin to disarm, in accordance with the so-called Good Friday agreement of 1998. Its refusal to do so had been a major sticking point to completing the peace process in Northern Ireland.

Whether the IRA means it is open to question. Perhaps more to the point, the likelihood that Protestant paramilitaries will proceed in good faith is remote. And history teaches that optimism on Northern Ireland is a prescription for disappointment.

Still, post-Sept. 11, the IRA - which is heavily reliant on America for moral (if not financial) support - has few options.

In August, three IRA members were arrested in Colombia, allegedly helping to train that nation's narco-terrorists.

Particularly embarrassing was that one of those arrested happened to be Sinn Fein's representative to Cuba (Sinn Fein being the political wing of the IRA).

Then came word that representatives of the PLO and Basque separatists had been honored guests at Sinn Fein's annual meeting last month.

Terrorism with a global reach, anyone?

In any event, questions linger: Is the IRA completely serious - beyond mere public relations?

The initial round of arms destruction was witnessed by the Canadian head of the disarmament panel. Will there be witnesses for the destruction of the rest of the cache? Is the IRA holding anything back?

Will the Unionists fulfill the rest of the Good Friday accords? Will they convince Protestant paramilitary groups to bring forward their weapons?

Will the British go forward giving more autonomy? The initial dismantling of four military installations this week was a good start. Will the promised troop reductions occur?

Peace may be at hand.

But there are no guarantees.

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Miami Herald

There is hope that in one long-troubled corner of the world peace will replace strife and terrorism now that the **Irish Republican Army** is dismantling its arsenal to save the 1998 Good Friday accord in Northern Ireland. That brings the country a step nearer to ending the bloody conflict between Catholics and Protestants that has taken the lives of 3,600 people, and kept the violence-torn patch of land in turmoil.

As part of the Good Friday accords that established a power-sharing government for the majority Protestants and minority Catholics, the IRA and the Protestant unionist paramilitary groups had to agree to give up their weapons. While the IRA has kept a cease-fire that was struck in 1997, it has steadfastly refused to disarm; so have the

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paramilitaries. The stalling nearly collapsed the coalition government. Rather than allow that to happen, the IRA assented to live up to its end of the peace bargain at the behest of its political party, the Sinn Fein.

But the Protestant paramilitaries have not, so there is much yet to be done to strengthen the accord, which leaves Northern Ireland as part of Britain for now. The IRA's announcement Tuesday is expected to prompt the British government to dismantle military installations and withdraw some troops.

The relative calm that has graced Northern Ireland during the three-year accord has given both sides of this bitter sectarian war the tantalizing taste of peace. And while the IRA's move helps solidify the coalition government, there are more hurdles ahead. For starters, the unionist paramilitaries must now show the same commitment to peace as have their Catholic adversaries.

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Houston Chronicle

The House should give President Bush "fast-track" authority to negotiate trade pacts with other nations as a powerful means to raise America's economy out of its decline.

Without fast track, any chances of the Bush administration finalizing U.S. trade deals with Central and South America and other parts of the world will be interminably delayed and thwarted by members of Congress, under pressure from big labor bosses and no-growth environmentalists.

It's obvious that America's economy is teetering on the edge of a recession, as is much of the world's, due not only to a general economic slowdown that has taken place during the past 18 months, but also to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11.

What is needed to lift the nation out of this recession, or near recession, is greater trade and greater exports. Increased trade with other countries would give the country an economic shot in the arm.

Yet, the AFL-CIO is again opposing fast track with its usual muscle and take-no-prisoners attitude, as it has over the years. It is running false and inflammatory TV ads in opposition to the president getting fast-track authority in the districts of some 20 House members the union perceives to be wavering on the issue.

The union ads claim fast track will cost American jobs. That's flat wrong.

Giving President Bush fast-track authority to negotiate trade pacts will mean more jobs and a healthier economy for the nation.

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Dallas Morning News

Wars are not like fast-food hamburgers. They aren't served up quick and easy, and you can't always have 'em your way.

It has been just over a month since the United States was despicably assaulted on its own soil and only a few weeks since U.S. troops hit the ground in Central Asia as part of a global coalition. And already some are worried that Americans lack the stamina to go the distance in a battle that Vice President Dick Cheney warns may not end in our lifetimes.

Although polls show strong public support for continuing the war against terrorism even in the likely event that it costs more American lives, there are some quarters where one detects the early signs of battle fatigue. They include nervous talk about the possibility that -- now that the ground war has begun -- the United States may end up wrestling with a tar baby, and that, without a clear exit strategy, another generation of American servicemen may be

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sucked into a quagmire in a foreign land. Many of those who, more than 30 years ago, watched the country get caught in quicksand in Southeast Asia now are worried that we will get bogged down in Central Asia.

The administration likely senses that apprehension. It has dispatched its officers to prepare Americans to dig in for the long haul. Besides warning our countrymen that this war will not be quick or easy or resemble anything we have yet experienced, Mr. Cheney also said recently that there are likely to be more attacks at home, and more civilian casualties.

Now that we are counting on our leaders to see us through this difficult time, our leaders have a right to expect us to keep our heads and to hold up our end -- not just for as long as it is convenient for us but for as long as it takes to wipe out this scourge. After all, the last time the United States was attacked so directly -- on Dec. 7, 1941 -- the act pulled us into a world war that lasted for four more years. But the U.S. had no choice then, and it has no choice now. Then, as now, our enemies promoted evil and refused to go down without a fight.

Fears about a supposed tar baby in Afghanistan revolve around a concern that this could get messy. It will. War -- besides being hell -- is messy. But, as history shows us, the best and most worthwhile causes always are.

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Chicago Tribune

Russia's decision, announced last week, to shut down a huge spying station it built 38 years ago near Havana, confirms what practically everyone in the world has already recognized: The Cold War is over and so are Cuba's and Fidel Castro's days of prancing on the world stage, pretending to be major political actors or even annoying sideshows.

Everyone recognizes that except Washington, where the impoverished Caribbean island remains a chronic obsession consuming the minds, time and budgets of dozens of American policy-makers. Indeed, Otto Reich, the Bush administration's nominee to head the State Department's Western Hemisphere section, is among those afflicted with an incurable Cuba fixation.

Instead, President Bush ought to take a cue from his Russian colleague, particularly in this new and frightening age of international terrorism. Cuba no longer matters in a strategic sense, and it's time to abandon the failed Cold War policies of economic embargoes and perpetual confrontation with its senescent dictator.

News about the Russian decision could not have come at a worse time for Cuba, or delivered in a more abrupt manner. Over the past several years, Russia has abandoned several big-ticket projects, including a half-finished nuclear power plant. Russia paid \$200 million a year in rent for the spy station, and Cuba's rattletrap economy needs all the dollars it can get from wherever.

It was also a unilateral decision -- the news came through an envoy to Castro, who was left sputtering helplessly.

The Russians were not reticent about the reasons for closing a spy station in Cuba and another one in Vietnam. Money is short. There are more worthwhile projects to spend it on. As one official tartly explained, the \$200 million a year Russia spent on the Cuban spy station could buy 20 military spy satellites.

Moreover, as Putin repositions Russia in the world, the relationship with the U.S. is far more valuable than propping up the Castro regime. Indeed, Congress had demanded the Russians dismantle the offending spy station. Putin gladly delivered.

The next move is up to the United States. As some in Washington have suggested, Cuba ought to be dropped from the countries that sponsor terrorism. That's an old chestnut now of highly dubious validity.

Beyond that, the United States should lift the economic and travel restrictions on Cuba--for our benefit if nothing else. Midwestern farmers need new markets and trade, and so do other U.S. exporters. Anyone in the United States -- including Cuban-Americans -- also ought to be free to travel to the island with minimal restrictions.

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Most of all, the United States needs to focus its economic, diplomatic and military fire on real terrorist threats. Cuba's sad, 42-year regime poses no real threat to the United States -- or anyone else for that matter -- except to the people on the island who are forced to live under it.

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Atlanta Journal Constitution

It seems inconceivable that the Taliban would poison U.S. food intended for hungry Afghans and then tell their countrymen America was to blame. These ruling fanatics couldn't stoop that low, could they?

Yet the CIA has it on good authority that that's precisely what the Taliban, in its desperation, plans to do. That's why the United States has taken the pre-emptive step of broadcasting warnings to Afghans about food distributed by their government.

This is the latest skirmish in the struggle for the hearts and minds, not to mention the stomachs, of Afghanistan's 25 million people, a million or more of whom could starve this winter, according to international relief organizations working in the region.

The United States can exert powerful muscle in this contest. Most famously, it has air-dropped nearly 900,000 meals since its bombing campaign began, but that is a drop in the bucket compared with its contribution to the U.N.'s World Food Program, an 85 percent share of the donated food reaching Afghanistan and Afghan refugee camps in neighboring countries.

This is a story Afghans need to know, and the United States is doing its utmost to tell them. U.S. forces have silenced the official Taliban radio and are broadcasting messages to the effect that, despite the bombing, America is genuinely concerned for the welfare of ordinary Afghans.

If that message is to have real meaning, though, the United States has to move quickly to position larger stocks of food close to Afghanistan's borders and be prepared to move it across to feeding centers when the opportunity presents itself. There's no time to waste, either. The snows that shut down great stretches of Afghanistan start in about a month.

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TOP WORLD NEWS STORIES

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BRUSSELS: NATO, Russia issue joint call for free, fair elections in Ukraine

BAGHDAD: Iraq's majority Shiites unveil major alliance ahead of key elections

BRUSSELS: NATO to expand its roles in Iraq, Afghanistan, but tensions linger

OTTAWA: Canada's Supreme Court backs same-sex marriages in landmark ruling

TEL AVIV: Sharon wins approval for coalition, keeping Gaza pullout on track

-- 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 moved by Charles Onians

Iraq-vote-Shiites,4thlead

BAGHDAD

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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 moved by Rouba Kabbara

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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 moved by Pierre Celerier

Iraq-Fallujah-aid-ICRC,3rdlead

GENEVA

A team from the International Committee of the Red Cross pays a short trip to Fallujah this week for the first time since a massive battle in the Iraqi city last month, a spokesman says.

600 words moved by Deborah Haynes

FILING PLANS BY REGION

-- AMERICAS --

Canada-gays-marriage,4thlead

OTTAWA

In a landmark ruling, Canada's Supreme Court says the government is within its constitutional rights to change the definition of marriage to allow gay and lesbian weddings.

600 words 2330 GMT

US-UN-Annan,5thlead

UNITED NATIONS

The United States says it is not trying to oust Secretary General Kofi Annan, giving the UN chief a crucial vote of confidence amid calls for Annan's resignation by some US politicians.

500 words 2230 GMT by Marc Carnegie

US-music-rock-crime,4thlead

COLUMBUS, Ohio

A lone assailant guns down one of the founding members of the cult 1990s thrash metal band Pantera in a rampage at an Ohio nightclub that left five dead, including the gunman.

600 words 2230 GMT

-- EUROPE --

Ukraine-vote,4thlead

KIEV

Ukraine's civil servants go back to work for the first time in weeks as the opposition lifts its blockade of government buildings and a political crisis eases following a compromise with the ruling regime.

700 words moved by Simon Ostrovsky. Pictures

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Ukraine-vote-media

KIEV

The political turmoil in Ukraine sparked by a disputed election has been broadcast live on the pro-opposition Channel Five, whose coverage rocked national television and pushed the pro-government stations to shake off censorship.

700 words moved by Olga Nedbayeva. Pictures

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.

600 words moved by Philippe Siuberski

NATO-US-Iraq-Afghanistan,3rdlead

BRUSSELS

NATO agrees to expand its Iraq mission but fails to smooth deep divisions over the war as the United States accuse some European allies of undermining the defense alliance's credibility.

800 words moved by Matthew Lee

We have also moved: NATO-Bosnia-Serbia,lead

EU-enlarge-Turkey,2ndlead

BRUSSELS

Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan starts a final round of talks in Brussels, a week before European Union leaders take a crucial decision on his country's bid for membership, and calls for the opening of talks early next year.

500 words 2230 GMT by Pierre Glachant

Italy-justice-Berlusconi,2ndlead

MILAN

A panel of three judges begins deliberating a verdict in Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's long-running corruption trial, with a decision not expected before Friday at the earliest, the court says.

800 words moved by Nicole Martiche. Picture

EU-Israel-Ukraine-Mideast-neighbours,lead

BRUSSELS

The European Union takes the first step towards reaching out to seven of its nearest neighbours with a new deal consisting of a raft of political, economic and social opportunities.

550 words moved by Pierre Glachant

Nireland,2ndlead

BELFAST

The **Irish Republican Army** says it remains committed to the peace process in Northern Ireland, but not if that means "humiliation" in the face of its unionist rivals.

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Spain-attacks-suspects-list

MADRID

Spain steps up investigations this week into the March 11 Madrid train bombings, when a top Egyptian suspect is extradited from Italy and remanded in custody.

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Nobel-peace,2ndlead

OSLO

More **women** need to do jobs where they take decisions if they are to play a role in peace-making, this year's Nobel Peace Prize laureate, Kenyan ecologist Wangari Maathai, says a day before receiving the prestigious award.

700 words moved by Nina Larson. Pictures

UNICEF-UN-children

LONDON

More than one billion children, half of the world's population of children, suffer from poverty, violent conflict and the scourge of AIDS, the United Nations Children's Fund says in its annual report.

650 words moved by Michelle Hoffman

-- MIDDLE EAST --

Mideast,4thlead

TEL AVIV

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon keeps his controversial plan to pull out of the Gaza Strip on track by winning overwhelming approval from his own party to form a new national unity coalition government.

650 words 2230 GMT by Yoav Lemmer. Pictures

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 moved by Leigh Thomas. 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.

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Syria-rights-demo,2ndlead

DAMASCUS

Syrian security forces stop human rights activists from holding a protest in Damascus to protest against the continued detention of about 500 political prisoners.

450 words moved by Nassib Azar

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 moved by Nayla Razzouk

-- AFRICA --

Sudan-Darfur-US

KHARTOUM

Sudan welcomes US congressional approval of 200 million dollars in aid for the war-torn Darfur region, but criticises an accompanying resolution imposing sanctions on the country.

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Zimbabwe-vote-parliament,lead

HARARE

Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe's ruling party passes a controversial new law that aims to bar foreign rights groups from the country, as well as foreign funding for local groups doing similar work.

600 words moved by Ryan Truscott

DR Congo-Rwanda-troops,4thlead

KINSHASA

The 2200 GMT news advisory

Troops in the Democratic Republic of Congo have begun redeploying in the east amid persistent reports that neighbouring Rwanda has sent its soldiers across the border to deal with Hutu extremist rebels there, the defence minister in Kinshasa announces.

650 words moved by Sofia Bouderbala

Mideast-US-reform-Arabs-Morocco,advancer

RABAT

Two days before Morocco is set to open its doors to the Forum for the Future, devoted to the US "Greater Middle East" initiative, people in the host nation warn the United States against preaching democracy to them.

650 words moved by Mohammed Chakir

-- ASIA --

Japan-Iraq-military,3rdlead

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

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.

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New-books list begins with 'endless' novel

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Body

Although it has no ending, "21" is itself an ending. It's the last book in Patrick O'Brian's popular series of naval adventure novels set in the early 19th century and featuring the exploits of British seamen Jack Aubrey and Dr. Stephen Maturin.

"21" (Norton) contains the fragments of the novel O'Brian was writing when he died in January 2000. It would have been the 21st Aubrey-Maturin book.

O'Brian's 63-page handwritten manuscript consists of three chapters that pick up where "Blue at the Mizzen" (1999) left off, with Rear Adm. Aubrey setting sail for South Africa and Maturin awaiting his next intelligence assignment. Alongside the typeset text are facsimiles of O'Brian's handwritten pages.

"21" is among the latest hardcover books. The others include fiction by Tom Wolfe, John Updike, Danielle Steel and Roddy Doyle; and nonfiction titles about George Washington, Armistice Day, American "heroines" and the adventures of a professional foodie.

College life in the '00s - or, perhaps, the "oh-oh's" - is visited in Wolfe's novel, "I Am Charlotte Simmons" (FSG). The bright, beautiful and somewhat inexperienced Charlotte, a freshman at prestigious Dupont University, gets an unexpected education from her roommates and schoolmates, for whom sex, beer and sports are far higher priorities than A's in academics.

The 70-ish Owen Mackenzie reminisces about his life and the three villages he has called home in Updike's 21st novel, "Villages" (Knopf). Owen, spending his retirement in a village in Massachusetts, recalls his youth in Willow, Pa., during the Great Depression, and his middle years in Middle Falls, Conn., where he became a successful businessman.

The two world wars help cast the fates of a mother and daughter in Steel's novel "Echoes" (Delacorte Press). During World War I, a woman becomes estranged from her German-Jewish family when she marries a French-Catholic nobleman and army officer. Later, as Hitler rises to power, her 18-year-old daughter abandons plans to become a nun and undertakes dangerous missions behind enemy lines for the French Resistance.

Henry Smart, the star of Doyle's "A Star Called Henry" (1999), has an encore in "Oh, Play That Thing" (Viking). It's 1924 and Henry, a hired assassin for the *Irish Republican Army*, has fled Ireland for New York. After the mob ends his brief career supplying bootleg booze to Lower East Side speakeasies, Henry heads for Chicago, where a

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young jazz trumpeter named Louis Armstrong hires him to help him navigate his way through the white, mob-controlled music business.

Joseph J. Ellis, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "Founding Brothers" (2001), profiles "the Foundingest Father of them all" in "His Excellency: George Washington" (Knopf). In his biography of the "most important and perhaps least understood" figure in U.S. history, Ellis explores Washington's military and presidential careers, his marriage, his attitude toward slavery, and the effect his private life had on his public image.

World War I, "the war to end all wars," didn't end even after a truce was reached. In "Eleventh Month, Eleventh Day, Eleventh Hour" (Random House), Joseph E. Persico chronicles the war with a focus on Armistice Day, Nov. 11, 1918, on which there were 11,000 casualties even though both sides had agreed beforehand that the fighting would end that day. Persico follows everyday soldiers who participated as well as some who would become famous, including Cols. George Patton and Douglas MacArthur, Capt. Harry Truman, and a German corporal named Hitler.

Women pioneers "who shaped our country" are the subjects of "American Heroines" (Morrow) by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas. In her book, Hutchison, who in 1993 became the first woman from Texas elected to the U.S. Senate, profiles **women** from various fields - the arts, business, education, government - and the obstacles they overcame to achieve success. Included are historic and contemporary figures, from Mary Cassat to Beverly Sills, Margaret Bourke-White to Barbara Walters, and "Babe" Didrikson to Jackie Joyner-Kersey.

Feel free to dig into "Fork It Over" (HarperCollins), in which Alan Richman, food writer and longtime restaurant critic for GQ magazine, tells what it's like to eat for a living. In this series of essays, most adapted from GQ articles, Richman shares his views on restaurants, celebrity chefs and cuisines - from Vietnamese to vegan, and Neapolitan pizza to North Carolina barbecue - and takes readers along on his dinner date with the surprisingly voracious actress Sharon Stone.

More fiction

In "To the Last Man" (Ballantine Books), Jeff Shaara offers a novel about World War I from the perspectives of four participants, including Gen. John "Black Jack" Pershing, Baron von Richthofen ("The Red Baron"), a U.S. Marine and an American aviator.

World War II Europe is the setting for "The Final Solution" (Fourth Estate), Michael Chabon's adventure about a mute 9-year-old boy, his talkative parrot, and an elderly, once-famous detective.

"The Virgin's Lover" (Touchstone) is Philippa Gregory's novel about the troubled early years in the reign of Elizabeth I, who ascended to the throne in 1558.

In modern-day London, it's love at first sight for a housepainter and a radio personality, two people whose complicated lives become more complex when one of them flees to Boston only hours after they've met in Margot Livesey's "Banishing Verona" (Henry Holt).

In "Citizen Girl" (Atria), Emma McLaughlin and Nicola Kraus follow up their best-selling "The Nanny Diaries" with a satire about a young working woman trying to survive in the business world.

A widow in her late 70s reminisces about her life in small-town Kentucky in "Hannah Coulter" (Shoemaker & Hoard) by Wendell Berry.

Fans of short stories can choose from among "Runaway" (Knopf) by Alice Munro; "The Pacific and Other Stories" (Penguin Press) by Mark Helprin; and "Men and Cartoons" (Doubleday) by Jonathan Lethem.

More nonfiction

In "Queenan Country" (Henry Holt), humorist Joe Queenan describes his trek through England searching for "what made the British tick."

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"Letter From America: 1946-2004" (Knopf) by Alistair Cooke is a compilation of BBC dispatches on subjects ranging from Hollywood stars to Sept. 11 by the British-born U.S. citizen, who died in March.

In "The Pontiff in Winter" (Doubleday), John Cornwell chronicles the reign of Pope John Paul II, which began in 1978.

"The Crisis" (Little, Brown) is David Harris' account of the Iran hostage crisis, which began on Nov. 4, 1979, when radical students seized the U.S. Embassy in Tehran and held Americans captive for 444 days.

For sports fans, there are "Unforgivable Blackness" (Knopf), Geoffrey C. Ward's biography of Jack Johnson, who became the first black heavyweight champion in 1908; "When Nothing Else Matters: Michael Jordan's Last Comeback" (Simon & Schuster) by Michael Leahy; "America's Game" (Random House), Michael MacCambridge's account of the rise of pro football in America; and "Let Me Tell You a Story" (Little, Brown) by Red Auerbach and John Feinstein, which includes tales from a life in pro basketball as told by Auerbach, who led the Boston Celtics to nine NBA world championships.

"A Tale of Love and Darkness" (Harcourt) is a memoir by Amos Oz, Israeli novelist and essayist.

Essayist and novelist Stanley Crouch offers a series of essays about the problem of authenticity in various aspects of American life in "The Artificial White Man" (Basic Books).

In "The Great Psychedelic Armadillo Picnic" (Crown Journeys), Texas author and musician Kinky Friedman takes readers on a walking tour of Austin.

The success of "The Simpsons," the pop-culture phenomenon and television's longest-running sitcom, is explained in "Planet Simpson" (Da Capo) by Chris Turner.

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

ATHENS, Greece Reaching across a nearly 1,000-year divide, Pope John Paul II offered a sweeping statement of regret Friday for "sins of action and omission" against Christian Orthodox including the sacking of the ancient center of Greek Byzantium. GREECE-POPE. Lead has moved. By Brian Murphy. AP Photos, AP Graphic POPE ITINERARY.

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SYRIA-POPE, from DAMASCUS Syria in last-minute preparations for pope's visit.

HUMAN RIGHTS: Lost U.S. seats means no more protection for Israel, forum for criticizing China

GENEVA The surprise loss of America's seat on the top United Nations human rights body will stop Washington from exercising its sometimes lonely vote to protect Israel and criticize China. The world body's Palais des Nations was abuzz Friday with diplomats speculating on whether the United States lost on a secret ballot because of general irritation over its positions or whether Washington just didn't try hard enough. UN-HUMAN RIGHTS. Lead by 1600 GMT. By Alexander G. Higgins.

EUROPE:

MACEDONIA: Government launches new offensive against rebels

WAKESINCE, Macedonia Tanks rumble, helicopter gunships thunder overhead and smoke billows as government forces unleash a fresh assault on ethnic Albanian rebels accused of holding 2,000 women and children as human shields. NATO and the European Union, fearing fresh bloodshed, prepare to send envoys to the troubled Balkan nation. MACEDONIA. Lead Upcoming. By Radul Radovanovic. AP Graphic MACEDONIA.

FRANCE-ALGERIA: Chirac sanctions general who admitted atrocities during Algerian war

PARIS A "horrified" President Jacques Chirac on Friday sanctions an aging French general who admitted to torturing and killing Algerians during the independence war more than four decades ago. FRANCE-ALGERIA-TORTURE. Has moved. By Elaine Ganley.

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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. Has moved. 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.

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IRAN-CUBA, from TEHRAN Cuban President Fidel Castro will visit Iran Monday as part of a tour that includes Algeria and Malaysia, an Iranian official says.

AMERICAS:

US-SPY PLANE: U.S. technicians finish inspection of damaged spy plane

WASHINGTON U.S. technicians complete their inspection of the damaged Navy spy plane in China and prepare to return to the United States to report their recommendations on how to retrieve the aircraft, a Defense Department official says Friday. US-SPY PLANE. Has moved. By Robert Burns.

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: More than 100 feared trapped as ferry capsizes

GOMA, Congo Divers began pulling bodies from a capsized ferry in eastern Congo Friday, where 12 people were confirmed dead and 100 more were feared trapped inside the vessel's submerged cabin. CONGO-FERRY SINKING. Has moved. By Rodrique Ngowi.

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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.

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JAPAN-NKOREA, from 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. Has moved. AP Photos XITS101, 102.

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.

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.

BUSINESS & FINANCE:

US-ECONOMY: Unemployment rate rises to 4.5 percent

WASHINGTON The nation's unemployment rate shot up to 4.5 percent in April, the highest level in 2 1/2 years and businesses slashed their payrolls by the largest amount since the last recession in 1991. US-ECONOMY. Has moved. By Leigh Strobe.

LUFTHANSA PILOTS: Pilot strike causes 288 cancelations, passenger ire at German airports

FRANKFURT Angry passengers form long queues at German airports as striking Lufthansa pilots force the cancelation of hundreds of flights in their most serious strike action ever against the airline. GERMANY-LUFTHANSA PILOTS. Has moved. By Isabell Scheuplein.

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Body

How do you win the war on terror in the face of murderous foes? PAUL GRAY tries to find some answers in this extract from his new book

SINCE September 11, 2001, critics of the West have played up the idea that we ourselves are somehow to blame for acts of terrorism against us.

The West, particularly the United States, is inherently in the wrong, or so the criticism goes. Basically, we've provoked everything that's happened, according to this message.

This is a mistaken view. The real roots of terrorism lie in the minds of terrorists, not the past mistakes or crimes of nations.

Nevertheless, Islamist terrorism poses a much larger danger to the world than has been acknowledged so far, even in the war-like rhetoric of Western leaders such as President George W. Bush, Britain's Tony Blair and Australia's John Howard.

How large a danger is it? No Western political leader is likely to utter this, but it is a grim truth that today's international radical Islamist terrorist movement holds within itself the potential to divide the world in two once more, as communism divided it last century.

Media images, like the footage of planes striking the World Trade Centre, are a useful way of keeping the danger present in our minds.

But they do not help us understand the actual extent of the threat. Understanding the past is the only way of effectively achieving this.

No predictions are made here about what the course of history will be.

But I do suggest there are patterns from the past, and those patterns have an immediate and obvious meaning for the difficulties we have been living through since the date known to history as 9/11.

WE do not need grand theories about the clash of civilisations, or about the end, beginning or rebirth of history.

Since the fall of the Berlin Wall and the attacks of 9/11, there have been many such theories already, debated at far too great a length.

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The real challenge to Western societies today is practical, and violent. Such times require a calm and rational response.

The study of earlier generations of terrorists and revolutionaries is essential today.

From the Middle East to Africa, Latin America and Europe, the world in the 20th century saw vast numbers of murders committed in the name of "a higher cause".

Terrorist and revolutionary movements such as Italy's Red Brigades, Germany's Baader-Meinhof Gang, the **Irish Republican Army**, Peru's Sendero Luminoso, the Palestine Liberation Organisation and many others used the murder of unarmed civilians, including children, as a tool for "liberating" humanity.

The flames of this revolutionary violence were fed by certain governments and states.

Communist Russia became one of the major state sponsors of terrorism, as did several of its client states in Eastern Europe before the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Lenin's Russia was the first fully dedicated "revolutionary" communist state.

To date, radical Islamist terrorists have not managed to establish a comparable revolutionary state in a similarly substantial country.

The Taliban regime in Afghanistan was insufficiently stable to play this role.

The Islamic Republic of Iran, meanwhile, has clearly supported terrorism. Yet Iran has limitations as a potential exporter of violence to the globe, among them the fact that its clerical leaders are regarded with disdain by the terrorists.

Consequently, no lasting "homeland" for terrorism has yet emerged. Nevertheless, time is on the side of the Islamist terrorists.

The 21st century is still in its infancy. As we move through our century's early years, the lessons of last century's revolutionary violence must be learnt.

First and foremost, we need to understand that the major battlefield in the war against terrorism is not any particular geographical location, but in the heads of human beings.

Ideas, not bombs or bullets,
are the essential energy within terrorism.

Terrorists murder innocent people because they believe it is morally justified to do so.

They claim a higher cause which, they have convinced themselves, turns the act of murdering a child into a praiseworthy action that will help liberate the human race.

This same logic motivates terrorists to murder not only Western **women** and children, but also moderate leaders within their own communities. Twentieth century history has demonstrated this, time and again.

In Peru, for example, the Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) terrorist movement systematically killed mayors and village leaders in poor areas.

This was to send the message that collaboration with "the enemy" -- the capitalist system -- was not acceptable to the terrorists.

In the early 21st century, we see the same logic at work in the minds of radical Islamist terrorists.

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THE assassination of moderate Muslim leader Ayatollah Mohammed Baqer al-Hakim in southern Iraq in August 2003 is an example. Al-Hakim was a respected Shi'ite religious leader whose moderation made him a crucial ally in Western efforts to develop a democratic Iraq.

To the terrorists who killed him, along with many other faithful Muslims and dozens of other people in a car-bomb explosion at one of the Muslim world's holiest sites, the Imam Ali mosque, even al-Hakim's strong Islamic faith was not enough to save him.

Al-Hakim was classed as an enemy of "the higher cause". And so he was murdered.

Studying the propaganda and personalities of terrorists is useful here. It's also useful to examine the insights of great writers who have immersed themselves within the terrorist mind.

An expert on the past who calls our attention to the real nature of today's terrorist threat is Yehuda Bauer. Professor Bauer is a Jew who has fought for the Israeli army. He is also the world's leading authority on the Holocaust, and has been a consultant on many TV series and movies dealing with the Nazi genocide of Jews.

In recent years, Prof Bauer has travelled the world speaking on the dangers of totalitarian ideology today, particularly the threat from radical Islam.

Prof Bauer strongly endorses the use of military force against Osama bin Laden's terrorist movement al-Qaida.

But the use of force, he emphasises, is only a small part of what civilised countries must do if they are to respond intelligently to the terrorist menace.

At least three other tactics are needed if civilisation is to meet the challenge of terrorism.

Support for non-radical Muslims is essential. Propaganda, aimed against radical Islam and encouraging non-radical versions of Islam, is also important.

And building political alliances with Muslim nations that recognise the true threat of radical Islam is also crucial, he argues.

Radical Islam, he says, must be differentiated from the religion of Islam itself.

Islam "is a universalist world religion which can be interpreted and has been interpreted and is being interpreted as a peaceful belief system", he says.

Radical Islam, on the other hand, is a totalitarian ideology. It is a "tremendous existential danger to all civilisation", he suggests.

September 11, 2001, has been described as the day the universe changed. This is not true, for the world as a whole.

The birth of Islamist terrorism as a global threat is merely the return of an older struggle.

THIS is not the struggle between religion and its enemies, nor between the capitalist West and those who hate it. It is the struggle between ideology and sanity.

This is an encouraging thought for the West. It means, among other things, that the Cold War was not "fought" in vain. The struggle against communism and earlier terrorism has left us a legacy of rational insight with which to resist the ideological threats of a new era.

We must not leave that legacy lying idle.

Edited extract from *Nightmare of the Prophet*, by Paul Gray. Freedom Publishing Company, RRP \$24.95. Order a signed copy of *Nightmare of the Prophet* today. The autographed books are at the special price of only \$18.95 plus

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IRELAND: I.R.A. KILLINGS INQUIRY

The government will re-examine charges that the Irish police may have helped Irish Republican Army guerrillas single out victims in a dozen border area killings in the 1980's and 1990's. Justice Minister John O'Donoghue said he did not believe the allegations but that "every effort must be made to reassure the public that they have been thoroughly investigated." The deaths included those of Northern Ireland's former lord chief justice, Maurice Gibson, and four members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary. Warren Hoge (NYT)

GERMANY: KOHL COLLECTS \$3.7 MILLION

Former Chancellor Helmut Kohl has collected more than \$3.7 million, more than enough to pay \$3.15 million in fines imposed against his conservative Christian Democratic Union for illegal campaign financing during his years in power. Focus magazine said he collected \$2.8 million among business friends and personally contributed \$350,000 from a mortgage on his house. The remainder came from cash donations. Mr. Kohl has admitted accepting just over \$1 million in secret payments between 1993 and 1998. Victor Homola (NYT)

ITALY: POLITICAL TESTS

Regional elections in Italy usually measure the support of the governing power, but elections tomorrow for 15 of 20 regional presidents will also test the strength of new alliances within the center-right opposition. Campaigning by cruise ship against the center-left government of Prime Minister Massimo D'Alema, former Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, above, recently formed alliances with the separatist Northern League and, in some regions, the Italian Social Movement, the last remaining faction of Italy's Fascists. Alessandra Stanley (NYT)

POLAND: DEATH PENALTY ABOLISHED

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Parliament voted to abolish the death penalty despite protests from right-wing legislators and opinion polls showing that most Poles back capital punishment. Its ratification of Protocol Six of the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights had the effect of confirming that Poland, which halted executions in 1988, would never reinstate the penalty. (Reuters)

CHECHNYA: KEY GENERAL CAPTURED

The top military adviser to Chechnya's president, a brigadier general in the rebel army battling Russian troops, was captured by Russian commandos and is now in a Moscow prison, officials said. Apti Batalov, military chief of staff to the Chechen president, Aslan Maskhadov, is being held in Lefortovo Prison atop Moscow's old K.G.B. headquarters, they said; the report could not be confirmed.

Michael Wines (NYT)

MACEDONIA: LAND RETURN

Parliament approved a law that will return land and property worth \$750 million, seized by the Communists in 1945, to the original owners. Official statistics show about 230,000 acres of land, 88,957 acres of forest, 165,560 acres of prairies and 593,050 acres of building land were confiscated. (Agence France-Presse)

THE AMERICAS

PERU: FUJIMORI FOE'S PLEA

Alejandro Toledo, who is challenging President Alberto K. Fujimori's re-election, called on the Catholic Church and the congressionally appointed ombudsman to serve as mediators to revamp the government's election apparatus in preparation for a runoff. The first-round balloting last Sunday was tainted by widespread complaints by international monitors of an assortment of irregularities. Mr. Fujimori fell just short of 50 percent, according to the official count.

Clifford Krauss (NYT)

COLOMBIA: RIGHTS RECORD CONDEMNED

The United Nations human rights chief, Mary Robinson, said the situation in Colombia had deteriorated greatly in the past year, with killings, including massacres, and kidnappings on the rise. In a speech in Geneva to the Commission on Human Rights, she said most of the reported extrajudicial executions, torture and death threats were attributed to paramilitary groups. Elizabeth Olson (NYT)

ASIA

JAPAN: VOLCANO THREAT EASES

About 4,700 residents returned home to towns near Mount Usu after scientists determined that the volcano in southwest Hokkaido was no longer likely to erupt. But more than 8,000 other residents remain in public shelters after steam explosions in the mountain three weeks ago damaged some homes and reshaped the area's topography. Calvin Sims (NYT)

INDIA: RUSHDIE RETURNS

On his first visit to India in 12 years, Salman Rushdie said he hoped to begin a new relationship with his native country, where his book "Satanic Verses" was banned after protests by Muslims around the world. Mr. Rushdie went into hiding after Iran issued a religious edict in 1989 calling for his death. Muslim groups burned Mr. Rushdie in effigy during demonstrations in New Delhi to protest the government's decision to grant him a visa. (AP)

MALAYSIA: ANWAR PROTEST PLANNED

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Several opposition leaders were arrested and riot policemen were deployed in Kuala Lumpur as the authorities stepped up an apparent crackdown ahead of a protest to support the jailed former deputy prime minister, Anwar Ibrahim. The activists say they will mark today, the first anniversary of a High Court ruling that sent Mr. Anwar to prison for six years on charges of abuse of power. (AP)

TAIWAN: ECONOMIC CHIEF

An auto executive was named economics minister, the first economic chief from the private sector. Lin Shin-yee, deputy chairman of China Motor Corporation, is known for improving production. The appointment helps fulfill a promise by President-elect Chen Shui-bian to bring in people from the private sector to improve the government's efficiency. (AP)

AFRICA

ZIMBABWE: FARM SIEGE CONTINUES

Hundreds of farms remained under siege, a day after Vice President Joseph Msika ordered thousands of black squatters to end their occupation of white-owned land, the country's Commercial Farmers' Union said. The protesters, who began their offensive in February, did quit a handful of farms, but held their ground at most sites and even captured a few farms that had been ignored until now, according to the union. Henri E. Cauvin (NYT)

CONGO: NEW FIGHTING REPORTED

Rebels reported new fighting with government troops just hours after a new cease-fire agreement went into effect. Jean-Pierre Bemba, head of one of two Ugandan-backed rebel factions, said his troops had come under heavy fire at Imesse, along the Oubangui River in northern Congo. Rebels killed 10 government troops, wounded three and lost one of their own, he said. (AP)

MIDDLE EAST

ISRAEL: PROTEST OVER GAME

LAW, a Palestinian human rights group, is organizing a protest directed at a board game co-produced by the National Geographic Society and the California-based University Games. The game, "Mystery Voyage," depicts Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, which LAW asks the companies to change, noting that Jerusalem's status is disputed. Deborah Sontag (NYT)

SAUDI ARABIA: RIGHTS INVITATION

Amnesty International said it wanted to send a delegation to Saudi Arabia after a Saudi minister suggested that anyone who had doubts about human rights in the kingdom should visit to dispel concerns. "Although Amnesty International has not previously been granted visas to visit Saudi Arabia, the organization welcomed the invitation," a spokesman said. The group has accused the Saudis of systematic rights violations, charges rejected by Saudi officials. (Reuters)

IRAN: WARNING ON REFORMS

The supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said there had to be a limit to reform, and that violence should not be ruled out as a means of protecting Islamic institutions. The ayatollah, left, said liberal reforms under President Mohammad Khatami were far from what Western countries had in mind. "What the enemy wants is for women to shed their veils, moral boundaries to be broken and an end to the role of religion in our laws," he said. The remarks were some of his clearest public comments to date on reforms by Mr. Khatami. (Reuters)

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European Union Threatens Isolation for Austria

The European Union warned that its 14 other members would diplomatically isolate Austria if its anti-immigrant Freedom Party led by Jorg Haider enters a coalition government. The statement said Austrian candidates for posts in international organizations would find no support, and Austrian ambassadors would only be received at a technical level. A1

Concerns About Iraqi Weapons

Recent United States intelligence findings have raised concerns among Clinton administration officials that the Iraqi government, in the prolonged absence of weapons inspectors, has continued its pursuit of biological and chemical weapons. A1

Few Survivors of Plane Crash

Airline officials in Nairobi said only 10 of the 179 people aboard survived the crash of a Kenya Airways plane on Sunday night in the Ivory Coast. State television reported that 95 bodies were found, and rescuers gave up hope of finding more survivors. A3

Decision on Pinochet Upheld

A High Court judge in London issued a judgment supporting the British government's decision to release Gen. Augusto Pinochet and let him return home to Chile. But Belgium held up any final action by lodging an appeal against the ruling. A8

Warning in Northern Ireland

The leader of the Ulster Unionists warned that Northern Ireland's new government could be indefinitely suspended if a report on disarmament does not disclose moves by the **Irish Republican Army** to scrap its arsenal. A8

3 Israelis Killed in Lebanon

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Three Israeli soldiers were killed in southern Lebanon as Iranian-backed guerrillas continued to escalate attacks during a lull in peace negotiations between Israel and Syria. Israeli planes responded with artillery attacks and air strikes on Hezbollah guerrilla targets in Lebanon. A11

Indonesian Military Accused

A human rights panel in Jakarta accused top military officials, including the former armed forces commander, of involvement in crimes against humanity in East Timor. A11

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Report Faults C.I.A. On Inquiry of Ex-Director

A classified report by the Central Intelligence Agency's inspector general concludes that top officials of the agency impeded an internal investigation into evidence that the agency's former director, John Deutch, mishandled large volumes of secret material. A1

Jet Crashes Off California

An Alaska Airlines jetliner bound from Mexico to San Francisco crashed into the Pacific Ocean northwest of Malibu in the afternoon with nearly 90 people aboard after reporting mechanical difficulties. Coast Guard boats, rescue helicopters and a Navy search plane scoured the choppy waters and found several bodies but no immediate survivors, the authorities said. A1

Moratorium on Executions

Gov. George Ryan of Illinois halted all executions in the state, the first such moratorium in the nation. The governor, a Republican who supports the death penalty but questions its administration, cited a "shameful record of convicting innocent people and putting them on death row." A1

Deal on Vieques Exercises

Puerto Rico agreed to let the Navy resume limited training on the island of Vieques, as part of a deal that includes up to \$90 million in aid if residents of Vieques vote to allow exercises with live ammunition. A12

Final Pleas for Votes

With the last hours before New Hampshire's primary ticking away and plenty of voters undecided, the candidates were making their final pleas, showing their best stripes and trying to conclude their campaigns on memorable grace notes. A19

Homelessness Documented

About 1.35 million children in the United States -- nearly 2 percent of the nation's total -- are likely to become homeless at some point in the course of a year, a new analysis of national census and survey data being presented today has found. A12

Tax Plan From House G.O.P.

House Republicans unveiled a proposal to give a tax cut to married couples, stepping up pressure on President Clinton and Democrats to agree to an election-year compromise on taxes. The plan would give a tax break to nearly

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all married couples and would be worth \$182 billion over 10 years, more than four times as much as a plan proposed by Mr. Clinton. A16

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Record Spending in Race For U.S. Senate Seat

Jon S. Corzine, a candidate for the United States Senate from New Jersey who has a reported net worth of \$300 million, spent more than \$3.6 million on his campaign last year, according to records filed with the Federal Election Commission. Until this year, no nonincumbent had spent as much for a Senate race. But Mr. Corzine and Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani of New York, who also filed financial disclosures, appear to be setting a new benchmark in campaign finance. B1

5 Diallo Jurors Chosen

Five jurors, including two black women, were chosen as jury selection began in the trial of four white police officers accused of murdering Amadou Diallo, a West African immigrant who was shot 19 times as he stood unarmed in the lobby of his Bronx apartment building one year ago. B5

Man Dies While Fleeing Fire

A man who tried to escape a smoky fire in a garment district building was killed when he slipped from a makeshift rope and fell from a 10th-floor window, fire officials said. Two other people were injured while trying to escape the building, on West 36th Street between Seventh and Eighth Avenues, which became filled with smoke after the fire broke out in the basement around 9:30 a.m. B5

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Rocker Suspended for Remarks

Commissioner Bud Selig, saying John Rocker had dishonored Major League Baseball by disparaging many groups of society with his harsh comments in a magazine interview, suspended the Atlanta Braves' No. 1 relief pitcher yesterday for 73 days. A1

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Another Rate Increase Likely

The Fed's policy makers are expected to vote to raise short-term interest rates at the end of a two-day meeting scheduled to begin today. But some of the tools that Alan Greenspan, the chairman of the Federal Reserve, has to

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cool the economy have been dulled, thanks to the Treasury. As a result, the central banker may have to be even more aggressive in raising rates than planned. C1

Mannesmann Welcomes Talks

Mannesmann A. G. reversed its opposition to talks with Vodafone Airtouch P.L.C., seeking a face-saving friendly merger, executives close to the talks said. The executives said there is a growing feeling within Mannesmann that it cannot defeat Vodafone's \$156 billion hostile takeover bid. C1

U.S. Markets Surge

Stocks wrapped up their first losing month since September with a rally as investors bought beaten-down telecommunications and financial shares. The S. & P. 500 advanced 34.30 points, or 2.5 percent, to 1,394.46; the Dow gained 201.66, or nearly 1.9 percent, to 10,940.53, and the Nasdaq closed at 3,940.35, up 53.28, or almost 1.4 percent. C13

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Irish peace hopes dashed again

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The dream of peace lasted nearly two years - not bad by Northern Irish standards - but now it looks likely to be dashed like so many other good intentions in the bleak, blighted history of the troublesome province.

Britain's House of Commons overwhelmingly approved legislation late Tuesday night giving the British government power to suspend the new power-sharing local government between Protestants and Catholics in Northern Ireland, the province also known as Ulster.

Nobody welcomed the bill. But it still passed its main reading by an overwhelming 352 votes in favor to only 11 against. The upper house of Parliament, the House of Lords, is expected to approve it Thursday.

That huge margin of support reflected the pessimistic consensus in Britain that Prime Minister Tony Blair's impassioned, determined, years-long drive to end the more than 30-years-old Ulster conflict had run aground on the intransigence of the **Irish Republican Army**.

The historic 1998 Good Friday Agreement proposed that the IRA should completely disarm by May of this year. The IRA never committed itself to that, but agreed that disarmament of both the IRA and the Protestant paramilitaries was an "essential" condition for a lasting peace.

The IRA had indicated that it would at least start to hand over, or decommission, its weapons to an international disarmament body chaired by retired Canadian Gen. John de Chastelain. But Gen. Chastelain reported that the IRA had not even begun to do so. The final deadline for it to start doing so comes this weekend.

The Ulster Unionist Party, the main political party of Ulster's 900,000 majority Protestants, wants to maintain ties with Britain. The Catholic nationalist IRA is fighting a guerrilla war that has cost 3,600 lives so far to try and force the British out of Northern Ireland and to force the Protestants to accept a united Ireland. Catholics make up 600,000, or 40 percent, of the population of the North.

The Unionists always insisted that they would only allow members of Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing, to sit in a coalition, power-sharing local government in Belfast if the IRA agreed - along with the Protestant paramilitary organizations - to start handing over its weapons. Once Gen. de Chastelain reported that the IRA had not even begun to do so, the Power-Sharing Executive - the best hope of ending 32 years of sectarian strife in the province, was a dead duck.

Irish peace hopes dashed again

British and Northern Irish security sources believe the IRA has enough weapons - mainly held in secret caches in the Irish Republic close to the border with Northern Ireland - to equip two light infantry divisions. As the enabling legislation to shut down the Power-Sharing Executive was rushed through Britain's Parliament in the Palace of Westminster, Britain's Secretary of State for Northern Ireland Peter Mandelson said he would re-impose direct rule on Northern Ireland from London on Friday.

Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams hinted Tuesday he might resign from that position if direct rule was re-imposed. "I don't intend to spend the rest of my life trying to shore up a process that is going to be in perpetual crisis," he told BBC radio in an interview.

Catholic Bishop Seamus Hegarty from the city of Derry suggested Wednesday that the IRA hand over their weapons into his keeping as a compromise move to save the peace process. But there was no sign that the IRA would accept his offer. Adams, and the main Protestant political leader, UUP chief David Trimble, both built their careers on being hard-liners in their won communities. But both of them have taken huge risks - both politically and even with their lives - in trying to make the Good Friday Agreement work. If the agreement collapses, the political careers of both of them are likely to go down in flames, and they could be replaced on both sides by a new generation of hard-line extremists who could re-ignite the ancient sectarian conflict.

A quarter-century ago, British and Northern Irish security chiefs regarded Adams as one of the most ruthless and implacable terrorist masterminds seen anywhere in Europe since the end of World War II. He has repeatedly denied it, but he is widely believed by security authorities of having been a driving force in the 1972-73 campaign that set off fragmentation and napalm bombs in crowded restaurants, bus stations and packed streets in Belfast. The clear aim of that terror campaign was to kill and maim as many as possible, especially women and children.

But in the 1990s, Adams was a repeated voice for moderation and political dialogue in Sinn Fein, along with his old IRA comrade Martin MacGuinness. MacGuinness has been serving for the past two months as education minister in Northern Ireland's Power-Sharing Executive. However, Adams, MacGuinness and their more pragmatic and moderate followers have been under increasing pressure from hard-liners on the IRA's ruling Army Council. Their most prominent spokesman has been Sinn Fein Chairman Mitchel McLaughlan.

Trimble, unlike Adams, was always a constitutional politician. But he rose to the head of the Unionist party by riding grass-roots resentment at an ineffectual leadership that was seen as weak and inept. He rapidly showed himself to be the smartest and most effective leader the Unionists had enjoyed in a generation.

But when Trimble committed himself to the Good Friday peace agreement, it split his party down the middle. Although opinion polls and parliamentary votes indicated a majority of Ulster Protestants supported his policies, more than half the Unionist members of the British Parliament repudiated him.

Trimble proved willing to compromise on one key issue for Ulster Protestants after another. But they would not budge on their insistence that the IRA back its words of support for the peace process by actually starting to hand over at least some of its weapons. It has not done so.

That put the British government in a dilemma too. Two successive Northern Ireland Secretaries - Mandelson and his predecessor, Marjorie "Mo" Mowlam - both recognized that the support of the main Ulster Unionist party under Trimble was essential to make the Power-Sharing Executive succeed.

But it would be impossible if Britain tried to maintain the executive without any IRA disarmament. The Unionists would then pull out of the executive anyway and would refuse to cooperate with the British government on further peace measures. Therefore, in order to maintain its credibility with the majority Protestants, the British government is being forced this week to implement its threat of shutting down the power-sharing institutions.

But even though the British have fulfilled their pledge to Trimble, his survival as Unionist Party leader is by no means assured. He faces challenges from younger hard-liners led by Jeffrey Donaldson within his own party and Peter Robinson, the deputy leader of the more extreme Democratic Unionist Party. Both of them have repeatedly opposed the basic ideas of power-sharing and the Good Friday peace agreement.

Irish peace hopes dashed again

The peace process may not be entirely dead when the executive is suspended Friday. British Prime Minister Blair and his Irish counterpart Bertie Ahern remain committed to it. And the canny Mandelson has shown before he has the energy and subtlety to come up with skilful political formulas that can unlock apparently unsolvable dilemmas.

But after heady years of peace and hope, the growing fear on both sides of the Irish Sea is that the all-too-familiar fears and hatreds are reasserting themselves in both communities. If that happens, then the cease-fire could break down, and the familiar patterns of hatred, suffering and futile violence could return as well.

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WORLD AT 1800 GMT:

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ISRAEL-LEBANON. Israel hints at withdrawal from Lebanon.

PAKISTAN-MISSILE TEST. Pakistan test fires new surface-to-surface missile.

UN-RUSSIAN TANKER. Russian ambassador calls for independent tests.

UN-SIERRA LEONE. Security Council to vote on doubling peacekeeping force.

MEXICO-UNIVERSITY STRIKE. Strikers trash campus.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

STANSTED, England Eight hostages are freed Monday after a hijacked Afghan passenger plane lands outside London. With the hijacking in its second day after a flight from Central Asia, police say negotiations are at a critical stage to free the remaining captives. AFGHANISTAN-HIJACKING. Lead has moved; developments will be expedited. By Audrey Woods. AP Photos XSTEN102-104, XBC101, XMC201, MOSB107, ISL101. AP Graphic HIJACKING UPDATE 2.

ALSO MOVED:

ANALYSIS-AFGHANISTAN'S CHAOS. Afghanistan once again descends into a crisis ignited by a handful of angry men with guns.

AFGHANISTAN-HIJACKING-TALIBAN. The Taliban condemns terrorism Monday and vows to refuse the hijackers' demands. ISL101.

JERUSALEM After a week of bloody attacks on its troops and their allies, Israel hints Monday that it may pull out of Lebanon soon, with or without an agreement with neighboring Syria. ISRAEL-LEBANON. Expected by 1800 GMT. By Ron Kampeas. AP Photo JRL101.

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ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Israel and the Palestinians should focus on reaching a final accord by the September, a senior Palestinian negotiator says Monday.

URUS-MARTAN, Russia Federal forces claim Monday to have killed scores of Chechen rebels trying to make a break for the south and join militants intent on conducting a protracted guerrilla war against Russia. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Lead has moved. By Lyoma Turpalov. AP Photos MOSB101-104,110.

ALSO MOVED:

RUSSIA-CIVILIAN MASSACRE. Russian troops are deliberately killing civilians, human-rights workers and refugees say.

NATO-WARMER RUSSIA. Signs indicate that Russia's relations with NATO are on the mend. NY112.

KLAGENFURT, Austria Joerg Haider says Monday that he is happy for now to remain a provincial politician instead of leading Austria, in comments meant to allay foreign fears that he will soon push to become chancellor. AUSTRIA-GOVERNMENT. Lead has moved. By Melissa Eddy. AP Photo VIE103,106-108.

ALSO:

AUSTRIA-HAIDER-SS. Right-winger refuses to condemn Nazi troop units. Moved to some points, upcoming to others.

NETHERLANDS-AUSTRIA-ROYAL BLUNDER? Critics accuse Queen Beatrix of endorsing Haider's new government by choosing to vacation in Austria. Moved to some points, upcoming to others by 2000 GMT.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland Hours after the first dissident IRA bomb attack since 1998, respected Catholic leader John Hume urges the ***Irish Republican Army*** on Monday to hand over explosives to the disarmament commission. NORTHERN IRELAND. Lead has moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photos XBFT101-105.

ALSO MOVED:

NIRELAND-HUME STATEMENT. Excerpts from Hume's appeal.

ZAGREB, Croatia Croats choose Monday between two candidates vying to succeed late President Franjo Tudjman and to guide the country away from his authoritarian legacy. CROATIA-PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. Lead has moved. Preliminary results expected by 2330 GMT. By Eugene Brcic. AP Photos ZAG101-105, XZAG101-102, BEL101.

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan Pakistan test fires a new, more accurate short-range surface-to-surface missile Monday, a move that is likely to aggravate already troubled relations with neighbor India. PAKISTAN-MISSILE TEST. Lead has moved. By Kathy Gannon.

HELSINKI, Finland Foreign Minister Tarja Halonen, Finland's first woman president, promises Monday to promote human rights and equality. FINLAND-ELECTION. Lead has moved. By Matti Huuhtanen. AP Photo HEL101.

UNITED NATIONS The Security Council is to vote Monday on doubling the number of U.N. peacekeepers in Sierra Leone and giving them broader responsibilities to ensure security in the West African country. UN-SIERRA LEONE. Upcoming. By Nicole Winfield.

ALSO:

UN-RUSSIAN TANKER. Russia's U.N. ambassadors calls Monday for independent tests to determine if the oil came from Iraq. Upcoming.

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LONDON Opponents trying to block Gen. Augusto Pinochet's release argue again Monday that the British government has unfairly prevented them from seeing a medical report that could free the former Chilean dictator. BRITAIN-PINOCHET. Lead has moved. By Sue Leeman. AP Photos LON107, SCL102.

LUANDA, Angola A military helicopter crashes shortly after taking off from southern Angola over the weekend, killing 30 people, officials say Monday. Twelve people survived the crash. ANGOLA-HELICOPTER CRASH. Has moved.

MEXICO CITY Police who ousted striking students from Latin America's largest university discover Monday that classrooms were turned into campgrounds, laboratories into kitchens. They now face the daunting task of rebuilding a campus the size of a city. MEXICO-UNIVERSITY STRIKE. Lead expected by 2100 GMT. By John Rice. AP Photos planned.

MUSCAT, Oman The U.S. Navy Monday hands the Gulf state of Oman control of a Russian tanker seized for allegedly smuggling Iraqi oil in violation of U.N. sanctions. OMAN-RUSSIAN TANKER. Lead has moved. By Adnan Malik. AP Photos WXS101-102.

SPRINGFIELD PLANTATION, Dominica Rosie Douglas, scion of the plantation-owning elite, spurned his family's bourgeois ways to fight for independence and lead the Caribbean's black power movement. But at 58, Douglas has mellowed. DOMINICA-NEW LEADER. Has moved. By Michelle Faul. AP Photo NY118.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Wednesday, the 50th Berlin Film Festival opens.

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Sohag, Egypt Murder trial scheduled to resume for Shaboob William Aarsal, accused of killing two men. The case drew international attention because police investigating the murders were accused of torturing suspects.

Kiev, Ukraine Gen. Wesley Clark, commander of NATO forces, arrives for one-day visit.

Lima, Peru Conference on Latin American and Caribbean Women. Through Feb. 10.

St. John's, Antigua Magistrate to decide whether there's enough evidence for an Antiguan to stand trial in the Christmas Day 1998 deaths of Scottish Louise Torrens, 24, and Mitchell Melins, 22, of St. Lucia, whose bodies were burned in their home.

Washington Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearings on the president's foreign affairs budget request, with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

Wednesday, Feb. 9:

Moscow Russian foreign Minister Igor Ivanov leaves for six-day trip to North Korea, Japan and Vietnam.

Berlin 50th Berlin Film Festival opens. Through Feb. 22.

Feb. 9, 16 St. John's, Antigua Stays of execution expired for five death row prisoners whom the government wants to hang in Antigua's first executions in 10 years.

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Washington House International Relations Committee hearing on the fiscal 2001 budget for foreign affairs, with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

Thursday, Feb. 10:

Seoul, South Korea Indonesian President Abdurrahman Wahid arrives for two-day visit.

Friday, Feb. 11:

Vatican City Pope John Paul II celebrates the Jubilee of the Sick and of Healthcare workers.

Amsterdam, Netherlands World Press Photo award winners announced.

London Britain's Prince Andrew tours the British Virgin Islands, Montserrat, Anguilla, the Caymans and the Turks and Caicos Islands. Through Feb. 21

Saturday, Feb. 12:

Belfast, Northern Ireland Vote scheduled by Northern Ireland's largest Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, on whether to remain in the province's four-party Cabinet.

Bangkok, Thailand U.N. Conference on Trade and Development. Through Feb. 20.

Sunday, Feb. 13:

Jerusalem Target date for Israel and the Palestinians to agree on the framework of a final peace accord for resolving Palestinian statehood aspirations and the future of Jerusalem.

Seattle South African Bishop Desmond Tutu speaks about working for a democratic and just society without racial division.

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Zimbabwe Voters Deal Blow To Mugabe in Referendum

Voters rejected a draft constitution that opponents of President Robert Mugabe had said would have entrenched his powers. Official results for the weekend referendum had almost 55 percent of the voters opposing the measure, with opposition in the cities running as high as four to one. A light overall turnout apparently diluted Mr. Mugabe's strength in the countryside. A1

I.R.A. Withdraws From Talks

The ***Irish Republican Army*** retaliated for Britain's shutdown of the power-sharing Northern Ireland government by suspending contacts with disarmament mediators and by withdrawing new proposals on giving up paramilitary weapons. A12

Bank Investigation Widens

The Justice Department has evidence that a senior Bank of New York official accepted a bribe from a woman and her husband implicated in the money-laundering inquiry at the bank, law enforcement officials said, without naming the official. A8

Review of Pinochet Health

Britain's High Court ordered a medical report on Gen. Augusto Pinochet's health given to four countries seeking his extradition to face criminal charges. The report had prompted Home Secretary Jack Straw to say he was inclined to end the 84-year-old former dictator's 16-month house arrest in England and let him return home to Chile. A10

Vatican and P.L.O. Sign Accord

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Kohl's Party Fined \$21 Million

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Wolfgang Thierse, left, the speaker of Germany's Parliament, formally rebuked Helmut Kohl by imposing a \$21 million fine on the former chancellor's Christian Democratic Party for accepting illegal financing. A5

Deadly Bomb Blast in Beijing

The police said a suicidal farmer set off a bomb in Tiananmen Square, killing himself and slightly injuring a tourist from South Korea. A11

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Bush Campaign's Spending Is Draining Its Treasury

Gov. George W. Bush's campaign, which raised \$68 million in 1999 but is fighting a strong challenge from Senator John McCain, is spending close to \$3 million a week, prompting a number of unplanned money-raising events in the coming weeks. A senior campaign strategist, who is a top member of the Bush finance team, said about \$20 million remained. A1

Governor Bush and Senator McCain lashed into each other's negative campaign tactics in a debate on CNN that also included Alan Keyes. A1

Governor Bush offered proposals on campaign financing, including a ban on soft money from corporations and labor unions and a prohibition against lobbyist contributions while Congress is in session. A20

Labor's \$40 Million Plan

The A.F.L.-C.I.O., which is backing Vice President Al Gore, said it would spend more money than ever before to help elect worker-friendly candidates to the White House and Congress and would devote more resources than in past elections to mobilizing volunteers. A21

Gore Faults Clinton Nominee

Vice President Al Gore criticized President Clinton's nomination of Bradley Smith to the Federal Election Commission and said he would urge the Senate to reject Mr. Smith, a Republican who opposes the overhaul of campaign financing. A21

An Obsession With the Net

The Internet is causing many Americans to spend less time with friends and family, less time shopping in stores and more time working at home after hours, according to a large-scale survey of the societal impact of the Net. A1

Canadian No Longer a Suspect

Lucia Garofalo, a Canadian whom officials had linked to a murky, cross-border terrorism plot, was freed from a Vermont jail after federal prosecutors said she had not knowingly aided any planned violence. A18

Ex-Hostage's Suit Against Iran

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A leak in a steam generator at the Indian Point 2 plant in Westchester County led Con Edison to declare an "alert" and shut the plant down. A1

Community Garden Razed

The police arrested 31 people and scattered others to make way for bulldozers to clear the Esperanza Garden on East Seventh Street for low- and middle-income housing. B1

Plan to Expand Casino Site

Mohegan tribal leaders plan to announce an \$800 million expansion of their Mohegan Sun casino in Montville, Conn., that will feature a 40-story hotel and a sports arena. B1

Officers Back Up Partners

The third and fourth police officers who shot at Amadou Diallo testified that they thought Mr. Diallo had a gun, backing up their two partners' accounts on Monday. B1

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Michael Immitt, a police union official, testified that he had told several officers to "sit tight" and not talk to investigators about the assault on Abner Louima. But he denied coaching the officers on their stories. B6

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Boom Year for Retailer

Wal-Mart said revenue for the year ended Jan. 31 was \$165 billion, a 20 percent increase from the previous year. But the share price slid 87.5 cents, to \$58, largely on concern that Wal-Mart would be hard pressed to exceed its blistering growth. C1

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"American Beauty," a vinegary comedy about suburbanites, received eight nominations, the most of any film this year. B1

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Monica Lewinsky may not be everybody's idea of a cover girl.

The former White House intern graced the covers of weeklies when she was making headlines. But now it looks like the diet huckster is falling off the cover of Jane magazine, a well-placed source tells us.

The scuttlebutt is that some advertisers found Lewinsky unappetizing as a cover subject.

Editor Jane Pratt is said to be scrambling to find a replacement cover girl.

A rep for the magazine says Pratt is still considering Lewinsky for a cover. The rep also maintains that advertisers have not complained.

Not everyone thinks the scandal queen is good for business. The owner of Jenny Craig clinics in Iowa and Wisconsin refused to air her new diet ads.

And yet she obviously has fans. One shade of Club Monaco lipstick became a hot item after Lewinsky wore it for her Barbara Walters interview. And Random House's Modern Library edition of "Leaves of Grass" flew out of bookstores once Walters flashed it on the screen as President Clinton's gift to his former paramour.

Hlllary in the market

Don't say Hillary Rodham Clinton is out of touch with the needs of New York's voters. Why, just yesterday she discovered the wonders of the dairy case!

The First Lady took her first trip down the aisles of a Grand Union supermarket near her new home in Chappaqua.

"I had to stock my refrigerator," Hillary told an audience of 4,000 on iVillage.com, an Internet site aimed at women.

"I had a great time, partly because it's been a long time since I was free to just walk around. I found some new kind of milk. Maybe you listening have heard of Skim Plus, but it was new to me."

Skim Plus, a supposedly creamier low-fat milk, was introduced two years ago.

But then Hillary wouldn't be the first White House resident

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mystified by modern shopping. President Bush was astonished by a bar-code scanner at a checkout counter in 1992. A Jolie little suggestion

Angelina Jolie knows how to turn the tables on a jealous wife - propose a menage ... trois!

The bisexual actress says she's excited about co-starring with Antonio Banderas in the upcoming film "Dancing in the Dark."

"I've never been with a swarthy Latin man on camera or off, so I'm looking forward to our pairing," Jolie tells the Calgary Sun.

But Jolie isn't worried about the jealousy of Banderas' wife, Melanie Griffith, who virtually camped out on the set of "Zorro" when she learned Banderas was co-starring with Catherine Zeta-Jones. "Maybe

if I sleep with Melanie first, I'll be fine," jokes Jolie.

Yet Jolie seems inclined to choose her romances wisely, saying she isn't the type to prey upon "a married man with children." She adds: "Melanie has absolutely no reason to worry about me."

Kelly's heroes?

Friends of the late screen legend Gene Kelly are taking aim at a report that the song-and-dance man gave the **Irish Republican Army** money for weapons.

A Dublin paper claimed this week that Kelly presented an IRA leader with a \$30,000 check, saying: "This money is for guns. I certainly don't want it going to any do-gooders."

The Sunday World sources the story to John Campbell, a friend of Irish writer Dominic Behan. According to Campbell, Kelly's friend Behan introduced the actor to Official IRA head Cathal Goulding during a covert fund-raising mission to the U.S. in 1970.

Campbell says the "Singing in the Rain" star told Behan his favorite song was Behan's IRA anthem, "The Patriot Game."

Friends of Kelly, who died in 1996, think it's all blarney.

His long-time agent, Mort Viner, tells us Kelly never expressed any interest in Ulster's Troubles to him. "I was involved with his finances," Viner adds. "If he wrote a check, he would have told me."

"He was known for being tight with the buck," agrees Alvin Yudkoff, author of the new bio "Gene Kelly: A Life in Dance and Dreams."

Kelly's former publicist Warren Cowan concurs, "It doesn't sound right to me. He did not give money away very easily Unless he was drunk one night." The prince & the prosecutor

The husband of Monaco's Princess Caroline may have to face the music for his latest brush with the law.

Two-fisted Prince Ernst of Hanover could face criminal charges in his German homeland after allegedly attacking a nightclub owner at a resort in Kenya last week.

As we told you Tuesday, the prince and a group of men

allegedly assaulted disco owner Joe Brunnlehner, sending him to a hospital with injuries to his stomach and face.

A prosecutor in Hanover says he'll launch a probe into the incident, since it involved another German citizen. The same prosecutor investigated the prince two years ago for attacking a cameraman with an umbrella, for which Ernst was fined more than \$7,500.

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Caroline's family, meanwhile, has issued a statement saying they "are very sad that the incident in Kenya has seriously damaged the image of the entire Braunschweig-Luneburg House and that of Prince Ernst August von Hanover among the public, and above all, in the media."

The prince sounds less contrite. His spokeswoman suggested to reporters that the club owner probably had it coming - saying Brunnlehner "must have made his blood boil."

Film buff

Matt Damon didn't need much coaxing to admire Jude Law's bare body in "The Talented Mr. Ripley."

"They were completely fearless and enjoying themselves," director Anthony Minghella tells us. "Both men knew that what they involved with was erotic."

The Oscar-winning director says he won't be making a

franchise out of author Patricia Highsmith's five-book Ripley series. "I couldn't go back to that," he told us at the William Morris Agency's party after the National Board of Review Awards Tuesday. "I lived with [Ripley] for so long, and I lived inside that head and it's such a dark and morbid place that it's time get my head somewhere else."

Minghella predicts it'll be another year before he starts shooting his adaptation of best-selling novel "Cold Mountain" in North Carolina. "I want exactly the same cast from 'Ripley' and the same crew," he said.

Partying at William Morris' bash at Gabriel's were Kevin Spacey (bear-hugging "American Beauty" co-star Wes Bentley), Pedro Almodovar, Joan Chen, Willem Dafoe, Lasse Halstrom, Lena Olin, Hilary Swank, Chad Lowe, Chazz Palminteri, Sydney Pollack, Mira Sorvino, John Cameron Mitchell and Kimberly Peirce.

Clint Eastwood, who picked up the board's Career Achievement Award, opted to go downtown for jazz singer Teri Thornton's opening-night late show at the Village Vanguard.

Graphic

Monica Lewinsky is no plain Jane; we hear she's off that mag's cover. RICHARD CORKERY DAILY NEWS Dina Ruiz and Hilary Swank both looked disturbed by the cameras -- or their husbands' pinstripes -- at Monday's National Board of Review Awards. Ruiz, who came with Clint Eastwood (l.), gritted her teeth, as did Swank (above), who came with Chad Lowe. Also at Tavern on the Green were (clockwise from right) "Insider" Russell Crowe, director-brothers Ted and Jonathan Demme, Sigourney Weaver and Julianne Moore and John C. Riley.

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Northern Ireland's revived peace agreement passed its most critical test yet Saturday, when the province's main Protestant party agreed to participate in a new local government that will also include political representatives of the ***Irish Republican Army***. The vote by the Ulster Unionist Party was a triumph for its politically courageous leader, David Trimble, whose willingness to move beyond old orthodoxies has made a vital contribution to peace. Overcoming fierce internal opposition, Mr. Trimble persuaded his party to end its nearly 17-month boycott of the new government, even though the I.R.A. has not yet begun turning over its illegal arsenal of bombs and guns.

Now it is the I.R.A.'s turn to make its own contribution to peace.

By Thursday, it is supposed to name a representative to an independent commission on disarmament. Actual elimination of weapons must begin by Jan. 31.

If the I.R.A. abides by that timetable, 30 years of sectarian violence that has killed more than 3,300 people can finally give way to democracy and self-determination for the people of Northern Ireland. If the I.R.A. falls short, it will rightly be stuck with the responsibility for squandering a rare opportunity for the peace desired by the overwhelming majority of Ulster Catholics and Protestants.

Saturday's vote provides for the Ulster Unionists to reconvene in February to see if I.R.A. disarmament is on track. If it is not, the party would likely withdraw from the government, guaranteeing its collapse. Meanwhile, the new Northern Ireland Assembly will convene today to nominate a new 12-member cabinet. Four of the posts will go to Ulster Unionists, including Mr. Trimble, who will serve as first minister or government leader. Two seats will go to Sinn Fein, the I.R. A.'s political wing, and the rest to other parties. Later this week, Britain's Parliament will formally pass power to the new assembly and Ireland's Parliament will formally repeal Dublin's constitutional claim to the North.

For many decades the Ulster Unionists were stubbornly wedded to exclusive and unyielding Protestant rule of Northern Ireland. Their intransigence, in combination with I.R.A. violence, thwarted all previous efforts at negotiating peace. Now, thanks to Mr. Trimble, Unionism has caught up with the desire of its constituents for a more hopeful future, based on compromise and guarantees of majority rule and minority rights.

Detroit News

What U.S. Newspapers Are Saying

When both the building of a mosque and the whoopee of a New Years Eve can touch off emotional, religious controversies in Israel, observers can get a sense of how difficult it remains to find common ground for a lasting Mideast peace.

Christian protests over the new mosque in Nazareth shut down the nearby Basilica of the Annunciation for several days last week. This is the largest church in the Middle East and a goal of Christian pilgrims from around the world.

In approving the mosque, Israeli officials felt they were accommodating Nazareth's large Arab Muslim population of 42,000, only to find themselves bitterly attacked by the city's Arab Christians, who number 18,000. Not only are these two groups in conflict, but both resent the newer suburb of Nazareth-Illit, a Jewish community built in the heights above the old city.

This controversy is a reminder that what is often portrayed simplistically as the Arab-Israeli conflict is actually far more complex. Many Christian Arabs resent and mistrust Yasser Arafat and his Palestinian apparatus, fearing it will be controlled by Islamic extremists, as hostile to them as they are to Jewish Israelis. Arafat recognizes the events in Nazareth as a dangerously divisive force among Palestinians and has tried to persuade Muslims to give up their plans for the mosque. They have ignored him.

Of course, Israelis have their own, better-known internal conflicts. The upcoming millennial celebration has become one of the flash points. New Years Eve falls on a Friday night, the start of the Jewish Sabbath, and Orthodox rabbis have announced that they will withdraw certification from any hotel that ignores the religious restrictions that are in effect that day.

Moreover, the millennium is an essentially Christian measurement of time. The Jewish New Year is celebrated in September (or occasionally October) and is a national holiday in Israel. The rabbis feel its celebration is out of place in a Jewish state.

Nonetheless, many secular Jews want to party on the evening of Dec. 31, as do thousands of non-Jews who will be visiting Israel for the millennial observance. Israeli hotel owners are caught in the middle, but will accept the edict of the rabbis.

The dispute might strike some outsiders as slightly comic, but it represents two deeper, competing visions of what the state should be. A political leader such as Prime Minister Ehud Barak who tries to reconcile them finds himself increasingly trapped between moral imperatives and foreign policy goals.

Nothing is simple in Israel. Those who confidently assert that momentum toward peace is irresistible may not understand the situation. Still, optimism is better than defeatism as long as it is tempered with realism.

Chicago Tribune

A Turkish appeals court last week upheld the death sentence given to Kurdish separatist leader Abdullah Ocalan. For Turkey, the timing couldn't be worse.

Turkey wants admission into the European Union, whose members all oppose the death penalty. The EU is expected to select Turkey as a candidate for membership when the organization meets in Helsinki next month. But the EU has bluntly warned that if Ocalan is executed, Turkey's chances for membership could be stifled.

To be sure, Turkey shouldn't take, or spare, a life simply because it is politically convenient to do so. But in this case, there are sound reasons to commute Ocalan's death sentence, and if EU membership becomes a side benefit, so be it.

Sparing Ocalan wouldn't be a stretch; Turkey has had a de facto moratorium on executions since 1984.

Doubtless, Ocalan is no hero. As the leader of the separatist Workers Party of Kurdistan, known as the PKK, Ocalan waged a 15-year guerrilla war for Kurdish independence that cost the lives of some 37,000 people. He

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slaughtered women and children, and his rivals. Turkey, the U.S. and other nations consider him a terrorist. Demonstrators applauded the court's decision with chants of "Hang! Hang! Hang!"

But the decision to execute him still must be approved by the parliament and President Suleyman Demirel. Ocalan's lawyers have vowed to appeal to Turkey's chief prosecutor and to the European Court of Human Rights. Tempers have cooled considerably since Ocalan was convicted last June of treason.

If the country goes through with the execution, it could turn Ocalan into a martyr and reignite violence and the flames of independence among its 12 million Kurds. The Kurds have legitimate grievances. The Kurdish language is still illegal in broadcasts, education and political settings. The government's heavy-handed assault on dissent assured failure in its efforts to find a negotiated settlement. The Turkish army's approach has been to burn Kurdish villages, torture prisoners and promote death squads.

So Turkey has cause, aside from gaining favor with the EU, for deciding to spare Ocalan's life. Ocalan has already had a jailhouse conversion of sorts, admitting "historical errors," offering to cooperate with authorities and urging his followers to lay down their arms. A measure of quiet has already come to southeastern Turkey, and the government has a better opportunity to pursue reconciliation.

This is a gamble that seems well worth taking if Turkey wants to reconcile its Kurdish problems and be welcomed into the European fraternity.

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Body

North Korea's economy is showing tentative signs of life after more than four years of food shortages, although a generation of children will never recover from the ravages of famine, U.N. aid officials said Monday.

More cars and bicycles are on the streets of the North Korean capital, provincial towns are receiving electricity for three to four hours a day, and shops are selling more consumer goods, said Dilawar Ali Khan, who has lived in Pyongyang for a year, overseeing UNICEF's operations.

Farming is reviving, with the rice harvest up by 14 percent this year, hospitals have more medicines, and immunization programs that were once among the developing world's best have been restarted, said Khan. UNICEF regional director Kul C. Gautam added that North Korea may eradicate polio in the next year or so.

For Khan and other aid workers who travel in the North Korean countryside, albeit only with official permission and often under supervision, North Koreans appear to be less malnourished than in the past two years.

Its centrally planned economy and collective agriculture already teetering from the loss of Soviet bloc trading partners, North Korea sank into famine four years ago after devastating floods. At least 200,000 North Koreans died from famine, and the secretive Stalinist government, which preaches self-reliance, has become dependent on foreign food shipments.

Most of the recently seen improvements in North Korea are fragile, supported by the assistance of foreign donors, whose interest now appears to be flagging, the U.N. officials said.

If aid groups and foreign governments stop providing food, medicine and other support, there's a fear "we will see big reversals in the near future," Khan said.

Women and children will be the first to suffer, he said.

A year ago an unprecedented survey by U.N. aid groups found malnutrition so widespread that North Korea ranked among the worst-fed countries in the world. About one in six children under the age of 7 were wasting away.

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While that wasting appears to have been slowed and the incidence of disease among children has declined, children who have survived the famine look smaller than they should. Khan said 14- to 16-year-olds look to be 7 or 8 years old.

"They are damaged for life. It's not something that can be corrected," he said.

UNICEF operates in six of North Korea's 10 provinces, supplying vaccines, essential medicines and training. The U.N. agency has recently begun helping North Korean engineers prevent contamination of the water supply from waste seeping into the system due to chronically low pressure from electricity shortages.

Aware of their reliance on international relief, North Korean officials have shown more willingness to discuss structural problems in the economy. Officials who once started every meeting with five minutes of ritual praise of the North Korean leadership now "are getting straight to business," Khan said.

But to fully recover, North Korea needs large-scale foreign investment and aid, and its communist government appears unwilling to make the wholesale reforms needed to assure Western donors and foreign investors.

"For a big improvement they will need a big change. I don't think there is any indication for a big change," Khan said.

Northern Ireland's legislators used their new powers Monday to vote themselves a pay raise of more than 28 percent.

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The major parties in the assembly had already agreed to adopt the recommendations of a review board appointed by the British government to recommend pay levels for the new legislatures in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

First Minister David Trimble's salary was set at 99,556 (dlrs 159,290) and his deputy, Seamus Mallon, will get 84,504 (dlrs 135,206). Both men also draw salaries of 45,066 pounds (dlrs 72,100) as members of the British Parliament, as do several other Assembly members.

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Days after the historic move to create a power-sharing government for Northern Ireland, legislators used their new authority Monday to give themselves a pay raise of nearly 30 percent.

The debate produced an unlikely coalition between Sinn Fein, the party allied to the ***Irish Republican Army***, and a small pro-British Protestant Party, who joined to protest about the size of the increase.

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Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein leader, said he had "a huge problem that this increase of 7,000 is almost three times what a person gets on social welfare, almost three times what a person gets in a year. At a time when students cannot get decent grants, at times when old people are not being awarded proper benefits, I think we need to think and look at this again."

But John Fee of the Social Democratic and Labor Party, which gets the largest share of Catholic votes in Northern Ireland, accused pay-raise opponents of opportunism.

He noted that they had not opposed the decision in February to refer the salary question to the Senior Salaries Review Board.

"It's disappointing to see some political organizations chickening out at the last minute," said Fee. If the Assembly took no action on Monday, nobody could be paid, he added.

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Skylab crashes to Earth - 1979 COUNTDOWN to the millennium

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Body

Derelict US space station Skylab defied NASA experts who unsuccessfully tried to predict where it would crash down after its fiery re-entry.

A last radio command gave Skylab an extra 40 minutes and a few thousand kilometres of life.

More than 1000 pieces of the giant space station eventually rained down on Australia, mainly in the sparsely populated interior.

NASA officials later admitted they had taken evasive action to bring Skylab down in Australia rather than in Canada or the US, because there was less risk.

No injuries were reported -- but in many parts of the world, people hid in caves until they were convinced Skylab was down.

* A faulty cooling system led to the worst nuclear accident in US history when leaking coolant at the Three Mile Island power station, in Pennsylvania, caused the plant to overheat. The highly radioactive fuel rods began to melt, releasing radiation.

Children and pregnant women were moved from the area, but the plant prevented a meltdown, thus avoiding the need for a total evacuation.

Anti-nuclear protesters claimed the accident justified their stand.

Producers of the newly released movie The China Syndrome couldn't believe their luck: the nuclear near-miss provided loads of free publicity.

* IRA bombers killed Lord Louis Mountbatten as he set off on a fishing trip from the Irish port of Mullaghmore. The bomb ripped apart Lord Mountbatten's boat, the Shadow V, killing him instantly. Two schoolboys, one of them Lord Mountbatten's grandson, also died.

The Provisional wing of the Irish Republican Army took credit for killing the Queen's cousin.

The toll from this day of terror grew when Irish guerillas ambushed an army patrol at Warrenpoint. Fifteen British paratroopers died when two huge land mines exploded.

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* The Queen was in for a further shock when Anthony Blunt was exposed as the "Fourth Man" in the spy scandal involving Guy Burgess, Kim Philby and Donald McLean.

Blunt had been knighted for his work as surveyor of the Queen's art. When the news broke, he was stripped of his title.

The security services, which had shared the secret with the British establishment for 15 years, tipped Blunt off in time for him to escape before the news broke.

* A wave of unrest swept Iran as opponents of the Shah staged demonstrations protesting against waste, inflation and corruption.

Strikes almost brought the country to a standstill as religious leaders opposed the Westernisation of Iran.

The Shah and his wife left for what was described as a "vacation", but they never returned. Ayatollah Khomeini returned from exile in Paris to be greeted with hysterical adulation.

Demands from the new Islamic government for the extradition of the Shah to face trial intensified. A group of revolutionary students took over the American embassy in Tehran, threatening to kill embassy staff if the Shah was not returned.

* A jump for freedom from a Russian ship in Sydney Harbour made Lillian Gasinskaya a minor celebrity.

The 18-year-old from Odessa was found wandering along a Pyrmont footpath wearing only a red bikini.

"I hate Russia, and I saw the ship as my only chance to leave the country," she said.

* Brilliant scientist Steve Harper was convicted in the world's first "murder by cancer" trial.

A Nebraska court heard Harper mixed a cancer-causing additive found in rocket fuel with lemonade and milk to get back at an ex-girlfriend and her family.

Two family members died after drinking the deadly cocktail.

* With little more than the idea, American John DeLorean set about raising the money to build a high-performance sports car with a stainless-steel body.

He reckoned it would take \$80 million to develop the car -- and to keep him in the luxury he deemed necessary for a successful car-company executive.

National governments lined up, cheque books in hand, to lure DeLorean and his job-making scheme to their shores. Britain won, and a factory in Belfast was leased to develop the prototype.

What the bureaucrats didn't know was that DeLorean had decided to squirrel some of the taxpayer-supplied cash in a Swiss bank account. Nearly \$30 million was put away for a rainy day.

When the DMC-12 finally rolled out of the factory, it stunned motoring writers.

The design was top-rate, but the execution wasn't: parts had been stuffed in, electronics wouldn't function and it failed to meet the specifications promised.

The company crashed, and DeLorean was arrested for trying to raise money by cocaine smuggling.

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Milestones

Died in 1979:

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Author Ion Idriess, 89;

Actress Mary Pickford, 86;

Singer Dame Gracie Fields, 81;

Royal dressmaker Sir Norman Hartnell, 77;

Actor John Wayne, 72;

Singer Marjorie Lawrence, 71;

Heiress Barbara Hutton, 67;

Quote

[You're not very good, are you, George?

The Yorkshire Ripper taunting his nemesis, Detective George Oldfield

Chart toppers

Songs: My Sharona, The Knack; YMCA, The Village People; Do Ya Think I'm Sexy, Rod Stewart; Up There Cazaly, The Two Man Band; I Don't Like Mondays, Boomtown Rats.

Books: The Dead Zone, by Stephen King; Smiley's People, by John Le Carre; The Pritikin Program for Diet and Exercise, by Nathan Pritikin and Patrick McGrady Jr.

Films: Mad Max; Kramer vs Kramer; Star Trek: The Motion Picture; Being There; My Brilliant Career.

Television: 60 Minutes; Prisoner; Not the 9O'Clock News; Minder; Rumpole of the Bailey.

Fads: Pet rocks; macrame; the Showermike by Unitrex; eight-track cartridges; the Monier Crock-Pot; Pillow Sound (the talking pillow); hot tubs; bean bags; tea bags ("join the jigglers"); tequila sunrise; skateboards.

On this day

1792: At least 900 die when the British warship Royal George sinks at Spithead while repairs are being carried out just below the waterline.

1874: French performer Blondin walks tightrope across Sydney Harbour.

1882: English cricketers lose to Australia on English soil for the first time. A mock obituary in the Sporting Times then declares the death of English cricket, saying its ashes will be taken to Australia, the origin of the "Ashes" trophy.

1885: First motorcycle, built by Gottlieb Daimler in Germany, is patented.

1944: 15,000 American troops march down the Champs Elysees in Paris as the French capital continues to celebrate its liberation from the Nazis.

1964: Roy Orbison releases the song Pretty Woman.

1965: US astronauts L. Gordon Cooper and Charles Conrad make safe splashdown in the Atlantic after a record eight days of orbiting Earth.

1966: The Beatles play their last concert to a crowd of 25,000 at Candlestick Park in San Francisco.

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1975: Death of Eamon de Valera, who was Ireland's prime minister and president three times from 1959 to 1973.

1987: Death of Academy Award-winning US actor Lee Marvin, aged 63.

1991: Soviet lawmakers suspend Communist Party activities nationwide and freeze its bank accounts because of the party's role in a failed coup attempt.

1997: Japanese Supreme Court rules the Government acted illegally when it deleted from a history textbook references to Japan's deadly experiments on Chinese during World War II.

Birthdays

Jean-Auguste-Dominique Ingres, French painter (1780-1867); Maurice Maeterlinck, Belgian author (1862-1949); George Montgomery, US actor (1916); Ingrid Bergman, Swedish actor (1915-1982); Sir Richard Attenborough, British actor-director (1923); Sir Julius Chan, PNG politician (1939); William Friedkin, US film director (1939); Slobodan Milosevic, Yugoslav president and war crimes suspect (1941); Michael Jackson, American pop star (1958).

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Body

WORLD AT 1800 GMT:

NEW:

NORTHERN IRELAND. IRA first step toward disarming.

EUROPE-SUMMIT-SECURITY. Police blanket Istanbul as Turkey hosts summit.

GEORGIA-HELICOPTER ATTACK. Russian helicopters drop mines in Georgia.

VATICAN-POPE-HOLY LAND. Pope to make controversial tour of Holy Land.

GREECE-UPRISING ANNIVERSARY. Protesters gather to 'welcome' Clinton.

EU-KOSOVO DONORS CONFERENCE. Donors pledge more funds to rebuild Kosovo.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

NEWPORT, Rhode Island A crewmember apparently alone in the cockpit of an EgyptAir jetliner said "I made my decision now" just before the plane began its fatal plunge, an investigator says Wednesday. Moments later, the pilot re-entered the cockpit and apparently struggled to regain control. US-EGYPTAIR CRASH. Lead has moved; will be led by 2100 GMT. By Pat Milton.

CAIRO, Egypt A relief co-pilot who died aboard EgyptAir Flight 990 is described by his son Wednesday as a responsible man who sent money home to pay the bills and took his young daughter to the United States for medical care. EGYPTAIR-CO-PILOT. Lead has moved. By Donna Abu Nasr. AP Photos CAI101-106.

ALSO MOVED:

CAIRO, Egypt Concerned that the EgyptAir crash probe not become a criminal investigation simply because of a religious utterance, Egypt sends its most senior aviation official to Washington, officials say Wednesday. EGYPT-EGYPTAIR CRASH. By Salah Nasrawi.

ISTANBUL, Turkey Dozens of world leaders converge Thursday for a European security summit where Russia's bloody invasion of Chechnya will be high on the agenda. EUROPE-SUMMIT. Lead has moved. By Terence Hunt. AP Photos LON115-116, XW101-102.

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With: EUROPE-SUMMIT-CHECHNYA; and EUROPE-SUMMIT-BOX, a glance at the European Summit in Istanbul.

ALSO MOVED:

ANKARA, Turkey Police blanket the streets of Istanbul on Wednesday as Turkey plays host to President Clinton and other world leaders gathered for a European summit. EUROPE-SUMMIT-SECURITY. Has moved. By Selcan Hacaoglu.

ATHENS, Greece Protesters hold an annual march Wednesday to vent anti-American sentiment prior to a visit by U.S. President Bill Clinton. GREECE-UPRISING ANNIVERSARY. Lead has moved. By Elena Becatoros. AP Photos planned.

DUZCE, TURKEY Pulling out a woman alive Wednesday more than four days after Turkey's latest killer quake is Duzce's miracle. But foreign rescue teams prepare to pack up and leave. TURKEY-QUAKE. Lead has moved. By Frances D'Emilio. AP Photos XSL101-104, IST101-102.

ALSO MOVED:

TURKEY-QUAKE-SECOND CHANCE. Turkish government gets boost from strong quake relief efforts. AP Photo NY115.

TURKEY-QUAKE BOX.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland The **Irish Republican Army** takes a key first step Wednesday toward eventual disarmament in support of Northern Ireland's peace accord. NORTHERN IRELAND. Lead expected by 1800 GMT. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photos LON102, 118.

MOSCOW Although Russia insists Wednesday there's no humanitarian catastrophe among Chechen refugees, the U.N.'s top refugee advocate is heading for the war-shattered republic for a first-hand look. Lead expected by 2100 GMT. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. AP Photos MOSB101-107.

ALSO MOVED:

TBILISI, Georgia Three Russian helicopters on Wednesday drop anti-personnel mines in northern Georgia, near the border with breakaway Chechnya, officials say. GEORGIA-HELICOPTER ATTACK. Lead has moved. By Misha Dzhindzhikhashvili.

CHRISTIANSTED, U.S. Virgin Islands In an unsteady zig-zag that rattles nerves throughout the Caribbean, powerful Hurricane Lenny bears down Wednesday on the U.S. Virgin Islands. HURRICANE LENNY. Lead expected by 2100 GMT. By Steve Bullock. AP Photos SJU101-102, NY122; AP Graphic HURRICANE LENNY.

BONN, Germany Talks to set up a compensation fund for Nazi-era forced and slave laborers end Wednesday without agreement, but both sides say they are closer on the key question of money. GERMANY-NAZI LABOR. Lead has moved. By Burt Herman. AP Photos XBON101-102.

VATICAN CITY The Vatican announces Wednesday that Pope John Paul II will make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land next March, a visit Middle East tensions long threatened to block. The Vatican pushed ahead on an even more politically fraught pilgrimage as well one to Iraq. VATICAN-POPE-HOLY LAND. Has moved. By Ellen Knickmeyer. AP Photos ROM105.

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan The army government arrests some of the country's wealthiest citizens for corruption and unpaid bank loans, keeping a promise Pakistan's army chief made when he threw out the elected government more than one month ago. PAKISTAN-CORRUPTION. Has moved. By Kathy Gannon. AP Photos ISL101-102.

LONDON Most of the aristocrats are missing when Queen Elizabeth II opens Parliament on Wednesday for the first time since Britain's Labor Party stripped hereditary peers of their historic right to vote in the House of Lords.

BRITAIN-PARLIAMENT OPENING. Lead has moved. By Maureen Johnson. AP Photos LCN101-102, LON111-113.

BRUSSELS, Belgium International donors meet Wednesday to provide more funding for the reconstruction of Kosovo, with the U.N. administrator looking for more pledges to benefit the province's civilian sector. EU-KOSOVO DONORS CONFERENCE. Moved to some points, upcoming to others. By Constant Brand.

UNDATED Two thousand years ago, the Bible says, three wise men followed a star that led them across the desert to a manger in Bethlehem. This time, 60 astronomers are waiting for a similarly awesome celestial sign. Packed inside a pair of U.S. jets, they await thousands of shooting stars per hour known as Leonids _ streaking across the Holy Land and North Africa on Thursday. SCI-Chasing Leonids. Lead expected by 2100 GMT. By Joseph B. Verrengia.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Thursday, a 54-nation summit on European security and cooperation opens in Turkey.

OTHER FEATURES MOVED:

FEA-NETHERLANDS-BARRING MOLESTERS. Dutch mayors push for right to bar sex offenders from their cities. AP Photo NY309.

FEA-IRELAND-DIGGING FOR DIRT. Investigations into alleged tax evasion and bribery within Ireland's powerful elite chronicle a culture of corruption. AP Photo NY311.

FEA-JAMAICA-TRADE. U.S. trade bill could save jobs in the Caribbean and Central America.

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A relief co-pilot alone in the EgyptAir cockpit said "I made my decision now; I put my faith in God's hands" just before the jetliner began its fatal plunge, officials close to the investigation said Wednesday. Moments after the plane began to dive, the pilot returned to struggle futilely to pull out. As Egyptian officials won time to send their own experts to review the cockpit voice recorder tape, a federal law enforcement official and other sources close to the investigation described the evidence on Wednesday that led the United States to the verge of putting the FBI in charge of the inquiry as a potential criminal matter. The current theory of the fate of EgyptAir 990, the Boeing 767 that plunged into the Atlantic Ocean off Massachusetts killing 217 people, is both tentative and incomplete, the law enforcement official stressed. Further electronic enhancement of the tape recording and input from the Egyptian experts could alter the sketchy understanding of what went on. (US-EGYPTAIR CRASH)

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP)

U.S. President Bill Clinton, on the eve of a summit of 54 world leaders, staked out ground Wednesday for a showdown with President Boris Yeltsin over Russia's military crackdown in Chechnya and the growing toll of civilian casualties. But the Russian leader made clear he was not interested in being lectured, saying his colleagues should curb their outrage or risk failure of their talks. Despite Yeltsin's defiant stand, Clinton and other leaders intend to use the two-day summit to express deep concern about civilian losses caused by Russian air and ground assaults in the breakaway republic and the resulting refugee flood, National Security Adviser Sandy Berger said. (EUROPE SUMMIT)

DUZCE, Turkey (AP)

Four days after being buried in rubble by a devastating earthquake, a woman was pulled barely conscious from the remains of her apartment house Wednesday, even as rescuers prepared to end their search for survivors. Sefa Cebeci, 42, was buried 105 hours in a mountain of crumbled concrete that was once a six-story building. Discovered by Israeli rescuers and ferried by helicopter to Istanbul, 130 miles to the west, she faced amputation of her crushed right arm and was fighting for her life. Despite the miraculous rescue, search teams continued packing

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up, saying no one else is likely to have survived amid the rain and winter cold. Some 550 people were killed in the Nov. 12 quake. (TURKEY-QUAKE)

BONN, Germany (AP)

Talks to set up a compensation fund for Nazi-era forced and slave laborers ended Wednesday without agreement, but both sides said they had come significantly closer on the key question of money. The German government envoy to the talks, Otto Lambsdorff, said Germany raised its 6 billion mark (dlrs 3.2 billion) offer to 8 billion marks (dlrs 4.2 billion), and during the talks proposed going as high as 10 billion marks (dlrs 5.3 billion). Lawyers representing the victims, meanwhile, dropped their demands by about half, to between 10 billion and 15 billion marks (dlrs 5.3 and 7.9 billion), participants said. "A negotiated settlement now seems attainable," said U.S. government envoy Stuart Eizenstat. "The two sides have narrowed their differences." (GERMANY-NAZI LABOR)

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

The ***Irish Republican Army*** on Wednesday pledged to open negotiations soon with a disarmament commission, taking a key first step toward eventually surrendering its weapons in support of Northern Ireland's peace accord. In a statement, the IRA promised to send a negotiator to the commission if the British province's major Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, first formed the Protestant-Catholic administration envisaged in last year's Good Friday agreement. The policy turnaround came after Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble in a crucial concession Tuesday said such an IRA statement would be sufficient for him to accept the IRA-linked Sinn Fein party within a new Cabinet, long the stumbling block to progress. (NORTHERN

IRELAND)

WORLD AT 0000 GMT:

NEW:

EUROPE-SUMMIT. OSCE summit opens Thursday.

RUSSIA-MIGHTY MILITARY. Chechnya campaign boosts army image.

PAKISTAN-SHARIF ARRESTED. Army turns deposed premier over to police.

GERMANY-NAZI LABOR. Talks end with signs of progress.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

ISTANBUL, Turkey A combative Boris Yeltsin prepares to take on Western leaders over Chechnya on Thursday, threatening to spoil a symbolic summit on European security. EUROPE-SUMMIT. Recap expected by 0200 GMT; Summit begins at 0700 GMT. By Paul Ames. AP Photos XIST101-112; IST103,106,107,113.

MOSCOW Something strange is happening to the Russian military. After years of decline, the military's image has perked up, largely thanks to Moscow's war against Chechnya. RUSSIA-MIGHTY MILITARY. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Angela Charlton. AP Photos MOSB117-121.

ALSO:

CLINTON-YELTSIN. US-Russian relations to be tested Thursday. Expected by 0300 GMT; Meeting starts at 0900 GMT. MOSB112.

EUROPE-SUMMIT-NUCLEAR TEST BAN. Yeltsin asks parliament to ratify nuclear test ban treaty. Moved.

TURKEY-CASPIAN-PIPELINE. Turkey ready to sign U.S.-backed oil deal that bypasses Russia, Iran. Recap expected by 0300 GMT. Signing scheduled at 1400 GMT.

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WASHINGTON With no sign of any mechanical malfunction or explosion, investigators are focusing on the actions of a co-pilot as they try to figure out the cause of the Egyptair crash. US-EGYPTAIR CRASH. Recap expected by 0300 GMT. By Michael J. Sniffen.

ALSO:

EGYPT-CO-PILOT. Family, friends hurt by suggestions of co-pilot's hand in crash. Recap expected by 0300 GMT. CAI101-107.

EGYPT-EGYPTAIR CRASH. Egypt sends senior official to probe crash.

CRASH-LIST. Moved.

KARACHI, Pakistan The army turns deposed prime minister Nawaz Sharif over to police to stand trial on treason and hijacking charges. PAKISTAN-SHARIF ARRESTED. Has moved. AP Photos KAR102-102.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland The ***Irish Republican Army*** pledges to open negotiations soon with a disarmament commission, taking a key first step toward surrendering its weapons in support of Northern Ireland's peace accord. NORTHERN IRELAND. Lead has moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photos XBFT101-106.

BONN, Germany Lawyers for Nazi-era slave laborers reduce their demands for compensation on the last day of talks with German companies, raising prospects for a compromise settlement. GERMANY-NAZI LABOR. Recap expected by 0300 GMT. By Burt Herman. AP Photos XBON101-108.

CHRISTIANSTED, U.S. Virgin Islands Hurricane Lenny roars toward the Virgin Islands with winds up to 150 mph (240 kph). HURRICANE LENNY. Developing. By Steve Bullock. AP Photos NY121-122, SJU101,102,105,106,201.

SHANGHAI, China China's promise to allow foreigners to invest in its booming Internet industry has reawakened interest in Web ventures just two months after a Chinese official banned outside ownership of these companies. CHINA-INTERNET BOOM. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Joe McDonald.

ARURA, West Bank The dispute delaying Israel's handover of West Bank territory to the Palestinians lies at the heart of the peace process. Whatever land is turned over now could set the borders of a future Palestinian state. MAPPING PALESTINE. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Laura King. AP Photos JRL101-103.

DUZCE, Turkey As rescuers prepare to end their search for earthquake survivors, a woman is pulled barely conscious from the remains of her apartment house. TURKEY-QUAKE. Recap expected by 0300 GMT. By Frances D'Emilio. AP Photos XSL101-104; IST101-102.

ABOARD THE ARIA Packed inside a pair of U.S. jets, 60 astronomers hope to chase thousands of shooting stars streaking across the Holy Land and North Africa on Thursday, the peak of the annual Leonids meteor shower. SCI-CHASING LEONIDS. Lead has moved; developments will be expedited. By Joseph B. Verrengia.

UNITED NATIONS In a bid to break a nearly year-old deadlock on Iraq, the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council are meeting every day to discuss restarting U.N. weapons inspections. UN-IRAQ. Recap expected by 0500 GMT. By Edith M. Lederer.

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia An official from Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad's ruling coalition scoffs at the opposition's attempt to halt the general elections with a lawsuit. MALAYSIA-ELECTION. Recap expected by 0300 GMT. By Alvin Ung. AP Photo KL103.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Saturday, U.S. President Bill Clinton visits Athens for a visit that was delayed by violent anti-American protests.

FEATURES:

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QUITO, Ecuador For months, scientists have been predicting devastating volcanic eruptions in Ecuador. But the cataclysmic events have not taken place, and residents are growing weary and angry. FEA-ECUADOR-VOLCANOES. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Carlos Cisternas. AP Photo QTO101.

Science and Technology

CARY, North Carolina A woman enters a darkened chamber. A Motown song blasts, and disco-like light beams flash for 8 seconds. It's no amusement park ride, but a body scanner for a made-to-fit garment. SCI-US-VIRTUAL TAILOR. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Natalia Brubaker. AP Photo NY394- NY395

SEOUL, South Korea North Korea may be waking up slowly to the impact of stripping hills of trees. U.N. and South Korean officials are now working with the nation on reforestation. SCI-NKOREA-TREES. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Christopher Torchia.

WASHINGTON U.S. Agriculture Department researchers say a process that makes seeds sterile could be used to make plants resistant to drought or pests. SCI-US-TERMINATOR SEEDS. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Philip Brasher.

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WORLD SPORTS AT 1330 GMT

SOCCER:

MADRID, Spain Real Madrid's Welsh coach John Toshack is fired Wednesday for his outspoken criticism of the club and its players and for the team's shaky performance.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Madrid Coach. Has moved.

By Ciaran Giles.

MELBOURNE, Australia Ronaldinho scores one goal and sets up a second as a young Brazilian soccer team fights back to draw 2-2 with Australia and secures the two-match series 4-2 on aggregate.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Australia-Brazil. Has moved.

LONDON England and Denmark are strong favorites to reach the European Championships after first leg wins on the road while Ukraine has to overcome a first leg deficit against Slovenia and Turkey and Ireland are tied.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Euro 2000 Roundup. Expected by 2200 GMT.

By Stephen Wade.

WEMBLEY, England Already two goals ahead from the first leg at Hampden Park, Kevin Keegan's England bids to advance to the European Championship in style with another victory over Scotland at Wembley.

Slug Sports-Soccer-England-Scotland. Game kicks off at 2000 GMT.

By Robert Millward.

ALSO:

BURSA, Turkey Sports-Soccer-Turkey-Ireland. Expected by 2000 GMT

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COPENHAGEN, Denmark Sports-Soccer-Denmark-Israel. Expected by 2100 GMT.

KIEV, Ukraine Sports-Soccer-Ukraine-Slovenia. Expected by 2000 GMT.

CRICKET:

HOBART, Tasmania Pakistan cricket captain Wasim Akram says the first thing he will do if his side is beaten by Australia in the second test, starting Thursday, is ring his wife and get her to move their car. A senior Pakistani player, Akram says he's gotten used to compatriots stoning his house after his team loses.

Slug Sports-Cricket-Australia-Pakistan. Has moved.

SYDNEY, Australia Australian cricket stars Shane Warne and Glenn McGrath will have to renegotiate deals with English county sides Hampshire and Worcestershire after a decision to play a midyear series against South Africa.

Slug Sports-Cricket-Australia-County Contracts. Has moved.

TENNIS:

NEW YORK The past, present and future of women's tennis is on display at the Chase Championships.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Chase Championships. Early match scheduled to begin at 1400 GMT.

By Bob Greene.

ALSO:

NEW YORK Sports-Tennis-Chase-Graf. By Bob Greene. Has moved.

GOLF:

LAS VEGAS Another season with four victories shows Se Ri Pak has command of her game. The joy she exudes on and off the course shows something more important the 22-year-old South Korean finally has command of her life.

Slug Sports-Golf-Se Ri Pak. Has moved.

By Doug Ferguson.

SAILING:

AUCKLAND, New Zealand Dennis Conner's Stars and Stripes holds off AmericaOne as strong winds again throw the challenger series for sailing's America's Cup into turmoil.

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

BASEBALL:

NEW YORK American League Cy Young Award winner Pedro Martinez flashes a smile at the camera and said goodbye. For now.

Slug Sports-Baseball-Martinez Award. Has moved.

By Jimmy Golan.

WITH:

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic It was Pedro Martinez's moment to shine, and he made sure that his Dominican Republic could bask in the reflected glory.

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Sports-Baseball-Martinez-Dominican. Has moved.

By James Anderson.

ALSO:

UNDATED Sports-Basketball-NBA Roundup. Has moved.

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

FUKUOKA, Japan Sports-Sumo Roundup. Has moved.

IRVING, Texas Sports-Football-Cowboys-Irvin. Has moved.

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WORLD SPORTS AT 0000 GMT

SOCCER:

LONDON England backs into the European 2000 Championship despite a 1-0 loss to old enemy Scotland, with tiny Slovenia, Turkey and Denmark rounding out the 16-team field for next summer's tournament.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Euro 2000 Roundup. Has moved.

By Stephen Wade.

WEMBLEY, England England stumbles into next year's European Championship despite a shock 1-0 loss to Scotland at Wembley.

Slug Sports-Soccer-England-Scotland. Has moved.

By Robert Millward.

WITH:

MARRAKECH, Morocco Sports-Soccer-Morocco-U.S. Has moved.

KIEV, Ukraine Sports-Soccer-Ukraine-Slovenia. Has moved.

BURSA, Turkey Sports-Soccer-Turkey-Ireland. Has moved.

COPENHAGEN, Denmark Sports-Soccer-Denmark-Israel. Has moved.

ALSO MOVED:

SEVILLE, Spain Sports-Soccer-Spain-Argentina.

JERUSALEM Sports-Soccer-Israel Scandal.

MADRID, Spain Sports-Soccer-Madrid Coach.

NEW YORK Sports-Soccer-MLS Changes.

KOZANI, Greece Sports-Soccer-Greece-Bulgaria.

CRICKET:

HOBART, Australia Australia takes a 1-0 lead into the second test of the three-match cricket series against Pakistan at Hobart's Bellerive Oval on Thursday.

Slug Sports-Cricket-Australia-Pakistan. Expected by 0800 GMT.

By Ihithisham Kamardeen.

ALSO MOVED:

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad Sports-Cricket-West Indies-India.

BULAWAYO, Zimbabwe Sports-Cricket-Zimbabwe-Sri Lanka.

AUTO RACING:

HELSINKI, Finland Mika Hakkinen picks his McLaren teammate David Coulthard to win a Formula One title but not next year.

Slug Sports-Auto Racing-Hakkinen. Has moved.

By Marius Turula.

TENNIS:

NEW YORK Anke Huber defeats eighth-seeded Julie Halard-Decugis 6-1, 6-2 in an opening round match at the Chase Championships.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Chase Championships. Has moved. Will be led with late match, expected by 0400 GMT.

By Bob Greene.

PATTAYA, Thailand Former world number-four Magdalena Maleeva stuns fifth-seeded Russian Tatiana Panova, 6-2, 3-6, 7-6 (8-6) and books a quarter-final berth at the Volvo Women's Open.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Volvo Women's Open. Has moved.

WIMBLEDON, England Wimbledon profits are down 10 percent despite record crowds during the summer fortnight.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Wimbledon Profits. Has moved.

ALSO MOVED:

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa Sports-Tennis-Graf-Coetzer.

GOLF:

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia Tiger Woods joins Mark O'Meara in an effort to bring golf's World Cup back to the United States in a 32-team competition starting Thursday.

Slug Sports-Golf-World Cup. Play begins at 0030 GMT.

By Phil Brown

LONDON Surprise winner of the British Open, Paul Lawrie, decides to join the U.S. Tour next year.

Slug Sports-Golf-US Tour-Lawrie. Has moved.

ALSO MOVED:

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Florida Sports-Golf-Stewart Award.

ATHLETICS:

PARIS Facing the death of Primo Nebiolo, track and field's leadership prepares Wednesday to take its first steps into a new era.

Slug Sports-Track-IAAF Future. Has moved.

By Andreas Evagora.

OLYMPICS:

ZURICH, Switzerland A year after the start of a bribery scandal at the International Olympic Committee, the man who started the investigations is not convinced corruption has been eliminated.

Slug Sports-Olympics-IOC Bribes-Hodler. Has moved.

SAILING:

AUCKLAND, New Zealand Dennis Conner's Stars and Stripes meets New York's Young America and Japan's Nippon meets San Francisco's America True Thursday in the challenger series for sailing's America's Cup.

Slug Sports-Sailing-America's Cup. Expected by 0500 GMT.

RUGBY:

PARIS Bernard Laporte, the coach of Stade Francais, is being tipped Wednesday as the favorite to replace national rugby coach Jean-Claude Skrela, who quit after guiding France to the World Cup final.

Slug Sports-RugbyU-France-Coach. Has moved.

BASEBALL:

HAVANA Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez will pitch for his country Thursday in a game against the Cuban team, managed by Fidel Castro, the communist country's leader.

Slug Sports-Baseball Summit. Recap upcoming.

By John Rice.

NEW YORK Chipper Jones of the Atlanta Braves is the overwhelming winner for the National League's Most Valuable Player.

Slug Sports-Baseball-NL MVP. Has moved.

By Ronald Blum.

BOXING:

NEW YORK Lennox Lewis is eager to defend his undisputed heavyweight title against Mike Tyson because "it is the most exciting fight out there."

Slug Sports-Boxing-Lennox Lewis. Has moved.

By Marv Schneider.

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ALSO:

UNDATED Sports-Basketball-NBA Roundup. Expected by 0500 GMT.

UNDATED Sports-Ice Hockey-NHL Roundup. Expected by 0500 GMT.

FUKUOKA, Japan Sports-Sumo Roundup. Expected by 0900 GMT.

PITTSBURGH Sports-Ice Hockey-NHL-Jagr Hurt. Has moved.

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Body

Two months ago, the Chechen interior ministry reported that the Chechen warlord Shamil Basayev was preparing 36 women "martyrs" to be dispatched to Russia to start "a full-scale terror campaign on enemy territory."

The report was ignored at the time. The Kremlin was busy with the "peaceful" resolution of the Chechen problem through a referendum, and by bolstering the power of its administrator in the territory, Akhmad Kadyrov. Russian television was diligently reporting the revival of peaceful life in Chechnya; the military was reporting to President Vladimir Putin that "the main forces of bandit units have been destroyed," and the president was telling Russians that "the referendum in which the overwhelming majority of Chechen citizens voted for peace will be the start of a transition to a political settlement of the situation."

At that very same time, plans were apparently under way to "Palestinize" the conflict. Today one thing is clear: terror has spread outside the Chechen territory, and Chechen fighters intend to spread it across Russia as their main instrument of intimidation.

International Herald Tribune

The most recent terror attack in Moscow is already the fifth this year by women suicide bombers. Let me list them all. On July 5, during a rock festival in Tushino, two female suicide bombers failed to enter the festival grounds and blew themselves up next to the airfield where the concert was taking place. Fifteen people were killed, 40 were wounded. On June 20, in the Chechen capital of Grozny, a man and a woman blew up a truck filled with explosives next to police headquarters. Thirty-six people were injured, though only the bombers were killed. On June 5 in Mozdok, North Ossetia, a female blew herself up next to a bus filled with personnel from a nearby airfield. Twenty people were killed, 14 wounded. On May 14 near the village of Iliskhan-Yurt, near the Chechen city of Gudermes, a suicide bomber blew herself up at a religious festival. Sixteen people were killed, more than 140 wounded. On May 12, in the Chechen village of Znamenskoye, three terrorists blew up a truck next to an administrative building. This was the bloodiest terror attack of all: 60 dead, 250 wounded. What is this, if not a full-scale terror campaign?

Today, when terror has once again come to the capital; when memories of the last terrorist attack in Moscow, the tragedy at the "Nord-Ost" musical on Dubrovka Street, are still fresh, the authorities must understand that Chechen terrorism can be halted only if President Putin acknowledges their underlying causes: that the second war in Chechnya is continuing; that the real process of normalization has not begun, and that the inaction of authorities

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and the attempt to substitute a pseudo-process for a real process only generates terrorism. And most importantly, that all this leads to the death of innocent people.

A Web site affiliated with Al Qaeda, which operates out of Chechnya, is currently conducting a survey that asks the question: "Would you support expanding the military actions of the mujahedeen in Chechnya to the whole of Russia?" To date, 15,000 Arabs have responded, and 78 percent said "yes." The same Web site carries comments on the Tushino attack. Militants declare that this is "just the beginning of the fiery shower that will reduce Russia to ashes."

The president answered sternly and unambiguously: there will be no negotiations; we will continue to destroy the terrorists until the victorious end.

At the same time, a referendum was held on March 23 in Chechnya under the auspices of the Kremlin. According to the results, almost all Chechens confirm that they cannot imagine life without Russia. I will not try to judge to what degree these results really testify to the fact that the peaceful population of the republic is tired of the war and ready to live in a Chechnya that is part of Russia, if they can do so without guerrillas and soldiers, without searches, without shooting and explosions. With the blessing of the federal government, a Chechen constitution has been ratified. Now Vladimir Putin has set elections for a Chechen president for Oct. 5. Kadyrov, the Kremlin figurehead, is about to start campaigning.

In other words, everything was just getting on track. And then this new explosion. In Moscow. This means that something is rotten in Denmark, that all the efforts by Putin to stabilize the situation in Chechnya have borne no results.

One can understand Putin, both personally and from the political standpoint of the election campaign already under way. In 1999, the second Chechen war initiated by Putin helped him become president. In 2004, the same war, if it does not end, may be a handicap. Something has to be done. Putin knows that. But to announce today that the war was a mistake, and to start negotiating with those he has fought so long this Putin is not ready to do. At least not yet. That's why his proclamations of peaceful normalization come along with declarations on the need to fight the bandits and terrorists to the end.

The long history of fighting terrorism in the world indicates that such a course of action does not lead to a cessation of terror or the establishment of peace. Let's recall at least the history of the *Irish Republican Army*, or the history of Algerian terror in France, or more recently, the Middle East.

I understand how hard it is for both sides to stop talking about the need for peace and to embark on a real process of political normalization. But it is critical to acknowledge the obvious: without it, there will not be peace in Chechnya. I repeat: a mere imitation of such a process be it a referendum, a new constitution, an amnesty or the announcement of presidential elections will not and cannot lead to peace in Chechnya, or in Russia. This charade is obvious and reeks of falsehood. It's not believed either by the residents of Chechnya, or by those who so knowingly show pictures of peaceful life "in the formerly rebellious republic" on television.

While I repeatedly insist that a process of political normalization is critical in Chechnya, I don't delude myself with rainbow-colored hopes. I fully understand that the presidential and parliamentary election campaigns now underway in Russia renders a real and serious political process impossible until after the elections. Putin is convinced that this would reduce his popularity. Though it's hard to tell at this point what would hurt his ratings more, unwillingness to admit a mistake or more terror.

One thing is clear: Putin is not ready to make a decision. And that would mean that the war of terror on Russian soil will continue, that there will be more explosions, more casualties.

There is another way, though not so radical or effective, but quite feasible for starters. Given the paucity of political possibilities, it would make sense for Russian authorities to charge their pretender to the Chechen presidency, Kadyrov, to start an internal dialogue within Chechnya. Not in words, however, but in deeds. Incidentally, success in such an endeavor would enhance Kadyrov's position as an uncontested presidential contender. Should such a

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dialogue succeed the idea of amnesty will be implicit. The other side, represented by an envoy of the armed opposition, could participate in the process without the visible intervention of the Kremlin.

True, considering the present approach of the federal authorities to the Chechen problem, I think the possibility of serious dialogue is low. But in the circumstances, every opportunity should be explored.

Even failure would not necessarily be useless. The inability of Akhmad Kadyrov to conduct a political process, once it becomes obvious to all, would mark the end of his political career and would send a signal to the Kremlin that it must start looking for another candidate. One thing is clear: a political process in Chechnya is a long and torturous affair. But without good will on both sides it will be impossible to cut the knot.

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The writer is the leader of the Union of Right Forces faction in the Russian Parliament. The article was translated from the Russian by Mary Mondello.

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Body

Rick Bennewitz, an Emmy-winning director who worked on NBC's "Sunset Beach," died Jan. 9 of a heart attack. He was 62.

Bennewitz had been a director for "Sunset Beach" since its premiere in 1997, and his work on the show earned him two Emmy Awards.

His credits included "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" with Jessica Lange and Tommy Lee Jones for American Playhouse and a "Showtime" production of "Pippin" he co-directed with Bob Fosse.

Bennewitz also worked on daytime dramas including "The Young and the Restless," "Santa Barbara" and "General Hospital."

Joanne Gordon

TULSA, Okla. (AP) - Joanne Gordon, whose humor columns about motherhood and life's daily irritations appeared in the Tulsa World for 37 years, died Wednesday. She was 76.

In 1943 she went to work as a reporter for International News Service in Detroit. She came to the World in 1952 and wrote her column from 1955 to 1992.

Her husband, Troy Gordon, also wrote a humor column for the World from 1956 until his death in 1981.

Survivors include three daughters, a son and several grandchildren.

Jerzy Grotowski

WARSAW, Poland (AP) - Jerzy Grotowski, an avant-garde Polish director who was one of the most influential theatrical innovators of his time, died Thursday from leukemia and a heart condition. He was 65.

Grotowski studied acting and directing at the State Theater School in Krakow and in Moscow. He made his directorial debut in 1959 at the Old Theater in Krakow with "Chairs," by Eugene Ionesco.

Rick Bennewitz

Grotowski found world recognition with his Laboratory Theater, which he founded in Opole, about 200 miles southwest of Warsaw. Grotowski left Poland in 1982 for the United States, and the company closed in 1984.

Three years after leaving Poland, he moved to Italy and opened a theater center in Pontedera.

Tweet Kimball

DENVER (AP) - Tweet Kimball, an heiress who amassed one of the nation's most eclectic art and book collections and established the Cherokee Ranch Foundation, died Friday at 84.

Kimball, heiress of a Tennessee ranching family, lived alone in a Scottish-style castle on her 5,000-acre Cherokee Ranch north of Sedalia. In 1996 she sold development rights to the land for \$ 2 million, and a conservation easement assures the property will remain undeveloped.

Under a living trust, Kimball retained use of about 2,000 acres to raise her champion strain of Santa Gertrudis cattle. The property - appraised at about \$ 20 million - is in an area under intense development pressure as an exclusive Front Range residential area.

Living in London during World War II, Kimball became good friends with Winston Churchill. She eventually befriended eight U.S. presidents. Britain's Princess Anne was a castle guest.

Kimball gathered one of the nation's most eclectic art and book collections, including originals by Rubens, Bruegel, and Pliny the Elder. Her collection of rare books included a third folio of Shakespeare's works, published while Shakespeare was living.

Kimball served as a director of the Denver Art Museum and the World Wildlife Fund USA Council. In 1961, she established the Rocky Mountain Santa Gertrudis Association.

Buzz Kulik

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Buzz Kulik, who directed dozens of television films including "A Storm in Summer" and "Brian's Song," died Wednesday of heart failure. He was 76.

Kulik began his career in 1947 directing cameras at Yankees Stadium. He also directed episodes of television anthology series, including "Lux Video Theater," "Kraft Theater" and "Playhouse 90."

He received his first Emmy nomination for directing an episode of "Dr. Kildare" in 1961 and others for 1975's "Babe" and 1972's "Brian's Song," which was so popular it became one of the few television movies to have a theatrical release.

He won an Emmy Award for 1970's "A Storm in Summer."

Kulik also directed several features including the 1973 Burt Reynolds film "Shamus" and Steve McQueen's last movie, "The Hunter" (1980). Other TV film credits include 1986's "***Women*** of Valor" and the 1985 miniseries "Kane & Abel," as well as "Rage of Angels" (1983) and "From Here to Eternity" (1979).

Lord Lowry

LONDON (AP) - Lord Lowry, once Northern Ireland's senior judge who in the early 1980s survived an assassination attempt by the ***Irish Republican Army***, died Friday at 79.

He was appointed a judge in 1964 and served as lord chief justice - Northern Ireland's senior position overseeing the highest court of appeal - from 1971 to 1988.

Rick Bennewitz

Lowry was awarded an honorary lordship in 1979, and three years later survived an IRA bid on his life while visiting Queen's University in Belfast. None of four bullets fired hit him, but one struck and wounded a professor nearby.

In 1988, Lowry took up a new senior judicial post in London.

He retired in 1994 on his 75th birthday.

Joseph V. Morog

NEWTON, Mass. (AP) - Joseph V. Morog, an architect with design credits for landmark buildings such as the John Hancock Tower, died Saturday of heart failure. He was 69.

In addition to the Hancock building, he was credited with the Christian Science Church extension and the Long Wharf Hotel in Boston, the Juilliard School in New York, the Toronto City Opera House and the Embassy Suites hotels in Boston and Philadelphia.

He recently completed work on the Shapiro Clinical Center at Beth Israel Hospital.

He was associated with I.M. Pei & Partners, and Cossuta & Associates in New York.

He retired recently from Moshe Safdie & Associates in Boston but continued as a consultant for Rothman Partners of Boston.

Raymond Peynet

PARIS (AP) - Raymond Peynet, the cartoon illustrator whose drawings of young lovers embodied romance for generations of French, died Thursday. He was 90.

Peynet created his starry-eyed "Lovers" during World War II: They hold hands, kiss and embrace in an expression of tender devotion that his daughter, Annie Peynet, said reflected his own happy marriage.

Peynet also designed a series of dolls portraying the women of Paris. Britain's Queen Elizabeth purchased a set on a state visit here in 1957.

Peynet's drawings of "Les Amoureux" (The Lovers) were widely used in France to symbolize Valentine's Day and were emblazoned on scarves, greeting cards, posters, jewelry, a postage stamp, and even national lottery tickets sold on Feb. 14.

Two museums in Japan and two in France are devoted solely to Peynet's work. Three statues of the Lovers were erected in Japan, including one in Hiroshima symbolizing love and peace.

Aldo van Eyck

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) - Aldo van Eyck, considered the most important Dutch architect of the 20th century, died Thursday. He was 80.

Van Eyck's most famous creation was the State Orphanage designed in Amsterdam in 1959, which was credited with smashing all architectural conventions of the time. The simple, villagelike structure featured small houses for the children linked by covered plains and walkways.

Van Eyck, who often collaborated with his wife, Annie, also designed a colorful house for single mothers in the Dutch capital and dozens of children's playgrounds throughout the city.

A 1995 magazine article named Van Eyck the nation's Architect of the Century.

Rick Bennewitz

Van Eyck also gained fame by designing the 1949 international exhibition of experimental art at Amsterdam's Stedelijk Museum, featuring works by Dutch, Belgian and Danish artists.

John A. Zona Jr.

BOSTON (AP) - John A. Zona Jr., a supervisor in the secretary of state's office, died Tuesday after becoming ill at work. He was 49.

He was a supervisor in the lobbyist section of the secretary of state's office for 14 years.

Earlier he was a correspondent for the Worcester Telegram & Gazette and a sports commentator for WORC radio in Worcester.

Survivors include his wife, two sons, his parents and a brother.

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Vote for your greatest hero

WHO is the greatest Irish person of all time?

Thanks to you folks, we're well on the way to finding out!

Our Dublin offices have been swamped with your suggestions as our exciting search for this country's greatest hero enters its third week.

And so far your nominations have included people from all walks of life including politics, religion, music and popular entertainment.

Everyone has their own personal favourite and the debate is raging up and down the country.

So if you haven't already voted, make sure you have your say before it's too late.

To help you with your quest we're publishing the latest list of contenders that we think make the grade. But you don't have to take our word for it.

Your hero can be anyone as long as you feel they have made a MASSIVE contribution to Ireland.

Nominees can be male or female, living or dead. And they can be from any walk of life -sport, the arts, music, politics, entertainment, whatever you value most.

Your hero could be John Holland the inventor of the modern submarine who was nominated by some of our readers.

For music lovers maybe blues legend Van Morrison tops the list. Or perhaps the songwriting genius of Phil Coulter will have you voting for him.

Sports fans among you may want to honour snooker legend Dennis Taylor, who pulled off a dramatic last-gasp win in the 1985 world championship final.

How about heroic shot-stopper Packie Bonner who performed miracles in the 1990 World Cup?

And don't forget the greats of yesteryear.

Perhaps St Brigid deserves to be named the greatest for her tireless work for the cause of Christianity.

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Vote

What about Richard Harris who passed away last month? The Oscar-nominated actor had a magical screen presence and is sure to gain many votes from his loyal fans.

There are so many to choose from. Oscar Wilde, James Joyce, St Patrick, Michael Collins, Thomas Moore, Erskine Childers, Bono -the list is endless!

Whatever your opinion, there's only one way to make sure it's heard -send in your vote now.

Details of how to enter your choice are given below and will be repeated over the next few weeks.

So put on those thinking caps and let us know who you think is Ireland's greatest hero.

CHARLES PARNELL 1846-1891

THIS young Protestant man from an Anglo-Irish land-owning family was one of the more unlikely characters to challenge the might of British rule.

He was elected to parliament in 1875 as a member of the Home Rule League within two years he became their leader. Parnell was renowned for his fiery and emotionally-charged speeches as he called on the British to grant home rule.

The public took him to heart giving him the title of 'uncrowned king of Ireland'.

THOMAS MOORE 1779-1852

AUTHOR of such classics as The Meeting of the Waters and Pretty Maid Milking a Cow the poet was born in Dublin.

Moore lived chiefly in London and his verse was characterised by a nostalgic song-like quality, dealing with themes of patriotism and love.

During his lifetime he befriended Irish revolutionary Robert Emmet and English poet Lord Byron. He also produced renowned works such as Irish Melodies and History Of Ireland.

TOM BARRY 1897-1980

THE Cork-born rebel joined the British army in 1915, serving in the First World War. On being demobbed he joined the IRA in 1919.

Barry then went on to train the most highly-successful flying column during the war for Independence.

A man in the Michael Collins mould he was loved by the local people of Cork.

However, he resigned from the IRA in protest in 1938 because they were about to begin a bombing campaign in England.

DENNIS TAYLOR Born 1949

SNOOKER loopy nuts was he! The man with those funny glasses will go down in history as having won the greatest game of snooker ever.

Taylor, from Co Tyrone, lifted the world crown when he defeated Steve Davis in a heart-stopping 18-17 victory on the final black ball.

The 1985 clash drew in record TV audiences and is recognised as the finest moment in the sport's history. The fans' favourite retired from the game in 2000.

CHOOSE FINEST IRISH CREAM

PACKIE BONNER Born 1960

THE goalkeeping legend was born in Co Donegal and was snapped up by Celtic when he was only 18.

Over the next 17 years he went from strength to strength as Celtic conquered all before them. He was rewarded with his first Irish cap against Poland in 1981.

Under Jack Charlton's stewardship Packie became a national hero when he saved a penalty against Romania to take Ireland to the World Cup quarter-finals in 1990. He won a total of 80 caps.

VAN MORRISON Born 1945

ONE of the top-selling Irish artists of all time. Van the man was putting Ireland on the map before the likes of U2 or the Corrs were even thought of.

The Belfast-born star has had massive hits throughout the world with classics like Brown-Eyed Girl and Moondance.

In 1993 he was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

He has collaborated with such musical giants as Bob Dylan, Tom Jones and John Lee Hooker.

ARTHUR GUINNESS 1840-1915

EDUCATED at Eton and Trinity College Dublin, Arthur was head of the family brewing business.

The people of Dublin remember him as a generous man, who restored Marsh's Library and gave the city the free use of St Stephen's Green.

He also served as MP for Dublin and did much for the benefit of his workers, including offering them housing and a fairer wage.

ERSKINE CHILDERS 1870-1922

THE politician and author was born into a Protestant family and was a leading advocate of Irish home rule.

He was one of the leaders, with Eamon de Valera, of the **Irish Republican Army** rebellion against the Free State leadership of Michael Collins and Arthur Griffith.

He was shot by an Irish Free State firing squad in 1922. His son, Erskine Hamilton Childers, became president of Ireland in 1973-4.

CHRISTY MOORE Born 1945

THE legendary singer and songwriter has long been one of the nation's favourite performers.

The Kildare native has played a crucial role in the revival of Irish music with his magical strumming and infectious sense of humour.

Many artists have been influenced by his unique style including The Pogues and U2 frontman Bono.

Moore is now in semi-retirement but still plays the odd gig around the country.

ST BRIGID 453-524

MANY miracles are attributed to this saintly woman.

CHOOSE FINEST IRISH CREAM

According to legend the saint converted a pagan on his deathbed by explaining the redemption to him with a cross that she plaited from reeds off the floor. The tradition of St Brigid's Cross remains to this day.

Also known as the Mary of the Gael, she is one of the three patron saints of Ireland. Her feast day is celebrated on February 1, the first day of spring.

PHIL COULTER Born 1942

MUSIC legend Phil was born in Derry City, where he began composing songs at an early age. He first shot to fame in 1970 when he arranged Dana's Eurovision-winning song All Kinds Of Everything.

He went on to pen many of boyband The Bay City Rollers' biggest hits and enjoyed huge chart success. He is perhaps best known for The Town I Loved So Well, a haunting tune about the troubles in his hometown during the seventies.

RICHARD HARRIS 1930-2002

THE Oscar-nominated actor blazed a trail of glory through the sixties and his performance in This Sporting Life earned him the best actor award at Cannes.

However, over the next decade Limerick-born Harris became more famous for his boozy scandals than for his acting.

He quit the bottle in the eighties and set about rebuilding his career.

He died last month having endeared himself to a new generation of fans in films such as Gladiator and Harry Potter.

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