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2. Labor controls purse strings in New Zealand coalition

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3. WORLD REPORT

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4. THE WEEK IN REVIEW

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6. Global Impact News Analysis

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8. Letters

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10. ABC -Morning Show Prep

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11. What U.S. newspapers are saying

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12. Libya takes small steps toward tolerance Western influence is finding a home in Gadhafi country

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13. The 20th Century in review / The solution ...

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16. Politics of the desperate

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20. Ulster Town's Memories: Healing and Hurting

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22. ABC MORNING SHOW PREP-LAST TAKE 2 TUBE TALK... Last night

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24. "If the IRA went away, there'd be another IRA the day after"

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27. As it happened: July - December

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28. CAN TIME HEAL HURT IN ULSTER ?; CITIZENS, ON VERGE OF SELF-RULE, BEAR LONG-TERM SECTARIAN SCARS

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29. MARVEL IN A BROKEN TIME; RADIO COMPLETELY CHANGED THE WAY PEOPLE COMMUNICATED WITHIN A FEW SHORT YEARS



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30. STRONG ASTROS CONTINGENT IN NATIONAL TEAM

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31. SCHOOLBOOKS FLUBBING FACTS Texts filled with errors and political correctness

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32. It was the year of the ice storm, the Swissair crash and Mark McGwire. Joe Clark made a comeback, and the Clinton saga wouldn't go away

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33. JOB-HOPPING WORKERS ROLL OVER IRAS INTO FUTURE

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36. Manchester Rising

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37. What turns young men into terrorists?: From al-Qaeda to the IRA to skinheads and street-gang members -those who embrace terrorism and violence are overwhelmingly drawn from the ranks of men in their teens or
20s. But often it seems that radical ideology is not the end in itself, but an outlet for a violent predisposition
that changes aimless, identity-less losers into 'agents of destiny,' Don Butler reports.

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38. Death without glory

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39. Music from the magic mountain

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40. AP News Digest

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41. AP News Digest

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42. AP News Digest

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43. AP News Digest

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44. Making Her Point in Public

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45. Survey on ethics and discrimination

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46. Global Impact News Alert

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47. What U.S. newspapers are saying

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48. Global Impact News Analysis



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49. Is Libya 's leader turning sane?

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50. The Week

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51. AP News Digest

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52. AP News Digest

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54. Violence flares ahead of Orange Order parades

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55. AP News Digest

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56. THOSE FRACTIONS OF A SECOND / OLYMPIC MOMENTS SOUVENIR SERIES / PART TWO

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57. Princess Margaret Dies at 71; Sister of Queen Elizabeth Had a Troubled Life

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58. The best and worst of 2001

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59._2001: The year in review

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61. AP News Digest

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62. AP News Digest

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63. Clark opens republic debate in New Zealand

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64. AP News Digest

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66. AP Top News at Midnight EST Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2000

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67. AP Top News at 12 a.m. EST Saturday, Dec. 4, 1999

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68. AP Top News at 9 p.m. EST Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2000

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69. Editorial Roundup

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70. The Almanac

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72. Daniel Patrick Moynihan Is Dead; Senator From Academia Was 76

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73. AP News Digest

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74. AP News Digest

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75. AP News Digest

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77. The Almanac

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78. The Almanac

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79. CLASSICAL MUSIC AND DANCE GUIDE

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82. 2002: It was a turbulent year: World grapples with lingering effects of Sept. 11



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83. AP News Digest

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84. AP News Digest

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85. The Almanac

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87. AP Top News at 7 a.m. EST Thursday, Feb. 17, 2000

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89. SUMMER FESTIVALS: THEATER Drama, Dance and Song On the Stages of Summer

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90. AP News Digest

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91. AP Top News at 7 p.m. EST Sunday, Feb. 27, 2000

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93. AP Top News at 1 a.m. EST Wednesday, Feb 2, 2000

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WORLD AT 1700 GMT:

NEW:

SIERRA LEONE. Four dead as rebels open fire on demonstrators calling for peace.

PHILIPPINES-COMPUTER LOVE BUG. Philippine investigators arrest Love Bug suspect.

PHILIPPINES-REBEL CAMP. Visit to camp a glance into Muslim rebellion.

SOUTH ASIA-DROUGHT. More than 120 people dead from drought.

EU-EURO. European finance chiefs try and fail to talk the euro out of the doldrums.

EGYPT-SYRIA-PEACE. Assad speaks with Egypt's president about peace prospects.

MED-BRITAIN-NEW BLOOD THINNER. New class of blood thinner shows promise.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone A demonstration intended to call for peace turns to bloodshed when rebels open fire on a crowd of Sierra Leoneans marching on the home of a rebel leader, killing at least four people and wounding dozens of others. Britain sends in troops to evacuate British citizens as the weeklong crisis threatens to unravel the West African nation's peace process. SIERRA LEONE. Has moved. By Alexandra Zavis. With AP Photos XBL101.

MANILA, Philippines Philippine investigators arrest a bank employee Monday on suspicion of involvement in creating the "ILOVEYOU" computer virus. The arrest follows a raid in which the investigators seize computer and telephone equipment from the apartment of the man and his girlfriend. PHILIPPINES-COMPUTER LOVE BUG. By Oliver Teves. AP Photos MLA101-104.

JOLO, Philippines With international pressure for a peaceful resolution growing, the Philippine government shows signs Monday of softening in the face of demands by Muslim separatists holding 21 Western and Asian hostages in the impoverished southern Philippines. PHILIPPINES-HOSTAGES. Has moved. By Aaron Favila. AP Photos JOL104-107.

WITH:

MANILA, Philippines In turns touching, tragic, and even funny, letters written by hostages held by Muslim separatists in the southern Philippines show a group struggling to cope with horrendous circumstances. PHILIPPINES-HOSTAGES-LETTERS. Has moved. By J.L. Hazelton.

JOLO, Philippines Our visit to a jungle camp where guerrillas are holding 21 hostages, including 10 Western tourists, was a glimpse into the violent Muslim separatist rebellion that has long troubled the southern Philippines. PHILIPPINES-REBEL CAMP. By Jim Gomez. AP Photos JOL102.

BRUSSELS, Belgium European finance chiefs try and fail to talk the euro out of the doldrums as the shared currency again slips below the symbolic 90 cent mark despite statements of support from ministers and central bankers. EU-EURO. Expected by 1800 GMT. By Paul Ames. AP Photos BRU101.

CHACHRO, Pakistan - In drought-ravaged southern Pakistan 127 people die of blistering temperatures and a severe water shortage and doctors warn of more deaths because much of the available water is dirty. SOUTH ASIA-DROUGHT. By S.M. Quereshi. KAR101-103.

CAIRO, Egypt Syrian President Hafez Assad, looking gaunt but alert on a rare trip abroad, spoke in private Monday with Egypt's president about the faltering Mideast peace process. Assad, whose health long has been the subject of speculation, left his foreign minister to do the public talking and there were few words to suggest stalled Syrian-Israeli peace talks are any closer to resuming. EGYPT-SYRIA-PEACE. By Susan Sevareid. AP Photos CAI101-102.

JERUSALEM In the wake of an inconclusive summit with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak finds himself squeezed between territorial demands from the Palestinians and resistance to land concessions from even his closest political partners. ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Expected by 1800 GMT. By Sari Bashi. JRL102-103, 108-109, 112, 115.

MARJAYOUN, Lebanon The commander of Israeli-backed militiamen in Lebanon on Monday says only he bears responsibility for their fight and his men should not be prosecuted by a Lebanese government that sees them as traitors. LEBANON-ISRAEL. Expected by 2000 GMT. By Laura King. AP Photos planned. AP Photos BEI101-102, JRL114.

MOSCOW Vladimir Putin honors Russian World War II veterans at the site of history's largest tank battle, promising on his first full day as president to revive national pride and aid the poor. RUSSIA-PUTIN. By Angela Charlton. MOSB102-103, 105, 108, 111.

SHIRAZ, Iran Lawyers for 13 Jews accused of spying for Israel see evidence of the state's case against the defendents for the first time Monday. IRAN-JEWS. By Ali Akbar Dareini. AP Photos SHI101-103.

TEHRAN, Iran One of the top vote getters in Iran's legislative elections says annulling the results of February's polls would lead to political chaos. A hard-line election overseer has alleged widespread fraud in races that were swept by rival reformists. IRAN-ELECTIONS. By Hassan Sarbakhshian. AP Photos TEH101.

CAMP ZEIST, Netherlands Police officers insist proper security measures were taken as they scoured the bogs and hills of southern Scotland gathering evidence from the bodies, luggage and other debris fell from Pan Am Flight 103. LOCKERBIE TRIAL. Expected by 1800 GMT. By Jerome Socolovsky. AP Photos ZEI101-106.

LONDON Britain's top official in Northern Ireland briefs the House of Commons about a dramatic deal with the <u>Irish</u> <u>Republican Army</u>, while the leader of the province's major Protestant party says a number of issues need clarification before a decision can be made. NORTHERN IRELAND. Expected by 1900 GMT. By Kristin Gazlay. AP Photos XBFT101, 104-106.

LONDON A new class of blood thinner shows promise in warding off more dangerous blood clots after surgery than the standard drug and is more convenient to take, scientists say. MED-BRITAIN-NEW BLOOD THINNER. By Medical Writer Emma Ross. Expected by 1830 GMT.

HAVANA In the wake of the Elian Gonzalez case, Cuba says it will step up its campaign to end American immigration policies, which it says encourage citizens to undertake dangerous sea journeys to the United States. CUBA-US-IMMIGRATION. By Anita Snow.

LOOKING AHEAD: Israeli independence day begins at sundown Tuesday. The U.S. Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control hearing on the consequences of heroin use.

FEATURES MOVED:

FEA-TAIWAN'S CHIPS.

FEA-HONG KONG-LAST BOAT PEOPLE.

FEA-IRAQ-ISOLATED MINDS.

FEA-THAILAND-ANIMALS AND LAND MINES.

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WORLD AT 0000 GMT:

NEW:

ASIAN BANK TOUBLES. Development bank the latest victim of protests and scrutiny.

HORN OF AFRICA-HOLBROOKE. Threat of fighting looms over Ethiopia and Eritrea.

YUGOSLAVIA-OPPOSITION. Government opponents planning rally Tuesday.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone Already badly frayed from a week of political violence, Sierra Leone's capital begins to rip along the seams as a rally turns into a shooting spree, with rebel soldiers gunning down at least four protesters. SIERRA LEONE. Recap expected by 0400 GMT. By Alexandra Zavis. LON110-112, XBL101-103,106.

WITH:

UN-SIERRA LEONE. The United Nations orders the evacuation of most of its civilian staff in Sierra Leone as the situation there deteriorates, and U.N. officials look to countries including Nigeria to help restore calm. Moved.

ALSO:

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone His followers call him "pappy" or "pa" or simply "the leader." To the rebels of the Revolutionary United Front, Foday Sankoh is the man who will right all that is wrong with Sierra Leone. But to nearly everyone else from Sierra Leone's poverty-stricken residents to world leaders Sankoh commands one of the world's most brutal rebel groups. SIERRA LEONE-THE LEADER. Expected by 0700 GMT. By Alexandra Zavis.

MANILA, Philippines Philippine police accompanied by U.S. agents raid an apartment in Manila and arrest a bank employee who along with his girlfriend is suspected of links to the "ILOVEYOU" virus that has overwhelmed computer networks around the world. Relatives of the bank employee say authorities have the wrong man. PHILIPPINES-COMPUTER LOVE BUG. Recap expected by 0100 GMT. By Oliver Teves. MLA101-104, LON117-118, TOK104.

CHIANG MAI, Thailand The Asian Development Bank becomes the latest victim of protests and new scrutiny that has dogged the big multilateral economic institutions since the World Trade Organization's debacle in Seattle last year. ASIAN BANK TOUBLES. Expected by 0100 GMT. By Patrick McDowell. CHM111.

NEW DELHI, India Sri Lankan officials reject a proposal by the Tamil Tiger rebels for a temporary cease-fire that would allow the evacuation of 40,000 government troops from the northern city of Jaffna. SRI LANKA-REBELS. Recap expected by 0100 GMT. By Laurinda Keys. COL101-103.

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia A U.N. Security Council delegation arrives in the Ethiopian capital hoping to head off fresh border clashes between Ethiopia and Eritrea. HORN OF AFRICA-HOLBROOKE. Lead has moved. By Glenn McKenzie. ADD102.

JOLO, Philippines With international pressure for a peaceful resolution growing, the Philippine government shows signs of softening in the face of demands by Muslim separatist rebels holding 21 Western and Asian hostages in the impoverished southern Philippines. PHILIPPINES-HOSTAGES. Lead has moved. By Aaron Favila. JOL104-110.

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BELGRADE, Yugoslavia Slobodan Milosevic's opponents are pressing on with plans to hold a rally Tuesday in the main stronghold of the autocratic Yugoslav president, defying government pressure and threats of violence. YUGOSLAVIA-OPPOSITION. Expected by 0200 GMT. By Jovana Gec. BEL103-105.

WASHINGTON Shortly after NATO's air war in Kosovo last year, an Air Force damage assessment team sent into the Serbian province found the destroyed remnants of only 14 Serb army tanks, 18 armored personnel carriers and 20 artillery and mortar pieces, officials say. US-AIR FORCE-KOSOVO. Has moved. By Robert Burns.

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LOOKING AHEAD: On Wednesday, the 53rd Cannes Film Festival opens in Cannes, France.

FEATURES: Business and Finance:

LONDON The Baltic Exchange is the shipping industry's largest exchange for the matching of empty vessels with cargoes of iron ore, wheat and other bulk goods. It's a complicated business, yet there's not a single computer or real-time data screen in sight. FEA-BRITAIN-ARCHAIC MARKET. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Bruce Stanley. AP Photos LAH102-104.

DUBLIN, Ireland Country squires were stunned when a German family auctioned off its 485-acre estate in Tipperary recently for dlrs 8.6 million almost three times its estimated value. But it wasn't just the hammer price creating the buzz. FEA-BUYING IRISH. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Caroline Byrne. AP Photos NY302-303

POLAND SPRING, Maine Poland Spring the health spa had its heyday in the Gilded Age. A century later, Poland Spring the bottled water is enjoying its own golden age amid America's continuing love affair with water that comes from a plastic container instead of a tap. FEA-US-POLAND SPRING. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Harry Harkavy.

MIAMI BEACH, Florida The structure of a person's iris, fingerprint or face is slowly starting to replace the need for bank cards or passwords at some banks and businesses, diminishing the chances of fraud or identity theft. FEA-US-ID TECHNOLOGY. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Rachel La Corte. AP Photos MH106-107

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WORLD AT 0600 GMT:

NEW:

ASIAN BANK-ROUNDUP. Asian Development Bank concludes annual meeting.

KOREAS-SUMMIT. Koreas resume talks to prepare for summit.

PHILIPPINES-HOSTAGES-LETTERS. Hostages' letters filled with pathos, attempts at bravery.

PHILIPPINES-COMPUTER LOVE BUG. Philippine authorities seek warrant for suspect in computer virus.

CHINA-US-EMBASSY BOMBING. China marks anniversary of U.S. bombing of embassy in Belgrade.

KOSOVO-ADOPTING ARTA. Child of wartime rape waits for a place to call home.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone A rebel advance through Sierra Leone's interior ends with the rebels "melting away" into the jungle, a U.N. official says, cooling a clash that involved U.N. forces and a helicopter gunship sent by the government. SIERRA LEONE. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Alexandra Zavis. AP Photos XBL101-106.

UNITED NATIONS The U.N. Security Council decides to send seven of its ambassadors currently visiting central Africa to discuss peace in the Congo to Eritrea and Ethiopia to try to revive stalled peace talks to resolve their 2-year-old border war. UN-HORN OF AFRICA. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Nicole Winfield.

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NAZRAN, Russia Russian airstrikes intended to rout rebels from their southern strongholds on Sunday cause civilian casualties, killing a woman and a child and wounding several others, an official says. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. New story expected by 1100 GMT. By Yuri Bagrov. AP Photo NAZ101.

JOLO, Philippines Muslim rebels free a local Filipino taken hostage more than two months ago but continue to hold 21 people, including many foreign tourists, who were kidnapped from a Malaysian resort. PHILIPPINES-HOSTAGES. Expected by 0700 GMT. By Aaron Favila. AP Photos JOL103-109.

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PANMUNJOM, Korea Officials of the rival Koreas meet again on their border Monday, hoping to iron out differences over the agenda and other details of the first summit of their leaders in June. KOREAS-SUMMIT. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Kyong-hwa Seok. AP Photos planned.

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AUSTRALIA-NKOREA. Australia, North Korea resume diplomatic relations.

TEHRAN, Iran A hard-line election watchdog says it has detected vote fraud in Tehran in the February legislative polls, raising fears that it is preparing to annul the victories of reformer candidates who support loosening the strict Islamic rule of the conservative clergy. IRAN-ELECTIONS. Has moved. By Ali Akbar Dareini. AP Photos TEH101-103.

HARARE, Zimbabwe An intense intellectual with a string of degrees, Robert Mugabe was once seen as a different type of African leader astute, pragmatic and forgiving of Zimbabwe's former white rulers. But two decades later, political violence has erupted ahead of elections that pose the first real threat to Mugabe's hold on power. ZIMBABWE-MUGABE. Has moved. By Angus Shaw. NY192.

ALSO MOVED:

ZIMBABWE-VIOLENCE. White farmer dies after being beaten by squatters.

ZAGREB, Croatia One of the last bastions of the party of Franjo Tudjman, the late authoritarian president, crumbles Monday with final results showing pro-democracy reformers winning municipal elections in Zagreb. CROATIA-ELECTIONS. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Eugene Brcic.

CAMP ZEIST, Netherlands The trial in the 1988 Lockerbie trial is akin to a colossal jigsaw puzzle with more than 100,000 pieces of evidence, some smaller than a fingernail. All the lawyers for the two Libyan defendants need to do to win acquittal is ensure that just one piece is missing or merely that it doesn't fit. LOCKERBIE LABYRINTH. Has moved. By Jerome Socolovsky. AP Photos NY190-191.

JERUSALEM Israeli and Palestinian negotiators prepare to resume peace talks Monday on a final agreement after receiving a green light from their leaders who met overnight in the West Bank town of Ramallah. ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Expected by 0800 GMT. By Laurie Copans.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland In Northern Ireland, the past decade's grueling search for peace has already survived an emotional rollercoaster of bloody horrors, bold initiatives and crushed hopes. Now, the <u>Irish Republican Army</u> drops its biggest bombshell by promising to reveal its hidden mountains of weaponry. NIRELAND-DROPPING THE BOMB. Has moved. An AP News Analysis. By Shawn Pogatchnik.

WITH:

NIRELAND-IRA WORDS.

NORTHERN IRELAND. Sinn Fein calls peace move "a real opportunity" and steps up pressure on Northern Ireland's main Protestant party to accept the *Irish Republican Army*'s pledge to put its weaponry "beyond use." AP Photos XBFT102,104-107.

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia One year after NATO missiles accidentally slammed into the Chinese embassy here, China's diplomats and Yugoslav officials mark the anniversary at the bomb site expressing, amid the debris, their anger and outrage. YUGOSLAVIA-NATO-CHINA. Has moved. By Misha Savic. AP Photos BEL101,104-105.

ALSO:

CHINA-US-EMBASSY BOMBING. China declares victory over Western imperialism on the anniversary of the NATO bombing of its embassy in Yugoslavia. Has moved.

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ALSO MOVED:

ASIAN BANK-PROTEST. Riot police deploy in overwhelming force Monday to protect the final day of the Asian Development Bank's annual meeting from protesters. AP Photos CHM101-103.

ROME Choosing for his backdrop the Colosseum, the ancient arena many associate with Christianity's first martyrs, Pope John Paul II has rendered special tribute to 20th-century Christians who suffered in Soviet gulags, Nazi extermination camps, Chinese forced labor factories or other cruel places across the globe. POPE-MARTYRS. Has moved. By Frances D'Emilio.

LOOKING AHEAD: Later Monday, nominations for the Tony Awards for Broadway shows are announced in New York. On Wednesday, the 53rd Cannes Film Festival opens in Cannes, France.

FEATURES:

NEW:

TAIPEI, Taiwan Chinese saber-rattling over Taiwan's presidential election has quieted, calming anxieties not just in East Asia, but in corporate board rooms around the world. In the increasingly intertwined world economy, any kind of conflict between the two rivals that disrupted life on this island could be a disaster for electronics companies around the globe. FEA-TAIWAN'S CHIPS. Has moved. By Annie Huang. AP Photos NY193-195, Graphic GLOBAL LOGO.

HONG KONG Dinh Thi Yen, born nine years ago in Hong Kong, speaks perfect Cantonese, the territory's official dialect. But her classmates never let her forget she doesn't belong because she is Vietnamese. Thi Yen has grown up in the Pillar Point refugee camp, surrounded by barbed-wire in a remote corner of Hong Kong. The government is closing the camp May 31, but the refugees regard that as a mixed blessing. The closure will force 1,100 Vietnamese residents out into the mainstream of Hong Kong, with its notoriously steep rents and its market for unskilled labor particularly tight as the territory recovers from a bruising recession. FEA-HONG KONG-LAST BOAT PEOPLE. Expected by 0700 GMT. By Priscilla Cheung. AP Photos NY108-109.

FEATURES MOVED:

FEA-IRAQ-ISOLATED MINDS. Trade sanctions hit Iraqi intellectual, creative life. AP Photos NY360-361

FEA-THAILAND-ANIMALS AND LAND MINES. Land mines exacting heavy toll on animals around globe. AP Photos NY312-314.

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INDIA-SRI LANKA. Indian prime minister says no military intervention in Sri Lanka.

RUSSIA-PUTIN. Putin honors WWII vets on first full day as president.

LOCKERBIE TRIAL. Police officer raised concerns about missing evidence in Lockerbie investigation.

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ALSO MOVED:

INDIA-SRI LANKA. India will work for a peaceful settlement of Sri Lanka's ethnic conflict, but will not send forces to support the hard-pressed army fighting a Tamil rebel offensive, Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee says Monday.

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ALSO MOVED:

US-LOVE BUG-SECURITY. The speed of the "love bug" has Michael Vatis worried sick. As the FBI's lead investigator on computer viruses, Vatis said the lesson from last week's global epidemic isn't so much about early warning as it is about prevention.

JAPAN-COMPUTER LOVE BUG. Japan's computer bug trouble begins after holiday week. AP Photos TOK104-105.

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KOSOVO-ATTACK. Former Kosovo Liberation Army regional commander fatally shot.

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ALSO MOVED:

RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. A Russian Su-24MR reconnaissance plane is lost during bad weather over Chechnya, and military officials say Monday it may have been shot down by rebel fire.

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LOOKING AHEAD: Later Monday, President Clinton and other dignitaries attend funeral Mass for Cardinal John O'Connor; nominations for the Tony Awards for Broadway shows are announced in New York. On Wednesday, the 53rd Cannes Film Festival opens in Cannes, France.

FEATURES MOVED:

FEA-TAIWAN'S CHIPS. Tensions with China underline computer biz's dependence on Taiwan. AP Photos NY193-195, Graphic GLOBAL LOGO.

FEA-HONG KONG-LAST BOAT PEOPLE. Vietnamese refugees brace for hardship as Hong Kong closes last camp. AP Photos NY108-109.

FEA-IRAQ-ISOLATED MINDS. Trade sanctions hit Iraqi intellectual, creative life. AP Photos NY360-361

FEA-THAILAND-ANIMALS AND LAND MINES. Land mines exacting heavy toll on animals around globe. AP Photos NY312-314.

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WORLD SPORTS AT 1300 GMT:

SOCCER:

MUNICH, Germany Bolstered by an emphatic victory in the final of the German Cup, Bayern Munich is confident of overcoming a two-goal deficit against Real Madrid in the home leg of the Champions League semifinals.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Champions-Bayern-Real. Expected by 1700 GMT.

LEEDS, England Leeds United aims to regain third place from Liverpool in the Premier League and strengthen its chance of a Champions Cup spot.

Slug Sports-Soccer-British Roundup. Expected by 2100 GMT.

MANCHESTER, England After four years in soccer's wilderness, Manchester City is back in the big time and its fans can't wait for next season's Premier League schedule to see when they will take on Manchester United.

Slug Sports-Soccer-City Slickers. Expected by 1500 GMT.

LONDON Alex Ferguson dismisses speculation that he will stay on as Manchester United manager after his contract expires in 2002.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Man Utd-Ferguson. Has moved.

ROME With one game to play, Italy's Serie A championship race is still very much alive. But after a much-disputed referee's call that saved league-leader Juventus' 1-0 win and kept its two-point lead intact, the Italian soccer world speaks as if the season has already ended.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Italy-Referee Controversy. Has moved.

TENNIS:

BERLIN With top-seeded players having a bye into the second round, No. 16 Patty Schnyder played Rita Kuti Kis and Ruxandra Dragomir battled Sarah Pitkowski in the opening round of the dlrs 1.08 million German Open.

Slug Sports-Tennis-German Open. expected by 1800 GMT.

ROME Andre Agassi takes on fellow American Todd Martin in the feature match at the opening day of the men's Italian Open.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Italian Open. First lede expected by 1300 GMT.

By Victor Simpson

HORSE RACING:

TOKYO The Kentucky Derby victory by a Japanese-owned horse is sweet for Japan's racing fans, but many say a victory by an animal born and bred here would have been all the sweeter.

Slug Sports-Japan-Horse Racing. Has moved.

By Eric Prideaux

ICE HOCKEY:

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia Reigning Olympic and world gold medalists Czech Republic faces Slovakia in a second round grudge match, while the United States play 1998 champions Sweden. Two time reigning silver medalists Finland face Nordic neighbors Norway.

Slug Sports-Ice Hockey-Worlds. 1st Ld expected about 1700GMT.

By Erica Bulman

GOLF:

NEW ORLEANS As he began the second round of the Compaq Classic, defending champion Carlos Franco found himself tied with Blaine McCallister. It was still that way 55 holes later. Then Franco, after twice seeming to be the runner-up to McCallister, made a 3-foot putt for par on the second playoff hole Sunday to repeat as winner of the dlrs 3.5 million tournament.

Slug Sports-Golf-Compaq.

By Mary Foster.

OLYMPICS:

SYDNEY, Australia Hopelessly outnumbered by police, the last of the hardcore Bondi Warriors were removed from the path of a bulldozer Monday, allowing construction of the 10,000-seat Olympic beach volleyball stadium to commence on Bondi Beach.

Slug Sports-Olympics-Bondi Protest. Has moved

By John Pye

PITTSBURGH American marathoning, which has been floundering for years, hits rock bottom. With the possibility of earning a maximum total of six spots in the men's and <u>women</u>'s marathons for the Olympic Games at Sydney, the United States get the minimum of two, one in each event.

Slug Sports-Olympics-US Men's Marathon Trials. Has moved.

By Bert Rosenthal

ALSO:

SPORTS-BASEBALL-NL ROUNDUP.

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WORLD SPORTS AT 0000 GMT:

SOCCER:

LEEDS, England Leeds squanders a one-goal lead and a 2-1 advantage in expulsions on Monday to wind up 1-1 at home with Everton in its battle to gain the third Premier League place and a berth in next season's Champions Cup.

Slug Sports-Soccer-British Roundup. Has moved.

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Slug Sports-Soccer-City Slickers. Has moved.

MADRID, Spain Atletico Coach Radomir Antic will keep his job despite a weekend tie that spelled the team's relegation to the Spanish second division. But he won't be paid unless next season goes much better.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Atletico de Madrid. Has moved.

TENNIS:

ROME Andre Agassi returns to European clay Monday for the first time since his dramatic French Open victory last year and found the slow red surface to his liking. Playing steady if unspectacular tennis, he hold off big-serving fellow American Todd Martin 6-2, 7-6(4) in the first round match at the Italian Open.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Italian Open. Lead has moved.

By Victor Simpson

BERLIN Alexandra Stevenson, a semifinalist at Wimbledon last year, beats Russia's Tatiana Panova, 6-2, 7-6 (2) on Monday to advance to the second round of the German Open.

Slug Sports-Tennis-German Open. Has moved.

ICE HOCKEY:

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia Brian Gionta scores twice and the United States on Monday extends its surprising run at the World Hockey Championships by handing Sweden its first loss of the tournament 5-3.

Slug Sports-Ice Hockey-Worlds. Lead has moved.

By Erica Bulman

CRICKET:

GEORGETOWN, Guyana Torrential rain swamps the outfield in Georgetown, Guyana Monday and causes the abandonment of the fourth day's play in the opening Cable and Wireless cricket Test between the West Indies and Pakistan.

Slug Sports-Cricket-WIndies-Pakistan. Has moved.

By Craig Cozier.

CAPE TOWN, South Africa A commission of inquiry into cricket match-fixing charges is expected to have a preliminary report by the end of June, South African officials say Monday.

Slug Sports-Cricket-Match Fixing.

BASEBALL:

MIAMI A Cuban college baseball player missing since the weekend surfaces in South Florida on Monday and declares that he wants to defect to the United States, an agent says.

Slug Sports-Baseball-Missing Cuban. Has moved. AP Photos MNAK106, MNMIT103.

By Alex Veiga.

HORSE RACING:

UNDATED No one ever stooped to calling the 1977 Kentucky Derby winner just "Slew." Same with "Bid" two years later. The latest horse to wear the roses, Fusaichi Pegasus, has plenty of people tripping over his name.

Slug Sports-Horse Racing-What's in a Name? Has moved.

ALSO:

Sports-Baseball-NL Roundup. Expected by 0500 GMT.

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Prime Minister-elect Helen Clark on Thursday named a Cabinet, ensuring her majority Labor Party holds the key budget and spending posts in the center-left coalition government forged following elections last month.

Her 20-member lineup, with four ministers from minority partner the Alliance Party, has been bolstered with six posts outside the Cabinet. There is one Alliance member among the five ministers outside Cabinet.

Clark takes over as prime minister from Jenny Shipley, whose conservative National Party was swept into opposition after nine years in power.

The new Cabinet includes 11 **women**, four indigenous Maori, and the first minister from the minority Pacific Islander ethnic group.

"This is the most diverse ministry in New Zealand's history," Clark said. The new government will be sworn in Friday.

The coalition has pledged to improve social services and promote industrial development, funding the moves by raising taxes for high earners.

As expected, Labor's deputy leader Michael Cullen was named finance minister and revenue minister, while Alliance leader and Deputy Prime Minister-elect Jim Anderton got the economic development, industry and regional development portfolios.

The foreign minister is senior Labor lawmaker Phil Goff, who was also tapped as justice minister, while the bigspending health, education and welfare posts will all remain with Labor.

Farmer Jim Sutton has been named trade negotiations and agriculture minister, while former backbencher Mark Burton was named to the defense and veterans' affairs posts.

Clark's Labor party holds 50 seats in the 120-seat Parliament, with leftist coalition partner the Alliance taking 10 seats.

Clark's majority has been assured by the support of the Green Party, with six seats and committed to voting with the coalition on issues of confidence and money supply.

Final election results, which could see Labor gain one more seat from recounts, are due later Thursday.

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Only five of the ministers Clark, Cullen, Goff, Sutton and Health Minister Annette King have previous Cabinet experience.

Il as part of the 1987 to 1990 Labor government.

WORLD AT 0000 GMT:

NEW:

US-MIDEAST. Israel and Syria agree to reopen peace talks.

CHINA-YELTSIN. President seeks support for Chechnya policy in Beijing.

FRANCE-BRITISH BEEF. France maintains ban on British beef.

YUGOSLAVIA-MONTENEGRO. Yugoslav army blocks Montenegrin airport.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

JERUSALEM Israel and Syria agree to resume the land-for-peace negotiations they broke off in 1996, starting next week in Washington. US-MIDEAST. Recap expected by 0300 GMT. By Barry Schweid. JRL103-105, WX119-122.

ALSO MOVED:

MIDEAST-SYRIA. Issues are clear between Syria, Israel, but talks will be difficult. NY121-123.

ISRAEL-SYRIA. Israel, Syria welcome resumption of peace talks.

BEIJING Stung by Western criticism of the war in Chechnya, Russian President Boris Yeltsin arrives in Beijing to seek Chinese support for his military campaign and help in countering U.S. global influence. CHINA-YELTSIN. Yeltsin arrives about 0240 GMT. Expected by 0400 GMT. AP Photos staffing.

ALSO MOVED: RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Russia gives mixed signals on Grozny deadline. MOSB101-106,111,121-122,124-125.

WASHINGTON President Bill Clinton blames the failure of last week's trade talks in Seattle on wide differences between the United States and its trading partners on issues other than his call for workers' rights. US-CLINTON-TRADE. Has moved. By Martin Crutsinger.

ALSO MOVED: US-CHINA-WTO. Chinese activist: China doesn't deserve WTO or normal trade status.

PODGORICA, Yugoslavia Yugoslav troops seize control of the main airport in Montenegro, a day before the pro-Western Yugoslav republic plans to take over the strategic facility. YUGOSLAVIA-MONTENEGRO. Has moved. By Alen Mlatisuma.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams accuses British spies of eavesdropping on his secret discussions with *Irish Republican Army* commanders. NORTHERN IRELAND. Lead has moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photos XBFT101-109, LON107,112.

HAVANA Tens of thousands of government supporters march outside the U.S. diplomatic mission here to press for the release of a 6-year-old boy at the center of a custody dispute with the United States. CUBA-US-IMMIGRATION. Lead has moved. By Anita Snow. AP Photos HAV101-103.

ALSO MOVED:

US-CLINTON-CUBA. Clinton hopes U.S., Cuba avoid 'politics or threats' in custody dispute.

US-CASTRO PLOT. Five Cuban exiles acquitted of plotting to kill Castro. SJU101-104.

Labor controls purse strings in New Zealand coalition

PARIS France decides to maintain its ban on British beef imports, a decision bound to bring legal action from European partners. FRANCE-BRITISH BEEF. Lead has moved. By Elaine Ganley. AP Photos PAR101,102,107.

UNITED NATIONS The U.N. Security Council is expected to vote Friday on a six-month extension of the U.N. humanitarian program for Iraq, and the United States is pressing for a quick vote on a broader new Iraq policy despite differences with Russia. UN-IRAQ. Recap expected by 0300 GMT. By Edith M. Lederer.

ALSO MOVED: WORLD OIL. Iraq's suspension of oil exports has boosted prices in United States and Asia.

NEW YORK The United Nations accuses one of the two Cypriot sides of breaking the news blackout imposed by Secretary-General Kofi Annan at the start of indirect talks on the reunification of the war-divided island. UN-CYPRUS-TALKS. Lead has moved. By Alex Efty.

BERLIN Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder wins his fractious party's support for reform policies, strengthening his hand in the struggle to cut government spending. GERMANY-SOCIAL DEMOCRATS. Recap expected by 0300 GMT. By Tony Czuczka. AP Photos BON112,114; SPD127,131-133.

WARSAW, Poland The government is fighting a move to merge Poland's two leading banks, saying it could lead to too much foreign intrusion in the economy. POLAND-BANK BATTLE. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Beata Pasek.

MEMPHIS, Tennessee A jury hearing a lawsuit filed by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s family finds that the civil rights leader was the victim of a vast murder conspiracy, not a lone assassin. US-KING ASSASSINATION. Recap expected by 0300 GMT. By Woody Baird. AP Photo NY25,129.

BETHESDA, Maryland Alarmed by the first death as a result of gene therapy, federal health officials consider tougher controls for experiments. US-GENE THERAPY. Has moved. By Paul Recer. AP Photo NY112.

ALSO: SCI-US-EYE CHIP. Experimental retinal implant may help restore vision. Expected by 0300 GMT.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Friday, President Carlos Menem steps down after 10 years in office, the longest any Argentine leader has governed in the country's history.

FEATURES:

TOKYO Like just about every other 10-year-old in Japan, Yasuyo Nakatani's son is addicted to Pikachu. So what is a mother at the epicenter of the Pokemon empire to do? That's easy stock up before Christmas. FEA-JAPAN-POKEMON CHRISTMAS. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Scott Stoddard. AP Photos TOK110-111.

Science and Technology

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida For NASA, this has been the worst year since the Challenger disaster in 1986. SCI-US-NASA'S BAD YEAR. Upcoming. By Marcia Dunn.

WASHINGTON The phenomenon of zapping information via infrared beams is catching on for its novelty and convenience. SCI-US-BEAM IT. Upcoming. By Kalpana Srinivasan. AP Photo WX116.

MONROE, Louisiana Scientists have discovered the oldest known man-made structures in the Western Hemisphere. SCI-US-ANCIENT MOUNDS. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Janet McConnaughey. AP Photo NU101-NU103

NEW YORK One of the newest ways for a kid to enjoy science is the QX3 Computer Microscope, a high-tech "toy" that brings the world of things invisible to the naked eye to the desktop PC. SCI-US-QX3 COMPUTER MICROSCOPE. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Ric Leyva.

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elephone (1) 212-621-1650, fax (1) 212-621-5449.

Israel and Syria agreed Wednesday to resume the land-for-peace negotiations they broke off in 1996, starting next week in Washington. President Bill Clinton, announcing the dramatic agreement, called it a breakthrough but acknowledged "the road ahead will be arduous." Separately, U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright announced after a late-night session with Yasser Arafat that the Palestinian leader had agreed to resume faltering negotiations with Israel on an overall Middle East settlement. Clinton's announcement followed Albright's meetings with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak on Wednesday and with Syrian President Hafez Assad a day earlier. (US-MIDEAST)

ACHKOI-MARTAN, Russia (AP)

Russian planes and artillery pounded the Chechen capital Wednesday despite the military's claims they were allowing civilians to leave Grozny unimpeded to avoid a massive attack in three days. Trying to deflect international criticism, Russian officials said an ultimatum to Grozny residents to leave by Saturday or face death is aimed at militants not civilians but they gave no sign of backing off from the deadline. Also Wednesday, Russian forces claimed they drove militants out of the key town of Urus-Martan, scene of some of the bloodiest combat since fighting began in September. (RUSSIA-CHECHNYA)

PODGORICA, Yugoslavia (AP)

Armed Yugoslav troops Wednesday seized control of the main airport in Montenegro one day before the pro-Western Yugoslav republic planned to take over the strategic facility. Heavy military trucks were rolled out onto the main runway at Podgorica airport about 5 p.m., and Montenegrin deputy Information Minister Abaz Dzafic said soldiers loyal to Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic had taken over the control tower, banning all flights. The federal Yugoslav government in Belgrade made no statement about the move. The Montenegrin civilian director of the airport, Drago Milanovic, said Yugoslav authorities cited "security reasons," which he said were unjustified. (YUGOSLAVIA-MONTENEGRO.)

PARIS (AP)

France decided Wednesday to maintain its controversial ban on British beef imports, a decision bound to bring legal action from European partners. The government of Prime Minister Lionel Jospin attributed its decision to a "lack of sufficient guarantees" on several points. A statement said the government's "main concern is public health and the safety of consumers." France's food safety agency, known as AFSSA, advised the government on Monday that new British and European Union measures reduce the risk of the illness known as mad cow disease but do not eradicate it completely. (FRANCE-BRITAIN-BEEF)

CAMP ZEIST, Netherlands (AP)

A Scottish judge ruled Wednesday that two Libyans must face conspiracy charges over the 1988 Lockerbie bombing, while prosecutors said they wanted some of their witnesses including intelligence agents and a Libyan informant _ to testify in disguise. The judge postponed the start of the trial until May 3 to give the defense time to prepare its case after the suspects' lawyers complained they had received notice of hundreds of prosecution witnesses and pieces of evidence only since October. In a glimpse of the colossal challenge facing both legal teams, the defense said at a pretrial hearing that there were 1,127 witnesses and 2,347 pieces of evidence in the case file so far.

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Motoring chaos as French expect election amnesty

Paris

With just a month to go before the first round of presidential elections, French motorists -- the most dangerous in Europe -- are racing around with reckless abandon.

French presidents have announced a sweeping pardon of traffic violations within days of taking office. The tradition, which was started by Georges Pompidou after his victory in 1969, was intended to overcome a backlog of parking tickets but has since been viewed by Gallic motorists as a right.

So pedestrians are dodging motorcycles that have hopped on to the "trottoir" to defy traffic jams, having to weave their way through a maze of illegally parked cars and leaping for their lives as motorists run red lights.

Despite the fact that France has the worst road safety record of any leading industrialized nation -- more than 8,500 fatal accidents and 30,000 people crippled or seriously injured a year --no candidate is willing to make improving road safety an election issue.

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Chirac poll gets boost as crime rise haunts Jospin

Paris

Youth violence has forced its way to the front of France's presidential election, helping President Jacques Chirac draw even with his challenger, Prime Minister Lionel Jospin, in the polls.

After a succession of killings and attacks that have shocked France, Chir-ac, who has been lagging over the past three weeks, has made reducing crime a centrepiece of his campaign.

A poll Monday showed them at 50 per cent each. Another gave Jospin a slim 51 to 49 per cent lead. The first round of voting takes place on April 21.

Last Tuesday, in the most recent high-profile demonstration, more than 2,000 people marched through an industrial suburb near Paris in memory of Guy-Patrice Begue, a 38-year-old house painter who went after a gang of schoolboys who were persecuting his son and trying to steal his money.

When he found them and confronted them, they beat him to death.

Portrayal of Jesus as a hippy angers Catholics

Vienna

A book designed to take a light-hearted look at the life of Jesus by portraying him as a hippy who accomplished miracles after breathing in incense has caused a wave of protest in Austria and Germany.

The Catholic community has been outraged at the hippy image of Jesus in the book The Life of Jesus by a caricaturist, Gerhard Haderer.

"I protest against Gerhard Haderer and all who applaud his book, in the name of children and adults, simple folk and academics who all, without defence, suffer under his idea of humour," said Vienna Archbishop Christoph Schoenborn.

Catholics would like to see a ban on Haderer's comic book, which suggests Jesus's miracle-making powers came from incense and depicts the Last Supper as a heavy drinking bout before Jesus ascends to Heaven to enjoy a joint with the rock star Jimi Hendrix.

The public prosecutor is also investigating after a stream of complaints.

Van Gogh 'Sunflowers' is no fake, say art experts

London

A \$55-million Cdn painting which had been suspected of being a fake Van Gogh has been declared genuine.

Still Life with Sunflowers, which has been the subject of fierce debate since it was bought by the Japanese insurance company Yasuda in 1987, has been authenticated by two experts from the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam.

Critics had claimed it was a forgery by the artist Emile Schuffenecker.

But Louis van Tilborgh and Ella Hendriks of the Van Gogh Museum said the suspicions stemmed from artistic problems-- the picture was painted on jute sacking, an unusual material for Van Gogh.

The experts also say that the still-life bears similarities to another painting in the Van Gogh Museum which Schuffenecker would not have seen.

Police chief predicts new disarmament move by IRA

Belfast

A second move by the <u>Irish Republican Army</u> to scrap weapons is "a real possibility," Northern Ireland's police commander says.

Chief Const. Ronnie Flanagan backed mounting speculation that the IRA would make the move in advance of a general election in the neighbouring Republic of Ireland.

The IRA-linked Sinn Fein party is trying to win several seats in the Irish Parliament, where it currently holds just one out of 166.

In another development, Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams met British Prime Minister Tony Blair at 10 Downing Street in London to discuss the next step in the peace process.

No progress was announced, but the Times newspaper reported that Blair and Adams discussed allowing 30 IRA fugitives to return to Britain and be released on bail when they give themselves up to face trial for past crimes.

Big Ben will keep on chiming despite dispute

London

Big Ben, London's world-famous clock, will not stop chiming even though the government is in a contract dispute with its cleaner, who says it could stop if it isn't maintained.

The clock, which stands along the River Thames near the Palace of Westminster, is scheduled to get its biannual overhaul this weekend.

That prompted Mervyn Lee, director of Thwaites & Reed -- the clock makers who have maintained Big Ben for years, to announce that the government's failure to renegotiate his contract could delay the work.

The House of Commons said it terminated Lee's maintenance contract because he demanded more money before the contract expired.

The legislature then hired the two company workers who were maintaining the clock.

"The twice-yearly maintenance will go ahead as usual" on Big Ben, a House of Commons spokesman said.

Deputy mayor of major oil producing city killed

Moscow

The deputy mayor of a major oil producing city in Siberia was shot and killed while leaving a grocery store in Moscow in what police said Tuesday was an apparent contract killing.

Sergei Ivanov, deputy mayor of Surgut, a city in Siberia about 2,200 km east of Moscow, was shot as he was leaving a grocery store on a major thoroughfare in the capital, Moscow police said.

Ivanov died on the spot while waiting for an ambulance to arrive according to witnesses. Such murders are common in Russia and government officials are often targets.

Anti-corruption MP guits in office funds scandal

Tokyo

A popular member of the Japanese parliament who was famed for attacking the corrupt ways of the ruling party was herself forced to stand down for misusing public money.

Kiyomi Tsujimoto, of the opposition Social Democrats, resigned after she was accused of claiming a \$115,000 Cdn state salary for an aide whom she paid only a fraction of that amount. The rest was used for office expenses, in contravention of parliamentary rules.

Tsujimoto's name is now likely to be linked in the public mind with the two ruling party MPs whose political careers ended in disgrace this month.

Former head of state firm sentenced to be executed

Beijing

A Chinese court sentenced the former president of a state company to death on charges of embezzling nearly \$14 million Cdn, a court official said.

Li Yaoqi, of the Hong Kong-Macau International Group, was sentenced in Haikou, capital of the southern island province of Hainan.

Li was convicted by the Haikou Intermediate People's Court of stealing the money from 1992 to 1997.

Death sentences in China are automatically appealed, but usually are upheld and quickly carried out.

Driver who hated Muslims slams into Florida mosque

Tallahassee, Fla.

A man motivated by hatred of Muslims drove a truck into a mosque just 30 minutes before evening prayers.

No one was injured at the Islamic Center of Tallahassee, which is located at Florida State University.

The driver, Charles Franklin, 41, walked away and was arrested later at a campus bar on charges of burglary and criminal mischief.

Franklin told police he could have blown up the mosque if he had put propane tanks on the front of his truck and that he tried to join the military in order to kill Muslims but was turned down.

Authorities said a Bible wrapped in blue cloth was on the front seat of Franklin's truck.

Police spokesman Scott Hunt said police believe it was an isolated case of "one individual venting personal frustrations."

'My God, what have we done?' Logbook for sale:

London

The horror felt by one of the U.S. pilots who dropped the first atomic bomb on Japan is revealed in his logbook which is expected to sell for up to \$500,000 at an auction at Christies in New York today.

"My God, what have we done?" wrote Capt. Robert Lewis, co-pilot of the B-29 bomber Enola Gay, as a mushroom cloud rose over the city of Hiroshima, where 100,000 people were killed.

Capt Lewis sketched the cloud on the back of the 11-page book, which was marked "Hold for Top Secret Clearance."

Lewis sold the logbook in 1971, 12 years before his death.

Unusual identical quads one in 11 million: Doctors

Sacramento, Calif.

A California woman gave birth over the weekend to quadruplets who are genetically identical and originated from a single egg fertilized by a single sperm, a phenomenon that has been documented only a few times in recent history.

The four newborns, who are being closely monitored, were conceived "spontaneously," or without the aid of fertility drugs, an extremely unusual situation in cases of "multiples," doctors said.

The likelihood of spontaneous, identical quadruplets? Perhaps one in 11 million, say specialists at the hospital.

Jennifer Cassidy, a Canadian who maintains a Web site devoted to multiple birth, said she is aware of only 26 sets of identical quads born since 1930, 17 of them *female*.

Number of airline deaths in 2001 highest since '77

Washington

Largely because of Sept. 11, the number of airline fatalities in 2001 was the highest in 24 years, the National Transportation Safety Board reported Tuesday.

The safety board said 531 people died in airline crashes last year, the highest yearly total since 1977, when 582 people were killed in the crash of two Boeing 747s that collided on a Canary Islands runway.

All 265 passengers and crew aboard four hijacked airliners were killed Sept. 11. Terrorists crashed two of the planes into the World Trade Center in New York City and one into the Pentagon near Washington. The fourth plane crashed in a Pennsylvania field.

Another 260 passengers and crew members died two months later when American Airlines Flight 587 crashed just after takeoff from New York's Kennedy Airport. Five people on the ground also were killed.

One airport ground worker was struck by a propeller last August.

Retired sheriff's deputy kills himself, four children

Merced, Calif.

A retired sheriff's deputy shot and killed his five-year-old daughter and his three stepchildren Tuesday while his estranged wife was out for a walk, then committed suicide with the body of one of the youngsters in his arms.

John Hogan had apparently entered the house after his wife had set out on her morning walk, authorities said. He had not been living there.

The motive was unclear.

Hogan was found dead in the bed of the master bedroom, the body of five-year-old Michelle Hogan in his arms, investigators said.

Graphic

Security guard: Photographers and a TV cameraman shoot a slowly advancing prototype security robot in the shape of the Cretaceous Period dinosaur triceratops during a media unveiling in Tokyo Tuesday. The quadruped robot with the menacing features, jointly developed by Japanese electronics maker Omron Corp. and venture business Tmsuk Inc., has a built-in sensor enabling users to control its moves via mobile phone and a built-in camera to capture images of its surroundings to maintain security at homes and offices. Associated Press photo: Katsumi Kasahara

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The Province

Kingston landlords and politicians are being warned to respect human rights over calls for the city to pay landlords directly with money taken off welfare cheques.

Ontario's chief commissioner of human rights warns it would be discriminatory for city hall to assume control of rent payments simply because a tenant is on welfare.

"If they had a general policy that said everybody on public assistance has to pay direct, I think that would be in breach of the human rights code," Keith Norton said.

To avoid breaching human rights, Norton said, politicians and landlords could consider a direct payment policy that is voluntary, applies to all tenants regardless of their source of income and kicks in only after tenants have proved unable to pay by defaulting on their rent.

Public and private landlords are calling on city hall to follow a provincial government lead and pay rents directly from city coffers.

Public-housing providers prefer direct payment because more welfare tenants are defaulting on their rents, leaving Kingston taxpayers with a debt topping \$116,000 at two city agencies alone.

Private landlords also cite mounting arrears and evictions.

"There are some people who are chronic deadbeats," said Steve Manders, secretary of the Kingston Rental Property Owners Association.

The residents of Kitchener and Waterloo favour becoming one twinned city, but a new survey indicates Cambridge and the townships want nothing to do with amalgamation.

The survey on government reform canvassed more than 900 residents across the region and was done for the City of Kitchene. Sixty-two per cent of Kitchener residents were in favour and 32 per cent wanted no change. In Waterloo, 53 per cent were in favour and 34 per cent wanted no change.

But the residents in Cambridge and the townships had very little interest in any amalgamation involving them.

Only 17 per cent of township respondents were in favour of the four townships becoming one larger township, only four per cent were in favour of the townships amalgamating with existing cities. Only 10 per cent preferred all municipalities coming together to form one big city.

"Combining the three options, less than one third of the residents in the four townships are showing support for any amalgamation that involved them personally," the report said.

Cami Automotive Inc.'s loss of a major contract this week has raised concerns about the status of the automotive giant.

"We were counting on the Delta A project," said Walt Bordian, director of employee relations. "Now GM has made the decision to move its resources to other areas."

Bordian said this has raised concern in the workforce and for the company, pointing out that after production is concluded on the 2001 model year, there will be a void.

Canadian Auto Workers representative Mike VanBoekel said while layoffs aren't anticipated, downtime is a factor during the next 12 months.

The traditional summer shutdown, scheduled for the first two weeks of July, looks like it will be extended throughout the month, VanBoekel said. The four-week shutdown will affect 700 workers.

Two thousand people -- 1,000 couples -- will tie the knot in Niagara Falls on Valentine's Day next year, courtesy of the Ontario government.

The province is giving the Winter Festival of Lights \$200,000 to put on the Valentine's Day Wedding of the Millennium.

Finding a thousand blushing brides and as many nervous grooms will be challenging with only eight months to go but the provincial government will advertise to find couples to stroll down the aisle.

The Nation

<u>Women</u> should not face poverty in old age because they cared for their children or a sick relative instead of joining the paid workforce, says a national <u>women</u>'s group.

Mothers are <u>Women</u> released a hefty manual Monday on the scope of unpaid work and the problems faced by caregivers in Canada.

The organization is trying to keep unpaid work on the political front burner so the government does more policy research on the issue.

Spokeswoman Evelyn Drescher said the group was not suggesting that stay-at-home mothers or caregivers be paid for their work, but that politicians take a closer look at the inequalities that exist for those <u>women</u> in the tax and social system. "The issue is not compensation, it's very much understanding how the economy functions and then how best social policy and economic policy can be directed."

The manual suggests that 53 per cent of single <u>female</u> seniors live below the poverty line because their unpaid work was not recognized. Most of those <u>women</u> cannot afford RRSPs, and have difficulty drawing a pension if they worked sporadically or dropped out of the workforce completely.

Job retraining programs are now being tied to employment insurance and other financial assistance, making it difficult for unpaid workers to reintegrate into the workforce.

Even <u>women</u> who only spend short periods of time at home caring for children or elderly parents find their economic security diminished -- such as being passed up for promotions or wage increases.

First Nations are at risk of permanently losing their native languages unless more programs are introduced into schools to teach children how to speak them, says one of a declining number of Ojibwa speakers.

"When we're gone, so is the language." Ernie Sandy said. "That's the scary part about it,"

Sandy asked the Simcoe County District School Board on behalf of the Mnjikaning First Nation in Rama and the Namaabenissing First Nation on Christian Island to "rescue" the First Nation language from possible extinction by implementing courses in schools, similar to French language courses.

He said he also wants to see regular visits from elders, who are currently not recognized by Ontario government policy as teachers or resources.

In Calgary, a 16-year-old girl who moved away from home won the first round Wednesday in suing her parents for financial support.

The parents agreed to pay their daughter \$400 a month until the matter is later settled. The teenager is asking for \$750.

The Grade 11 student moved from her parents' home last December alleging abuse. She has since lived with a friend's parents, who have given her room and board as well as bus and spending money.

The nature of the alleged abuse was never specified.

The girl is an honour student at a private Calgary high school that has been waiving her tuition costs due to her living difficulties.

Vancouver police have no bodies, no crime scenes and no reason to believe that 21 <u>women</u> missing from the city's hardened eastside streets are dead.

Their conclusion: No serial killer -- probably.

But experts say that's not necessarily correct and warn the situation may be much darker than Vancouver police want to let on.

Dr. Deborah Laufersweiler-Dwyer, a former police officer who teaches a class on serial criminals at the University of Arkansas, said many serial killers aren't discovered until someone uncovers a cache of victims' bodies.

The <u>women</u> missing in Vancouver are mostly prostitutes who disappeared from the poverty-stricken neighbourhood since 1995.

Police say the <u>women</u> could be alive and living somewhere else. They are checking welfare rolls and medical records across the country to try and find them.

Hundreds of small airports would have to close if Transport Canada's proposal to increase the level of emergency response services is adopted, say airport officials, operators and airline owners.

The expense of having some kind of on-site emergency service at each facility would be a financial "catastrophe" for small facilities, said Don McDougald, chairman of the Kenora Airport Authority.

The proposal -- made in late April -- would, from a regulatory perspective, turn back the clock to 1994, when many small airports were run by the federal government and had on-site emergency teams.

Roger Sellick, chairman of the Canadian Airport Council, which represents the interests of 15 major medium-sized airports across the country, said the proposed regulations will be on the agenda at the council's meeting in Calgary on July 15.

Reform leader Preston Manning has accepted an invitation to send United Alternative and Reform supporters to a Tory convention this fall.

Manning said he detected a change in the tone and content of Tory leader Joe Clark's comments on UA since the completion last week of a Reform party referendum on the concept.

Anie Perrault, a spokeswoman for Clark, said the Tory leader's opposition to UA remains unchanged.

"We believe the only vehicle that will bring us to a victory against the Liberal Party of Canada is the PC Party of Canada."

The World

North Korea agreed to meet with US-led UN Command representatives to discuss a standoff with South Korea over a disputed area of the Yellow Sea. The move was seen as a positive step in diffusing tensions of a military confrontation over a rich crab-fishing area between the two Koreas. In the latest standoff, seven North Korean warships sailed into what both countries claim as territorial waters. North Korea has continuously challenged the sea border since the late 1970s, sending fishing boats and naval ships into the zone between 20 and 30 times a year. The two countries are officially still at war, as they have never signed a peace agreement following the 1950-53 war.

Despite mounting casualties on both sides, Indian forces were fighting bunker-to-bunker for strategic high ground in Kashmir. India put the number of its troops killed in the month-long combat at 103, with 242 others wounded. Islamic guerrillas, whom India claims have Pakistan's support, were said to have lost 267. Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee described a phone call from his Pakistani counterpart, Nawaz Sharif, as offering no new ideas for ending the conflict.

Coca-Cola Co. was "searching frantically" for the cause of an illness that affected more than 100 Belgian children after drinking its products. Some or all of the company's soft drinks were banned until further notice in Belgium, France, and Luxembourg. The matter took on extra urgency as a result of the region's tainted-meat scare.

A state of emergency was declared on the South Pacific island of Guadalcanal, where at least three people died in ethnic violence. The trouble erupted over militants' demands that squatters from elsewhere in the Solomons chain be forced back to their own islands. As many as 5,000 squatters have sought shelter in the capital, Honiara.

Kathy Ann Soliah aka Sara Jane Olson, 52, living a fugitive's life for 25 yers after escaping the infamous Symbionese Liberation Army-Patricia Hearst shootout, was arrested Wednesday in St. Paul, Minn.

Soliah was one of the last two remaining SLA members who had escaped capture in the 1970s. Her former boyfriend, James Kilgore, remains at large.

Soliah had been indicted in 1976 by a California grand jury on felony charges, including conspiracy to commit murder of police officers by allegedly planting pipe bombs under patrol cars in Los Angeles.

An informant who'd been on the run from the <u>Irish Republican Army</u> since 1991 was gravely wounded in a shooting in northern England. Martin McGartland assumed a false identity and had lived at various addresses since the IRA discovered he'd infiltrated its ranks in the 1980s at the request of British authorities. Police said "local criminal elements" likely were responsible for the attack.

But in an interview in January, after the murder of another IRA defector, McGartland said the organization "never forgets and I know they haven't forgotten about me."

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Women in love prefer to be faithful, says poll

London

One in seven <u>women</u> in the world considers herself to be in love, while nine out of 10 believe in staying faithful and two-thirds consider love a prerequisite to a sexual relationship.

A survey of 52,000 readers of Elle magazine in 35 countries asked <u>women</u> their views on everything from God to shopping, with results that reinforce some stereotypes -- the French are romantic, Americans love spending and the British are aloof and independent.

While 71 per cent of <u>women</u> overall "love to spend money," especially in China and Britain, spending time with family and relaxation rates higher than shopping as a pastime, while sport is the passion of <u>women</u> in Scandinavia and Germany.

Opinion varied widely on questions of love and sex: Only a third of British readers thought love was a prerequisite for sex versus six out of 10 Turks.

Norwegians attach the greatest importance to sexual satisfaction and <u>women</u> from Hong Kong were the most willing to experience sex with both genders.

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Moderate quake shakes southeastern Turkey

Ankara, Turkey

A moderate earthquake struck southeastern Turkey Thursday, but there were no reports of injuries or damage.

The Istanbul-based Kandilli Observatory said the quake had a preliminary magnitude of 4.9 and struck at 8:24 p.m. The temblor was centred about 900 km southeast of Ankara.

Two massive quakes killed about 18,000 people in Turkey in 1999.

Italy reports two more mad cow disease cases

Rome

Two more Italian cows have tested positive for mad cow disease, bringing the country's total to 113, the Health Ministry says.

The cows came from two breeding farms in northern Italy.

Italy found its first case in cattle in 2001, after the European Union ordered mandatory tests on cattle older than 30 months destined for slaughter. Fifty positive cases were reported in 2001, 36 in 2002 and 27 so far this year.

Last year, Italy reported its first case of the human form of the brain-wasting illness in a young woman in Sicily. Experts believe the human form of the illness is transmitted by eating meat from infected animals.

Saudi-funded school in Germany linked to terror

Bonn

Explosives and a testament like those written by suicide bombers have been found at the home of a man linked to a Saudi-funded Bonn school, German secret service sources said Thursday, intensifying pressure for the institution to be closed.

The King Fahd Academy was set up eight years ago with \$22 million Cdn from the Saudi royal family and was hailed as a "cultural bridge between Germany and the Arab world."

But a spokesman for the City of Bonn said: "According to information from intelligence sources people have been observed at the school over the past few months who have contact with terrorists or are themselves suspected of involvement in terrorist attacks. By that I mean teachers and the parents of pupils."

One parent, identified only as Sayed M, 39, an Egyptian, went on trial last month charged with plotting bomb attacks on Jewish sites in Germany.

WHO: Polio spreading rapidly from Nigeria

Geneva

A polio outbreak spreading from Nigeria to neighbouring countries is putting 15 million children at risk and undermining efforts to eradicate the disease worldwide, the United Nations health agency says.

Nearly a dozen children have being paralysed in Burkina Faso, Ghana, Niger and Togo, from poliovirus traced to northern Nigeria, said WHO.

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative Wednesday started a \$10-million US immunization campaign in the four neighbouring countries plus Benin, aiming to reach every child with polio vaccine in just three days. Further programs are planned in Chad and Cameroon.

Hardliners accuse Blair of lying about IRA move

Belfast

Prime Minister Tony Blair is "lying through his teeth" about having detailed knowledge of the <u>Irish Republican</u> <u>Army</u>'s latest weapons handover, Protestant leaders charged Thursday after meeting the disarmament chief for Northern Ireland.

John de Chastelain, a retired Canadian general assigned to disarm the IRA and other outlawed groups, agreed to meet three Protestant parties, all of them opponents of the 1998 peace accord here, two days after he scrapped an unknown volume of IRA weaponry in a secret location.

Tuesday's IRA move had been timed to promote Protestant support for reviving a Catholic-Protestant administration for this British territory following a Nov. 26 legislative election, but the gesture failed.

Hong Kong SARS victims may have bone disease

Hong Kong

About 100 former SARS patients in Hong Kong may have bone problems due to the high doses of steroids used to treat them, health officials say.

The bone abnormalities were found by screening former SARS patients using magnetic resonance imaging, the Hospital Authority said. It did not specify the abnormalities. Doctors in Beijing have spotted similar symptoms in their former SARS patients.

Severe acute respiratory syndrome killed 299 people in Hong Kong and sickened 1,755 from March to May. Patients were given an antiviral drug and steroids, a treatment some experts warned could have serious side effects.

Court would grant bail to fugitive Indian pop star

New Delhi

A court said Thursday it would grant bail for fugitive pop singer Daler Mehndi if he appears to face questioning for allegedly helping people illegally migrate to the United States or Canada, a news report said.

Police accuse Mehndi, his brother Shamsher, their wives and three others of taking 1.3 million rupees (about \$37,500 Cdn) from a young man, Bakshish Singh and promising to get him to North America as a backup singer in a concert tour.

New Russian base raises stakes in central Asia

Moscow

Russia stepped back into central Asia Thursday and found the U.S. army its new neighbour.

Fighter jets screamed overhead as President Vladimir Putin opened the Kant air base in Kyrgyzstan and hailed the Russian military's return to a corner of its old empire as a boost to regional security and stability.

But only 30 km away is Manas air base, where America and its allies have fighter jets, cargo aircraft and 1,100 serviceman.

In a turbulent area rattled by Islamic extremism and resting on vast oil reserves, analysts wondered how the old Cold War foes and new anti-terrorist allies would get along.

About 10 ground attack warplanes and four helicopters will be stationed at Kant, 250 km from the Chinese border.

Kashmiri rebels accept Indian offer to negotiate

Srinagar, India

Kashmiri separatists on Thursday accepted a landmark talks offer from the Indian government, but said they would discuss a solution to the Kashmir dispute with Pakistan as well.

The All Parties Hurriyat Conference, a legal grouping of religious and political parties that wants Kashmir to be separate from India, responded positively to India's announcement Wednesday that Deputy Prime Minister Lal Krishna Advani would hold talks with them about the province's future.

Hurriyat "has decided that within 10 days we will come up with a program on the basis of which discussions will be held with India and Pakistan," former Hurriyat chairman Abdul Ghani Bhat told reporters.

Southeast Asian suspect to be handed over by U.S.

Jakarta, Indonesia

U.S. President George W. Bush promised to return Southeast Asia's top terror suspect Hambali to Indonesia once American investigators have finished questioning him, an Indonesian government spokesman said Thursday.

"Absolutely, Bush promised to hand over Hambali to Indonesia for trial," foreign ministry spokesman Marty Natalegawa told The Associated Press. "The only condition is that the process of interrogation (by U.S. agents) has to be completed. Bush said that still needed more time."

A White House spokesman confirmed that Bush agreed to try to make sure Hambali -- an Indonesian citizen -- was handed over to Indonesia.

Protesters greet Bush on arrival in Australia

Sydney

President George W. Bush cemented Australia's role as America's prime Pacific ally in the war on terrorism in an address to the Canberra parliament Thursday amid rowdy protests against his visit inside and outside the chamber.

Bush's 20-minute speech, in which he thanked Australia for its support, divided opinion in the country almost as much as Canberra's decision to risk Australian lives in Iraq and Afghanistan. MPs were threatened with ejection and police broke up a demonstration outside.

Two Green senators interrupted his speech to protest at the occupation of Iraq and at a free-trade agreement being negotiated between Canberra and Washington. The pair -- Bob Brown and Kerry Nettle -- were asked to leave the chamber but refused.

Man left brain-dead, but wife plans to have child

Englewood, Colo.

A 24-year-old man was left brain-dead from injuries he received in a motorcycle crash, but his wife will still have a chance to have their first child.

Josh Garvin was to have his sperm removed after his death to be stored and his wife, Mandy, hopes it can be used to impregnate her.

"When the doctor said my husband was not going to make it, I felt like I couldn't go on without him," said Mandy Garvin, 22, who was married to Josh Garvin for about a year.

"He wanted to be a daddy. He wanted to have a little boy so he could spoil that boy so much."

'Stubborn' dad survives despite mountain lion

Beaver, Utah

Rudy Lopez Sr. was lost and disoriented Saturday, the opening night of the state's rifle deer hunt -- and hours late for a rendezvous with the son and grandson with whom he was hunting.

As the California man -- 74 and arthritic -- said in a hospital room after his rescue from four days alone in the mountains, at that point he decided he had to bed down in heavy deadfall on a steep ridge for the cool evening.

On Sunday, Lopez said, he hiked down a canyon looking for water. Instead, he found a mountain lion above him in a tree.

"After 10 hours I finally just had to shoot the mountain lion because it wouldn't leave me alone," Lopez said. "I emptied my gun into his chest."

The ordeal didn't end there: Planes couldn't spot him in the rugged terrain and it was two more days before rescue crews found him.

"My father's as strong as a bull and stubborn as an ox," Rudy Jr. said.

Construction worker turns hero saving woman

Pittsburgh

Standing at his post Tuesday underneath the Fort Pitt Bridge, construction worker Tim Siebert glanced toward the Monongahela River.

At first, Siebert, 48, didn't pay much attention to the elderly woman walking near the river's edge. Then the woman stepped off the walkway toward the water and disappeared.

Then Siebert saw her, floating facedown, drifting away from shore.

He broke into a run and dove into the chilly water. The woman was now about six metres from shore. Siebert swam toward her and grabbed the first thing he could -- the woman's feet -- and headed back to shore.

When paramedics arrived, the woman's skin and lips were blue, but she was alive. Paramedics believe a medical condition caused her to simply walk into the water without realizing what she was doing.

Three killed in fire at Detroit group home

Detroit

Fire broke out at a group home for mentally and physically disabled adults early Thursday, killing at least three people and injuring 10 others, fire officials said.

The fire appeared to have started shortly before 4 a.m. EST on the first floor of a three-story home used as an adult care facility, fire officials said.

Two people on the third floor died and a third person was pronounced dead after being taken to a local hospital, fire officials said.

Thirteen people, including a resident manager, were believed to be in the home at the time of the fire. Fire investigators were trying to determine the cause of the blaze.

Graphic

Royal call to arms: A letter from Mary Queen of Scots -- a call to arms signed six days after the death of King Edward VI in response to plans to put Lady Jane Grey on the throne -- is pictured in the foreground as Jane Flower, a manuscript consultant at Christie's auctioneers, inspects other historical letters. The letter is estimated to fetch \$23,400 to \$31,200 US when it is auctioned as part of the Harry and Brigitte Spiro collection of English Historical Documents sale on Dec. 3. Associated Press photo: Richard Lewis

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ISRAELIS END SHOW OF FORCE BUT KILL FATAH ACTIVIST

GAZA -- Apparently under intense pressure from the United States and the European Union, Israeli troops and armor overnight pulled away from Palestinian-controlled areas in the West Bank after making a powerful show of force.

Tanks had surrounded the towns of Bethlehem, Beit Jalla and Beit Sahour Tuesday night. They did not enter the Palestinian-controlled areas, however.

Israeli sources said the tanks were sent in after Palestinian gunmen fired at the nearby Jewish settlement of Gilo.

The encircling came after Israeli tanks entered the West Bank town of Jenin Monday evening. The tanks flattened a Palestinian police post before withdrawing three hours later. The incursion, the deepest in 10 months, was criticized by the international community; the United States described the move as provocative.

A few hours after the withdrawal from around Bethlehem and the other towns, Israelis killed a Palestinian activist Wednesday in the West Bank town of Hebron. Imad Abu Sneineh, 25, was a senior member of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah group, Israeli Radio reported.

An Israeli army undercover unit ambushed Sneineh outside his home in the Israeli-controlled part of Hebron and shot him from a close range, the report said. An army spokesman said Sneineh was targeted because he was responsible for several attacks on army positions and Jewish settlers in the area.

Israel's Ha'aretz newspaper described the killing as part of the government's policy of targeting Palestinian militants involved in attacks on Israel.

Palestinians say Israeli troops have killed more than 50 activists since the start of the intifada last September, but Israel has acknowledged only some of those hits. Despite harsh international criticism, Israel sees the targeted killings as self-defense.

In another move, Israeli police said they arrested several members of Islamic Jihad who were planning a suicide bombing in the coastal city of Haifa.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat was in Cairo, Egypt, Wednesday to consult with other Arab leaders on the latest crisis. In New York, the Security Council Wednesday was considering a request by the Palestinians for an emergency meeting on the situation.

0- ALBANIAN INSURGENTS EXPECTED TO HAND OVER WEAPONS

MACEDONIA -- NATO officials say they believe that despite various breaches of the cease-fire in Macedonia, and the mistrust that still divides ethnic Albanians and Macedonian Slavs, the insurgent National Liberation Army will begin handing over a substantial number of its weapons to NATO troops.

NATO Wednesday approved deployment of a small, lightly armed advance force that will move in to Macedonia over the weekend, as part of a larger force that will eventually oversee the disarmament.

The decision followed the Macedonian government's approval of the 3,500-member force. The advance force will be drawn from a British air assault brigade. The arriving soldiers will focus on establishing a headquarters and assessing the situation on the ground.

The 30-day mission, dubbed Operation Essential Harvest, will include troops from the United States already in the area and 11 European nations. British SAS special force troops are already in the region, checking on NLA bases and providing other intelligence to NATO.

According to a report just released by British intelligence officials, the NLA would lose much more than it has gained by breaking the cease-fire and resuming hostilities.

The rebels have secured a power base locally and regionally and now are getting international recognition. "These are people who firmly believe they can get off their bike, get into a limousine at Washington airport and go straight to the White House," the analyst said.

The report said the fledgling NLA has seen how extremely successful their colleagues in the UCK (Kosovo Liberation Army) have been in Kosovo "and now it has been time for the second sons to show their fathers what they can do."

The NLA, which consists of some 3,000 members and is organized in both local and regional forces, is extremely rich, according to the report. The money, along with ideas and tactics, comes from ethnic Albanians who now live in Switzerland, Germany, the United States, Scandinavia, the Benelux countries, Ukraine, Turkey, Italy and Spain.

The NLA wants to be seen as a regular armed force, not a terrorist organization, and has companies, battalions and brigades, led by a military hierarchy that takes its names from dead commanders. But will it surrender its weapons?

"There are plenty of weapons in the Balkans. They can keep on fighting if they want," the analyst said. "This is not a military issue. It's an issue of political will. They are gaining status in the Western world and that is very important for them. If they can prove they can be trusted, then they can only gain."

0- IN OTHER NEWS JAPANESE SEE THEMSELVES AS WAR VICTIMS, NOT AGGRESORS

UNITED STATES -- Japanese on Wednesday marked the 56th anniversary of their country's surrender in World War II.

Germany, after its defeat by the allied powers in the same year, 1945, underwent a rigorous process of national repentance for the atrocities committed by the Nazi regime.

Japan, on the other hand, has experienced no such self-flagellation for the war of imperial expansion that had been going on for at least a decade when the United States entered the war after the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941.

Rather than thinking about their occupation of East and South East Asia, Japanese are more likely to remember the destruction caused by the U.S. nuclear bombs that leveled Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the firebombing of major

cities and the subsequent resurrection of Japan. In short, defeat and occupation by the United States has shaped Japan's interpretation of World War II far more than its own role as the conqueror of a large part of Asia.

To date, Japan's self-image as a victim rather than an aggressor during World War II undoubtedly has strained relations with its neighboring countries, particularly China and South Korea.

Given its unique status as the sole target of nuclear bombings, Japan aggressively pursues the role as promoter of world peace and actively bills itself as a pacifist nation. This complements its ambitions to advance its world position through international organizations and its unrelenting push to secure a permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council.

Still, the nation is coming under increasing pressure both from overseas -- and more surprisingly, from within -- to acknowledge its colonial past. With thousands of those who understandably bear grudges due to their own sufferings passing away each year, it is becoming easier for the Japanese to arrive at a more balanced view of what actually occurred in WWII -- both in their country and overseas.

From compensating the so-called "comfort <u>women</u>" -- mainly from South Korea -- who were forced into prostitution by Japanese troops, to providing medical care for the Chinese and Koreans who were coerced into fighting for the Imperial Army, the Japanese government regularly faces claims from East Asians who suffered under Japanese occupation. Until recently, the Japanese response to such claims was to repeat that the government had already signed peace treaties with their respective governments, adding that there was no need to compensate individuals when the state had already agreed to a financial settlement.

But with the number of those actually seeking compensation falling steadily, it is easier not only to estimate the cost of reparations, but also to rally Japanese public sympathy for providing the money to those who did indeed suffer. While the victims continue to claim that they are far from being adequately compensated, considerable progress has been made in recent years.

Meanwhile, even though Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's decision Monday and Wednesday's visit by a large group of politicians to pay homage to Yasukuni shrine in central Tokyo -- which commemorates Japan's war dead including the war criminal Gen. Hideki Tojo -- caused fury across East Asia, it seems that Japanese public opinion was largely indifferent to the visit.

More worrying, though, are the Japanese history textbooks which gloss over the atrocities committed by the military during the war. The books have brought a torrent of criticism from the Chinese and Koreans, but whether those countries' history books are any more balanced about the shameful chapters of their own past is debatable.

0- CHINESE JOURNAL BANNED FOR CRITICISM OF PARTY ADMITTING BUSINESSMEN

CHINA -- Not everyone in China is happy with the Communist Party's enthusiasm for capitalist enterprise. But the party's control of dissident voices remains in vigor. The result is that Beijing has felt obliged to suspend publication of a theoretical journal that criticized President Jiang Zemin -- for allowing private businessmen to join the party.

The prominent leftist magazine, Zhenli de Zhuiqiu (Search for Truth), was reportedly closed following its July issue, which carried the critical article, sources in Beijing said Wednesday.

Jiang announced the plan to admit entrepreneurs into the party during a speech commemorating the 80th anniversary of the Chinese Communist Party on July 1. The decision accompanied Jiang's theory of the "three represents," a vague new party line, which says the party must embrace "advanced productive forces" and "advanced culture," both being part of a new growing Chinese economy.

Communist stalwarts see the acceptance of capitalists among their ranks as going against their traditional view of workers and peasants as making up the vanguard of the party.

The suspension of the monthly magazine is a change of pace for China's active sensors that normally concentrate their efforts on publications representing the opposite end of the political spectrum.

A recent media crackdown has focused on periodicals and Internet forums that criticize the party and its domineering ways or report on corruption scandals.

Anything speculating on next year's change in the party leadership or any kind of political reform appear to be the immediate targets of government censors ahead of the 16th Party Congress planned for next fall.

Also included in the ban are a vague designation of anything "violating the cardinal principles of Marxism" and opinions contradicting state policies.

Articles revealing state or military secrets, subjects seen as threatening social stability and pornography were included in the list of taboo topics. Reporting on China's myriad corruption scandals, high profile criminal cases and even natural disasters are also on the list.

0- ADAMS VISIT TO CUBA REFLECTS IRA LOSS OF WHITE HOUSE RELATIONSHIP

IRELAND -- A visit to Cuba by Gerry Adams next month indicates a cooling of relations between the militant Irish nationalists and the White House, the Daily Telegraph of London reported Wednesday.

Sinn Fein, the political wing of the <u>Irish Republican Army</u>, announced Monday that its president, Adams, would visit Cuba and meet Castro. Adams had been expected to visit the communist Caribbean state in the spring of this year but canceled the trip.

Sinn Fein has long been a supporter of Castro's Cuba. During the Clinton administration, it played down its admiration for the Cuban leader because it did not want to upset its friends in the White House.

According to analysts, Adams' decision to go ahead with the visit despite certain disapproval from President Bush suggests the IRA, the oldest continuing terrorist organization in the world, recognizes it cannot expect the same kind of relations with a Republican in the White House that it had with a Democrat.

Urban concentrations of Irish Americans, a traditional and important constituency of the Democratic Party, include many IRA sympathizers.

In September 1981, Castro caused a walkout by the British and American delegations to the 63rd conference of the Inter-parliamentary Union in Havana when he supported IRA hunger strikers in his speech.

The IRA also has links with other left-wing movements in South America. On Monday, an army spokesman in Bogota said three IRA members had been arrested for training leftist guerrillas in Colombia.

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New US-CLONING. From hard science to harder ethics, cloning experts gather.

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MACEDONIA: Officials demand that rebels disarm, potentially delaying peace deal

OHRID, Macedonia A new demand by the Macedonian government for ethnic Albanian rebels to disarm completely prior to final approval of a deal has temporarily stalled peace negotiations, but President Boris Trajkovski says the talks will resume Tuesday. MACEDONIA. Has moved. By Misha Savic. AP Photos XSI101-102; XBG101-102.

AMADO-OBIT: Brazil's best selling author dies at 88

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil The best-selling author in Brazil's history, Jorge Amado, who enchanted readers worldwide with his good-humored and lusty tales, dies Monday, hospital officials said. He was 88. BRAZIL-OBIT-AMADO. Has moved. AP Photo SAO101; NY196.

EUROPE:

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

BELFAST, Northern Ireland Pressure mounts on Northern Ireland's major Protestant party to sustain its government with Catholics after the *Irish Republican Army* offers new promises on disarmament. NORTHERN IRELAND. Has

moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photos XBFT101-107; LON107-108. AP Graphic NORTHERN IRELAND CHRONO.

MIDEAST:

ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS: Palestinians reject demand to arrest seven terrorists

JERUSALEM Palestinians say they have no intention of arresting seven "main terrorists" named on an Israeli list. Both sides issue warnings that hint at more bloodshed, setting back hopes for calm amid a surge in Mideast violence. ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Has moved. By Greg Myre. AP Photos AXLP101-109;JRL105-107.

ALSO:

PALESTINIANS-PASSENGERS FOR HIRE. DIR AL BALAH, Gaza Strip _ Bilal Abu-Atwa, a 10-year-old Palestinian with a serious air that belies his age, has just started a bizarre summer job as a passenger for hire and he has the Israeli army to thank for the work. Has moved. AP Photos NY190-191.

WITH:

US-MIDEAST. WASHINGTON Arafat aide urges Powell to persuade Israel to stop killing, start confidence building. Has moved.

UN-ISRAEL-LEBANON. UNITED NATIONS Israeli team arrives to view items that may shed light on soldiers' abduction. Has moved.

IRAN STRUGGLE: Reformist parliament forced to vote again on hard-line candidates for powerful oversight panel

TEHRAN, Iran Iran's reformist parliament is essentially forced to vote again on a list of hard-line candidates it already had rejected for seats on a powerful oversight panel. Revised rules imposed by Iran's highest political authority will make it nearly impossible to reject the nominees, and although it's a distasteful remedy to reformists filling the seats will pave the way for the swearing in President Mohammad Khatami. IRAN-POWER STRUGGLE. Expected by 0800 GMT. By Afshin Valinejad.

ASIA:

INDONESIA-FEMALE LEADER: Feminists pessimistic despite first female leader

JAKARTA, Indonesia Less than two years after hard-line Islamic politicians said a woman could never govern the world's most populous Muslim nation, Megawati Sukarnoputri is Indonesia's first <u>female</u> head of state. But some feminists question whether she'll do much to improve the lot of many Indonesian <u>women</u>. INDONESIA-<u>FEMALE</u> LEADER. Has moved. By Lely T. Djuhari. AP Photos JAK101-104.

ALSO MOVED:

INDONESIA-SUHARTO'S SON. JAKARTA, Indonesia Police say two suspects have confessed to assassinating a Supreme Court judge last month on the orders of "Tommy" Hutomo Mandala Putera, the fugitive son of former dictator, Suharto.

PHILIPPINES-REBELS: Cease-fire details agreed by Philippine rebels, government negotiators

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia Philippine government negotiators and Muslim separatist rebels agree on details for a cease-fire in the southern Philippines, overcoming problems that had led to a day's delay in inking the deal. MALAYSIA-PHILIPPINES-REBELS. Has moved. By Sean Yoong.

AFGHANISTAN: International aid workers keep low profile following arrests

KABUL, Afghanistan International aid workers in the war-devastated capital are keeping a low profile, quietly doing their jobs while the hard-line Islamic Taliban conduct their investigation into charges that eight jailed foreigners propagated Christianity, a crime punishable by death. AFGHANISTAN-AID WORKERS. Expected by 1100 GMT. By Kathy Gannon.

CHINA: Report: Fifteen detained in southern China mine accident

BEIJING Chinese authorities have detained 15 people suspected of responsibility in the flooding of two tin mines that trapped hundreds of workers, killing at least 78 of them, official media report. CHINA-MINE ACCIDENT. Has moved. By Ted Anthony.

CAMBODIA: Constitutional Council set to approve Khmer Rouge tribunal law

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia Cambodia's Constitutional Council is expected to approve a long-awaited law to set up a tribunal to prosecute former Khmer Rouge leaders for the 1970s genocide. CAMBODIA-KHMER ROUGE. Expected by 0900 GMT.

KIM IN RUSSIA: Amid security, North Korean leader visits St. Petersburg

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia The tight security around the visit of North Korean president Kim Jong II clamps down further as officials worry that the reclusive leader might be insulted by a mechanical peacock. RUSSIA-NKOREA-KIM. Has moved. By Anna Dolgov. AP Photos SPG101-107.

AFRICA:

CONGO-CHILDREN: Aid groups say 41 percent of infants die in warring Congo

KINSHASA, Congo Malaria, measles and malnutrition are killing four out of 10 infants in parts of rebel-held eastern Congo, according to a report by three British aid agencies. CONGO-CHILDREN. Has moved. By Arnaud Zajtman.

AFRICAN BEAUTY: In West Africa beauty pageant, fat is where it's at

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast Around here, thin ain't in. So, skinny contestants at the Queen of Ivory Coast beauty pageant had better start bulking up. WEST AFRICA-THE BIG NIGHT. Has moved. By Ellen Knickmeyer. AP Photos NY192-193.

AMERICAS:

CLONING DEBATE: From hard science to harder ethics, cloning experts gather

WASHINGTON Since the day in 1997 that scientists in Scotland announced the successful cloning of a sheep named Dolly, the fear of or hope for human cloning has been a major focus of discussion and of legislation. On Tuesday, the National Academy of Sciences takes up the issue. US-CLONING. Expected by 0800 GMT. By Randolph Schmid. AP Photo NY195.

US-RUSSIA: Rumsfeld says not too expect too much from U.S.-Russia talks on anti-missile defenses

WASHINGTON Even before talks with Russia begin on a new U.S. proposal for anti-missile defenses, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld says not to expect too much at first. US-RUSSIA. Has moved. By Barry Schweid.

BOLIVIA-PRESIDENT: Former Vice President Jorge Quiroga assumes presidency

SUCRE, Bolivia Former Vice President Jorge Quiroga officially assumes the presidency Tuesday, taking over both the reins and a squirming nation from Bolivia's Hugo Banzer, who resigned the presidency in an emotional ceremony in Sucre, the country's constitutional capital. BOLIVIA-NEW PRESIDENT. Expected by 0900 GMT. Quiroga to officially assume presidency at 2000 GMT. By Vanessa Arrington.

PUERTO RICO: Navy resumes bombing exercises on Viegues

VIEQUES, Puerto Rico The U.S. Navy presses ahead with bombing exercises on the Puerto Rican island of Vieques as groups of protesters continue to break through the range, hoping to thwart the maneuvers. PUERTO RICO-VIEQUES. Has moved. By Manuel Ernesto Rivera.

COLOMBIA: Amid modern sprawl, centuries-old Bogota celebrates improvements as it marks anniversary

BOGOTA, Colombia It is both a gloomy, sprawling city with huge traffic jams and burgeoning slums and a classy metropolis boasting parks, museums and kilometers (miles) of bike paths. As Bogota celebrates the anniversary of its founding Tuesday, the centuries-old city of 7 million straddles the extremes. COLOMBIA-BETTERING BOGOTA. Has moved. By Nick Rosen. AP Photo NY111.

ALSO:

COLOMBIA-FUMIGATIONS. BOGOTA, Colombia Judge allows U.S.-backed fumigation of drug crops to resume.

CLINTON-BOOK DEAL: Former president Clinton will publish memoir with Knopf

NEW YORK Ending months of speculation, former President Bill Clinton says he will write his much sought-after memoirs for publisher Alfred A. Knopf. Terms were not disclosed but a source says Clinton's advance will top the previous record of dlrs 8.5 million for a nonfiction book. US-CLINTON-BOOK DEAL. Has moved. By Hillel Italie. AP Photo NY117.

SCIENCE and MEDICINE:

JOURNALS: Researchers not drug companies to have final say on studies

BOSTON The world's top medical journals plan to set a new policy that gives final say on the conclusions of medical studies to researchers who conduct the work, not the drug companies that pay for them. MED-MEDICAL JOURNALS. Has moved. By Daniel Q. Haney.

SKIN CANCER: Experimental cream might repair sun damage

WASHINGTON Researchers have developed an experimental cream that may repair some sun damage and help ward off skin cancer. Consider it gene therapy in a bottle, a lotion containing an enzyme that repairs sun-damaged DNA. MED-SKIN CANCER. Has moved. By Lauran Neergaard. AP Graphic SKIN PROTECTION.

BUSINESS and **FINANCE**:

FUEL CELLS: Automaker working on fuel cell powered homes and businesses

TRAVERSE CITY, Michigan The same fuel cell technology the automakers are developing in hopes of producing pollution-free vehicles may also be the answer to preventing power blackouts, a General Motors Corp. executive says. US-GM-FUEL CELLS. Has moved; hold for release until 1115 GMT. Will be led with details from 1100 GMT news conference. By Ed Garsten.

PLATINUM: Platinum producer Angloplats reports profits nearly double

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa South Africa's Anglo American Platinum Corp., the world's biggest platinum producer, reports that its earnings for the first half of the year nearly doubled from a year ago, boosted by productivity improvements. SOUTH AFRICA-PLATINUM. Has moved.

BRUNEI: Assets from prince's bankrupt corporation put up for auction

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, Brunei In an embarrassing turn of fortune for oil-rich Brunei, the profligate spending of a playboy prince's bankrupt development company has led to the debtor's auction block and everything from gold-

plated toilet paper holders to fire engines is up for grabs. BRUNEI-PRINCE'S AUCTION. Has moved. By Ignatius Stephen.

HONG KONG: Criticism greets sales tax proposal

HONG KONG A proposal to shore up Hong Kong's finances by imposing a sales tax draws criticism from consumers and businesses that say a new levy would sap consumer spending, draining an already weakened economy. HONG KONG-SALES TAX. Expected by 0700 GMT.

LOOKING AHEAD: Bolivian President-elect Jorge Quiroga to be sworn in on Tuesday.

FEATURES MOVED: Business, Finance and Technology

LOS ANGELES Thought up in Los Angeles and drawn in Korea, the cartoon hit 'The Simpsons' goes global. FEA-WORLDWIDE SIMPSONS. Has moved. By Lynn Elber. AP Photo NY191.

SAN JOSE, California At the dawn of the PC age, users flipped switches instead of punching keyboards. Blinking lights, rather than monitors, returned results. All that changed 20 years ago, when IBM introduced its Personal Computer. FEA-US-PC ANNIVERSARY I. Has moved. By Technology Writer Matthew Fordahl. AP Photo NY850 . AP Graphic PC TIMELINE.

WITH:>

FEA-US-PC ANNIVERSARY-MACS. LOS ANGELES Apple sparked the desktop revolution. Has moved. AP Photos FX104,106. AP Graphic MAC HISTORY.

NEW YORK Gains in technology have primarily come in computing power and networking, not in appearance. Over the next 20 years, that will change. FEA-US-PC ANNIVERSARY II. Has moved. By Jim Krane. AP Photos NY848-49.

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Body

Evolution, thermodynamics, misunderstanding

Henry Aranda's letter about the implausibility of evolution is based on a basic, but understandable, misunderstanding of physics. The second law of thermodynamics does dictate that energy in a system will become increasingly disorganized over time (called entropy by the eggheads), but that doesn't mean you can't ever organize energy -- just that, overall, you're going to have more chaos than organization -- like trying to repave Santa Fe's streets.

As the sun slowly breaks down, it throws off vast amounts of energy in the form of sunlight, causing entropy. The critters on Earth collect just a tiny amount and use it to grow, reproduce and get great tans. So, while locally -- here on Earth -- things may have gotten more organized (generally speaking that is, certainly not on my desk) -- most of the energy from the sun gets spread through the solar system, becoming less organized, just as the second law says it should.

The amount of organization resulting from evolution here on Earth is, in the grand scheme of thermodynamics, wholly outweighed by the disorganization in the rest of the solar system.

The evidence for evolution is not 100 percent conclusive, but it certainly stands up to the test of thermodynamics. And, if the theory of evolution is wrong, I'll be a monkey's uncle -- rather than a monkey's nephew.

David Jondreau

Santa Fe

via e-mail

Entropy, evolution

There appeared recently a letter to the editor arguing that evolution theory violates the second law of thermodynamics, which encompasses the idea of entropy. I have no intention of becoming embroiled in a discussion of evolution -- a discussion that is very likely to be stimulated by that letter. But there ought to be a clarification of what the law has to say.

Entropy, which can be roughly described as a measure of disorder, suffers a net increase in any real physical process. But, in computing that increase in disorder, one must take into account the total system involved. The entropy requirements are no more violated by evolution theory than by the existence, say, of any living thing.

An ant -- or an ant colony -- represents a decrease in disorder as it comes into being. But in the process, when account is taken of the entire environment with which those creatures have interacted, the total disorder has increased -- in accordance with the second law of thermodynamics -- which is as well-founded as any concept in physics.

Incidentally, one can capture the entropy idea as follows: You can't win. And you can't even break even. (But I don't want to invite a misapplication of this little aphorism!)

J.R. Leibowitz. Ph.D.

Santa Fe

via e-mail

Lost energy

Occasionally your paper allows assertion of a common fallacy that begs correction because of its regressive political implications. Such is the case with "Evolution impossible" (Letters, July 27) in which Henry Aranda argues that the second law of thermodynamics -- that entropy acts against organization -- pre-empts the possibility of evolution, which, after all, normally requires an increase in an organism's order.

However, the simple solution is that such an organism achieves its increased order at a huge entropic cost to its environment, simply through the entropic processes of eating and breathing. Overall, energy and order is lost, not gained.

Jonathan Trabulus

Santa Fe

via e-mail

Boyd's true legacy

I must comment on several points made by Antonio Lopez in his review of the new commercial version of the Portfolio of Spanish Colonial Design in New Mexico (July 22).

E Boyd (she never placed a period after her given name's initial) was not "enlisted" to do anything. She, like many thousands of others, was out of work and applied for federal relief. Because of her training as an artist, she was assigned to the Index of American Design and was paid relief wages on a temporary basis.

E was never, in Lopez's pejorative sense, a "philanthropist." In fact, although she truly did care deeply about all common people, she remained a woman of modest means all her life. And, given her international reputation, she can hardly be described as "well-meaning."

Further, since the fact that most of those whom E arm-twisted on behalf of historic and artistic preservation were <u>women</u>, they cannot be called "paternalistic." Even further, no Hispanic artist was discouraged by any WPA official from making modern art.

Is Lopez ignorant of the carvings of Patrocino Barela or the paintings of Pedro Cervantes?

As for "formulizing" Spanish colonial design, a single, small-edition portfolio of 50 published plates can hardly bear the silly weight of that accusation. To the contrary, it was E who, along with such art historians as Pal Kelemen, worked courageously for decades to rescue the arts of Hispanic America from oblivion and neglect, and to encourage young artists to study and produce works in the tradition -- but definitely not to make simple copies.

Those WPA pieces in the Sin Nombre exhibit tend toward a distinct style of their own, and were a stage on the way of what has been and will continue to be an ongoing development of expression and style.

I recall being told by E back in 1969 to show up at dawn on the Plaza to help unload three or four tables and several chairs for that summer's Spanish Market. A few artists gathered under the portal of the First National Bank of Santa Fe to display their work during Indian Market. What they showed that weekend little resembles what we saw at the 50th Market.

Partially as the result of E's urging, today's artists have gone way beyond the look and interpretation of religious and secular works of art. Indeed, different schools of contemporary santeros are easily recognizable. Every year brings forth some new and unprecedented piece. The work of Luis Tapia, Nicolas Herrera and Marie Romero Cash transcends everything from the past, and yet remains within the tradition. Several artists are also serious scholars.

Samuel Larcombe

Santa Fe

'The Troubles'

Given his experience as a foreign-service officer, William Stewart's superficial analysis of the situation in Northern Ireland was surprising.

He writes that the majority in Northern Ireland "remains overwhelmingly Protestant." Recent figures put the majority of Protestants at 53 percent, hardly overwhelming. Moreover, when one looks at Ireland as the entire nation that it should be, the Protestants are an underwhelming minority.

Stewart goes on to say that a "clear majority" of terrorist acts have been committed by the <u>Irish Republican Army</u>. Again, seen against the backdrop of British policies, for all of Ireland, that have ranged from the savagely cruel to the savagely indifferent, the IRA's acts pale in comparison.

Most importantly, Stewart never gets to the heart of the "Troubles" in Ulster: civil rights. For decades the Catholics in Ulster have been denied housing, jobs and education. They have been harassed by the police and by Protestant terrorist groups. They have suffered the indignity of marching season after marching season. Religion is only a surface issue, exacerbated by hatemongers like Ian Paisley.

Paul Lynch

Santa Fe

via e-mail

Uranium mining

As a physician working with Navajo patients from an area that has been severely affected by the uranium industry, I applaud your recent editorial, "Where uranium's involved, Congress needs caution." You astutely noted that both New Mexicans and U.S. taxpayers would suffer from a recent proposal, by Rep. Heather Wilson that would subsidize uranium companies.

However, I also would like to point out that in situ leach (ISL) mining is not a new technology. Companies have been using ISL techniques for 30 years, and not a single ISL mining company has been able to restore an aquifer to its premining state. All government approvals of ISL ground-water restoration programs have been based on the relaxation of standards rather than "real" restoration of aquifers.

In the case of the proposed ISL mines in Crownpoint and Church, the mining process would be conducted in a regional high-quality aquifer that is the sole source of drinking water for some 15,000 Navajos. New "research" in the decades-old method of ISL mining is merely a Trojan horse for the industry so that it may have the funds available to mine in communities like Crownpoint and Church Rock.

Uranium, when ingested, is extremely toxic to the kidneys. Any increase of uranium in a water supply poses a threat to the community that uses that water. Decades of biomedical research have shown that exposure to uranium is dangerous at even minimal levels, and no amount of investigation by uranium companies will prove otherwise.

Rep. Wilson's proposal to provide \$ 10 million taxpayer-subsidized grants to financially desperate uranium companies is a thinly veiled attempt to provide corporate welfare to an environmentally destructive industry. I urge Rep. Wilson to look more closely at the New Mexican communities that will be harmed by her plan.

John Fogarty, M.D.

Santa Fe

via e-mail

Low density desirable

Santa Feans should be congratulating, not flagellating, themselves on their low score on the "density rating." Density may be quaint in the protected historic district or some planned community with carefully preserved open space, but in the rest of this town it is just cheek-to-jowl overcrowding.

"Density/in-fill" is simply another word for more money in developers' pockets. Frankly, the "in-fillers" appear to be well-meaning but naive. Last time I visited a city of prize-winning density, such as Denver, it had density, sprawl and density on top of sprawl. So let's say that the city permits dense developments on every spare inch of ground -- what controls are in place to prevent sprawl? As I have often heard city planners say, the city can't control growth in the county.

People move to Santa Fe because of its rural feel. If growth is good, density/in-fill will just kill the goose that lays the golden egg. I hope that the good people of Santa Fe and the city council are not fooled by this wolf in sheep's clothing.

Deborah A. Moll

Santa Fe

via e-mail

Opting for privacy

The personal privacy of thousands of New Mexicans is at stake and most of us don't even know it. Pending before the state superintendent of insurance is an effort by the insurance institutions of the state to make it harder on us to protect our privacy.

If readers are like me, they probably have thrown in the trash several letters, many of them difficult to understand, from finance companies and insurers asking us to sign a form to "opt out" if we don't want our medical and financial information sold to direct marketers or shared with other insurance companies.

At a hearing before the state superintendent of insurance, Eric Serna, in Albuquerque on July 24, insurance-industry representatives offered unsubstantiated assertions that insurance rates will go up if the process gets too burdensome. Baloney. How can a mailing to those of us with health insurance require rates to go up?

The philosophy that "silence equals acceptance" does not work. Within the definition of "protecting the privacy of insurance consumers" it is essential to honor an "opt-in" rather than an "opt-out" process.

Before it is too late, let Eric Serna know that you want your privacy maintained. Call Serna at 827-4299, write him at Division of Insurance, State of New Mexico, PO Drawer 1269, Santa Fe, NM 87504-1269 or e-mail him at eric.serna@state.nm.us.

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Update ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Israeli motorist killed on West Bank. AP News Digest,2258

Update MACEDONIA. Prime minister says government will meet key ethnic Albanian demands.

Spotlight LEBANON-HEZBOLLAH'S ROCKETS. A year after Israeli pullout, Hezbollah's rockets still ready for action.

View from the country BRITAIN-FURIOUS FARMERS. Rural people say Labor government is ignorant of countryside.

INDONESIA-POLITICS: Military warns Wahid not to issue emergency decree

JAKARTA, Indonesia The military cautions Indonesian President Abdurrahman Wahid on Thursday against declaring a state of emergency to block his possible ouster as Aug. 1 is set as the date for his impeachment hearing. INDONESIA-POLITICS. Has moved. By Slobodan Lekic. AP Photos XJAK103-106; JAK101-107.

ALSO:

INDONESIA-DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. JAKARTA, Indonesia Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez implores developing countries to talk less and do more to help themselves get more out of globalization.

MIDDLE EAST: Israeli, Palestinian security chiefs hold second meeting but violence continues

JERUSALEM Israeli and Palestinian security chiefs hold their second meeting under U.S. auspices, but the death of a leading Palestinian moderate and the killing of an Israeli motorist in the West Bank on Thursday overshadow sputtering truce efforts. ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Has moved. By Mark Lavie.

ALSO:

KUWAIT-OBIT-HUSSEINI. KUWAIT Faisal Husseini, the top Palestine Liberation Organization official in Jerusalem, dies of a heart attack in Kuwait. Has moved. AP Photos NY111, FRA102,JRL102.

PALESTINIAN-HUSSEINI-SCENE. JERUSALEM Hundreds of Palestinians gather outside PLO headquarters in east Jerusalem to mourn the death of Faisal Husseini. Has moved.

US-ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. WASHINGTON Israeli president urges the United States and other nations to suspend relations with the Palestinian Authority. Has moved; lead expected after Israeli President Moshe Katsav meets President Bush about 1400 GMT. AP Photo WX117.

EU-ARAFAT. BRUSSELS, Belgium Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat meets European leaders amid intense diplomatic efforts to secure an end to the Middle East violence. Has moved. AP Photos BRU101-102.

LEBANON: A year after Israeli pullout, Hezbollah's rockets still ready for action

KFAR CHOUBA, Lebanon A Hezbollah guerrilla fingers the red buttons of a Katyusha rocket launcher in south Lebanon's rugged hills and gazes toward Israeli army positions in the distance, boasting about his role in maintaining the "balance of terror." LEBANON-HEZBOLLAH'S ROCKETS. Has moved. AP Photos NY114-116.

EUROPE:

MACEDONIA: Prime minister says Macedonia to change constitution

SKOPJE, Macedonia In a major policy shift, Macedonia's prime minister says in comments broadcast Thursday that his government will meet key ethnic Albanian demands in order to end an insurgency that has threatened to push the country into an all-out war. MACEDONIA. Has moved. By Jovana Gec.

ALSO:

YUGOSLAVIA-BUFFER ZONE. The Yugoslav army and police Thursday start moving into the most volatile slice of a buffer zone just outside of Kosovo that had been held by ethnic Albanian rebels. Has moved.

CORRUPTION: Corruption fighters: U.N. treaty not the best way to fight bribery and kickbacks

THE HAGUE, Netherlands Delegates from 190 countries, meeting here Thursday, want to draft a U.N. treaty that would define corruption and ban it from governments, private businesses and anywhere else graft might divert public money to private pockets. NETHERLANDS-CORRUPTION. Has moved. By Marcel Van de Hoef.

RUSSIA: Father of jailed U.S. student voices hope for his release

MOSCOW The father of John Tobin, the U.S. Fulbright scholar jailed in Russia on a marijuana possession conviction, says that four months in prison had taken its toll on his son, but he insists on his innocence. RUSSIA-US-JAILED STUDENT. Has moved. By Vladimir Isachenkov. AP Photo MOSB101.

NORTHERN IRELAND: IRA, disarmament commission confirm four meetings since March

DUBLIN, Ireland The <u>Irish Republican Army</u> and a disarmament commission confirm that they have met four times since March, but both sides decline to say whether their talks are making progress. NORTHERN IRELAND-IRA WEAPONS. Has moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik.

BRITAIN: Rural people say Labor government is ignorant of countryside

WORMINGFORD, England Residents of this tiny hamlet northeast of London embody many rural views critical of Prime Minister Tony Blair's Labor Party, which stands accused of being too focused on the urban electorate and neglecting pressing rural problems. BRITAIN-FURIOUS FARMERS. Has moved. By Sue Leeman. AP Photos NY112-113.

BRITAIN-RACE. Britain's vibrant south Asian community wields influence, battles alienation

LONDON Near the glass-and-stone edifices of London's financial district is Brick Lane, the gritty but rapidly gentrifying spiritual home of many Britons with roots in the Indian subcontinent. It stands as a symbol of an increasingly affluent and influential minority but one still marginalized by poverty and alienation in some parts of the country, as riots that tore Oldham this week showed. BRITAIN-MAINSTREAM MINORITY. Has moved. By Jill Lawless. AP Photos LDT101-103.

MIDDLE EAST:

UN-IRAQ: Agreement said to be reached on extending Iraq's oil-for-food program

WASHINGTON Seeking to end an impasse, the United States, Britain, France and Russia have reached a tentative agreement to put off for up to six months a United Nations decision on restructuring sanctions against Iraq, a senior Bush admistration official says. UN-IRAQ. Has moved. By Tom Raum.

IRAN: Iran says it tested first surface-to-surface missile

TEHRAN, Iran Iran successfully tests its first surface-to-surface missile, state-run Tehran radio reports Thursday. IRAN-MISSILE. Has moved.

ALSO:

US-BAHRAIN. WASHINGTON U.S. forces in Bahrain, home of the Navy's 5th Fleet in the Gulf, are on a heightened state of alert in response to a security threat, a U.S. defense official said. Has moved.

AFRICA:

CHILDREN CONFERENCE: Cairo conference urges African nations to act protect children

CAIRO, Egypt African children are abused and killed in wars, orphaned by AIDS and often have no access to education. Now it's time this changed, participants in a conference on African children say. AFRICA-CHILDREN CONFERENCE. Has moved. By Miriam Fam.

DINOSAUR FIND: Researchers find fossils of giant dinosaur in African desert

WASHINGTON A long-necked animal that weighed more than 60 tons lived on a lush coastal plain in what is now the Sahara Desert some 90 million years ago and may have been the second largest dinosaur ever to walk the Earth, researchers say. US-GIANT DINOSAUR. Has moved. Embargoed for release at 1800 GMT. By Paul Recer. AP Graphic DINO DISCOVERY.

ASIA:

PHILIPPINES: Hostages reportedly seen in grenade-lined boat

MANILA, Philippines The military blockades a 100-kilometer-wide (60-mile-wide) corridor of water Thursday after a booby-trapped boat of hostages was reportedly sighted. A general says that once their Muslim separatist captors are found, "the shooting will start." PHILIPPINES-KIDNAPPINGS. Has moved. By Adam Brown. AP Photos BAS101-105; MLA101-102.

ALSO:

PHILIPPINES-KIDNAPPING-BASILAN. ISABELA, Philippines _ Residents of Basilan province in the southern Philippines worry about hostage crisis, but are more afraid of violence.

AFGHANISTAN: Taliban orders **female** foreign aid workers not to drive

KABUL, Afghanistan Afghanistan's Taliban militia has ordered all <u>female</u> aid workers in the war-ravaged Central Asian country to refrain from driving, saying it is "against Afghan traditions." AFGHANISTAN-<u>WOMEN</u> DRIVERS. Has moved. By Amir Shah.

INDIA-KASHMIR: Cordon around mosque lifted, Kashmir militants given safe passage

SRINAGAR, India Suspected Islamic militants, who killed two security force personnel and later holed up in a mosque in Kashmir for nearly 20 hours, are given safe passage out of the shrine early Thursday, officials say. INDIA-KASHMIR. Has moved. By Qaiser Mirza.

AMERICAS:

FBI SPY: Spy suspect Hanssen to enter plea, start legal battle

WASHINGTON Veteran FBI agent Robert Hanssen, accused of spying for Moscow for 15 years, gets his chance to enter a plea Thursday, the opening act in what could be a protracted and high-stakes legal battle. US-SPY CASE. Has moved. Court appearance scheduled for 1300 GMT. By Karen Gullo. AP Photo NY108.

US-CHINA: Ties still strong despite strains

WASHINGTON In spite of the recent chill between Washington and Beijing over the April spy plane standoff and other issues, life goes on for tens of thousands of Americans and Chinese bound together by commerce, immigration and a host of people-to-people ventures.

down. US-CHINA-LIFE GOES ON. Has moved. By Pauline Jelinek. AP Photos WX121-124.

MEXICO: Bodies of Mexican immigrants who died in border-crossing arrive home

VERACRUZ, Mexico The simple, cloth-covered wooden coffins bearing 12 native sons of this Mexican region are unloaded from a chartered jet from the United States, a luxury in bitter contrast with the desperate hardship of their journey north. MEXICO-BORDER DEATHS. Has moved. By Mark Stevenson. AP Photos VER101,102,105.

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US-BORDER DEATHS. PHOENIX A survivor of a border crossing that ended in 14 deaths in the Arizona desert was indicted on 25 immigrant smuggling charges. Has moved.

PERU: Ex-president's star quality shines bright in re-election bid

CHICLAYO, Peru Although his foes discount him as a snake charmer, once-disgraced former president Alan Garcia is back and shaking up Peru's unpredictable politics. PERU-POLITICAL STAR. Has moved. By Monte Hayes. AP Photos CHI103, LIM209.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE:

ALLIANZ-DRESDNER: Allianz sells Dresdner merger with forecast of massive savings

MUNICH, Germany Talking up its takeover bid for Dresdner Bank, German insurance giant Allianz AG outlines massive savings Thursday that the combined company plans to chalk up as it pushes to join the ranks of global financial heavyweights such as Citicorp and Credit Suisse. GERMANY-ALLIANZ DRESDNER. Has moved. By Hans Greimel. AP Photos.

DAEWOO: Official: two weeks needed to conclude first round of talks on Daewoo Motor

SEOUL, South Korea Creditors of Daewoo Motor Co. say Thursday they would need about two weeks to conclude the first round of talks on selling the ailing South Korean car firm to General Motors Corp. SKOREA-GM-DAEWOO MOTOR. Has moved. By Paul Shin.

INTERNET NAMES: Internet body to take up challenge to its naming authority

NEW YORK An Internet oversight body opens quarterly meetings Friday in Stockholm, Sweden, where it will take up a challenge to its authority over approving new domain names. The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers will also review procedures for resolving domain name disputes and continue work on phasing in new names such as ".info" later this year. INTERNET NAMES. Has moved. By Anick J. Jesdanun.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Sunday, Peru holds a runoff presidential election between front-runner Alejandro Toledo and former President Alan Garcia.

FEATURES:

NEW:

OKLAHOMA CITY Police know who murdered Juli Busken. Not by name, but by the genetic code he left behind in the victim's car five years ago. In their search for John Doe, police took blood from 200 men and compared their DNA to that of the man who left behind semen in Busken's car. There were no matches. Police plan to test 200 more men who either lived near the victim and have a criminal record of violence, resemble the police sketch or have been identified as a possible suspect. FEA-US-DNA DRAGNET. Expected by 1200 GMT. By Jennifer L. Brown. AP Photos ARLID501, OKOKL501.

FEATURES MOVED:

SCI-US-SPACE ESCAPE. NASA taking harder look at escape capsule for space shuttle. AP Graphic SHUTTLE ESCAPE.

SCI-US-WILD HORSES. U.S. government wants nearly half of West's wild horses removed by 2005. AP Photos NY393-394.

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SCI-US-GENE EXHIBIT. Museum exhibit explores the revolution in genetics research. AP Photos NYR101-103.

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TODAY IS MONDAY, MAY 5, 2003TODAY'S BIRTHDAYSMusic: Bill Ward 55/drummer, Black Sabbathlan McCullough 44/singer, Echo and the BunnymenRoni Stoneman 65/country singerAnd the late:Tammy Wynette-1942-1998/country singer, "Stand By Your Man"General: Ann B. Davis 77/actress, Alice from TV's "The Brady Bunch"John J. Sweeney 69/AFL-CIO presidentMichael Murphy 65/actor, "Manhattan"Lance Henriksen 63/actor, TV's "Millenium"Michael Palin 60/comedian-actor, "Monty Python"John Rhys-Davies 59/actor, TV's "Sliders"Roger Rees 59/actor, TV's "Cheers"Richard E. Grant 46/actor, "Warlock," "L.A. Story"Tina Yothers 30/actress, Jennifer on TV's "Family Ties"Danielle Fishel 22/actress, TV's "Boy Meets World"And the late:Karl Marx--1818/Father of modern communism, penned the "CommunistManifesto." Not one of the Marx Brothers.THIS DAY IN HISTORY1821--Napolean Bonaparte died while in exile on the island of St.Helena. He was 51.1925--John Scopes, a biology teacher in Dayton, Ohio, was arrestedfor teaching the theory of evolution in violation of the statestatute.1961--Alan B. Shepard Jr. became the first American spacetraveler when he made a 15-minute suborbital flight in a capsulelaunched from Cape Canaveral, Florida.1966--Willie Mays broke the National League for home runs when hehit his 512th.1978--Pete Rose of the Cincinnati Reds registered his 3,000th majorleague hit.1981--Irish Republican Army hunger-striker Bobby Sands died at theMaze Prison in Northern Ireland. It was his 66th day without food.1986--It was announced that Cleveland, Ohio, had been chosenas the city where the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame would be built. 1994--American teenager Michael Fay received four lashes on his buttwith a 4-foot-long bamboo cane.

CPHe was punished for spray-paintingcars in Singapore.1996--Def Leppard singer Joe Elliot was arrested for beating up hisgirlfriend. Earlier in the week, the group's drummer, Rick Allen,was charged with beating his wife.1997--Charlton Heston was elected vice president of the NationalRifle Association. He eventually became president, but recentlystepped down because of his Alzheimers' disease.1999--Garth Brooks was named artist of the decade at the 34th annualAcademy of Country Music Awards.2001--Monarchos won the Kentucky DerbyTOTAL ENTERTAINMENTTV LATE NIGHT (scheduled): LENO: Laurence Fishburne, Jamie Oliver,Robbie Williams; LETTERMAN: Kelly Ripa, Christy from "Survivor: TheAmazon," Good Charlotte.AN "X"-CELLENT DEBUTMaking mincemeat of the competition is another power the mutants of "X-Men" can add to their already long list. "X2: X-Men United,"

the sequel to the 2000 hit, "X-Men," grossed 85.85-million dollarsin the U.S. over the weekend, the fourth-best opening in history,trailing only the first two "Harry Potter" films and last year's "Spider-Man," which holds the record with 114.8-million dollars."X2" is quite the international phenomenon, premiering over theweekend in a record 95 countries and raking in 155.2-milliondollars.Oh, by the way, there were other movies out there. "The LizzieMcGuire Movie" finished in a distant second with 17-million dollars, while last week's number one film, "Identity" slipped to the showposition with nine-and-a-half-million bucks.Here's a list of the top ten movies Friday through Sunday withestimated grosses: (SEE 'TOTAL AUDIO')1. "X2: X-Men United," \$85.85 million.2. "The Lizzie McGuire Movie,"

\$17 million.3. "Identity," \$9.5 million.4. "Anger Management," \$8.5 million.5. "Holes," \$6.5 million.6. "Malibu's Most Wanted," \$4 million.7. "Confidence," \$2.5 million.8. "It Runs in the Family," \$1.55 million.9. "Bend it Like Beckham," \$1.455 million.10. "Bulletproof Monk," \$1.45 million.LEO'S LEGAL VOYAGE TO SET SAILLEONARDO DICAPRIO'S gang of New York is headed to the courthouse. The New York Post reports the dreamy actor is set to go on trialthis September for getting a few of his friends to beat up ELIZABETHBERKLEY'S ex-boyfriend, ROGER WILSON. Here's the scoop: back in 1998, DiCaprio was eating dinner with somebuddies at a New York City restaurant when Wilson, a 45-year-oldactor-singer, who starred in two "Porky's" films, showed up anddemanded one of Leo's friends stop calling Berkley, who's best knownfor her work on "Saved By the Bell." It seems Wilson and Berkleywere an item, while this other guy was her old flame. Things gotheated and, according to Wilson, DiCaprio soon told his crew topounce on Wilson, who claims he was severely beaten and injured hisvoice in the melee. Wilson, who added the fight ended his singingcareer, is suing for 45-million dollars.PUNCHLINES:The fight didn't end his singing career. The lack of interest bythe entire world ended his singing career. We should mention Wilson only ran into DiCaprio at the restaurantbecause he was the waiter. Berkley should be glad someone was calling her. After "Showgirls," everybody in Hollywood threw out her number. Sounds like they beat the DiCrapio out of Wilson.AUCTION FIT FOR A KINGEven as a kid, STEPHEN KING could scare the pants off people. Actually, he could scare the wallets off people. A pair of storieswritten in the mid-1960s by a student listed as "Steve King" for Lisbon High School's newspaper in Lisbon, Maine have been soldonline. It's believed the tales, dubbed "The 43rd Dream" and "CodeName: Mousetrap," are two of the oldest tales penned and publishedby King. The stories were unearthed last year when an Englishteacher was cleaning out some files. She then sold the stories for 400-to-800 dollars per copy on Ebay. King has yet to look at thestories to verify they are indeed his.PUNCHLINES:Wow, \$800 for a school newspaper. And there wasn't even an exposeon the meat used in the cafeteria. All of King's teachers gave him A's out of fear a demonic clownwould kill them if they didn't. If Stephen King is like other authors and writes what he knows, thenI would've hated to be Carrie's prom date. And you thought going to school today was scary with all theshootings. That's nothing compared to being Stephen King'sclassmate. He made people wet themselves when he read his bookreports. Stephen King was such a good writer his classmates were afraid toopen their yearbooks after he signed them. Stephen always thought his last name would help make him a shoo-into be homecoming king. When Stephen King didn't want to go to school in the winter, he usedhis power to create the storm of the century.MATT LEBLANC TAKES LE PLUNGELooks like the rumors of a Hawaiian wedding for "Friends" star MATTLeBLANC were true. The 35-year-old made it official with hisfiancee of five years, MELISSA McKNIGHT, Saturday on the island of Kauai. His fellow "Friends" LISA KUDROW, DAVID SCHWIMMER, JENNIFERANISTON and COURTENEY COX were there. In addition, Jen and Courteney brought their respective husbands, BRAD PITT and DAVIDARQUETTE. No word on why MATTHEW PERRY wasn't there.PUNCHLINES:Matt LeBlanc wishes Brad Pitt hadn't been there. His bride wantedher first dance to be with him.Matthew Perry got into another car accident. He tried to drive to he wedding from L.A.I'm sure Brad Pitt was thrilled to see himself sitting next to DavidArquette at the reception: "So, Brad, did you get a chance to see mywork in 'Eight Legged Freaks?' Say, can you get me a job?"David Arquette annoyed everyone by walking around all day longasking, "So, do you want a lei?"J-LO TO GET EVERYTHING IF BEN CHEATSWhen two multimillionaire celebs get married, the pre-nup has gottabe crazy, right? Take J-LO and BEN AFFLECK. The website askmen.comclaims to have seen the details of the prenup, and it's prettyoutrageous -- it says that if Ben is unfaithful, Jen getseverything. Supposedly, the pre-nup states that if Ben cheats on Jen, she'll get half of his fortune, any homes they own together, any money generated via business ventures during the marriage andfull custody of any and all children -- with no visitation for Ben. Strangely, the alleged pre-nup doesn't say what Ben would get if Jendecides to stray.PUNCHLINES:The pre-nup says the only way the kids will see Ben is when they goto the movies.It's not a matter of IF J-Lo strays, it's a matter of when.CELEBRITY WATCH AT THE DERBY"Joe Millionaire" star EVAN MARRIOTT and SIGOURNEY WEAVER were just a few of the famous people on hand to witness the 129th running ofthe Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs Saturday. In all, about140,000 people watched the New York gelding Funny Cide win the firstleg of the triple crown.PUNCHLINES:Joe Millionaire was at the derby trying to get women in big hatsdrunk on mint juleps. Joe Millionaire is putting himself out to stud. MAN WHO WROTE "GILLIGAN'S ISLAND" THEME IS DEADGEORGE WYLE is going away for more than a three hour tour. Wyle, acomposer who wrote more than 400 songs including the theme to the TVseries "Gilligan's Island," died Friday of leukemia in California. He was 87. George Wyle's credits also include the Christmas song, "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year." Wyle wrote "The Ballad of Gilligan's Island" with the series creator SHERWOOD SCHWARTZ.PUNCHLINES:He's the skipper's little buried buddy. His casket will be made out of bamboo and

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coconuts. Bob Denver would like to attend the funeral, but he doesn't have asuit - just that red shirt with the white collar.TRUTH BEHIND SORKIN LEAVING "WEST WING"Now it can be told! The New York Post says AARON SORKIN's seeminglyabrupt departure from NBC's "The West Wing" was because he was tiredof fighting with the brass at Warner Brothers Television over histardiness. As we've reported before, the studio had put Sorkin onnotice because his lateness in delivering scripts was putting theshow over budget. An insider was quoted as saying, "There weretimes when the actors were sitting around with no script and gettingpaid for it." As for the cast, the source said that Sorkin's departure isbittersweet for them. While MARTIN SHEEN and the gang loved andrespected him, they were sometimes hard-pressed to memorize pages ofthe show's trademark, tricky dialogue in record time.TV IN BRIEF...Reality TV apparently has some limits. FX has abandoned plans for areality series called "American Candidate." The proposed programwould've followed a low-level presidential candidate. FX pulled outof the project, saying it would cost too much money...If you were one of the dozen or so people actually interested in the ABC reality series "All American Girl," then we're about to rockyour world. The producers found an error in the show's phone systemthat may have accidentally screwed up the voting process. As aresult, all scenes affected by the boo-boo will be re-shot andbooted contestants will come back. The show has been such a bustfor ABC it's been moved to ABC Family. The finale airs May 24...OLIVER STONE'S documentary about FIDEL CASTRO has a new air date. HBO recently postponed showing the special, but zap2it.com says the documentary, titled "Persona Non Grata," will hit our living roomsJune 5...CBS' upcoming movie about Hitler has won the support of oneinfluential figure. ABRAHAM FOXMAN, head of the Anti-DefamationLeague, has seen the film, slated to air May 18 and 20, and said, quote, "I think it's a powerful tool to educate generations that don't remember, don't understand...and the evil that one man wasable to unleash because the people weren't willing to stand up." Headded, quote, "It makes up understand how fragile democracy is andhow potent evil is..." Fans of "24" are in luck. According to the New York Post, KIEFERSUTHERLAND is going around telling people that not only is a thirdseason of the Fox show already planned, there's a possible movie, too. At this point, there's no official word, so stay tuned.MOVIES IN BRIEF...He's kicked butt in several movies, but JEAN-CLAUDE VAN DAMME mightsoon use his legs for more delicate purposes. The London Observerreports the Muscles from Brussels is being considered for anon-dancing role in a movie version of "Swan Lake"...BETTE MIDLER has signed on to star in a remake of "The StepfordWives." She'll play a bossy woman who becomes a robot. NICOLEKIDMAN also stars.

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The <u>Irish Republican Army</u> has given a powerful lift to peace in Northern Ireland by committing itself to what appears to be a credible disarmament plan. If the I.R.A. moves quickly to begin the destruction of its weapons, there is a good chance that the historic reconciliation of Protestants and Catholics in the troubled territory that began four years ago can gain strength in the weeks ahead.

It has not been easy for either party in the conflict to break free of its past. Both hard-line Protestants and Republican Catholics have been ruled by their dead, reluctant to compromise if they saw it as betraying the causes for which their martyrs died.

Yesterday was a day for the living. After reviewing the disarmament plan, John de Chastelain, a retired Canadian general overseeing the disarmament commission of Northern Ireland's peace process, said it would put the I.R.A.'s arms completely and verifiably beyond use.

The commission has been waiting since its formation in 1997 for paramilitary groups on both sides to begin to destroy their weapons. The deadline was extended several times and was finally set for this week. The terms of the I.R.A.'s offer have not been disclosed, but the endorsement of Mr. de Chastelain and the British and Irish governments is persuasive.

Some obstructionist unionist leaders have spurned the I.R.A. proposal as a delaying tactic. They misunderstand its significance.

The I.R.A.'s change of heart should now make it possible for Northern Ireland's political parties to endorse a list of reforms offered last week by the British government, with Dublin's endorsement. These changes were clearly proposed as a sweetener for the I.R.A., but they are fair and valuable in themselves. They would speed the withdrawal of British troops and the creation of a more equitable police force, among other improvements.

Protestant leaders should drop their objections to allowing Sinn Fein to participate in Northern Ireland's government. The I.R.A. must also release the details of its disarmament plan, and especially a timetable for a speedy beginning. Then Protestant paramilitaries - which always said they would disarm when the I.R.A. did - should present their own schedule for giving up their guns. The peace process in Northern Ireland has gone through many gyrations since the accords were signed in April 1998. It has survived because reasonable people

recognize that there is no acceptable alternative. The I.R.A. proposal seems to be a genuine advance, a sign that peace is starting to permeate the thinking of even those most wedded to habits of the past.

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Los Angeles Times

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict threatens to drown out other crises in the region. But Iran is also at a crossroads. Since Iranian President Mohammad Khatami won a second term June 8, earning 77% of the vote, religious conservatives have been pulling out all the stops to derail him. Fearful of losing control over a country they have ruled since the revolution in 1979, the clerics are on the offensive. The supreme leader of Iran, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, twice has postponed the swearing-in of Khatami, which was to take place last Sunday. The dispute will have an important effect on whether Iran follows a reform course or remains hostage to Islamic fundamentalism.

The chief symptom of the fight over Iran's future is a power struggle between the judiciary and parliament over choosing two new legal experts for the conservative Guardian Council, which examines proposed legislation. The liberal parliament has rejected the candidates put forward by judiciary chief Ayatollah Mahmoud Hashemi Shahroudi. In return the clerics are insisting that all 12 members of the Guardian Council attend the swearing-in. If two are missing, no ceremony, no president. Khatami is no Nelson Mandela, determined to bring freedom and democracy to his nation. He's more a Nikita Khrushchev, attractive only in comparison with the retrogressive hard-liners around him. But given the level of oppression in Iran, Khatami's tentative calls for liberalization are enough to make him the enemy of conservatives--and the repository of society's hopes.

The divisions over Khatami's investiture are emblematic of Iranian society. Khatami's landslide victory shows that the clear majority of Iranians want change. But as history shows, a determined and fanatical minority can, up to a point, inflict its will. The brouhaha over Khatami indicates that the winds of change are blowing over Iran and the conservatives won't be able to ignore them forever.

The implications of a shift away from Iranian belligerency would be enormous. Iran remains a sponsor of terrorists in the Middle East and of those targeting the U.S. directly. A friendlier Iran would also remove an obstacle to a lasting Israeli-Palestinian settlement. Khatami's swearing-in for a second term would be a tangible sign of progress-which, of course, is why the clerics are trying to handcuff him.

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Washington Post

China experts like to talk about how quickly the vast country is changing: the increase in personal freedoms, the spread of the Internet, the triumph of private enterprise. These changes are real, and significant. But such talk can too easily obscure how much in the regime remains unchanged -- how cruelly it continues to treat many of its own people. China's Communist rulers commit unspeakable violence against their subjects, not occasionally, not aberrantly but as policy: to stay in power. And to the extent that their repressiveness discourages open discussion, it succeeds; it leaves the field to those China hands who would rather focus on the Internet than the gulag.

One stunning reminder of China's dark side came in a Sunday report by Post China correspondents John Pomfret and Philip P. Pan. They documented the regime's systematic campaign of violence, torture and brainwashing against a peaceful spiritual movement known as Falun Gong. China's leaders, who routinely bulldoze churches and arrest Buddhist monks, decided that this movement too was a threat; so far, more than 250 believers have died in prisons and reeducation camps, the movement says. That number is trifling compared with those who have been tortured and broken .

Nor is it only Falun Gong believers who are thus treated. Han Lifa, 39, spent most of the past decade in labor camps for advocating democracy. His most recent sentence was extended by two years when he refused, after the U.S. bombing of China's embassy in Belgrade, to chant "Down with America" during a labor camp meeting. "Every

day they beat me," said Mr. Han, who was freed last month, just ahead of Secretary of State Colin Powell's visit to China.

A couple of U.S.-trained academics also were freed just before Mr. Powell's visit. But lest anyone interpret that as a softening, the regime indicted another naturalized American academic, Wu Jianming, on Aug. 1. Defenders of the Chinese regime in this country often shake their heads at such arrests; so "counterproductive," they say. It's true that such arrests don't help the regime's image, particularly when (as happened in one case) the academic's 5-year-old son is separately arrested and detained for a month. But the arrests may not only be a sign of insecurity among the leaders or power struggles between "westernizers" and "conservatives," as the Chinese hands often posit. They serve a usefully chilling purpose; any academic, Chinese or American, who wants access to China is reminded to watch his or her words with care. A similar purpose is served by what the New York Times, in a front-page story last week, described as a "heavy-handed Chinese government campaign to monitor the activities of Chinese scholars living abroad." The campaign, which includes menacing "returnee interviews," "is quietly muting criticism of the Communist Party and curbing free speech beyond the country's borders."

Another kind of self-censorship comes from Americans eager to make the case for trade and other forms of engagement with China. Often they feel compelled to minimize the repression in order to justify their position, or to prove that trade is having an effect; perhaps they convince themselves. In fact sound arguments can be marshaled for engagement. But those arguments need not, and should not, rest on a romanticized portrait of China's dictators. An honest assessment will yield more realistic expectations of the U.S.-China relationship.

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Washington Times

The shooting down of a U.S. missionary plane by a Peruvian air force pilot in April could hardly have carried more emotional resonance, especially considering the involvement of U.S. officials in the tragedy. The consequent deaths of Veronica Bowers, a U.S. citizen, and her adorable child, named (of all things) Charity, and the fact that the victims attacked were missionaries dedicated to grass-roots charitable work make the tragedy difficult to dismiss.

A recently released report demonstrates just how glaring the mistakes were that led up to the horrific shooting. Just after Jim Bowers lost his wife, Veronica, and his daughter, Charity, he said he believed that God had intended for the shooting to occur so that important lessons could be learned regarding the manner in which the international war on drugs was being conducted. Clearly, the Bowers' grief exposes troubling shortfalls in the way fatal force was being used in Peru to bring down suspected drug-running flights.

The report on the investigation into the tragedy, which was headed by Rand Beers, assistant secretary of state for international narcotics and law enforcement affairs, reveals an alarming lack of professionalism on the part of the CIA trackers, who communicated to the Peruvians that they had identified the missionary plane as a presumed drug flight. But as can be expected of any investigation headed by Mr. Beers, the report whitewashes the culpability of the U.S. officials who participate in these missions. Furthermore, the report fails to assign any blame for the incident. Also disconcerting is how long it took for the report to be made public.

But the most appalling finding of the report was that one of the main factors contributing to the mistaken identity of the missionary plane was a lack of communication between U.S. and Peruvian officials. "The language limitations of Peruvian and American participants - particularly under stress - played a role in reducing the timely flow of information and comprehension of decisive messages related to the April 20 interception," the report said.

While the U.S. trackers had initially alerted the Peruvians of their suspicion the Bowers plane was a drug flight, they later detected indications that the flight was not drug-related. But they were unable to communicate any of those reservations in Spanish, and the ground controllers didn't appear to understand English. Suddenly, the U.S. trackers heard the panicked pleas of the Bowers as the Peruvians opened fire "They're killing us!"

The shooting of the Bowers' plane is unmistakable evidence that the United States must be radically more vigilant of the rules of engagement involving counternarcotics initiatives. U.S. credibility is at stake. Proper communication

between U.S. and Peruvian officials during a potentially lethal reconnaissance flight is absolutely critical and quite easily arranged.

This tragedy must prompt U.S. officials to carefully look into and reform counternarcotics initiatives involving Latin America, as Mr. Bowers hoped, as well as the U.S. officials who oversee them. If not, Veronica and Charity died in vain.

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Boston Herald

Perhaps it is the nature of politics in Northern Ireland that just when all seems lost, virtually hopeless, suddenly there is a glimmer of light.

Yesterday was just such a moment.

The <u>Irish Republican Army</u> proposed a method for disarming that met with the approval of the British and the Irish governments and with the International Commission on Decommissioning led by retired Canadian Gen. John de Chastelain.

"Based on our discussions with the IRA representative, we believe that this proposal initiates a process that will put IRA arms completely and verifiably beyond use," de Chastelain announced.

Timetables and the details of the how and wherefores are sketchy at best, although informed speculation runs to the cementing over of arms bunkers, which on three previous occasions had been opened to international inspectors.

The point is that with this gesture - a gesture certified to and eventually to be monitored by the international commission - the IRA has pledged to do what has long been demanded of it. It did so at a critical moment in an effort to save the tattered remains of the Good Friday peace accords.

What the IRA has managed to accomplish with this long overdue gesture is to shift the burden for saving those accords to the unionists. The Ulster Unionist Party, which made good on on its threat to walk away from the power-sharing government set up by the accords while demanding arms decommissioning of the IRA, is out of excuses. Now it's the UUP's turn to opt for peace or for more mindless obstructionism.

Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern offered a piece of sound advice yesterday when he said, "People should see the historic significance rather than trying to see difficulties in it."

It's high time for that indeed. Surely the world community and the Irish diaspora hope this can be a new beginning on the road to peace.

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The leadership of the upcoming U.N. World Conference Against Racism could learn from more mature U.N. forums on key global issues. The conference, set to begin Aug. 31 in Durban, South Africa, is suffering from the kind of institutional experience that has taught other U.N. conferee groups to stay focused on the overarching goals and set aside ancillary differences.

Two unnecessary and politically poisonous issues are threatening the racism conference. Many Arab nations, angry with Israel over the continuing and violent conflict with Palestinians, insisted that the racism conference draft declaration equate Zionism with racism. This, of course, is an old bottle of rhetorical gasoline, intended to bomb the racism conference with anti-Israeli furor.

The goals of the conference, fighting "against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance," are too important to be run off some side road.

The other side road seriously threatening the Durban conference is the demand by some African nations for reparations from countries that practiced slavery and colonialism. U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan and U.N. High Commissioner Mary Robinson, the moving force behind the racism conference, are correct to seek a forward-looking agenda instead of using the potentially historic conference to saw the bloody sawdust of previous centuries.

That is not to say that the wrongs done under the banners of colonial exploitation and human enslavement should be dismissed. But there are other, more expedient avenues to pursue for bilateral negotiations of specific countries.

As final preparations shape the agenda for Durban, removing the diversions is key to salvaging the promise of this conference. Just as the conferences on the status of <u>women</u> have managed to bridge social and religious differences and concentrate on education, economic empowerment and health care instead of on cultural clashes, this conference on racism can be redirected to fighting racism rather than settling bilateral scores.

The United States is wise to push for a more mature recognition of the conference's mission. But at the end of this process, it would be unwise for the United States simply to boycott the conference. Another lesson for success in global citizenship is that to be considered a partner in social progress, one has to participate in the painful job of finding consensus and acting in accord.

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Sacramento Bee

The longest sentence of more than 20 so far handed down by the United Nations War Crimes Tribunal for Yugoslavia, and the court's first conviction on charges of genocide, has been imposed on former Bosnian Serb Gen. Radislav Krstic -- 46 years. The verdict ought to embolden international forces now controlling Bosnia to track down Krstic's bosses, who planned the most grisly atrocity in Europe since World War II -- an attempt to wipe out the entire male population of the Bosnian town.

Krstic led the Bosnian Serb army corps that overran the town of Srebrenica in July 1995. As 300 disarmed Dutch U.N. peacekeepers looked on helplessly, Bosnian Serb troops rounded up about 7,500 Muslim men and boys and took them away in buses. The victims were never seen alive again, but about 4,800 bodies have been found in mass graves, along with evidence that many had been bound, blindfolded and shot. Krstic's claim that he was not in command during six days of carnage was belied by evidence produced during the 16-month trial.

The verdict is a reminder that the court, despite inadequate funds and questionably long proceedings, continues its pursuit of those whose actions far exceeded the accepted rules of warfare during the 1992-1995 Bosnian civil war, which cost more than 200,000 lives. It also points to the most glaring defect in the laborious process: Neither of those most responsible -- Bosnian Serb political leader Radovan Karadzic and military commander Ratko Mladic (who was in Srebrenica at the time of the massacre and is believed to have given the order to kill the Muslims) is yet in custody.

Although Mladic has vanished since a democratic Yugoslav government took office last year, Karadzic has been seen in the ethnic Serb region of Bosnia but has not been arrested. Leaders of the countries providing the peacekeeping force in Bosnia -- which includes the United States -- want to avoid the violent confrontation they fear would result from such an attempt.

How real that threat remains nearly six years after the international community took over Bosnia, and with the democratic transition in Belgrade, is questionable. The continued freedom of those whom Krystic served is a stain on justice. It can only be removed by arresting them.

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Nearly a year of violence among Israelis and Palestinians is taking a fearsome toll. It is painful to watch and ever more frustrating to realize there is no end in sight.

Both sides must reconsider this futile strategy of endless retaliation. It will surely lead to nothing good. Historically, bloody ethnic conflicts in Bosnia and Northern Ireland have proven that retribution killings only prolong the agony of conflict and make settlement efforts more difficult.

Sadly, as the world yearns for peace in Israel, both sides seem to be getting bolder in their attacks.

On Sunday, a Palestinian gunman wounded 10 people outside the Israeli Defense Ministry in Tel Aviv. The gunman was slain and Israel retaliated with helicopter missile attacks in the West Bank that killed a militant Palestinian leader. In the past week, 20 Palestinians and one pregnant Israeli woman died in the fighting. The escalating violence has taken more than 600 lives since September.

And still, neither side seems willing to step back. Palestinian President Yasser Arafat has refused to crack down on violent militants while Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon vows to continue targeting the uprising's leaders.

The only thing this has accomplished so far is the destruction of Israel's tourist industry. It has forced the country to run full-page advertisements in newspapers reassuring potential visitors to the Middle East that they will be safe.

Although the U.S. State Department has not advised against travel to the Holy Land, the continued fighting suggests visitors should be very concerned about their safety in the region.

If it hasn't already, continued fighting is certain to drag down the Mideast economy, and it could even come to involve surrounding Arab nations that have traditionally been hostile to Israel.

Somehow, the two sides must resurrect the truce agreement brokered in June by CIA Director George Tenet. Violence only begets more violence.

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Milwaukee Journal

If Africans actually listened to the Catholic Church and stopped having sex outside of marriage, then condemning the use of condoms in the fight against AIDS would make some sense. But Africans are as likely as anyone else to have illicit sex, no matter what the church says. And if they don't use condoms, there's a good chance that more of them will contract AIDS, adding to the tragic pandemic sweeping across the continent.

In sub-Saharan Africa, 25 million people have AIDS. In South Africa, about 5 million people - one in nine - are HIV positive. Botswana has the highest adult infection rate on Earth, with more than a third of the population HIV positive. An entire generation is being wiped out, leaving behind elderly parents and orphaned children.

Bishops from southern Africa took the moral high ground when they closed a conference last week by condemning the use of condoms in the fight against AIDS. But all around that high ground, people are dying.

Education, abstinence and condoms are all effective tools in reducing AIDS, a fight in which most Americans are already involved, through their donations to relief agencies and through their taxes in the form of aid to African nations.

But this is still a disease that people are uncomfortable talking about - especially in Africa - so education programs aren't always effective or even in place. Previous calls for abstinence obviously haven't worked very well. And the use of condoms has been devalued, not least by such things as the church's condemnation.

Unless one of those factors changes, there is no hope of bringing an end to this scourge. If the bishops - who obviously care very deeply about their people - believe that only abstinence and faithful marriages are legitimate weapons against AIDS, they need to do a better job of convincing their parishioners.

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New York Newsday

Almost every day seems to brings news of the Bush administration distancing itself from U.S. allies and the global community on an astonishing range of international issues, rejecting treaties and refusing to participate in conferences and negotiations with almost cavalier abandon. Although the White House is right to object to many of the details, it is wrong to refuse even to talk about them; it risks making the United States a pariah.

The latest example was its threat last week to shun the world's first conference against racism if two inflammatory topics - Zionism as racism and reparations for slavery - are not withdrawn. This came on the heels of President George W. Bush's pullout from the Kyoto Protocol on global warming, his rejection of the 1972 treaty banning biological weapons, his refusal to sign an agreement to form an international criminal court, his intention not to go along with a ban on land mines and his determination to move ahead with a national missile defense plan even if it means scrapping the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty.

These moves have puzzled and sometimes angered the nation's closest allies and economic partners, making them wonder how much cooperation they'll get from Bush on future issues of common concern. They question Washington's intentions to live up to major international commitments that may not conform to Bush's notion of what's best for U.S. national interests.

The protestations from the White House that the president is firmly committed to an international role sound hollow, and so does its argument that it is judging each issue on its merits rather than taking a broad-based approach to international relations.

True, Bush is essentially correct on many of his objections to treaties, conferences and proposals he has rejected. On the racism parley, he's right to insist on the exclusion of Zionism as racism, for instance. His qualms about the international criminal court's flaws in relation to the U.S. Constitution are valid. So are his arguments about the unenforceable nature of the biological weapons treaty.

But where he is dead wrong is in his stubborn refusal to let U.S. negotiators try to fix flaws in treaties, or to participate in conferences to dispute hateful notions inimical to U.S. interests. The world is complex and increasingly interlinked. Going it alone, no matter how powerful the nation may be, truly is not on option for this or any other president, nor is leaving an impression of high-handedness or surliness when confronted with issues of global concern.

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Omaha World-Herald

"If you are a reporter, I will kill you!"

That is a sentence which, we'll be the first to say, is guaranteed to strike fear into any newspaper writer's heart. But such words are also an important clue that the reporter may be getting close to the core of an important story.

The tale of how some persistent Chinese news reporters cracked open the truth about a deadly tin-mine disaster is becoming a news story in and of itself. Normally, journalists prefer being the observers, not the observed. But this incident highlights two points that we believe are increasingly salient.

First, it underscores the stark differences between trying to carry facts to the populace in a free country and in a largely un-free one. Second, it serves notice to Chinese officials that they'll be increasingly unable to keep a lid on stories not to their liking. When Beijing won the right to host the 2008 Olympics, we said in this space that members of the Chinese hierarchy "are going to be subjected to news media scrutiny of an intensity that probably goes far beyond any experience they've previously had." We hope this is an early example of that.

The death toll from the Lajiapo and Longshan mine catastrophe is, at minimum, well into the dozens. It may actually be hundreds. But for weeks, officially the accident hadn't happened at all. Officials then tried saying that there had been problems but no deaths.

Some intrepid official Chinese journalists, at peril to themselves, weren't having any of that. They were menaced by knife-wielding ruffians, had film ripped out of their cameras and were barred from official briefings. When they tried to report their stories by phone, the wires were cut. And when one tried to blend in with locals, he was confronted with the "I will kill you" threat.

But they persevered - and, hearteningly, not only got the story out but began to hear praise from the central government for "the role the news media played in exposing the accident." Police are holding the manager of the firm that owned the mines on charges that he attempted to cover up the disaster. Fresh probes of the mining industry and of possible past cover-ups have been promised.

It's hard to say for sure whether this represents a change of heart by highly placed powers in Beijing or whether they merely realize they've been found out and would do better to go with the flow. In any case, the dogged pursuit of the story - by reporters and news organizations that had rarely if ever dared such coverage - is heartening to see. In order to get their story, these reporters faced down palpable threats. We hope their success is a taste of things to come.

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TRIPOLI, Libya -- At Tripoli's newest Internet cafe, 15-year-old Mohammed is downloading photos of Britney Spears while Azzam, 13, wearing headphones, rocks to a group called Iron Maiden.

There are 20 such cafes in the Libyan capital, says the owner, Mohammed Megerisi, as he offers a rare U.S. visitor a cappuccino. "We are happy to let the world know we are civilized."

Libya was briefly the center of the civilized world, from A.D. 193 to 211, when the Roman empire was led by Septimus Severus, a North African who extended the empire as far as Britain. But "civilized" is not an adjective many have applied to Libya since a 27-year-old army colonel named Moammar Gadhafi seized power in 1969.

Where Septimus Severus left the remains of his magnificent capital at Leptis Magna, Gadhafi has had another legacy. He squandered much of his country's oil wealth and turned himself into Foreign Enemy No. 1 of the United States through a policy that supports terrorist groups. Today, a trial resumes in the Netherlands of two Libyans accused of blowing up Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988. The explosion killed 270 people, including 189 Americans.

But change has come to Libya even though Gadhafi, 57, remains

in charge. Seven years of international isolation, imposed when Libya initially refused to turn over the suspects in the Pan Am bombing, have ended. European tourists and business executives have returned to Tripoli. Foreign goods are trickling back, including some American brand names, though the United States still forbids trade with and travel to Libya. And the high-tech revolution sweeping the rest of the world is making its mark here. This reporter, returning to the Libyan capital for the first time in 11 years, found Libya has not escaped globalization.

The state no longer has a monopoly on information, startling in a country where for more than two decades, the government largely prevented outside information from seeping in, imposed stifling censorship and broadcast only propaganda. Since 1992, satellite dishes have been permitted, giving Libya's 5 million people access to Western news and independent Arabic-language television stations. The monopoly has been further eroded by the introduction of mobile telephones, which are harder to tap, and of the Internet in the last six months.

In an interview with USA TODAY earlier this month, Gadhafi pressed the United States to restore diplomatic relations with his government and join the rest of the world in lifting sanctions against his country. The United States has barred trade with the Gadhafi regime since 1986, when the Reagan administration bombed Libya -- nearly killing Gadhafi -- in retaliation for a terrorist attack, blamed on Libya, that killed two U.S. servicemen in Berlin.

Gadhafi online

Gadhafi also conceded that he gets his news about the West from the Internet. Another Libyan official who asked not to be named said his son spends hours surfing the net and listening to rap music.

At Tripoli's Grand Hotel, still the best in town, a bookcase by the restaurant used to feature translations of the Green Book
-- a mish-mash of Marxism, Maoism and Islam promulgated by Gadhafi a quarter-century ago. Now, Marx is out, and Microsoft is in.
On the shelves are copies of the software programs Microsoft Access, Excel and Powerpoint 97 -- presumably purchased by Libyans in Europe.

Off the hotel lobby, hidden behind the entrance to an art gallery, is another Internet cafe where hotel guests and Libyan businessmen can download the latest information on the Pan Am

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case or anything else. CNN and the independent Arabic station

Al-Jezira broadcast news of the trial.

Officially, Libya is still the world's only *jamahiriya*, a word invented by Gadhafi and translated roughly as "the state of the masses." In his interview with USA TODAY -- his first

with a U.S. publication in at least two years -- he said the *jamahiriya* had given all power to the people in 1977, a statement belied by the intense security surrounding him in a Tripoli barracks.

"Libya today is not Libya yesterday because the world today is not the world that was yesterday," Gadhafi said in the interview.

However, Gadhafi retains tight control. Periodically, he fires half the government ministers, but the same pool of supporters, security service operatives and family members remains in charge. Overt opposition to the regime is ruthlessly suppressed, according to the U.S. State Department, whose latest human-rights report rates Libya's record as "poor." Independent human-rights organizations are banned, so there is no way to know how many people have been executed or jailed for political offenses.

The courage to complain

For obvious reasons, Libyans are wary of discussing their politics with outsiders. But this reporter was allowed to roam freely in Tripoli -- another change from the 1980s -- and some Libyans had the courage to complain, if not to be quoted by name. One Libyan said that when it comes to internal politics, people here are "like mice in a bag" -- forever shaken and kept off balance by repression and Gadhafi's penchant for change.

Some changes have improved Libya's international standing. Last year, Gadhafi threw out the Abu Nidal Palestinian terrorist group. Other militant organizations Libya once supported -- such as the

Irish Republican Army and the African National Congress -- have themselves renounced violence and are now participating in governments. Though Libya is expected to remain on a U.S. list of alleged sponsors of terrorism until the Pan Am trial ends, the State Department says the locus of international terrorism has moved from the Middle East to South Asia. There, Islamic extremism is a threat to secular Arab regimes such as Gadhafi's even more than to the United States.

In economics, Gadhafi has scrapped some elements of his esoteric "Third Universal Theory" that -- along with his generosity to foreign terrorists -- have played havoc with a country that is

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the most prosperous on a per capita basis in Africa, with an annual oil income of \$ 10 billion.

Private enterprise -- once equated with theft by Gadhafi -- is

no longer banned. Tripoli's traditional Arab market or *souq* now bustles with activity. Craftsmen hammer out delicate trays made of brass, and gold chains gleam in display cases. A decade

ago, the *souq* was empty except for a few foreigners, mostly Tunisians, selling bootleg jeans from sidewalk stands.

Since air travel links with Europe were restored last year, foreign businessmen from everywhere but the United States have returned to seek contracts in the oil industry, aviation and infrastructure. Representatives of 60 British companies turned up last week for a special trade fair. British experts have dubbed Libya, with its easily pumped high-octane crude, as the No. 1 country for new oil exploration this year.

Frustrated U.S. oil companies, which largely built Libya's oil industry, watch and wait. The State Department is poised to lift restrictions on the use of U.S. passports to travel to Libya but will not consider lifting trade sanctions until the Pan Am trial is over and Libya compensates relatives of the American victims, U.S. officials say.

In the interview, Gadhafi did not deny Libyan involvement but said compensation "depends on the sentence of the court."

Tripoli, built by Italian colonizers, hardly looks like the capital of an oil-rich nation. Many of its old villas have been torn down, and only a few Italian-style buildings and a walled city built in the 1600s and 1700s retain some charm. There are no five-star hotels or restaurants, no nightclubs or theaters. Public consumption of liquor is banned, in keeping with Islamic law. Off broad boulevards choked with traffic, garbage is strewn in narrow side streets.

Green Square, where the Libyans used to hold anti-American demonstrations for the benefit of foreign television cameras in the 1980s, has been turned into a parking lot. Posters of Gadhafi and cryptic sayings from his Green Book are still common, though not as pervasive as a decade ago. A sample of the Green Book: "Democracy means people's rule, not people's expression."

A new expressway spoils the view of the Mediterranean from the Grand Hotel and foreign embassies. But where journalists in the 1980s brushed shoulders with Kurdish guerrillas in baggy pants

and bandoleers, now they share the hotel breakfast buffet with elderly Europeans in Bermuda shorts who come to ogle the Roman ruins at Leptis Magna and the stunning desert vistas. A shortage of good hotels as well as Libya's unsavory reputation has kept tourism relatively undeveloped. But with 1,200 miles of Mediterranean coastline as well as the desert and Roman and Islamic monuments, Libya has high hopes for the future.

For now, Libya relies on oil, the price of which has soared to \$ 30 a barrel. With more contracts being signed again with foreign countries, corruption is a growing problem, diplomats say, and the bureaucracy remains cumbersome. It is easier to buy a Swiss watch or Italian pants than cough syrup or toilet paper, perhaps because the profit margin is lower for those who import basic goods.

Prices are high, especially considering that Libyan government salaries have remained unchanged since 1981. The street value

of the Libyan currency, the *dinar*, has plummeted from \$ 3 -- still the official rate for government-sanctioned imports -- to around 50 cents. Last year, before U.N. sanctions were suspended on air travel to Libya and investment in the oil industry, the

real value of the *dinar* was less than 30 cents. Traders who paid dollars for goods at that rate now face heavy losses.

70% are on public payrolls

Still officially bound by socialist notions, Libya has more than 700,000 people on state payrolls -- about 70% of the workforce

in a country where many <u>women</u> do not have jobs outside the home. But, as the saying in communist countries used to go: The state pretends to pay, and people pretend to work. With average monthly salaries now worth \$ 250 -- half the rent for a good apartment -- most government employees show up for a few hours at most, from 9 or 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., when they go home for lunch and a siesta. Evenings are devoted to driving taxis or other private sidelines. Unemployment is estimated at 30%.

The government keeps a lid on dissent by repression and subsidizing staples. Bread is a few pennies a loaf. Gasoline is only 15 cents a gallon. As a result, the chief national entertainment -- after soccer -- appears to be driving as fast as possible.

Unfortunately for those injured in crashes, medical care has not fully recovered from the sanctions era. Then, "thousands of people

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died because they couldn't get medicine or get out of the country for emergency medical treatment," says Megerisi's wife, Amal, 43.

Of Scottish origin, Amal, whose given name was Valerie and who married Mohammed, 45, when he was a student in Edinburgh, says the international opprobrium that came with the Lockerbie charges was hard for all Libyans. "We were accused and judged at the exact same time," she says. "We didn't get the benefit of the doubt."

In the USA TODAY interview, Gadhafi urged America to stop "chewing its cud" and restore relations with his nation. The implication: Libya had been responsible for anti-U.S. acts in the past but would now be on good behavior.

Ordinary Libyans with no control over how Gadhafi spends their country's oil money echo his plea for their country to be given a second chance.

"What people everywhere care about is the future for their children," says Amal, the mother of four. "Things are going in the right direction now. It's a damn sight better than the '80s."

Graphic

GRAPHIC, b/w, Marcy E. Mullins, USA TODAY, Source:CIA World Factbook, 1999(Map, Bar graph); PHOTOS, color, Barbara Slavin, USA TODAY(2); Arab market: Tripoli's souq has reopened. It was once closed by Moammar Gadhafi, who considered private enterprise immoral. Internet caf: Mohammed, 15, has a Pepsi, a Nike cap and is visiting a Britney Spears Web site.

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Across

- 1 Passenger liner that sank after striking an iceberg
- 6 Outermost satellite of Uranus photographed by Voyager 2
- 11 Buzz ..., second person to walk on the moon
- 16 This country suffered changes in 1938-45, capital Vienna
- 20 Association of South-East Asian Nations
- 21 Formerly the Belgian Congo
- 23 Town in Surrey, England, noted for its racecourse
- 24 There is a vaccine for this disease which is also called lockjaw
- 27 Cars with automatic transmission don't have these
- 29 Idi Amin once took control of these people
- 31 Bacon and eggs etc is an ... breakfast
- 34 A musical composition intended mainly for practising techniques
- 35 This comet was again seen in 1985-86
- 38 Given to acting like the one in charge
- 39 A market where stocks are traded on a specific price for a later date
- 42 The one occasion
- 43 It's used for heating water for tea etc.
- 44 Maxwell Smart's occupation
- 45 Asian country that achieved independence from Britain in 1947

- 47 An act of self-aggrandisement (two words)
- 50 A qualifying test for pensioners
- 52 Ships accompanying others for protection
- 54 Instruct so as to encourage improvement
- 55 These acids are essential components of proteins
- 56 The orbit of a celestial body
- 57 A park displaying space travel etc
- 58 Surpass in performance
- 59 A light plain cake eaten with butter
- 61 Invest with responsibility
- 64 Chevy ..., popular comedy actor
- 66 The radioactive ... carbon-14 is used in biological research
- 69 Grind the teeth
- 72 Royal Navy Reserve
- 73 ... and the have nots
- 74 A Soviet forced-labour camp
- 75 Driving under the influence
- 76 Saddam Hussein is the ... political leader
- 77 Computer software giant said to be the world's richest man, Bill ...
- 80 A Beatle, ... Starr
- 83 The positive pole of a source of current
- 86 Piece of pipe bent at an angle
- 87 Bob Dyer's hillbilly song, The Martins and the ...
- 89 A US film production company, ... Brothers
- 91 The pointer of an instrument
- 93 Takes drugs (coll.)
- 95 Bridge spanning Derwent River at Hobart
- 98 Prince Andrew is the Duke of ...
- 99 A braking device
- 100 The end of a day's play in cricket

- 103 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission
- 106 Robert ... starred in the movie Goodbye Mr Chips
- 109 A treatment used to suppress drug dependency
- 110 A boat which skims on water wings
- 111 Communists
- 113 Fifth-brightest star in the sky
- 114 Delicately charming
- 117 An artillery weapon much developed in WWI
- 120 Phillip ..., Australian film producer and columnist
- 123 An earthquake in 1923 killed 58,000 people in this Japanese city
- 126 A national park is established on this Australian plain
- 129 Pertaining to the study of the relationship between workers and their environment
- 132 Descriptive of the Phantom of the Opera
- 133 An aromatic ointment
- 134 First man to walk on the moon
- 136 Terrorists bombed US ... in Kenya and Tanzania in August '98
- 138 Annual US Academy award
- 140 Hong Kong reverted to ... in 1997
- 141 They start football matches (two words)
- 145 Machine for emulating kidney functions
- 149 General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
- 151 Capital of East Timor
- 154 Political party led by Pauline Hanson
- 156 Played by 171 down
- 158 Queen Elizabeth is one
- 161 John ..., second in the world to break the four-minute mile
- 163 Broadway musical and movie
- 166 First name of 171 down
- 168 A very very short skirt
- 170 ... tape -- sticky tape

- 174 Upper respiratory tract infection
- 176 Brick ... building; as opposed to double brick
- 179 A VIP (two words)
- 182 Standard length of cinema film for projection
- 184 Sir Douglas ..., British fighter pilot in WWII who lost both legs
- 185 US rocket adapted for space use
- 187 Larry ..., virtuoso harmonica performer
- 189 ... Lady, the wife of 171 down
- 191 Jeremy ..., popular movie star
- 192 Johnnie ..., US pop singer
- 193 Largest moon of Saturn
- 194 It's used to catch a mackerel
- 195 A swindle
- 196 A prolonged endeavour to overcome military resistance
- 199 One who tries to influence legislators
- 203 The ... Sea, a novel by Nicholas Monsarrat
- 206 Indian hemp
- 210 ... room, where the voting figures are collated
- 213 An Australian political party
- 214 Under Hitler they obtained control of Germany
- 215 Mine host at Fawlty Towers
- 216 Basic monetary units of many South American countries
- 217 ... Commission, a body of inquiry
- 218 Those who disturb the peace violently
- 219 New York, the Big ...
- 221 Picture theatres
- 222 A particularly useful synthetic fibre
- 223 Absent without leave
- 224 ... de Cologne
- 225 North African republic led by Gaddafi

- 228 Types of computers -- or watches with hands
- 233 Medal of the Order of Australia
- 235 Type of footwear now fairly well established
- 239 And 209 down It is the goal of NASA to explore this (two words)
- 242 To clip with shears
- 243 Monica ..., involved in a scandal with 171 down
- 244 Open Russian government policy brought in by Gorbachev
- 245 Primary producers
- 246 ... culturalism, said to be beneficial to society
- 247 Inspiring fear
- 248 Some such tribes still wander in parts of the world
- 249 The Andrews ... were a hit group in the '40s
- 250 These musical instruments are now mostly electronic
- 251 Civilisation doesn't seem to have reached the hopes of Sir Thomas More's book ...
- 252 It's used to get an artificial tan

Down

- 1 The apparatus that records bets (abb)
- 2 Desmond ..., S African anti-apartheid activist
- 3 A team of baseball players
- 4 Patrick ... won the 1987 Wimbledon men's singles
- 5 First name of 134 across
- 6 " ... a jolly swagman camped by a billabong"
- 7 They used to appear on some Australian coins
- 8 Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
- 9 They work with stone
- 10 The Treaty of ... was the forerunner of NATO and the EC
- 12 Jack ..., NSW Premier dismissed by the Governor
- 13 Royal Australian Air Force
- 14 A structure formed by birds
- 15 Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

- 16 Jennifer ... (Maisie Greig) Australian writer of romantic novels in England
- 17 Any of the 12 divisions of the zodiac
- 18 Regrettably too much of this causes flooding
- 19 To suffer pain
- 21 A type of pedestrian crossing
- 22 NE African republic since 1953 -- capital Cairo
- 25 Pertaining to members of the migrant community whose native language is not English
- 26 ... Quist, Australian tennis champion noted as a doubles player
- 28 Ira Gershwin wrote these to his brother George's compositions
- 30 Those who care for the sick or infirm
- 32 The capital of England
- 33 Science fictions (abb) (two words)
- 36 A chemically inert gas used in fluorescent tubes
- 37 Afterwards
- 40 A German submarine
- 41 To stop
- 46 Country came to our aid in WWII
- 47 Solar ... is now often used

in home heating etc

- 48 Monty ... and the Holy Grail
- 49 This form of servitude is now all but wiped out
- 51 This form of cruelty, too, is all but wiped out -- but not entirely
- 52 One who flees from his native land to escape persecution
- 53 Trendy shoes, especially blue ones!
- 54 Most irritable
- 59 Simon Templar was the ...
- 60 Australia's world champion ladies basketball team, The ...
- 62 His tomb and contents were discovered in 1922 by Howard Carter (abb.)
- 63 ... Major and Minor constellations called Big Bear and Little Bear
- 64 Colonial Sugar Refining Co Ltd

- 65 The self
- 67 A cricket ground in central London, The ...
- 68 Or near offer
- 70 A long-playing record with a collection of songs
- 71 Hawthorn AFL players
- 78 The ... economic crisis if affecting world trade
- 79 Female sheep
- 81 Writing fluid
- 82 A proposed consumption tax for Australia?
- 84 Gas used in orange-red fluorescent lamps
- 85 Slim ..., leading Australian balladeer
- 88 ... cricket revolutionised the game (two words)
- 90 Record (abb.)
- 92 Misinform someone deliberately
- 94 The state of remaining ineffective
- until conditions are met
- 96 An enclosure for sports events
- 97 Australian federal politician
- expelled for alleged disloyalty to Britain, Hugh ...
- 101 Out of condition
- 102 Muhammad Ali was "the greatest" ,.. fighter
- 104 A NSW HSC ranking for tertiary entrance
- 105 International direct dialling
- 107 Order of the British Empire
- 108 An expressive exclamation
- 112 Distress signal that preceded "Mayday"
- 113 An 82 down in the UK
- 114 Country occupied by Germany 1940-45, capital Copenhagen
- 115 ... Republican Party founded in 1979 under the rule of Ayatollah Khomeini
- 116 A well-known Australian biscuit

- 117 Horizontal (abb.)
- 118 Persons thought to resemble the walking dead
- 119 Those who practise xenophobia
- 121 Substances intended to cure diseases
- 122 Dame Nellie ...
- 124 N. Ireland town where terrorists massacred 28 people by car bomb in August '98
- 125 Aden is the capital of South ...
- 127 ... Deco, characterised by innovative use of plastic and glass etc
- 128 Bring Your Own
- 130 A US sailor
- 131 National Health Service (Britain)
- 135 Numbers (abb)
- 137 Mel Gibson starred in the ... Max series
- 139 Random breath test
- 140 Cash on delivery
- 142 ... tube, an inflatable, air-tight rubber tube that fits into a tyre
- 143 The US embassy here was bombed by terrorists, killing many people, in August, 1998
- 144 Steve Martin and Diane Keaton starred in the 1991 movie ... of the Bride
- 146 Excite into action
- 147 A rough, uncouth person
- 148 A style of type face
- 149 Wildebeest
- 150 Theory on everything
- 152 Irish Republican Army
- 153 International subscriber dialling
- 155 The elliptical path travelled by a planet, satellite etc
- 157 ... Rock, or Uluru
- 159 Much of this flows from 236 down
- 160 Royal Australian Navy
- 161 Liquefied petroleum gas

- 162 ... Hazlehurst features in TV's Better Homes and Gardens
- 163 May ... author of children's books, including Bib and Bub
- 164 ... Mabo, an activist for Aboriginal Land Rights
- 165 Pertaining to an imaginative movement in art
- 166 Battle of ..., a series of heavy bombing attacks by Germany in 1940
- 167 Liquid Crystal Display
- 168 Film star and sex symbol ... West
- 169 ... Peninsula in SW Europe occupied by Spain and Portugal
- 171 Surname of US President
- 172 In folklore, a race of supernatural beings inhabiting caves and the like
- 173 An Eskimo dog
- 175 Elizabeth ... prominent US film actress
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BRITAIN-FOWL MYSTERY. Violet the chicken's mysterious death _ was it fowl play?

RUSSIA-MIR MOVIE. Actor prepares to be launched into space.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

BERLIN Helmut Kohl's hand-picked heir as chief of Germany's Christian Democrats is forced out Wednesday in the fallout since the former chancellor admitted concealing illegal donations. GERMANY-KOHL SCANDAL. Lead has moved. By Paul Geitner. AP Photos XBER101-102,107,110; BER103.

MOSCOW After a year of tension over the wars in Yugoslavia and Chechnya, Russia and NATO are restoring ties, leaders announce Wednesday. "We've moved from permafrost into slightly softer ground," says Lord Robertson, secretary-general of the Western alliance. RUSSIA-NATO. Lead has moved. By Nick Wadhams. AP Photos MOSB101-103, 112-113; KIV106-107.

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RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Russian forces and Chechen rebels clash Wednesday in the foothills of southern Chechnya. MOZD101-102, NAZ101-102, MOSB106.

NEW YORK A former Bank of New York executive and her husband plead guilty to money laundering Wednesday in the biggest break yet in a multibillion-dollar scandal linked to the Russian mob. US-BANKS-RUSSIA. Lead has moved. By Larry Neumeister.

BAIA MARE, Romania A deadly cyanide leak that left a major river lifeless has caused "very serious damage," a senior U.N. official says Wednesday. Romanian farmers blame authorities and the owners of the gold mine where

the spill originated, saying they ignored warning signs. BALKANS-CYANIDE SPILL. Lead has moved. By Alison Mutler.

TEHRAN, Iran Liberal candidates in this week's parliamentary elections make a final appeal to voters Wednesday, predicting overwhelming victory for supporters of President Mohammed Khatami's reform program. IRAN-ELECTIONS. Lead has moved. By Vijay Joshi. AP Photos TEH101-102.

BAGHDAD, Iraq Dire economic conditions mean 12-year-old Ali gets just six pencils for the entire school year. The government says he and other Iraqis are suffering under U.N. trade sanctions; the U.S. says Baghdad is not using oil-for-food hard currency to help its people. IRAQ-LIFE UNDER SANCTIONS. Expected by 2000 GMT. By Leon Barkho. AP Photos TEH101-102.

ALSO MOVED:

IRAQ-UN. The head of the U.N. World Food Program in Iraq says Wednesday that she resigned out of frustration over the stalemate. BAG101.

JERUSALEM German President Johannes Rau addresses Israel's parliament Wednesday in German, a historic first, bowing his head as he asks for forgiveness for the Holocaust. ISRAEL-GERMANY. Lead expected by 2100 GMT. By Karin Laub. AP Photos JRL101-104; KNO101-103,106.

LONDON The prime ministers of Britain and Ireland meet Wednesday to map out a strategy for dealing with the troubled Northern Ireland peace process. NORTHERN IRELAND. Lead has moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photos LAB104, LON103.

JAKARTA, Indonesia Hundreds of protesters on Wednesday urge U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan to put an end to the rapes, torture and killings they claim the military carries out in Aceh province. INDONESIA-UN. Lead has moved. By Daniel Cooney. AP Photos JAK101-106.

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INDONESIA-GENERAL. Wiranto tells troops loyal to him not to challenge his suspension.

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FREETOWN, Sierra Leone In a bid to save a faltering peace accord, the United Nations warns Sierra Leone's rebels Wednesday to give up their weapons or face a "forceful response" from peacekeepers. SIERRA LEONE-UN ULTIMATUM. Has moved. By Clarence Roy-MacAulay.

MOSCOW In his upcoming role in a space movie, actor Vladimir Steklov can't just act like he has the right stuff. He'll be shot into space to film scenes aboard the space station Mir, filmmakers announce Wednesday. RUSSIA-MIR MOVIE. Has moved. By Vladimir Isachenkov. AP Photos MOSB116.

WASHINGTON Averting cybercrime is one of law enforcement's "most critical issues," but also one of its most challenging, U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno says Wednesday. US-HACKER ATTACKS. Lead has moved. By Ted Bridis.

BANGKOK, Thailand There are no easy solutions to poverty, leaders say Wednesday as they seek to design a world trading system for the globalized era that will benefit the poorest countries. Lead has moved. By Naomi Koppel. AP Photos BK101-121.

ALSO MOVED:

WORLD TRADE-WOLFENSOHN.

WORLD TRADE-ELECTRONIC COMMERCE.

FINCHINGFIELD, England Who sent Violet, a fowl insured for a million pounds (dlrs 1.6 million), to the great chicken coop in the sky? Residents of this picture-pretty village have been wondering ever since the bird was found dead one chilly day. Hints of fowl play abound. BRITAIN-FOWL MYSTERY. Has moved. By Sue Leeman. AP Photos XFNB101-103.

LOOKING AHEAD: Parliamentary elections take place Friday in Iran.

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GERMANY-NAZI LABOR. Negotiations to continue on dividing Nazi labor fund.

JAPAN-GRAPPLING WITH SEXISM. Japan's first woman governor wrestles for political equality.

CHINA-BANNED SECT. Months into crackdown, Falun Gong still defies Chinese leaders.

UN-CONGO PEACEKEEPING. African nations are lobbying for a large U.N. peacekeeping force.

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LONDON The prime ministers of Britain and Ireland have vowed to steer Northern Ireland's feuding politicians back into government together but admit they don't yet know how. NORTHERN IRELAND. Lead has moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photos XBFT104-105; LAB103-105; LMN101-110; LON119-120.

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KANEVSKAYA, Russia Unlike Boris Yeltsin, who was always eager to wade into crowds, Vladimir Putin doesn't show much enthusiasm for mixing with the voters. RUSSIA-PUTIN'S CAMPAIGN. Expected by 0300 GMT. AP Photo MOSB109-111. By Vladimir Isachenkov.

ALSO MOVED:

RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Russian forces and Chechen rebels clash in southern Chechnya. Lead expected by 1000 GMT. MOZD101-102, NAZ101-102, MOSB106.

US-RUSSIA POLITICS. Former Russian premier says reforms will continue after elections. AP Photo MOSB114-115.

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TEHRAN, Iran President Mohammad Khatami, leading a popular campaign for social and political reforms, asks Iranians to strengthen his hand by voting in large numbers in Friday's parliamentary elections. IRAN-ELECTIONS. Lead expected by 0300 GMT. By Vijay Joshi. AP Photos TEH103-109. XTEH101-102.

WITH:

IRAN-ELECTION-STAKES. A look at Iran's parliamentary election.

IRAN-ELECTION GLANCE. Key facts about Iran.

IRAQ-LIFE UNDER SANCTIONS. Iraqis suffering under U.N. trade sanctions. AP Photos TEH101-102.

JERUSALEM The first German words ever spoken in Israel's parliament are a plea for forgiveness for the Holocaust, but they made some Israelis shiver nonetheless. ISRAEL-GERMANY. Lead has moved. By Karin Laub. AP Photos JRL101-104; KNO101-103,106, 108.

NEW YORK Jerusalem's mayor says an upcoming visit to the Holy Land by Pope John Paul II has been spoiled by a deal signed between the Vatican and the Palestinians that condemns Jerusalem's hold over the disputed city. ISRAEL-VATICAN. Expected by 0200 GMT. By Dafna Linzer. AP Photo.

TOKYO The election of Japan's first <u>female</u> governor was a major victory for <u>women</u> in a political world that remains the realm of men. Now, after just a week in office, she is taking on another battle against Japan's last bastion of unabashed machismo, the world of sumo. JAPAN-GRAPPLING WITH SEXISM. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Ginny Parker. AP Photo NY194.

BEIJING Banned and vilified by China's government for nearly seven months, Falun Gong is far from crushed. The multimillion-member spiritual movement is withstanding the fiercest crackdown since the Tiananmen Square democracy protests were crushed in 1989. CHINA-BANNED SECT. Expected by 0300 GMT. By John Leicester. AP Photos BEJ103-105.

UNITED NATIONS African nations are lobbying to get U.N. peacekeepers on the ground quickly to support a shaky cease-fire in Congo but many council members first want to be certain that fighting has stopped and there really is a peace to keep. UN-CONGO PEACEKEEPING. Expected by 0200 GMT. By Edith M. Lederer.

BERLIN The agreement on a 10 billion mark (dlrs 5 billion) fund for victims of the Nazis' labor policies was hailed as a breakthrough but going into the next round of negotiations Thursday, serious questions remain about dividing up the money. GERMANY-NAZI LABOR. Expected by 0300 GMT.

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WASHINGTON President Bill Clinton is leaving the door open _ slightly to making a visit to Pakistan and offering to help mediate the volatile Kashmir dispute Pakistan has with India. CLINTON-PAKISTAN. Expected by 0300 GMT; stands as RECAP to US-CLINTON-INDIA PAKISTAN. By Barry Schweid.

WASHINGTON Advocates for Africa meet Wednesday to try to change widely held views of the continent as a wartorn land of impoverished nations. They hope to influence U.S. policies on Africa as well. US-AFRICA SUMMIT. Lead expected by 0600 GMT. By Pauline Jelinek.

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FEATURES: Science and Technology

NEW YORK The theory behind cancer chemotherapy has been this: Hit hard, with as much drug as the patient can stand. But new studies using mice seem to show a better way: Don't go for knockout punches. Jab repeatedly instead, with more frequent, low doses. MED-US-STARVING TUMORS. To move as wire time permits. By Malcolm Ritter. AP Photo NY341

IRBENE, Latvia Astronomer Juris Zagars is a man with a mission: to get one of the former Soviet Union's most powerful spy telescopes back searching the heavens. SCI-LATVIAN TELESCOPE. To move as wire time permits. By Steven C. Johnson. AP Photos NY392-NY393

HONOLULU An endangered Hawaiian goose will be reintroduced to an island it hasn't inhabited since before Capt. James Cook's 1778 arrival in Hawaii. Pu'u O Hoku Ranch on Molokai will become home to a flock of captive-bred nene goslings this spring. SCI-US-HAWAIIAN GOOSE. To move as wire time permits. By Jean Christensen.

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ALKHAZUROVO, Russia The Russian military sends troops to the base of Chechnya's craggy, snow-covered mountains in preparation for a final offensive on rebel fighters' last remaining strongholds, officials say. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Lyoma Turpalov. AP Photos MOZD101-102.

ALSO MOVED:

AFGHANISTAN-CHECHNYA. Afghanistan's ruling Taliban militia urges Muslim countries to declare a holy war against Russia to force end to Moscow's assault on Chechnya.

RUSSIA-POLITICS. Putin gets official approval as a presidential candidate. AP Photos MOSB101-102.

RUSSIA-MUZZLING THE MEDIA. Pressure on journalists builds in Putin's Russia. AP Photo MOSB106.

SEOUL, South Korea As North Korea celebrates leader Kim Jong II's birthday Wednesday, U.S. and South Korean troops prepare to stage a large-scale joint military exercise against a possible invasion from the North. NKOREA-LEADER'S BIRTHDAY. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Paul Shin. AP Photo SEL103.

BAGHDAD, Iraq Iraq's top U.N. official says Wednesday he was quitting his job because he does not believe that the latest Security Council resolution to solve the Iraqi issue is going to work. IRAQ-UN. Has moved. By Leon Barkho, AP Photo BAG102.

ALSO MOVED:

UN-IRAQ-SANCTIONS. The resignation of two U.N. humanitarian officials in Iraq casts spotlight on sanctions.

LONDON A court orders Britain to release a report on Gen. Augusto Pinochet's fitness for trial to four countries seeking his extradition. BRITAIN-PINOCHET. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Mara D. Bellaby. AP Photos LAB101-102, BRU108-110.

ALSO MOVED:

CHILE-PINOCHET. Mixed reaction to British court's decision on releasing Pinochet report.

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia Serbia's Agriculture Ministry warns of dangerous metal concentrations in an East European river already contaminated by a cyanide spill. BALKANS-CYANIDE SPILL. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Katarina Kratovac. AP Photos BEL101, MTI102-104; AP GRAPHIC CYANIDE RIVER 2.

COLUMBIA, South Carolina George W. Bush and John McCain swap charges of negative campaigning in a heated debate, prelude to a pivotal South Carolina primary in the battle for the Republican presidential nomination. US-REPUBLICAN DEBATE. Lead has moved. By Glen Johnson. AP Photos.

BERLIN Already facing a stiff political price for illegal financial practices under former Chancellor Helmut Kohl, Germany's Christian Democrats on Tuesday received their first bill: 41.3 million marks (dlrs 20.6 million). GERMANY-KOHL SCANDAL. Lead has moved. By Burt Herman. AP Photos BER103-104; XBER103-112.

ALSO MOVED: GERMANY-KOCH-WESER. German finance minister poised for top post at IMF.

BANGKOK, Thailand Appealing to rich nations to open up their markets, the chief of the World Trade Organization says Wednesday that aid handouts cannot help the poorest countries as much as selling goods in real free trade. WORLD TRADE. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Naomi Koppel. AP Photos BK101-108.

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PARIS Police in France and Denmark arrest two high-ranking former Rwandan army officers in connection with the 1994 bloodbath that left a half-million dead. FRANCE-RWANDA. Has moved.

JERUSALEM Israel will consider making minor changes in its maps for an overdue troop withdrawal from the West Bank, officials say. ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Has moved.

JERUSALEM From touch down to take off, Israeli police call it one of the most involved security details in the country's history: "Operation Old Friend," protecting Pope John Paul II during his Holy Land pilgrimage this March. ISRAEL-POPE. Has moved. By Dana Budeiri. JRL104.

TEHRAN, Iran In a rare show of public gaiety in Islamic Iran, thousands of young Iranians clasp hands and dance to Westernized music at an election rally for a reformist candidate. IRAN-ELECTIONS-TWO VIEWS. Has moved. By Afshin Valinejad. AP Photos TEH101-102, 105-107; XTEH102-105.

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BEVERLY HILLS, California The Oscars embraced dysfunction and darkness, bestowing a leading eight nominations on the suburban burlesque "American Beauty" and honoring movies about abortion, death row and the tormented souls of the dead. US-OSCAR NOMINATIONS. Has moved. By David Germain. AP Photo MAD106, LON106; AP Graphic OSCAR NOM2.

ALSO MOVED:

BRITAIN-OSCARS-AMERICAN ACCENT. Being American, it seems, was Britain's way to Oscar's heart. AP Photo LA109.

US-OSCARS-FOREIGN. Spain, France, Nepal, Sweden and UK vie for foreign film Oscar. With AP Photos.

US-OSCARS-FARNSWORTH. 'Straight Story's' Farnsworth becomes oldest leading actor nominee.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Wednesday, protesters in Puerto Rico fly to Washington to repeat their demands that the U.S. Navy leave the island and stop bombing on Vieques.

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FEA-EGYPT-HOLY TRAVELS. Egypt hopes for tourism boost from holy family's Biblical sojourn. AP Photos NY311-312.

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FEA-EGYPT-ENDURING COPTS. Once dominant in Egypt, Copts in uneasy relations with Muslims. AP Photos NY309-310.

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FEA-CAMBODIA-CHINA CARD. Chinese political, economic influence grows in Cambodia. AP Photo NY316.

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IRAN-ELECTIONS. Final campaign rallies are held ahead of parliamentary elections.

SRI LANKA-PEACE INITIATIVE. Norwegian foreign minister arrives for peace talks, fighting erupts.

US-HACKER ATTACKS. Attorney general, FBI director expected to testify on cyber security before Senate panel.

MIDEAST-TROUBLED TALKS. Israeli negotiator questions whether Palestinians want a deal.

ISRAEL-GERMANY. German president addresses Israeli parliament.

SPAIN-PINOCHET. Spanish papers say British medical report shows Pinochet suffering brain damage.

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RUSSIA-NATO. NATO secretary-general meets Russian leaders to improve relations. AP Photos MOSB101-103, 105.

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TEHRAN, Iran Rushed election workers press pamphlets in the hands of passersby and candidates prepare for final rallies Wednesday, the last day of campaigning for parliamentary elections that will determine the future of President Mohammad Khatami's reforms. IRAN-ELECTIONS. Expected by 1300 GMT. By Vijay Joshi. AP Photos TEH101-102.

BERLIN Top officials in Germany's Christian Democrats say Wolfgang Schaeuble will resign Wednesday as party chairman over his handling of the party financing scandal stemming from abuses during former Chancellor Helmut Kohl's leadership. GERMANY-KOHL SCANDAL. Developing. By Burt Herman. AP Photo NY116.

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long as they have sufficient evidence. LATVIA-NAZI INVESTIGATORS. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Steven C. Johnson.

JERUSALEM Oded Eran seems like a man with some time on his hands. If all were going as planned, Israel's chief negotiator to talks with the Palestinians would be steeped in a schedule of marathon meetings. But, with the talks frozen and no firm date in sight for their renewal, Eran has time on his hands and questions whether Palestinians want a deal. MIDEAST-TROUBLED TALKS. Has moved. By Jocelyn Noveck. AP Photo NY109.

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century and remains deeply suspicious of the world. FEA-NORTH KOREA-TOURISM. Has moved. By Christopher Torchia. AP Photos NY110-112.

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The <u>Irish Republican Army</u>'s retreat from disarmament talks cast a shadow Wednesday over efforts to restore power to the Catholic-Protestant administration for Northern Ireland. Hopes were low that talks in London could rebuild relations, particularly after the IRA announced Tuesday it had stopped cooperating with the province's disarmament commission and withdrawn a vague proposal to put its weapons "beyond use." British Prime Minister Tony Blair invited the Irish government and three key Northern Ireland parties in the suspended power-sharing Cabinet to his London residence. Blair and Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern planned to talk with separate delegations from the major parties. (NORTHERN IRELAND)

NAZRAN, Russia (AP)

Russian forces and Chechen rebels clashed in the foothills of southern Chechnya as Russia prepared for what it called a decisive offensive on separatist strongholds in the mountains, officials said Wednesday. The military said some 40 rebels were killed in fighting near the southwestern village of Elistanzhi on Tuesday, and it gave no information on Russian casualties. Russian jets and helicopter gunships flew more than 50 combat missions over suspected rebel positions in the mountains during the past 24 hours. The military said that the number of sorties was markedly lower than during recent weeks because its reconnaissance planes are mapping new militant emplacements. Rebels were digging into position and planting mines along paths leading into the mountains, the military said. (RUSSIA-CHECHNYA)

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)

As North Korea celebrated leader Kim Jong II's birthday Wednesday, U.S. and South Korean troops staged a large-scale joint military exercise against a possible invasion from the North. South Korean officials believe that Kim, who turned 58 on Wednesday, is in firm control of the communist country and its 1.1 million-member military, the world's fifth largest. That seemed evident during the celebrations, which included a military statement of support, mass rallies, sports contests, art exhibitions, and poetry composed in the leader's honor, the North's foreign news outlet, KCNA, said. The highlight was to be marches by thousands of soldiers, students and working people to Kim's birth place at Mount Paektu on the border with China. Gen. Thomas Schwartz, commander of U.S. forces in South Korea, said North Korea has a "tremendous" chemical weapons arsenal and has upgraded its military capabilities in the last few years despite its weak economy. (NKOREA-LEADER'S BIRTHDAY)

COLUMBIA, South Carolina (AP)

George W. Bush and John McCain swapped charges of negative campaigning in a heated debate, prelude to a pivotal South Carolina primary in the battle for the Republican presidential nomination. "You should be ashamed,"

McCain lectured his rival. "Do not compare me to Bill Clinton," Bush snapped back. Bush, McCain and Alan Keyes also clashed over abortion, taxes and campaign finance and found common ground on foreign policy in a 90-minute encounter Tuesday night, but the debate crackled when the topic turned to negative campaigning. McCain, the Arizona senator, said he had ordered his staff days ago to stop running all negative ads. But the Texas governor, seated a few feet away, waved a printed flyer that attacked him over Social Security, a copy of which he said turned up on a car windshield on Monday. (US-REPUBLICAN DEBATE)

WORLD SPORTS AT 1400 GMT

SOCCER:

MUNICH, Germany Bayern Munich plays Hansa Rostock hoping to clinch a berth in the German Cup final against Werder Bremen, the team that beat it last year for the title.

Slug Sports-Soccer-German Cup. Expected by 2130 GMT.

VENICE, Italy Serie A powerhouse Lazio, starting from a 5-0 first-leg lead, looks like a certain Italian Cup finalist as it takes on Venezia in their second-leg semifinal of the competition.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Italian Cup. Match scheduled for 1700 kick off.

MADRID, Spain FC Barcelona faces Osasuna in one of three games Wednesday night in the second leg of the quarterfinals of the Spanish Copa del Rey.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Copa del Rey. Expected by 2230 GMT.

By Adam Brown.

LONDON Controversial striker Stan Collymore gets his new club Leicester kicked out of its Spanish training site after he sets off a fire extinguisher in a hotel bar.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Collymore Behavior. Has moved.

ALSO:

MIAMI Sports-Soccer-Gold Cup. Has moved.

ZURICH, Switzerland Sports-Soccer-FIFA Rankings. Expected by 1700 GMT.

MACAU Sports-Soccer-Asian Cup-Group 10. Expected by 1500 GMT.

KUWAIT Sports-Soccer-Asian Cup-Group 5. Expected by 1800 GMT.

ATHLETICS:

MADRID, Spain World 200 meters champion Inger Miller of the United States and sprinter Ato Boldon of Trinidad and Tobago are scheduled to compete Wednesday at the Madrid Indoor Meet.

Slug Sports-Track-Madrid Indoor. Expected around 2000 GMT.

MONACO The world governing body of athletics sympathized with former Olympic champion Linford Christie, who has been banned from using state-run facilities in Australia while under a doping ban, but said it had no power to intervene.

Slug Sports-Track-Christie-Ban. Has moved.

CRICKET:

GUJRANWALA, Pakistan Sri Lanka's Sanath Jayasuriya celebrates his 200th international appearance with a 34-run victory Wednesday over Pakistan in the second match of a three-match series.

Slug Sports-Cricket-Pakistan-Sri Lanka. Has moved to some points; expected by 1430 GMT to others.

BY Rizwan Ali.

BULAWAYO, Zimbabwe Grant Flower strikes an unbeaten 55 to salvage a 194 for seven for Zimbabwe in its first of four one-day internationals against England on Wednesday.

Slug Sports-Cricket-Zimbabwe-England. Has moved to some points; expected by 1430 GMT to others; WILL be UPDATED with England innings.

TENNIS:

HANNOVER, Germany Anke Huber battles Belgian teen-ager Kim Clijsters and third-seeded Amelie Mauresmo battles qualifier Tina Pisnik at the Faber Grand Prix.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Hannover Indoor. Expected by 2100 GMT.

ALSO:

MEMPHIS, Tennessee Sports-Tennis-Kroger St. Jude. Has moved.

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands Sports-Tennis-Rotterdam. Early lead expected by 1800 GMT.

OLYMPICS:

SYDNEY, Australia Olympic leaders on Wednesday approve new drug-testing procedures designed to make the system more open and eliminate any suspicion of cover-ups.

Slug Sports-Olympics-IOC Meetings. Has moved.

By Stephen Wilson.

WITH:

SYDNEY, Australia Sports-Olympics-IOC-Notebook, By John Pye, Has moved.

ALSO:

ARE, Sweden Sports-Skiing-Women-World Cup. Expected by 1700 GMT.

PARIS Sports-RugbyU-France. Expected by 1600 GMT.

MALMO, Sweden Sports-Swimming-World Cup. Expected by 2200 GMT.

UNDATED Sports-Basketball-NBA Roundup. Has moved.

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

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WORLD SPORTS AT 0000 GMT

SOCCER:

BERLIN Officials from Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands sign a joint declaration including measures to prevent soccer hooligans from wreaking havoc at this summer's European Championship.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Euro 2000-Hooligans. Has moved.

VENICE, Italy Serie A powerhouse Lazio sails into the Italian Cup finals on a 7-2 aggregate against Venezia, capitalizing on its huge first-leg lead.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Italian Cup. Has moved.

MUNICH, Germany Roque Santa Cruz, the 18-year-old Paraguayan striker, scors twice to help Bayern Munich secure a place in the German Cup final with a 3-2 victory over Hansa Rostock.

Slug Sports-Soccer-German Cup. Has moved.

MADRID, Spain FC Barcelona, Atletico de Madrid and Espanyol outplay their rivals to pass to the semifinals of Spain's Copa del Rey in the first three second-leg quarterfinals.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Copa del Rey. Has moved.

By Adam Brown.

KUWAIT Jamal Mubarak's goal in the 33rd minute is all Kuwait needs to beat Yemen 2-0 and qualify for the Asian Cup finals for the seventh time in eight tries.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Asian Cup-Group 5. Has moved.

MIAMI The United States faces Peru in the final first-round game for both as the South Americans try to earn a place in the quarterfinals of the CONCACAF Gold Cup.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Gold Cup. Honduras-Colombia match scheduled for 2400 GMT kickoff; US-Peru scheduled for 0200 start.

MADRID, Spain Controversial striker Stan Collymore has gotten his new club kicked out of its Spanish training site after he set off a fire extinguisher in a hotel bar.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Hotel Rumpus. Has moved.

By Ciaran Giles.

ALSO:

ZURICH, Switzerland Sports-Soccer-FIFA Rankings. Has moved.

ATHLETICS:

MADRID, Spain British sprinter Jason Gardener runs to victory in the 60 meter sprint in Madrid's indoor Cagigal Memorial meet, covering the track in 6.48.

Slug Sports-Track-Madrid Indoor. Has moved.

HAVANA A dejected Javier Sotomayor returns to Cuba after being dropped from a meet in Greece following a decision to suspend him from international competition for testing positive for cocaine.

Slug Sports-Track-Cuba-Sotomayor. Has moved.

SAILING:

AUCKLAND, New Zealand This will be an America's Cup like none other, and not just because the Americans are left on the shore. Five years after practically ripping the America's Cup out of Dennis Conner's hands, New Zealand sailors aboard Black Magic will defend yachting's biggest prize against Italy's Luna Rossa starting Saturday.

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

By Bernie Wilson.

TENNIS:

HANNOVER, Germany Third-seeded Amelie Mauresmo of France advances to the third round of the dlrs 535,000 Faber Grand Prix WTA tournament without hitting a ball, but three other seeded players tumble out.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Hannover Indoor. Has moved

ALSO:

MEMPHIS, Tennessee Sports-Tennis-Kroger St. Jude. Expected by 0500 GMT.

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands Sports-Tennis-Rotterdam. Has moved.

OLYMPICS:

SYDNEY, Australia Organizers of the Sydney 2000 Olympics are set to announce Thursday how they plan to cut millions of dollars from their budget deficit.

Slug Sports-Olympics-Sydney Budget. Expected to move 0700 GMT.

CRICKET:

CALCUTTA, India An International Cricket Council panel concludes the Indian board's investigation of match fixing charges satisfactory, and says no further actions are warranted.

Slug Sports-Cricket-Betting Scandal. Has moved.

ALSO:

BUYALWO, Zimbabwe Sports-Cricket-Zimbabwe-England. Has moved.

SKIING:

ARE, Sweden The <u>women</u>'s World Cup ski circuit returns to its northernmost site with three weekend races, starting with a giant slalom under the lights.

Slug Sports-Skiing-Women-World Cup. Second run starts 1930 GMT.

By Stephan Nasstrom.

ALSO:

MALMO, Sweden Sports-Swimming-World Cup. Has moved.

LOS ANGELES Sports-Golf-Nissan Open. By Ken Peters. Has moved.

PENINA, Portugal Sports-Golf-Portuguese Open. By Alan Page. Has moved.

UNDATED Sports-Basketball-NBA Roundup. Expected by 0700 GMT.

NEW YORK Sports-Ice Hockey-NHL Roundup. Expected by 0700 GMT.

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WORLD AT 1800 GMT:

NEW:

FRANCE-TEEN PILL. Morning-after pill for teens triggers debate.

RUSSIA-US-ESPIONAGE. U.S. diplomat detained on spy charges.

US-EXXON-MOBIL. U.S. approves merger of Exxon and Mobil.

GERMANY-KOHL. Kohl acknowledges secret accounts.

KUWAIT-WOMEN'S RIGHTS. Bill giving women political rights rejected.

BRITAIN-ROYAL OPERA. New opera house welcomes public.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

SEATTLE Thousands of protesters brave a cold rain to march through Seattle streets Tuesday in an effort to disrupt the formal opening of the World Trade Organization. WORLD TRADE. Lead has moved. By Dirk Beveridge. AP Photos SEC101-102.

ALSO MOVED:

WORLD TRADE-PROTESTS. Union members take to streets to protest WTO.

WORLD TRADE-CONCERNS. Of world trade and witches; What do the WTO's critics want?

PHILIPPINES-WTO PROTEST. Thousands protest against WTO in Manila. MLA104.

SINGAPORE-CHINA-ZHU. Chinese prime minister announces further economic liberalization.

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico Mexican and FBI agents attempt Tuesday to identify more than 100 people, apparently victims of a major drug gang, who may be buried in desert graves. US-FBI-MEXICO-GRAVES. Lead expected by 2000 GMT. By Niko Price.

PARIS The French government's decision to make the morning-after pill available at school to teen-age girls unleashes a fierce debate Tuesday in this mainly Roman Catholic country. FRANCE-TEEN PILL. Has moved. By Clar Ni Chonghaile. AP Graphic French Pill.

ACHKOI-MARTAN, Russia The convicted embezzler tapped to head the Moscow-backed government in Chechnya collects recruits for his police force during a tour Tuesday of a Russian-held Chechen city. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Lead expected by 2000 GMT. By Elmira Temirova. MOSB104-105,107-108.

ALSO MOVED:

CHINA-CHECHNYA. China praises Russia for trying to 'avoid' civilian deaths in Chechnya.

FRANCE-GERMANY-CHECHNYA. France, Germany urge Russia to let OSCE mission visit Chechnya.

MOSCOW Threatening to further strain U.S.-Russian relations, Russia's security services detain a U.S. diplomat accused of collecting secret military information. RUSSIA-US-ESPIONAGE. Lead expected by 2000 GMT. By Angela Charlton. MOSB109.

LUNGI, Sierra Leone Signaling the start of the largest U.N. peacekeeping mission in Africa in two years, about 130 Kenyan soldiers are welcomed Tuesday to this war-battered city. SIERRA LEONE-PEACEKEEPERS. Lead has moved. By Clarence Roy-Macaulay. FTN101-103.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland On a day rich in ironic episodes, the former <u>Irish Republican Army</u> chief Tuesday tells the province's Protestants that their state schools are in safe hands. NORTHERN IRELAND. Lead expected by 2100 GMT. By Shawn Pogatchnik. XBFT103; LCN103; LON101.

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia The opposition has changed the face of Malaysian politics by nearly doubling their seats in Parliament. MALAYSIA-ELECTIONS. Has moved. By Beth Duff-Brown. KL106,112.

ALSO MOVED:

MALAYSIA-MAHATHIR'S TRIUMPH. Asia's longest-serving leader defies forecasts of doom.

MALAYSIA-ELECTIONS-REAX. Malaysians say they chose stability, but at what cost?

JAKARTA, Indonesia Indonesia's new democratic government promises to establish close ties with soon-to-be-independent East Timor, making amends for decades of brutal military occupation. INDONESIA-EAST TIMOR. Has moved. By Slobodan Lekic. JAK102-107.

ALSO MOVED:

INDONESIA-ACEH. Indonesia's Wahid reveals secret attempts to solve Aceh crisis.

BEIJING Police force a veteran Chinese dissident to return to a psychiatric hospital after he says he might publicly discuss his seven years confined to the institution, a human rights group reports Tuesday. CHINA-DISSIDENTS. Lead has moved. By Renee Schoof.

WASHINGTON U.S. government regulators on Tuesday approve the dlrs 81 billion merger of Exxon and Mobil, creating the world's largest non-government petroleum company. BC-US-EXXON-MOBIL. Urgent series moving. By H. Josef Hebert.

WINDHOEK, Namibia As the first day of voting ends Tuesday, two opposition parties question the integrity of the vote. NAMIBIA-ELECTION. Lead has moved. By Mike Cohen. WDK101-107.

BERLIN Admitting "mistakes" during his time as German chancellor, Helmut Kohl says Tuesday he was responsible for possible breaches in party finance laws while he was in charge of his Christian Democrats. GERMANY-KOHL. Lead has moved. By Tony Czuczka. BER113.

KUWAIT Kuwaiti <u>women</u> lose the chance to become part of the political scene of their oil-rich state Tuesday when Parliament rejects a bill to give them the right to vote and run for office. KUWAIT-<u>WOMEN</u>S RIGHTS. Lead has moved. By Diana Elias. KUW101-102.

LONDON After an excruciating half-decade of turmoil and accusations of elitism, the restored Royal Opera House is throwing its doors open to the public again. BRITAIN-ROYAL OPERA. Has moved. By Robert Barr.

LOOKING AHEAD: World Trade Organization ministerial conference in Seattle continues Wednesday through Saturday.

FEATURES MOVED:

FEA-KENYA-FORGOTTEN PEOPLE. AP Photos NY111-113, 115-116.

FEA-US-BEYOND THE PC. NYR109.

FEA-CARIBBEAN-MILLENIUM BUST.

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FEA-ROMANIA-CELLULAR PHONE FEVER.

FEA-US-Y2K-HOARDING.

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WORLD SPORTS AT 1400 GMT

SOCCER:

TOKYO Roy Keane's 35th-minute goal completes Manchester United's title-filled year Tuesday, giving it a 1-0 victory over Palmeiras, its fourth trophy and England its first victory in the Toyota Cup.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Toyota Cup. Has moved.

MILAN, Italy Internazionale of Milan, missing injured stars Christian Vieri and Ronaldo, hosts Bologna as the third round of the Italian Cup gets underway Tuesday.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Italian Cup. Expected by 2200 GMT.

LONDON After beating Middlesbrough 6-1 and 5-1 in their last two meetings in the league, Arsenal aims to knock Bryan Robson's team out of the League Cup.

Slug Sports-Soccer-British Roundup. Expected by 2200 GMT.

BOLOGNA, Italy Chelsea forward Pierluigi Casiraghi undergoes knee surgery Tuesday and should be ready to return to action at the start of next season, his manager said.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Casiraghi Surgery. Has moved.

LONDON The players accuse each other of diving and trying to get each other ejected. The coaches accuse the referees of incompetence and say the fans conspire to get the players into trouble while the supporters accuse the players of inciting violence in the stands. Call this the beautiful game?

Slug Sports-Soccer-Tarnished Image. Expected by 1600 GMT.

By Robert Millward

ALSO:

LONDON Sports-Soccer-Richest Clubs and List. Both expected by 1500 GMT for 2400 GMT release.

CRICKET:

HARARE, Zimbabwe Romesh Kaluwitharan's boundary on the final ball gives Sri Lanka a six-wicket victory over Zimbabwe on Tuesday in their first test.

Slug Sports-Cricket-Zimbabwe-Sri Lanka. Has moved to some points; expected by 1430 to others.

SYDNEY, Australia Pakistan's cricket manager Yawar Saaed said he knew nothing about reports suggesting star paceman Shoaib Akhtar was under investigation for a possible suspect bowling action.

Slug Sports-Cricket-Shoaib. Has moved.

VOLLEYBALL:

TOKYO European runner-up and 1991 World Cup champion Russia beats Cuba 25-15, 25-23, 25-18 and moves into first place Tuesday with two matches left in the 12-nation men's volleyball World Cup.

Slug Sports-Volleyball-Men's World Cup. Has moved.

ALSO:

VANCOUVER, British Columbia Sports-Basketball-NBA Roundup. Has moved.

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

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WORLD SPORTS AT 0000 GMT

SOCCER:

TOKYO There's only one title left for Manchester United to win.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Toyota Cup. Has moved.

By K.P. Hong.

SAO PAULO, Brazil Small groups of angry Palmeiras fans throw rocks at passing traffic and smash shop windows after the club's loss to Manchester United in the Toyota Cup final.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Toyota-Brazil Reaction. Has moved.

MILAN, Italy With top strikers Christian Vieri and Ronaldo sidelined, Internazionale of Milan turns to wingbacks Grigorios Georgatos and Javier Zanetti to beat Bologna 2-1 in an Italian Cup third-round, first-leg match.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Italian Cup. Has moved.

LONDON After losing their last two league meetings, Middlesbrough gains the satisfaction of a League Cup victory over Arsenal, winning a penalty shootout to advance to the last eight.

Slug Sports-Soccer-British Roundup. Has moved.

LONDON Manchester United's triumph over Brazil's Palmeiras in the Toyota Cup not only secures its fourth title in six months but also strengthens its position as world soccer's richest club.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Richest Clubs. Has moved. With List. HOLD FOR RELEASE until 0030 GMT.

LONDON Managers accuse rival players of cheating, fans accuse players of inciting violence, and stars say they're targeted by supporters. Is this the "beautiful game" Pele talks about?

Slug Sports-Soccer-Tarnished Image. Has moved.

By Robert Millward.

ALSO MOVED:

MILAN, Italy Sports-Soccer-Ronaldo Surgery.

BUCHAREST, Romania Sports-Soccer-Hagi-Surgery.

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa Sports-Soccer-SAfrica Ndhlela.

BOLOGNA, Italy Sports-Soccer-Casiraghi Surgery.

CRICKET:

GEORGETOWN, Guyana The touring India A cricket team seizes four wickets in quick succession after tea to claw their way back into contention in a Test match against West India A.

Slug Sports-Cricket-West Indies-India. Has moved.

HARARE, Zimbabwe Romesh Kaluwitharana's fourth boundary caps Sri Lanka's six-wicket victory over Zimbabwe, finishing off the visitors' 38-for-four second-innings struggle and winning the second of three tests with three hours to spare.

Slug Sports-Cricket-Zimbabwe-Sri Lanka. Has moved.

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa The sports minister insists on racial quotas in cricket, after an all white team plays England in a friendly match.

Slug Sports-Cricket-South Africa-Race. Has moved.

GOLF:

UNDATED Tiger Woods is voted PGA Tour player of the year after putting together the best season in more than 40 years.

Slug Sports-Golf-PGA Tour Awards. Has moved.

By Doug Ferguson.

UNDATED Sergio Garcia is old news. Tiger Woods is now the old man. The new kid on the block is an 18-year-old amateur named Aaron Baddeley.

Slug Sports-Golf-Youth-Movement. Expected by 0300 GMT.

By Doug Ferguson.

SKIING:

CALGARY, Alberta The men's World Cup downhill course this weekend at Lake Louise, Albert, will resemble an ice hockey rink.

Slug Sports-Skiing-Canada-Downhills. Has moved.

SNOWBOARDING:

SESTRIERE, Italy France's Nicolas Huet and Isabelle Blanc win the opening parallel giant slalom races of the Snowboard World Cup season.

Slug Sports-Skiing-Snowboard-World Cup. Has moved.

BASEBALL:

NEW YORK Pete Rose is prepared to present an array of expert witnesses to baseball to make his case for reinstatement.

Slug Sports-Basebal-Pete Rose. Expected by 0300 GMT.

By Ronald Blum.

ALSO:

NEW YORK Sports-Baseball-Umpires. Has moved.

ALSO:

MILAN, Italy Sports-Basketball-Europe-Foreigners. Has moved.

UNDATED Sports-Basketball-NBA Roundup. Expected by 0500 GMT.

UNDATED Sports-Ice Hockey-NHL Roundup. Expected by 0500 GMT.

CLEARWATER, Florida Sports-Football-Taylor-Drugs. Has moved.

SPORTS EDITORS: It's time to rank the top 10 sports stories of 1999. This year, the Associated Press is also asking international media subscribers to rank the top sports stories of the 20th Century. AP World Service media subscribers should submit their choices one ballot per publication or broadcast outlet by Wednesday, Dec. 15.

Slug Sports-1999 Top Story Poll, Advisory. Ballot moving by 0100 GMT.

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Body

Beneath the mountains of words and the torrent of pictures about the United States' war on terrorism and the posturing of the Taleban this week, it is easy to lose the scale of the human toll.

Think about it. At least 6566 people are dead because of the terrorist act of a small cell of hijackers. That includes the 6333 people presumed dead at the World Trade Center in New York alone. And that is just the update from yesterday, not the final death toll.

The description "unprecedented" fails to convey the gut-wrenching scale. It is a figure without parallel in the history of terrorism.

It has drawn a response that is also without parallel. Within hours, President George W. Bush swore the United States would use the imposing might of its military power in retribution. Now he is marshalling an international posse to strike back.

But the attack is not a random lashing out at the hated Western foe. This calculated use of terrorism as a political weapon draws on a long inheritance, and a violent response by the United States is part of the calculation. If the United States causes high civilian losses and creates more martyrs, Osama bin Laden and his heirs will reap a political reward.

While bin Laden's methods have caused public expressions of revulsion throughout Arab and Muslim states, the grievances that motivate him are shared by hundreds of millions.

The issues with which bin Laden justifies his actions - US support for the Israeli occupation, the continuing military presence of the US military in the Middle East, economic sanctions by the West - are widely supported. The solution may ultimately have to be political rather than military.

Stephen Zunes, an associate professor of politics at the University of San Francisco and a Middle East analyst, says the West cannot ignore the fact that these feelings resonate widely, even if only a minority support terrorist actions.

"A tiny minority," said Zunes, "but a tiny minority among 300 million Arabs can be enough to recruit a few hundred people who are willing to kill themselves and a lot of people with them."

Zunes says terrorists usually have a dangerous mix of psychopathic tendencies and political frustrations.

"It's an act of the powerless who are frustrated and cannot advance their cause by more traditional means. I think it's no accident that so many terrorists come out of the Middle East where there are very few democratic institutions [through which they can] express their grievances."

Terrorism's very roots can be traced to the Middle East. Acts of terror for political means began to emerge during the Roman rule of Palestine, when a Jewish order called the Zealots committed random murders in busy crowds to stir an uprising. At the beginning of the second millennium, a Shi'ite Muslim sect called the Assassins would kill their Sunni rivals to purify Islam.

The use of the word terrorism comes from the French Revolution, when gangs executed people deemed enemies of the revolution.

As a tactic it has evolved and changed, according to the cause, throughout the ages. But it emerged as a global phenomenon in the 20th century, particularly the second half. And it was by no means the exclusive tool of Middle Easterns.

Independence movements such as that of the Basque separatists in Spain, indigenous people in places such as Africa, shaking off the clutches of their colonial rulers, and fanatics with a warped view of the world, such as Timothy McVeigh, all used terrorism.

Some of them will forever have a place in the annals of evil, but not all of them are so regarded by history. One man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter. And it is not always easy to distinguish which is which.

The Irish leader Michael Collins led a band of guerrillas called the Irish Volunteers, which later took the name the *Irish Republican Army* during the 1920s. When a movie about his life emphasised the statesman-like aspect of his character, supporters of Britain's continued role in Northern Ireland criticised the film as glorifying the IRA, the notorious group whose bombings caused widespread panic throughout the 1970s and 1980s.

Others whose organisations have carried out terrorist attacks have gone on to stride the world stage. Leaders of the FLN in Algeria formed the first post-colonial government after a bloody campaign against their French rulers. Some of Israel's first prime ministers headed the Zionist terrorist groups in the 1940s. Even Nelson Mandela's ANC used some terrorist tactics during its fight against apartheid in South Africa, though such tactics were denounced by many within the party.

A marked change that did occur in the second half of the 20th century was the increasing toll of civilian casualties. .

Algeria's FLN provided an early example of widespread and deliberate targeting of civilians when in 1955 it changed its policy of only attacking military and government targets and turned on ordinary men, <u>women</u> and children. It marked a turning point in the country's war of independence and inspired other rebel groups.

In the late 1960s terrorism changed shape again. People's social and political awareness grew while technology, communications, and media advances made terror a weapon that could attract attention out of proportion with its actual effects.

In 1968, Palestinian militants hijacked an Israeli El Al plane and forced it to divert to Algiers. The hostages were held for 40 days. In 1970, Palestinian gunmen forced three planes with a total of 400 people on board to fly to the desert in Jordan. They blew up the planes after releasing most of the hostages. In 1974, the US-based Symbionese Liberation Army kidnapped American publishing heiress Patty Hearst - then promptly converted her to their cause.

The Basque group ETA began its independence campaign of bombings and assassinations by killing a Spanish secret police chief in San Sebastian in 1968. Elsewhere in Europe, the IRA began fighting more ferociously. Though the IRA has since embarked on a peace process, republican breakaway groups remain a threat.

In Sri Lanka, the Tamil Tigers have become a feared force since the early 1980s and have been more prolific at using suicide attacks than even the Palestinians.

In Africa, Uganda continues to be brutalised by the Lord's Resistance Army, a Christian group that has become one of the deadliest terrorist groups in the world.

By most common definitions, terrorism is an act carried out by a small politically motivated group that does not have the resources or the numbers to mount a regular war.

But accusations of state-sponsored terrorism are not uncommon. Iran - itself accused of supporting terrorists such as Hizbollah - has claimed to be a victim. When a US ship opened fire on a civilian Iran Air plane over the Gulf in 1988, Iran denounced it as a terrorist act.

Israel, an undoubted victim of terrorism, stands accused itself because of its strikes on Palestinians. Telephone bombs, booby-trapped cars, helicopter gunships and killing squads have wiped out militants in the West Bank and Gaza during the latest push.

There have been suggestions that bin Laden's handiwork has been carried out in cahoots with Iraq. Former Central Intelligence Agency director James Woolsey has warned against blaming bin Laden alone for last week's attacks.

Soon after the attacks he suggested there was some evidence that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein was linked to the four hijackings, as well as to the first World Trade Center bombing in 1993.

Woolsey's theory was given more credence this week when it emerged that one of the suspected hijackers, Mohammed Atta, had met Iraqi intelligence officials in Europe early this year.

Whoever was involved in the attacks, bin Laden has created a reputation as a terrorist without equal, if for no other reason than the sheer scale and audacity of the plans he has pulled off. His brand of terrorism involves masterminding attacks against the world's sole superpower - something he is forced to carry out from an adopted homeland, given that his own country has disowned him.

How can he possibly achieve anything?

An Australian Government expert on terrorism, who asked not to be named, said history revealed many organisation who had succeeded through terrorism.

"In some cases, groups have done deals with the government. The more moderate elements of Eta have done a deal with the Government. The Palestinians, through terrorism, managed to get the Oslo peace accord."

Bin Laden regards the withdrawal of the Americans from Beirut after attacks on US installations there in the 1980s a success too.

But in President Bush's own words, his new global coalition will hunt down Osama bin Laden and take him dead or alive. It will punish those who harbour terrorists. It has declared war on terrorism.

This is no ordinary battle. Bin Laden is the declared target but his network, al Qaeda (the base), is no ordinary terrorist group. Unlike the anti-colonialist campaigners who had a narrowly defined aim, bin Laden is working across national boundaries and with a diffuse organisation.

David Long, a former official in the US State Department and an expert on terrorism, says bin Laden is a facilitator.

"Is Osama bin Laden the exclusive font of terrorist evil? No," Long told the New Yorker. "This is an informal brotherhood we are seeing now, whose members can draw on each other. Bin Laden's organisation is not a terrorist organisation in the traditional sense. It's more a clearing house from which other groups elicit funds, training, and logistical support. It's a chameleon, an amoeba, which constantly changes shape according to the whims of its leadership, and that leadership is Osama bin Laden."

So can terrorism ever be thwarted? German and Italian authorities stamped out the leftist Baader-Meinhof and the Red Brigades during the 1970s with an aggressive effort to arrest their leaders. But Stephen Zunes says these two organisations probably wilted more because they did not have a wide support base.

The Australian source agrees that terrorist organisations usually implode rather than get blown up. "To some extent, what's happened in the past is that groups have lost impetus because people have grown older and less interested in exposing themselves to that kind of lifestyle.

"The Baader-Meinhof (group), for example, wasn't attracting young recruits any more and they all retired. But if you have got an organisation that is attracting young recruits, then you have a continuing existence."

It is accepted that bin Laden has plenty of followers to draw upon. So can he be beaten in this war on terror?

The Australian source is unsure. "It's more a containable situation. You can disrupt and take out some people, but you can't stop it. You can lift the threshold, make it more difficult, but you can't eliminate it."

He believes that in tandem with any military response, the US will have to adapt its Middle Eastern policy, as unpalatable as this may seem to Washington. "I think it is an issue they are going to have to think about," he said.

Taking out bin Laden would have an impact because of his charisma as a leader, but it would not end the problem.

"I can't think of anyone else who has his stature," said the source. "I think it would be a very significant thing if he was taken out. I don't think it would eliminate the problem, but it would certainly set it back a long way - a bit like when Abdullah Ocalan was taken out of the PKK." (Ocalan, the leader of the Kurdish organisation, was arrested by Turkish special forces in 1999 after months on the run.)

Rather than die out, bin Laden's network would probably splinter. "That's what happened with the Palestinians back in the 1980s," said the source. "You get elements break off because they have dominant leaders."

Zunes believes the US cannot win if it perceives the fight as a war. He advocates commando-style raids by special forces on specific targets. But he thinks the most important thing Washington can do is shift its foreign policy.

"The issues bin Laden talks about, the vast majority of Arabs agree with. I don't think bin Laden himself would be happy [if American addressed the issues], but I think the number of recruits and collaborators would drop and the ability to maintain a network and do some damage would be substantially weakened.

"If we end up alienating people by overreacting and bombing the bejesus out of some Muslim country, it's going to be harder to curb the problem," said Zules. "If there's any logic to bin Laden's madness it is to provoke an overreaction by the US. This will end up killing a lot of innocent people and the survivors will become the fresh recruits."

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ASIA-TELECOMS MERGER. Combination could open up the market.

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PATROLLING IRAQ. No-fly zone continues.

UN-GLOBAL DISARMAMENT. Annan warns of new arms race.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

GROZNY, Russia Russian soldiers, emboldened by word that the rebels were fleeing Grozny, press on toward the center of the shattered capital to root out remaining militants. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Lead expected by 1100 GMT. By Yuri Bagrov. AP Photos MOSB101-108, SPG101.

ALSO MOVED:

US-RUSSIA. U.S. secretary of state says she is unable to persuade Vladimir Putin to pull back in Chechnya. MOSB110.

JAKARTA, Indonesia A standoff between Indonesia's president and his security minister intensifies as Gen. Wiranto refuses to resign and takes part in a Cabinet meeting in defiance. INDONESIA-EAST TIMOR. Lead expected by 0900 GMT. By Geoff Spencer. DIL102-103.

HONG KONG A proposed combination of the big Hong Kong and Singapore phone companies could nudge the Asian telecommunications industry toward more open markets, though gradual liberalization seems more likely than any merger mania. ASIA-TELECOMS MERGER. Expected by 0100 GMT. By Dirk Beveridge.

VIENNA, Austria Austria's president delays approving a new government with Joerg Haider's rightists until the coalition partners sign a pledge to respect democratic values. AUSTRIA-GOVERNMENT. Recap expected by 0300 GMT. By Robert H. Reid. VIE123-124, VIE147.

ALSO MOVED:

EUROPE-AUSTRIA. Much of Europe denounces an agreement bringing the extreme right Freedom Party into Austria's governing coalition, threatening everything from diplomatic isolation to a tourist boycott.

NORTH OF THE TURKISH-IRAQI BORDER Air Force 1st Lt. Chris McCarthy flashes a thumbs up and pulls his F-15 Eagle away from an aerial refueler and toward northern Iraq, where he patrols a no-fly zone with heat-seeking missiles tucked under the wings of his fighter. PATROLLING IRAQ. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Louis Meixler. NY190-196.

UNITED NATIONS Calling the stagnation in global disarmament deplorable, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan warns that "a dangerous new arms race looms on the horizon." UN-GLOBAL DISARMAMENT. Expected by 0200 GMT. By Edith M. Lederer.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland The survival of Northern Ireland's Protestant-Catholic administration will depend on "substantial progress" soon toward disarming the *Irish Republican Army*, British Prime Minister Tony Blair says. NORTHERN IRELAND. Lead has moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik. XBFT101,103.

JERUSALEM The first open parliamentary debate on Israel's secret nuclear arsenal degenerated into an ugly confrontation Wednesday when an Arab legislator claimed that Israel has up to 300 nuclear warheads. ISRAEL-NUCLEAR. Lead has moved. By Mark Lavie. JRL104.

ANKARA, Turkey Turkish police have rescued a 5-year-old girl who was kidnapped by a militant Islamic Kurdish group with her family almost a year ago, authorities announced Wednesday. TURKEY-ISLAMIC MILITANTS. Lead has moved. By Selcan Hacaoglu.

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast Three days after a Kenyan Airways jet slammed into the Atlantic with 179 people aboard, Ivorian authorities on Wednesday defend their efforts to rescue survivors and recover wreckage. Ten people lived and 86 bodies have been found. IVORY COAST-CRASH. Lead has moved. By Tim Sullivan. ABI101-102.

PORT HUENEME, California Authorities abandon the search for survivors of a downed Alaska Airlines jetliner as investigators seek clues from taped talks between a Seattle maintenance crew and pilots struggling to keep control of the plane. US-ALASKA AIRLINES. Lead has moved. By Christine Hanley. AP Photos.

WASHINGTON Sen. John McCain opens the Southern front in his battle for the Republican presidential nomination, boosted by the momentum of a startling landslide over George W. Bush in New Hampshire, site of the first U.S. presidential primary. US-PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN. Lead has moved. By Walter R. Mears. AP Photos.

CARACAS, Venezuela Celebrating a tumultuous first year in office, President Hugo Chavez answers his critics in a speech lauding the accomplishments of his "social revolution." VENEZUELA-CHAVEZ'S FIRST YEAR. Has moved. By Bart Jones. CAR102,104.

MEXICO CITY Radical students occupying Latin America's largest university accuse the government of declaring "war" against them after campus security guards and striking students fought a bloody skirmish with sticks, pipes and rocks. MEXICO-UNIVERSITY STRIKE. Lead has moved. By Johanna Tuckman. AP Photos MO101-104.

WASHINGTON The Federal Reserve raises a key interest rate by a quarter-point the fourth increase since June in an effort to slow the red-hot economy and keep inflation from becoming a problem. US-FED-INTEREST RATES. Lead has moved. By Jeannine Aversa.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Friday, the Indonesian president arrives in Rome for meetings with Italian leaders and the pope.

FEATURES: Science and Technology

SAN FRANCISCO Earthquake waves that topple buildings, raise mountains and split the ground have long been used to study tremors and the structure of the Earth. Now, they're being turned into sound to make truly hard-rock

music that can help teach seismology. SCI-US-SEISMIC SYMPHONY. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Matthew Fordahl. AP Photo NY321

CAPE CANAVERAL, Floridda To avoid the dread of a 17 1-2 -ton astronomy satellite tumbling at random out of the sky, NASA is considering sending it on a controlled suicide dive over the Pacific in March. The satellite, Compton Gamma Ray Observatory, is 9 years old. SCI-US-SPACECRAFT SUICIDE. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Marcia Dunn.

WASHINGTON What drives some bodybuilders is a form of mental illness that can be treated with drugs, a researcher says. These people have a type of body dysmorphic disorder, a condition characterized by a preoccupation with an imagined or slight defect in appearance, he says. MED-US-BODYBUILDERS. Expected by 0300 GMT.

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WORLD AT 1100 GMT:

NEW:

IRAN-AIRPLANE COLLISION. Ten killed in plane collision on ground at Tehran airport.

IRAN-JEWS. Three Jews jailed on charges of espionage freed on bail.

ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. PLO's policy-making body debates statehood declaration.

LEBANON-ISRAEL. Israeli warplanes strike southern Lebanon for fourth straight day.

EUROPE-AUSTRIA. EU faces prospect of turning a cold shoulder on a member state.

EU-DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. EU, developing nations launch last-ditch negotiations for new aid-and-trade pact.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

VIENNA, Austria Joerg Haider says Wednesday that he expects presidential approval of a government coalition that would give his right-wing nationalists a major role in running a European Union member country for the first time. AUSTRIA-GOVERNMENT. Developing. By George Jahn. AP Photo VIE101-102.

BRUSSELS, Belgium With the extreme right Freedom Party poised to share power in Austria, the European Union faces the unprecedented prospect of turning a cold shoulder on a member state. EUROPE-AUSTRIA. Expected by 1400 GMT. By Raf Casert.

ALSO MOVED:

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

ISRAEL-AUSTRIA. Israel threatens to recall ambassador if Haider's far-right party joins the Austrian government.

WASHINGTON Sen. John McCain opens the Southern front in his battle for the Republican presidential nomination Wednesday, boosted by the momentum of a startling landslide over George W. Bush in New Hampshire. He called it "a powerful message" of change to come. Vice President Al Gore edges Bill Bradley to win the Democratic primary. US-PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN. Lead expected by 1200 GMT. By Walter R. Mears. AP Photos JAS117, EFA108, XELG101, ACS107.

ALSO MOVED:

ANALYSIS-US-NEW HAMPSHIRE. New Hampshire, which loves to rough up presidential front-runners, did its self-appointed duty in the Republican race Tuesday. The landslide victory by Republican John McCain and the slim Democratic victory by Vice-President Al Gore form a pivot point in a campaign that will soon become a costly national competition. By David Espo.

US-NEXT UP-DELAWARE. Republicans vie in Delaware as Democrats stay away.

ALKHAN-KALA, Russia Russian forces backed by tanks and artillery battled Wednesday to prevent Chechen militants who busted through the Russian blockade of Grozny from reaching rebel forces in the southern mountains. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Lyoma Turpalov. AP Photos MOSB102-106.

ALSO MOVED:

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

MOSCOW Russia must do far more to control its export of nuclear technology, U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright says Wednesday. US-RUSSIA. Lead expected after Albright-Putin meeting. By Barry Schweid. AP Photos MOSB107-108.

TEHRAN, Iran An Iran Air Airbus and a military transport plane collide on the ground Wednesday at Tehran's Mehrabad airport. Ten people are killed, the Islamic Republic News Agency reported. IRAN-AIRPLANE COLLISION. Developing. By Afshin Valinejad. AP Photos planned.

TEHRAN, Iran Three of the 13 Jews jailed in Iran for more than a year on charges of espionage are freed on bail Wednesday, Jewish officials in Iran say. IRAN-JEWS. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Afshin Valinejad.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland Northern Ireland's joint Protestant-Catholic administration, launched in such high hopes two months ago, is in danger of unraveling over the *Irish Republican Army*'s continued unwillingness to disarm. NORTHERN IRELAND. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Shawn Pogatchnik.

JAKARTA, Indonesia A standoff between Indonesia's president and the military over human rights abuses in East Timor intensifies Wednesday when the powerful security minister takes part in a Cabinet meeting in defiance of demands by the head of state that he quit. INDONESIA-EAST TIMOR. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Geoff Spencer. AP Photo JAK101.

UNITED NATIONS Indonesia's new president wants to show that his government can prosecute Indonesians for human rights crimes in East Timor and the U.S. government and U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan are willing to give him a chance. But Amnesty International and U.N. human rights investigators insist that only an international tribunal can bring the perpetrators to justice. UN-EAST TIMOR. Has moved. By Edith M. Lederer.

ALSO MOVED:

EAST TIMOR-BODIES. U.N. officials find remains of 10 bodies in a burial site they fear may contain up to 60 victims killed by anti-independence militia gangs.

INDONESIA-ACEH. Indonesian human rights minister welcomes rebel ceasefire offer.

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip The PLO opens debate on a unilateral declaration of independence Wednesday, in an apparent attempt to prod Israel in slow-moving negotiations on the terms of Palestinian statehood. ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Expected by 1200 GMT. By Ibrahim Barzak.

ALSO MOVED:

LEBANON-ISRAEL. Israeli warplanes strike suspected guerrilla targets in southern Lebanon for fourth straight day, but fighting seems to be ebbing. Expected by 1200 GMT.

PORT HUENEME, California Search boats bob across the choppy and chilly Pacific early Wednesday as friends and relatives of those aboard Alaska Airlines Flight 261 wait in an anguished vigil. US-ALASKA AIRLINES CRASH. Lead expected by 1200 GMT. NTSB-Coast Guard briefing set for 1700 GMT. By Christine Hanley. AP Photos ONX108,129-130; XVH103; AP Graphics.

ALSO MOVED:

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

US-CRASH-STABILIZER. Crash investigation focuses on airliner's stabilizer.

US-CRASH-VICTIMS. Grief pours out for crash victims. Expected by 1200 GMT. AP Photos WASEA103-7, CAFAI103-4, CACCT101, CADK101.

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast Ivorian officials, acknowledging they aren't able to mount a major salvage operation, say they expect Kenya Airways to find a jetliner that slammed into the Atlantic. IVORY COAST-CRASH. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Tim Sullivan.

MEXICO CITY Students opposed to a 9-month-old strike at Latin America's largest university throw rocks and bottles at classmates occupying the campus, trying to evict them from a university-affiliated high school. One person is killed and 37 others are injured. MEXICO-UNIVERSITY STRIKE. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Jose Luis Magana. AP Photos MO102-110.

EDINBURGH, Scotland The two Libyan defendants charged in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland in 1988 plead innocent Wednesday. LOCKERBIE TRIAL. Developing. By Jerome Socolovsky.

HANOI, Vietnam A speech by Communist Party chief Le Kha Phieu on Wednesday, in advance of the 70th anniversary of the ruling party's founding, raises questions about how fast Vietnam will continue the economic reforms launched in the mid-1980s. VIETNAM-COMMUNIST PARTY. Has moved. By Paul Alexander. AP Photos HAN101-104.

BRUSSELS, Belgium Last-ditch negotiations on a new euro (dollar) 13.8 billion aid-and-trade deal between the European Union and a group of 71 African, Carribean and Pacific nations starts, with few outstanding issues remaining. EU-DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. Expected by 1400 GMT. By Constant Brand.

WASHINGTON The Federal Reserve is ready to bump up interest rates for a fourth time since June in an effort to rein in the U.S. economy, which has been growing at a breakneck pace, private economists believe. US-FED-INTEREST RATES. Expected by 0800 GMT. Fed announcement expected around 1915 GMT. By Jeannine Aversa.

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

FEATURES MOVED:

FEA-AFGHANISTAN-DESPERATE TIMES. Thousands of Afghan refugees take shelter in ruined Russian embassy. AP Photo NY107.

FEA-ITALY-EXPANDING AVIANO. Expansion of Italy base is focus of Pentagon efforts in Europe. AP Photos NY314-317, Graphic ITALY AVIANO.

FEA-CHINA-THIS OLD HOUSE. Big money versus one old house symbolizes losing battle for old Beijing. AP Photos NY107-108.

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Joerg Haider on Wednesday said he expected presidential approval of a government coalition that would give right-wing nationalists the largest role ever in running a European Union member country. Haider and his conservative partners on Tuesday agreed on such a coalition, a move that has prompted massive opposition from abroad. The other 14 EU members are threatening sanctions, and other nations are warning they will rethink relations should Haider's rightist Freedom party assume a prominent government role. Among those most critical were Israel and Belgium. Prime Minister Ehud Barak said Wednesday that his country would recall its ambassador should Haider's party join government. Belgium's government said it would reduce contacts with the Austrian government to "a minimum." (AUSTRIA-GOVERNMENT)

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)

An Iran Air Airbus and a military transport plane collided on the ground Wednesday at Tehran's Mehrabad airport. Ten people were killed, the Islamic Republic News Agency reported. Only airport workers were aboard the Airbus, but it was not immediately clear how many people were on each aircraft or if there were any survivors. "We pulled out six charred bodies from the wreckage," said a firefighter on the scene, who refused to give his name. A paramedic at Iran Air's medical center at the airport confirmed that the remains of six people had been brought to the clinic. (IRAN-AIRPLANE COLLISION)

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire (AP)

John McCain scored a landslide victory over George W. Bush in the nation's first presidential primary, weakening Bush's drive to be the inevitable Republican nominee. Vice President Al Gore, survived a tough challenge from Bill Bradley in the Democrats' primary. It was a typical New Hampshire primary Tuesday, with voters delivering a lecture to front-runners in both parties and recasting the Republican race in particular as the candidates looked to larger states. Primary winners collect delegates to party nominating conventions in the summer. (US-PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN)

GROZNY, Russia (AP)

Russian forces backed by tanks and artillery battled Wednesday to prevent Chechen militants who busted through the Russian blockade of Grozny from trying to reach rebel forces in the southern mountains. While some 2,000 fighters have escaped Grozny this week, rebels still in the Chechen capital kept up fierce resistance Wednesday in the city center, which the Russians have been trying to seize for five weeks. Smoke from fresh shelling choked the damp gray sky as Russian troops advanced from the east through neighborhoods where every apartment building showed battle damage. The center was under heavy artillery fire. (RUSSIA-CHECHNYA)

EDINBURGH, Scotland (AP)

The two Libyan defendants charged in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland in 1988 pleaded innocent Wednesday at a pre-trial hearing in the Scottish High Court. "In the absence of my client, I formally enter a plea of not guilty to the indictments," said defense counsel Bill Taylor, representing defendant Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi. Attorney Richard Keen entered an innocent plea on behalf of codefendant Lamen Khalifa Fhimah. (LOCKERBIE-TRIAL)

WORLD SPORTS AT 1400 GMT

SOCCER:

ACCRA, Ghana Algeria can clinch a place in the African Nations Cup quarterfinals with a draw against South Africa. If the North Africans fail, Congo can advance from Group B by beating minnow Gabon.

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

By Andreas Evagora.

LONDON Leader Manchester United faces last-place Sheffield Wednesday in the Premier League, with Aston Villa up against Leicester in the second-leg semifinal of the League Cup with the winner facing first-division Tranmere.

Slug Sports-Soccer-British Roundup. Expected by 2200 GMT.

MADRID, Spain Deportivo faces Osasuna in one of five Copa del Rey matches on Wednesday.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Copa del Rey. Expected by 2200 GMT.

By Ciaran Giles.

ALSO:

ROME Sports-Soccer-Roma-Nakata-Japan. Has moved.

BUCHAREST, Romania Sports-Soccer-Romania-Bulgaria-Stoichkov. Has moved.

ATHLETICS:

VALENCIA, Spain Jamaican sprinter Merlene Ottey, facing suspension for a positive drug test, defies pressure to pull out of a track meet in Valencia.

Slug Sports-Track-Valencia Meet. Expected about 2000 GMT.

SKIING:

MUNICH, Germany Olympic slalom champion Hilde Gerg of Germany broke her left shin bone in a spill during practice and will miss the rest of the skiing World Cup season, her team says Wednesday.

Slug Sports-Skiing-Gerg Injured. Has moved; WILL be UPDATED.

SWIMMING:

SHEFFIELD, England Ian Thorpe's amazing world record performances have sparked speculation that he might be taking drugs. The 17-year-old Australian, who will be chasing his own 200 meter freestyle short course world record later Tuesday, emphatically denies it.

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

By Robert Millward.

SAILING:

AUCKLAND, New Zealand AmericaOne continues its comeback in the America's Cup Wednesday, defeating Italy's Prada by the narrowest margin yet in the challenger finals to tie the best-of-9 series 3-3.

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

By Rohan Sullivan.

ALSO:

AUCKLAND, New Zealand Sports-Sailing-America's Cup-Women. By Rohan Sullivan. Has moved.

RUGBY UNION:

CLAIREFONTAINE, France France has dropped captain Rafael Ibanez for Saturday's Six Nations opener against Wales in Cardiff _ one of six changes to the squad that reached the World Cup final in November.

Slug Sports-RugbyU-France. Has moved.

TENNIS:

TOKYO Defending champion and top-seeded Martina Hingis of Switzerland ousts American Lisa Raymond 6-3, 7-5 Wednesday, advancing to the quarterfinals in the dlrs 1.08 million Toray Pan Pacific Open *women*'s tennis.

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

By K.P. Hong.

ALSO:

HARARE, Zimbabwe Sports-Tennis-Davis-Zimbabwe-US. By Angus Shaw. Expected by 1600 GMT.

CRICKET:

MELBOURNE, Australia Australia, led by early assault bowling of Glenn McGrath, scores a comfortable six-wicket victory over Pakistan in Wednesday's opening match in the best-of-three limited-overs finals cricket series.

Slug Sports-Cricket-Australia-Pakistan. Has moved.

DURBAN, South Africa South Africa meets Zimbabwe in the sixth one-day international of the Standard Bank Triangular Series at Kingsmead Wednesday.

Slug Sports-Cricket-South Africa-Zimbabwe. Early innings lead expected by 1700 GMT.

SUMO:

TOKYO A headline-grabbing scandal over claims by a former wrestler that sumo is rife with fixed bouts is renewing suspicions that Japan's national sport is not as clean as its official image might suggest.

Slug Sports-Sumo-Scandal. Has moved

By Ginny Parker.

ALSO:

UNDATED Sports-Basketball-NBA Roundup. Has moved.

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

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WORLD SPORTS AT 0000 GMT

SOCCER:

ACCRA, Ghana Algeria eases into the quarterfinals of the African Nations Cup with a confident 1-1 draw against South Africa.

Slug Sports-Soccer-African Cup. Has moved.

By Andreas Evagora.

LONDON Matt Elliott's looping header in first-half injury time gives Leicester a 1-0 victory over Aston Villa to put the modest Premier League side into the League Cup final for the second straight year and the third time in four years.

Slug Sports-Soccer-British Roundup. Has moved.

MADRID, Spain Two goals in injury time gives Rayo Vallecano a 3-1 win over Lledia to advance to the quarterfinals of Spain's Copa del Rey.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Copa del Rey. Has moved.

By Ciaran Giles.

LONDON English soccer officials begin lobbying for a quota system to reduce the number of foreigners playing in England.

Slug Sports-Soccer-England-Foreigners. Has moved.

FRANKFURT, Germany Install some fear right at the start. That's the plan for Bayern Munich when the Bundesliga resumes with a weekend showdown between frontrunner Bayern and third-placed Hamburger SV.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Bundesliga Restart. Expected by 0200 GMT.

By Nesha Starcevic.

ALSO:

ROME Sports-Soccer-Italy-Long Suspension. Has moved.

JERUSALEM Sports-Soccer-Israel-Prostitutes. Has moved.

SAILING:

AUCKLAND, New Zealand The America's Cup challenger finals between AmericaOne and the Italian boat Prada tied 3-3 enters the next race in the best-of-9 showdown.

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

By Rohan Sullivan.

TENNIS:

TOKYO Alexandra Stevenson, the first woman to make the Wimbledon semifinals as a qualifier, meets American compatriot Chanda Rubin in the second round in a bid to reach the quarterfinals of the Toray Pan Pacific Open **women**'s tennis.

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

By K.P. Hong.

ALSO:

HARARE, Zimbabwe Sports-Tennis-Davis-Zimbabwe-US. By Angus Shaw. Has moved.

SWIMMING:

SHEFFIELD, England Shrugging off smears that he might be a doping cheat, world record holder Ian Thorpe collects his third victory in two days at a World Cup short course meet, adding the 200 meter freestyle title to his 100 and 400 triumphs.

Slug Sports-Swimming-World Cup. Has moved.

By Robert Millward

OLYMPICS:

LONDON Australian IOC executive Kevan Gosper insisted on paying all costs of his family's holiday in Salt Lake City but was the victim of "entrapment" by local Olympic bid officials who fiddled with the accounts, the IOC's chief investigator says.

Slug Sports-Olympics-Gosper. Has moved.

By Stephen Wilson.

ATHLETICS:

VALENCIA, Spain Jamaican sprinter Merlene Ottey, who faces suspension over a positive doping test, defies pressure to withdraw from an athletics meet and runs to victory in a 60-meter sprint.

Slug Sports-Track-Valencia Meet. Has moved.

CRICKET:

DURBAN, South Africa A Zimbabwean seventh wicket partnership of 91 between Andrew Flower and Guy Whittall sees Zimbabwe beat South Africa by two wickets off the last ball in the international at Kingsmead.

Slug Sports-Cricket-South Africa-Zimbabwe. Has moved. Lead expected by 0100 GMT.

GOLF:

SYDNEY, Australia Host Greg Norman, Australian Open winner and amateur Aaron Baddeley and John Daly are among the entrants that begin play in the first round of the dlrs 1.3 million (U.S.) Greg Norman International.

Slug Sports-Golf-Greg Norman International. Expected by 1100 GMT.

ALSO:

PEBBLE BEACH, California Sports-Golf-Pebble Beach. By Doug Ferguson. Has moved.

SKIING:

MUNICH, Germany Olympic slalom champion Hilde Gerg of Germany broke her left shin bone in a spill during practice and will miss the rest of the skiing World Cup season, her team says.

Slug Sports-Skiing-Gerg Injured. Has moved.

ALSO:

CLAIREFONTAINE, France Sports-RugbyU-France. By Patrick Desavie. Has moved.

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic Sports-Baseball-Caribbean Series. Expected by 0300 GMT.

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

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

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New JORDAN-ISRAELI SHOT. Israeli diamond trader shot and killed in Amman.

New BRITAIN-OBIT-ADLER. Harmonica virtuoso Larry Adler dies. AP News Digest,2176

MACEDONIA: Macedonian police kill five ethnic Albanian rebels

OHRID, Macedonia Police kill five ethnic Albanian rebels in a raid early Tuesday intended to prevent "terrorist activities" and seize illegal weapons in a Skopje suburb, the interior minister says in a statement. Political leaders from both sides, as well as U.S. and European Union peace envoys, gathered again at the lake resort of Ohrid to try to finalize a peace deal. MACEDONIA. Has moved. By Misha Savic.

IRAN: Parliament frees way for president's swearing-in

TEHRAN, Iran Iran's reformist parliament approves two hard-line candidates Tuesday for a powerful oversight panel after essentially being forced to vote on nominees it already had rejected a distasteful resolution for reformists but one that clears the way for President Mohammad Khatami's swearing in ceremony. IRAN-POWER STRUGGLE. Has moved. By Afshin Valinejad.

EUROPE:

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

BELFAST, Northern Ireland The leader of Northern Ireland's major Protestant party says Tuesday he isn't prepared to sustain the province's power-sharing administration unless the <u>Irish Republican Army</u> delivers on its promise to disarm. NORTHERN IRELAND. Has moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik.

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

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

ROMANIA: Explosion kills 14 Romanian coal miners

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

OBIT-ADLER: Harmonica virtuosos Larry Adler dies at 87

LONDON Larry Adler, the virtuoso of the humble harmonica, has died at age 87, his manager says Tuesday. BRITAIN-OBIT-ADLER. Has moved. By Robert Barr. AP Photos LON101-102.

FRANCE: Rarified language of French officialdom to get revamped for first time since 16th century

PARIS French tax forms and other official correspondence once came in Latin. Today, they are written in the complex language of state bureaucracy which for many is just as bad. But not for long. For the first time since 1539, when King Francois I did away with documents in Latin, French officialdom plans to make its administrative forms more readable all 1,600 of them. FRANCE-SPEAKING IN TONGUES. Has moved. By Elaine Ganley.

MIDEAST:

ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS: Palestinian gunmen kill Arab Israeli motorist in West Bank

JERUSALEM In a possible case of mistaken identity, Palestinian gunmen shoot and kill an Arab Israeli motorist in an ambush Tuesday near the West Bank town of Qalqilya. ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Has moved. By Greg Myre. AP Photos JRL101-103.

ALSO:

JORDAN-ISRAELI SHOT. AMMAN, Jordan An Israeli diamond trader living in Jordan has been shot dead, Jordanian government officials say. Has moved.

PALESTINIANS-PASSENGERS FOR HIRE. DIR AL BALAH, Gaza Strip _ Bilal Abu-Atwa, a 10-year-old Palestinian with a serious air that belies his age, has just started a bizarre summer job as a passenger for hire and he has the Israeli army to thank for the work. Has moved. AP Photos NY190-191.

AFRICA:

SOMALIA: Pro-government forces claim recapture of port city

MOGADISHU, Somalia Pro-government forces retake the southern port of Kismayo on Tuesday, a day after gunmen from an Ethiopian-backed faction claimed control of Somalia's third-largest city, the pro-government militia says. SOMALIA-FIGHTING. Has moved. By Osman Hassan.

ZIMBABWE: Racial violence erupts over disputed land in Zimbabwe

HARARE, Zimbabwe Rampaging ruling party militants attack whites Tuesday in a town near where at least 23 white farmers have been arrested for alleged violence against land occupiers, farmers' leaders and witnesses says. ZIMBABWE-VIOLENCE. Expected by 1200 GMT. By Angus Shaw.

KENYA: Kenyan, U.S. officials mark anniversary of embassy bombing with opening of a peace park

NAIROBI, Kenya The former U.S. ambassador to Kenya joins President Daniel arap Moi and other officials in opening a peace park on the site of the U.S. embassy that was bombed exactly three years ago, killing 213 people. KENYA-BOMBING MEMORIAL. Expected by 1200 GMT. By Chris Tomlinson. AP Photos NAI101-103.

AFRICAN BEAUTY: In West Africa beauty pageant, fat is where it's at

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast Around here, thin ain't in. So, skinny contestants at the Queen of Ivory Coast beauty pageant had better start bulking up. WEST AFRICA-THE BIG NIGHT. Has moved. By Ellen Knickmeyer. AP Photos NY192-193.

ASIA:

INDONESIA-FEMALE LEADER: Feminists pessimistic despite first female leader

JAKARTA, Indonesia Less than two years after hard-line Islamic politicians said a woman could never govern the world's most populous Muslim nation, Megawati Sukarnoputri is Indonesia's first <u>female</u> head of state. But some feminists question whether she'll do much to improve the lot of many Indonesian <u>women</u>. INDONESIA-<u>FEMALE</u> LEADER. Has moved. By Lely T. Djuhari. AP Photos JAK103.

ALSO MOVED:

INDONESIA-SUHARTO'S SON. JAKARTA, Indonesia Police say two suspects have confessed to assassinating a Supreme Court judge last month on the orders of "Tommy" Hutomo Mandala Putera, the fugitive son of former dictator, Suharto. AP Photos JAK101-102.

PHILIPPINES-REBELS: Philippine rebels, government sign cease-fire

PUTRAJAYA, Malaysia The Philippine government and Muslim separatist rebels sign a cease-fire Tuesday, a major step toward ending decades of fighting in the southern Philippines. MALAYSIA-PHILIPPINES-REBELS. Has moved. By Sean Yoong. AP Photos KL110-111.

ALSO:

MALAYSIA-PHILIPPINES-ARROYO. KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia Embarking on her first overseas trip since becoming president of the Philippines, Gloria Macapagal Arroyo comes to Malaysia for a state visit. Has moved. AP Photos KL101-109.

AFGHANISTAN: International aid workers keep low profile following arrests

KABUL, Afghanistan International aid workers in the war-devastated capital are keeping a low profile, quietly doing their jobs while the hard-line Islamic Taliban conduct their investigation into charges that eight jailed foreigners propagated Christianity, a crime punishable by death. AFGHANISTAN-AID WORKERS. Expected by 1300 GMT. By Kathy Gannon.

CHINA: Report: Fifteen detained in southern China mine accident

BEIJING Chinese authorities have detained 15 people suspected of responsibility in the flooding of two tin mines that trapped hundreds of workers, killing at least 78 of them, official media report. CHINA-MINE ACCIDENT. Has moved. By Ted Anthony.

CAMBODIA: Constitutional Council approves Khmer Rouge tribunal law

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia Cambodia's Constitutional Council approves a revised draft law that takes the country a step further toward setting up a tribunal to try surviving Khmer Rouge leaders for crimes against humanity. CAMBODIA-KHMER ROUGE. Has moved. By Ker Munthit.

ASYLUM FIRE: Rights groups question treatment of mentally ill after deadly asylum fire

MADRAS, India Human rights groups in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu on Tuesday question the provincial government's failure to check unregistered asylums for the mentally ill, as the death toll in a fire at one such facility climbs to 26. INDIA-ASYLUM FIRE. Has moved. By K.N. Arun. AP Photos ERW101-103 of Aug. 6.

WHALERS RETURN: Japanese whaling mission returns home

TOKYO With a beer toast, plates of whale meat sashimi and bouquets of flowers, Japanese fishing officials on Tuesday welcome home a harpoon fleet that cruised into port with a quarry of 158 whales. JAPAN-WHALERS RETURN. Has moved. By Mari Yamaguchi. AP Photos TOK102-105.

AMERICAS:

CLONING DEBATE: From hard science to harder ethics, cloning experts gather

WASHINGTON Since the day in 1997 that scientists in Scotland announced the successful cloning of a sheep named Dolly, the fear of or hope for human cloning has been a major focus of discussion and of legislation. On Tuesday, the National Academy of Sciences takes up the issue. US-CLONING. Has moved. By Randolph Schmid. AP Photo NY195.

US-RUSSIA: Rumsfeld says not too expect too much from U.S.-Russia talks on anti-missile defenses

WASHINGTON Even before talks with Russia begin on a new U.S. proposal for anti-missile defenses, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld says not to expect too much at first. US-RUSSIA. Has moved. By Barry Schweid.

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

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

PUERTO RICO: Navy resumes bombing exercises on Vieques

VIEQUES, Puerto Rico The U.S. Navy presses ahead with bombing exercises on the Puerto Rican island of Vieques as groups of protesters continue to break through the range, hoping to thwart the maneuvers. PUERTO RICO-VIEQUES. Has moved. By Manuel Ernesto Rivera. AP Photos VIQ102-105.

COLOMBIA: Amid modern sprawl, centuries-old Bogota celebrates improvements as it marks anniversary

BOGOTA, Colombia It is both a gloomy, sprawling city with huge traffic jams and burgeoning slums and a classy metropolis boasting parks, museums and kilometers (miles) of bike paths. As Bogota celebrates the anniversary of its founding Tuesday, the centuries-old city of 7 million straddles the extremes. COLOMBIA-BETTERING BOGOTA. Has moved. By Nick Rosen. AP Photo NY111.

CLINTON-BOOK DEAL: Former president Clinton will publish memoir with Knopf

NEW YORK Ending months of speculation, former President Bill Clinton says he will write his much sought-after memoirs for publisher Alfred A. Knopf. Terms were not disclosed but a source says Clinton's advance will top the previous record of dlrs 8.5 million for a nonfiction book. US-CLINTON-BOOK DEAL. Has moved. By Hillel Italie. AP Photo NY117.

AMADO-OBIT: Brazil's best selling author dies at 88

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil The best-selling author in Brazil's history, Jorge Amado, who enchanted readers worldwide with his good-humored and lusty tales, dies Monday, hospital officials said. He was 88. BRAZIL-OBIT-AMADO. Has moved. AP Photos SAO101; NY196.

BUSINESS and FINANCE:

GERMANY: Chemical giant BASF to cut more jobs; BMW's profits double

FRANKFURT, Germany German chemicals giant BASF AG posts a 97 percent plunge in second-quarter profits and announces 1,200 more job cuts in its bid to fend off the effects of the global economic slowdown. GERMANY-EARNS-BASF. Has moved. AP Photo FRA106.

FRANKFURT, Germany Hot-selling sedans help German automaker BMW AG more than double profits and beat expectations in the second quarter, the company says Tuesday. GERMANY-EARNS-BMW. Has moved. AP Photos FRA101-102.

JAPAN: Government to cut spending on public works, international aid

TOKYO Japan's ruling coalition parties approves a plan Tuesday to cut international aid and public works outlays for next fiscal year's budget by about 10 percent, an official said. JAPAN-ECONOMY. Has moved.

FUEL CELLS: Automaker working on fuel cell powered homes and businesses

TRAVERSE CITY, Michigan The same fuel cell technology the automakers are developing in hopes of producing pollution-free vehicles may also be the answer to preventing power blackouts, a General Motors Corp. executive says. US-GM-FUEL CELLS. Has moved; hold for release until 1115 GMT. Will be led with details from 1100 GMT news conference. By Ed Garsten.

BRUNEI: Assets from prince's bankrupt corporation put up for auction

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, Brunei In an embarrassing turn of fortune for oil-rich Brunei, the profligate spending of a playboy prince's bankrupt development company has led to the debtor's auction block and everything from gold-plated toilet paper holders to fire engines is up for grabs. BRUNEI-PRINCE'S AUCTION. Has moved. By Ignatius Stephen.

LOOKING AHEAD: Bolivian President-elect Jorge Quiroga to be sworn in on Tuesday.

FEATURES MOVED:

FEA-WORLDWIDE SIMPSONS. LOS ANGELES Thought up in L.A., drawn in Korea, cartoon hit 'The Simpsons' goes global. AP Photo NY191.

FEA-US-PC ANNIVERSARY I. SAN JOSE, California IBM fueled PC revolution 20 years ago. AP Photos NY850; FX101,102,103,105. AP Graphic PC TIMELINE.

FEA-US-PC ANNIVERSARY II. NEW YORK Computing's next 20 years: smaller, smarter even under our skin. AP Photos NY848-49.

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Byline: By the time you read this editorial, Israel may already have retaliated for Thursday's bomb that killed at least 15 people and maimed dozens in a Jerusalem restaurant. The response could be ferocious, given the high death toll and the increasing frequency of Palestinian attacks against the Jewish state. It is not outside the realm of possibility that Israel could respond by invading the West Bank, attempting to crush Palestinian security and paramilitary forces and evicting Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority.

Body

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New York Times

The friction between reformers and reactionaries in Iran was great enough this week to delay the inauguration of Mohammad Khatami to a second term as president. Mr. Khatami was finally sworn in on Wednesday, but he faces a protracted struggle with conservative clerics who have the institutional power to cripple his boldest initiatives.

Mr. Khatami must not retreat from the long- term goal of making Iran's government more accountable to the will of the electorate. Unelected clerical leaders ought not to have arbitrary power to arrest and punish their critics, overrule Parliament and direct intelligence agencies to organize assassinations abroad. Narrow interpretations of Shiite orthodoxy should not be imposed on an unwilling population, including secular intellectuals and religious minorities. Iran needs to move beyond the official view that considers proposals for rebuilding normal relations with Washington beyond the bounds of legitimate discussion.

More immediately, however, Mr. Khatami needs to press ahead with limited but attainable changes. These should include revitalizing Iran's sluggish economy, professionalizing public institutions and further loosening the grip of the morals police on daily life.

Mr. Khatami is Iran's top elected official and constitutionally its second most powerful leader. He is now backed by a solid pro-reform parliamentary majority. But on issues ranging from press freedom to control of the police, army and courts, the country's supreme religious leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, and his allies generally have the last word.

Ayatollah Khamenei has blocked parliamentary legislation and appointments in many sensitive areas. But he recently recognized Parliament's power to conduct investigations into corruption and other problems in official bodies, including the clerically controlled state broadcast system. If reformers use this authority wisely, they can promote more accountable government and less biased state radio and television coverage.

Iran's young people and <u>women</u>, who have been among the reform movement's strongest and most loyal supporters, have keenly felt the pressure of the Islamic morals police intruding on their daily lives. Conservative

mullahs permitted some easing of this surveillance after Mr. Khatami was first elected in 1997, but have periodically tightened the reins during periods of political tension. The growing alienation of tens of millions of young Iranians is probably the greatest threat to the future of Islamic rule. It is in the clerics' interest to ease the suffocating restrictions on the private lives of its citizens.

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Washington Post

The bombinh yesterday of a crowded pizza restaurant in downtown Jerusalem, which killed at least 14 people and injured around 100, was an atrocity of a sort that must be distinguished from everything else that goes on in the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. Whatever one thinks of the policies of Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon -- and we have criticized his refusal to freeze settlements and his selective killings of Palestinian militants -- the deliberate targeting of civilians, including children, is an altogether different matter. It is a simple savagery that no country can reasonably be expected to tolerate. Israel's determination last night to respond was entirely legitimate. The Palestinian leadership should have had no difficulty condemning unequivocally the restaurant bombing.

Yet the Palestinian leadership's response to the bombing was worse than equivocal. Yasser Arafat issued a weak statement condemning the bombing and "all acts that harm civilians." His lieutenants made clear that they didn't fault the Palestinian groups that competed to claim responsibility for the blast. "We believe Sharon alone is responsible for the cycle of violence," Yasser Abed Rabbo, the Palestinian information minister, said. Fatah militia leader Marwan Barghouti went a step further, endorsing the bombing as "the only way to end the[Israeli]occupation of Palestinian territories."

This celebration of murder, along with the perverse attempt to shift responsibility for the attack onto Mr. Sharon, adds a measure of insult to the grave injury the bombing itself inflicted. It was Mr. Arafat who released dozens of Islamic militants from custody and has refused to rearrest them since. Terrorist attack was the altogether predictable consequence. It was Mr. Arafat as well who has consistently failed to bring violence to heel and stop official incitement against Israel. The Palestinian Authority, having stoked Palestinian anger and jettisoned a viable political process, cannot now shift the blame for deadly attacks by groups it is knowingly protecting.

We have said before that the Bush administration's relative disengagement from the region is likely to prove unsustainable. That continues to be true. But on a day such as this, what is called for is not negotiation but sympathy and support for the Israeli people.

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Dallas Morning News

A commensurate Israeli response, perhaps an attack on a Palestinian police outpost or another round of assassinations of suspected paramilitary leaders, would just invite Palestinian retaliation. An all-out Israeli invasion would risk igniting a general Mideast war.

In the ongoing war of attrition between Israelis and Palestinians, neither side seems to have grasped that violence begets more violence, that there is no military solution to their dispute over land and culture and that they must break the cycle of violence and start talking seriously about peace.

There is no use trying to resurrect the Oslo peace process, which brought Israel and the Palestinians to the brink of a settlement. Neither is there any use acceding to the Palestinians' request for foreign troops to monitor the border between Israel and the Palestinian-controlled areas in the West Bank and Gaza. If the world learned anything from the debacles of Bosnia and Somalia, it is that peacekeepers are appropriate only where there is a peace to keep. Until both sides cease firing, the United Nations should not condone, and the United States should not participate in, an international monitoring force.

For now, the best recourse is the recommendations of the commission headed by former U.S. Sen. George Mitchell. The sides should immediately cease fire and resume peace talks. Mr. Arafat should suppress the

paramilitaries' terrorist attacks. And Israel should freeze the settlements in the occupied territories, even the natural growth of existing settlements. If the sides would do those things, the Bush administration might feel more comfortable investing its prestige in mediation. If they do not, the illogic of violence may so overtake the culture of peace that was nurtured by Oslo that Thursday's dead may end up being but a footnote in an expanding chronicle of mayhem and destruction.

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Fort Worth Star-Telegram

America must be more active in the Mideast peace process.

The world, and especially the United States, cannot afford to be a spectator while the violence in the Middle East escalates.

What role this country plays in the explosive and depressing conflict will not be easy to define. Yet in the coming weeks, the United States - through its president and his administration - must decide whether it can be more than a passive arbiter trying to broker a lasting peace.

The latest suicide bombing in Jerusalem, which killed 18 people Thursday, served another tragic notice that the region is a powder keg about to explode into a full-fledged war.

After last week's attack by the Israeli military on terrorism suspects, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat sent urgent letters to President Bush and to the heads of state in the European Union, Russia and China. Arafat called for intervention in the strife that has claimed hundreds of lives in the past few months.

Arafat and the Palestinians have asked that international monitors be sent to the region - an idea that has merit but also poses incredible risks, especially for Americans.

It is likely that Americans present in Israel and the Palestinian territories could become targets of extremists who have no interest in peace. The Bush administration will have to think hard and long before making such a commitment, but an international monitoring contingent without U.S. participation is likely to be less credible and therefore less effective.

The cease-fire brokered by the United States two months ago has not held - not even for a day. Another strategy must be put in place.

An international commission headed by former Sen. George Mitchell has suggested ways to help jump-start the peace process. The Bush administration already has embraced the proposals, which include an unconditional truce, a cooling-off period and the halting of further construction of Jewish settlements in the Palestinian territories.

With the body count mounting daily, and tensions throughout the region continuing to rise, the United States must be prepared to take a more aggressive role in mediating an end to the current violence and a beginning to an enduring peace.

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Omaha World-Herald

The <u>Irish Republican Army</u> has presented a new disarmament plan, about which neither the timing nor many details are publicly known. One leaked version has their arms caches being buried, under international supervision, in poured concrete. In any event, the international commission responsible for disarming paramilitary forces in Northern Ireland says it finds the proposal convincing, effective and thorough. For now, that's as good as it gets.

For the Ulster Unionist Party, that's not good enough. Its officials want, or say they want, more details. Otherwise, they won't resume participating in the power-sharing provincial government. That would likely spell the end of the 1998 Good Friday accords and most of the progress toward peace that has evolved since then.

The Unionists have until Sunday to decide. Otherwise Britain will have no choice but to resume direct rule of the province or call new provincial elections. Neither option is a good one. Direct rule would resurrect many decades-old hatreds and suspicions. New elections at this juncture would risk bringing in participants from both sides who would like nothing better than to torpedo the current workable, though delicate, arrangement.

If the IRA's offer means what most knowledgeable observers are saying it means, it is tantamount to unilateral disarmament - a step of mammoth proportions. Until now, the militant IRA had been a barrier to something resembling normality for Northern Ireland. This new offer seems to tilt that onus onto the Protestants, unless they agree to come back into the power-sharing government.

They ought to come back. No one is asking them to concede anything, only to return to the negotiating table. And the bait that's been dangled apparently is substantial. They needn't stay if they have reason to feel deceived. But they should give peace a chance. It just may be the best one yet.

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San Francisco Chronicle

When babies in strollers and their parents are targets of a suicide bomber, it's a sign of the inhuman behavior infecting the Mideast. Palestinian leaders clearly can't or won't control their ranks. Israeli leaders will likely respond with ferocious reprisals.

Yesterday's terrorist explosion in a Jerusalem pizza restaurant fits a new pattern. Since the Palestinian uprising reignited last September, the tit-for- tat nature of attack and payback has escalated. Nowhere, least of all in the aftermath of the latest sickening attack, is there support from either side for a fresh try at peace.

Yet, there can be no other choice. A slow descent toward more extremist bombings followed by Israeli assassinations has gone nowhere. Both sides have never been more polarized. Where can the will for peace be found?

One starting point must be Washington. For Americans, the heavy lifting of diplomatic negotiations needs to begin. Until now, President Bush has acted with abundant caution, learning the landscape and allowing a new Israeli prime minister, Ariel Sharon, to feel out Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

This learning curve has flattened. It's time for pressure, all-night meetings, shuttle diplomacy and anything else Washington can use to make a cease-fire stick.

The plain reality is that only Israel is in control of its lethal strength. Arafat, by countenancing terrorist groups Hamas and Islamic Jihad for months, has only lately begun to rein in his rhetoric. He commands an armed police force, which he must use to round up the extremists behind bombings such as yesterday's. Whether he has the will and political strength is the biggest question in the Mideast.

Given the latest outrage, in which the suicide bomber used nails to worsen the carnage, it will take a micrometer to measure progress. The Mitchell report, the recent U.S. peace initiative, called for monitors in trouble spots and a cease-fire as a starting point. Then "confidence-building measures" such as controls on new Israeli settlements and a Palestinian crackdown on terrorism would begin. How far away such talk sounds now.

With the climate for peace so poor, Washington may be tempted to avoid the Mideast. Camp David and Wye River are two landmark deals that consumed American statecraft but never ended the war.

But this administration has a duty to step in and lay its own path. It will need to be realistic and tough-minded, free of lofty goals in the Middle East for now. Peace on the streets can only be measured a day at a time this summer.

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Body

Sylvia Crawford is still haunted by the image of the sign from her shattered bridal shop -- Joyful Occasions, it said -- being used as a stretcher for the dying. For Mary Logue, perhaps the worst memory is of scrabbling through rubble, looking for her daughter but knowing in her heart that she was already dead.

It has been more than two years since a terrorist bomb killed 29 people and wounded more than 300 on a busy Saturday afternoon here, in the worst atrocity in the 31-year history of the Irish Troubles. But pain still gnaws at Omagh, a gentle country town about 60 miles west of Belfast where it is increasingly apparent that no one will ever be charged.

For the last month, the pain has returned with renewed urgency, as an elaborate government inquest revisits every excruciating detail of the bombing, from the fatally contradictory telephone warnings received by the police, to the way death came to Brenda Mary Logue, 17, as she stepped out of a clothing shop and into a 300-pound explosion.

Until now, inquests to establish cause of death in such bombings have typically been perfunctory; sometimes political tensions have prevented them entirely. But the Omagh attack occurred in peacetime, and many here are heavily invested in sustaining that peace. The inquest is one way to try.

The proceedings, which began in early September and will conclude this week, are proving something of a catharsis for Northern Ireland -- lingering on the victims, and the ordinary events surrounding their deaths: where they were when the bomb went off, who held their hands afterward, how they died.

By formally acknowledging the depth of feeling here -- an approach virtually unheard of in the history of the conflict - the inquest is helping Omagh recover from its anguish without giving in to bitterness. In the way a funeral would, it is giving the bereaved another hurdle to pass as they try to find a way forward.

"The memories are flooding back with the inquest, and that's partly a good thing," said Barry Curran, an optometrist whose office was destroyed and has since been rebuilt as a sleek modern practice, with a cheery blue facade. "A lot of us are hoping that the inquest will give relatives some comfort, will let them pick up the pieces and move on."

For many people numbed by decades of terrorist war, the gentleness of the coroner, John Leckey -- who never fails to thank the witnesses, or to say how sorry he is as he elicits the details of each death -- represents the first time they have heard anything approaching an official recognition of the war's emotional cost.

"Many of the institutions here have become hardened and cynical after the events of the last 30 years," said Michael Duffy, a cognitive psychotherapist who is leading a team of 12 trauma counselors in Omagh. "Human loss and suffering have not been adequately acknowledged. The government is now recognizing that the needs of victims are an important part of the political solution. If their needs aren't addressed, there can't be peace."

The presence of Mr. Duffy's team marks another first: the first time professional counselors have been systematically deployed into a grieving Northern Ireland community.

Omagh is about two-thirds Roman Catholic, and one-third Protestant, and religion and politics are never far from the surface. But after the bombing, its 20,000 or so residents, who had generally prided themselves on keeping politics out of their lives, refused to succumb to sectarian division.

They talked to one another and wept together. They made use of the community and social service groups that were already here, and of new ones that, like Mr. Duffy's, arrived to help.

In the month after the bomb, 2,000 people visited the town's family doctors. In two years, 625 have sought help from Mr. Duffy and his team. And, perhaps in part because of the extended counseling, they decided that their best weapon against the terrorists would be to use their grief to work toward peace.

"After the bomb happened, a lot of the bereaved families got together," said Michael Gallagher, whose 21-year-old son, Aidan, was among the dead, and who helped set up a support group for victims' relatives. "We wanted to take some control over our own lives again and, if we could, to influence how things were working out. We believed it was important that the people didn't achieve what they came to Omagh to achieve, which was to divide the community and derail the peace process."

It has not been easy for the town to remain united, just as it has not been easy for Northern Ireland to hang on to the peace since the Good Friday accords were signed in 1998. This is a town where Protestant and Roman Catholic children attend different schools, and where the police believe that it was not a coincidence that the bomb was placed outside the shop of a vocal Protestant supporter of the hard-line Orange Order.

But when the bomb went off, on the afternoon of Aug. 15, 1998, it made no religious or political distinctions.

"Our experience was different because this bomb was so indiscriminate," said Stanley McCombe, 52, whose wife, Ann, was killed that day. "In the past, it was Protestants or Catholics. But this bomb killed Catholics and Protestants, Mormons, visitors from Spain. All these people were murdered together."

At a service in Omagh, 40,000 people came to express their outrage and their condolences. The subsequent police investigation involved hundreds of officers from both Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic. But even with dozens of arrests, and after the Real I.R.A., a splinter group, claimed responsibility for the bomb, the police have released the suspects for lack of evidence.

"We know the team that carried this out," said Deputy Chief Superintendent Eric Anderson of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, who is running the investigation. Interviewed in the cafeteria at the Omagh Leisure Center, where the inquest is taking place, Superintendent Anderson nervously snapped a plastic coffee spoon in half as he told of his frustration with the case. "We know who they are, and where they are, and how they did it."

The problem, the police say, is that their most solid evidence -- phone records that link a network of conspirators -- is not admissible in court.

Like everyone else, the police have been slow to get over what happened. Some officers have broken down at the inquest as they have described how conflicting telephone warnings caused them to herd hundreds of people toward

the bomb; how the survivors had so much blood coating their faces that it was impossible to tell if they were men or **women**.

"It's had a devastating impact on those who were there," Superintendent Anderson said. "Many of the force are coping with great difficulty. A lot of people are receiving medication and counseling."

It is an elusive goal, getting past a trauma that churns around and around in your head. It is hard to find anyone in Omagh, a town made up of small businesses and local government offices, who didn't lose a friend, relative, colleague, neighbor or customer in the bomb.

Walking down Market Street, where the ruined buildings have been torn down but not completely rebuilt, it is impossible to ignore the bouquets of flowers pinned to the plywood walls, or the burn scars on the faces of some of the people in the shops, or the fact that the number of passers-by in the center of town seems sparse.

Stanley McCombe counts himself among those who haven't really moved on. He and his elder son were in Scotland competing in a bagpipe competition when the bomb went off. Late Saturday afternoon, he heard a rumor that something had happened at the Omagh courthouse. Later still, he heard that his sister, a traffic police officer, had been killed.

When he got home, Mr. McCombe had two shocks. His sister had survived, he learned; his wife, who worked in a clothing store, was dead.

His life since has been a struggle. He left his job as an accounts officer with the electric company and now works part-time running errands at a friend's pizza place. He is smoking 60 cigarettes a day, up from 20. After 25 years of marriage, he is finding it hard to live by himself.

"Our house was always kept -- well, we had a standard when Ann was there," he said. "I don't mean to say that she was just cleaning the house. But it's not the same. My house is not a home. It's just a place where I live and sleep and have a bit of food."

Mr. McCombe said he would not rest until those responsible for the bomb were convicted. "But at least maybe our dead will be laid to rest," he said of the inquest. "It's another hurdle we've come through."

Sylvia Crawford, 37, whose bridal shop was blown up, has come through a hurdle by managing to open a new store. It is called Sylvia's Bridal Shop now, not Joyful Occasions. But she can't clear her mind of the past.

It is the what-ifs that consume her, she says. What if her assistant hadn't heard about the bomb warning and urged her -- with five minutes to spare -- to leave the store? What if she had walked in the other direction? What if Veda Short, a friend she met on the way, had stayed to chat instead of making her way down the street and into the explosion?

But she is trying to move on, for her children's sake. When she worries too much, they tease her sometimes. "Don't take a big psycho on me," her daughter, Kylie, will say. And a memento of her old shop has pride of place in her new one: a battered blue telephone, the one that rang with the warning from her assistant to get out. "It saved my life," Mrs. Crawford said.

In a particularly hurtful coda to the explosion, there have been at least 50 bomb scares in the town since the real one went off. Each time, the police have evacuated the area, and each time business has suffered a little more. During the last scare, a bride-to-be was trying on a dress in Mrs. Crawford's shop; she did not come back when the shop reopened.

Even as Omagh is kept constantly off balance by what could be simply malicious hoaxes, the Real I.R.A., a group born from the predominantly Roman Catholic *Irish Republican Army*, has embarked on a strategic campaign of terrorism around Northern Ireland -- and, increasingly, in London -- to destabilize the peace process.

Has the inquest been a good thing?

Although some people wish it had not been quite so vivid, most seem to agree that it has been a crucial step forward.

"Here we are, two years after he died, and this is when the state officially recognizes his death," said Mr. Gallagher of Aidan. "This is a very important process."

Mr. Gallagher will not be able to forget any of it, of course. He will never forget the chaos at the local hospital as he searched for Aidan. He will never forget driving home the next morning from the morgue where the body lay to break the news to his wife and two daughters.

"Aidan will not be coming home," is what he said.

But he is thankful that there was an inquest to go to, and especially thankful that Mr. Leckey, the coroner, emphasized -- as he has in as many cases as possible -- that Aidan died instantly, without consciousness. "It's important to satisfy your own mind," Mr. Gallagher said.

In the family and counseling rooms set up at the inquest, the sadness has been all-consuming. But that is where the hope lies.

"The victims have been supporting each other, regardless of religion," said Mr. Duffy, the therapist. "In the family room, where sometimes 50 people are sitting, some would have had extreme Republican views and some would have been Unionist. But people have moved from a primal response to a deeper human response. It's a microcosm of what could be here in Northern Ireland if people recognized each other as human beings."

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Photos: Sylvia Crawford, above, has opened a new bridal shop. Her other one was blown up in the bombing. The scene, right, on Market Street on Aug. 15, 1998, in Omagh, which is 72 miles west of Belfast. (Associated Press); A card and some flowers remember one of the victims of the Omagh bomb at the site where the attack was carried out. Twenty-nine people were killed in the worst atrocity in 30 years of violence in Northern Ireland. (Photographs by Carlos Lopez-Barillas for The New York Times)

Map of Northern Ireland shows the location of Omagh: In 1998 Omagh was devastated, and more than just physically.

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ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Israeli and Palestinians troops exchange fire in deadly gunbattles.

NORWAY-CHILD HOSTAGES. Man takes children hostage at Norway pre-school.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

RAMALLAH, West Bank Israeli and Palestinian troops exchange fire for hours Monday on the outskirts of Ramallah following protests in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Two Palestinians die, at least 200 are wounded, and at least 14 Israeli soldiers are injured in the area's worst violence in years. ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Lead upcoming. By Samar Assad. AP Photos JRL106-113, 116-120.

ALSO:

ISRAEL-POLITICS. Prime Minister Ehud Barak asks parliament Monday to approve the transfer of three West Bank suburbs of disputed Jerusalem to the Palestinians. JRL105.

HJELMELAND, Norway A man claiming to be armed seizes control of a nursery school Monday in western Norway. Five children and two adults remain hostage hours after the takeover. NORWAY-CHILD HOSTAGES. Lead upcoming. By Kaare Lunde. AP Photos.

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone Rebels free 139 U.N. captives into the custody of neighboring Liberia, giving new hope Monday to the imperiled U.N. peacekeeping operation in Sierra Leone. SIERRA LEONE. Has moved. By Tim Sullivan. AP Photos LAB101-102.

ALSO: UN-SIERRA-LEONE.

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia More than 100,000 people stage a noisy, sometimes violent, demonstration Monday against the United States and Britain for their role in drafting a U.N. resolution condemning the latest flare-up in Ethiopia's conflict with neighboring Eritrea. ETHIOPIA-WAR. Has moved. By Andrew England. AP Photos ADD101-102.

ALSO:

UN-HORN OF AFRICA. The U.N. Security Council considers an arms embargo and other sanctions against the warring Horn of Africa neighbors.

GENEVA A U.N. panel examining the United States' compliance with a global torture convention urges Monday that it end the use of electroshock devices to restrain prisoners and expresses concern over ill-treatment by police and prison guards. UN-US-TORTURE. Has moved. By Geir Moulson.

LOS ALAMOS, New Mexico Firefighters try to make headway against the blaze Monday before the winds kick up, as thousands of people driven from their neighborhoods by searing walls of flame return home. US-FIRES. Lead has moved. By John MacDonald. AP Photos.

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic After a hectic and sometimes violent campaign, the governing party's candidate trails in polls Monday, a day before the vote. DOMINICAN-ELECTION. Expected by 1900 GMT. By Ismael Torres.

CARACAS, Venezuela Divisions inside President Hugo Chavez's government intensify with the expected withdrawal of a coalition partner's support for his re-election bid this month. VENEZUELA-CHAVEZ SPLIT. Upcoming. By Steven Gutkin.

WASHINGTON Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues may start moving more forcefully to jack up interest rates to fight inflation as the economy roars ahead. US-INTEREST RATES.

PARIS France's Interior Minister opens a three-day international conference on fighting Internet crime by urging governments and business leaders to cooperate in fighting cybercriminals. G8-INTERNET CRIMES. Has moved. By Deborah Seward.

ALSO:

PHILIPPINES-COMPUTER LOVE BUG. Investigators seeking the origin of the "Love Bug" virus get a break when a Philippine Internet provider uses caller ID to trace the program to a local phone line.

CAPE TOWN, South Africa An unrepentant Allan Boesak, a one-time hero of the fight against apartheid, begins a three-year jail sentence for defrauding a charity organization. His sentence gets off to a chaotic start when his supporters storm the prison gates and he is embraced by prison guards, who chant for his release. SOUTH AFRICA-BOESAK. Has moved. By Mike Cohen. AP Photo CPN101

ENSCHEDE, Netherlands Forensic teams Monday resume the search for remains of bodies from a fireworks warehouse blast that killed at least 20 people as firefighters continue to spray the smoldering rubble. NETHERLANDS-EXPLOSION. By Anthony Deutsch. AP Photos ENS101, 104.

LITTLETON, Colorado On orders from a judge, the sheriff's office Monday planned to release a detailed, minute-by-minute account of the Columbine High bloodbath. US-COLUMBINE.

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia Defying threats of arrest by President Slobodan Milosevic's government, opposition leaders urge supporters to attend a rally Monday in the capital, Belgrade, despite a government crackdown. YUGOSLAVIA-ATTACK. By Jovana Gec. AP Photos BEL102, 105.

ALSO:

US-CONGRESS-KOSOVO. Showdowns in the U.S. Senate and House could ultimately force withdrawal of the peacekeepers next year.

SHIRAZ, Iran Lawyers defending 13 Iranian Jews accused of spying for Israel threaten to file lawsuits Monday if any more confessions of their clients were shown on television without permission. IRAN-JEWS. Has moved. By Afshin Valinejad. AP Photos SHI101-103.

BERLIN It's a grand vision for a continent that gave the last century its most horrible wars: A government uniting countries from Britain to Germany and France to Finland, maintaining national distinctions while being ruled under a common federation-style political structure. But many skeptics remain indicating a United States of Europe still has a way to go. EUROPE-FEDERATION DREAMS. Upcoming. By Burt Herman.

CANNES, France Almost 30 years ago, she appeared on the world's movie screens in Ingmar Bergman's searing, exhausting "Scenes From a Marriage." Now 60, Liv Ullman again looks at marriage and infidelity, this time as director. But the link to Bergman remains; "Faithless" is based on a painful episode in his life. When the Swedish legend couldn't bear to direct it himself, he turned to Ullman, his longtime muse. CANNES-ULLMAN AND BERGMAN. Has moved. By Jocelyn Noveck.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Tuesday, presidential election in Dominican Republic.

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FEA-YEMEN'S JEWS. AP Photos NY320-321

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Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic Presidential election. June 30 runoff if needed.

Tortola, British Virgin Islands Postponed hearing on whether four Americans should stand trial in the murder of Lois McMillen, a 34-year-old artist from Middlebury, Connecticut.

Ankara, Turkey President-elect Ahmet Necdet Sezer to be sworn in.

Albany, New York The state Democratic Convention meets to officially nominate Hillary Rodham Clinton as U.S. Senate candidate.

Washington Irish President Mary McAleese meets leadership of the U.S. Senate.

Wednesday, May 17:

Copenhagen, Denmark Nordic conference on the EU's Northern Dimension and the Russian Baltic Sea enclave of Kaliningrad.

Washington House Agriculture Committee hearing on permament normal trade relations with China.

Washington House International Relations Committee hearing on status of embassy security improvements.

Washington Former Philippine President Fidel Ramos speaks at the National Press Club on U.S.-Philippine relations and the Philippine political situation.

Washington Secretary of State Albright addresses the Campaign to Preserve U.S. Global leadership concerning the importance of funding the U.S. international affairs budget.

Thursday, May 18:

Copenhagen, Denmark Dalai Lama visits Denmark. Through May 21.

Vatican City Pope John Paul II celebrates his 80th birthday.

Friday, May 19:

New York Daytime Emmy Awards. Scheduled to begin 9 p.m. EDT from Radio City Music Hall.

Saturday, May 20:

Belfast, Northern Ireland Members of the Ulster Unionists, Northern Ireland's largest Protestant party, vote on whether to again participate in the province's power-sharing government with members of the *Irish Republican Army*-allied Sinn Fein, in light of the IRA's pledge to disarm.

Tokyo Emperor Akihito, Empress Michiko begin 13-day visit to Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland and Finland.

Sunday, May 21:

Port-au-Prince, Haiti elections.

Vatican City Pope John Paul II presides over the canonization of Mexican martyr Cristobal Magallanes.

Rome Italians vote in national referendum to change electoral system and six other issues.

Bern, Switzerland Referendum to decide whether Switzerland accepts seven treaties that will facilitate trade and other links between the go-it-alone Swiss and the 15-nation European Union that surrounds them.

A statement by Jonathan Wolman, Associated Press executive editor, regarding questions raised by U.S. News and World Report about the news service's investigation into the shootings of civilians at No Gun Ri during the Korean War:

The Associated Press stands behind its carefully researched report of events in the early days of the Korean War near the village of No Gun Ri.

Even as we review discrepancies between several records and eyewitness accounts, we are confident of the accuracy and fairness of the central finding that Korean civilians were killed by U.S. forces during chaotic days at the end of July 1950.

Our story, published almost eight months ago, was careful to reflect the contradictions, ambiguities and scarred memories that marked our attempts to reconstruct an event from 50 years ago. Investigations are under way in the United States and South Korea, and last Friday senior Defense Department officials were cited in The New York Times as confirming the central finding of the story. Two prominent Korean War historians told The Washington Post they have reached a similar conclusion.

Previous to our story the Pentagon had denied any knowledge of the incident and said the unit involved was not in the area.

AP's account was prepared with exhaustive care over more than a year, reported and re-reported, recorded and indeed in some cases videotaped so that the kind of questions now being raised could be fully addressed within AP's standards of accuracy and fairness and dedication to objectivity.

Some of the new questions are based on records that themselves leave gaps or are subject to multiple interpretations.

Serious questions involve veteran Ed Daily. We spoke to soldiers who put him at the scene and have reviewed the documentation he offered for his role -- unit rosters, a dated driver's license listing his unit, a frayed letter to his mother. If it turns out that he and those records deceived us, we will be extremely regretful, and saddened for him.

But the tale of No Gun Ri does not fall on the words of Mr. Daily. He was first mentioned in the 56th paragraph of our story and only later became such a visible figure through followup reports, as the U.S. News story says.

Events at No Gun Ri were important and complicated ones that deserve the scrutiny of journalists, historians and investigators. We were proud of the No Gun Ri story when we distributed it, as we are today.

The Associated Press on Monday responded to questions raised about its Pulitzer Prize-winning account of the killings of civilians by American soldiers at No Gun Ri in the chaotic opening days of the Korean War.

The 1999 story more than a year in the works quoted a dozen U.S. veterans who said a large number of civilian refugees, many of them <u>women</u> and children, were shot to death under a railroad bridge at the hamlet of No Gun Ri on July 26, 1950. The veterans' accounts confirmed those of two dozen South Korean survivors.

But in this week's issue, U.S. News and World Report raised questions about some aspects of the story. The magazine questioned the reliability of accounts by three former soldiers who said they were at No Gun Ri; it also quoted others who said their comments had been distorted by the AP or taken out of context.

Jonathan Wolman, the AP's executive editor, said all of those interviewed were quoted meticulously, many of them recorded or videotaped. And he said none of the material cited in these reports undermines any of the AP's major findings:

The American unit was in the area of No Gun Ri on that date, despite denials by U.S. military officials.

A large number of refugees were shot and strafed by American forces at No Gun Ri.

Fearing enemy infiltration, military commanders had issued orders to units on the battlefield, authorizing soldiers to shoot refugees.

Brian Duffy, executive editor of U.S. News, acknowledged in an interview Monday that the magazine had not used a key document provided by the AP that undercut one of its challenges to the AP report.

Wolman said: "Even as we review discrepancies between several records and eyewitness accounts, we are confident of the accuracy and fairness" of the story's central findings.

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on "Letterman" BILL COSBY and DAVID COPPERFIELD DAVID ARQUETTE and ELIZABETH PERKINS appeared on "Leno" with music from OASIS. TV TODAY... Scheduled on "Letterman": JEANNA ELFMAN, JEFF ALTMAN "Leno": LUCY LAWLESS, D.L. HUGHLEY, PATTI SMITH ALL TRUE...WEIRDO STORIES...ABC...ALL **TRUE WEIRDO** STORIES...AB ============ JUROR CAUGHT PLAYING "HANGMAN" An Indianapolis judge has decided to allow a juror to remain on a death penalty case even though she drew a picture of an electric chair and suggested a game of "Hangman" during a break in testimony. Defense attorneys learned of the unidentified woman's drawing Saturday after their client was convicted in the killing of a convenience store clerk. The attorneys wanted the juror removed from the penalty phase of the trial, which could result in a death sentence, but the judge ruled that out after interviewing the woman in chambers. MSP: When the judge asked the juror why she played a game of "Hangman," she replied, "Because there isn't any game called "Lethal Injection." The juror was playing "Hangman" and the mystery word was "Defendant." What do you expect from a judge who picked a jury by playing "Eeney, meeny, miney, moe." TERRORIST SUES JAILERS FOR BEATING HIM UP A former member of the Irish Republican Army is suing the British Government for injuries he suffered at the hands of prison guards when he tried to escape from jail. Liam McCotter claims he was repeatedly kicked and punched by guards after he and five other inmates tried to shoot their way out of the maximum-security Whitemoor Jail in England in September 1994.

They were equipped with two smuggled guns, wire cutters and a 17-foot rope ladder, but their escape attempt failed. McCotter was sentenced to 15 years in 1988 for possessing 200-pounds of Semtex plastic explosive. The 36-year-old McCotter is now a free man and is seeking \$79,000 in damages. MSP: He hired a law firm after seeing a TV ad that promised cash awards for slips and falls, and injuries suffered during prison escapes. "IF YOU HATE ME, YOU'LL SHOOT ME." Cops in Morgantown, West Virginia, say Michael Sgalla asked for it and his girlfriend gave it to him. According to police, the pair were arguing Sunday when Sgalla handed Pam DeVincent a .38- caliber revolver and said if you hate me so bad, then shoot me. Devincent obliged and then ran to a neighbor's house. She was arrested and charged with endangerment with a firearm. Sgalla was admitted to a local hospital. His injuries are not considered life threatening. MSP: Well, he can't complain that she doesn't listen to him. The next time he says if you hate me than hit me, he better be sure she's holding a pillow. TUMBLE DRIED BOY Police in Buchanan, Michigan, have charged a 27-year-old mother with first degree child abuse for putting her little boy in a clothes dryer as a punishment. Prosecutors say the 6-year-old boy's older sister let him out of the dryer. He suffered bruises and reddened skin. Tressa Jaroch is now free on bond, but she faces up to 15 years in prison. The kids are staying with their father. MSP: What dryer setting do you use for young boys? The boy now has bruises, red skin and clothes that are two sizes too small. Doesn't that mother know little boys are dry-clean only? The girl saved her brother,

cleaned out the lint trap and found a sock she's been missing for two weeks. GRANDMA MISTAKES BOY'S ARM FOR CRABGRASS Dateline: Battle Ground, Washington: A grandmother backed a riding lawn mower over her 3year-old grandson Saturday, severing his right arm. Grandma Marcella Redthunder was cutting the grass in the family yard when she put the mower into reverse without knowing the boy was behind her. The boy was quickly pulled underneath before she could react. Andrea Redthunder, the boy's mother, said, "He's missing a body part, but the fact that he's alive and God spared his life is what counts to me." MSP: Well, at least grandma doesn't have to worry about buying him gloves anymore. And you thought the elderly were just dangerous behind the wheel of a car. Grandmothers can usually make everything "all better" but they can't help an arm that's been turned into mulch. BIG BIRD OUT FOR BLOOD A Norwegian farmer has been hospitalized for treatment of injuries he received from a male ostrich that mistook him for a rival during mating season. According to published reports, the six-foot-tall bird attacked the man when he entered a cage that also contained two female ostriches. The 38-year-old farmer suffered broken ribs and punctured lungs. MSP: Big bird doesn't like to be interrupted when he's turning on the charm. "Get out. I may be flightless, but I'm not impotent!" You can spot the kinky ostriches during mating season. They put their heads in another hole. BUS DRIVER TURNED INTO HEARSE DRIVER The Argentine family of a dead man ordered a city bus driver to transport a coffin to a cemetery in a dangerous neighborhood after a funeral company refused to let their hearse do the job. According to published reports from Buenos Aires, relatives of the dead man carried the coffin onto the bus and threatened the driver. No charges have been filed against the family. MSP: How did they get that coffin through that little door? I hope they kept the dead guy "behind the white line at all times." I guess it doesn't matter how you get there. The cemetery is everyone's last stop. LION KILLS BOY A caged circus lion pulled a 6-year-old boy from his father's arms in Brazil Sunday, dragged him through the bars and killed him. Authorities say the father apparently got too close to the lions' cage. Circus employees and police were unable to retrieve the boy's body at first because the cage held four other lions. Police killed three of the beasts. A circus employee said during a TV interview that the lions were famished and had not been fed since last Thursday. ABC..FUN FACTS TO KNOW AND TELL...ALL TRUE...FUN FACTS TO KNOW

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on "Letterman" BILL COSBY and DAVID COPPERFIELD DAVID ARQUETTE and ELIZABETH PERKINS appeared on "Leno" with music from OASIS. TV TODAY... Scheduled on "Letterman": JEANNA ELFMAN, JEFF ALTMAN "Leno": LUCY LAWLESS, D.L. HUGHLEY, PATTI SMITH ALL TRUE...WEIRDO STORIES...ABC...ALL **TRUE WEIRDO** STORIES...AB ============ JUROR CAUGHT PLAYING "HANGMAN" An Indianapolis judge has decided to allow a juror to remain on a death penalty case even though she drew a picture of an electric chair and suggested a game of "Hangman" during a break in testimony. Defense attorneys learned of the unidentified woman's drawing Saturday after their client was convicted in the killing of a convenience store clerk. The attorneys wanted the juror removed from the penalty phase of the trial, which could result in a death sentence, but the judge ruled that out after interviewing the woman in chambers. MSP: When the judge asked the juror why she played a game of "Hangman," she replied, "Because there isn't any game called "Lethal Injection." The juror was playing "Hangman" and the mystery word was "Defendant." What do you expect from a judge who picked a jury by playing "Eeney, meeny, miney, moe." TERRORIST SUES JAILERS FOR BEATING HIM UP A former member of the Irish Republican Army is suing the British Government for injuries he suffered at the hands of prison guards when he tried to escape from jail. Liam McCotter claims he was repeatedly kicked and punched by guards after he and five other inmates tried to shoot their way out of the maximum-security Whitemoor Jail in England in September 1994.

They were equipped with two smuggled guns, wire cutters and a 17-foot rope ladder, but their escape attempt failed. McCotter was sentenced to 15 years in 1988 for possessing 200-pounds of Semtex plastic explosive. The 36-year-old McCotter is now a free man and is seeking \$79,000 in damages. MSP: He hired a law firm after seeing a TV ad that promised cash awards for slips and falls, and injuries suffered during prison escapes. "IF YOU HATE ME, YOU'LL SHOOT ME." Cops in Morgantown, West Virginia, say Michael Sgalla asked for it and his girlfriend gave it to him. According to police, the pair were arguing Sunday when Sgalla handed Pam DeVincent a .38- caliber revolver and said if you hate me so bad, then shoot me. Devincent obliged and then ran to a neighbor's house. She was arrested and charged with endangerment with a firearm. Sgalla was admitted to a local hospital. His injuries are not considered life threatening. MSP: Well, he can't complain that she doesn't listen to him. The next time he says if you hate me than hit me, he better be sure she's holding a pillow. TUMBLE DRIED BOY Police in Buchanan, Michigan, have charged a 27-year-old mother with first degree child abuse for putting her little boy in a clothes dryer as a punishment. Prosecutors say the 6-year-old boy's older sister let him out of the dryer. He suffered bruises and reddened skin. Tressa Jaroch is now free on bond, but she faces up to 15 years in prison. The kids are staying with their father. MSP: What dryer setting do you use for young boys? The boy now has bruises, red skin and clothes that are two sizes too small. Doesn't that mother know little boys are dry-clean only? The girl saved her brother,

cleaned out the lint trap and found a sock she's been missing for two weeks. GRANDMA MISTAKES BOY'S ARM FOR CRABGRASS Dateline: Battle Ground, Washington: A grandmother backed a riding lawn mower over her 3year-old grandson Saturday, severing his right arm. Grandma Marcella Redthunder was cutting the grass in the family yard when she put the mower into reverse without knowing the boy was behind her. The boy was quickly pulled underneath before she could react. Andrea Redthunder, the boy's mother, said, "He's missing a body part, but the fact that he's alive and God spared his life is what counts to me." MSP: Well, at least grandma doesn't have to worry about buying him gloves anymore. And you thought the elderly were just dangerous behind the wheel of a car. Grandmothers can usually make everything "all better" but they can't help an arm that's been turned into mulch. BIG BIRD OUT FOR BLOOD A Norwegian farmer has been hospitalized for treatment of injuries he received from a male ostrich that mistook him for a rival during mating season. According to published reports, the six-foot-tall bird attacked the man when he entered a cage that also contained two female ostriches. The 38-year-old farmer suffered broken ribs and punctured lungs. MSP: Big bird doesn't like to be interrupted when he's turning on the charm. "Get out. I may be flightless, but I'm not impotent!" You can spot the kinky ostriches during mating season. They put their heads in another hole. BUS DRIVER TURNED INTO HEARSE DRIVER The Argentine family of a dead man ordered a city bus driver to transport a coffin to a cemetery in a dangerous neighborhood after a funeral company refused to let their hearse do the job. According to published reports from Buenos Aires, relatives of the dead man carried the coffin onto the bus and threatened the driver. No charges have been filed against the family. MSP: How did they get that coffin through that little door? I hope they kept the dead guy "behind the white line at all times." I guess it doesn't matter how you get there. The cemetery is everyone's last stop. LION KILLS BOY A caged circus lion pulled a 6-year-old boy from his father's arms in Brazil Sunday, dragged him through the bars and killed him. Authorities say the father apparently got too close to the lions' cage. Circus employees and police were unable to retrieve the boy's body at first because the cage held four other lions. Police killed three of the beasts. A circus employee said during a TV interview that the lions were famished and had not been fed since last Thursday. ABC..FUN FACTS TO KNOW AND TELL...ALL TRUE...FUN FACTS TO KNOW

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IS GERRY ADAMS, THE PRESIDENT OF SINN FEIN, A GENTLE, HUMOROUS, SYMPATHETIC STATESMAN OR A FORMER KILLER WHO, FINALLY SICKENED BY THE BLOOD, BECAME A PEACEMAKER FETED BY NELSON MANDELA AND BILL CLINTON?

OUR photographer has missed his plane to Belfast. I hardly need his panicky phone calls to know how worried he'll be about still getting his portrait of Gerry Adams, surely not, even at the promptest of times, the easiest subject. But it turns out that the Provisional IRA -I mean Sinn Feinn -couldn't be more accommodating.

Here lies the mind-bend involved in interviewing Adams. Is the president of Sinn Fein the gentle, humorous, sympathetic pragmatist I see before me, or is he, and has he been all along, a key member of the Provos? Or is he a former killer who, finally sickened by the blood, became a peacemaker deservedly feted by Nelson Mandela and Bill Clinton? Or is he still both men, walking purposefully from peace talks with proposals to put to the hard men but needing to travel no further than his bathroom mirror to deliver them? Is there, to be blunt, so much as a sliver of Semtex between the *Irish Republican Army* and Sinn Fein?

Adams is 53. Grey speckles his beard. He is much more engaging than the robotically evasive television and radio interviewee we came to know and mistrust over the bad years. His answers are long and professorial -he has always, I've thought, dressed like a geography teacher -and decorated by irony and sentiment.

During 90 minutes in the Sinn Fein office in the Falls Road I repeatedly find myself sinking into the altered state he induces, accepting what he describes in the preface to Hope and History, his fascinating personal story of the peace process, as his "truth" and his "reality".

His warmth makes me admire a little more David Trimble, the Unionist leader, who has clearly never forgotten that British Intelligence places Adams as second in command of the IRA's Belfast Brigade in 1972, the year in which car bombs killed nine people on Bloody Friday. Twenty-six years later, in the final hours before the Good Friday agreement was reached, he was peeing next to Trimble in the loos in the Castle Buildings in Belfast. Adams recalls the conversation in the new book:

"We can't keep meeting like this,' I said to him in an effort to break the ice.

"'Grow up,' he said."

But a few weeks ago even Trimble finally shook Adams's hand. We all do, you know.

It is a bright, windy day in the Falls Road. Garish wall murals portray the Republican dead, graffiti ask us to support CIRA (Continuity IRA) "PoWs" and posters proclaim "collusion is not an illusion". Beneath, ordinary life perseveres. Teenage girls spill into cheap cafes for lunch, the Friendly Trendy Thrift Shop sells second-hand school blazers, an estate agents' advertises a two-bedroom house for Pounds 67,500...It could be a poor road in any city in the kingdom, except that (perhaps because Ireland is anniversary-besotted) the Falls has more than its share of shops selling party balloons.

From his office, however, Adams looks out on ghosts.

"I know hundreds of people who were killed," he says.

By name? "Oh yeah, I know them. I'm not saying I knew them all intimately but I would know them on fairly good terms. Even in this office, which is a new office and used to be in an old end-of-terrace-shop-cum-just-ordinary-slum house, three people were killed."

This was in January 1992. A crazed RUC officer, pretending to be a journalist, entered, shot dead the receptionist, another Sinn Fein worker and a 21-year old constituent who had come in with his baby son with a housing problem. The gunman drove off and then turned his shotgun on himself.

"I mean, as many as nine or ten people were killed in this street here and I've no doubt that over the length and the breadth of the road guys in British uniform from London or Manchester or Birmingham were killed and in these little streets off it. So there is a sense of the aggressiveness of life and the fragility of life when you live through all that. And I was shot myself (in 1984, while being driven from a court appearance). So you've some sense of where it's all coming from. But, and I wouldn't be at all blase or too hard-hearted about it, if you're in a conflict situation and there are people trying to kill each other..."

What else do you expect? "You shrug your shoulders and say, 'Well, you know . .

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In his book he admits that though the IRA operated "almost in a separate sphere", within Sinn Fein in the 1980s there was "no real dissent from the need for armed struggle". But did, I ask, his tolerance for violence gradually grow less, personally?

"I don't think that I had what you would call a great tolerance. I think that what I had was an acceptance of the reality that if there wasn't an alternative, armed struggle was an acceptable form of struggle."

He explains how it was for his people, the oppression and injustice on every front. "Any effort to get it addressed by the British Parliament had failed. Any effort to get it addressed by the Irish Parliament had failed. All of the agencies, symbols and institutions of the state were Unionist. In fact, you had a one-party state. Internment was used in every decade since the state was established and things which would now be very, very, very minimal, like the right to one person one vote or right to a house, the right not to have your streets patrolled by a militia which was just a local paramilitary ..."

And he was brought up in this area? "I was brought up just down this street."

I have been told that the best question he was ever asked was by a schoolboy on television. He wanted to know whether Adams had ever been a member of the IRA and got the usual answer. Then the boy asked: "Why not?" This is meant to have floored Adams at the time. But he has the measure of it now. When I ask why, since there was no alternative to the IRA, he did not join, I get a long answer about the primacy of politics before 1968 and the spirit of the age: anti-Vietnam protests, civil rights marches in America, the Beatles, flower-power, the resurgence of Irish folk music. He became involved in the West Belfast Housing Action Committee and helped to found the Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association.

Was it just not cool to join an army? "It's just that it wasn't an issue. If you read the history of the IRA at that time it had decided upon a political route."

A few years later he might have joined? "I would say if I was a member of the IRA.

I don't have any hang-ups about it."

He would be proud? "I think it was an honourable thing for people to do."

In the end it did not make much difference. In 1972, a year after Willie Whitelaw, the Northern Ireland Secretary, had flown him and Martin McGuinness (now Education Minister in the province's suspended government) to London for clandestine talks, he was interned in Long Kesh. I ask if his late mother had despaired "Well, when I was interned my father was already interned. At least one of my brothers was interned. My uncle, Liam, who was her (his mother's) brother, was interned. His son, Kevin, was interned. Two of his other sons were interned, maybe not at that time, but in the course of that. A really funny thing happened sometimes here: you would hear <u>women</u> saying, 'Well, at least I know where he is'."

At least my son's not going to be shot on the street? "Not so much my mother. By that time I was married and was away from the house, but the British troops used to visit my wife's home and tell them that I'd just been shot down.

That happened to her three different times. They burst in and said, 'Did you hear Gerry was just killed?'"

But this is prehistory. In the book Adams is transformed into a statesman of infinite patience in the face of British duplicity (conniving lethally all the while with loyalist paramilitaries), an Irish Government which mainly wished that the North would quietly fade away, and the IRA, whose periodic massacres stalled progress and whom he now ticks off (Enniskillen, for example, "was wrong in its conception as well as its execution"). Adams had realised, before they did, that the "physical force tendency" had failed.

So why doesn't the IRA disband? "It's difficult to explain because, obviously, the existence of the IRA has become a crux issue in the entire process, but if the IRA went away tomorrow, there'd be another IRA the day afterwards.

You're far better with the IRA you know."

But there are new IRAs: Continuity and Real. Who are they: old diehards, bloodthirsty youths? "I think it's a mixture. Probably as much older people who would see us as having sold out, having deserted republican objectives. If you look on it very objectively, there is still partition, the British still maintain the Union, we don't yet have equality, we don't have, across a range of issues, justice or a sense of ownership..."

He paints for me a touching tableau. He is making a speech to his own the day the IRA agrees to puts its arms "beyond use": "I didn't know it at the time but as I was speaking there were people crying in the audience. There were men left the meeting crying. Just with emotion."

With anger? "It might have been with anger or it might have been just them seeing a Rubicon being passed."

There will surely one day be a song about it, I think. But if the men in moth-eaten balaclavas saw decommissioning as a defeat, who could blame them? Of the Good Friday agreement, Adams writes: "We had dealt the union a severe blow."

Yet five years on it is still not even wobbling from its impact. No wonder he says that the hardest negotiations have been with his own side and no wonder, too, that he is at his least convincing when trying to convince me that victory remains within his grasp.

"I would be probably guilty of propaganda, or you would think it was just over the top, but you have to get a sense of what the republican nationalist community have been through in terms of imprisonment, in terms of trials, house raids, being stopped in the street. This place was just an armed camp and when the British got more sophisticated they got more into insurgency, more into population friendly pacification programmes where they just targeted the activists. These are proud communities and they've been through all that and they've been strengthened by all of that process. I think one of the big achievements of recent times has been that people now have a very good sense of strategic management and of moving forward to goals."

He suddenly sounds like the marketing director of a not very successful plc. He says his hope is to persuade younger Unionists that they would enjoy a fair and prosperous life in a united Ireland. This, after all, is the tenth year of IRA "cessations". "So unless you have actually been bereaved or know someone who has been bereaved, if you are 18, 19, 20 and you're are a Unionist, all that is the olden times."

His difficulty is to reassure the Protestants of this golden future without making himself even more distrusted in republican circles. It leads to anomalies for a man of peace. He has, for instance, repeatedly refused to appeal to Catholics to come forward with information about the 1998 Omagh bombing. He offers three reasons. "One, we don't have any information to offer. Two, nobody would respond to it. And three, I don't have the confidence in the processes of the State that names coming forward would be dealt with properly." And then he comes to the real one, that, important though initiatives are, he cannot reach out to Unionists at the expense of his own constituency.

"I've made the case time and time and time again to the British Government that if we are of service to this process it is in our ability to bring people with us.

Once we lose the ability to bring people with us..." He's useless? "Useless.

So who's the best judge?"

I concede that he probably is.

He bought a holiday home in Donegal from the profits of his autobiography a few years back. He says this book will pay off the mortgage. It must be wonderful, I say, after all these years on the dole, to have financial security.

"Well, I try to avoid talking about my personal life and it's quite difficult at times, but when I think I might have been dead... every single day I genuinely think I'm lucky just to be still about."

Does he think he might end up the first president of All Ireland? "No," he replies after a longer answer about it having been reward enough to have been involved in bringing about change, "that's Martin McGuinness's job".

We laugh. The photographer has arrived, panting, desperate to take the picture.

"No problem," says Adams.

It's been illuminating, but there is just one thing, I say haltingly. What if people are right and he is a member of the IRA Army Council?

"Ah," says Gerry, "don't worry about that. They keep saying I am. I keep saying I'm not."

He shakes my hand. I go downstairs. He shakes my hand again. Perhaps I'm living in the past -the nightmare from which we Brits are always telling Ireland to awake - but all the way back to London I carry on worrying.

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BELFAST, Northern Ireland Britain strips authority from Northern Ireland's joint Protestant-Catholic administration, but within hours, the *Irish Republican Army* softened its position on disarmament, the issue threatening the Cabinet's survival. NORTHERN IRELAND. Recap expected by 0300 GMT. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photos XBFT102, 104.

BEIRUT, Lebanon Israeli airstrikes have transformed Beirut into a city where 1.2 million people try to keep going by hooking up noisy, diesel-belching generators for power and filling bathtubs to survive water cuts. LEBANON-SURVIVING AIRSTRIKES. Moving by 0300 GMT. By Rodeina Kenaan. AP Photos BEI102, 104-106.

ALSO MOVED:

LEBANON-ISRAEL. Hezbollah guerrillas kill an Israeli soldier and seriously wound another in a rocket attack. AP Photos BEI101-106.

ISRAEL-LEBANON. Reacting to the latest killing, Israel angrily walks out of a five-nation arbitration committee that is trying to restore calm. AP Photos JRL101-102.

SLEPTSOVSKAYA, Russia Efforts by Russian troops to flush out the remaining rebels in the Chechen capital don't raise hopes among refugees that they can return soon. There's hardly anything to go home to. RUSSIA-GROZNY REFUGEES. Moving by 0300 GMT. By Andrew Kramer. AP Photos NAZ102-105.

WITH:

RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Russian warplanes bombard the icy slopes of Chechnya's southern mountains as troops root out militants. New story expected by 1000 GMT. By Yuri Bagrov. AP Photos MOSB103-105, 108, 111.

JAKARTA, Indonesia When Indonesia's president returns from a trip this weekend, he will confront the senior military leader who has ignored his demands to quit the Cabinet. But President Abdurrahman Wahid and Security Minister Gen. Wiranto now appear ready to strike a deal. INDONESIA. Moving by 0200 GMT. By Geoff Spencer. AP Photo JAK101.

KOSOVSKA MITROVICA, Yugoslavia The head of the embattled U.N. mission is promising new measures to restore calm to this northwestern Kosovo city, where hundreds of ethnic Albanians have fled their homes after violence triggered by the killing of two Serbs. KOSOVO. Recap moving by 0300 GMT. By Elena Becatoros. AP Photos PRI103-104.

HARARE, Zimbabwe Zimbabweans on Saturday vote in a referendum expected to gauge waning confidence in President Robert Mugabe, the nation's longtime ruler. ZIMBABWE-REFERENDUM. Moving by 0300 GMT. By Angus Shaw.

ALSO MOVED:

SOUTH AFRICA-MANDELA MUSEUM. Ten years to the day after he walked out of prison ending 27 years of incarceration by the apartheid state Nelson Mandela returns to his home village Friday to open a museum. AP Photos UMT101-103.

VIENNA, Austria Despite a diplomatic cold shoulder suffered by her Cabinet colleague in Lisbon, Austria's foreign minister believes cracks are emerging in the opposition to the new government and its far-right-wing members. AUSTRIA-GOVERNMENT. Moving by 0300 GMT. By Robert H. Reid. AP Photos VIE108, 117.

LONDON Britain is taking a tough line on asylum-seekers who arrived on a hijacked Afghan airliner, but it could be months before officials decide if they will have to go home, human rights groups say. AFGHAN PLANE HIJACKED. Lead has moved. By Caroline Byrne. AP Photos LDC101, LON106.

LOOKING AHEAD: Sunday is the target date for Israel and the Palestinians to agree on the framework of a final peace accord.

FEATURES: Travel

BAGAN, Myanmar Bagan is one of the world's wonders, rivaling Cambodia's better-known Angkor as home of the most stunning ruins of an ancient, abandoned capital in Southeast Asia. But a few years of intensive tourism development have dragged it into a new age. TRAV-MYANMAR-BACK TO BAGAN. To move as wire time permits. By Patrick McDowell. AP Photos NY400-403.

With BC-TRAV-BACK TO BAGAN-TIPS.

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti In his 1966 novel "The Comedians," Graham Greene described the Oloffson Hotel as a place to "mingle with the elite ... the musicians, the poets, the painters." Today the hotel lives on. TRAV-HAITIAN MEMORIES. To move as wire time permits. By Dan Perry. AP Photos NY404-406.

HYERES, France Even at the peak of the August tourist season, a pedestrian can wander through the heart of Hyeres without a crowd. Hyeres has two dozen white-sand beaches with plenty of room to spread out. TRAV-FRANCE-HYERES-PORQUEROLLES. To move as wire time permits. By Rochelle Olson. AP Photos NY410-411.

With BC-TRAV-HYERES-PORQUEROLLERS-TIPS.

TAMPA, Florida Ybor City, the Tampa neighborhood that was once home to artists, Cuban, Spanish and Italian immigrants, and famous hand-rolled cigars, now is known mainly for its nightlife. TRAV-US-CHANGING YBOR. To move as wire time permits. By Adria Cimino. AP Photos FLTAM408, NY407.

With-TRV-CHANGING YBOR-TIPS.

Also Moving:

TRAV-Travel Briefs

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WORLD SPORTS AT 1400 GMT

SOCCER:

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil The biggest, richest Copa Libertadores ever begins next week, with a record 32 clubs competing for the Latin American soccer crown. And with the World Cup qualifying round coming up and European clubs refusing to release their South American stars, the tournament probably couldn't have come at a worse time.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Copa Libertadores. Expected by 1700 GMT.

By Peter Muello.

MANCHESTER, England Manchester United, the world's richest soccer club, signed a record dlrs 30-million pound (dlrs 48 million) sponsorship deal Friday with British mobile phone company Vodafone.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Manchester United-Sponsor. Has moved.

SKIING:

SANTA CATERINA, Italy Michaela Dorfmeister dominates a super-G race from start to finish Friday to pick up her circuit-high fifth win of the season and extend her lead in the World Cup overall standings.

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

By Howard Fendrich.

ATHLETICS:

LONDON The head of UK Athletics calls on the IAAF to put on hold all disciplinary cases against athletes accused of taking nandrolone pending an independent inquiry into the rash of positive cases for the steroid.

Slug Sports-Track-IAAF-Nandrolone. Expected by 1600 GMT.

By Stephen Wilson

GHENT, Belgium Sprinting ace Ato Boldon gets star billing at the Flanders Indoor athletics meet, the first event on the European Ricoh Tour.

Slug Sports-Track-Flanders Indoor. Expected by 2200 GMT.

By Raf Casert.

TENNIS:

PARIS Defending champion Serena Williams faces France's Sarah Pitkowski in Friday's quarter-finals stage of the dlrs 537,000 Paris Open **women**'s tournament.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Paris Open. Early lead expected by 1930 GMT.

MARSEILLE, France Only two seeded players, defending champion Fabrice Santoro (6) and compatriot Sebastien Grosjean (4), are left in Friday's quarterfinals of the dlrs 500,000 Marseille Open.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Marseille Open. Expected by 2230 GMT.

ALSO:

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates Sports-Tennis-Dubai. Expected by 2100 GMT.

SAN JOSE, California Sports-Tennis-Sybase Open. Has moved.

OLYMPICS:

SYDNEY, Australia Disregarding a barrage of criticism against organizers of the Sydney 2000 Olympics, International Olympic Committee Coordination Committee chairman Jacques Rogge gives SOCOG a glowing endorsement.

Slug Sports-Olympic-Sydney-Rogge. Has moved.

By John Pye.

SAILING:

AUCKLAND, New Zealand Cautious confidence, tempered by anxiety over the boat speed of the New Zealand defender, has invaded the City of Sails eight days before the start of the best-of-nine race series to decide the America's Cup.

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

FIGURE SKATING:

VIENNA, Austria - Irina Slutskaya looks to continue her comeback entering the <u>women</u>'s short prorgam at the European Figure Skating Champinships hoping to win back the title she won in 1996 and 1997.

BC-Sports-Figure Skating-Europeans. Update expected by 1700 GMT

By Erica Bulman

GOLF:

SAN DIEGO Davis Love III and Phil Mickelson, two victims of the greatest winning streak on the PGA Tour in 52 years, put themselves in position for another crack at stopping Tiger Woods.

Slug Sports-Golf-Buick Invitational. Has moved.

By Doug Ferguson.

ALSO:

MELBOURNE, Australia Sports-Golf-Australian Masters. Has moved.

KUALA LAMPUR, Malaysia Sports-Golf-Malaysian Open. Has moved.

ALSO:

PHOENIX Sports-Basketball-NBA Roundup. Has moved.

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

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WORLD SPORTS AT 0000 GMT

SOCCER:

LAGOS, Nigeria Cameroon is out to break one of the longest unbeaten records in international soccer by beating Nigeria in front of its own fans in Sunday's African Nations Cup final. The Super Eagles haven't lost a home match for an incredible 19 years.

Slug Sports-Soccer-African Cup Final-Preview. Has moved.

By Andreas Evagora.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil The Copa Libertadores that begins next week promises to be Latin America's biggest, richest and most ambitious tournament ever. And it couldn't come at a worse time.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Copa Libertadores. Has moved.

By Peter Muello.

MANCHESTER, England Manchester United, the world's richest soccer club, signs a record dlrs 30-million-pound (dlrs 48 million) sponsorship deal with British mobile phone company Vodafone.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Manchester United-Sponsor. Has moved.

ALSO:

LONDON Sports-Soccer-Referee Reprimanded. Has moved.

GLASGOW, Scotland Sports-Soccer-Celtic-Viduka. Has moved.

ATHLETICS:

LONDON Athletics' world governing body will consider putting disciplinary proceedings on hold against athletes accused of taking nandrolone while officials seek to determine the reasons behind the rash of positive tests for the banned steroid.

Slug Sports-Track-IAAF-Nandrolone. Has moved.

By Stephen Wilson.

GHENT, Belgium Ato Boldon is living by his words. He wants a slow start to the season and is very successful at it.

Slug Sports-Track-Flanders Indoor. Has moved.

By Raf Casert.

TENNIS:

PARIS Serena Williams rolls over Sarah Pitkowski from France 6-1, 6-1 in 52 minutes at the dlrs 537,000 Paris Open on to secure a semi-final berth in the tournament where she opened her career victory account last year.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Paris Open. Has moved.

By Alan Page.

MARSEILLE, France Fabrice Santoro of France remains on track to retain his title at the dlrs 500,000 Marseille Open beating compatriot Thi rry Guardiola 6-4, 7-6(3) and moving into the semifinals.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Marseille Open. Has moved.

WITH:

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates Sports-Tennis-Dubai Open. Has moved.

SAN JOSE, California Sports-Tennis-Sybase Open. Expected by 0400 GMT.

BASKETBALL:

OAKLAND, California The NBA All-Star game is back in business. The league's stars begin filing into town for the showcase game that was scrapped last year because of the lockout.

Slug Sports-Basketball-NBA All-Stars. Expected by 0300 GMT.

By Chris Sheridan.

GOLF:

SAN DIEGO Tiger Woods has ground to cover in his bid for a seventh straight PGA Tour victory. He trails Davis Love III by six strokes and is close to missing the cut entering the second round of the Buick Invitational.

Slug Sports-Golf-Buick Invitational. Expected by 0200 GMT.

By Bernie Wilson.

MELBOURNE, Australia New Zealander Michael Campbell and two Australians take a one-shot lead Saturday into the third round of the Australian Masters golf tournament.

Slug Sports-Golf-Australian Masters. Expected by 1100 GMT.

ALSO:

KUALA LAMPUR, Malaysia Sports-Golf-Malaysian Open. Expected by 1300 GMT.

SKIING:

SAPPORO, Japan Samppa Lajunen, the 1997 World Cup series winner, and Bjarte Engen Vik, the 1998 Nagano Olympic champion, are among 48 athletes competing in the Sapporo World Cup Nordic Combined event Saturday and Sunday.

Slug BC-Sports-Skiing-Nordic Combined. Expected by 0900 GMT.

By K.P. Hong.

SANTA CATERINA, Italy Michaela Dorfmeister finally turns in a top-notch speed performance to put her bid for the World Cup overall crown back in high gear.

Slug Sports-Skiing-Women-Super-G. Has moved. Saturday's slalom runs scheduled for 0900 and 1150 GMT start.

By Howard Fendrich.

ALSO:

ST. ANTON, Austria Sports-Skiing-Men-DH Practice. Has moved. Saturday's SG scheduled for 1030 GMT start.

FIGURE SKATING:

VIENNA, Austria As Michelle Kwan was defending last year's U.S. title an ocean away, Russia's Irina Slutskaya wins the <u>women</u>'s short program at the European Figure Skating Championships, leaving her poised to reclaim the crown she lost two years ago.

Slug Sports-Figure Skating-Europeans. Has moved.

By Erica Bulman.

ALSO:

CLEVELAND Sports-Figure Skating-US Championships. By Barry Wilner. Expected by 0700 GMT.

ALSO:

UNDATED Sports-Ice Hockey-NHL Roundup. Expected by 0700 GMT.

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WORLD AT 0700 GMT:

NEW:

US-ALASKA AIRLINES CRASH. Alaska Airlines jet crashes off California coast with at least 70 aboard.

CHINA-BANNED SECT. Report: 32 Falun Gong members get prison in secret trials.

INDIA-MISSIONARY MURDER. Main suspect in murder of Australian missionary and his two sons arrested in India.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

OXNARD, California An Alaska Airlines jet carrying 88 people plummets into the Pacific Ocean after the pilot reported mechanical problems and it was diverted to Los Angeles for an emergency landing. Several bodies are recovered from the chilly water, but there was no sign of survivors hours after the crash. US-ALASKA AIRLINES CRASH. Developing. By Jeff Wilson. AP Photos XFX101-102, NY118-121; AP Graphics.

ALSO MOVED:

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

US-ALASKA AIRLINES CRASH-MD-80. A look at McDonnell Douglas's MD-80 series.

US-ALASKA AIRLINES-HISTORY; US-ALASKA AIRLINES-FACTS; US-CRASH-BOX; US-ALASKA AIRLINES-FACTS; PLANE CRASH-LIST.

OFF THE IVORY COAST The men of the Artaban launched their ship into a nightmare on the inky waters of the Atlantic. Bodies surrounded them: men, <u>women</u>, children, limbs that had been torn away after a Kenya Airways flight slammed into the sea. IVORY COAST-CRASH. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Alexandra Zavis. AP Photos ABI101-109,201,301;NAI101-107.

ALSO:

IVORY COAST-SURVIVOR. Emmanuel Madu can't swim. But when the Kenya Airways jetliner he was on plunged into the Atlantic Ocean, the 33 year-old Nigerian found a strength he didn't know he had. Moved.

UNITED NATIONS U.N. and Indonesian human rights investigators blame Jakarta's military chiefs for last year's terror campaign in East Timor and Indonesia's president says former army commander Gen. Wiranto must now resign at once. UN-EAST TIMOR. Has moved. By Edith M. Lederer.

JAKARTA, Indonesia Gen. Wiranto, Indonesia's powerful security minister, ignores calls for his resignation Tuesday and criticizes a government report that blamed him and other top officers for last year's campaign of violence in East Timor. INDONESIA-EAST TIMOR. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Geoff Spencer.

ALSO MOVED:

INDONESIA-WIRANTO PROFILE. Once a loyal supporter of Indonesia's former dictator, then a military strongman with presidential aspirations, Gen. Wiranto's career now appears as ruined as the towns and villages that were devastated in East Timor. AP Photos JAK101-102.

BRITAIN-INDONESIAN PRESIDENT: Indonesian President Abdurrahman Wahid is to arrive in London on a two-day visit, assured of a warm welcome by British officials eager to encourage his reformist policies. Will be updated with Wahid arrival scheduled for 0900 GMT; news conference at 1930 GMT.

SINGAPORE-EAST TIMOR: Even if Gen. Wiranto resigns from his current Cabinet position, he should still be placed on trial for his alleged role in last year's violence in East Timor, says East Timorese activist Jose Ramos-Horta.

ALKHAN-YURT, Russia Russian forces push into a strategically key square in the capital of rebel Chechnya after more than a week of intense battles with rebel snipers firing from high-rise buildings, Russian officials say. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Expected by 1200 GMT. By Lyoma Turpalov. AP Photos MOSB105-110,118-122,NAZ101-102.

ALSO MOVED:

RUSSIA-ALBRIGHT. The United States and Russia clash openly over Chechnya, underscoring a skid in relations that extends to disagreements over arms control. AP Photos MOSB101-104, 111-117, 123-124.

AFGHANISTAN-CHECHNYA. Taliban troops have been sent to help Chechen fighters, a senior Taliban commander says.

JERUSALEM If Syria is serious about returning to the negotiating table, the deadly guerrilla attacks on Israel's soldiers in south Lebanon must stop, Prime Minister Ehud Barak tells his country's longtime foe. ISRAEL-SYRIA. Has moved, stands as recap to Israel-Lebanon. By Dina Kraft. AP Photos JRL101-105.

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

HANOI, Vietnam Truong Dinh Dan and Nguyen Cong Hoa have heard about the fall of communism in Eastern Europe and elsewhere. But after struggling through seven decades of war and hardship for the party, they remain resolute that communism is far from dead. VIETNAM-PARTY ANNIVERSARY. Has moved. Vietnamese Communist Party anniversary is Thursday. By Paul Alexander.

BEIJING In quietly convened trials, a Chinese court sentenced two sisters who helped lead the banned Falun Gong spiritual movement to six and seven years in prison and 30 other members who held a protest to terms of up to two years, a rights group reports Tuesday. CHINA-BANNED SECT. Has moved.

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

LISBON, Portugal The European Union has sent a combative warning to right-wing extremists by telling Austria that the other 14 EU member states will sever political contacts if the far-right Freedom Party forms part of Vienna's next government. EU-AUSTRIA. Has moved. By Barry Hatton. AP Photo LIS102.

CONCORD, New Hampshire In the tiny northeastern state of New Hampshire, the site of the nation's first nominating primary of the 2000 presidential campaign, it's personalities not big issues that sway voters. US-PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN. Has moved; developments will be expedited. Polls close 0000 GMT, results expected some time thereafter. By Mike Glover. AP Photos.

ALSO MOVED:

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

LONDON The High Court on Monday rejects a request by Belgium and six human rights groups to challenge the secrecy of a medical report finding former Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet unfit to stand trial. BRITAIN-PINOCHET. Has moved. By Sue Leeman. SCL104,106,109; LCN105-106.

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

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

THE HAGUE, Netherlands A how-to guide of suicide methods on an anonymous Dutch-language Web site has sparked heated controversy in a nation that widely supports the right to die by physician-assisted suicide. NETHERLANDS-DO-IT-YOURSELF SUICIDE. Has moved. By Anthony Deutsch.

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

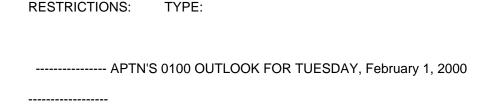
FEATURES MOVED:

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

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

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

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Here are the stories APTN expects to move in the next 12 hours . All times are in GMT.

EXPECTED:

US: AIR CRASH - APTN is monitoring developments concerning the Alaska Airlines crash of the southern coast of California. See Runnings for the latest updated package. (Further material to feed as available)

MYANMAR: REBELS - APTN is expecting a special report on Karen rebels in Myanmar celebrating Revolution Day despite the Mynamar mili tary regime placing heavy pressure on the rebel forces on several f ronts.

The APTN package should include an interview with the new lead er of the Karen National Union as well as comment from the outgoing leader, Bo Mya. (Expected First Run 0715 Asia Pacific Late)

INDONESIA: WIRANTO - APTN expects coverage of a photo opportun ity and news conference from former Indonesian military chief, Gen eral

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Wiranto in Jakarata. (Expected First Run 0715 Asia Pacific Lat e)

PHILIPPINES: PROTEST - APTN is expecting coverage of a <u>women</u>'s protest in Manila outside the American Embassy demonstrating a gainst the resumption of joint military exercises between the Philipp ines and America. (Expected First Run 0715 Asia Pacific Late)

TAIWAN: STOCKS - APTN will cover latest results on Taiwan's stockmarket where buoyant trade has pushed the Hang Seng Index to an all time high and breaking the 10,000 points barrier. (Expecte d First Run 0715 Asia Pacific Late)

JAPAN: JOBLESS - APTN is expecting a package from Japan on lat est unemployment figures which show Japan's number of people out o f work is a bigger problem than unemployment in the United States. The package is expected to include analysis and comment from ordin ary Japanese people who see the comparison with America's unemploy ment rate as an important psychological comparison. (Expected First Run 0715 Asia Pacific Late)

US: LAUNCH - It's double trouble for NASA engineers trying to get space shuttle "Endeavour" off the ground. NASA has put today 's liftoff on temporary hold while technicians try to troubleshoo t a problem with a computer that issues commands to key shuttle sy stems. And outside the shuttle, the weather is worsening. Rain is fal ling over much of the Cape Canaveral area, and cloudy skies violate flight safety rules. APTN will bring you updates as they come. (Expected First Run TBA)

NIRELAND: REPORT - APTN is waiting for a report to be unveiled by

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Northern Ireland's disarmament commission on the current state of
IRA decommissioning in Northern Ireland. We will bring coverag e as
it becomes available. (Expected First Run TBA)

RUNNING:

UK: MURDERS 4 - This package includes a wrap of the story surrounding the conviction of British doctor, Harold Shipman, for the murders of 15 of his *female* patients. Shipman is described as Britain's most prolific serial killer of the 20th century. APT N has pictures of a police van taking Harold Shipman to court and pi ctures of the victims families, plus reaction to the outcome and comm ent from the Crown Prosecutor. (First Run 2300 Australia/NZ) Part No Access UK/CNN/CNBC/Euronews/Internet.

SHIPMAN: B'GROUNDER - Background information about convicted s erial killer Harold Shipman who injected 15 middle-aged and elderly <u>women</u> with lethal heroin or morphine doses between 1995 and 1998. Th is includes pictures of police exhuming of one of the victim's bo dies.

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It also includes a taped police interview with Dr Shipman. (Fi rst Run 1800 Europe Evening)

US: NASDAQ - APTN has a package with comment on the performance of the US Nasdaq stockmarket and stockmarket performance in gener al for January 2000. January is seen by some market players as indica tive of how the markets will perform over the year. This January performance of stocks suggests it will be a subdued year. (Fir st Run 0200 Europe Overnight)

US: NEW HAMPSHIRE 2 - APTN updates its coverage of the main candidates in the final run-up to the U-S presidential primary in New Hampshire, including comment from candidates, Al Gore, Bil I Bradley, and Republican George W. Bush, as they go about meeting New Hampshire voters. (First Run 0400 Europe Early)

RUSSIA: GROZNY - Russian forces claim to have driven Chechen's nipers out of several high-rise buildings during the battle for Minut ka square, a key square that stands between federal forces and the city's center. (First Run 1800 Europe Evening)

INGUSHETIA: REFUGEE - Children of Chechen refugees are being o ffered counselling and schooling to help them overcome traumas experi enced during the Russian military campaign in Chechnya.Funded by international donors, the scheme is being run in a refugee cam p in the neighbouring republic of Ingushetia. (First Run 1800 Europ e Evening)

US: CHINA - The Chinese embassy spokesperson in Washington has spoken about China-U.S. relations. This follows Beijing's warn ing

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earlier Monday saying that if the U.S. criticizes China's huma n rights practices at the upcoming meeting of the U.N. Human Rig hts Commission, bilateral relations will suffer. APTN will brin g you this comment as it comes. (First Run 2030 North America Late)

US: MEXICO - Defense Secretary William Cohen has hosted an hon our cordon to welcome Mexico Secretary of National Defense General Enrique Cervantes to the Pentagon. APTN has coverage of the ev ent. (First Run 2030 North America Late)

AUSTRIA: HAIDER 2 - Far-right populist Joerg Haider apologised on Monday to European governments if they were offended by his comments about some of his EU critics. In the weekend outburst Mr Haide r called the Belgian Government corrupt and branded French Presi dent, Jacques Chirac, a failure. This package includes comment from Haider. (First Run 2200 Latin America Update)

ITALY: BENETTON - APTN expects a package about the launch of Benetton's new controversial advertising campaign against the death penalty in America. (First Run 0400 Europe Early)

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Body

- * At Wimbledon Pete Sampras won his sixth men's singles title, the most by anyone this century.
- * The United States confirmed its free-trade doctrine applied only to others, slapping heavy tariffs on New Zealand and Australian lamb.
- * Shell and BP increased their pump prices by 3c a litre, the biggest rise in a decade little did we know what was to come. Shell led the way two weeks later with another 3c rise.
- * The Indonesian Democracy Party-Struggle of Megawati Sukarnoputri gained the biggest slice of the vote in Indonesian elections, 33.7 per cent, but the battle for the presidency was by no means over.
- * The death of another Kennedy, this time JFK junior with his wife and her sister in the light plane he was piloting, revisited the family curse and, given the reaction, offered plenty of questions about the power of a name.
- * The Samoan Public Works Minister, Luagalau Levaula Kamu, was shot dead during a campaign rally in Apia.
- * A Scot, Paul Lawrie, won the British golf open at Carnoustie in Scotland after being 10 shots down on the final morning. But it was the nightmare of Frenchman Jean Van de Velde on the last hole, with the luxury of needing six to win, that left an indelible mark on the event. He took seven, and lost in the playoff.
- * Saga of high spending in the civil service continued with the chief executive of Work and Income under scrutiny over chartered planes and staff training costs.
- * Mike Moore got the first three years of a World Trade Organisation term in a deal with his Thai rival for the job.
- * Auckland unveiled another roading plan: a second harbour bridge beside the first and a tunnel under Herne Bay and Grey Lynn.
- * Triumph at Lords: the New Zealand cricketers recorded their first test win over England at the home of the great game.
- * An adventure holiday turned tragic in the Swiss Alps after a flash flood hit a group canyoning in the Saxetenbach Gorge, killing 21 people, including two New Zealanders.
- * Parliament voted to allow the drinking age to be dropped from 20 to 18 and extended liquor sales to Sundays, including supermarkets.

* Eldest son of <u>Women</u>'s Affairs Minister, Leafa Vitale, and slain Samoan minister's immediate predecessor, Toi Aukuso, charged with his murder.

AUGUST

- * Train crash 500km north of Calcutta claimed more than 500 lives.
- * A fund to help Invercargill's Lawton family after John Lawton testified against a gang member reached \$200,000.
- * Boris Yeltsin sacked yet another Prime Minister, replacing Sergei Stepashin with Vladimir Putin, the chief of the security police. Russia's Dagestan republic declared itself an independent state.
- * IBM walked away from the half-finished police computer system.
- * Mobil added another 3c to the petrol price 9c rise in a month.
- * Are we maturing? Interest in Theresa Gattung's appointment to head Telecom focused not on her gender but her age: she is 37.
- * The earthquakes got worse. Thousands died when a 6.7 quake hit Turkey, centred about 90km south-east of Istanbul.
- * High Court judges ruled that the Winebox inquiry head, Sir Ronald Davison, got tax law wrong.
- * New Zealand cricketers celebrated a series win in England. Coach Steve Rixon went out in style. The English, however, turned their brutal attention to "the worst test team in the world."
- * Crash on the Victoria Park flyover brought Auckland to a halt.
- * Rob Waddell did it again, retaining his single sculls title at the world rowing championships in Canada in style, setting a world's best time.
- * A sign of gloom to come for New Zealand rugby supporters. The All Blacks lost 7-28 to the Wallabies at Stadium Australia (the worst test defeat in their history). They missed out on the Bledisloe Cup but still won the Tri-Nations series with enough points from earlier wins.
- * A peaceful interlude for East Timorese. They went to vote for independence on a day of calm.
- * The country's mental health practices once again came under scrutiny as a psychiatric patient living in the community stabbed his flatmate, Malcolm Beggs, to death.

SEPTEMBER

- * The calm of the referendum day was over. More than 78 per cent said they wanted independence and militia went on the rampage in East Timor. Jakarta imposed martial law on the territory, which made little difference to the shooting, burning and looting.
- * Apec leaders came to town most of them. Absentees included Indonesia's Habibie and Malaysia's perennial stayaway, Mahathir. Auckland shut down. East Timor dominated the gathering if not the agenda, Bill Clinton wowed them all and the leaders' polo-shirt-with-yachting-jacket outfits were a hit. But did anything actually happen? Did it matter? It left a certain "feel-good" taste in its wake. We could do with more of it.
- * Christchurch was not so lucky. Keeping protesters out of sight of the Chinese President meant Jiang Zemin was late for dinner and the police got caught in the middle.

- * Pressure finally told on the Indonesian Government and Jakarta gave the go-ahead for deployment of a United Nations force to restore peace in East Timor. New Zealand's contribution of men and machinery placed the spotlight on the ability of the armed forces to function when needed.
- * The chief executive of the Lotteries Commission, David Bale, resigned in the wake of criticism of his \$400,000-plus salary.
- * Brierley Investments announced its departure to Singapore and Bermuda.
- * Scott Watson was found guilty of the murders of Olivia Hope and Ben Smart after the jury had deliberated for 22 hours following a 13-week trial. But it was a reminder that Kirsty Bentley's killer had not been found.
- * Bombs killed more than 200 people in attacks on residential areas in Moscow.
- * TV3 took over free-to-air rugby coverage as TVNZ cooperation with Sky came to a halt.
- * Athens and Taipei became the latest cities to suffer the effects of big earthquakes with thousands dying in the biggest quake to hit Taiwan this century.
- * Americans came back from the death for a remarkable win over Europe in golf's Ryder Cup but in triumph demonstrated that the sport lauded for its etiquette can be as ugly as any other.
- * The oil price rise was not over: Shell raised its prices a further 3c, the fifth rise in less than three months.

OCTOBER

- * Japan experienced its worst nuclear accident when an error in uranium handling fed a chain reaction that sent radiation levels at the plant 140 km north-east of Tokyo to 15,000 times normal.
- * More than 100,000 fled airstrikes and ground attacks against Chechnya by Russian forces seeking Muslim guerrillas accused of masterminding the bombings of apartment blocks in Russia.
- * The Silver Ferns blew a six-point lead, handing the world netball championship to their old nemesis, Australia.
- * Thirty London commuters were killed when two trains collided near Paddington station.
- * The All Blacks came to grief against France in the rugby World Cup; after nearly five years of waiting the America's Cup challengers finally got out on the water.
- * Hannahs, synonymous with New Zealand shoe retailing, took its first step into the Australian market.
- * Russian troops blocked refugees from fleeing the fighting in Chechnya.
- * Gunmen broke into the Armenian Parliament, killed eight people including the Prime Minister, Vazgen Sarkisian, and took other deputies hostage before surrendering after a night-long stand-off.
- * "The cyclone of the century" ravaged the east coast of India, bringing death, destruction and misery to Orissa and West Bengal.
- * EgyptAir Flight 990 dived into the sea off Massachusetts, killing all 217 people on board was it a suicide crash?

NOVEMBER

- * The Auckland City Council terminated the Britomart contract on the grounds that the financier and developer had missed three deadlines to agree to the terms of resource consents.
- * A lumbering Englishman outpointed an ageing American to unify the world heavyweight boxing titles; master trainer Bart Cummings claimed his 11th Melbourne Cup with Rogan Josh; and John Hart resigned as All Black

coach. But by the end of the month in one weekend Michael Campbell (Johnny Walker Classic in Taiwan), Greg Murphy and Steve Richards (Bathurst 1000) and the Black Caps (one-day win over India) had brought some balance to the sporting equilibrium. Barbara Kendall later successfully defended her world board-sailing title.

- * Don McKinnon was appointed SecretaryGeneral of the Commonwealth.
- * With all the monarchists and many republicans resisting the idea of a Parliament-elected head of state, Australians voted against dispensing with the monarchy.
- * An American court decision ruled that Microsoft wielded monopoly power in personal computer operating systems.
- * Germany celebrated 10 years since the fall of the Berlin Wall.
- * The death toll from the Indian cyclone was expected to climb past 10,000.
- * Aceh province increased pressure to be allowed to follow East Timor into independence from Indonesia.
- * Brierley Investments got the votes to relocate to Singapore and Bermuda despite the resistance of New Zealand shareholders.
- * Sydney Olympics organisers were under fire for secretly allocating hundreds of thousands of seats for the rich and famous at home and abroad.
- * Turkey was hit by its second earthquake in three months, devastating Bolu province.
- * Queenstown and Alexandra were engulfed by flood waters.
- * In the shadow of the election the Prime Minister sacked the Immigration Minister, Tuariki Delamere, over a deal with Taiwanese immigrants.
- * Petrol prices were on the rise again.
- * Lingerie company Bendon closed its doors.
- * Scott Watson was sentenced to life in prison for the murders of Olivia Hope and Ben Smart with a non-parole period of 17 years.
- * A step in the right direction in Northern Ireland as the Ulster Unionists agreed to join a cabinet including Sinn Fein, the political wing of the *Irish Republican Army*.
- * In an election-night result made tense by the slow delivery of results and the disproportionate influence of a couple of close electoral contests, Labour and the Alliance won sufficient party votes to form a new Government. Simultaneous heavy voting in favour of fewer MPs and harsher sentences raised as many questions about policy-by-referendum as it did about the questions at issue.
- * Malaysia's Mahathir Mohamad maintained his dominance as the country's leader but the Opposition doubled its seats, in the process defeating four cabinet ministers.

DECEMBER

- * Protesters against trade liberalisation turned the streets of Seattle into a battleground during violent confrontations with police as World Trade Organisation ministers failed to set an agenda for negotiations aimed at reducing trade barriers.
- * Russia decided to carry out its intention to batter the Chechen capital Grozny into submission, despite international condemnation.

- * The Middle East future looked brighter. Israel and Syria got that special seal of approval in their search for peaceful relations, a joint meeting of their representatives at the White House under the American President's watchful eye.
- * The Sri Lankan President, Chandrika Kumaratunga, survived a bombing assassination attempt in Colombo on the eve of the country's presidential poll.
- * In more peaceful manner, China took over the second of the three provinces Beijing has in its sights as Macau was transferred from Portuguese rule. First Hong Kong, now just Taiwan to go.
- * Nature continued on its disruptive way. Tens of thousands of Venezuelans died and more than 200,000 were left homeless as torrential rains triggered floods and landslides along the Caribbean coast of the South American country.
- * At home, special votes in the Coromandel electorate gave the seat to Jeanette Fitzsimons and nationwide tipped the Greens over the 5 per cent threshold into seven seats in Parliament. Winston Peters managed to hang on to Tauranga. It all added up to a minority Government headache for Labour and the Alliance.
- * Sweetwaters festival had its sequel; promoter Daniel Keighley pleaded guilty to five counts of forgery.
- * It was a busy month on the sports scene. The New York Yacht Club was the first notable departure from the America's Cup regatta. Its Young America failed to do enough to make the challengers' semifinals. Wayne Smith got the country's top job (no matter what business leaders and politicians might think) to coach the All Blacks with assistance from Tony Gilbert. Leilani Joyce followed Susan Devoy into the British Squash Open's history books while at home the Black Caps turned certain defeat into a convincing triumph over the West Indies in the first test of the summer.
- * While the Y2K bug's potential for disruption remained the big imponderable of the month, 1000 youths gave a fearful preview of what might be on New Year's Eve as they fought police after a Christmas in the Park concert in the Auckland Domain.

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<u>CAN TIME HEAL HURT IN ULSTER?;</u> <u>CITIZENS, ON VERGE OF SELF-RULE, BEAR LONG-TERM SECTARIAN</u> <u>SCARS</u>

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Body

On the surface, it looks like any other cookie-cutter, working-class neighborhood in Europe.

Small, dull houses are pushed up against one another, with a few tiny patches of green grass poking through the gray tones.

But look a little closer at this two-block housing development in West Belfast, and you notice what's missing: people.

"No one will live here," said Carl Von Ohsen, a development officer for Making Belfast Work, an agency aimed at bringing peace to Northern Ireland. "This is the border between Catholic Belfast and Protestant Belfast. People know what can happen to people who live here - the beatings, the killings."

At a time when Northern Ireland is supposed to be at peace, those long-empty homes are a reminder that all is not yet well in Northern Ireland.

Last year, the world rejoiced when Catholic and Protestant leaders reached an agreement many thought impossible just a few years ago: a deal for the two sides to put down their guns and share power in a new government.

The date of the deal -

Good Friday - brought overtones of hope and salvation.

In the euphoria, the top leaders of both sides won last year's Nobel Peace Prize.

And on Saturday the last hurdle to forming the new government was overcome when the largest Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, approved the deal before the *Irish Republican Army* disarms.

Four parties, including the IRA-linked Sinn Fein, are expected to nominate candidates today for a 12-member Protestant-Catholic Cabinet. The formal hand-over of power from London to Belfast is expected on Thursday.

Nevertheless, winning over the hearts and minds of everyday people, trained to hate one another for four centuries, will prove difficult.

"Socially and economically, Catholics and Protestants are in the same situation, and they've got the same problems," Von Ohsen said. "But each side thinks the other is better off, and they hate each other for it. I'm not optimistic that will change anytime soon."

You can't tell the difference between Belfast's Catholics and Protestants by looking at them. But sometimes you can tell by listening to the words they use.

To Catholics, the second largest city in Northern Ireland is called Derry. To Protestants, it's Londonderry, in recognition of the Protestants from the British capital who took control of the town in 1609.

Protestants often call Northern Ireland "Ulster."

In contrast, the name of one of the two main Catholic parties, Sinn Fein, isn't even in English; it means "we, ourselves" in Irish. Sinn Fein is the political wing of the IRA, a paramilitary group aimed at a reunited Ireland, through violence if necessary.

Catholics point out that the ancient boundaries of Ulster actually include three counties now in the Republic of Ireland and that their goal is to unite them.

A drive around West Belfast - the part of this 300,000-person capital city hardest hit by the "Troubles" - shows quickly that the division goes far beyond language.

Police stations look like forts, surrounded by 25-foot windowless concrete walls topped with barbed wire.

Many Catholics and Protestants choose to get their "justice" through local paramilitaries, who use beatings to get their points across to suspected criminals, even of their own religion.

Ten-foot walls, put up by the government for peacekeeping purposes, divide Catholic neighborhoods from Protestant ones.

The battles over Northern Ireland began in 1609, during the reign of James I, the Scot who had become King of England. British military forces were in control of nearly all of Ireland, with the notable exception of Ulster, a province in the northeast.

English officials came up with a solution to their problem: encourage tens of thousands of English and Scottish Protestants to move to Ulster. This colonization replaced the existing Catholic leadership in Ulster with a Protestant one. While there continued to be battles between the two groups for centuries, the lines were drawn and Ulster became mostly Protestant while the rest of Ireland remained mostly Catholic.

As punishment for a variety of rebellions over the years, the English enacted laws discriminating against Catholics, stripping them of their rights and their lands. By 1700, less than 10 percent of Irish land was owned by Catholics.

Eventually, Great Britain began to relent on its stern command of Ireland. In January 1922, Ireland was formally partitioned politically - one parliament for the six majority-Protestant counties of Ulster, which became Northern Ireland, and one for the rest of Ireland, which became the Irish Free State.

Still, problems continued. Dissident groups within the Free State, unhappy with the accord with Britain, began waging war against the Free State's provisional government. Once the groups settled their differences, the Free State turned its attention to gaining economic strength and severing its ties to Great Britain. This struggle continued for another two decades.

It wasn't until April 18, 1949, that the Republic of Ireland was formed, free of any allegiance to the British crown and the Commonwealth. The next month, the British Parliament voted to keep Northern Ireland as a part of Great

Britain. The Republic of Ireland objected, demanding return of the six counties to form a united Ireland. Its leaders have been making that demand ever since.

"There's no reason for there to be two Irelands," said Francie Molloy, a Sinn Fein member of the new assembly created by the Good Friday accord.

Catholics launched a civil rights movement in 1968, which they intended to put them on an equal level with the Protestant rulers. Catholics earned many concessions, such as equal rights in housing, voting and employment. But the peaceful movement was also the start of the violence-ridden Troubles, pitting nationalists and republicans (who want Northern Ireland united with the rest of Ireland) against unionists and loyalists (who want to keep the North's association with Britain).

In the 31 years since, the human cost has been substantial. More than 3,200 people have died from bombings, shootings, and beatings, along with tens of thousands injured. The main culprit has been the IRA, but in response to their actions, several loyalist paramilitaries have taken up arms.

The underground paramilitaries have always been small. Some have only a few dozen members, and experts believe that the IRA has never had more than a few hundred. But they have caught the 1.6 million people of the North in their crossfire.

Because the two sides' demands are so far apart, compromise was almost impossible for decades. Either the North would be part of Great Britain, or it wouldn't. Bombs in Northern Ireland became a regular highlight of the American evening news, and some Irish-Americans chose to help fund the IRA's militant efforts.

The last few years, however, have seen enormous progress. In 1997, the IRA declared a cease-fire, and representatives of Sinn Fein were invited to the negotiating table at peace talks chaired by former U.S. Sen. George Mitchell. Finally, last year, the parties announced an agreement to create a new government in which members of all the major parties would share power.

The accord calls for a national assembly and a 12-member executive, the equivalent of the Cabinet in America. Four of the seats in the executive will go to the Ulster Unionists, and four will go to the largest nationalist party, the Social Democratic and Labor Party, which has always opposed the violence on both sides. As the two largest parties, the UUP and the SDLP have long formed the moderate center of Northern politics; their leaders, John Hume for the SDLP and David Trimble for the UUP, were winners of the Nobel Peace Prize.

Two seats each will go to the more extreme Sinn Fein and the Democratic Unionist Party, an openly anti-Catholic party that considers the Good Friday deal treachery against the Protestant majority.

If it all works, it would be the first time since a brief failed experiment in 1974 that loyalists and republicans shared government power. It would allow Northern Ireland to rule itself for the first extended period since 1972, when the British government took control from the fractured local parliament.

But the Good Friday accord did not settle all the tough questions, for either the politicians or the general population.

For the politicians, the biggest problem has been a dispute over the IRA and other paramilitaries giving up their weapons. The Ulster Unionists have operated for several years under the slogan "No guns, no government," meaning that until the IRA decommissions its guns and explosives, it will not sit in government with any representatives of Sinn Fein.

But that potentially explosive issue was partially resolved on Saturday, when the Ulster Unionists voted to join in the formation of the executive today, the same day the IRA begins negotiations on decommissioning.

It's not a guarantee of peace - the IRA still has not turned in one weapon, and Trimble said he will resign if that hasn't happened by February but it's an important step.

"We need more than assurances," said Rev. Robert Coulter, an Ulster Unionist member of the Northern Ireland Assembly. "We need weapons. If we let them into the government, they have no excuses for armed patriotism any more."

The stakes are high for the current peace talks, as the last few years of relative peace hang in the balance. "History tells us that when there's a vacuum, and the political process isn't working, then in come the people with violent intentions," said Jackie Johnston, an assistant director of political affairs in the Northern Ireland government.

"If this process fails, you'd be straight into open civil war worse than what we've seen," said Pauline Lindsay, a secretary who works for the Ulster Unionist Party. "It'd be Kosovo all over again."

But even if the party leaders reach a settlement of their own, the general population of Northern Ireland will still have four centuries of religious warfare in its history and a pattern of hatred difficult to eradicate. The views of the two sides remain far apart.

While legal discrimination against Catholics has been eliminated, it continues on among the Protestant business owners who have long held economic power in Northern Ireland. Catholic unemployment rates are more than twice as high as Protestant ones; in some Catholic neighborhoods, as many as 65 percent are jobless.

And even if the IRA turns in its weapons - certainly not a foregone conclusion - there are still more violent groups ready to enter the fray to scuttle peace. Several extremist IRA splinter groups, most notably one calling itself the Real IRA, are believed to be hoarding weapons just across the border with the Republic, ready to strike.

Still, there are reasons for hope in Northern Ireland. There has been relative peace since the IRA's 1997 cease-fire, although the paramilitaries on both sides continue to murder dozens of "troublemakers" annually. The economy, fed by the Republic of Ireland's boom and the United Kingdom's prosperity, is doing well. Belfast has seen an influx of foreign capital previously scared off by the violence; a new Hilton has just gone up downtown.

And as scarred psychologically as Northern Ireland may be, it has never been the disaster zone other parts of the world have been.

If the current political debate over decommissioning is solved, and a government is formed, the cooperation that would be created by power sharing could go a long way to building common ground between Catholics and Protestants, who often agree on issues, such as the fact that 60 percent of the economy is still in the public sector and that there are problems with the province's agricultural business.

In time, the decision on the unification question may be made for leaders by Northern Ireland's changing demographics.

The Catholic birth rate is higher than that of Protestants. Some Protestants, perhaps seeing an eventual Catholic victory or tired of the fighting, have left for England.

As a result, some demographers predict that within a decade or so, Catholics will become the majority.

Currently, Northern Ireland is about 42 percent Catholic; Catholics already make up majorities in four of the six counties.

Prime Minister Tony Blair has said that his government would allow the North to join Ireland if a majority of voters ever approved such a move.

All sides agree that a solution to the generations of enmity will take time. Their brightest hope may be the next generation, which is beginning to look beyond the sectarianism of the past.

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PHOTO, Photo: Christine Nesbitt/Associated Press: Two <u>women</u> walk past a; mural depicting IRA hunger striker Bobby Sands in West Belfast, part of the; Northern Ireland capital that still shows scars of its violent past.

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Body

The question was: "What were the Roaring 20s really like?" Thinking back, many a grandparent answered with a smile, a shake of the head and, "I didn't hear any roar."

What they did hear was radio. Of all the changes that Canadians absorbed in those years, it was the coming of radio that affected almost everyone. In a few short years, radio completely changed the way people communicated. How this new force came to bind people together across borders and oceans is itself a very Canadian story.

The deep formal tones of the announcer spoke into the quiet evening in houses across the country, just a little louder than the sounds outside: perhaps the sound of crickets, or the factory's hum, creaking boats or the rumble of newly lit roads. This was a marvel Canadians shared in a broken time.

For Canadians, the song of the Jazz Age wasn't a roar, but a thin high melody caught by only a few. Somewhere shaky fortunes were piling up, somewhere people lived the sleek, dashing life of the rotogravure supplements, but most Canadians faced a tough post-war era. Even before the decade's economically disastrous end, more than half of its working men and almost all of its employed <u>women</u> already earned less than what statisticians figured the average family needed to get by.

Prosperity, when it came, was spotty: there were "haves" and "have-nots." Mining boomed and auto production soared. Factories churned out new appliances like radios, washing machines and stoves for the "haves." Farmers' incomes shrank as wheat prices fell after mid-decade, then dropped like a stone during a late-decade glut. Maritimers left home as jobs there dwindled.

During the just-ended war years, writes historian Desmond Morton, "two contradictory hopes" had kept Canadians going: "On the one hand that they would find a new and finer world; on the other that they would return to the old one."

The old world that had urged its boys to go off to fight, had commended its wives and mothers for their sacrifices, now cast a practical eye over its returning soldiers. After years of earning a dollar a day overseas -- and amid tales of businessmen raking in wartime profits at home -- some veterans demanded large cash bonuses to help them and their families adjust. There were pensions, loans, relief and retraining funds, but there was also an unseemly

squabble over assessing a warrior's worth. Business and political leader urged self-reliance; they said no to the bonuses.

This new world of returned soldiers had also split along the fault lines of language, class and race. On the eve of the 1920s, the cracks were fresh.

Resentment over conscription simmered on. Canada had vowed that its army would be a volunteer force, then used every loophole and fiddle available to conscript men in the war's last frantic year. The country's quota of soldiers kept ballooning; no one had seen the butchery ahead.

French Canadians were made bitter by conscription into a fight that didn't inspire them. Farmers, who had been promised their sons would be exempt, felt betrayed. They united to become a force in provincial and federal politics, seeking a stronger voice for their way of life.

Deadly friction between working people, government and business was hardening opinions about the growing union movement. In the Winnipeg General Strike, a dispute over wages and collective bargaining rights in a couple of trades blew into a 50-union walkout and sympathy strikes spread nationwide. Winnipeg's city fathers and business leaders feared Russian-style revolution and hired private security men, who clashed violently with strikers, killing two and injuring many.

And there were ugly moments when the young Dominion, which had proudly stood on the international stage at the signing of the Treaty of Versailles, seemed to recoil from the outside world. Labour unrest was pinned on "enemy aliens." Immigration rules were changed to allow easy deportation. Having welcomed newcomers to settle its vast prairie, the country now fretted about its racial future.

One western writer saw a "mosaic" of peoples; a prairie preacher instead decried the "mongrelization" of the nation. Immigration rose in spite of it all. The Ku Klux Klan sent recruiters north from the United States to find brotherhood against non-whites, "foreigners" and non-Protestants. They left as quickly as they arrived -- vamoosing with thousands of dollars in would-be Canadian members' dues.

The first words on radio were Canadian. An inventor from Sherbrooke, Que. spoke into a microphone and asked a question about the weather, which seems very Canadian indeed.

Of course, he mentioned snow.

Reginald Fessenden, an often-overlooked radio pioneer, made that first voice broadcast in December, 1900. From a lab in Virginia -- he had formed his own company after working in Thomas Edison's laboratory -- Fessenden sent an assistant to Arlington, 50 miles away. He asked: "Is it snowing where you are, Mr. Thiessen? If so, telegraph back and let me know."

In a few moments, his telegraph key clacked out the answer. Snow was falling in Arlington.

One year later, Guglielmo Marconi got all the attention when he received the first transatlantic radio signal. It was in Morse code, a single letter: S. The Canadian government had committed itself to the Italian inventor, funding Marconi's research based in the Maritimes, and refused to assist Fessenden.

With American funding, Fessenden pressed on. In a transmission between Scotland and his lab in Massachusetts, he achieved two-way voice communication in 1906. Later that year, he made the first public radio broadcast, which now seems as if it must have been a strange, sweet and exciting thing.

Astounded radio operators on ships off Boston heard the inventor play "O, Holy Night" on his violin, read the nativity story and send out into the void wishes for a Merry Christmas.

He asked anyone who had heard him to write. And his shipboard listeners did.

Fessenden went on to invent the radio compass, tracer bullets for machine guns and the first North American television receiver, but lost control of his company and many of his innovations. He was turned down for a post at McGill University. Finally, an American radio trust paid him a small fortune for his contributions to the industry four years before he died in 1932.

First on the air in North America, Montreal station XWA made its first regular broadcasts in 1920. Hamilton got its first radio station two years later -- CKOC, which beamed out sports scores and music on five watts of power. From novelty to mass medium, radio grew with breathtaking speed. Canadian listeners were tuned to 78 private stations across the country by 1930.

Arctic explorer Richard Byrd flew over the North Pole in 1926 with a radio receiver -- just in case one of the 15 radio sets in Canada's north was tuned in.

Canadians heard their first on-air hockey game (Edmonton at Regina, with commentary), first church broadcast (Methodist, from Winnipeg) and first university lecture on radio (on the poetry of Bliss Carman, who wrote "there is something in the autumn that is native to my blood")

Listening to the first Canadian newscast, visiting British Prime Minister Lloyd George pronounced the program an "invaluable" source of international news "of the highest importance."

In a sure sign of things to come, the world's first singing radio commercial hit the airwaves. To the tune of Three Blind Mice, it sang the praises of the Toronto Wet Wash Laundry. "It was an entirely appropriate harbinger," broadcaster Warner Troyer noted in a book on radio history, of the "detergent commercials which assaulted our senses for the rest of the century," as they leapt to a later medium, TV.

Early-1920s train travellers could keep up with news and music in the CNR's specially-outfitted "radio cars."

The railway created a transcontinental network to send programs to these parlour cars, while home listeners could tune in to its broadcasts, too. They could hear English and French programs, the CNR's own orchestras, Toronto Symphony concerts, folk music, opera and plays.

The railway's drama department beamed out Othello and the Merchant of Venice and gave a wide audience to new Canadian writing. Three one-act plays by Vancouver authors were part of the country's first regular drama series.

More practical concerns weren't overlooked; farmhouses grew silent for reports on grain prices and livestock markets, doctors dispensed health advice, teachers gave lessons in school broadcasts, and parents amused their children with radio storytimes. In a novel move, the CNR even broadcast from a moving train.

Affordable crystal sets, the early radios, were joined by a new Canadian-made radio receiver, the Rogers Batteryless, which plugged into an electrical outlet and even came in a handsome model for the mantel. By the decade's end, while more than 300,000 Canadians were registered owners of radios, many more owned sets without bothering with the dollar-a-year licence.

If the federal inspector was in the neighbourhood, Troyer remembered from his own boyhood, the kitchen radio could be "quickly covered by a newspaper or tea towel when there was a knock at the back door."

Some countries have too much history, Prime Minister Mackenzie King noted, while "we have too much geography." We were lucky.

Broadcasting, which would do so much to bridge the country's vast spaces, also brought news to 1920s Canadians of those who would shape history in the next decades: the rise of Hitler and the Nazi Party, Stalin's power, Chiang Kai-shek in China, Hirohito's reign in Japan, the *Irish Republican Army*.

At home, the landscape was changing. Canadians in cities and towns were moving through what one writer called "a new wilderness of electric lights." Bright streets featured automatic signals for a new kind of traffic. Cars -- and Hamilton citizen John Moodie was the first car owner in Canada -- were already dictating neighbourhood design.

Canadians' inner landscapes were changing, too. The 1920s were the first years of mass-produced culture. There were movies, magazines, hit records for the gramophone and professional sports teams that sparked loyalty and dreams. Among artists, the Group of Seven and Emily Carr challenged and puzzled people with the drama of the north and west. The struggle for survival on backcountry farms inspired Frederick Philip Grove to write about hard work in a harsh land in some of Canada's first modern fiction.

Of course, Toronto-born Mary Pickford was perhaps the best-known Canadian -- "America's Sweetheart," the world's first big Hollywood celebrity, who blazed a trail southward that many artists have followed.

American culture fascinated Canadians. It was the great entertainer -- and the spoiler. Faced with this fact, Canada has proved fertile ground for studies in communication and cultural survival. They were still young in the century's early decades: media guru Marshal McLuhan, critic Northrop Frye, philosopher George Grant and historian Harold Innis.

Canadians tried earnestly to fill their airwaves with home-grown content, just as we do today. Some of these early efforts were plain and amateur and some daring, thoughtful and professional. But more and more listeners began to tune in polished, high-energy shows beamed north by rich American stations with powerful wattage and big program sponsors.

Much as they loved it, the American influence worried Canadians. It "has a tendency to mould the minds of the young people in the home to ideals and opinions that are not Canadian," pronounced bank president Sir John Aird, who proposed a public broadcasting system to concerned lawmakers in 1929.

"In a country of the vast geographical dimensions of Canada," he noted, "broadcasting will undoubtedly become a great force in fostering a national spirit and interpreting national citizenship."

The roar of disaster to come -- in undreamt-of fields of drought and then of battle -- was what no one heard. Six weeks after Aird presented his report, Canadians put everything out of mind as they grappled with a horrible new challenge. The stock market had crashed, the economy was buckling. Many Canadians would barely get by. Some would starve.

In the next decade radio, Morton writes, "became the only escape from a besetting hopelessness."

Graphic

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Body

The ACT Astros Gridiron Football Club has provided six players, the most of any single team in the country, to the Australian national team to play in the first World Cup of the sport, beginning in Sicily in late June.

The Astros will contribute the core of the team's defensive strength up front, with 140kg Antoine Le Reveur and 120kg Domenik Radman expected to be starters on the line.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CANBERRA

THE IRISH REPUBLIC IS 50 YEARS OLD TOMORROW. FRANK O'SHEA TELLS THE CURIOUS STORY OF ITS GESTATION AND BIRTH.; WHEN PEOPLE AS ODDLY MATCHED AS BILL HAYDEN AND BARRY HUMPHRIES SUGGEST THAT THE PUSH FOR AN AUSTRALIAN REPUBLIC IS AN IRISH PLOT, THEY ARE PROBABLY DEFAMING THE IRISH PEOPLE.; HOWEVER, MOST IRISH WOULD PROBABLY REGARD THE LIBEL WITH A MEASURE OF CONTENTMENT; THE FACT THAT IT IS NOT TRUE WOULD BE ONLY A MINOR IRRITATION TO OUR GENERAL SATISFACTION AT CAUSING DISRUPTION TO THE EVEN TENOR OF COMFORTABLE COLONIALISM.; AFTER ALL, WHEN IRELAND DECLARED ITSELF A REPUBLIC 50 YEARS AGO TOMORROW, (SIT DID SO WITHOUT THE AWKWARDNESS OF A REFERENDUM OR EVEN MUCH GRANDSTANDING BY POLITICIANS. NOT ONLY THAT, BUT THE DECISION TO DECLARE A REPUBLIC WAS FIRST ANNOUNCED, NOT IN PARLIAMENT, NOT EVEN IN IRELAND, BUT AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN CANADA BY THE TRAVELLING TAOISEACH (PRIME MINISTER) OF THE DAY. ; LET US EXAMINE WHY IRELAND WAS FORTUNATE ENOUGH NOT TO NEED A REFERENDUM. THE COUNTRY HAS A: CONSTITUTION WHICH DATES FROM 1937 AND BEARS THE UNMISTAKABLE IMPRINT OF ITS PRINCIPAL AUTHOR,; EAMON DE VALERA. HE HAD NOT EARNED HIS REPUTATION AS A MASTER OF CASUISTRY FOR NOTHING AND HAD CAREFULLY REFRAINED FROM USING THE WORD REPUBLIC ANYWHERE IN HIS 160-PAGE DOCUMENT (80 PAGES IN IRISH, THE FIRST OFFICIAL LANGUAGE154, AND 80 IN ENGLISH). NOT THAT HE HAD ANY DOUBT ON THE MATTER. ASKED IN THE DAIL ON ONE OCCASION BY THE PESTIFEROUS JAMES DILLON, A FUTURE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION, ARE WE A REPUBLIC OR NOT, FOR NOBODY SEEMS TO KNOW?154 HIS REPLY WAS, FOR HIM, UNCHARACTERISTICALLY SHORT AND DIRECT: WE ARE, IF THAT IS ALL THE DEPUTY WANTS TO KNOW.154; FURTHERMORE, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE 22 PAGES (11 IN IRISH, 11 IN ENGLISH) ON THE ELECTION, ROLE, RESPONSIBILITIES AND RESTRICTIONS OF THE PRESIDENCY, AND ALTHOUGH DOUGLAS HYDE BECAME; IRELAND'S FIRST PRESIDENT IN 1938, THE CONSTITUTION IS CAREFUL NOT TO DESCRIBE HIM AS HEAD OF STATE. THERE SHALL BE A PRESIDENT OF IRELAND WHO SHALL TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER ALL OTHER PERSONS IN THE STATE154 IS ALL IT SAYS.; THUS, DECLARING IRELAND TO BE A REPUBLIC AND THE

PRESIDENT TO BE THE HEAD OF STATE DID NOT CONFLICT WITH DE VALERA'S CAREFULLY DRAFTED CONSTITUTION, AND THE NECESSARY CHANGES COULD BE INTRODUCED BY SIMPLE ACT OF PARLIAMENT.: AT THE TIME, IRELAND WAS STILL A RELUCTANT MEMBER OF THE COMMONWEALTH (WHICH EXPLAINS WHY ANY PERSON BORN IN IRELAND BEFORE 1949 IS ENTITLED TO APPLY FOR A BRITISH PASSPORT). KING; GEORGE VI WAS OFFICIALLY HEAD OF STATE, A FACT PRUDENTLY HIDDEN FROM MOST OF THE WORLD AND ONE WHICH CAUSED ONLY OCCASIONAL DISCOMFITURE.; FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN IRELAND APPOINTED AN AMBASSADOR TO THE VATICAN, THE LETTER OF APPOINTMENT WAS WRITTEN IN FLOWERY IRISH BY; DEV AND SENT TO THE KING FOR HIS SIGNATURE; ONLY AFTER HIS MAJESTY HAD REMOVED A CARELESS REFERENCE TO HIS INHERITED TITLE AS DEFENDER OF THE FAITH, WAS THE LETTER SIGNED AND THE AMBASSADOR ABLE TO TAKE UP HIS SIMILARLY, AMBASSADORS FROM OVERSEAS COUNTRIES PRESENTED CREDENTIALS, NOT TO THE IRISH PRESIDENT, BUT TO THE KING.; IN CASE YOU WONDERED HOW DEV MANAGED TO WRITE A CONSTITUTION WITHOUT ACKNOWLEDGING THE FACT THAT GEORGE VI WAS DE JURE KING OF IRELAND, HERE IS THE RELEVANT CLAUSE: . . . IN CONNECTION WITH ITS EXTERNAL RELATIONS, THE GOVERNMENT MAY . . . AVAIL OF OR ADOPT ANY ORGAN, INSTRUMENT OR METHOD OF PROCEDURE USED OR ADOPTED FOR THE LIKE PURPOSE BY THE MEMBERS OF ANY GROUP OR LEAGUE OF NATIONS WITH WHICH THE STATE IS OR BECOMES ASSOCIATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN MATTERS OF COMMON CONCERN154. GEORGE VI MIGHT INDEED BE KING OF; IRELAND BUT TO THE WILY DEV HE WAS MERELY AN ORGAN, INSTRUMENT OR METHOD OF PROCEDURE154.: THE SURPRISING THING IS THAT THE DECISION TO DECLARE A REPUBLIC WAS NOT MADE BY DEV AT ALL BUT BY JOHN A. COSTELLO, LEADER OF AN UNTIDY COALITION MADE UP OF FIVE POLITICAL PARTIES AND SIX INDEPENDENTS. IN 1948, IT HAD FORCED A SURPRISED DEV INTO OPPOSITION AFTER 16 YEARS OF BUCOLIC AND LARGELY STAGNANT RULE WHICH LAID THE FOUNDATIONS OF A THEOCRACY THAT HAS BEGUN TO UNRAVEL ONLY IN RECENT TIMES.; THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS AFTER IRISH INDEPENDENCE IN 1922 - PARTITION, THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE KING, THE ROLE OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, THE RIGHT OF APPEAL TO THE PRIVY COUNCIL, MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND BECAUSE JOHN A.; COSTELLO WAS LEADER OF THE POLITICAL PARTY WHICH ACCEPTED THOSE RESTRICTIONS IN THE FIRST PLACE, IT WAS EXPECTED THAT HE WOULD NOT CHANGE THE STATUS QUO. ; HOWEVER, ONE OF THE PARTIES IN COALITION WITH HIM WAS LED BY THE FUTURE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WINNER SEAN MACBRIDE, SON OF YEATS'S OLD LOVER MAUD GONNE, AND A ONE-TIME LEADER OF THE IRISH; REPUBLICAN ARMY. AS MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, HE PUSHED THE ISSUE OF COMPLETE SEPARATION FROM BRITAIN. THEN WHILE COSTELLO WAS ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO CANADA, A DUBLIN NEWSPAPER RAN A FRONT-PAGE STORY SAYING CABINET HAD BEEN DISCUSSING THE REPEAL OF THE EXTERNAL RELATIONS ACT.; QUESTIONED ABOUT THE STORY AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN OTTAWA, COSTELLO CONFIRMED THE SPECULATION AND WAS SURPRISED WHEN THE PAPERS PRESENTED IT AS A FAIT ACCOMPLI.; THE SOURCE OF THE ORIGINAL NEWSPAPER LEAK HAS LONG BEEN THE SUBJECT OF SPECULATION AMONG HISTORIANS. IN A SERIES OF ARTICLES SOME WEEKS BACK, THE IRISH TIMES SHOWED THAT IT WAS PLANNED AND CARRIED OUT BY MACBRIDE.; THE SUBSEQUENT DEBATE IN THE DAIL WAS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR DEPUTIES OF ALL PARTIES TO PARADE IN THEIR MOST IRIDESCENT GREEN. ALTHOUGH NONE WERE PREPARED TO SPEAK AGAINST THE PROPOSAL, DEV APPEARED TO DEMUR, SAYING THAT LEAVING THE COMMONWEALTH WOULD COPPER-FASTEN PARTITION, A PROPHETIC OPINION FOR WHOSE FULFILMENT THE COUNTRY DID NOT HAVE LONG TO WAIT. ; THE IRISH PRESIDENT AT THE TIME WAS SEAN T. O'KELLY, AN INOFFENSIVE AND POPULAR VETERAN OF THE WAR OF INDEPENDENCE, WITH A REPUTED FONDNESS FOR GOOD WHISKEY --AND GOOD COMPANY, FEMALE PREFERABLY. HE SIGNED THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND ACT IN DECEMBER 1948, BUT ITS FORMAL ENACTMENT WAS HELD OVER TILL A MORE SIGNIFICANT DAY: EASTER MONDAY, THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE EASTER; RISING, APRIL 18, 1949. DE VALERA AND HIS FIANNA FAIL COLLEAGUES ABSENTED THEMSELVES FROM THE CELEBRATIONS, EXCEPT FOR THE SOLEMN HIGH MASS AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL GOING OFF IN A POLITICAL HUFF WAS ALL WELL AND GOOD, BUT ONE HAS TO HAVE AN EYE TO ETERNAL PRIORITIES.; IN THE MONTHS BETWEEN THE SIGNING OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND ACT AND ITS PROMULGATION, SIR; BASIL BROOKE, THE PREMIER OF NORTHERN IRELAND, CALLED A QUICK ELECTION, WHICH PREDICTABLY WAS FOUGHT ON ONE ISSUE ONLY: THE

CONTINUATION OF THE LINK WITH BRITAIN. THE WELL-OILED GERRYMANDER HELD CONTINUED ON PAGE 10 << END.COMPONENT @ JUMP>> < READ AESTHET COMP (1) >< READ SHAPE COMP (1) >< READ SITE COMP (1) > <PUB DATE=17/4/99 /-/ PART=A /PAGE= 10/EDITION=CTM > <<BEGIN.COMPONENT>>: DID EVER AN ACT OF; PARLIAMENT STORE UP SUCH MISERY FOR ITS SUBJECTS OR SUCH FUTURE PROBLEMS FOR ITS ORIGINATORS?; CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9 AND THE UNIONISTS, THOUGH ONLY 60 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION, RETAINED 42 OF THE 54 SEATS AT; STORMONT. A BY- PRODUCT OF THIS ELECTION WAS THE ANNIHILATION OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND LABOUR; PARTY, ENSURING THAT POLITICS IN THAT JURISDICTION WOULD NEVER BE FOUGHT ALONG CAPITAL/LABOUR LINES.; MEANWHILE IN LONDON, THE LABOUR --GOVERNMENT OF CLEMENT ATTLEE BOWED TO UNIONIST PRESSURE TO INTRODUCE THE IRELAND ACT, THE ULTIMATE VETO ON ANY CHANGE IN THE STATUS OF NORTHERN: IRELAND AND AN UNPARDONABLE ACT OF BETRAYAL OF ONE GROUP OF CITIZENS. IT IS HEREBY AFFIRMED . . . THAT IN NO EVENT WILL NORTHERN IRELAND OR ANY PART THEREOF CEASE TO BE PART OF . . . THE; UNITED KINGDOM WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE PARLIAMENT OF NORTHERN IRELAND MY ITALICS .154 DID EVER AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT STORE UP SUCH MISERY FOR ITS SUBJECTS OR SUCH FUTURE PROBLEMS FOR ITS ORIGINATORS?; UNLIKE INDIA, WHICH ALSO BECAME A REPUBLIC IN 1949, IRELAND DECIDED TO SEVER ALL LINKS WITH THE COMMONWEALTH. THERE WERE MOVES IN SOME QUARTERS TO PUNISH WHAT WAS PERCEIVED AS INGRATITUDE BY TAKING THIS UNFRIENDLY ACT TO ITS LOGICAL CONCLUSION AND DECLARING IRELAND A FOREIGN154 COUNTRY AND ANY IRISH PEOPLE LIVING IN BRITAIN ALIENS154. THE EFFORTS OF AUSTRALIA'S; DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, H. V. EVATT, WERE CRUCIAL IN HOSING DOWN THESE MOVES AND OBTAINING FOR; IRELAND THE STATUS OF MOST-FAVOURED TRADING NATION AND RETAINING FOR ITS CITIZENS THE PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT WHICH THEY HAD LONG ENJOYED.; THE OTHER BULL THAT THE 1949 REPUBLIC OF IRELAND ACT RELEASED INTO THE CHINA SHOP OF POLITE DIPLOMACY WAS HOW THE GREEN ISLAND SHOULD BE OFFICIALLY TITLED. ARTICLE 4 OF THE CONSTITUTION SAYS THE NAME OF THE STATE IS EIRE OR, IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, IRELAND154. THE DAIL HAD NO PROBLEM SOLVING THIS APPARENT CONFLICT BETWEEN THE ACT AND THE CONSTITUTION: THE NAME OF THE COUNTRY WOULD CONTINUE TO BE IRELAND, BUT ITS DE SCRIPTION154 WOULD BE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND.; HOWEVER, THE DIFFICULTY WITH WHAT FORM OF WORDS OUTSIDERS MIGHT USE WAS NOT SO EASILY OVERCOME. AFTER THE IRISH CONSTITUTION WAS WRITTEN IN 1937, THE KING WAS STILL KING OF BOTH PARTS OF IRELAND; HIS KINGDOM COINCIDED WITH THE ISLAND OF IRELAND. WHEN A PART OF THAT KINGDOM BROKE AWAY, IT COULD NOT LEGITIMATELY CALL ITSELF IRELAND OR THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND, HOWEVER MUCH IT MIGHT BE GOOD FOR ITS EMOTIONAL WELLBEING TO DO SO. THUS, WHILE THE BRITISH WERE HAPPY TO SAY THAT THE KING WAS KING OF IRELAND PRE-1949, THEY WOULD NOT ACCEPT THAT THE; PRESIDENT WAS PRESIDENT OF IRELAND POST-1949, SINCE THIS WOULD ADMIT A TERRITORIAL CLAIM TO THE WHOLE ISLAND.; THIS SITUATION STILL OBTAINS: WHEN PRESIDENT MARY; MCALEESE VISITS BRITAIN IN AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY, SHE DOES SO AS THE IRISH PRESIDENT OR THE; PRESIDENT OF EIRE OR SIMPLY PRESIDENT; MCALEESE, BUT NOT THE PRESIDENT OF IRELAND.; OFFICIALLY AND IN THE MEDIA, THE BRITISH TOOK TO USING THE WORD EIRE TO DISTINGUISH THE STATE FROM THE ISLAND. AND ALTHOUGH THEY SOMETIMES SPOKE OF THE IRISH REPUBLIC, THEY CAREFULLY AVOIDED USING THE TERM REPUBLIC OF IRELAND. THE NEXT TIME YOU READ ABOUT INTERNATIONAL SPORT, NOTE THE WORDS USED. FOR THE RUGBY WORLD CUP THE TEAM WILL BE PROPERLY CALLED IRELAND. SINCE IT CONTAINS PLAYERS FROM THE WHOLE ISLAND; THE SAME APPLIES TO THOSE WHO REPRESENT IRELAND IN AMATEUR BOXING, AND THOSE WHO PLAY AUSTRALIA IN THE OCCASIONAL HYBRID FOOTBALL GAMES. IN SOCCER, ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE IS A REPUBLIC OF IRELAND TEAM AND A; NORTHERN IRELAND TEAM (NORN IRON FOR SHORT). THE SAME APPLIES TO THE OLYMPICS. ; IT IS ONE OF THE PECULIARITIES OF THE WHOLE SITUATION THAT MOST IRISH PEOPLE DISLIKE HEARING THEIR COUNTRY CALLED EIRE, THOUGH I HAVE NO DOUBT THE WORD IS OFTEN USED AS A GESTURE OF FRIENDSHIP AND DEFERENCE, RATHER AS AUSTRALIANS MIGHT USE ULURU FOR AYERS ROCK OR MUMBAI FOR BOMBAY.; THE UNIONISTS HAVE NO PROBLEM IN THIS MATTER, BY THE WAY. THEY SIMPLY REFER TO THE PLACE AS THE TWENTY-SIX COUNTIES OR THE FREE STATE, AS IF UTTERING THE WORD FOR THE ISLAND IN THE FIRST OR THE SECOND OFFICIAL LANGUAGE MIGHT SOMEHOW LESSEN THEIR OWN LEGITIMACY.; THE ISSUE OF NOMENCLATURE HELD UP DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN IRELAND AND AUSTRALIA FOR

MANY YEARS, THOUGH ROBERT MENZIES IN PARTICULAR WAS PROBABLY HAPPY TO USE IT AS AN EXCUSE TO PUSH THE QUESTION OFF HIS DESK. ALTHOUGH IRELAND HAD AN OFFICIAL PRESENCE IN CANBERRA FOR MANY YEARS IT WAS THE FIRST COUNTRY AFTER BRITAIN TO BASE ITS MISSION IN CANBERRA IT WAS NOT TILL 1964 THAT FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WERE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.; THESE PROBLEMS HAVE TENDED TO BECOME LESS MATTERS OF NATIONAL URGENCY THAN THEY ONCE WERE, WITH TODAY'S POLITICIANS AND BUREAUCRATS HAPPY TO LEAVE THEIR RESOLUTION TO THE HUMOURS OF OVER- WORKED SUB-EDITORS. MEANWHILE, AS AUSTRALIA WRESTLES WITH A SUITABLE FORM OF WORDS FOR A; NOVEMBER REFERENDUM, THE PEOPLE CHARGED WITH DRAFTING AN ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENT MUST OCCASIONALLY CAST AN ENVIOUS GLANCE AT THE IRISH EXPERIENCE, IN WHICH A LITTLE OLD-FASHIONED PEDANTRY OBVIATED THE NEED FOR ANY REFERENDUM AT ALL (AT ALL). --

Linebacker Michael Mau'u is also a probable starter, said Astros coach John Roe, while end Sean McLachlan and safety Steve Kerr are other members of the ACT's vaunted defence that will play for Australia. Jason Aslimoski is the lone offensive player selected.

Roe will be on the coaching staff, under former NFL coach Jim Wagstaff, and the 50 players in the team will attend a training camp on the Gold Coast.

Eight teams will contest the World Cup, with the North American sides strong favourites.

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Body

Ever wonder what your children might be learning when they hit the books in the New York City public schools?

A kinder, gentler definition of jihad. It really means "to do one's best to resist temptation and overcome evil."

An error-filled version of global geography. The equator actually passes through Florida, Texas and Arizona.

A saga of a swashbuckling hero of today who can be compared to ancient historical heroes dating to the Trojan War: Indiana Jones.

The world of 21st century textbook education is a learning laboratory in which agendas, ideologies and errors all too often trump balance, accuracy and fairness.

It's a reign of distortion and censorship," said Diane Ravitch, an education historian at New York University and former assistant education secretary in the first Bush administration. "It's an environment in which words and images are routinely banned." And that's just the textbooks.

On the shelves of school libraries is a biography for young readers of the Rev. Al Sharpton, who is said to hail from the "long tradition of activist ministers like Martin Luther King Jr."

But the book might offend some with its own stereotypes, like this line in a chapter on Crown Heights: "Poor blacks in the cities often found themselves at the mercy of Jewish shopkeepers and landlords, who decided when and when not to advance credit to their customers."

There is also a whitewash of Louis Farrakhan, described as a "black American of achievement" who bears a "message no American can ignore." The Nation of Islam leader also shows a "willingness to forgive," the book claims.

Neither the city nor the state has a centralized textbook-approval system. Procurement is done district-by-district - even school-by-school - with the city ordering from a list of 120,000 books that are approved but not mandated.

The Daily News examined scores of textbooks that appear in the city Education Department's voluminous online catalogue - books given the green light by the now-defunct Board of Education for use in teaching the city's 1.1 million students.

The titles analyzed include those used in class today, 2003 editions due to arrive in schools early next year and other approved texts available for purchase by the system's 40 superintendents, 1,100 principals, 4,700 department heads and an unspecified number of teachers vested with buying authority.

Asked about The News' findings, City Hall said it would examine how textbooks are reviewed, ordered, tracked and replaced as part of "Children First," the sweeping blueprint for reform that Schools Chancellor Joel Klein is set to unveil next month.

But officials vigorously defended the quality and diversity of the city's overall inventory.

"The norm is that you will find accurate information in the New York City textbooks," said Deputy Mayor Dennis Walcott. "With 120,000 approved titles in the system, there will always be those that can be updated, upgraded or modified for accuracy."

Consider, for example, the science texts:

"They are, in a word, atrocious," said John Hubisz, a North Carolina State University physics professor who found more than 100 mistakes in each of at least seven middle school science textbooks approved for use in city schools. "What I saw was horrifying."

Sept. 11 excuses

Some parents might be horrified, too, when they discover how Sept. 11 is soon to be taught to their children.

At least three schools have bought copies of "The American Vision," a 2003 high school history textbook, published by Glencoe McGraw-Hill, that was one of the first to write about the terror attacks. In a seven-page lesson on the massacre of 3,000 innocents, students are asked:

"What are the three main reasons certain Muslims became angry with the United States?"

"Why does American foreign policy anger Islamic fundamentalists in the Middle East?"

"The events of 9/11 were unjustified and inexcusable, but they didn't take place in a historical vacuum," said April Hattori, a McGraw-Hill spokeswoman. "It's important to explain what caused Muslim extremists to want to attack America."

The News' review also found dozens of textbooks that are:

Riddled with the most blatant errors.

Prentice Hall's "Exploring Physical Science," a middle school science book used in Queens, confuses Newton (1643-1727) with Galileo (1564-1642). It also pictures the Statue of Liberty bearing the torch in her left hand and calls her skin bronze; actually, it's copper with a green patina, and she holds the lamp in her right hand.

Corrections were made in a 1999 version, said spokeswoman Wendy Spiegel. But errors remain in thousands of 1997 editions still in circulation.

McGraw-Hill's "Human Heritage: A World History," a high school social studies text used in Brooklyn, incorrectly identifies Gerry Adams as "a Protestant leader." Actually, he's the Catholic firebrand who heads Sinn Fein, the <u>Irish</u> <u>Republican Army</u>'s political wing.

Hopelessly outdated or otherwise obsolete.

Houghton Mifflin's "America: The Glorious Republic," a high school history text, copyright 1990, teaches students in Manhattan and Staten Island about the most recent terrorist massacre - the bombing of the Marine barracks in Beirut in 1983. It ends with the inauguration of President Bush - the first President Bush, that is.

"Here we are about to go to war for a second time with Iraq - and I can't even read about the first time we went to war with Iraq," said Martin Quiles, a 17-year-old senior at Martin Luther King High School on the upper West Side.

"You have to laugh," he said. "I was born in 1985, and most of the textbooks I get are older than I am."

n Deliberately altered or censored to create false or misleading representations.

The cover of "Economics," a high school textbook due to enter city schools next year, sports a doctored photo of the New York Stock Exchange's landmark exterior.

With a pair of loincloths strategically inserted into the picture, publisher Holt, Rinehart and Winston draped the private parts of the two heroic male figures - Agriculture and Science, by name.

"The nudity was inappropriate for kids at this level," said Holt spokesman Rick Blake.

Stripped of relevant passages to avoid giving the slightest offense to anyone.

Gail Stein, a French teacher at Long Island City High School in Queens, is the author of several popular French textbooks that deal with Gallic staples - perfume, Champagne, chocolate mousse.

Then her publisher started getting complaints: Perfume was deemed sexist; not all <u>women</u> use it. A line about "bubbles in a glass of Champagne" might foster underage drinking. So out went the bubbly and all other offending references.

When "French is Fun" was released, one woman complained that using cognac in mousse would encourage drunkenness. So Stein's editors at Amsco School Publications asked her to change the next edition. Out went the cognac, out went the authenticity.

"Who would ever get drunk on chocolate mousse?" asked Stein, who has taught at city schools for 32 years.

Said Walcott, "We have to make sure that our textbooks are age-relevant and age-appropriate - but we shouldn't become so politically correct that we water down history or lose sight of accuracy, either."

Crammed with tampered photos, falsified captions and revised or inaccurate history.

The famous 1896 picture of husband-and-wife scientists Marie and Pierre Curie experimenting with radioactivity in their Paris lab was reproduced in Holt's "SciencePlus: Technology and Society." But it was radically cropped to purge Pierre, who shared a 1903 Nobel Prize with his wife.

Holt's Blake said Marie "was a famous scientist in her own right" and that "some of her most important work took place after her husband died."

"When Pierre Curie vanished from the pictures, truth and history vanished, too," said William Bennetta, who heads The Textbook League, a California-based watchdog group that researches textbook inaccuracies.

History also was fictionalized in McDougal Littell's "America's Past and Promise," taught to middle school students in Brooklyn. It prints a 1915 photo of men linking hands around the world's most massive tree, the General Sherman sequoia in California, with a caption that reads, "Conservationists link hands around a tree to stop loggers from cutting it down."

The sequoia was never threatened by loggers. The men were simply demonstrating its enormous girth.

The bogus caption was "a misunderstanding," explained spokesman Collin Earnst. "Once the error was brought to our attention, a correction was made."

But the inaccurate 1997 version is still used to teach New York students.

Brazenly ignoring the disciplines they purport to teach.

Key Curriculum Press' "Interactive Mathematics Program," a high school math text used in at least five Bronx schools, teaches literature. And history. It contains essays on the "nonfamily" and the "minimal family."

The 515-page textbook contains only 25 pages of equations, estimated Alan Siegel, a computer science professor at NYU who is researching "fuzzy math" programs for the Brookings Institution.

"It doesn't prepare students for college programs requiring math," he said. "They never learn simple computations."

The book's authors say their goal is "to reform the way high school mathematics is taught," presenting it in a manner that reflects how it's used in the real world.

Yet one 20-day teaching exercise is built around the Edgar Allan Poe short story "The Pit and the Pendulum," about a prisoner in a torture chamber who escapes a lethal blade attached to a swinging pendulum.

Students must conduct classroom experiments designed to answer the question, "Does the story's hero really have time to carry out his escape plan?"

Replete with gentle, benign or watered-down definitions of jihad.

The word means "holy war." It refers to armed warfare against infidels to extend Islam's realm, and most Americans know it as what Osama Bin Laden declared on the U.S. before killing its citizens en masse.

Houghton Mifflin's "Across the Centuries," a 2003 social studies textbook used in Queens and Staten Island, sees it differently.

"An Islamic term that is often misunderstood is jihad," it says on page 64. "The term means 'to struggle,' to do one's best to resist temptation and overcome evil." The struggle "may require action," and the Koran allows "self-defense and participation in military conflict, but restricts it to the right to defend against aggression and persecution."

Said Bennetta, "They make jihadists sound like innocents doing their best to resist a second serving of ice cream."

A Houghton spokesman said the book was reviewed for the publisher by a "multicultural, multiethnic, multifaith panel" that found no problems with it. "Despite how terrorists abuse it, that is the classic definition of jihad," he added.

Infested with brand names and plugs for commercial products.

McGraw-Hill's "Mathematics: Applications and Connections," a middle school math book used in Brooklyn, touts Nike, McDonald's and Gatorade. It informs students that the Oreo is the "best-selling packaged cookie in the world" - and has them calculate the surface area of a box of Kellogg's Frosted Flakes.

They were removed from the text in 2000 after California passed a law banning product promotions in books. But the 1999 and 1995 editions still in schools contain dozens of brands and logos - and they were used to teach the son of state Sen. Velmanette Montgomery (D-Brooklyn) at Park Place Middle School in Crown Heights.

Montgomery was so outraged, she introduced a bill in Albany that would bar school boards from buying books that contain commercial brands, product names or logos.

"Textbooks should be vessels of truth," she said. "Teaching our children to look to commercial products for validation undermines our educational system."

In the meantime, math problems in some classes continue to be formulated like this: "Will is saving his allowance to buy a pair of Nike shoes that cost \$68.25. If Will earns \$3.25 per week, how many weeks will he need to save?"

Often, the shoddy textbooks penetrate New York City schools by way of Texas.

California, Florida, North Carolina and Texas pick textbooks statewide, giving them enormous clout to shape the books that enter their schools.

In Texas, for example, conservatives can influence selection and sometimes force publishers to alter passages. Books that are shaped and debated in Texas then wind up in New York.

Take the 2003 editions of two social studies textbooks, Glencoe's "Our World Today: People, Places and Issues" and Harcourt's "World Regions." Glencoe wrote of ancient geological events that took place "millions of years ago," like the Ice Age, while Harcourt referred to fossil fuels "formed millions of years ago."

Lone Star State creationists complained that the references conflicted with biblical time lines. So the publishers dropped the phrase "millions of years ago" and substituted language like "in the distant past" and "over time."

The two books, altered in Austin, Tex., have been approved, but not yet bought, for New York City schools.

"To please rednecks in Texas, they're censoring science in New York - and all over America," said Bennetta.

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Who's next? J.Lo and Britney Spears?

Harrison Ford cuts a dashing figure as Indiana Jones. But should the film archeologist-cum-swashbuckler be used to teach world history to high-schoolers? Students are told to compare his heroics to those of Odysseus, the Greek voyager of ancient mythology.

Cropped out of history

A famous 1896 photo of scientists Marie and Pierre Curie (above) in their Paris

lab is doctored (left) to banish Pierre in a popular science textbook. A husband-and-wife team becomes a one-woman show.

A kinder, gentler 'jihad'

Islamic holy war is about more than just killing infidels. These social studies lessons say it's also about charitable works, defensive struggle, resisting temptation and spiritual peace.

Lessons in capitalism - and human anatomy

Who thought the New York Stock Exchange was X-rated? The publisher who put loincloths (left) on the nude male sculptures (below) for the cover of an economics textbook.

Madison Avenue mathematics

A math textbook uses Nike, McDonald's, Gatorade - and this mouth-watering Oreo cookie - to teach division, multiplication and simple fractions.

Torture-chamber mathematics

Edgar Allan Poe's imagination was feverish. But could even he have dreamed that his tale of the pendulum of death would inspire a 20-day math exercise?

Parlez-vous PC?

Author Gail Stein wrote about making chocolate mousse with a splash of cognac in a French textbook. While no one ever got drunk on mousse, the reference to French brandy was axed in the next edition.

Why do they hate us? A Sept. 11 primer

It's important to understand the root causes of Arab rage. That's one key lesson taught in a 2003 history textbook that describes the mass murder of 3,000 innocents Sept. 11, 2001.

Early American tree huggers

Pretty big, isn't it? That's what this 1915 photo shows (caption, far right.) But the original caption (right) is a historical fiction implying the men used their bodies to save a sequoia from greedy loggers.

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Body

Here it is again, the annual quiz about the past year's events, places and people. Including bonus points, a perfect score would be 100. Answers are on Page B7.

It's a tough one this year. Have fun!

- 1. Which Canadian film director was nominated for a best-director Oscar last year for a movie shot in British Columbia? Bonus point if you know the name of the film.
- 2. Who succeeded Helmut Kohl as chancellor of Germany?
- a) Herbert Bopp
- b) Willy Brandt
- c) Gerhard Schroeder
- d) Georg Elsa
- 3. Tory leadership hopeful Hugh Segal, who lost to Joe Clark, was known mainly for his association with what very successful political force?
- 4. You may have come across the name Ben Heppner. It would be in connection with what cultural activity?
- 5. True or false: Viagra can be purchased legally in Canada.
- 6. For many Gazette readers, the year will be remembered mainly for the great Ice Storm of 1998 and its aftermath. What was the longest time residential Hydro-Quebec customers were without power?
- a) 14 days
- b) 33 days
- c) 27 days
- d) 48 days

- 7. Andre Caille, the president of Hydro-Quebec, became known for what distinctive article of clothing during the storm?
- 8. Great Big Sea is:
- a) A Halifax fish-packing plant
- b) An oil-drilling platform being installed at Hibernia
- c) A Newfoundland-based rock group
- d) A new ferry serving Vancouver Island
- 9. During the latter part of his videotaped testimony into the Lewinsky affair, U.S. President Bill Clinton sipped what soft drink?
- 10. Why might you know how much Calista Flockhart weighs?
- 11. Who is the leader of Canada's Assembly of First Nations?
- 12. Which Canadian astronaut flew in the space shuttle last year?
- 13. Name the Montreal Alouettes' No. 1 quarterback. Two more points if you can name his backup.
- 14. Until last year, the hit science-fiction TV series The X-Files had been filmed in and around what Canadian city?
- 15. What is Java? (Hint: the answer will involve neither coffee nor an island in the East Indies.)
- 16. Name the Canadian-born director who won a best-picture Oscar for Titanic.
- 17. How many provinces have ratified the Calgary Declaration?
- a) 8
- b) 10
- c) 9
- d) 6
- 18. The New Beetle from Volkswagen includes an idiosyncratic accessory that recalls the little car's predecessor. What is it?
- 19. A possible four points here, if you get the names and then match them with the jobs. The Bush boys appear ready to build a real political dynasty in the United States. Who are these two sons of former president George Bush, and of which states are they governors?
- 20. How old is Prince Charles?
- 21. Who carried the Canadian flag into the Winter Olympics at Nagano, Japan?
- 22. CBC news anchor Peter Mansbridge married a well-known Canadian actress last year. What's her name?
- 23. In 1997, it was volcanoes; last year, it was asteroids. For two points, name the two major Hollywood movies released last year dealing with the threat of an asteroid or comet smashing the Earth to smithereens.
- 24. For one point, what models of car are made at Boisbriand? Be specific.

- 25. Another four-pointer! Name four Canadian chartered banks that had planned mergers. Score an extra point if you get the pairings right.
- 26. Who is the premier of New Brunswick?
- 27. You might have heard the name Ross Rebagliati last year. Why?
- 28. What do the letters APEC stand for?
- 29. For one point, name two people who challenged Pierre Bourque last year for the mayor's chair.
- 30. Who won the 1998 Grammy Award for best *female* pop vocal performance? Hint: she's Canadian.
- 31. Quebec television viewers know her as the host of Le Poing J. And she is?
- 32. Whom did William Johnson defeat to capture the presidency of Alliance Quebec?
- 33. A Montreal soldier named Edward Fryer, who was stationed in England during World War II, has a very famous son. Who is he?
- 34. For two, what's a Borsalino, and why might you know?
- 35. How many home runs did Mark McGwire hit? A second point if you know the team for which he plays.
- 36. Who is Gerry Adams?
- 37. Name the infamous Cambodian leader who died last year. He was widely blamed for the murder of many thousands of his countrymen.
- 38. Witchcraft, The Summer Wind, You Make Me Feel So Young. He sang those and many more and he died last year. For three points, name the singer and two of his nicknames.
- 39. Our neighbours in New York State delivered one of the few upsets in the mid-term elections for one-third of the Senate and all of the House of Representatives seats. What did they do?
- 40. Who is the editor-in-chief of National Post, the country's new national newspaper?
- 41. Former prime minister Brian Mulroney got a new job last year. Doing what?
- 42. For two points, who won the Formula One driving championship, and where did he clinch the victory?
- 43. American astronaut and senator John Glenn made headlines by rocketing back into space at age 77. One of the original Mercury 7 astronauts, Glenn had been, in 1962, the first American to orbit the Earth. For two points, what was the name of his Mercury capsule, and what was the name of the space shuttle on which he rode last year?
- 44. What name has been given to the most recent accord between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization that may be another stepping stone to a more permanent peace in the Middle East? Hint: it has to do with a geographical feature in the state of Maryland.
- 45. Last year's new Cirque du Soleil show, being performed in Las Vegas, has an intriguing central feature. What is it?
- 46. Keiko made headlines. Why?
- 47. When a Swissair jet plunged into the ocean near Peggy's Cove, N.S., 229 people lost their lives. What kind of jet was it?

- 48. Former Alabama governor and prominent segregationist George Wallace died last year. He ran for president as a third-party candidate in 1968 and 1972 (when he was the target of a would-be assassin). Who was his running mate in the 1968 campaign:
- a) Curtis Le-May
- b) James Stockdale
- c) Thomas Eagleton
- d) Harold Stassen
- 49. A woman juror named Gillian Guess made the news in Canada.

Why?

- 50. Listuguj was the site of what newsworthy event?
- 51. A panel of scholars and writers last year came up with a "top 100" list of books ever written. For two points, what book was at the top of the list, and who wrote it?
- 52. He was born Leonard Slye in 1911, his horse died in 1965 and he died last year, a legend of early television. Who was he?
- 53. Who won the World Cup of soccer?
- 54. Still in our Cups, the Stanley Cup was won last year by the Detroit Red Wings on what date?
- a) June 20
- b) May 31
- c) June 16
- d) July 3
- 55. Comedian and actor Phil Hartman, who was murdered by his wife, Brynn, last year, was born in what Ontario city?
- a) Brantford
- b) Kingston
- c) Ottawa
- d) Peterborough
- 56. David Levine was at the centre of a controversy. What was the fuss all about?
- 57. Bernard Derome stepped down as anchor of Radio-Canada's flagship television news program. Who replaced him?
- 58. What two automakers from different sides of the Atlantic Ocean joined forces last year?
- 59. Who is the chairman of the English Montreal School Board?
- 60. What is a Furby?

- 61. What's the name of the computer that just might bring the Apple computer company back from the brink of disaster?
- 62. A style of music that was popular decades ago made a big comeback. What are we talking about?
- 63. The provincial government promised two metro extensions last year.

For two points, from where to where?

- 64. Which professional sports league has spent much of past year in a protracted labour dispute?
- 65. Name the New York-based "shock jock" whose program on a Montreal FM station was abruptly cancelled.
- 66. An immensely popular radio host, author and newspaper columnist, who dispenses large dollops of morality daily, was forced to deal with accusations of hypocrisy. For two points, name the host and explain what happened.
- 67. A prominent human-rights advocate and anti-apartheid champion in South Africa received an honorary degree from Bishop's University in Lennoxville. Who is he?
- 68. On the subject of honorary degrees, name the federal cabinet minister who picked one up from Concordia University last year.
- 69. Who played President Clint- er, President Stanton in Primary Colours?
- 70. When does the next millennium begin?

10-point extra-special

Bonus question

How old is Mick Jagger?

Answers

- 1. Atom Egoyan, The Sweet Hereafter.
- 2. (c).
- 3. Ontario's Big Blue Machine.
- 4. Opera. Heppner's a tenor.
- 5. False.
- 6. 33 days.
- 7. A turtleneck sweater, bearing the Hydro-Quebec logo.
- 8. (c).
- 9. A Diet Coke.
- 10. The star of the hit TV show Ally McBeal has been the subject of speculation that she suffers from anorexia nervosa, a debilitating illness that results in extreme thinness.
- 11. Phil Fontaine.
- 12. Dave Williams.

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- 13. Tracy Ham. The backup is Anthony Calvillo.
- 14. Vancouver.
- 15. It's a computer language.
- 16. James Cameron.
- 17. (c).
- 18. A flower vase.
- 19. George Bush Jr. is governor of Texas; his brother, Jeb, is governor of Florida.
- 20.50.
- 21. Freestyle skier Jean-Luc Brassard.
- 22. Cynthia Dale.
- 23. Deep Impact and Armageddon.
- 24. Pontiac Firebird and Chevrolet Camaro.
- 25. Bank of Montreal and Royal Bank of Canada; Toronto-Dominion Bank and the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.
- 26. Camille Theriault.
- 27. The Canadian Olympic snowboarder was initially stripped of his gold medal when he was found to have traces of marijuana in his system. He eventually got the medal back.
- 28. Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation.
- 29. Michel Prescott, Jacques Duchesnau, Jean Dore, Michel Bedard.
- 30. Sarah McLachlan.
- 31. Julie Snyder.
- 32. Constance Middleton-Hope.
- 33. Guitarist Eric Clapton.
- 34. A Borsalino is a type of hat. It was a favourite of former Gazette columnist, Montreal city councillor and all-around political gadfly Nick Auf der Maur, who died last year.
- 35. 70. He's a St. Louis Cardinal.
- 36. Adams is the leader of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the *Irish Republican Army*.
- 37. Pol Pot.
- 38. Frank Sinatra; also known as Ol' Blue Eyes, the Chairman of the Board, and Frankie.
- 39. They kicked out Republican Senator Al D'Amato.
- 40. Ken Whyte.

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- 41. He's the chairman of Forbes Global, an international business publication.
- 42. McLaren driver Mika Hakkinen. He clinched in Japan, the last race of the season.
- 43. Friendship 7; Discovery.
- 44. Wye River agreement.
- 45. A lot of the show takes place under water.
- 46. The killer whale that starred in the Free Willy movies was set free.
- 47. MD-11.
- 48. (a).
- 49. She had an affair with the defendant while on the jury in a murder case.
- 50. Micmac Indians set up an 11-day blockade over logging rights.
- 51. Ulysses, by James Joyce.
- 52. Roy Rogers.
- 53. France.
- 54. (c).
- 55. (a).
- 56. Levine, who ran provincially as a Parti Quebecois candidate in 1979, was chosen to run the Ottawa Civic Hospital. Many federalists fumed.
- 57. Stephan Bureau.
- 58. Daimler-Benz and Chrysler.
- 59. George Vathilakis.
- 60. A small, furry toy with pointed ears.
- 61. The iMac.
- 62. Swing.
- 63. From St. Michel on the Blue Line to Pie IX Blvd.; from Henri Bourassa on the Orange Line to Laval.
- 64. National Basketball Association.
- 65. Howard Stern.
- 66. Dr. Laura Schlessinger; questions about her past arose when nude photos of her were published on the Internet.
- 67. Archbishop Desmond Tutu.
- 68. Finance Minister Paul Martin.

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69. John Travolta.

70. Jan. 1, 2001.

Bonus question: Mick is 54.

Graphic

Photo: She lost to William Johnson.

Photo: GORDON BECK, GAZETTE - The ice storm was a rough way to start 1998. This scene, in Saint-Lambert,

shows what pedestrians and motorists had to deal with.

Photo: Soldiers look for debris from crash of Swissair jet off Nova Scotia.

Photo: Calista Flockhart.

Photo: Volkswagen brought out a new version of the Beetle. It includes an unusual accessory that recalls its famous

predecessor.

Photo: John Glenn went back to space.

Photo: Bernard Derome retired.

Photo: Prince Charles.

Photo: Mark McGwire Hits a Homer.

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Body

* Individual retirement accounts, which started in 1975 but really took off in the '80s, today hold more money than any other retirement investments, including 401(k) plans -- which often are rolled over into IRAs when workers switch jobs.

Twenty years ago this tax season, America embarked on a revolution in the way citizens fund their retirement dreams. It even carried a revolutionary-sounding name: IRA.

But it was no violent upheaval, and it had nothing to do with the <u>Irish Republican Army</u>. The radical change was a tax law that encouraged American workers to open individual retirement accounts.

IRAs were introduced in 1975, but only for people who weren't covered by an employer's retirement plan. Not until 1982, when virtually all working Americans became eligible, did banks and mutual funds start advertising IRAs heavily.

The attraction was a tax deduction of as much as \$2,000 a year. Savers flocked to the accounts, boosting IRA assets to \$319 billion in 1986 from \$37 billion five years earlier.

The tax rules have changed several times since, adding a bewildering complexity to the once-simple decision to open an IRA. But today, Americans have \$2.5 trillion socked away in IRAs, more than in corporate pension plans, 401(k) plans or any other type of retirement plan.

"When IRAs first came out, I was talking to my broker, and he said this was going to be huge," said John Flotken, 47, of Ladue, who says he has made a \$2,000 contribution every year since 1982. "The IRA is really one of the best gifts the government has ever given us."

Financial planner Don Kukla of the Moneta Group in Clayton sees it less as a gift than a subtle change in social policy. "Twenty years ago, the advent of the IRA was the turning point where society was starting to say, 'You've got to take your future in your own hands.' "

If the expanded IRA was a piece of social engineering -- it was part of a giant tax cut passed in the first year of Ronald Reagan's presidency -- it has been remarkably successful.

Widespread participation in the IRA and its corporate cousin, the 401(k) plan, has created a large class of Americans who are familiar with stocks and mutual funds and who are not dependent on employers or Social Security for a comfortable retirement.

Falling off a cliff

Though far more money is in the accounts today, the marketing heyday for IRAs was the first five years, 1982-1986. One common advertising theme was that a 20-something worker could become a millionaire by putting \$2,000 a year in an IRA and letting the money compound with taxes deferred until retirement. (The math was accurate, but it ignored the effects of inflation.)

The marketing blitz cooled after Congress changed the IRA rules, starting in 1987. Workers whose income was above certain levels and who were covered by employer retirement plans no longer could get tax deductions for their IRAs.

They still could sock money away and let it compound tax-deferred, but the instant gratification of a tax deduction had been the main selling point. New paperwork requirements also deterred many people from participating.

"As a marketer, it became much more difficult to explain the rules," said Lindsey Wilkins, a general partner at Edward Jones who handles retirement accounts.

In 1985 and 1986, Americans contributed \$38 billion a year to IRAs. The most recent figures from the Internal Revenue Service show that in 1998, annual contributions to traditional IRAs were \$9.5 billion.

Roth IRAs haven't been much of a hit, either. These accounts, introduced in 1998, offer no tax deduction, but the earnings become tax-free at retirement. They might be attracting about \$2 billion a year, the Employee Benefit Research Institute estimates.

"The use of IRAs fell off a cliff" beginning in 1987, said Dallas Salisbury, president of the institute.

Rolling over

Meanwhile, by the mid-1980s, millions of working Americans had access to a powerful, simple new tool for tax-deferred investing: the 401(k) plan, named for an obscure section of a 1978 tax law.

These accounts and their cousins, the 403(b) for non-profit institutions and the 457 for government agencies, make it easy to save by having money deducted from paychecks.

Johnson & Johnson opened the first 401(k) plan for its workers; other big companies followed quickly. Many of them converted older, profit-sharing or thrift plans into the new, tax-advantaged format.

The biggest effect of the 401(k), though, was at small and medium-sized companies. The nation has about 7 million businesses with fewer than 1,000 employees, and 20 years ago, only 200,000 of them had a retirement plan. Today, the number has guadrupled to 800,000, and 401(k) plans account for most of the increase.

So, why do IRAs still contain more money than the ubiquitous, easier-to-use 401(k) plans? The answer lies in a concept called rollover.

The average U.S. worker keeps a job less than four years. Each time a person quits, he or she faces a choice: Cash out the 401(k), paying taxes and penalties; leave the money with the old employer; or roll it into an IRA, where it can continue to grow tax-deferred.

Among workers with relatively small 401(k) balances, about 70 percent take the cash and pay taxes on it when they quit, said Theresa Fry, retirement-planning specialist at A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc. But when balances rise into the hundreds of thousands of dollars, she estimates, only 30 percent cash out.

Kukla, of the Moneta Group, says most of his clients choose to roll their money from a company plan into an IRA. "When a person is working at a company, they kind of have a sense that the company is taking care of them," he said. "When they leave, it becomes kind of detached."

Jump-starting an IRA

More importantly, a former employee who puts the money into an IRA gains control over how the money is invested and paid out.

IRAs even have changed the role of traditional pension plans. Gone are the days when big companies, after handing out the gold watch, would mail a retiree a lifetime's worth of monthly checks.

Kukla says most big companies nowadays let retirees cash out their interest in the pension fund in one big check; most of his clients choose that lump-sum option.

Salisbury estimates that 85 percent or 90 percent of the money in IRAs today is there because of rollovers, not annual contributions. "It has morphed into the place to transfer a lump-sum payment from an employer plan," he said. "It's essentially your portability fund as you move from employer to employer."

As they accumulated more money in IRAs, people seem to have become more sophisticated about investing it. Twenty years ago, 71 percent of the money went into bank accounts. Now, nearly half of IRA money is in mutual funds, 32 percent in brokerage accounts and 10 percent in banks.

Last year's tax law increased, for the first time in 20 years, the amount of money that workers can contribute to IRAs. The old \$2,000 limit still applies for tax year 2001, and today is the deadline for that contribution. But you can contribute up to \$3,000 for 2002, and if you're 50 or older, you can add \$500 more as a catch-up contribution.

The limit will rise to \$5,000, plus an extra \$1,000 for the 50-and-older crowd, by 2008. After that, the limits are supposed to be indexed for inflation.

At Edward Jones, Wilkins says, the number of new IRA accounts is up 28 percent this tax season, and the amount contributed is up 60 percent.

"We've been talking about jump-starting your IRA for a long time," Wilkins said, and the higher contribution limits seem to be making people listen to that message.

Twenty years into the retirement-savings revolution, the IRA and the 401(k) are beginning to make the golden years more golden. Before those accounts were introduced, Salisbury says, most retirees lived on Social Security alone. Today, 42 percent have some income from a personal or employer retirement plan. In another 20 years, he predicts, the number will be 60 percent to 65 percent.

Those figures eventually could change the political landscape, making people more comfortable with the idea of channeling Social Security taxes into private retirement accounts. Employees feel comfortable with what they find in the workplace, and that's increasingly an investment vehicle like a 401(k) plan.

"Most workers have never known anything else," Salisbury said.

IRA basics

Limits: You can contribute up to \$3,000 this year if you -- or your spouse -- have at least that much earned income. For people 50 and older, you can put in \$500 more. The limits are scheduled to reach \$5,000 by 2008, with \$6,000 for people 50 and older.

Deadline: You must make your contribution by the date your tax return is due, so you have until today to make a contribution for 2001. The contribution limit for 2001 is \$2,000.

Deductible IRA: You can deduct the contribution from your taxable inco me. When you take money out, you pay taxes on the amount. The deduction is available to people who are not covered by another retirement plan or whose income is below certain limits. For 2002, single people with incomes below \$34,000 and married couples with

incomes below \$54,000 can take the full deduction. People with incomes above \$44,000 for singles or \$64,000 for couples get no deduction. In between, you get a partial deduction.

Nondeductible IRA: If you don't qualify for a deduction, you still can open an IRA. The earnings aren't taxed until you start withdrawing money. The major drawback is that nondeductible IRAs require a lot of paperwork.

Roth IRA: It doesn't give you a tax break upfront, but you can avoid taxes on its earnings. Limits apply: You must earn less than \$95,000 for singles or \$150,000 for couples to make the full \$3,000 contribution and less than \$110,000 for singles or \$160,000 for couples to make any contribution.

Rollover IRA: You set it up when you get a lump-sum distribution from an employer's retirement plan. It's best to have your old plan make a direct transfer into your IRA rather than taking possession of the money yourself.

Plans for self-employed people: You can set up special plans called SEP-IRA or Keogh accounts. Contribution limits are based on a percentage of your income.

Taking money out: Some exceptions exist, but in general, you'll pay a 10 percent penalty for taking money out of a deductible, nondeductible or rollover IRA before you're 591/2 years old. You'll also pay taxes. By age 701/2, you must start withdrawing money and paying taxes on the amount taken out. And with Roth IRAs, you can take contributions out any time, tax-free. You can withdraw the earnings tax-free as long as you are older than 591/2 and have held the account for five years. You can leave money in a Roth as long as you want.

Notes

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Graphic

GRAPHIC; (1 -) Color Graphic / Chart with Color Graphic / Illustrations by JOHN D. TELFORD / POST-DISPATCH - Retirement then and now; (1) Color Graphic / Chart - Retirement then and now; Financial planners sometimes talk about retirement planning as a three-legged stool. Here we take a look back at what it was like for Stanley, Madge and their son, Wally, a typical family saving for retirement in the 1950s, and how options for saving have expanded and changed for Wally and his family today.; 1. Stanley worked for 30 years at a large company that provided retirement income from a traditional, defined-benefit pension plan. He had little control over how that money was invested, but he also had income from Social Security and personal savings.; 2. Stan's wife, Madge was a homemaker. With no tax breaks in place to help her save for retirement, she relied on whatever Stan managed to sock away.; 3. Stan did better than his parents, who were simple farmers. With few options available, they had little to retire on.; 4. Stan and Madge also put some money away in a savings account for their son Wally's college education.; 5. In 1982, IRAs became available to most Americans. Wally's parents were fairly comfortable in their retirement, but it would have been easier if they had as many options ad Wally does today.; 6. Wally's wife, Donna is a stay-at-home, but she has an IRA. She likes reading the business pages to keep track of her investments and to research new ones. When she's 59 1/2, she can begin withdrawing the money as she needs it instead of receiving fixed payments from a pension or Social Security.; 7. Wally has worked at five small companies in the past 20 years, and each of them offered a 401 (k). He's rolled balances from previous jobs into his own IRA. He has more control over his retirement savings than his parents did. He chooses his own funds and stocks and uses a personal digital assistant to track them and get statistical information.; 8. Phil and Donna have opened an education IRA (now called a Coverdell education savings account) for their son, Jordan. By the time Jordan enters the work force, higher contribution limits will help him amass even more retirement savings.; (2) Color Graphic / Illustration -(of a family setting in the "family room; "mom" is sitting on the couch knitting, "dad" is sitting in his chair reading the

paper, and "child" sitting in front of the television.); (3) Color Graphic / Illustration - (of a family setting in the "family room;" "mom" is sitting on the couch reading the paper, "dad" is sitting in his recliner with his PDA, and "child" is sitting in front of the computer.);; (NOTE: Illustrations 2 and 3 also appeared on the cover of Business Plus.);; (4) Color Graphic / Chart - A revolution in retirement savings; IRAs have grown to nearly \$2.5 trillion, helping to change the way Americans invest for their golden years.; TOTAL IRA assets (in billions);

'81: \$37;'85: \$235;'90: \$636;'95: \$1,288; '99: \$2,475; ; Where IRAs are invested*; 1984;

Bank, thrift deposits: 66.7%; Brokerage self-directed accounts: 14.7%; Mutual funds: 11.5%; Life insurance: 7.7%;; 1999; Mutual funds: 49.4%; Brokerage self-directed accounts: 31.8%;

Life insurance: 8.9%; Bank, thrift deposits: 9.9%; Figures may not add up to 100% because of

rounding.; ; IRA ownership; IRA in own name;

AGE 21-25: 1%;.. 55-64: 27.4%;

Male: 16.1%; *Female*: 14.7%; (Chart shows the age groups as follows: 21-25, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-70, 70+.); ; Average IRA balance; AGE 21-25: 3,135; .. 65-70: 40,412;

Male: \$31,815; *Female*: \$22,084; (Chart shows the age groups as follows: 21-25, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-70, 70+.); Source: Employee Benefit Research Institute

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Byline: By contrast, the clerical ultras who rule Iran do not want Afghanistan to abjure their example of a state subjected to the misrule of religious authorities. And they are anxious to avoid having an Afghanistan under American influence on their eastern border. Washington can try to reduce the risk of Iranian meddling by making it clear there is no U.S. effort to encircle or attack the Islamic Republic of Iran. But it will ultimately be up to an Afghan government to keep the Iranian mullahs at a safe distance.

Body

New York Times

The announcement last night that the Israeli military was pulling out of two Palestinian cities was welcome but it was far from clear that it signaled the start of the full, immediate withdrawal from the West Bank towns and refugee camps repeatedly requested by President Bush. Earlier in the day, Israel's prime minister, Ariel Sharon, brushed off Mr. Bush's demand in a defiant speech to the Knesset, insisting that the campaign would end only when its mission had been accomplished.

Perhaps Mr. Sharon does not understand. The president of the United States, speaking out of profound friendship and growing impatience, has asked him to withdraw "without delay." This was not a request made lightly. Mr. Bush has expressed sympathy with Israel's plight and made clear that its security and well-being are of the highest concern. He has sent his secretary of state to the region to try to end the bloodshed. Yet Mr. Sharon says he will remove the tanks and troops whenever it suits him. This is an insult to Mr. Bush and the United States. ...

Mr. Powell's Mideast mission was never going to be easy. Even before the Israeli invasion, Arab leaders refused to denounce Palestinian suicide bombings. Mr. Arafat still refuses to call on his people to give up violence. A wise Israeli leader would use the Bush initiative to show that he stands ready to talk peace with any responsible partner. Instead, Mr. Sharon embarrasses Mr. Bush and gives the Arabs easy excuses.

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Baltimore Sun

What's a president to do?

George W. Bush has spared no one in his tough talk about the bloodletting in Israel and the Palestinian territories. Not Israel's prime minister, nor his Palestinian counterpart and leaders of the Arab world. He condemned those who glorify and finance suicide bombers. He reminded those who attack in the name of rooting out terror that their pummeling may undermine the long-term security they so covet.

But by both parties, Mr. Bush has been largely ignored.

That has left the president, who overcame reluctance to enter this intractable fight, understandably miffed. And it has left Secretary of State Colin Powell downplaying what can be accomplished on the Mideast mission to which he has been dispatched.

Mr. Powell is not a man to be envied. The former general's reputation as America's top diplomat will be tested on this trip. And America's allies in the Mideast aren't making it easy for him. ...

In his speech last week, Mr. Bush deftly and correctly linked the fates of the children of Abraham. Not so long ago, Israelis and Palestinians embraced the idea of putting aside mistrust, hatred and pain for a better life, for a better future. As the president said, violence and grief have been the region's past. The children of Abraham have to decide if violence and grief will also be their fate.

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Boston Globe

Stability in postwar Afghanistan will be a primary objective of U.S. policy for some time to come. Afghanistan cannot be permitted to relapse into the condition of a failed state.

To foster the rehabilitation of Afghanistan -- a difficult long-term project -- the United States and its allies must take care not only to help facilitate domestic reconciliation and representative self-government but also to help the Afghans protect themselves against renewed meddling by their neighbors, particularly Pakistan and Iran.

The visit to Kabul last week by Pakistan's president, Gen. Pervez Musharraf, merits praise as precisely the kind of gesture Afghanistan needs -- and that its neighbors need to make. ...

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Chicago Sun-Times

All those in this country and abroad expressing impatience for an Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank should remember a couple of the facts of life. First, there has been no successful suicide bombing killing <u>women</u> and children since the incursion began--just as there has been no terror attack in America since our military campaign against al Qaida began. Given the relative populations of Israel (6 million) and the United States (280 million), the Israelis have suffered terror outrages more costly than Sept. 11.

And of course the Israeli troops, tanks and helicopters are in the West Bank because Yasser Arafat has failed to do his job. ...

President Bush's Mideast initiative seems to be based on the belief that Arafat should be given one more last-chance to work for peace. As we indicated after Bush's speech last week, we don't put much stock in the concept of Arafat the peacemaker. The Israelis again are being asked to put their lives on the line in the search for the peace, and their army, acting in Israel's defense following the Passover massacre and other horrors, should be able to destroy as much of the terror network as possible.

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Chicago Tribune

President Bush has made it clear he's gunning for Saddam Hussein, so one might figure the Iraqi leader would try to keep a low profile for a while. But the man who provoked the 1991 Persian Gulf War is doing quite the opposite. He's making Bush's case that he can't be tolerated and his regime should be toppled.

Hussein recently upgraded his longtime offer to pay compensation to the families of Palestinian suicide bombers to \$25,000 from \$10,000. Given the poverty among Palestinians, that's a rich payment to promote terror.

Hussein declared Monday that he will cut off Iraq's oil exports for 30 days or until Israel withdraws from the occupied territories, which is making world markets nervous. There are reports that he is infiltrating Islamic fugitives, trained by Osama bin Laden, into northern Iraq to kill Kurdish leaders allied with the United States.

Links between Iraq and elements of Osama bin Laden's al Qaida network are becoming more visible. The New Yorker last month detailed the connection between a terrorist group called Ansar al-Islam, which occupies 10 villages in northern Iraq, and al Qaida forces in Afghanistan.

Saddam is doing everything he can to keep himself in the crosshairs of the U.S. military.

When Vice President Dick Cheney toured the region last month to build Arab support to oust Hussein, he ran into a wall of resistance. Much of that had to do with the growing Mideast crisis.

But most Arab leaders would shed no tears if Saddam Hussein were overthrown. Bush's smartest course will be patience as he explains to the world why Hussein should be ousted and how it can be done. Hussein is doing his best to close the deal.

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Hartford Courant

On the eve of his departure for the Middle East, Secretary of State Colin L. Powell observed Sunday that "It's going to be a difficult trip," but said he would try to help both Israel and the Palestinians out of "this tragic situation in which they find themselves." Nothing that happened during Mr. Powell's first full day in the region suggested that his mission would be any less difficult than he imagined. ...

Nobody expects that America's top diplomat will accomplish a miracle. After all, the United States was late to engage in trying to stop this round of violence. But, better to intercede late than not at all.

If any emissary of Mr. Bush can persuade the antagonists to agree to a cease-fire and then take the next steps toward negotiating a settlement, it is Mr. Powell. He is respected worldwide.

Still, he'll need to do more than simply visit moderate Arab leaders and meet with Mr. Sharon in Jerusalem. He must also meet with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. Earlier, the secretary said he would do so "if circumstances permit." Monday, he said he hopes to meet with Mr. Arafat. That meeting should take place.

Mr. Powell's snub of the Palestinian leader would infuriate Arab leaders who are having difficulty containing their own populations' fury against Israel and the United States. Political instability in the Middle East and rising oil prices have already emerged as byproducts of a U.S. policy that so far has been confused and tardy.

If he wants to "help both sides," as he said Sunday, Mr. Powell is going to have to meet with both sides. And Mr. Arafat is the only leader the Palestinians have.

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Houston Chronicle

While so much attention is focused on the near-war in the Middle East, one of the world's other long-running sectarian struggles got a bit of good news with the announcement on Monday of further weapons "decommissioning" by the *Irish Republican Army*.

This week marks the fourth anniversary of the signing of the historic "Good Friday Agreement," through which the British government offered to trade a number of significant governance concessions in exchange for similar moves from the Irish republican resistance, including the "decommissioning," or putting out of commission, of illegal explosives and other weapons.

The statement by Northern Ireland's disarmament body confirmed the IRA had followed up last October's first act of disarmament with a second. It said "a substantial and varied quantity of ammunition, arms and explosive material" had been put beyond use, but gave no further details. ...

As to how the arms were put "beyond use," theories range from dumping at sea to sophisticated surveillance systems fitted to locked bunkers, said Reuters. The most likely method, experts say, would be the sealing of dumps using concrete, which would enable the republican leadership to keep hard-line elements on board by saying they had neither handed arms over to the enemy nor destroyed them.

Accepting these announcements, of course, calls for a level of trust, which is surely exceeded by a level of hope that such trust is merited.

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Los Angeles Times

The Clinton administration made a mistake when it failed, until it was too late, to involve Arab nations in trying to bring peace to the Middle East. President Bush has learned from that error, dispatching Secretary of State Colin L. Powell to meet with leaders of Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Egypt before he heads for Israel. Arab nations can influence not just the Palestinians but each other. Saudi Arabia, for instance, won acceptance for its peace proposal involving "normal relations" with Israel even from Syria, a more radical nation with great influence over groups attacking Israel from Lebanon. ...

Just as Washington is leaning on Israel to stop its military attacks, Arab nations should pressure Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat to stop the Palestinian violence. Powell, who has not committed to meeting with Arafat, should do so despite fears in Israel that the meeting would bolster the prestige of Arafat, whom Sharon has tried to isolate. Washington has made clear that it disagrees with Sharon's contention that Arafat is irrelevant and with demands by some Israelis that the Palestinian Authority be destroyed. That should not stop Powell from also meeting with Palestinians who might succeed Arafat. ...

The United States has no choice but to redouble efforts to bring Palestinian and Israeli negotiators together. That will require support from those who might have Arafat's ear. Whatever Arab leaders may say for public consumption during Powell's visit, none of them can be happy with the Palestinian leader. This is their chance to push from one side while Powell pushes from the other.

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San Diego Union-Tribune

The rule on U.S. diplomacy in the Middle East is this: It works only if presidents are willing to get tough.

The success of Secretary of State Colin Powell's mission depends as much on his muscle as on his mandate. He needs a plan that will get Israel off Palestinian lands and halt Palestinian violence against Israelis, and he must be willing to press the antagonists to put that plan into action. ...

America needs all the help it can get to overcome the hate, violence and distrust that have infected the Middle East for more than a year. Arab leaders have put forward their own peace proposal, fully consistent with the Mitchell plan. The Europeans have influence with the Palestinians. All these nations, as well as our own, have a large stake in Middle East peace.

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Philadelphia Inquirer

War has a way of pushing passions beyond the battlefield's physical boundaries. That's important to remember, because hatred can grow in the absence of efforts to promote understanding.

This week's series of events sponsored by the Philadelphia area's Jewish Americans and Arab Americans is just such a worthwhile effort. The events started Sunday at a Sufi mosque on Overbrook Avenue, where about 100 people -- Muslims, Jews and Christians -- came to read poetry and talk about peace against the backdrop of Middle East fighting.

On Thursday, Arab American writer Elmaz Abinader and poet Kathryn Hellerstein, a Jewish studies teacher at the University of Pennsylvania, will present poetry by other Jewish and Arab American <u>women</u>. Saturday brings a program at Congregation Ohev Shalom in Wallingford featuring a Jewish and an Arab Muslim humorist who will look for comfort through laughter.

It may seem foolish to think about sharing a chuckle at a difficult time like this. But, as Mr. Marwan Kreidie of the Philadelphia Arab-American Community Development Corp. points out:

"As Arab Americans and Jewish Americans, we try to make a point to keep our relationships friendly in Philadelphia."

A worthwhile effort, indeed.

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New York Newsday

The suicide bombings of civilian populations by Palestinians, which have sparked Israel's massive military retaliation in the West Bank, are terrorism. They should be seen and condemned as such throughout the civilized world.

But that's not the case, as became disturbingly clear last week when an international Islamic forum debated the Palestinian suicide bombings and finally rejected "any attempt to link terrorism to the struggle of the Palestinian people in the exercise of their inalienable right to establish their independent state."

The failure of Islamic nations to brand clear acts of terror -- whatever their political objective -- as terrorism is a symptom of a widening gulf developing between the West and the Islamic world on key issues of common concern.

The fundamental question is not a terrorist's objective, but whether any group is ever justified in using terror attacks -- the deliberate targeting of civilians to instill fear in order to further a political goal. The answer is no, regardless of whether that group is a liberation movement or the army of an established power.

There is a point at which civilized people must draw a bright line of behavior that must not be crossed. Terrorism falls over that line, no matter who practices it.

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NEW:

OKINAWA'S GHOSTS. Disturbing story surfaces ahead of international summit.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone Rebel forces battle U.N. forces in the interior of Sierra Leone, and advance on the capital using civilians as human shields and vehicles captured from U.N. staff, a U.N. official says. SIERRA LEONE. Developing. By Alexandra Zavis. AP Photos XBL101-104.

With:

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone As residents of Sierra Leone's capital grow increasingly fearful of attack, the atmosphere at the home of the notorious former rebel leader who lives in their midst is almost carnival-like. SIERRA LEONE-SANKOH. Expected by 0100 GMT. By Alexandra Zavis.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland The *Irish Republican Army* proclaims it will soon begin disarming, a breakthrough that draws a line under 30 years of bloodshed and makes possible a lasting peace settlement in Northern Ireland. NORTHERN IRELAND. Recap expected by 0400 GMT. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photos LON102, 116-117, XBFT102, 107.

CHIANG MAI, Thailand Thirteen Asian nations agree to support each other's currencies to stop an economic crisis like the one that devastated the region in 1997 and 1998 from getting out of control again. ASIAN BANK. Recap expected by 0100 GMT. By Patrick McDowell. AP Photos.

TALIPAO, Philippines Troops on patrol near the former stronghold of a group of hostage-taking Muslim rebels have discovered two headless bodies buried in a shallow grave, the first evidence that the Abu Sayyaf rebels actually beheaded two of their Filipino captives, as they had claimed last month. PHILIPPINES-HOSTAGES. Recap expected by 0100 GMT. By Jim Gomez. AP Photos.

NAGO, Okinawa As Nago prepares to welcome President Bill Clinton and other world leaders for a July summit, a disturbing story has surfaced that three Marines regularly brutalized local villagers during the waning days of World War II and were killed in retribution and left to rot in a cave. OKINAWA'S GHOSTS. Expected by 0200 GMT. By Eric Talmadge. TOK107-108, CIN102.

TEHRAN, Iran Allies of Iran's reformist president sweep 52 of the 66 seats contested in run-off legislative elections, dealing a crushing blow to Islamic hard-liners faced with a strengthening pro-democracy movement. IRAN-ELECTIONS, Lead has moved. By Ali Akbar Dareini, TEH101-102.

JERUSALEM Israel and the Palestinians resume a round of negotiations despite smoldering Palestinian resentment over Israeli proposals for a permanent peace agreement. ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Lead has moved. By Jack Katzenell. BEI101-102, XED101.

UNDATED U.S. authorities are helping Philippines police search for the creator of the most damaging computer virus ever, the 'Love Bug' that swept through the world this week. Security experts in the United States say clues in the virus code lead to a student at a computer college in the Philippines, while a Swedish researcher says traces on the Internet point to a bored German exchange student. COMPUTER LOVE BUG. Has moved. By Peter Svensson. STO101-103, MLA101.

MOSCOW Russia will inaugurate the stern, careful Vladimir Putin as its second democratically elected president Sunday, handing the former spy a mandate to restore national pride and economic health after decades of decline. RUSSIA-PUTIN. Lead has moved; ceremony at about 0800 GMT. By Angela Charlton. MOSB105, 108-110.

ANTANANARIVO, Madagascar A spate of grave robberies in eastern Madagascar is baffling officials and sparking an uproar over the theft of bones in a culture where people worship their ancestors and treat tombs with special reverence. MADAGASCAR-GRAVE ROBBERS. Has moved. By Katya Robsinon. JOH101.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Monday, negotiators for South Korea and North Korea to meet in Panmunjom, Korea, for discussions on an agenda for the June 12-14 summit planned by the two nation's leaders. On Wednesday, the 53rd Cannes Film Festival opens in Cannes, France.

FEATURES:

UNDATED The American border is a dotted line on the map, a teeming ecosystem in reality. To try to capture it in a snapshot _ a day in the life of a border crossed by more than a million people legally and illegally every 24 hours 49 Associated Press reporters and photographers spent April 10 at U.S. boundaries and coastal waters and at ports and international airports in and outside of the United States. FEA-US-A DAY IN LIFE OF BORDER. To move as wire time permits. By Jerry Schwartz. AP Photos NY450-464, Graphics BORDERS LOGO and US IMMIGRATION

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FEA-BORDER-QUOTES. AP Photos NY477-480

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PHILIPPINES-HOSTAGES. Philippine troops try to head off escaping kidnappers.

PUERTO RICO-NAVY BOMBING. Vieques protesters undeterred after raid.

MEXICO-CHURCH. Church rebuilding role in Mexico as election nears.

CONGO-HOLBROOKE. Fighting in the Congo taints Holbrooke peace mission.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

UNITED NATIONS For the United Nations, there is more at stake in its handling of the current crisis in Sierra Leone than the freedom of more than 300 peacekeepers being detained there by rebels. Policy experts say the world body may have a tough time getting countries to volunteer troops for future missions. AFRICA-UN-FUTURE. Has moved. By Dafna Linzer.

WITH:

UN-SIERRA LEONE. The very basis of the U.N. peacekeeping mission in Sierra Leone has fallen into doubt with the seizure of hundreds of peacekeepers. Has moved. By Nicole Winfield.

SIERRA LEONE-SCARED CITY. In Freetown, a battered city fears war again. Has moved. By Alexandra Zavis.

TALIPAO, Philippines Philippine troops attempt Saturday to head off Muslim rebels who broke through military lines and are believed to be escaping with 21 hostages, including 10 foreign tourists. A group of escaping rebels clashed briefly with army troops, but there were no casualties, military officials say. PHILIPPINES-HOSTAGES. By Jim Gomez. Has moved. AP Photos.

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BEIRUT, Lebanon After two days of tit-for-tat attacks that killed an Israeli soldier and two Lebanese civilians, Lebanese guerrillas and Israel both said they will hold their fire. The announcement comes after Israeli warplanes leave a deep crater in the highway from Beirut to the Syrian capital of Damascus and knock out power stations. LEBANON-ISRAEL. Has moved. By Sam F. Ghattas. AP Photos BEI101-120, XLP101-104, XED101-103.

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LUSAKA, Zambia Fighting in the Congo between Ugandan and Rwandan troops taints a rare peace mission by a seven-member U.N. Security Council delegation led by U.S. Ambassador Richard Holbrooke, the envoy credited with negotiating Bosnia's peace. CONGO-HOLBROOKE. Has moved. By Glenn McKenzie. AP Photos.

WITH:

US-CONGO. The United States issues a toughly worded statement condemning the latest hostilities in Congo. Has moved.

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BEIJING China and the United States are wrangling anew over Taiwan, trade and a host of human rights complaints. A year after U.S. bombs shattered China's embassy in Yugoslavia, bitterly strained relations have retained the edginess that has marked ties for more than a decade. WARY CHINA. Has moved. By Charles Hutzler. AP Photo BEJ101-103.

VIEQUES, Puerto Rico Abraham "Yungo" Velez tried and failed to run the blockade around the U.S. Navy's Vieques bombing range with his small fishing boat. "But I'll try again," he says. On Vieques, people face the prospect of renewed Navy bombardment with determination and pride at having won a promise from the world's only superpower that, if they choose, the Navy will be gone in three years. PUERTO RICO-NAVY BOMBING. Has moved. By Chris Hawley. AP Photos.

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TRAV-GERMANY-EXPO. Hanover set for biggest world's fair in history Expo 2000. By Allison Linn. AP PHOTOS NY400-403. With: TRAV-EXPO 2000-TIPS.

TRAV-SWITZERLAND-TROPICAL. Ticino, where palm trees puncture Switzerland's Alpine panorama. By Clare Nullis. AP PHOTOS NY400-404. With: TRAV-TROPICAL ALPS-TIPS.

TRAV-US-SILVER DOLLAR CITY. Amusement Park in Missouri celebrates 40 years of Christian fun. By Doug Johnson, AP PHOTOS NY411-413.

TRAV-US-SHIPPING SPORTS GEAR. Golfers and others beginning to ship their gear ahead. By Justin Bachman. AP PHOTOS NY410.

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PHILIPPINES-BUS BOMBING. Separate bus bombings kill at least six.

ZIMBABWE-VIOLENCE. Two opposition officials detained, leader released.

ASIAN BANK. Thousands of protesters confront police as ADB opens meeting.

SRI LANKA-CIVIL WAR. Sri Lanka amends security law enacted in fight against rebels.

US-MEXICAN CAMPAIGN. Mexican presidential candidates bring campaign to U.S.

TURKEY-NEW PRESIDENT. Turkey's president-elect urges to act for reforms.

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CHIANG MAI, Thailand About 2,000 demonstrators push over crowd-control barriers and confront riot police Saturday in a protest against the Asian Development Bank, which opened its annual meeting inside a heavily guarded university conference center on Saturday. ASIAN BANK. Has moved. By Busaba Sivasomboon. AP Photo CHM101-105.

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ANKARA, Turkey Ahmet Necdet Sezer, the reformist judge elected Turkey's new president, says he will call for greater democracy when he takes up office on May 16. TURKEY-NEW PRESIDENT. Has moved. By Suzan Fraser.

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SAN DIEGO They are far from home and from the voting booths where Mexico's next presidential election will be decided, but the immigrants who toil in the United States are nonetheless being courted by top candidates. US-MEXICAN CAMPAIGN. Has moved. By Michelle Ray Ortiz. AP Photo M0801.

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HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP)

The head of the main opposition party was detained for four hours and two of his aides remained in police custody Saturday after clashes between rival party supporters in southeastern Zimbabwe, the opposition group said. Morgan Tsvangirai, leader of the Movement for Democratic Change, was stopped at a police road block after holding a campaign rally at Chiredzi, 480 kilometers (300 miles) from Harare, said party spokesman David Coltart. There were clashes outside a gas station in the town in which one ruling party official was cut on the head. Tsvangirai was not on the scene but was headed to Harare when he was detained until 1 a.m. (2300 GMT), Coltart said. (ZIMBABWE-VIOLENCE)

BUTUAN, Philippines (AP)

Bombs ripped through two passenger buses in the southern Philippines on Saturday, killing six passengers and injuring 35 people, a radio station reported. The first bomb blew away the rear section of a bus in Surigao City, north of Butuan on the island of Mindao, killing four <u>women</u>, a radio station reported. At least 27 people were hospitalized, three in serious condition, the radio report said. A second bomb exploded in the rear of another bus, killing two men and injuring eight other passengers, the emergency room staff at the MJ Santos Hospital in Butuan said.(PHILIPPINES-BUS BOMBING)

WORLD SPORTS AT 1300 GMT:

SOCCER:

LONDON David Beckham scores another wonder goal on Saturday as Manchester United makes it 10 league wins in a row by beating Tottenham 3-1 as a prelude to collecting the Premier League trophy for the sixth time in eight seasons.

Slug Sports-Soccer-British Roundup. Has moved, will be updated by 1700 GMT.

By Robert Millward.

MADRID, Spain FC Barcelona needs a win against Rayo Vallecano on Saturday if it wants to pass over league leader Deportivo La Coruna in the Spanish soccer premier division.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Spanish Roundup. Expected by 2100 GMT.

BERLIN Bayern Munich will be seeking revenge for last year's loss in the German Cup to Werder Bremen. More important for the Bavarians is offensive leader Stefan Effenberg will return from injury and he is their biggest hope to still come away with three titles this year.

Slug: Sports-Soccer-German Cup. Expected by 20:30 GMT. By Roy Kammerer.

TENNIS:

BOL, Croatia The only remaining seeded player, Amelie Mauresmo of France, takes on Gala Leon-Garcia of Spain, while Maria Sanchez-Lorenzo, also of Spain, faces Tina Pisnik of Slovenia in the semifinals of the dlrs 170,000 Croatian Bol Ladies Open.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Bol Ladies Open. Expected around 1900 GMT.

PALMA DE MALLORCA, Balearic Islands Russian Marat Safin will face Spain's Galo Blanco Saturday in the semifinals of the dlrs 500,000 Mallorca Open clay-court tournament.

BC-Sports-Tennis-Mallorca Open. Expected by 1800 GMT.

HAMBURG, Germany Martina Hingis will reclaim her No. 1 ranking from Lindsay Davenport if she beats Anke Huber in the semifinals of the Betty Barclay Cup, but the German is riding an 11-match winning streak.

Slug: Sports-Tennis-Barclay Cup. Expected by 1600 GMT.

MUNICH, Germany Local favorite Tommy Haas, sure to draw a large vocal crowd, faces top-seeded Tomas Enqvist of Sweden in the semis of the BMW Open.

Slug: Sports-Tennis-BMW Open. Expected by 1600 GMT.

HORSE RACING:

NEWMARKET, England Distant Music and the unbeaten Giant's Causeway are likely to go off the co-favorites in the 2,000 Guineas on Saturday, the first classic of the English season.

Slug Sports-Horse Racing-2,000 Guineas. Expected by 1600 GMT.

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky So much to think about, so little time. In the two minutes it takes to run the world's greatest horse race, owners, trainers and jockeys will go through a lifetime of emotions as 19 3-year-olds rumble around Churchill Downs in Saturday's 126th Kentucky Derby.

Slug Sports-Horse Racing-Kentucky Derby.

By Richard Rosenblatt.

AUTO RACING:

BARCELONA, Spain Season points leader Michael Schumacher of Ferrari claimed the pole position for Sunday's Spanish Grand Prix, giving the German his first No. 1 spot on the grid this season and the 24th of his career.

Slug Sports-Auto Racing-Spanish GP. Has moved.

By Stephen Wade

ALSO:

BARCELONA, Spain Sports-Auto Racing-Coulthard. Has moved.

GOLF:

NEW ORLEANS Blaine McCallister had an eagle and five birdies in a six-hole stretch and ties defending champion Carlos Franco for the second-round lead in the Compaq Classic.

Slug Sports-Golf-PGA-Compaq. Has moved.

By Mary Foster

AUSTIN, Texas Laura Davies hasn't pulled her driver out of its fuzzy puppy headcover in a week. Her irons play is just too good.

Slug Sports-Golf-LPGA-Philips. Has moved.

By Jim Vertuno

ALSO:

INAGI, Japan Sports-Golf-Nichirei Cup. Has moved.

ALSO:

LOS ANGELES Sports-Basketball-NBA Playoff Roundup. Has moved.

UNDATED Sports-Baseball-AL Roundup. Has moved.

UNDATED Sports-Baseball-NL Roundup. Has moved.

DENVER Sports-Ice Hockey-NHL Playoff. Has moved.

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WORLD SPORTS AT 0000 GMT:

SOCCER:

BERLIN With Stefan Effenberg back to run the offense, Munich romps to a revenge 3-0 victory Saturday against Werder Bremen and claimed the German Cup for the 10th time.

Slug Sports-Soccer-German Cup. Has moved.

By Roy Kamerer.

MADRID, Spain John "Bolo" Perez inflicts a major blow to FC Barcelona's chances for a third straight Spanish league title on Saturday, scoring twice to lead Rayo Vallecano to a 2-0 victory.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Spanish Roundup. Has moved.

LONDON David Beckham scores another wonder goal on Saturday as Manchester United makes it 10 league victories in a row by beating Tottenham 3-1 as a prelude to collecting the Premier League trophy for the sixth time in eight seasons.

Slug Sports-Soccer-British Roundup. Has moved.

By Robert Millward.

ALSO:

UNDATED Sports-Soccer-MLS Roundup. Expected by 0600 GMT.

AUTO RACING:

BARCELONA, Spain Michael Schumacher has steered his Ferrari to victories in three of the first four races this season without claiming a pole. In Sunday's Spanish Grand Prix, he'll have the pole, too.

Slug Sports-Auto Racing-Spanish GP. Has moved.

By Stephen Wade.

HORSE RACING:

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky Japanese-owned Fusaichi Pegasus becomes the first favorite since 1979 to win the Kentucky Derby on Saturday, rallying down the stretch to win the 126th Run for the Roses by a 1 1-2 lengths.

Sports-Horse Racing-Kentucky Derby. Has moved. RECAP expected by 0100 GMT.

NEWMARKET, England King's Best produces stunning acceleration to break from the huge field two furlongs (400 meters) from home to win the 300,000 pound (dlrs 480,000) 2,000 Guineas on Saturday.

Slug Sports-Horse Racing-2,000 Guineas. Has moved.

RUGBY UNION:

SYDNEY, Australia The ACT Brumbies hold No. 1 spot in the Super 12 standings with an injury-time try against Queensland and set up a final-round battle for the minor premiership against Canterbury.

Slug Sports-RugbyU-Super 12 Roundup. Expected by 0500 GMT.

WITBANK, South Africa Flyhalf Tony Brown converts a penatly 13 minutes into injury time and Otago rallies for a 42-40 victory over the Northern Bulls Saturday, moving the Highlanders closer to a semifinal berth with one round remaining in the Rugby Super 12.

Slug Sports-RugbyU-Bulls-Otago. Has moved.

CYCLING:

LEYSIN, Switzerland Italians take seven of the top 10 places in the major mountain stage of the Tour de Romandie Saturday as Andrea Noe took victory and Paolo Savoldelli claims back his leader's green jersey.

Slug Sports-Cycling-Tour de Romandie. Has moved.

CRICKET:

GEORGETOWN, Guyana Captain Jimmy Adams remains unbeaten on 16 as the West Indies fight to resist a well-balanced Pakistan attack at stumps Saturday, the second day of the opening test in Guyana, with the home team at 101 for three in reply to the visitors' first innings of 288.

Slug Sports-Cricket-WIndies-Pakistan. Has moved.

By Craig Cozier.

ICE HOCKEY:

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia Kristian Huselius scores with 3:47 remaining to give Sweden a 1-1 draw with Switzerland on Saturday, securing it a place in the quarterfinals of the World Ice Hockey Championship and ending Russia's medal hopes.

Slug Sports-Ice Hockey-Worlds. Has moved.

By Erica Bulman.

ALSO:

TORONTO Sports-Ice Hockey-NHL Playoff Roundup. Expected by 0700 GMT.

TENNIS:

HAMBURG, Germany Martina Hingis needs just one hour Saturday to regain the No. 1 ranking from Lindsay Davenport.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Barclay Cup. Has moved.

ALSO:

PALMA DE MALLORCA, Balearic Islands Sports-Tennis-Mallorca Open. Has moved.

MUNICH, Germany Sports-Tennis-BMW Open. Has moved.

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Florida Sports-Tennis-US Men Clay Courts. Has moved.

BOL, Croatia Sports-Tennis-Bol Ladies Open. Has moved.

BASKETBALL:

INDIANAPOLIS Reggie Miller and Jalen Rose each score 40 points as the Indiana Pacers rout the Philadelphia 76ers 108-91 on Saturday in Game 1 of their National Basketball Association playoff quarterfinal series.

Slug Sports-Basketball-NBA Playoff Roundup. Has moved.

GOLF:

NEW ORLEANS Defending champion Carlos Franco of Paraguay and American Blaine McCallister shoots 4-underpar 68s on Saturday to share the third-round lead in the Compaq Classic.

Slug Sports-Golf-PGA-Compaq. Has moved.

By Mary Foster.

ALSO:

VERSAILLES, France Sports-Golf-French Open. By Alan Page. Has moved.

AUSTIN, Texas Sports-Golf-LPGA-Philips. By Jim Vertuno. Has moved.

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina Sports-Golf-Home Depot Seniors. By David Droschak. Expected by 0100 GMT

ALSO:

FRANKFURT, Germany Sports-Boxing-Beyer-Catley. Has moved.

UNDATED Sports-Baseball-AL Roundup. Expected by 0700 GMT

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Body

THE day I arrived in Manchester, the sun shone. Elsewhere that quirk of meteorology might seem trivial. But in the damp northwest of England, those few rays seemed to emphasize that even a gritty city associated primarily with rain and chill can show a gentler face. Indeed, a warmer presence seems to be the objective the city elders have in mind as they prepare to play host to the Commonwealth Games track and field event in the summer of 2002.

The prospect of that huge gathering has added a sense of urgency to Manchester's revival, accelerating its efforts begun decades ago to eradicate the worst of its industrial-era slum housing and, over the past few years, to regenerate its blighted urban wastelands.

Fortunately for those who cherish a less gentrified Manchester, the process has been far more an evolution than a revolution. The old landmarks are still there. The statue of Prince Albert, Queen Victoria's consort, stands in the central plaza named for him, gazing reverently toward the Gothic ramparts of City Hall. Just around the corner, the Central Library dominates St. Peter's Square, its massive limestone rotunda polished to a gleaming white.

Seen from the approaches to Piccadilly Station -- the gateway for trains from London -- the city's architecture seems a monument to its hardscrabble history: from the hulks of red-brick mills and factories of the Industrial Revolution that made Manchester the grimy textile center of imperial Britain to the 1960's concrete high-rises that would not have looked out of place in Dresden or Bucharest during the Communist era.

But the changes in the city's heart soon reveal themselves. Grand old stone buildings once blackened by industrial grime have been cleaned up so that their facades are more honey than soot. Whole thoroughfares, like Market Street, and Albert Square itself, have been turned into pedestrian zones. The monumental Printworks building on Withy Grove, once the Fleet Street of the north where thundering presses rolled out the regional editions of several national newspapers, has become a shopping and entertainment complex, with a Hard Rock Cafe, a Wagamama Noodle Bar, Java Coffee Shop, a Books Etc. bookstore, a Haagen-Dazs outlet, a fitness club and a movie theater with an IMAX screen. Right next door, the Swan With Two Necks -- the pub where printers once sluiced away the smell of ink with pints of beer -- stands derelict.

In this central area, too, where an <u>Irish Republican Army</u> bomb gutted part of the city in 1996, the damage has long been repaired. The only explosion now is of retail chains, from DKNY and Armani Collezioni to Marks & Spencer's new, ocean-liner-sized attempt to restore the ailing fortunes of one of Britain's biggest clothing chains.

The makeover is not just in the city center. A few miles to the west, a \$2.50 ride on the Metrolink tram line from downtown leads at a seductively sedate pace to an area that, until the 1990's, was distinguished by the bleakness of the Salford Docks -- the final, inland terminal of the Manchester Ship Canal, once an artery of empire. Here, a century and more ago, raw cotton from the colonies was shipped in for processing into textiles that would, in part, be sold back to those same colonies. But imperial decline and the subsequent demise of industrial Britain sent the area into decay. As Manchester began its painful transformation from industrial powerhouse to a service-driven regional center, the Salford Docks closed down in the late 1980's. Up until then they had been known as docks, a no-nonsense name that gave way to the fancier quays to reflect the city planners' fancier aspirations for them. Yet it was only in the mid-1990's that the planners decided on a waterfront urban regeneration project as ambitious as the redevelopment of Canary Wharf in east London.

At its core lies the \$200 million Lowry Center, which has just won Britain's Building of the Year Award for its architect, the Australian Michael Wilford, beating out such formidable London contenders as Tate Modern and the Great Court of the British Museum. The center is still partly a work in progress, where galleries, theaters and restaurants nuzzle together in a bright steel-and-glass creation on the waterfront that over the next year or so will be linked to a northern branch of the Imperial War Museum, now under construction, by a Millennium footbridge that, unlike its counterpart on the Thames, does not wobble when people walk over it.

The center is named for the city's most famous artist, Laurence Stephen Lowry (1887-1976), whose pale seascapes and stylized industrial landscapes offer the counterpoint to Manchester's newly found modernity. Lowry's workers in somber clothes are depicted as hunched stick figures between the smokestacks that have largely been replaced on Manchester's skyline by yellow construction cranes.

If the artist is a favored icon from the past, then Manchester's newest heroes, the soccer players of Manchester United (which recently signed a joint marketing venture with the New York Yankees), have their own shrine just across the water in the 68,000-seat Old Trafford stadium, expanded to its present capacity two years ago.

Underlying these physical changes is the loss of the inferiority complex that has long haunted the north -- a function of England's social divide that once left people from the north feeling that southerners looked down on them, that they could never equal London's chic, or its opportunities.

"The big change is in people's attitudes," said Stewart Cole, a 50-year-old entrepreneur who has spent his life here. "I know Britain is an island, but these days the city is much more Continental, more cosmopolitan. You don't feel so isolated. You feel this is a city to be proud of."

That hasn't always been the case. Years of southward migration have slowly eroded Manchester's position as England's second city. Among the big urban conurbations, Greater Manchester now ranks third, after London and Birmingham, with a population of around 2.6 million. But what makes Manchester more distinctive is its location. With a second runway opened this year at Manchester Airport, the city is hoping to provide Britain's second-biggest airport after Heathrow, displacing Gatwick. And its position in northwest England provides easy access not just to the Pennine Hills, visible from the city center, but also to the hills and vacation spots of the Lake District and North Wales.

Of course, much of the change in Manchester mirrors a broader trend across western Europe to spread prosperity to regional centers once ignored as provincial backwaters. And sometimes it seems as if the real subplot to the city's renaissance is no more than an expression of the retail frenzy that has turned Britain from what Napoleon called a nation of shopkeepers into a nation of shoppers.

Gone with little mourning are the so-called greasy-spoon cafes that once thrived in the city center, catering in days long past to the working crowd during the week and the weekend revelers emerging bleary from the city's first all-night music clubs in the 1960's. Now, chains like Coffee Republic, Starbucks and Pret a Manger feed the city.

But change cannot be measured without a starting point, and Manchester's was pretty grim. Within living memory the city was a grimy leftover of an industrial era that had moved on, leaving its detritus of factories and

smokestacks, cramped Victorian housing and spit-and-sawdust pubs. Its rivers and canals were heavily polluted under a murky lattice of rusting iron railroad bridges.

The art of Manchester's transformation, though, lies in the way that the city planners have simply played the hand they were dealt, seeing opportunities in cityscapes that might otherwise have been abandoned. In the city center and the nearby Castlefield district, warehouses and factories have become loft developments for housing and offices. The disused Central Station behind the venerable, upscale Midland Hotel (once a British Rail establishment, now a Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza) has been converted into a trade fair space called G Mex, just across the way from Bridgewater Hall, a concert theater for classical music and opera. Underneath the Victorian brick railroad arches, a cavernous bar and restaurant called Loaf caters to night owls.

As Manchester has emerged from its own shadows, its gay community has come out, too: downtown Canal Street is the bustling and acknowledged center of gay social life, a departure from the city's dour northern traditions that would once have been unthinkable. Where Mancunians might have scanned The Manchester Evening News in vain for a richer choice of diversions, the city now offers opera and ballet, drama and shows. Bars like Riki Tiki Tavi in the Printworks complex have taken over from pubs. Even the newsstands display a new European-ness with French, German and Italian papers alongside the familiar British tabloids. And restaurants such as the fairly pricey Lincoln in Lincoln Square (complete with its statue of Abraham Lincoln) offer a range of cuisine from British modern to African.

Indeed, the past is being mined for inspiration. The Museum of Science and Industry, opened in 1983, with new galleries added in 1998, gives visitors a chance to look at the steam-driven equipment and other machinery that made Manchester central to the Industrial Revolution and reminds visitors that among the city's many products is the forerunner of the computer, created by scientists at Manchester University in 1948.

There's a culinary parallel, too. For decades, fish and chips wrapped in newspaper and awash in salt and vinegar were depicted as the cholesterol-soaked staple of the entire north of England, consumed by men in flat caps and <u>women</u> with their curlered hair half concealed under head scarves. That Mancunian image produced "Coronation Street," one of Britain's longest-running soap operas. Now, though, fish and chips -- usually cod or hake in a batter, accompanied by thick-cut fries -- can be found on the menus of restaurants like Rhodes & Co. (where the meal costs \$11 to \$22 a portion) in the official Manchester United hotel near the soccer club's stadium or at the upscale Lincoln, which tempers such basic offerings with more exotic dishes like monkfish wrapped in Parma ham at around \$25 with a creme brulee desert at \$6.50.

Of course, northerners have always liked to think of themselves as a cut above the south in their sense of humor. Witness the number of stand-up comic shows at the Lowry. And some things don't change, as the city's sports fans know well. Manchester has always been torn between pride in its achievements and a gnawing sense of inadequacy, nowhere more conspicuous than in its two soccer clubs: Manchester United, the nation's champion, and Manchester City, just demoted to a lesser league. A Jekyll-and-Hyde metaphor for the city itself.

Highlights of a renewed city

What to Do

The Museum of Science and Industry, at Liverpool Road in the Castlefield district, (44-161) 832-2244, is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission \$9 (at 72 pence to the dollar). Starting Dec. 1, admission will be free except to special shows.

The Bridgewater Hall box office, Lower Mosley Street, (44-161) 907-9000, www .bridgewater-hall.co.uk, is open noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$10 to \$41 for performances by the Halle Orchestra, a Manchester orchestra with a world reputation.

The Lowry, Pier 8, Salford Quays; (44-161) 876-2000; <u>www.thelowry.com</u>. Nearest Metrolink tram stop is Broadway. Box office open Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Regular exhibitions,

including the Lowry paintings, are free; performances \$7 to \$55. The center is open from 9:30 a.m. daily. Galleries are open Thursday to Saturday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday to Wednesday till 5.

Where to Eat

Loaf, Deansgate Locks, Arches 3a and 5, (44-161) 819 5858, is in a cavernous space with exposed brick walls on Whitworth Street West. It offers snacks, salads, sandwiches and pasta, as well as exotic fare like sausage and chive mash with red roasted onion gravy (\$9). Opens daily at noon, closing at 12:30 a.m. Sunday to Wednesday and 2 a.m. Thursday to Saturday.

Lincoln Restaurant, at Lincoln Square, (44-161) 834-900, is open weekdays for lunch and dinner, Saturday dinner only, Sunday lunch only. The design is contemporary, inspired by an ocean liner; the food runs the gamut. Scallops and langoustine with tomato, basil and lime vinaigrette, for example, costs \$22. Dinner for two with wine, \$125; Sunday lunch without wine, \$23 a person.

Where to Stay

Manchester United's "official" hotel, the Golden Tulip Manchester, Water Reaches, in the Trafford Park area, (44-161) 873-8899, fax (44-161) 872-6556, on the Web at www .goldentulipmanchester.co.uk, is a modern 111-room hotel. Doubles \$117. The hotel has a Rhodes & Co., a traditional brasserie. Dinner for two with wine, \$83.

Crowne Plaza Hotel, the Midland, Manchester, Peter Street, (44-161) 236-3333, fax (44-161) 932-4100, www.crowneplaza.com/ manchesteruk, is Edwardian in style and architecture, with 303 rooms and 14 suites. Doubles are \$220.

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Graphic

Photos: At Salford Quays: The \$200 million Lowry Center, Britain's Building of the Year, with the Millennium footbridge at the left; the Manchester Ship Canal and new offices. (Photographs by Jonathan Player for The New York Times)(pg. 8); Trendy shops along King Street. A Tudor inn and a Tudor-style oyster bar in Cathedral Gate Square. (Photographs by Jonathan Player for The New York Times)(pg. 9) Map of Manchester shows surrounding area. (pg. 9)

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What turns young men into terrorists?: From al-Qaeda to the IRA to skinheads and street-gang members -- those who embrace terrorism and violence are overwhelmingly drawn from the ranks of men in their teens or 20s. But often it seems that radical ideology is not the end in itself, but an outlet for a violent predisposition that changes aimless, identity-less losers into 'agents of destiny,' Don Butler reports.

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Body

It may take months before the courts determine whether Mohammad Momin Khawaja, the Ottawa software developer charged this week with terrorist activity, has done anything wrong. But guilty or innocent, the 24-year-old fits the terrorist profile in one irreducible respect: he is a young male.

Whether they act in the name of al-Qaeda, the *Irish Republican Army* or Peru's Sendero Luminoso, those who embrace terrorism are overwhelmingly drawn from the ranks of men in their teens or 20s.

Some have only known poverty and strife, like the suicide bombers recruited from refugee camps in the West Bank and Gaza by Hamas and the al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, and thus may feel they have nothing to lose. But others are educated and live seemingly comfortable lives in Europe or North America, making their embrace of terrorism unfathomable to Western minds.

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Case in point: 22-year-old Mohammed Mansour Jabarah, who pleaded guilty in U.S. court earlier this year to conspiring to kill Americans and attack American property, grew up in St. Catharines, Ont.

Five of the so-called "Lackawanna Six," a group of young men of Yemeni descent who have pleaded guilty to supporting al-Qaeda, were born and raised in the United States.

The eight men arrested in Britain this week for plotting a huge bomb attack there were all British-born citizens of Pakistani descent. Most are between 17 and 22.

Obviously, there is more going on here than just the rage of the oppressed and dispossessed. What induces young males to pick up rocket-launchers and plant bombs in the name of a cause?

There are many answers to that question, ranging from demographics and the allure of tribalism to the influence of male authority figures and the often-turbulent psychology of males as they come of age.

Certainly, part of the explanation lies in misplaced idealism -- the embrace of a cause that resonates with their still-developing sense of what is just and unjust.

But youthful idealism crosses gender lines -- young <u>women</u> feel just as passionately about perceived injustice. Why aren't they on the terror frontlines, shoulder-to-shoulder with their male comrades?

In fact, occasionally they are. Left-wing terror organizations in the 1970s -- such as the Baader-Meinhof group, the Red Brigades and Action Direct -- all had prominent <u>female</u> members. And <u>women</u> have become the delivery vehicles of choice for Tamil Tiger suicide bombs.

Mostly, though, terrorism is a man's game, with the prime demographic being males between 18 and 24, says terrorism expert Brian Jenkins, a senior advisor to the president of the Rand Corporation, a non-profit U.S. policy think-tank.

Older males are involved in planning or financing terror, notes University of Pennsylvania professor Stephen Gale, but they are no longer limber -- or perhaps reckless -- enough to undertake front-line operations. Those are assigned to young men eager to prove their commitment and dedication.

This should come as no great surprise, Mr. Jenkins says. "Young males are young males," he observes, his redundancy suggesting the point is self-evident. Or as Mr. Gale, who specializes in terrorism issues, puts it: "Your hormones are raging, your passions are crying out to be fulfilled."

"Young males are inherently warriors," argues Mr. Jenkins. "Not to make invidious comparisons, but whether we're talking about jihadists, the military or street gangs, it's all roughly the same age group."

Wesley Wark, a University of Toronto history professor and terrorism specialist, notes that most adolescent males go through a phase where rebellion and even fantasies of violence have appeal.

"It shouldn't surprise us that there might be a connection between the universal phenomenon of teenage rebelliousness and a sudden receptivity to the very violent and very simplified and conspiratorial message of jihad," he says.

Anthropologist Lionel Tiger, writing in The Guardian a month after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the U.S., said figuring out what to do with young males is one of the most difficult tasks for any social system.

"These are inevitably the most impressionable, energetic, socially exigent and politically inept members of any group. The terrorism of (Osama) bin Laden harnesses the chaos of young men, uniting the energies of political ardour and sex in a turbulent fuel."

Being accepted into a terrorist organization confers a type of prestige, in the same way that membership in a street gang does for some youths. And in the case of al-Qaeda, Mr. Tiger writes, "it confers unquestionable, if radical, Islamic credentials, and associates them with the tides of history sketched for them in their training."

Most terrorists are not lonely psychopaths, he says, "but demented special forces wearing anonymity like a uniform. For many, nothing in the rest of their often-sorry existences can compare with the authoritative drama of what they hope to do."

The danger of the enterprise actually enhances their excitement, Mr. Tiger says, and "feeds their sense of worthwhile enterprise. Their comrades provide them an emotional haven and a clear focus for the turbulent energies at the intersection of youth and despair."

John Thompson, of the Toronto-based MacKenzie Institute, says many young men are drawn to terrorism because they want to change their self-identity and self-image.

"Often you want to rework yourself into something more exciting than you actually are. You want to be the big hero of history, the agent of destiny."

The allure of this sort of reinvention is powerful, he says, especially to a young man. And terrorism offers a sort of criminal shortcut to attaining it.

Young males are in the process of defining themselves, Mr. Jenkins notes. "They are often seeking affiliations that will provide them with status, self-esteem and the opportunity to participate in adventure."

"For many, belonging to the terrorist group may be the first time they truly belonged, the first time they felt truly significant, the first time they felt that what they did counted," Jerrold Post, an American professor of psychiatry, political psychology and international affairs, writes in the 1990 book Origins of Terror.

For some young men -- particularly those who feel inadequate or alienated -- membership in a terrorist group connects them with like-minded people who reassure them that others, not themselves, are to blame for their problems.

In White Boys to Terrorist Men, Randy Blazak of Portland State University found this dynamic operating within Nazi skinhead groups.

"Nazi skinheads can serve as 'big brothers' or 'friends in need' to frustrated boys whose fathers have been laid off or who have been harassed by minority peers," he writes.

"Like the members of cults, skinheads provide a sympathetic ear, a critical explanation of the problem, and an action program that appears to (somewhat) resolve the problem."

The violent solution these groups offer will appeal to anomic young men because of its simplistic reality, writes Mr. Blazak.

"Wars are won. Evil conspirators are banished. The mythical past of unchallenged, straight, white male hegemony is restored. For a generation weaned on video games and violent media, the world of Aryan terrorists can be intoxicating."

This is not so very different from the vision that Islamist terrorist groups conjure up for their young male adherents.

"One thing we don't understand about the jihadist message," says Mr. Wark, "is just how familiar, in a way, it is as a conspiracy theory -- and, therefore, how inevitably attractive it is to certain kinds of

people who are looking for very simplified messages of what's wrong with the world."

The need of insecure young men to prove their masculinity plays into this as well. Mohammed Atta, the leader of the Sept. 11 terrorists, grew up a shy and polite mama's boy. "He was so gentle," his father has been quoted as saying, "I used to tell him, 'Toughen up, boy!"

Terrorist groups emphasize manly virtues, such as courage, prowess and sacrifice, that resonate with young men unsure of their own masculinity.

"It's the antidote to humiliation, to a lack of self-esteem," says Brian Jenkins. "That has great, great power."

What unites terrorists like Mohammed Atta, Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh and

fanatics like Adolf Hitler, says Michael Kimmel, a sociology professor at the State University of New York, is their sense of masculine entitlement and thwarted ambitions.

"They accepted cultural definitions of masculinity, and needed someone to blame when they felt that they failed to measure up," Mr. Kimmel argues in a 2002 article on gender, class and terrorism in The Chronicle Review.

In the article, he looks at the characteristics of American white supremacists -- mostly young, lower-middle-class men educated through high school and often beyond. Buffeted by global political and economic forces, they face a spiral of downward mobility and economic uncertainty.

Their villains are <u>women</u>, immigrants, minorities, homosexuals -- and above all, the "international Jewish conspiracy," Mr. Kimmel writes.

"American white supremacists thus offer American men the restoration of their masculinity -- a manhood in which individual white men control the fruits of their own labour and are not subject to emasculation by Jewish-owned finance capital or a black and feminist-controlled welfare state."

If the state and the economy emasculate them, he adds, "then only 'real' men can rescue America from a feminized, multicultural and androgynous melting pot.

"Sound familiar?" Mr. Kimmel asks. "For the most part, the terrorists of Sept. 11 come from the same class, and recite the same complaints, as American white supremacists."

Psychological motives like these have more to do with why young men turn to terrorism than ideological beliefs, argues John Thompson.

"It's never the ideology," he says. "What you have is people often shopping for an ideology. It argues that there's already a predisposition to behave this way."

Some of these same factors are at play when young Muslim men in the West turn to terrorism. Thwarted in their career ambitions by

latent discrimination and sickened by the excesses of their adopted societies, they soak up the fundamentalist message preached by Islam's most militant adherents as an antidote to their frustration and disillusionment.

"As they tried to enter Western society," says Stephen Gale, "they found it was no better and in many ways much worse, because they were never truly accepted anyway. They were always carrying the baggage of culture.

"They said, 'Look, as long as I'm carrying the baggage, I might as well use its strength.' "

Some young Western Muslims, such as Mr. Jabarah and the Canadian sons of Ahmed Said Khadr, an al-Qaeda operative killed by Pakistani troops last year, fell under the influence of a patriarch with jihadist views.

"This would fit another pattern among more traditional Muslim families of very strong patriarchy," says Mr. Wark. "Perhaps there is something to the experience of an immigrant family with a very strong family figure, with very strong authority never being questioned, and that father figure dispensing a very activist political ideology."

In Britain, where a national debate is raging over why some young British Muslims are attracted to terrorism, that authority figure may be a radical cleric preaching jihad to receptive and impressionable young men.

Even Western popular culture, denounced by jihadists as fatally corrupt, is being used to win youthful adherents in Britain.

A rap video called Dirty Kuffar -- Arabic for non-believer -- has been posted on a British website run by Islamic extremist Mohammed al-Massari.

Full of violent images, its lyrics denounce Tony Blair and George W. Bush as "dirty Kuffars," praise Hamas and Hezbollah, and include this couplet: "OBL (bin Laden) pulled me like a shiny star/Like the way we destroyed them two towers ha-ha."

According to news reports, the video has been a hot seller to young men in British mosques and is in heavy demand overseas.

This hints at another powerful force that attracts terrorist recruits -- tribalism. Terrorism, says Mr. Gale, "is always tribal in a very broad sense." For insecure young males, the allure of belonging to a tribe, particularly one with a warrior tradition, is overwhelming.

Patrick Dixon, one of Europe's leading futurists, describes tribalism as the most powerful force on Earth, one that feeds terrorism's voracious appetite for acolytes.

"Tribalism is intimately connected with terrorism," he writes on his website, Globalchange.com. "When one mass of people identify only with themselves and their values, and see others as lesser beings, then the ground is set for permanent conflict."

In the case of al-Qaeda, says Mr. Gale, Osama bin Laden's great achievement has been to convince regional jihadist groups to work together. "He was able to broaden the tribe to cover all of Islam."

This is a particularly ominous development, if you believe demographic research that sees a link between violence and societies with large populations of young males.

Christian Mesquida and Neil Wiener, two research psychologists at York University, have found that young males are more likely to engage in violent behaviour when the ratio of men between 15 and 29 rises to a high level -- between 70 and 80 young men for every 100 men older than 30.

At such levels, too many young men are seeking mates, jobs and recognition, creating unrest and instability, particularly in nations with weak or corrupt governments.

Based on changing male age demographics, the authors predicted in 1997 that Northern Ireland would become more peaceful -- a prediction that has since been borne out.

But applying the same analysis to Islamic nations provides no such comfort. According to an article by Donald Collins on the Pop!ulation Coalition website, in 2001 there were 110 young men for every 100 men over 30 in Iraq. In Syria, the ratio was 106, and it was 90 in Iran and Afghanistan.

(By contrast, in Canada there are only about 28 young men for every 100 over 30, perhaps accounting for our relative placidity.)

And the developing world's demographic profile won't improve any time soon, warns Paul Ehrlich, president of the Stanford Center for Conservation Biology.

"Huge numbers of boys now under 15, many in Muslim nations acquiring a hatred for the United States, will soon enter their high-crime years," he wrote in the Stanford Report in 2002.

All of which suggests that the world will have to deal with murderous young men bent on terror for the foreseeable future.

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Death without glory

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"The government is continually growing bigger and more powerful, and the people need to prepare to defend themselves against

government control." _ Timothy McVeigh

"Once you bloody the bully's nose, and he knows he's going to be punched again, he's not coming back around." _ Timothy McVeigh

The man who caused the death of 168 people and injuries to hundreds of others is destined to be a footnote in history, writes Scott Canon

AT the Grant County Fairgrounds gun show, Washington, United States, Militia of Montana chief John Trochmann pitches the latest doomsday theories and accompanying books and videos.

The government can tinker with the weather, but allows hurricanes to wreck the Florida coast, he insists as he paces around his table of wares. Likewise, dark forces inflate the price of ground beef to \$US10 a pound (\$44 per kilo) in New York City. (Actually, it's around \$US3 a pound.) China, he is certain, can zap satellites with lasers.

His enthusiasm, and his prices, drop for the videos stuck on the discount rack. That's where, grouped with the Y2K tapes, you find the ones about Timothy McVeigh.

The bomber may have imagined that he was striking out for self-described patriots fed up with the federal government, that he would be a martyr for those who fear a gun-confiscating new world order.

Not to Trochmann, who dismisses McVeigh as just another fall guy for the US government: "He's a dupe."

Such is McVeigh's legacy.

Having killed 168 people with a truck bomb outside a federal building in Oklahoma City, McVeigh is scheduled to die in Indiana on Wednesday night, Australian time.

When he is gone, he will have left some imprint, such as public places newly girded against attack. But one historian predicts that it is the bombing that time will remember, not the bomber.

The lawyer who defended McVeigh, and who pleaded that he be spared execution, agrees that his one-time soldier client will be remembered as just another loser in search of glory.

To a prosecutor who helped secure the death sentence, McVeigh is just a cowardly traitor who disturbed America's peace. At her most charitable, he is a self-centred boy who never quite grew up.

Even a woman whose face was ripped in the blast considers him little more than a footnote to tragedy, a man whose acts can be overcome and whose motives don't much matter.

Yet all these observers concede grudgingly that McVeigh leaves the world different than he found it. Mostly sadder.

In The Turner Diaries, the racist fantasy novel so beloved by McVeigh, protagonist Earl Turner bombs America into a cathartic revolution. Turner is a leader and ladykiller with an undeniable legacy. Real-life bomber McVeigh rallied no uprising. He struck out with **women**. And now he's set to leave the world, despised and dismissed.

The bombing, McVeigh told authors Lou Michel and Dan Herbeck in their new book, American Terrorist: Timothy McVeigh and the Oklahoma City Bombing, was payback for the deaths of Branch Davidians in their stand-off, two years earlier, at Waco, Texas. (He would also say, muddying his message a bit, that he was prompted to action by rumours of imminent door-to-door gun seizures and by the FBI's deadly shootout with white supremacist Randy Weaver.)

Further, McVeigh hoped the bombing would embolden self-styled patriots such as Trochmann to take up arms against the government.

But, from Trochmann's suspicious outlook, McVeigh took the fall for the government's slaughter of its own people to rally support for newly authoritarian laws. Now, the militia man fears, Washington is dangerously emboldened.

His basic explanation is that the government blew up the building. It did so, he believes, to propel into law previously stalled gun controls passed under the banner of anti-terrorism.

Trochmann has the affability of a good salesman. When he talks politics, he leans in closer and his voice takes on a tone suggesting that what he's talking about may be outside your comfort zone, but you need to hear it.

Trochmann has never met the bomber. If he did, Trochmann says, he would like to ask a few questions: "How many people were involved and which federal agency employed you? . . . Why would you help facilitate the installing of the global government?"

THROUGHOUT his trial McVeigh wore khaki pants and an impassive expression. Before the jury filed in, he usually wore a grin and chatted with his attorneys. Often he would scan the gallery to make eye contact with the prettier television reporters. Completely out of public view, in the judge's chambers, McVeigh tried to lure prosecutors into small talk.

"He was just on the edge of jovial," recalled prosecutor Beth Wilkinson. "He seemed to enjoy the attention."

His behavior struck her as regularly callow. His glee at his celebrity, she thought, came without caring about the price in sorrow paid to bring him into America's spotlight.

Finally, with McVeigh convicted of the bombing, the job of arguing the death penalty fell to Wilkinson. The enormity of the crime, she told jurors, could not be overstated. It could barely be comprehended. "What in the world did Tevin Garrett have to do with Waco?" she asked, referring to a 1-year-old found among the dead.

Finally, the woman locked her eyes on the defendant. "Look into the eyes of a coward," she pleaded to the jury, "and tell him you will have courage. Tell him he is no patriot. He is a traitor and he deserves to die."

McVeigh would later tell Michel and Herbeck -- reporters from his hometown newspaper -- that he was piqued at being called a coward in the courtroom. But at the time, he sat mute.

McVeigh was motivated more by frustration about the way his life was going than a reasoned political cause, Wilkinson says.

"I don't think of him as a political person," she says. "I think of him as an angry citizen who wanted to take action and didn't want to do what the rest of us do, which is to vote or to become active in our communities."

Wilkinson believes, in time, it won't be McVeigh that people remember. Rather, they will recall the 168 people killed, the hundreds of others wounded, and the way the survivors of Oklahoma City suffered and persevered through the hours, days, weeks and years after April 19, 1995.

IN the spring of that year Stephen Jones was jerked from the life, as he puts it, of a "county seat lawyer" from Enid, Oklahoma. Suddenly he was leading the defence of the man accused of "the deadliest act of terrorism on US soil".

By the summer of 1997, McVeigh was convicted and sentenced to death. Jones, meanwhile, was spent, and travelling this way and that across the country with his wife to get his mind right.

"Now it was over," he wrote in his book, Others Unknown, "and although I felt I had done just about everything that could be done, it was hard not to feel as though I had failed."

For two years he commanded a legal team of almost unlimited resources. He hopscotched the globe toying with conspiracy theories. He took on the US federal government's best prosecutors on a very public stage and, having been dealt a sorry hand, lost.

Beaten, and spurned by McVeigh, he wrote a book that aired conspiracy theories the judge had barred as too farfetched for the trial. He also went out of his way in the book's first version to say that the McVeigh he knew was far more affable, more human, than the man who had been portrayed in the media.

In the years since the trial, however, McVeigh has lashed out at Jones for not trying to make US vs McVeigh more about Waco. And, his old defence attorney contends, McVeigh has waived the confidence guaranteed between client and lawyer through court filings contending Jones gave him an incompetent defence.

So now Jones talks about McVeigh as a chronic liar who has lately admitted to the bombings -- confessed, in fact, to masterminding them -- merely to lay claim to more cunning than he is capable of.

Jones has gone so far as to revise his book -- re-released this month -- to respond to what McVeigh told the authors of American Terrorist.

Ask him how he has been changed by defending McVeigh and it conjures talk mostly of disappointment.

He's convinced America's news media are capable of theft and deception -- fuming still about a bogus confession he contends was stolen from his legal team and published just before McVeigh's trial. Perhaps worse, he concluded that reporters lazily lap up government explanations with too little scepticism.

The US government, Jones contends, cheated McVeigh out of a fair trial. And he's convinced it's sitting on information to this day that could reveal conspirators who armed McVeigh with the money and the plans to pull off the bombing.

"I began to wonder about the credibility of law enforcement, and then about everything else from there," Jones says.

Jones also thinks that McVeigh achieved something. For instance: "I did thoroughly change my view of Waco." And he thinks McVeigh made the country better understand mistakes there.

The trial, so reliant on testimony from survivors of the bombing, gave renewed momentum to the victims' rights movement, Jones says, "but only those victims whose viewpoint agrees with that of the government".

When federal agents waited out their stand-off with Montana's anti-government freemen in 1996 rather than rushing in Waco-style, Jones suggests, it was Oklahoma City that tempered the agents' actions.

And by Jones' reckoning, the public spectacle of McVeigh's pending execution has given some ammunition to opponents of the death penalty.

Still, in the end, he sees the crime in terms of the small-time misfits who populate it.

"Tim (McVeigh) liked to tell us 'this is the perfect crime'. But, like a lot of things he said, that just isn't true."

MOST all of Susan Urbach's world existed comfortably in downtown Oklahoma City. She headed an office of the Oklahoma Small Business Development Center. She could walk easily to any number of offices of different business and government outfits she did business with.

So there she was, standing in the doorway of her second-floor office in the Journal-Record Building, which was adjacent to McVeigh's target, the Murrah Federal Building.

Urbach was waiting for a meeting when McVeigh pulled up across the street with his rented Ryder truck weighed down with tons of fertiliser and fuel concocted into a bomb.

By the time McVeigh was a few blocks away, she was still leaning against the door jamb chatting. Next she was buried in bricks, then part of a chaotic exit from the building. Somebody was yelling for people to make way for the injured. And, curiously to her, everybody was moving aside to let her through. Soon she was lying on the ground as paramedics worked on her.

"I couldn't figure out why people were looking at me like the way they were," Urbach says.

In time she would learn that the damage to her arm would mean a few fingers would never work quite the same again. Shards of glass pierced all parts of her body, and it would take months for one chunk to work its way out. ("Everything hurt, so how do you tell one hurt from another?")

Some shrapnel -- maybe the same thing that blew the buttons off her suit or that shredded much of her back, her side, her left leg -- nearly ripped an ear in half and zigzagged its way across her face to her upper lip.

"I would learn that morphine is good. Morphine is very good," she says.

She returned to a life turned upside down, including the deaths of seven persons she knew, the wounding of scores of others, and the obliteration of the block that was the centre of her life.

Urbach, now 44, startles more easily now, and a shadow of a line still dissects the left side of her face. Such scars, she is fond of noting, come only after someone heals.

"I call them my badges of honour," she says.

When pressed about McVeigh, she talks in disgust. "He launched a war against unarmed office workers and a day care center," she says. "None of us knew we were in a war . . . he became what he railed against. He said that the government was a bully. He became the bully."

CHESTER Pach first heard about the Oklahoma City explosion from CNN while teaching at a university in New Zealand.

"The assumption was that it couldn't have been an American," says Pach, a one-time director of the Contemporary History Institute at Ohio University and now a professor at the school. "People were trying to find ways of thinking of it in familiar terms."

In the years since, the historian has been underwhelmed by McVeigh as the villain behind such monumental bloodshed.

Most notably, Pach is struck by McVeigh's lack of a clear explanation for the bombing.

"I'm not sure what is effective terrorism, or whether there is such a thing," Pach says. "But it would be an act that has a defender, however warped or perverse he may be, who gets across his point."

When Pach, 51, thinks of the <u>Irish Republican Army</u> planting a car bomb, for instance, he thinks of it as a violent but clear protest against British rule. When the Symbionese Liberation Army kidnapped media heiress Patricia Hearst a generation ago, it demanded food for the poor.

In contrast, no one stepped forward to take the blame, or credit, in Oklahoma City.

Rather, McVeigh confessed nothing to authorities. That left it to journalists and prosecutors to trace over his life -- to study his obsession with The Turner Diaries and Waco and guns -- and connect the dots for a crude picture of the man and his motives.

At his trial, his \$14 million defence tried to deny the act. Only upon conviction, in the lost fight against the death penalty, did his attorneys deliberately try to link the bombing to Waco. Even then, the message fell something short of explicit.

This year, in talking to the Buffalo, New York, authors of American Terrorist, McVeigh broke his silence, but Pach isn't impressed.

"He doesn't have a cause, really," Pach says. "He's one of those strange fellows on the fringe that sees conspiracies everywhere.

"For the most part, he sounds like he's parroting something out of a conspiratorial pamphlet. He's not very thoughtful. He's not very articulate. He hasn't even really offered an explanation for how killing of all these people helps anything.

"He hasn't even given us something to argue with."

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Body

Greg Barns enters the Celtic dreamland of composer Arnold Bax

On the eve of World War II, the brilliant Russian music scholar, composer and conductor Lazare Saminsky published a long essay on the contemporary music scene and what the future might hold. When it came to English music, Saminsky identified what he called the "diversity and catholicity of the British tonal mind" in four composers: Ralph Vaughan Williams, Arthur Bliss, Eugene Goossens (who would come to Sydney in the 1950s to conduct its orchestra) and Arnold Bax. Of the latter, Saminsky had this to say he is the "Celtic voice in English music". Only 40 years later, The New Grove, Britain's leading music encyclopaedia and chronicler, published Twentieth Century English Masters. It included essays on Vaughan Williams, Edward Elgar, Frederick Delius, Gustav Holst, William Walton, Michael Tippett and Benjamin Britten. Bax didn't rate more than a cursory mention on a couple of pages.

This year represents the fiftieth anniversary of Bax's death. He died in his beloved Ireland on October 3, 1953, one month shy of his seventieth birthday. Since the late 1980s Bax has made something of a comeback in the recording and concert world. The English recording label Chandos began championing his cause in the early 1990s. And now the redoubtable Naxos, the world's fastest-growing recording company, is churning out the chamber and symphonic works of this fascinating composer.

"Fascinating" is an overused word in the arts but in this case it seems appropriate. Arnold Edward Trevor Bax was variously a poet and participant in the Irish literary scene of the first two decades of the 20th century, a traveller to the then remote Ukraine and an opponent of the atonalist movement led by Austrian composer Arnold Schoenberg. A member of the English musical establishment, he became Master of the King's Musick in 1942, and a Knight of the Realm. Bax was comfortably off throughout his life his father was a wealthy barrister and he fell in and out of love or obsession with a number of <u>women</u>, generally younger than he was.

A child of the English bourgeoisie, Bax was born in 1883 into an upper middle-class family. His mother, in particular, doted on him and his older brother Clifford. Indeed, life for Arnold was such that he could afford to pursue his emotional yearnings and youthful intellectual and cultural interests with an unusual degree of personal freedom.

As Bax would later describe it, at the age of 19 the "Celt within me stood revealed". It was 1902 and with Clifford, who was at the time an arts student, Bax set off for Ireland. Earlier that year, he had discovered the poetry of WB Yeats. Clifford had met Yeats on one of his trips to Ireland in the early 1900s and the Bax brothers arrived in Ireland

determined to pursue a deeply spiritual, mystical and intellectual journey in a country remote from the suffocating Edwardian strictures of much of England at the time.

Bax's immersion in Irish tradition and its burgeoning contemporary artistic movements was total. He travelled the country, learning Gaelic and like his modernist peers in eastern and central Europe turning his ear to the folk music of the common people. By 1909, Bax had begun to use the nom de plume Dermot O'Byrne and published a collection of poetry. One of his biographers, Colin Scott-Sutherland, describes the composer's poetry as "marked by a delicate, sometimes bitter, but always haunting beauty . . . the lines are shot through with a sense of wonder at the endless phenomena of natural beauty which for the Celt has an especial meaning".

The 1909 poem "Seafoam and Firelight", for example, is full of that wistful longing to be immersed in the mythical endless phenomena of natural beauty:

No careless mood of the gay

old sun beguiles

The shades that wander there

like midnight snow,

The endless grey sea-sorrow and

the murmuring miles,

The windy riders trampling the

waves that flow

From the sombre west; yet sometimes

still the smiles

Of elder gods must lighten as long ago

The Aran Isles.

Bax wrote poetry often and well. He moved more or less permanently to Dublin in 1911 and this enabled him to deepen his connection with the giants of the contemporary Dublin literary scene Yeats, Maud Gonne and Seamus O'Sullivan. His verse took on an occasional political tone, demonstrating the depth of his passion for the struggles of the times. Bax's response to the events of the Easter Uprising of 1916 was titled "Dublin Ballad", while his poem "The Battle of the Somme" ("War was red hell") is written in a manner redolent of the most poignant of the war poets, Wilfred Owen.

In "Dublin Ballad", the anger that Bax felt towards his native land's treatment of the Irish independence movement is self-evident. It was one of the few times in which Bax engaged directly in a political cause. Unsurprisingly, lines such as "To all true Irishmen on earth / Arrest and death come later or soon " drew the attention of the British government censors.

His literary output also included collections of short stories. Once again, the idiom was dramatic and mystical, emphasising the folk tales and myths of the Irish countryside. One of these stories, The Sisters and the Green Magic, illustrates the richness of Bax's imaginative response to the "otherworldliness" of Celtic culture. It is a tale of two beautiful sisters, Scorcha and Noreen, who love the same man. Scorcha marries the man, who subsequently drowns, and she is left alone and pregnant. Noreen dreams of seagulls and the child is born with the webbed feet of the bird. In describing the dream, Bax writes of the "gorgeous twilight fantasies of the ancient and fatal sea" and of the "savage leagues of hazy rock and heather that rolled away unendingly to the west".

Bax's published literary output ceased in 1924. But his affections for his adopted land never diminished and he spent much of his time there.

It was not only Ireland that fascinated Bax. His journey to the exotic Ukraine in 1910 fired his imagination in equal measure. He had gone there in pursuit of a young Russian girl whom he called "Louya Korolenka" in his memoir Farewell My Youth. While Bax's passion and ardour for Louya eventually petered out, the young composer found himself in a land which, like Ireland, was earthy and sensual. In the words of Scott-Sutherland, Bax was inspired by the "velvety nights, the shimmering forests of silver birch . . . and the languors of the not very remote Orient".

From the Ukraine, Bax went on to St Petersburg and the vastness of the northern sky and landscape made a deep impression on him. In the Russian people, especially the peasantry rather than the inhabitants of the gilded salons, Bax found two "curiously antithetical ideas of beauty: a love of monotony, or endless repetition on the more sombre aspects of Nature; and a love of the most vivid, even violent contrasts of bright colour". But unlike the young Igor Stravinsky, who applied these sensory experiences to superb modernist effect in his ballets such as The Firebird, for Bax Russia reinforced his sense of romantic mysticism.

In the years before his fortieth birthday, Bax fell in and out of love on two significant occasions. As well as the "golden Roussalka" who'd taken him to Russia, he fell for, and in 1911 married, Elsa Sobrino, a woman whose Spanish father and German mother were in Bax's musical circle. But by 1918 he had left her and two children for the young English pianist Harriet Cohen. Bax's affair with Cohen was celebrated and passionate. She was an escape from the dismal struggle of World War I. As Bax described it, she was the "adolescent dream". A number of his friends and colleagues had died in the slaughterhouse of France and for a soul such as Bax's, which often sought escape from reality, Cohen was the right kind of tonic.

But even Cohen was not enough to sustain the composer's restless emotions. In the early 1920s he met Mary Greaves, an English woman 20 years his junior. She was not from the musical world and in her Bax had a mother figure a woman of unerring loyalty and security. However, he did not break off his liaison with Cohen who remained unaware of Greaves until 1948.

As biographer Lewis Foreman has commented, Bax sought in <u>women</u> "an intriguing mixture of child-like, wide-eyed innocence and wanton sexuality". But he also sought to recreate his indulgent mother, who like Greaves would be his hearth and retreat from the demanding public world of a leading composer.

On May 6, 1949, Bax presented a portrait of himself as part of a BBC radio broadcast series entitled "British Composers". It is disarmingly honest and self-effacing. But then Bax was regarded as such by most who encountered him throughout his life. In this "talk" he eloquently set out the influences on his music. Emotional, sensual and intellectual episodes that were so integral a part of his youth and young manhood, particularly his ramblings through rural Ireland, had underpinned his romantic musical style. Bax described himself as an Irishman and recounted that an Irish poet, whom he does not name, had described him as having a "completely Gaelicised mind". It was the love of the Celtic culture that allowed Bax to purge himself, as he put it, of the "alien elements" of Richard Wagner and Richard Strauss, so that he could write "using figures of a definitely Celtic curve".

It was Yeats whom Bax clearly worshipped most. The BBC talk revealed just how in thrall he was to the charismatic poet. It was Yeats who was the "key that opened the gate of the Celtic wonderland and his finger that pointed to the Magic Mountain whence I was to dig nearly all that may be of value in my own art . . . all the days of my life I bless his name". Despite this veneration, Bax never set any of Yeats's poetry to music, in contrast to Benjamin Britten, whose ardour for Wilfred Owen led to the moving War Requiem composed at the beginning of the 1960s. In Bax's view it was sacrilege to tamper with great verse by trying to associate it with another art.

That Bax was a romantic in his musical idiom is without doubt. His tone poems such as Tintagel, In the Garden of Fand and November Woods, all written or commenced during World War I, are escapist and fantastic. Inspired by Celtic legend, there was no sign in this romanticism of the external chaos that was enveloping Europe, or Bax's own life for that matter (his marriage was falling apart). As Lewis Foreman puts it, they are works that "sublimate personal emotion in favour of a musical evocation of nature". Bax used his Celtic dreamland to seek respite from

the war. Writing to a friend who had emigrated to New Zealand, he said in October 1915 that he was inclined to plunge "into a narcotic ocean of creative work".

But Bax was not totally oblivious to the potential of making a political statement or reflecting on the state of the world through the musical form. His In Memoriam for Padraig Pearse, scored for a chamber ensemble, is an eloquent and passionate meditation on the bloody birth of the Irish republic. And as noted by Robert Stradling and Merion Hughes (whose book The English Musical Renaissance 1860-1940 is a pithy and accurate summary of a nation searching for a worthy successor to 17th-century composer Henry Purcell), Bax's 1920 Rhapsody for Viola and Orchestra includes the "triumphal intonement" of the *Irish Republican Army* hymn A Soldier's Tale the political antithesis of a more famous work written by Vaughan Williams at that time, The Lark Ascending.

In fact, it is fair to argue that Bax was not only "a hopeless romantic", as he himself put it, but was also fearful of the convulsions in the cultural world that were occurring in and around the war. He spoke of "all the old values" being "disused". Unlike contemporaries such as Stravinsky or the Hungarian Bela Bartok, for whom the tearing down or dissolution of the old order presented a fecund climate for cultural experimentation and fashioning, Bax saw it as a threat.

If there is any doubt that Bax, generally regarded as a thoroughly decent fellow by his contemporaries, was capable of invective, then his letter to the journal Music and Letters in October 1951 should put this myth to rest. His description of the musical qualities of the modernist Schoenberg is hardly the language one expects from a pillar of the English musical establishment. It was Schoenberg's 1911 composition Three Piano Pieces that turned Bax against this giant of the 20th-century musical and broader cultural scene.

Bax wrote that he "instantly developed an ice-cold antipathy to Schoenberg and his whole musical system" upon hearing this early attempt at atonal composition. For Bax there was little probability that the 12-note scale developed by Schoenberg would produce "anything more than morbid and entirely cerebral growths. It might deal successfully with neuroses of various kinds, but I cannot imagine it associated with any healthy and happy concept such as young love or the coming of spring".

And indeed Bax was true to his word. His seven symphonies are deeply rooted in the Romantic style; Brahmsian structures with Celtic flourishes manifesting in mystical sounds such as those heard in the Second Symphony. There is also more than a hint of another contemporary in Bax's later symphonies Finland's Jean Sibelius. Like Sibelius, Bax used the gestures of surging strings to create a vivid sense of power and the taut melodies of the woodwinds and violins to articulate "austere beauty", as Scott-Sutherland puts it.

Bax's symphonic efforts attracted the big names when it came to conducting premieres. The Boston Symphony's legendary Serge Koussevitzky conducted the Second Symphony on December 13, 1929 and Thomas Beecham and the London Philharmonic Orchestra gave the premiere of the Fifth Symphony, dedicated to Sibelius, on January 15, 1934.

Bax's popularity and his political reticence in comparison with some of his more prominent peers saw him elevated to the prize position of Master of the King's Musick in 1942. That appointment made by a no doubt preoccupied Winston Churchill from the War Cabinet rooms in the bowels of Whitehall came as a genuine surprise to Bax. He had told the musical world in the 1930s that given his age, he wanted to retire "like a grocer". Indeed quite a few critics viewed his appointment with mild astonishment. In the minds of many people Vaughan Williams, who had assumed Elgar's elder statesman role in English music, was a more appropriate man for the job.

During his tenure as Master of the King's Musick an appointment he held until his death in 1953 Bax wrote two film scores: for a 1942 film starring Laurence Olivier, Malta GC; and for the 1948 version of Oliver Twist with the marvellous Alec Guinness as Fagin. Bax did not enjoy either experience. He told Olivier that he did not approve of dialogue taking place while his music was playing in the background.

Unlike Richard Strauss, who lamented the collapse of the Germanic and Austrian cultures from his Alpine retreat during the last years of World War II, Bax spent many of his later years in the English countryside, quietly watching cricket and drinking

in his local Sussex pub.

After Bax's death in Cork, his old friend Vaughan Williams described him as seeming "not to belong to this world but always to be gazing through the magic casements, or wandering in the shy woods and wychwood bowers waiting for the spark from heaven

to fall".

It is this quality that makes Bax so listenable today, and thus the 50-year anniversary of his death worth remembering. Bax's sense of cultural adventure, his preparedness to embrace the Celtic cause and the life he breathed into a Romantic tradition that seemed dead and buried provide ample evidence of a fertile and insightful mind.

Graphic

ILLUS: By Ward O'Neill ILLUS: Bax felt his love of Celtic culture helped him purge himself of the `alien elements' of Wagner and Strauss.

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WORLD AT 1000 GMT:

NEW:

NORTHERN IRELAND. Inspectors carry out first check of IRA arms.

SYRIA-ASSAD. Parliament meets to nominate Bashar Assad for president, set referendum state.

INDIA-KASHMIR. Jammu-Kashmir assembly votes for autonomy.

KUWAIT-REFINERY EXPLOSION. Oil minister resigns over refinery explosion.

SRI LANKA-SHIP ATTACK. Tamil rebels carry out suicide attack on ship, 7 missing.

BRITAIN-HUMAN GENOME. Scientists to announce mapping of human genome.

POLAND-DEMOCRACY CONFERENCE. Foreign ministers gather for conference on promoting democracy.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

TOKYO Despite an ailing economy, Japan chose stability over the unknown in a national election by awarding a majority to the governing coalition. But voters also challenged the status quo by increasing the power of the opposition and <u>women</u> in parliament. JAPAN-ELECTIONS. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Yuri Kageyama. AP Photos TOK103-105.

WITH:

TOKYO The victorious candidates leading the traditional "banzai" cheer following Japan's national election included more <u>women</u> than at any time in the last 44 years. But after the applause died down, some seemed pessimistic about the obstacles they still face in the country's male-dominated political system. JAPAN-ELECTIONS-<u>WOMEN</u>. Has moved. By Cary Schaefer. AP Photos TOK101,102.

HARARE, Zimbabwe The most fiercely contested election in Zimbabwe's history was badly tainted by a pre-election campaign of political violence and threats and could not be considered free and fair, international observers say Monday. ZIMBABWE-ELECTIONS. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Ravi Nessman. AP Photos HAR101-103.

LONDON Two international statesmen appointed to examine IRA weapons announce Monday they have carried out the first inspections and are satisfied the hidden arsenals cannot be used without being detected. NORTHERN IRELAND. Has moved; developments will be expedited. AP Photos LCN101,102; LON102.

JAKARTA, Indonesia Church leaders in the violence-wracked Maluku islands Monday demand that the United Nations take action to stop a fierce and escalating conflict between Muslims and Christians. In the latest fighting, two people were killed and a mosque was burned along with dozens of houses, witnesses say. INDONESIA-VIOLENCE. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Ali Kotarumalos. AP Photos JAK101-103.

WITH:

INDONESIA-WARRING RELIGIONS. There 's little talk of peace in Indonesia's Maluku Islands, but a lot about religion and revenge. AP Photos NY191-192.

RAMALLAH, West Bank Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat discusses prospects of a Mideast summit with a U.S. envoy Monday, a day after telling thousands of supporters that a Palestinian state could be proclaimed within weeks. ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Samar Assad.

DAMASCUS, Syria Parliament on Monday debates and votes on the ruling Baath party's nomination of Bashar Assad for president and sets a date for a referendum. The Baath party controls most of the 250 seats in the rubber-stamp parliament. SYRIA-ASSAD Will be updated after parliament meeting begins, exprected at 1600 GMT. By Hamza Hendawi.

VATICAN CITY The "third secret" of Fatima is no doomsday prophecy as many have feared, the Vatican insists Monday, but rather a message of encouragement that humanity can save itself, including from such apocalyptic scenarios as nuclear disaster. VATICAN-FATIMA. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Frances D'Emilio.

SRINAGAR, India The Jammu-Kashmir state assembly votes Monday to approve a plan to implement autonomy in India's only Muslim majority state, setting up a conflict with the national government. INDIA-KASHMIR. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Qaiser Mirza. AP Photo SRI102.

SUVA, Fiji Hostages released after 37 days in captivity in Fiji say Monday they were treated relatively well but that life inside the parliamentary building where they were held was an emotional teeter-totter of fear and hope. FIJI-UNREST. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Steven Gutkin. AP Photos SUV101-103.

VIEQUES, Puerto Rico The U.S. Navy begins military shelling on Vieques Island even as protesters vow to invade the training range to stop the largest exercise since a fatal accident prompted a yearlong occupation. PUERTO RICO-BOMBING. Has moved. By Manuel Ernesto Rivera. AP Photo VIQ303; SJU102.

WARSAW, Poland Foreign ministers from 100 nations gather here Monday for unprecedented discussions about ways to foster democracy and human rights across the world and to establish a community of democratic nations with a shared set of values. POLAND-DEMOCRACY CONFERENCE. Expected by 1100 GMT.

GENEVA Members of the United Nations have failed in their pledge to lift out of poverty the 3 billion people half the world's population who live on less than dlrs 2 a day, national leaders say Monday. POVERTY SUMMIT. Lead expected by 1200 GMTed. By Alexander G. Higgins. AP Photos GEV101-103.

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka Tamil rebel carry out a suicide attack on a ship carrying food and other items for government troops and civilians in the north Monday, the government and shipping company officials say. Sri Lanka navy boats rescue 21 of the 28 crew members, who abandoned ship. An unspecified number of rebels on the suicide boat aere believed dead. SRI LANKA-SHIP ATTACK. Has moved. By David Ganguly.

LONDON Rival teams of scientists have completed the first rough map of the human genetic code. At press conferences Monday in Britain and the United States, the publicly funded Human Genome Project and the private Celera Genomics Corporation will announce that they have completed the first draft of the "book of life." BRITAIN-

HUMAN GENOME. Has moved. Will be updated with news conferences in London at 1000 GMT and Washington at 1500 GMT.

CHILDERS, Australia Police investigating a suspicious fire that killed 15 young backpackers at a hostel say Monday they have a suicide note possibly signed by a drifter wanted for questioning in the blaze. AUSTRALIA-HOSTEL FIRE. Has moved; developments will be expedited.

KUWAIT Kuwait's oil minister says Monday he had resigned over an explosion that killed four workers a day before at the largest of the country's three oil refineries. KUWAIT-REFINERY EXPLOSION. Has moved. By Diana Elias. AP Photo KUW102.

NEW YORK Philip Morris Companies Inc., which owns Kraft Foods, announces that it has reached an agreement to purchase Nabisco Holdings Corp., the No. 1 cookie and cracker maker in the United States, for dlrs 14.9 billion plus the assumption of dlrs 4 billion in debt. US-PHILIP MORRIS-NABISCO. Has moved. By Eileen Alt Powell.

SEOUL, South Korea U.S.-German auto giant DaimlerChrysler AG will acquire a 10 percent stake in South Korea's leading carmaker Hyundai Motor Co. for dlrs 428 million, both sides said Monday. SKOREA-DAIMLERCHRYSLER-HYUNDAI. Has moved. By Paul Shin. AP Photos SEL101,103.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Tuesday, U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright arrives for talks in Jerusalem with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

FEATURES MOVED:

FEA-US-SPACE STATION SKIPPER. The first international space station commander is on a seemingly endless quest to orbit. AP Photo NY370.

FEA-AUSTRALIA-ABORIGINAL IMAGES. Aborigines get organized to protect art and culture. AP Photos NY360-362.

FEA-MEXICO-THIRSTY CITY. Mexico City thirsts for water and battles floods. AP Photos NY304-306.

With: FEA-BRAZIL-THIRSTY SAO PAULO. South America's biggest metropolis learns to cope with less water. AP Photos NY325-326.

FEA-IVORY COAST-AFRICA'S AGONY. Africa sinks deeper into chaos; wary West keeps its distance. AP Photos NY314-316; Graphic AFRICA CONFLICTS.

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The most fiercely contested election in Zimbabwe's history was badly tainted by a pre-election campaign of political violence and threats and the election process so far could not be considered free and fair, international observers said Monday. At least 30 people were killed and thousands beaten and threatened mainly by ruling party militants in the run up to the two-day parliamentary elections that ended Sunday. Pierre Schori, head of the observer mission, said in an interim assessment of the polls, that the term "free and fair" was not applicable. He said ruling party leaders seemed to sanction the use of violence and intimidation against political opponents and contributed significantly to the climate of fear during the election campaign. (ZIMBABWE-ELECTIONS)

LONDON (AP)

Rival teams of scientists have completed the first rough map of the human genetic code. The publicly funded Human Genome Project and the private Celera Genomics Corp. scheduled press conferences Monday to announce they have decoded the 3.1 billion sub-units of DNA, the chemical "letters" that make up the recipe of human life. The discovery of is seen as one of history's great scientific milestones, the biological equivalent of the

moon landing. Specific sequences of DNA characters form the genes that make us what we are, govern our biological functions and determine our susceptibility to illnesses. Mapping them heralds a new era of genetic-based medicine, enabling doctors to treat the underlying genetic causes of hundreds of human disorders, including heart disease and cancer. (BRITAIN-HUMAN GENOME)

TOKYO (AP)

Despite an ailing economy, Japan chose stability over the unknown in a national election by awarding a majority to the governing coalition. But voters also challenged the status quo by increasing the power of the opposition and **women** in parliament. According to Monday's final tally, the governing coalition held on to a comfortable majority of 271 seats, or 56 percent, of the 480-seat lower house of Parliament, ensuring that its economic policies centered around public spending will continue. The balloting Sunday appeared typical of a nation long accustomed to politics dominated by the same party the conservative Liberal Democrats, credited with orchestrating the nation's dramatic economic development after World War II. (JAPAN ELECTIONS)

LONDON (AP)

Two international statesmen appointed to examine IRA weapons said Monday they have carried out the first inspections and are satisfied the hidden arsenals cannot be used without being detected. Simultaneously, the outlawed *Irish Republican Army* also said the inspections had been carried out. The development, welcomed by the Irish government, was a major step in securing peace in Northern Ireland. The IRA's agreement in May to allow the inspections enabled the Catholic-Protestant power-sharing administration in Northern Ireland to resume work. The two inspectors former Finnish President Martti Ahtisaari and African National Congress veteran Cyril Ramaphosa of South Africa said they would re-inspect the dumps regularly "to ensure that the weapons have remained secure." (NORTHERN IRELAND)

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP)

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat discussed prospects of a Mideast summit with a U.S. envoy Monday, a day after telling thousands of supporters that a Palestinian state could be proclaimed within weeks. Arafat is reluctant to agree to such top-level negotiations on the terms of Palestinian statehood until he has assurances that Israel will hand over more West Bank land, as promised, by early July, and release dozens of Palestinian prisoners. Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, on the other hand, is pushing for a Washington summit to be convened quickly. His government has been weakened by a prolonged coalition crisis and hawkish coalition partners are threatening to bolt over reports of concessions being made to the Palestinians. Barak has also said lower-level negotiators have reached the limits of what they can achieve. (ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS)

WORLD SPORTS AT 1300 GMT:

EURO 2000:

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands For soccer fans, Euro 2000 is quickly exceeding expectations. Thrills and skills have turned hooligan riots into a fading memory. Next up are two dream semifinals.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Euro 2000-Roundup.

By Raf Casert

BRUSSELS, Belgium Luis Figo vs. Zinedine Zidane is a duel to set the pulse racing.

Arguably the two most creative players in European soccer go head-to-head Wednesday when France meets Portugal in the King Baudouin Stadium.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Euro 2000-The Duel. Has moved.

By Paul Ames

KNOKKE-HEIST, Belgium With only two rest days before it meets Portugal, France says it won't have any time to savor its impressive quarterfinal win against Spain.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Euro 2000-France. Expected by 1400 GMT.

By Andreas Evagora

HOENDERLOO, Netherlands Tough as it may be, the Dutch try to forget about their stirring 6-1 win over Yugoslavia. Italy and a more formidable offense is up next.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Euro 2000-Netherlands. To move by 2000 GMT.

By Erica Bulman

GEEL, Belgium With the Netherlands win, Italy is set to face its first world-class squad of the tournament. Italians react Monday to facing Patrick Kluivert and Co. in the semifinals.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Euro 2000-Dutch Win-Italy Reaction. Expected by 1600 GMT

By Jeff Israely

GEEL, Belgium A tale of two attacks.

The Netherlands-Italy semifinal will feature two very different offensive approaches: the Dutch "Clockwork Orange" precision-guided scheme that produced a sparkling six-goal effort against Yugoslavia, and the Italian "Ragtag Blues" that has managed to scrap together exactly two goals in each of its four outings in any way possible.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Euro 2000-Dutch Win-Two Attacks. Expected by 1800 GMT

By Jeff Israely

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands Patrick Kluivert's record four-goal flurry against Yugoslavia was struck from the record books Monday after video reviews showed the referee had attributed the goal to the wrong player.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Euro 2000-Kluivert Goals. Has moved.

By Erica Bulman

KNOKKE-HEIST, Belgium France's Christophe Dugarry suffers a broken nose during Sunday's quarterfinal win over Spain but the injury should not rule him out of Wednesday's semifinal against Portugal, team officials said Monday.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Euro 2000-French Injuries. Has moved.

GEEL, Belgium Injured Italian captain Paolo Maldini will not be able to resume training until Wednesday, making his inclusion in the semifinal match against the Netherlands one day later uncertain.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Euro 2000-Italian Injuries. Has moved.

GEEL, Belgium Two days after being knocked out of Euro 2000, Italy's Antonio Conte said Romanian veteran Gheorghe Hagi "tried to break my leg" in Saturday's quarterfinal.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Euro 2000-Conte-Hagi. Has moved.

PARIS France was jubiliant and relieved Monday following the French national team's tough 2-1 victory over Spain that put "the Blues" into the semifinals.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Euro 2000-French Reaction. Has moved.

MADRID, Spain The front pages in every Spanish daily Monday depicted the same thing the anguish of superstar Raul over a botched penalty kick.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Euro 2000-Spain Reaction. Has moved.

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands The whole nation smiled Monday. And none more than Patrick Kluivert.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Euro 2000-Dutch Reaction. Has moved.

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia - Bitterness and gloom prevailed Monday as newspapers struggled to explain to a shell-shocked nation the pummeling quarterfinal 6-1 loss against the Netherlands which kicked Yugoslavia out of Euro 2000.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Euro 2000-Yugoslav Reaction. Has moved.

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WORLD AT 0700 GMT:

NEW:

UN-EAST TIMOR. Fresh debate over trial for human rights violators in East Timor.

UN-SIERRA LEONE. Despite peace accord, rebels continue human rights abuses.

US-FED-INTEREST RATES. Federal Reserve ready to raise interest rates again.

VIETNAM-COMMUNIST PARTY. Communist party chief lambasts imperialists in speech.

US-RUSSIA. Albright says Russia must do more to block nuclear exports.

MEXICO-UNIVERSITY STRIKE. Mexican university strike erupts in violence; one killed.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

VIENNA, Austria Joerg Haider and his conservative partners on Wednesday meet Austria's president to ask for his approval of a government coalition that would give right-wing nationalists a major role in running a European Union member country for the first time. AUSTRIA-GOVERNMENT. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By George Jahn. AP Photo VIE123.

ALSO MOVED:

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

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire John McCain scores a landslide victory over George W. Bush in the nation's first presidential primary, weakening Bush's drive to be the inevitable Republican nominee. Vice President Al Gore survives a tough challenge from Bill Bradley in the Democrats' primary. US-PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Ron Fournier. AP Photos.

ALSO MOVED:

ANALYSIS-US-NEW HAMPSHIRE. New Hampshire, which loves to rough up presidential front-runners, did its self-appointed duty in the Republican race Tuesday. The landslide victory by Republican John McCain and the slim

Democratic victory by Vice-President Al Gore form a pivot point in a campaign that will soon become a costly national competition. By David Espo.

ALSO MOVED:

US-NEXT UP-DELAWARE. Republicans vie in Delaware as Democrats stay away.

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

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

MOSCOW Russia must do far more to control its export of nuclear technology, U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright says Wednesday. US-RUSSIA. Expected by 0800 GMT. Albright-Putin meeting scheduled to begin at 0800 GMT. By Barry Schweid.

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

BELFAST, Northern Ireland Northern Ireland's joint Protestant-Catholic administration, launched in such high hopes two months ago, is in danger of unraveling over the *Irish Republican Army*'s continued unwillingness to disarm. NORTHERN IRELAND. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photos XBFT104,108,112.

WITH:

NIRELAND-IRA TEXT.

JAKARTA, Indonesia A standoff between Indonesia's president and the military over human rights abuses in East Timor continues Wednesday after the head of state again demands that the powerful security minister Gen. Wiranto quit. INDONESIA-EAST TIMOR. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Geoff Spencer.

UNITED NATIONS Indonesia's new president wants to show that his government can prosecute Indonesians for human rights crimes in East Timor and the U.S. government and U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan are willing to give him a chance. But Amnesty International and U.N. human rights investigators insist that only an international tribunal can bring the perpetrators to justice. UN-EAST TIMOR. Expected by 0800 GMT. By Edith M. Lederer.

ALSO MOVED:

BRITAIN-INDONESIAN PRESIDENT. Indonesian President Abdurrahman Wahid demands the immediate resignation of his security minister, blamed for atrocities in East Timor. AP Photos LMN104-105.

EAST TIMOR-BODIES. U.N. officials find remains of 10 bodies in a burial site they fear may contain up to 60 victims killed by anti-independence militia gangs.

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

ALSO:

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

OXNARD, California The pilots of Alaska Airlines Flight 261 struggled with a sudden control problem for six minutes before the jetliner crashed into the ocean off California with 88 people aboard, U.S. investigators say. US-ALASKA AIRLINES CRASH. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Jeff Wilson. AP Photos AP Photos XPH102, OXN109,112,114; AP Graphic ALASKA FLIGHT PATH2.

ALSO MOVED:

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

US-CRASH-STABILIZER. Crash investigation focuses on airliner's stabilizer.

MEXICO-ALASKA AIRLINES-CRASH. AP Photos PTV102,105.

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast Ivorian officials, acknowledging they aren't able to mount a major salvage operation, say they expect Kenya Airways to find a jetliner that slammed into the Atlantic. IVORY COAST-CRASH. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Tim Sullivan. AP Photos AB107-109, 112.

MEXICO CITY A strike that has shuttered Latin America's largest university for nine months is tinged with blood, when one man is killed and 37 injured in a day-long running battle that pitted radical strikers against campus security and classmates who want to reopen the university. MEXICO-UNIVERSITY STRIKE. Lead expected by 0900 GMT. By Jose Luis Magana. AP Photos MO102-110.

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

HANOI, Vietnam A speech by Communist Party chief Le Kha Phieu on Wednesday, in advance of the 70th anniversary of the ruling party's founding, raises questions about how fast Vietnam will continue the economic reforms launched in the mid-1980s. VIETNAM-COMMUNIST PARTY. Has moved. By Paul Alexander. AP Photos HAN101-103.

WASHINGTON The Federal Reserve is ready to bump up interest rates for a fourth time since June in an effort to rein in the U.S. economy, which has been growing at a breakneck pace, private economists believe. US-FED-INTEREST RATES. Expected by 0800 GMT. Fed announcement expected around 1915 GMT. By Jeannine Aversa.

FRANKFURT, Germany The foundering euro, which has sunk to yet another low, has struck a nerve with Europe's central bankers, suggesting they will prepare markets at Thursday's monthly meeting for an imminent interest rate hike if they don't boost rates then and there. EUROPE-ECONOMY. Has moved. By Hans Greimel.

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

FEATURES:

NEW:

KABUL, Afghanistan The tiny trembling hand of a 5-year-old girl reached from beneath a tattered blue wool shawl to take a blackened piece of carrot from a gnarled old man selling vegetables. They are Afghan refugees in their own capital, driven by fighting to live in squalor in the sprawling war-ruined embassy that was once home to Soviet

diplomats. FEA-AFGHANISTAN-DESPERATE TIMES. Expected by 0800 GMT. By Kathy Gannon. AP Photo NY107.

FEATURES MOVED:

FEA-ITALY-EXPANDING AVIANO. Expansion of Italy base is focus of Pentagon efforts in Europe. AP Photos NY314-317, Graphic ITALY AVIANO.

FEA-CHINA-THIS OLD HOUSE. Big money versus one old house symbolizes losing battle for old Beijing. AP Photos NY107-108.

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MEXICO: RIOT WRAP - APTN is expecting an updated package on ri oting in Mexico City connected to a pay dispute with university

administrative workers. At least one person has died in the vi olence and 30 people were injured. The update will include daytime and night time clashes. (Expected First Run 0715 Asia Pacific Late)

TAIWAN: NEW YEAR - This APTN special report looks at the ho pe and optimism that is being celebrated in Taiwan as the new year - the Year of the Dragon - approaches later in February. The Year of the Dragon holds special significance for Chinese who see the drag on as a symbol of strength and success. (Expected First Run 0715 Asi a Pacific Late)

INDONESIA: CABINET - APTN expects to update the current row be tween Indonesia's President and former Military chief, General Wiran to, with a package from Jakarta that will include comment after a Cabinet meeting at which the issue was discussed. (Expected Fi rst Run 0715 Asia Pacific Late)

INDONESIA: COMMISSION - APTN expects a report on the latest developments concerning the work of an investigating commission studying last year's violence in East Timor. The Commission has already been highly critical of Indonesian military action during the violence. (Expected First Run 0715 Asia Pacific Late)

RUNNING:

MEXICO: RIOTS - APTN has dramatic material of riots outside Me xico's biggest university campus. At least one person is dead and ano ther 30 have been injured in the riots which have broken out amid o ngoing strike action by university administrative workers demanding a pay rise. (First Run 0200 Europe Overnight)

AUSTRIA: WRAP - This package combines the various elements concerning Tuesday night's declaration that Austria's conserva tive People's Party planned to form a coalition with the extreme ri ght wing Freedom Party of Joerg Haider. It will include E-U reacti on to the possibility of such a coalition, comment from the potentia I coalition partners, Wolfgang Schuessel of the People's Party a nd Freedom Party leader, Joerg Haider. It also includes night tim e demonstrations by students opposed to Haider's coalition plans and reaction from an Auschwitz survivor. (First Run 0200 Europe Overnight)

US: DEMOCRATS - APTN has coverage of the Vice President Al Gor e and his rival Democratic Presidential candidate, Bill Bradley, commenting after the results of the New Hampshire Primary vote which was won by Gore. The result strengthens Gore's place to win the Democratic Party's nomination, although Gore paid tribute to t he

strong race Bradley has put up. (First Run 0400 Europe Early)

US: REPUBLICANS - APTN has reaction to the Republican New H ampshire
Presidential Primary vote from Senator John McCain, who has be aten
Texas Governor George W. Bush in this first run-off for the
Republican presidential nomination. The report includes commen t from
Bush. (First Run 0400 Europe Early)

CUBA: GRANDMOTHERS - APTN has material from a Cuban television panel discussion with the two grandmothers of Cuban boy, Elian Gonza lez, talking about their recent trip to America to try to U-S autho rities to return the boy to Cuba. (First Run 0200 Europe Overnight)

US: CRASH 5 - APTN has latest elements in the aftermath of the Alaska Airlines Flight 261 crash off the California coast. The material includes a news conference in Los Angeles with fresh information about the rescue and recovery efforts. (First Run 0400 Europe Early)

CHECHNYA: GROZNY 2 - As fighting continues in Grozny, Chechen rebels

claim that their forces had made an orderly tactical withdrawa I from the city. However Russia's official spokesman for Chechnya cla imed otherwise - that Russian troops were still engaged in intense fighting and had encircled rebels trying to leave. (Expected F irst Run 0200 Europe Overnight - Part No Access Russia)

UK: WAHID 2 - This APTN package has comment from the Indonesia n
President visiting the UK saying he will remove former militar y
chief General Wiranto from power if Wiranto refuses to resign over
criticism of the Indonesian military's involvement in violence in
East Timor. (First Run 0020 Australia/NZ F-L-A-S-H)

PAKISTAN: TALIBAN - This package shows the President of the ru ling
Taliban movement, Mullah Mohammed Rabbani in Afghanistan meeti ng
with the Chief Executive of Pakistan, General Pervez Musharraf. The
meeting took place on the second day of Rabbani's official vis it to
Pakistan. Pakistan, one of the only three countries that recog nize
the Taliban government, is among the Taliban's few allies. (Fi rst
Run 0200 Europe Overnight)

NIRELAND: WRAP3 - Commenting on the crisis in Northern Ireland which could lead to the collapse of the power-sharing executive will be Northern Ireland Secretary Peter Mandelson. This package wraps with earlier comments by Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams and Northern Ireland First Minister, David Trimble. (First Run 1900 Lati n America)

UK: INDONESIA 2 - President Wahid of Indonesia flew into Brita in on Tuesday amid confusion over the future of General Wiranto, the security minister implicated in war crimes in East Timor. Before

leaving for London, Wahid called for the general to resign. Wi ranto has refused to go. Now Indonesia's foreign minister, who's travelling with Wahid, says Wiranto ISN'T being dismissed. (Fi rst run Asia Pacific Early 1945)

MIDEAST: WRAP 3 - This includes the latest pictures from South ern Lebanon, where Israel has launched a fresh attack on the Islam ic militant group Hezbollah. This follows the killing of three Israeli soldiers in Northern Israel. Also included in the wrap will be footage from earlier packages, including the Israeli Prime Min ister, Ehud Barak visiting the relatives of one of the dead soldiers, and a protest urging the Israeli government to move out of Southern Lebanon before the July target date. (First Run 1900 Latin America)

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WORLD AT 1100 GMT:

NEW:

INDONESIA-ACEH. Wahid invites parliament to debate referendum for Aceh.

TURKEY-CITY OF INTRIGUES. Istanbul a centuries-old center of spies, secrets.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

ISTANBUL, Turkey Russian President Boris Yeltsin tells world leaders Thursday to halt criticism of his military's drive into Chechnya, saying Moscow is taking legitimate action to stop international terrorism. EUROPE-SUMMIT. Lead has moved. By Paul Ames. AP Photos XIST101-106.

ALSO:

CLINTON-YELTSIN. President Bill Clinton warns Yeltsin on Thursday against feeding an "endless cycle of violence" in Chechnya. Lead has moved. XJD101-103

SLEPTSOVSKAYA, Russia The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees tours camps Thursday teeming with Chechens who have fled from the war, while Russian aircraft and artillery pound away at suspected rebel targets. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Lead has moved. By Yuri Bagrov.

ALSO MOVED:

RUSSIA-CHECHNYA-POLL. Two-thirds of Russians support Moscow's campaign in Chechnya.

ISTANBUL, TURKEY Istanbul, a city that straddles Europe and Asia, has long been the site of spies and secret talks. TURKEY-CITY OF INTRIGUES. Has moved. By Harmonie Toros.

ALSO MOVED:

TURKEY-CASPIAN-PIPELINE. Turkey ready to sign U.S.-backed oil deal that bypasses Russia, Iran. Lead has moved. Signing scheduled at 1400 GMT.

TURKEY-MRS. CLINTON. Hilary, Chelsea Clinton tour ancient cities in southern Turkey.

WASHINGTON A team of government safety experts, hired translators, and Egyptian, FBI and manufacturer representatives is trying to precisely transcribe EgyptAir 990's cockpit voice recorder tape. US-EGYPTAIR CRASH. Lead has moved. By Michael J. Sniffen. AP Photo NY108.

BOSTON No matter what or who is ultimately found responsible for the fatal plunge of EgyptAir Flight 990, legal experts say the airline itself will be blamed in lawsuits filed by relatives of the victims. US-EGYPTAIR-LIABILITY. Upcoming. By Robin Estrin.

ALSO MOVED:

US-FLIGHT RECORDERS.

EGYPT-CO-PILOT. AP Photos CAI101-107.

EGYPT-EGYPTAIR CRASH.

JAKARTA, Indonesia Indonesia's president defends his controversial plan to allow a referendum on the future of strife-torn Aceh province and calls on legislators Thursday to debate whether it should go ahead. INDONESIA-ACEH. By Ali Kotarumalos. Has moved. AP Photo JAK101-106.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland American diplomat George Mitchell, capping a three-month mission to save Northern Ireland's peace accord, presents his conclusions to local political leaders following a crucial signal that the <u>Irish</u> <u>Republican Army</u> may disarm. NORTHERN IRELAND. Lead expected by 1200 GMT. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photos XBFT101-106.

KARACHI, Pakistan Security is tight Thursday around the courthouse in this southern port city where deposed Premier Nawaz Sharif was expected to be formally charged with treason and hijacking. PAKISTAN-SHARIF ARRESTED. Developing. KAR101-103

DUZCE, Turkey Sefa Cebeci survived more than four days, buried in a mountain of concrete crumbled so fine it looked like a dough-maker had punched it into powder. At least 619 people died in Turkey's latest quake. TURKEY-QUAKE. Lead has moved. By Frances D'Emilio.

THE VALLEY, Anguilla Hurricane Lenny looms threateningly off a string of Dutch and British Caribbean islands Thursday after slamming its 150-mph (240-kph) winds against St. Croix. HURRICANE LENNY. Has moved. By Wycliffe Richardson.

JERUSALEM The pope will have to tread carefully when he makes his millennial visit to the Holy Land in 2000 particularly in Jerusalem where hosts Israel and the Palestinians have competing claims to the land. HOLY LAND-POPE. Has moved. By Sari Bashi.

CAPE TOWN, South Africa The Cabinet approves stringent new gun control legislation Thursday to rein in tens of thousands of heavily armed criminals. Opponents of the law say it will hamper citizens' efforts to protect themselves against rampant crime. SOUTH AFRICA-GUN CONTROL. Expected by 1200 GMT. By Mike Cohen.

ALSO:

SOUTH AFRICA-KIDNAPPED COACH. A soccer coach from Brazil says he is ready to "throw in the towel" after being kidnapped by two men and prevented from coaching his team during a game. Has moved.

SPRINGFIELD, Massachusetts Waves of fireballs brightened the skies like lightning as the much-heralded Leonid meteor shower swelled into the heaviest storm of shooting stars in 33 years. US-METEOR-SHOWER ROUNDUP. Has moved. By Jeff Donn. AP Photos UMA102, PTM101, ALHUT101, MY101.

PARIS - This century's final vintage of Beaujolais Nouveau wine goes on sale on Thursday but there are signs that the cheeky young wine is losing some of its pulling power. FRANCE-BEAUJOLAIS BUST. Expectable by 1500 GMT. By Marilyn August.

LOS ANGELES As a growing number of Americans seek Eastern medicines for chronic ailments, more and more Western doctors are heading back to the classroom to learn acupuncture and Eastern theories on health. MED-US-Alternative Medicine. Has moved. By Dara Akiko Williams. AP Photos LA110-113.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Saturday, U.S. President Bill Clinton travels to Athens for a visit that was delayed by violent anti-American protests.

FEATURES:

HAVE MOVED:

FEA-MALAYSIA-ELECTION-CYBER CAMPAIGN, AP Photo KL101.

FEA-ECUADOR-VOLCANOES. AP Photo QTO101.

US-VIRTUAL TAILOR. AP Photo NY394- NY395.

SCI-NKOREA-TREES.

SCI-US-TERMINATOR SEEDS.

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ork, telephone (1) 212-621-1650, fax (1) 212-621-5449.

A combative Boris Yeltsin took on Western leaders Thursday over Chechnya, warning them not to interfere in what he called Russia's fight against international terrorism in the breakaway republic. "You have no right to criticize Russia for Chechnya," Yeltsin told the other 53 leaders at the summit. "We are obliged to put an end to the spread of the cancer of terrorism." Asserting that Islamic extremists were preparing "thousands of mercenaries" to spread terrorism beyond Russia's borders, Yeltsin brushed aside Western demands he negotiate with Chechen leaders. In a conciliatory response, U.S. President Bill Clinton said he understood Russia's need to combat terrorism but warned Yeltsin that the suffering of civilians risked driving Chechens into the arms of the radicals. (EUROPE-SUMMIT)

CAIRO, Egypt (AP)

EgyptAir sent more experts to Washington Thursday to review the cockpit voice recorder tape of its Flight 990, and newspapers accused U.S. investigators of making false claims. The pro-government Al-Akhbar daily said Jim Hall, chairman of the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board, was trying to blame the Oct. 31 crash on the plane's crew. Egypt is angry about reports that a decision delayed by Egyptian concern to transfer the case from the NTSB to the FBI was prompted by religious utterances attributed to a relief co-pilot. Hall said Tuesday no sign of mechanical malfunction has been identified in the crash of the Boeing 767. Egypt, questioning the need to turn over the probe to the FBI, has dispatched new investigators to review the voice recorder. (EGYPT-EGYPTAIR-CRASH)

THE VALLEY, Anguilla (AP)

Hurricane Lenny loomed off a string of Dutch and British Caribbean islands Thursday after slamming its 150-mph (240-kph) winds against St. Croix, where it flung boats onto the beach, flooded roads and homes, and tore away a pier. The late-season storm has killed at least four people from Colombia to Dutch St. Maarten in the northeast Caribbean. The hurricane was unlikely to strike the mainland United States, said meteorologist Stacy Stewart at the

National Hurricane Center in Miami. He cautioned, however, that Lenny still could bring heavy surf capable of eroding beaches in Florida. (HURRICANE LENNY)

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP)

Security was tight Thursday outside a special anti-terrorist court in this southern port city where deposed Premier Nawaz Sharif was expected to be formally charged with treason and hijacking. Sharif, who has not been seen in public since his government was overthrown by the army on Oct. 12, is expected to appear in court on Friday when the charges against him will be read out. Authorities had earlier refused to say when Sharif would appear in court. The army lodged an official police complaint - the first step in Pakistan's legal process nearly two weeks ago accusing Sharif and seven others of hijacking and treason. The charges against Sharif stem from an Oct. 12 incident in which a passenger aircraft returning Army Chief Gen. Pervez Musharraf to Pakistan was denied permission to land in Karachi. (PAKISTAN-SHARIF ARRESTED)

SPRINGFIELD, Massachusetts (AP)

Waves of fireballs brightened the skies like lightning Wednesday night over the sands of Arabia as the much-heralded Leonid meteor shower swelled into the heaviest storm of shooting stars in 33 years. Around the world, astronomers and amateur stargazers stared upward from dark fields, beaches, and mountaintops. The storm, which could be the most intense for decades to come, was probably the most studied in history. The annual shower reached a height of intensity, raining down a storm of shooting stars at a rate of about 1,700 per hour. It trailed off to about 450 per hour within 90 minutes. Many astronomers consider 1,000 as the threshold for upgrading a shower into a true storm.

METEOR-SHOWER ROUNDUP)

WORLD SPORTS AT 1330 GMT

SOCCER:

LONDON Kevin Keegan's first defeat as England soccer coach still meant qualification for the European Championship by the back door of a playoff. Now his team joins other European powerhouse teams in the finals along with the 125/1 shot Slovenia.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Euro 2000. Expected by 1600 GMT.

By Robert Millward.

With:

ROME Sports-Soccer-Italian Preview. Expected by 1500 GMT.

By Howard Fendrich.

LONDON The last time Nwankwo Kanu and Juninho competed on a soccer field was a memorable semifinal between Nigeria and Brazil at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta. Now they face each other again as Arsenal hosts Middlesbrough in the Premier League.

Slug Sports-Soccer-British Preview. Expected by 1600 GMT.

By Robert Millward.

Madrid, Spain Real Madrid hosts Real Sociedad in Spanish soccer league Sunday with the superteam under the orders of new coach Vicente del Bosque. John Toshack was fired this week for failing to end the club's chronic state of crisis.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Spanish Preview expected by 1730 GMT.

By Mar Roman.

Also:

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa Sports-Soccer-South Africa-Kidnapped Coach. Has moved.

ATHLETICS:

MONTE CARLO, Monaco Track and field chiefs meet for the first time since the death of Primo Nebiolo to decide how to elect a new IAAF president.

Slug Sports-Athletics-IAAF Future. Expected by 2000 GMT.

By Andreas Evagora.

TENNIS:

NEW YORK Third-seeded Venus Williams narrowly escapes with a 6-2, 5-7, 6-4 victory over the wily Conchita Martinez.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Chase Championships. Has moved.

By Bob Greene.

ALSO:

NEW YORK Sports-Tennis-Chase-Mauresmo. Has moved.

HARTFORD, Connecticut Mahesh Bhupathi and Leander Paes of India, the top-ranked doubles team in the world, defeat South African Piet Norval and Zimbabwe's Kevin Ullyett 7-6 (7-1), 6-3 in the Phoenix ATP Tour World Doubles Championship.

Slug Sports-Tennis-ATP World Doubles. Has moved.

ALSO:

PATTAYA, Thailand Sports-Tennis-Volvo Women's Open. Expected by 1700 GMT.

GOLF:

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia Japan, led by Mamoru Osanai's 65, takes a four-stroke lead into the second round of golf's World Cup on Friday, while the Tiger Woods-led U.S. team stands third.

Slug Sports-Golf-World Cup. Has moved. Lead expected by 0200 GMT. By Phil Brown.

ALSO:

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia Sports-Golf-World Cup-Penalty. Has moved.

ADELAIDE, Australia Sports-Golf-Australia-Ford Open. Has moved.

MIYAZAKI, Japan Sports-Golf-Dunlop Phoenix. Has moved.

FIGURE SKATING:

PARIS Russia's individual world champions, Alexei Yagudin and Maria Butyrskaya, head the field at the Lalique Trophy figure skating competition, the fourth event of the Grand Prix series.

Slug Sports-Figure Skating-Lalique. Expected by 1600 GMT.

By Salvatore Zanca.

CRICKET:

HOBART, Australia Australian paceman Glenn McGrath leads a strong bowling assault as the hosts dismissed Pakistan for 222 on the opening day of the second test at Bellerive Oval.

Slug Sports-Cricket-Australia-Pakistan. Has moved.

By Ihithisham Kamardeen.

ALSO:

BULAWAYO, Zimbabwe Sports-Cricket-Zimbabwe-Sri Lanka. Has moved; will be updated.

OLYMPICS:

SYDNEY, Australia Sydney Olympic chiefs admits more budget cuts are likely after revealing a new financial review is under way.

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

By Tony Harper.

SAILING:

AUCKLAND, New Zealand Wins to America True and Stars and Stripes on Thursday cemented their positions as surprise contenders in the challenger series for sailing's America's Cup.

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

BASEBALL:

HAVANA Hugo Chavez has been stealing moments between meetings at the Ibero-American summit and staying up late working on a secret new pitch to use against Fidel Castro's team. The 45-year-old Venezuelan president will start for his country Thursday in a game against a Cuban team managed by Castro.

Slug Sports-Baseball Summit. Has moved; will be led.

By John Rice.

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.

UNDATED Mike Tyson is about as welcome in Las Vegas these days as a card counter at black jack, but the man's got to make a living, so he'll leave the country. Don't be surprised when Tyson fights again on Jan. 15 if it's in Cardiff, Wales, with outside chance at Cologne, Germany.

Slug Sports-Boxing-Tyson-Europe.

By Ed Schuyler Jr.

ALSO:

SALT LAKE CITY Sports-Basketball-NBA Roundup. Has moved.

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

FUKUOKA, Japan Sports-Sumo Roundup. Has moved.

BEAVER CREEK, Colorado Sports-Skiing-World Cup-No Snow. Has moved.

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RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Russia to cut off Grozny supply routes.

SPAIN-BASQUE PEACE. Separatists end cease-fire.

ASEAN-EAST ASIA. China, South Korea, Japan hold talks.

WORLD TRADE-CZECH-BEER. Beer dispute coming to head.

NAMIBIA-ELECTION. Ruling party seen returning to power.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

GROZNY, Russia Russian planes have bombed a main supply route to the Chechen capital Grozny, as troops moved to tighten their blockade of the city shattered by days of fierce Russian strikes, the military says Sunday.

RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Lead has moved. By Ruslan Musayev.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland Britain's top official in Northern Ireland says Sinn Fein can and must get the <u>Irish</u> <u>Republican Army</u>, its political ally, to disarm. NORTHERN IRELAND. Story to move after Sinn Fein interview scheduled about 1230 GMT. By Shawn Pogatchnik

MADRID, Spain The Basque separatist group ETA announces an end to a 14-month cease-fire on Sunday and says the armed struggle for an independent homeland would resume, news reports say. SPAIN-BASQUE PEACE. Has moved.

MANILA, Philippines The Association of Southeast Asian Nations vows to speed up trade liberalization and to tackle problems such as prickly security issues by creating a troika of high-level officials that would consult between annual summits. ASEAN. By Kevin Costelloe. Has moved. ASEAN101-105, 108-109, 118.

ALSO MOVED:

ASEAN-EAST ASIA. China, South Korea, Japan hold ground-breaking talks. Has moved. By Mari Yamaguchi. TOK222.

UNDATED In his first dispatch since he was gravely wounded in Sierra Leone, AP correspondent Ian Stewart tells of losing his best friend, and nearly his life, covering a story few Americans cared about. WHAT PRICE THE NEWS? Also moved in advance. 2,700 words. AP Photos NYNY332-339 of Nov. 22.

UNDATED The choices for ringing in this New Year are as endless as the ringing itself. From mountaintops to ocean floors the world will go a bit mad on Dec. 31, 1999, celebrating a madcap nonevent. MILLENNIUM BASHES. Upcoming. By Helen O'Neill. AP Photos NY326-331, Graphic MILLENNIUM BASHES.

HONG KONG Democracy activists stage a small protest as polling gets underway in Hong Kong's first local election since reverting to Chinese rule more than two years ago. HONG KONG-ELECTION. Lead has moved; voting ends at 1400 GMT, first results available around 1700 GMT. By Priscilla Cheung. HK101-103.

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay Uruguayans choose Sunday between a Socialist doctor and a right-of-center lawyer in presidential elections. URUGUAY ELECTIONS. Polls open 1100 GMT to 1930 GMT; first results expected 0100 GMT Monday. By Bill Cormier.

BISSAU, Guinea-Bissau Troubled by grinding poverty and an unstable military, the people Guinea-Bissau vote Sunday in presidential and legislative elections. GUINEA-BISSAU-ELECTIONS. Lead expected by 1200 GMT; polls opened at 0800 GMT and will close at 1900 GMT. By Glenn McKenzie.

ROME Italy's center-left government faces a key election test in Bologna, where a strong conservative parliamentary candidate threatens to conquer the leftist bastion of Italy. ITALY-ELECTIONS. Expected by 1600 GMT; first result projections not expected until about 2200 GMT.

NAZARETH, Israel When Israel and the Palestinians tangled this week over a mosque to be built near a major Christian shrine in Nazareth, the town of Jesus' boyhood, both already had their sights set on another holy city Jerusalem. MIDEAST-PIETY AND POLITICS. Upcoming. By Karin Laub.

PRAGUE, Czech Republic A dispute over what beers can be called "pilsners" or "Budweiser" may be coming to a head at the upcoming round of World Trade Organization talks next week in Seattle. WORLD TRADE-CZECH-BEER. Upcoming. By Ondrej Hejma.

WINDHOEK, Namibia The ruling South West African People's Organization wraps up its election campaign, virtually assured of returning to power for a third five-year term. NAMIBIA-ELECTION. Expected by 1400 GMT. By Mike Cohen

LOOKING AHEAD: On Monday, Malaysia holds general elections. On Tuesday, World Trade Organization ministers open conference in Seattle, Washington.

FEATURES:

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa Instead of riding off into the sunset after leaving the presidency this year, Nelson Mandela is on the world stage, trying to solve the protracted problems of the Middle East and two African conflicts. FEA-SOUTH AFRICA-MANDELA THE PEACEMAKER? Upcoming. By Andrew Selsky. AP Photo NY117.

LIMA, Peru The race to unseat Peru's iron-fisted president, Alberto Fujimori, in next April's elections is turning into a bruising gantlet for opposition candidates. FEA-PERU-CAMPAIGN GAUNTLET. Upcoming. By Monte Hayes. AP Photos NY115-116

DHAKA, Bangladesh FEA-BANGLADESH-STEALING <u>WOMEN</u>. Thousands of <u>women</u> smuggled illegally. Has moved. By Parveen Ahmed. DHA101.

Arts and Entertainment Features:

ARTS-JAMAICA-FLEMING'S JAMAICA. AP Photos KIN101-102

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elephone (1) 212-621-1650, fax (1) 212-621-5449.

Russian planes have bombed a main supply route to the Chechen capital Grozny, as troops moved to tighten their blockade of the city shattered by days of fierce Russian strikes, the military said Sunday. The raids went on while Russian planes and artillery relentlessly pounded Grozny for days. The strikes left more than 260 people dead, Grozny Mayor Lecha Dudayev said Saturday, citing survivors' accounts. He said that the actual death toll was likely to be at least twice that number. The Russian military denied that civilians had been killed, saying the strikes targeted facilities used by Islamic militants. Still, the Russian military conceded that hardly any residences remained intact in Grozny after the assault that has gone on since Thursday. Even if buildings have not collapsed, their roofs have been torn off, and windows and doors shattered. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA.

MADRID, Spain (AP)

The Basque separatist group ETA announced an end to a 14-month cease-fire on Sunday and said its armed struggle for an independent homeland would resume, news reports said. The statement published in the Basque newspaper Gara apparently dashed hopes for peace in this northern Spanish region. ETA set Dec. 3 as the date to officially end the truce it has been observing since Sept. 18 last year, National Spanish Radio reported. ETA described the move as "the decision to reactivate the armed struggle" for its goal of a separate Basque nation centered in northern Spain and spilling into southern France, the radio said. The group is blamed for nearly 800 deaths from bombings and shootings carried out since 1968. SPAIN-BASQUE-PEACE.

HONG KONG (AP)

Democracy activists staged a small protest Sunday as polling got underway in Hong Kong's first local elections since reverting to Chinese rule more than two years ago. Under heavy police security, about a dozen protesters chanted slogans opposing a system that allows Chief Executive Tung Chee-hwa to appoint about one in five representatives on Hong Kong's District Councils. Tung, handpicked by Beijing, is seen as representing China's view in this former British colony. District Council members concern themselves mainly with mundane, local matters. Still, the vote was seen as a test of how political factions are faring in an era of rapid change that began with the 1997 handover. Some 722 candidates were contesting 314 seats on Hong Kong's 18 District Councils. HONG KONG ELECTION.

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MANILA, Philippines (AP)

The leaders of China, South Korea and Japan held a ground-breaking meeting Sunday but limited their talks primarily to economic development and stayed away from the sensitive security issues dogging the region. It was the first time that heads of government from the East Asian nations met as a trio after decades of distrust caused by the Cold War and lingering dangers on the Korean peninsula. Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji, Japanese Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi and South Korean President Kim Dae-jung avoided military topics, including the looming dangers posed by North Korea. That was due in part to Chinese unwillingness to tackle such issues, along with Beijing's displeasure over Japan's plans to develop a missile defense system. The trio met before joining the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations, which was holding its annual summit Sunday. ASEAN-EAST ASIA.

BISSAU, Guinea-Bissau (AP)

Overshadowed by the grievances of a penniless and volatile military, Guinea-Bissau votes Sunday for a civilian government seen as a last hope for a nation suffering the aftermath of two ruinous wars within a generation. Officials said they expected a high turnout for presidential and legislative elections in this tiny, impoverished West African country whose former president, Joao Bernardo Vieira, was deposed in May following an 11-month rebellion that left more than 2,000 killed. Many of the country's 525,000 registered voters are expected to turn in ballots Sunday, though most do not show much enthusiasm for the process. The government has closed the nation's borders and appealed for calm ahead of the vote, which is being overseen by some 100 international and 1,700 local observers. GUINEA-BISSAU

LECTIONS.

WORLD AT 1830 GMT:

NEW:

RUSSIA-SOLDIERS' ASSAULT. Rampage highlights challenges in Chechnya.

WORLD TRADE. WTO under attack on human rights.

ISRAEL-IMMIGRANTS. Ministers clash over immigrants.

US-PANDA DIES. National Zoo's giant panda dies.

NORWAY-FERRY SINKING. Searchers find wreckage of sunken ferry.

BRITAIN-SWORD ATTACK. Naked man attacks church.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

SLEPTSOVSKAYA, Russia A soldiers' assault embarrasses military and underlines how difficult it will be for Russia to win the hearts and minds of the separatist-minded Chechens, after centuries of mutual hostility. RUSSIA-SOLDIERS' ASSAULT. Expected by 2000 GMT. By Yuri Bagrov. AP Photo NY191.

With:

GROZNY, Russia Russian planes bomb a main supply route to Grozny, as troops moved to tighten their blockade of the Chechen capital, the military says Sunday. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Lead has moved. By Ruslan Musayev. MOSB103-107.

SEATTLE The World Trade Organization, getting ready to put on the largest trade event ever held in the United States, is attacked by union opponents for putting "corporate greed" above human rights. WORLD TRADE. Expected by 2100 GMT. Martin Crutsinger.

ALSO MOVED:

WORLD TRADE-CZECH-BEER. Dispute over beer coming to head.

MANILA, Philippines The Association of Southeast Asian Nations vows Sunday to speed up trade liberalization. ASEAN. Lead has moved. By Kevin Costelloe. ASEAN101-105,108-109,118.

ALSO MOVED:

ASEAN-INDONESIA-ACEH. Wahid says there will be no referendum on Aceh independence.

ASEAN-EAST ASIA. China, South Korea, Japan hold ground-breaking talks. By Mari Yamaguchi. TOK222.

ASEAN-INDONESIAN PRESIDENT. Indonesian president says too soon to say country's economic crisis over. TOK230, TOK233, ASEAN131-132.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland On the eve of forming a long-elusive new government for Northern Ireland, Britain's senior official in the province says Sunday he trusts Sinn Fein leaders to deliver a speedy IRA disarmament. NORTHERN IRELAND. Lead has moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik. LON102-103.

TEL AVIV, Israel Some who fought for the release of Jews from the Soviet Union now want Israel to restrict their immigration a move that angers the prime minister Sunday. ISRAEL-IMMIGRANTS. Has moved. By Mark Lavie.

ALSO MOVED:

MIDEAST-PIETY AND POLITICS. Israel, Palestinians set sights on Jerusalem in wrangle over Nazareth mosque. NY190.

ISRAEL-TROUBLED NAZARETH. Israel defends itself against Vatican criticism in Nazareth dispute.

ISRAEL-SETTLERS. Jewish settlers move to establish new neighborhood in tense city of Hebron.

MADRID, Spain Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar vows Sunday to achieve peace in the northern region, despite a decision by ETA Basque separatists to resume their armed struggle. SPAIN-BASQUE PEACE. Lead has moved. Jo Tuckman. XMAD101-102; MAD103-106,203.

WASHINGTON Kidney disease claims Hsing-Hsing, a giant panda gifted in 1972 by China to the National Zoo, at age 28. US-PANDA DIES. Lead developing from 1900 GMT news conference. By Jim Abrams. NY119.

HONG KONG Many voters stay home Sunday as Hong Kong held its first local elections under Chinese rule, saying the councils do not represent them. HONG KONG-ELECTION. Lead has moved. By Priscilla Cheung. HK101-103.

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay Uruguayans vote Sunday for a president, choosing between a ruling party candidate and a socialist challenger. URUGUAY ELECTIONS. Lead has moved; Polls close at 2230 GMT; first results expected 0300 GMT Monday. By Bill Cormier. MVD103-115.

BISSAU, Guinea-Bissau Scattered rioting and long delays blemish elections Sunday to restore civilian rule in Guinea-Bissau. GUINEA-BISSAU-ELECTIONS. Lead has moved; polls close at 1900 GMT; Results expected Tuesday. By Glenn McKenzie.

ROME Scattered by-elections in Italy Sunday have shaped up as a litmus test of Premier Massimo D'Alema's staying power. ITALY-ELECTIONS. Has moved; first result projections not expected until about 2200 GMT. By Frances D'Emilio. BOL101.

OSLO, Norway A remote-controlled submarine on Sunday locates and photographs the wreckage of the passenger ferry that ran aground in the North Sea and sank, killing at least 19 people. NORWAY-FERRY SINKING. Lead has moved. By Doug Mellgren.

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Charles F. Feeney, the Irish-American business entrepreneur, shook up the non-profit world when he acknowledged in 1997 that he had secretly given away some \$ 600-million and planned to give away another \$ 3.5-billion.

Two years later, his 31-year-old daughter, Diane, is shaking up philanthropy -- through her own unconventional grant making as well as her aggressive efforts to persuade foundations to give away more money.

Since 1995, Diane (pronounced dee-ann) V. Feeney has headed the French American Charitable Trust, a \$ 40-million foundation created by her father. The trust, which operates out of offices here, has an ambitious mission: to make American society more egalitarian and to support activists in France who want to help disenfranchised people there by protesting French government policies. This year the foundation plans to spend \$ 3.5-million. Most of its grants will go to grassroots groups -- like Justice, Economic Dignity & Independence for <u>Women</u>, in Salt Lake City, and the Farmworkers Institute for Education and Leadership Development, in Tucson, Ariz. -- that fight for social change.

Until recently, Ms. Feeney had kept a low profile. She says she did so out of "respect for my father."

Mr. Feeney, who co-founded Duty Free Shoppers Group, talked to the press about his giving when a lawsuit over the sale of the company would have revealed that he had transferred his holdings in it to his philanthropies. He had previously been adamant about keeping his identity a secret -- and continues to require that his grantees promise never to reveal their benefactor's name.

But now, Ms. Feeney says, she feels an obligation to speak out and to press grant makers to improve their performance.

Ms. Feeney chairs a new campaign that is encouraging foundations to increase by one percentage point the share of assets they give away each year and to dedicate those dollars to social-change groups. The campaign, called "The Payout Initiative: 1% More for Democracy," is run by the National Network of Grantmakers, which represents foundations and donors that support progressive causes.

"Good grant making includes being responsive to grantees, and being responsive now," she says. "If you're in the business of grant making, you should be giving away as much as you can."

The drive is raising more than just eyebrows among foundation leaders, some of whom fear that any effort to call attention to the amount that grant makers distribute will lead Congress to tighten the rules on foundation giving.

Now, foundations are legally required to distribute at least 5 per cent of their assets, on average, each year. If foundations have to give away much more annually, say some grant makers, they will eventually have no money left to support charity.

While Ms. Feeney had not been in the public spotlight until the payout campaign, she got her start in the non-profit world by working with an organization known for its ability to attract attention through daredevil stunts: Greenpeace.

After graduating in 1990 from Cornell University -- her father's alma mater -- she began writing for the environmental organization's magazine and working on its campaign to preserve Antarctica.

She quit in 1993 to pursue a graduate degree in philosophy and social policy because, she says, she was "looking for some ideas on how to approach this issue of poverty and oppression in our society, and how do you explain it?" But she soon realized that she was not interested in the academic explanations of how public policies harmed or helped the poor, but instead in finding ways to help poor people learn how to influence those policies.

One way to channel those interests, she decided, was through her family's philanthropy. Her father had set up the French American Charitable Trust in 1990 to allow Diane, her four siblings, and her mother to support causes they cared about. The fund was named to honor Mr. Feeney's American nationality and the French background of his first wife, Danielle, who is Diane's mother.

During its early years, the fund spent most of its time giving to the family's pet causes, but in 1993 Ms. Feeney began exploring with family members the possibility that she could take over leadership of the fund and give it a more concrete mission.

"I said to them: I don't want to fund universities, and I don't want to fund soup kitchens, even though I think they're great and that's why I volunteer at them," Ms. Feeney recalls. "I want to think about this in a much more strategic way. How can we really be involved in bringing about a more just society? What are the leverage points, and who are the players that we can help to do this?"

Her mother, brother, and three sisters -- all trustees of the fund -- agreed, and Ms. Feeney started interviewing experts nationwide to get ideas and formulate the fund's mission.

What she came up with is very different from the causes supported by her father. Charles Feeney, she says, is more interested in "creating lasting things" and tends to finance bricks-and-mortar projects and large institutions such as research universities.

"I have a much more radical approach in how to create social change and greater democracy," says Ms. Feeney. "I'm more interested in the grassroots, and issues of power and advocacy."

"Of course," she adds, "we're playing with different amounts of money."

But her father's spirit is not entirely absent. He, too, has given to at least one controversial cause: donating tens of thousands of dollars to Sinn Fein, the political wing of the *Irish Republican Army*.

Diane Feeney says she and her siblings have been strongly affected by her father's generosity and sense of values.

"His example and his leadership are something that we have always been very influenced by, as well as his very strong sense of right and wrong and justice and equality for people," says Ms. Feeney.

Though Diane Feeney is the daughter of a multimillionaire, she shares her father's modest way of life. Just as he wears a \$ 15 wristwatch and shuns first-class air travel, Diane tends to wear casual clothing like khaki pants and simple white shirts on visits to grantees, and she jots down her notes in a recycled-paper spiral notebook.

She encourages her grantees to take the same simple approach. As the foundation's guidelines state: "We are not interested in fancy presentations, so do not use folders, binders, or superfluous paper."

To save on rent, the trust shares its offices here in the Financial District with another family fund, the McKay Foundation. And last year, the foundation's three full-time employees here and one part-time employee in Paris earned a combined \$ 240,000.

Ms. Feeney received \$ 50,000 of that amount. "I'm not in it for the salary -- although I make a perfectly good salary," she says. "But I wanted to make sure that I was paid. Not that you're not respected when you do volunteer work -- but it was a very conscious decision to make this my career."

Patricia Bauman, president of her family's Bauman Foundation, in the District of Columbia, says Ms. Feeney need not worry that she will be viewed as a dilettante heiress. "She cares very deeply about achieving results," says Ms. Bauman. "This is not a vanity venture for her."

Ms. Feeney tried to figure out how best to get results by studying social-change movements, like those spurred by civil-rights workers in the 1960s and by Christian Coalition activists in the 1980s and 1990s.

"To pass stuff that really remains permanent you have to have educated people continuing to put pressure on public officials," she says. "We're not only interested in the self-help stuff. We want to push it further and say that in order to have a healthy democratic civil society, all parts of that society need to be involved in the decision-making process."

Ms. Feeney says that foundations and charities too often try to dictate how social changes should occur. She says that poor people "don't need people to come tell them that their kids are getting a bad education." Instead, she says, "what they need to do is gain the skills to go to a city-council meeting and speak in front of 30 people."

One risk of her style of grant making is that her grantees sometimes advocate positions with which she doesn't agree.

For example, she says, one grantee, the Labor/Community Strategy Center, in Los Angeles, is trying to persuade the National Football League to refrain from starting a team there because, in the center's view, the regional governing bodies are racist. The center made that claim after the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority refused to respond to a court order to expand bus services. By doing so, the center says, the authority is discriminating against poor people and minorities.

Ms. Feeney says that calling the city racist is "a pretty radical statement," but that her opposition to that view won't jeopardize the center's grants from her fund. "Sometimes our grantees will do things, and I'll think it's not such a great idea. But it doesn't matter whether I think it's a great idea or not."

Supporting small and upstart groups is not the only thing that makes Diane Feeney an unusual grant maker.

Unlike most other foundations, the French American Charitable Trust makes the majority of its grants as general operating support -- or money with no strings attached. In addition, it supports its grantees -- about 60 in the United States and 12 in France -- for many years at a time. While the majority of grantees have to re-apply for grants each year, Ms. Feeney says that the foundation makes an "implicit agreement" with non-profit organizations that they will receive financing over the long term.

To be able to support grassroots groups over time so that they can become stable and take off on their own, Ms. Feeney says, the foundation does not accept unsolicited proposals. While that aspect of the foundation has garnered some criticism, Ms. Feeney says that, because the foundation's endowment is relatively small, she cannot afford to spread it too thin.

Pamela Chiang, who helps run the Laotian Organizing Project, in Richmond, Cal., says the \$72,000 the group has received through Ms. Feeney's fund has allowed it to develop its capacity to respond quickly to potential problems. For instance, she says, the project was able to mobilize a major protest earlier this year after an explosion at a local Chevron oil refinery.

The organization demanded that Contra Costa County, which includes Richmond, do a better job of warning the people who live near the county's 350 chemical storage and manufacturing companies about the potential dangers. Since many of those people are non-English-speaking Asian or Hispanic immigrants, the project is urging the development of a warning system in multiple languages and is currently in negotiations with the county.

"It takes a foundation like FACT that really sees the importance of multiyear support," Ms. Chiang says. "And not just support in giving money, but in providing a vehicle for us to step back and think about what our long-term goals are for creating social change."

Many grantees say they admire Ms. Feeney most for her direct involvement with their work and her understanding that social change often involves making some mistakes along the way.

The foundation makes a point of making a site visit to each grantee once a year, and Ms. Feeney makes a good share of the calls herself. That surprised some non-profit leaders at first, since, they say, most family members at family foundations try to keep a distance from potential grantees. Perhaps more surprising, say some grantees, is the way Ms. Feeney encourages charity leaders to be candid about their problems.

"Sometimes site visits can be a real dog-and-pony show, where groups basically try to gloss over weaknesses in organizations," says Charles Taylor, state coordinator of the Carolina Alliance for Fair Employment, in Greenville, S.C. "But with Diane and FACT, we have an honest encouragement to have a frank relationship where we can say, 'We designed this campaign, it looked great, and everything was there, but it didn't work.' It's enormously valuable to have a space for that to happen, without the threat of a grant being pulled."

Ms. Feeney, who holds both American and French citizenship, says she hopes that through her grant making she can encourage activists for the disenfranchised to share ideas as much as possible.

Over the past two years, the foundation has given \$ 75,000 to the French-American Foundation, in New York, to arrange visits between non-profit leaders in the United States and France. In the future, Ms. Feeney hopes to broaden the program to include an exchange between North American and European non-profit leaders.

Sam Mistrano, executive director of the Human Services Network of Los Angeles, says his visit to Paris in March made him think in new ways about how his clients could be helped.

For example, Mr. Mistrano was struck by the way the French government gives each citizen -- regardless of his or her economic status -- a subsidy so that no one can fall into deep poverty.

He says that subsidy helps give people of all walks of life a sense of self-worth. By contrast, in America, he says, self-worth is often defined by the profession and income a person holds. Now one of his goals is to push for new ways to help his clients gain that same sense of self-esteem he saw among the French.

Ms. Feeney says her bicultural background helped her see the value of getting non-profit leaders to think about their work in a global context. Too many Americans, she says, do not know enough about what is occurring in other parts of the world and, as a result, fail to see their work as part of ameliorating larger international problems.

"We have to think a little bit differently and realize that we're not the center of the universe," Ms. Feeney says. "There are a lot of international political issues that affect our poor communities here, and we really have to think about them -- not just how you fight the next battle and how you put out the next fire."

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Question 1

You and a workmate are heading out for lunch when you run into your neighbour, a retired woman with whom you routinely exchange pleasantries. You chat about the weather and then introduce your workmate. "I think I met you before," your neighbour says to your workmate. "But then, you people all look alike." Do you:

- a) Leave your workmate to address the slight?
- b) Ignore the comment and go get lunch?
- c) Challenge your neighbour (how)?
- d) Other:

Question 2

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You're having an argument with your landlord about an overdue repair in your apartment. Your landlord becomes increasingly annoyed. You stick to your point that the work was supposed to have been done two weeks ago. Finally, your landlord says "you people are all alike." Do you:

- a) Ignore the comment and continue the discussion?
- b) Tell your landlord his comment was out of line?
- c) Complain to the company that owns your building about your landlord's behaviour?
- d) Other:

Question 3

Your children attend a parochial school. Some of the students are from a different faith and their parents would like their children to be exempt from religious training. What policy should the school adopt?

a) All students be required to take the same religious training.

b) Students should be given the option to opt out of religious training.

c) Other:

d) Other:

Question 4
In this post-Sept. 11 world, you are at the airport waiting to board a flight. You notice that travellers with Arabic features are being singled out for extra scrutiny. Do you find this:
a) Reassuring?
b) Disturbing?
c) Are you indifferent?
d) Other:
Question 5
A friend, who has emigrated from a country torn by ethnic conflict, regularly makes offensive remarks about the ethnic group he viewed as the enemy back home. Note, a number of his family members died during the conflict. Do you:
a) Sympathize with you friend?
b) Ignore his remarks?
c) Try to discuss the remarks with him?
d) Other:
Question 6
An acquaintance is telling you about some dental work she had done. She tells you how her dentist went above and beyond the call of duty, travelling to Hamilton from Burlington on the weekend to do some emergency repair work on her teeth. To top it off, her dentist even let her pay for the work in instalments. "It's so surprising that he was like that with money," she says, "because he's (Ethnic Group X). You know what they say about those people." Do you:
a) Ignore the comment and carry on with your conversation?
b) Tell her you found the comment offensive?
c) End the conversation and avoid her in future?
d) Other:
Question 7
You are describing a workmate to your spouse. This person happens to be Chinese. Do you:
a) Make a point of not mentioning the person's race. After all, you wouldn't tell your spouse the person is "white" if

b) Describe the person as fully as possible, including race. It's just information, not a label?

c) Describe the person's race only as a last resort, even though you feel uncomfortable doing so?

Question 8

You are part of a small committee at work organizing the annual mid-December Christmas lunch. You know that a number of your co-workers are not Christian. Do you:

- a) Bow to tradition and let it go?
- b) Quietly apologize to each of your non-Christian co-workers?
- c) Press for change, lobbying your fellow committee members to make a new tradition called End-of-a-good-year lunch?
- d) Other:

Question 9

You would feel comfortable going to your boss and asking for Eid el Fitr as a day off instead of Christmas (or any other religious holiday not specified in Ontario's Employment Standards Act):

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Other:

Question 10

Your employer generously throws an annual Christmas party for the children of its employees. While a fair number of coworkers celebrate Christmas and their children look forward to the party each year, you and a growing number of your colleagues aren't Christian and don't celebrate Christmas. Do you:

- a) Don't rock the boat as any complaints may persuade the company to scrap the party altogether?
- b) Approach the human resources department with a proposal for a party that would celebrate a number of different religious holidays that fall at year's end?
- c) Organize a private party for your non-Christian workmates and their families?
- d) Other:

Question 11

Your son's Grade 7 teacher knows your family isn't Christian but gives the entire class a writing assignment entitled, How my ancestors celebrated Christmas. Do you:

- a) Encourage your son to write a paper about how his ancestors celebrated their special holidays?
- b) Call the principal and complain about the restrictive and discriminatory topic?
- c) Other:

Question 12

You're chatting with your cousin at a family get-together. Your cousin is telling everyone about buying a new car. "I tried to talk the salesman down," he tells the dozen adults and children assembled at the dinner table, "but I got gypped." Do you:

a) Ignore the comment?

- b) Hope someone else at the table will say something to your cousin?
- c) Challenge your cousin (how)?
- d) Other:

Question 13

You teach English as a second language at a Hamilton school. Your students comes from Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Europe and South America. Some of their names are challenging to pronounce for the mainly Canadian-born teachers and school staff. When a student with an easy North American name like "Smith" or "Jones" is called over the school's public address system, the student's first and last names are announced. However, only the first names of most ESL students are ever announced because staff find pronunciation so tricky. Your ESL students tell you it makes them feel different from the other students and they would like the practice to stop. Do you:

- a) Keep quiet, as you don't want to create any resentment or animosity among school staff?
- b) Sympathize with your students but tell them the situation isn't likely to change?
- c) Explain the situation at the next staff meeting and advocate for change?
- d) Other:

Question 14

Your daughter's friends are all of a different ethnic or racial group. Do you:

- a) Encourage her friendships with well-mannered youngsters, regardless of their race?
- b) Introduce her to a child in your own ethnic group and suggest she invite her home after school?
- c) Other:

Question 15

You are in a lineup at the grocery store, the only non-white person in sight. The cashier, who is white, smiles and chats with the three people ahead of you in the lineup. When your turn comes, she briskly begins ringing up your items, not looking at you or uttering a greeting. Do you:

- a) Smile and say, "How are you today?"
- b) Remain silent, wondering whether she is given to racist thinking?
- c) Confront her loudly enough for other patrons to hear and ask her why she greeted the white customers but ignored you?
- d) Other:

Question 16

You are a member of Parliament who has sent out "Christmas greetings" in an end-of-year newsletter at taxpayers' expense for the decade you have been in federal politics. Although a growing number of your constituents are not Christian, the majority of them are, some of whom have told you they think it is going too far with "politically correct" behaviour to avoid the treasured greeting "Merry Christmas" and all it means to them. Others, both Christian and non-Christian, want change. Do you:

a) Wish "Season's Greetings" to all, telling disgruntled constituents that diversity is a reality we all need to embrace?

- b) Wish your constituents a "Merry Christmas" in the newsletter but also include greetings to acknowledge Eid el Fitr, Hanukkah, Winter Solstice, Rohatsu and Shree Gita Jayanti (hoping you don't inadvertently leave anyone out)?
- c) Stick to the tried and true "Merry Christmas?"
- d) Other:

Question 17

You're with a friend who is concerned for human rights and <u>women</u>'s rights around the world. You see a Muslim woman wearing the "hijab" (Islamic head covering) and your friend says how badly she feels to see <u>women</u> "oppressed" in this way. Do you:

- a) Tell her that viewpoint is discriminatory?
- b) Say nothing -- you're not sure what you think about it?
- c) Agree?
- d) Other:

Question 18

You are a white hardware store owner. Your top sales clerk -- a hard-working teen who is a good employee -- is Pakistani. You receive complaints from some longtime customers who say they will shop elsewhere if they are served by this sales clerk. Their only complaint is that they don't feel comfortable with "those people." Do you:

- a) Reassign the sales clerk to stocking shelves, as you don't want to lose longtime customers?
- b) Encourage your customers to chat with the sales clerk, emphasizing how friendly and competent he is?
- c) Fire the sales clerk and hire one that your customers won't feel uncomfortable with, after all, there are lots of teens looking for jobs?
- d) Other:

Question 19

You watch a blind, middle-aged man repeatedly try to use an ATM. Do you:

- a) Think about offering help but you don't know how best to approach him?
- b) Ignore him, he may perceive offers of help as compromising his independence?
- c) Step forward and ask him if he'd like your help?
- d) Other:

Question 20

Your employer belongs to Ethnic Group A. Your spouse belongs to Ethnic Group B. Groups A and B have a long, sometimes bloody history of conflict in the "old country." You have occasionally heard your boss make derogatory remarks about people in Group B. Do you:

- a) Tell your boss that your wife belongs to Ethnic Group B and that her comments make you uncomfortable?
- b) Ignore the comments and make a point of not letting your boss discover your wife's ethnic background?
- c) Keep quiet but hope for the best when your boss meets your wife at a company function?

d)	Other:
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Question 21

You are a white, middle-class professional. In your 30s, you discover that your maternal grandfather was Metis. You had no idea you are of aboriginal descent and have certainly never faced any discrimination over this. Shortly after your discovery, you apply for a job at a new company. The application form notes the firm is "an equal opportunity employer." Do you:

- a) Find a way to introduce race into the interview discussion, it may help you land the job?
- b) Avoid the topic of race as you know very little about Metis culture?
- c) Other:

Question 22

A high-level administrative meeting, scheduled a month in advance, was missing a mid-level manager because the date of the meeting coincided with a religious holiday celebrated by a small number of your company's staff. The manager in question brought the conflict to the attention of the personnel manager when she realized the conflict but the date was not changed. You, an employee in another department who heard about the conflict, think the problem is easy enough to avoid in future. Do you:

- a) Keep quiet, you don't want to "make waves?"
- b) Approach the personnel manager and offer to sit on a committee that will explore ways to recognize significant religious holidays for all staff?
- c) Leave it to the mid-level manager to sort it out?
- d) Other:

Question 23

Should issues of race and gender be taken into consideration when hiring?

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Not sure
- d) Other:

Question 24

Your child is sick in hospital. The pediatrics ward is fully decked out with holly, tinsel and images of Santa Claus. In the course of conversation, you find out the family of the seven-year-old boy in the bed next to your son is Hindu. The family doesn't celebrate Christmas. "Santa" has been making regular rounds through the ward, asking children what they want him to bring them for Christmas. You know the boy and his family are uncomfortable with these visits but don't want to alienate medical staff by complaining. They are even fearful that speaking up could jeopardize their son's care. Do you:

- a) Smile the next time Santa arrives, knowing most of the youngsters on the ward appreciate his visit?
- b) Write to the hospital's chief executive officer as a concerned citizen, suggesting parental consent be obtained for these visits?

c) Sympathize with the family and suggest they take action themselves?

d) Other:

Question 25

You overhear a gang of youths shouting anti-gay remarks at two men holding hands. Do you:
a) Confront the youths and risk getting into a confrontation?
b) Call the police?
c) Ignore the scene?
d) Other:
Question 26
Your teenage daughter tells you her drama teacher withheld a part in the school play from a classmate, telling her she was "too fat." The classmate, a friend of your daughter's, is crushed but doesn't want to tell her parents, let alone pursue the matter. Do you:
a) Call the principal and voice your concerns about discriminatory behaviour?
b) Encourage your daughter to console her friend but take it no further?
c) Other:
Question 27
You are a single parent with two young children. You face losing your house if you don't find additional income. You decide to rent your attic to a boarder. Only one person responds to your ad. He is young, employed and has good references. During the course of your interview, he discloses he is HIV positive. Do you:
a) Keep looking for another boarder?
b) Rent the room to him?
c) Other:
Question 28
You ask your neighbour for the names of possible babysitters. The neighbour gives you two. A 17-year-old male, rumoured to be gay, who has been babysitting for people in the neighbourhood for five years. He is extremely popular with young kids and is seen by parents as honest and responsible. The second is a 17-year-old girl whom the neighbours don't know personally. Do you:
a) Call the girl because you're uncomfortable with the idea of a gay babysitter?
b) Call the boy because he has an impressive track record in the neighbourhood?
c) Other:
Question 29

You're at a party when a Jewish guest begins regaling the others with jokes about Jewish people. Other partygoers join in. Many guests are laughing and seem to be enjoying themselves, even though the jokes are at the expense of

Jews. You feel uncomfortable. Do you:

- a) Smile and try to fit in?
- b) Hope someone will change the subject?
- c) Speak up and voice your discomfort?
- d) Other:

Question 30

A seven-year-old Muslim boy at your daughter's school has become the focus of playground bullies. At recess, some children have taken to calling him "Osama." Do you:

- a) Ignore the situation?
- b) Call the principal and ask her to put a stop to it?
- c) Other:

Question 31

You're invited to a pub to join a group of friends. At one point, several in the group start singing a song you've never heard before. When you ask about it, you're told it's a song popular among members of the <u>Irish Republican</u> <u>Army</u>. Do you:

- a) Say nothing?
- b) Voice your concerns about them singing a 'terrorist' song?
- c) Other:

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U.S.STRIKES CONTINUE PRESSURE ON TALIBAN

AFGHANISTAN -- U.S.-led forces maintained pressure on the Taliban Tuesday, again pounding positions around the Afghan capital, Kabul, and the militia's southern stronghold, Kandahar.

The U.S.-led coalition Monday also bombed Taliban frontline positions for a second straight day in northern Afghanistan in an effort to soften the areas for ground forces.

The United States had previously avoided striking those positions, fearing that it might allow the opposition Northern Alliance to capture Kabul and the key northern city of Mazar-i-Sharif and thwart efforts to install a broad-based government favored by Washington and its allies.

But observers say that the failure to dislodge the Taliban after 17 days of continuous bombing seems to have forced the Americans to change their strategy.

"They may now allow the Northern Alliance to capture Kabul and Mazar-i-Sharif, form a government there and then encourage Taliban defectors to join this government," said a Western diplomat in Islamabad.

Monday, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld also confirmed this observation when he said he would like to see the opposition forces advancing into the Taliban territory from both the north and the south, which is populated by Pashtuns from among whom the Taliban was formed.

The Taliban still controls nearly 90 percent of the country, including some areas in the north where it recently regained some positions lost earlier to the Northern Alliance.

Pakistan President Gen. Pervez Musharraf said his decision to lend support to the U.S-led campaign against terrorism was difficult, but clearly the right decision.

"We have joined the coalition as a matter of principle, and we'll stick to our decisions," Musharraf said in an interview broadcast on CNN's "Larry King Live" Monday night.

Musharraf earlier Monday called for an end to the military campaign before the start of the Islamic holiday of Ramadan in mid-November, warning of a negative impact if fighting continues during the Muslim holy month.

SEPT. 11 SIMILARITIES SEEN ON ANNIVERSARY OF MARINE BOMBING

LEBANON -- President Bush said shortly after Sept. 11 that the war on terrorism is likely to be a long one. He could not have been more correct. In fact, this war has been going on for decades already, with a number of similarities apparent in each attack. The only variance seems to be the magnitude of the attacks and the growing number of casualties.

Eighteen years ago this Tuesday, a terrorist bomb targeted U.S. Marines and French troops serving with the multinational force in Beirut. It was the largest non-nuclear explosion in history, which killed 241 Marines and dozens of French troops.

Looking back, one can identify a number of similarities between the Marine bombing and the Sept. 11 attacks.

But first some history: In the early morning of Sunday, Oct. 23, 1983, a suicide bomber drove an explosive-laden truck into a building housing several hundred sleeping Marines and other military personnel encamped a few miles from Beirut International Airport. Within seconds, the Marines suffered one of their biggest losses since the battle of Iwo Jima, in World War II.

Besides those who perished in the attack, dozens of other were wounded, and many who survived, were forever marked by this event. French troops, housed in a building named "Drakkar," only a few miles away, also perished when their building was attacked in the same manner, and practically at the same time.

Here is the first similarity with Sept. 11: two well planned and executed simultaneous attacks by suicide bombers carried out within minutes of each other, and designed to cause the largest number of deaths.

The Marines and French troops were part of a multinational force that also included Italian and British soldiers sent to Lebanon in the aftermath of the Israeli invasion of June 1982 to oversee the departure of the Palestine Liberation Organization from Beirut. Following months of intense war, a medieval type siege of Beirut and hundreds of casualties, the PLO agreed to withdraw, after which, the Multinational force also departed -- prematurely.

"A job well done," declared President Ronald Reagan. He could not have been more wrong.

A few days later, right-wing Christian militias entered West Beirut in the wake of the Israeli army, and carried out the massacre of Palestinian civilians in the refugee camps of Sabra and Chatila. And the Multinational force returned.

Instead of trying to understand the complexities of the Lebanese imbroglio, the United States believed their natural friends to be the Christian forces, allied to Israel.

America's first mistake was to unilaterally side with the government of President Amin Gemayel, by training and arming the Christian-led Lebanese army, much to the detriment of the country's Muslim and Druze population.

It did not take very long for the American Marines to become the target of attacks, mostly by Shiite and Druze militiamen living in the capital's southern suburbs and the surrounding hills -- areas that abutted the airport, where the Americans were encamped. To them, the Marines had become just another militia in the Lebanese conflict.

Here is the second likeness with Sept. 11: Americans were attacked for supporting what was seen by many to be a corrupt regime, led by an unpopular president.

At first, it seemed like only small attacks. A sniper fired at a single Marine, tearing a hole in his camouflaged trousers. Then a hand grenade was lobbed at a patrol on the beach road not far from the airport. And slowly but surely, the crescendo of attacks grew, as did America's involvement in the Lebanese quagmire.

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The Marines' retaliation, too, started slowly. They first returned fire with M16 rifles, then with howitzers and mortars, until the battle ship New Jersey was called in to hurl artillery shells the size of Volkswagen cars at Druze and Shiite positions in the hills overlooking the airport.

The Marines bivouacked in the perimeter around the Battalion Landing Team or BLT building, started coming under fire from nearby gunmen and took shelter inside the building.

On that fateful Sunday morning, several hundred men were asleep inside, when a truck, packed with 12,000 pounds of high explosives and canisters of flammable gasses rammed the perimeter fence and crashed into the BLT.

Just as in the WTC and the Pentagon, the victims never expected such an assault. Most were still in their cots when they died, blown up by the bomb, crushed by concrete blocks or suffocated by the large cloud of dust caused by the blast. The attackers had studied the building well and knew its weaknesses. Yet another similarity.

The blast lifted the entire building, detaching the bases of the thick support columns and forced the building to collapse onto itself. One more semblance to the WTC attack.

A surviving Marine on sentry duty outside the building remembers seeing a demonic smile on the face of the man driving the yellow Mercedes truck that rammed through the perimeter and into the center of the building before detonating.

The same sentry did not have enough time to arm his weapon as the Marines were ordered to keep their magazines holstered -- an insane political decision made in Washington.

Only weeks prior to the attack, the Marine commander in Beirut, Col. Timothy Geraghty, complained to visiting congressman and other American officials on a fact-finding mission that his Marines were sitting ducks. The visiting VIPs told Geraghty that he was doing a great job, and that the Marines should not be seen as digging in. This was a "peace-keeping mission," the Marines were told.

If one had to find another parallel to the unarmed Marines standing guard duty, it would be the ease with which Mohammed Atta, one of the hijacker-pilots of Sept.11, and his 18 accomplices, managed to slip past America's first line of defense -- the immigration services -- then managed to roam around the country for months, enroll in flight schools, rent planes, abandon them on airfields in Florida when they stalled, overstay their visas, transfer large amounts of cash in and out of the United States without ever arousing suspicion.

The one major difference between the Oct. 23 and the Sept. 11 attacks, though, is that the first targeted military personnel overseas, while the second hit mostly civilians working in their offices and traveling aboard commercial airliners in the U.S. Another difference of course, is the number of casualties between the two attacks and the sheer magnitude of it.

What is the common threat between these two tragedies, besides the modus operandi? The first one, the Marines' involvement in Lebanon, occurred as a direct result of the ongoing Palestinian issue. Had Israel not invaded Lebanon to get rid of the PLO, the Marines would have never been dispatched, and the Oct. 23 murder of Marines and French troops would have not happened.

In his videotaped communiqu released after Sept. 11, Osama bin Laden, or The Evil One, as President Bush likes to refer to him, condemned the presence of American troops on Saudi Arabia soil. Their presence is seen as U.S. support for the royal family that bin Laden and others in the Islamic and Arab world consider to be corrupt. He also raised the Palestine question, a question that always seems to be the pivotal point in any Middle East discussion.

"If there is any good to come out of this whole Afghan mess," said Sateh Nour Eddine, managing editor of the Beirut daily As-Safir, "it's that we may finally see the Palestine question resolved."

IN OTHER NEWS

VIOLENCE CONTINUES AS U.S. DEMANDS ISRAELI PULL BACK

GAZA -- While the United States Monday demanded Israel pull back from autonomous Palestinian areas, the West Bank became a bloody battleground again as gunfire erupted in Bethlehem, an elderly bystander was shot in Tulkarim and a member of Hamas died in an explosion in Nablus.

Gunfire echoed in the streets of Bethlehem as fighting continued into their fourth day despite the Palestinian Authority outlawing armed wings of Palestinian organizations. At least five Palestinians were wounded in the latest fighting, hospital officials said.

"Israeli Defense Forces should be withdrawn immediately from all Palestinian-controlled areas, and no further such incursions should be made," State Department deputy spokesman Phil Reeker told reporters in Washington Monday.

"The deaths of those innocent civilians under the circumstances reported in recent days are unacceptable, and we call upon Israel to ensure that its armed forces exercise greater discipline and restraint," Reeker said.

In addition, a State Department official said Monday that U.S. Ambassador to Israel, Daniel Kurtzer, delivered a nearly identical message to Israel's Deputy Foreign Minister, Michael Melchoir.

In response, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's office said in a statement that Israel does not intend to occupy A areas, meaning fully autonomous Palestinian areas.

However, last week's assassination of Tourism Minister Rehavaam Zeevi "crossed a red line" and Israel, like any other democratic state, is exercising its right for self-defense, the office said. The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine assumed responsibility for Zeevi's killing, last Wednesday, in Jerusalem.

The statement reiterated Sharon's demands that Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat hand over Zeevi's assassins and those who sent them, fight and disarm the terror organizations, and cease violence and incitement.

In Washington, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres justified the weekend's military action, saying that there were still gangs of terrorists in many of these areas that are not under Arafat's control.

Peres was in the United States to push Israel's cause. Other Cabinet members are scheduled to visit Washington in coming weeks and Israeli officials plan to make their case with other countries that Palestinians are to blame for continued violence.

The armed wing of Islamic Jihad, Saraya al Quds, meanwhile claimed responsibility for Monday's armed attack on Israelis in an industrial area in Talpiot neighborhood of Jerusalem, injuring four Israelis before an Israeli soldier killed him. The attack in Jerusalem came a few hours after the Palestinian Authority's highest security council outlawed several Palestinian and Islamic armed wings.

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IRA SAYS IT HAS STARTED TO DECOMMISSION ITS WEAPONS

IRELAND -- The *Irish Republican Army* has announced it has started to decommission its weapons.

The announcement came just 24 hours before the deadline to get the Northern Ireland peace process back on track. The IRA leadership confirmed that it had started the process of putting guns and explosives beyond use, but no more details were immediately available.

"In order to save the peace process we have implemented the scheme agreed with the Independent International Commission on Decommissioning in August," an IRA statement said. Gen. John de Chastelain heads the IICD.

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"This unprecedented move is to save the peace process and to persuade others of our genuine intentions," the IRA said.

The Democratic Unionist Party, that dismisses the peace process, said it wanted to see evidence that disarmament has occurred.

"Smoke and mirrors, and slight of hand and fudge and haziness simply won't cut it," said Peter Robinson, the party's deputy leader. "Far from being ground-breaking, that hardly scratches the surfaces."

The IRA have given no details yet of how many of their guns have been decommissioned, but it is believed that de Chastelain has a full inventory.

David Ford, leader of Northern Ireland's Alliance Party, said that the IRA decision must be welcomed as the key to Unionists reinstating ministers in the power-sharing executive at Stormont. He said: "This move by the (Catholic) republican movement demonstrated to the world how politics really can overcome the prolonged futility of armed conflict."

The move came a day after Gerry Adams, leader of Sinn Fein, the political arm of the IRA, made a keynote speech appealing to the IRA to hand over their weapons to prevent the collapse of the Good Friday Agreement.

Analysts said it was unlikely Adams would have made the appeal unless the decision to decommission had already been taken.

Earlier this summer, following the resignation of David Trimble as first minister of Northern Ireland, an agreement was reached on putting the weapons beyond use, but the IRA reversed its agreement when Protestant unionists demanded a start to decommissioning.

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UN TRIBUNAL ACQUITS THREE CROATS IN BOSNIAN MASSACRE

NETHERLANDS -- Three Bosnian Croats charged in connection with the massacre of 100 Muslims in the village of Ahmici in 1993 were acquitted Tuesday, and two others were given reduced sentences by the U.N. war-crimes tribunal in The Hague.

Appellate judges at the tribunal overturned the convictions of the three, saying their trial had been critically flawed, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty reported.

The April 1993 killing of civilians at Ahmici, in the Lasva valley, stands as the worst atrocity committed in the conflict between Catholic Croats and Bosnian Muslims in the 1992-95 war in Bosnia.

During the trial in 2000, witnesses testified that Bosnian Croat police shot Muslim <u>women</u> and children trying to flee. Many victims, including **women** and children, were burned alive in their homes during the attack.

The judges ordered the immediate release of Zoran Kupreskic, his brother Mirjan, and their cousin, Vlatko Kupreskic.

Police commander Vladimir Santic, who was found guilty of coordinating the massacre, and Dargo Josipovic were given reduced sentences. |end|

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Germans will have to overcome their traditional discomfort with immigration if their nation is to remain an economic power over the next half- century. A high-profile bipartisan commission appointed by the government recognized this reality when it called recently for a new immigration policy, one that would allow the entry of 50,000 foreign qualified workers a year. The ruling Social Democratic Party plans to draft new legislation based on the commission's findings.

Opening the door to immigration would be a dramatic shift. While it takes in political asylum seekers and once relied on "guest worker" programs to fuel economic growth, Germany has traditionally eschewed large-scale immigration.

The numbers proposed by the commission are actually quite modest. Germany's population is projected to fall from 82 million to some 60 million in the next half-century, with the work force shrinking from 41 million people to 26 million. Business groups in Germany say as many as a quarter-million immigrant workers a year may be required to meet the economy's needs.

Still, with polls showing two-thirds of Germans opposed to immigration and with current unemployment a more pressing concern than long-term demographic projections, Chancellor Gerhard Schrder wants to proceed cautiously. He worries that the opposition conservative Christian Democratic Union, a party in disarray and in need of a galvanizing issue going into next year's elections, may be tempted to seize upon anti-immigrant sentiment. So the chancellor shrewdly picked Rita Sssmuth, a C.D.U. politician, to lead the commission.

German society needs to become more welcoming to outsiders. The Council of Europe, which monitors human rights on the Continent, recently issued a report of its own, expressing "deep concern" over German attitudes toward foreigners.

There is reason to hope that attitudes may change, thanks in part to a recent reform of the nation's antiquated ethnicity-based citizenship laws. Starting last year, children of foreigners born in Germany could obtain citizenship, and it is also easier for longtime residents to be naturalized. German political leaders of all leanings must preach a more tolerant view of outsiders. This is not only a moral imperative given Germany's past. It is also essential to the nation's future well-being.

Washington Times

In another example of engaged global leadership, the Bush administration has wisely rejected the draft of an agreement purportedly designed to enforce a treaty on biological arms control.

The treaty prohibits the production, possession, or even development of agents of biological warfare, but given the nature of such weapons, there is simply no good way to enforce the ban. In the first place, listing and testing for no agents does little good, since unlike chemical weapons with a large, but at least somewhat limited number of known precursors, biological weapons can be constructed from an almost infinite variety of agents, most of which occur naturally.

Moreover, offensive weapons and their defensive counters are often assembled the same way. Many vaccines are actually made out of potentially lethal agents that have been "deactivated," in one fashion or another. Given the limited amount of equipment that the treaty allows them to carry, potential inspectors have virtually no way to distinguish between the two. Treaty violators stand little chance of being caught, even while gaining the right to inspect the facilities of their strategic and industrial competitors.

Pharmaceutical companies spend incredible amounts of effort to bring new products to the market, and they ought to have the right to protect their trade secrets. Yet under the biological weapons protocol, their labs would be thrown open to the world. Moreover, under the protocol, potential adversaries could quite possibly uncover existing U.S. vaccines -- and then build biological weapons against them.

The treaty builds nothing more than a paper wall of security. Violators that are able to whitewash treaty inspectors may be more than tempted to attack their rivals who are following the protocol in good faith.

Yet treaties are supposed to give security, not a false sense of it. While proponents of the treaty complain that the U.S. failed to offer a good alternative, the simple fact is that there are no good alternatives: As Frank Gaffney, president of the Center for Security Policy said, "The genie is already out of the bottle."

Deciding against bad treaties is not an indication of isolationism, but rather engagement and leadership. Mr. Bush's decision, regardless its unpopularity among blinded ideologues, shows that the administration is approaching foreign policy with its eyes open to potential adversaries, rather than with a blind reliance on paper innoculations.

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Hampton Roads Virginian Pilot

The U.S. rejection of a germ warfare accord is a troubling example of the Bush administration's increasing bent toward international isolationism.

The decision all but dooms a plan designed to put teeth into the 1972 Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention, signed by the United States and 142 other nations. For the past seven years, 56 countries, including the U.S., had been working on regulations that would enforce the treaty.

America's European allies are understandably angry and perplexed with the Bush administration's presumptuous, unilateralist approach.

Spurning multilateral cooperation in bio-terrorism control is just the latest Bush kiss-off. He has nixed U.S. participation in the Kyoto Protocol on global warming. He wants to ignore the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty. His administration has differed with numerous other nations -- including America's allies -- on issues ranging from curbs on international small-arms trade to efforts to establish an international court for war crimes.

What will he scuttle next?

"George Bush's cavalier defiance of world opinion is sometimes little short of breathtaking," said London's The Independent newspaper after the U.S. jettisoned the bio-warfare deal. "Mr. Bush's America seems in danger of

convincing itself that it can force everybody to make concessions, while itself remains impervious to change. It is unclear whether this is pure hypocrisy or mere stupidity -- and unclear which possibility is worse."

The Bush administration's decisions might hold more water if there were logical, alternative suggestions that our global partners could buy into -- such as ways to strengthen enforcement provisions in the germ warfare accord, which even its supporters say are weak.

The Bush team has yet to provide better ideas. (They say they're working on them.) But surely the benefits of monitoring biological weapons are compelling in themselves, in addition to sending the message that the world's only superpower is listening to its allies.

A weak plan, which later can be modified, is better than no plan.

In less than seven months, the president has reinforced what former Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara calls America's "unsavory reputation as a unilateralist policeman-nanny."

McNamara, in a new book on reducing the risk of world conflict, warns that this country is regarded "by friends and foes alike as arrogant and lacking in objectivity toward itself."

Bush's decision to abandon global efforts to make the world safer from biological weapons is a prime example of that disdain. As is his odd disregard of fragile global alliances, not to mention friendships, that his predecessors have spent years nurturing.

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Boston Herald

Within the Republican Party, there is growing dissension between budget hawks and proponents of more defense spending. Those who argue for taking the military off a starvation diet are correct.

Many congressional Republicans are complaining that while President Bush came to office promising to make up for the neglect of the military during the Clinton years, he now seems only moderately interested in shoring up the nation's sagging defenses. The administration has proposed a 7 percent increase (\$32 billion) over President Clinton's last budget. But most of that will go for pay increases, housing and health benefits -- necessary for enlistment and retention, but not sufficient to make up for years of neglect. It's not enough to replace worn-out equipment, purchase new weapons systems and provide needed training.

Some conservative activists argue there's no grass-roots support for a hefty increase in defense spending. But that indicates a failure of leadership. Budgetary increases don't sell themselves. The public must be made aware of the dangers of neglecting defense needs.

For eight years, the Clinton administration shortchanged the military to pay for more social spending. In 1991, during the Gulf War, the Army had 18 divisions. Of those, eight were deployed against Saddam Hussein.

Today, the Army has a total of 10 divisions and will soon have only eight. It doesn't take a military strategist to see disaster looming if the United States ever has to fight two limited wars simultaneously.

Americans certainly want government efficiency and tax reform in an era of budget surpluses. But giving the military the muscle it needs to defend this nation can't take a back seat any longer.

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Christian Science Monitor

As congress moves toward approval of more military aid to Colombia, a perennial question looms even larger: How do you fight the still-rampant narcotics industry in that country without taking on the rebel forces that to a large extent live off the drug trade?

In other words, how does the United States stay out of a civil war that has flashed and simmered in Colombia for four decades? The specific US goal is to eradicate coca and poppy growing and processing and thus put a dent in the drug problem back home. But "mission creep," la Vietnam, is a constant worry.

Case in point: US training of antinarcotics forces, at first focused on parts of southern Colombia, is expanding to other parts of the country. Some worry that the chances for US soldier/trainers to get into confrontations with rebels are growing.

The Bush administration is moving forward with a program started under Bill Clinton, called Plan Colombia, which is spending more than a billion over several years. Its goal: boost Colombia's ability to battle the drug traffic, while supplying economic aid -- including funds to help farmers find livelihoods other than coca -- and supporting efforts to arrive at a negotiated peace with the rebels.

Another large question is whether the rebels, who started out as Marxist revolutionaries, really want peace. They're doing quite well, raking off money from the drug business, and from kidnappings for ransom. President Andres Pastrana has tried mightily to cut a deal, even slicing off parts of the country as demilitarized areas that serve as havens for the rebels. His approach is likely favored by most Colombians, who want peace and stability. But breakthroughs have been elusive.

The simple fact is that shoring up Colombia's long-lived but fragile democracy, bringing all parties into political dialogue to prevent armed conflict, and rebuilding an economy hurt by a massive exodus of skilled, educated people, are very long-term tasks.

Should the US sign on? Cutting narcotics production has proven more difficult in Colombia than in neighboring Bolivia and Peru. But stemming such production is an important part of an antidrug policy -- a policy that must include stronger efforts to stem the drug demand in the US.

Beyond drugs, the US has an interest in seeing Colombia, Latin America's fourth largest economy, become a stable member of the hemispheric family. Washington must stay involved, even as it keeps a firm eye on the line between helpful involvement and military entanglement.

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Fort Worth Star-Telegram

A bad federal policy is hampering effective family planning programs.

Throughout the world, many millions of <u>women</u> lack access to good reproductive health care and family planning services.

That results in millions of unwanted pregnancies, high-risk childbirths, cases of sexually transmitted diseases and unsafe abortions.

Effective family planning services go a long way toward reducing those problems.

For that reason, Congress should repeal a Bush administration policy that prohibits \$425 million in U.S. aid from going to groups in foreign countries that counsel **women** about abortion.

The policy, which critics call the "global gag rule" because it prevents such groups from even discussing abortion choices, does not reduce abortion.

In fact, it encourages more abortions. Reducing family planning services results in more unwanted pregnancies, causing more **women** to seek abortions.

A law passed in 1973 already prevents organizations in foreign countries from using U.S.-provided money to pay for abortions.

The gag rule means that some organizations have less money to help ensure hygienic environments for childbirth, train midwives, provide information about contraception, curb sexually transmitted diseases such as AIDS and discourage teen pregnancies.

As the world population balloons by 80 million people a year, millions of poor, unwanted children are born. Relentless population growth contributes enormously to international problems ranging from global warming to increasing shortages of safe water supplies in developing countries.

In his first week in office, President Bush issued an order reinstating the gag rule, which the Clinton administration had nullified.

Congress should pass pending legislation to overturn the rule. It impedes vital work being done by family planning organizations around the globe.

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Miami Herald

Once again the clock is ticking toward a deadline, and once again government leaders are gathering around tables in hope of stopping violence in Northern Ireland. The alternative is unthinkable; how could these proud people step back into the turmoil of the period before the fragile peace began on Good Friday 1998?

Whatever good offices the United States can lend, it should offer, as it has done in the past. Former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell was the neutral broker of that Good Friday settlement. Civil disruption in Northern Ireland has little direct impact on Americans, but the links of kinship and business give us a stake in peace, one that we shouldn't fritter away by favoring either side.

The deadline is Aug. 11. The Protestant Unionists say that their patience with the failure of the Catholic <u>Irish</u> <u>Republican Army</u> to disarm itself on schedule will expire. The Unionists will stop sharing power with the IRA-linked Sinn Fein, effectively dissolving the government and the framework for unity.

The IRA isn't a picture of unity itself, there being radical elements that seemingly are invested in war, not peace. Even so, the IRA reluctance is understandable when viewed against the history of the police force, the Royal Ulster Constabulary, a mostly Protestant force. It -- of course -- served the government in power, which has left abiding mistrust among Catholics over tactics of its anti-terrorist enforcement arm and over unresolved assassinations of Catholic leaders and lawyers.

More recently, Catholics complained that the police would not protect Catholic children trying to attend school while officers protected the marches of the Orange Order. Those July marches go through many villages and towns, celebrating the 1690 -- yes, 1690 -- victory of Protestants over Catholics. Unionist leader David Trimble, who shared the 1998 Nobel Peace Prize with his Catholic counterpart, calls the marching season a "folk festival."

Annually, the marches breed sectarian harassment and retaliation. Such celebrations are like the gatherings of those Americans who cling to notions of the Confederacy and white supremacy.

Now, just two weeks after the last march, the governments of Britain and Ireland and the parties to the shared Northern Ireland government tentatively have agreed to addressing some of the Catholics' -- and Protestants' -- concerns. They are proposing to appoint an independent, foreign judge to inquire into unresolved killings by both sides, to reduce the presence of 13,000 British troops and, most controversially, to reform the police. Without a police presence respected as fair and impartial by all, there truly cannot be a society based on law and order.

Peace for Northern Ireland has come with many last chances. This last chance offers a civil solution that has been nurtured for more than three hopeful, bumpy years. Those with eyes toward the future of their children and not toward bitternesses centuries old will turn this chance into reality.

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DORMANT GUERRILLA GROUPS REAPPEAR IN INTIFADA

PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES -- 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 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 <u>women</u> 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, Syria, during the first half of September. Except for a brief visit to attend former Syrian President Hafez Assad's funeral in 2000, Arafat had not set foot in the Syrian capital in years, and remained at great odds with the elder Assad, father of the current Syrian leader, Bashar Assad.

In an interview ahead of the coming visit to Damascus, the younger Assad said the 1993 Oslo, Norway, peace accords between Israel and the Palestinians no longer exists and that "war with Israel was always likely."

This statement came 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, Lebanon, 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 Al-Sharq al-Awsat newspaper published Monday, Assad, whose country never recognized the accord setting up the Palestinian Authority in exchange for peace, said he was looking forward to Arafat's visit scheduled for mid-September.

Assad said he welcomed Arafat's 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 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' 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's bedouin army against 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 rebasing 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 Ramallah Monday, the PFLP released a statement from Damascus saying, "his assassination is a crime and Israel 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."

With the situation deteriorating daily and the numbers of casualties rising, one can only keep watching those coffee cups trying to predict the future that at the moment does not look good.

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U.S. CONSUMER CONFIDENCE HITS 4-MONTH LOW

UNITED STATES -- The Conference Board said Tuesday consumer confidence in the nation's economy fell to its lowest level in four months during August, knocked down by the deteriorating job market.

The private New York-based research group said its index measuring consumer confidence, which uses 1985 as a base of 100, fell 2.0 percentage points to 114.3 during the month from a revised 116.3 in July, which the Board originally reported as 116.5.

August's level was the lowest since confidence stood at 109.9 in April. Most economists on Wall Street were expecting confidence to come in at 117.5 during the month.

Economists watch the index because high confidence readings suggest consumers are in a mood to spend, and such spending accounts for about two-thirds of economic output. The key index hit an all-time high of 144.7 in May of last year. In January the index fell to 109.2, which is the lowest level in almost 4-1/2 years.

The Board said the survey, which is based on a representative sample of 5,000 U.S. households, showed the present situation index declined to 145.8 from 151.3 a month ago and the expectations index rose to 93.3 from 92.9 in July.

"The deteriorating U.S. job market dampened consumer spirits this month," said Lynn Franco, director of The Conference Board's Consumer Research Center.

"This suggests rising unemployment ahead. The nation's employment and unemployment numbers now bear watching, since continued weakness in the job market could translate into slower consumer spending," Franco said.

The report showed the job market has begun to unsettle consumers.

Those claiming jobs were hard to get rose 15.9 percent from 14.1 percent while those reporting jobs were plentiful fell to 33.4 percent from 35.6 percent last month.

The report also showed that consumers were a little more optimistic about business conditions for the next six months.

Those expecting an improvement in business conditions increased to 18.9 percent from 17.2 percent while the percent of consumers expecting economic conditions to weaken declined to 10.7 percent from 11.2 percent.

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IN OTHER NEWS

IRAQI OPPOSITION GROUPS TO OPEN TV CHANEL

IRAQ -- Groups opposed to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein will open a new front in their battle to topple the Baghdad regime when a satellite television program financed by the United States goes on the air in a few days, the New York Times reported Tuesday.

It is to beam news, political profiles and even call-in shows and music videos throughout the region. Under the logo Liberty TV, the Iraqi opposition satellite channel will begin operating from London, perhaps as soon as Thursday, with an hourlong daily segment that opposition members said was to expand in coming months.

The Iraqi National Congress, the umbrella organization for the often discordant Iraqi opposition groups, sounded buoyant about the prospect of beaming television and then radio programs into Iraq.

"Radio is much simpler, but we put up satellite TV first because it is so visible," said Zaab Sethna, communications adviser to the INC.

"It will actually have a great effect in just shaking Saddam personally and the core of his power structure when we get on the air, more so than radio, although radio may reach more people," Sethna told the Times by telephone from London.

Funds for the television channel were provided by Congress and are administered by the State Department. About \$1 million was spent on cameras and a broadcast studio in London, and it will cost another \$1 million each year to cover salaries and other production costs.

The cost of sending the signal via a satellite in stationary orbit over Ireland is \$1.3 million a year. The signal, which cannot be jammed from Iraq, reaches those with a satellite dish throughout the Middle East, as well as Europe, much of Africa and the East Coast of the United States.

Satellite dishes are tightly controlled in Iraq, though American government officials with knowledge of the region say they can be obtained for bribes.

The opposition, citing figures generally confirmed by American officials, estimates that in Baghdad and other major cities in central Iraq under Saddam's strict rule, perhaps one-quarter of the population has access to satellite television. In northern Iraq, where Kurdish political parties encourage satellite TV, about 60 percent of the population has access to dishes. In southern Iraq, the figure is less than 20 percent, according to the opposition estimates.

"But the people who have dishes in the regime-controlled part of Iraq are generally influential people, people with money, quite often connected with the power structure, like an army officer's family or a government official or a merchant," Sethna said.

"This is an influential audience," he added. "These are the people we have to reach to make a change in Iraq."

Even so, Lee McKnight, an academic who has studied past use of foreign-sponsored political broadcasts, cautioned that "their record is one of very limited success."

McKnight, director of the Edward R. Murrow Center, which sponsors research on international communications at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University in Massachusetts, said, "The odds of this making a big difference either in Iraqi internal politics or some other major way are very, very low."

He noted that during the Cold War, the United States made a long-term commitment to broadcast to communist lands in Central and Eastern Europe, and that those programs helped bring "an opening to the West and different values." Other government-backed radio and TV programs, especially to Cuba, "are perceived as being a total bust," he said.

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U.N.'S ANNAN URGES U.S. NOT TO BOYCOTT RACISM CONFERENCE

UNITED NATIONS -- Secretary General Kofi Annan urged the United States Monday not to boycott an international conference on racism, scheduled to begin later this week.

Secretary of State Colin Powell ended months of speculations earlier Monday when he announced that he would not attend because of fears that Arab nations would use the forum to equate Zionism with racism and apartheid.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher, however, said the United States had not yet decided whether to send a delegation to the U.N. World Conference Against Racism. Washington also disagrees with African nations over their intention to demand compensation from Western nations for the slave trade, which flourished for 200 years, mainly between Africa and the United States.

The eight-day conference was scheduled to begin in Durban, South Africa, on Friday.

"Obviously, each government has to take its own decision whether it participates in the conference or not," said Annan, adding that the United Nations was trying to persuade Washington not to boycott the meeting.

"There are indications from Washington that if they do not get the language they want, they may not participate. Efforts are being made and people are working on the language," he said.

He said that U.N. Human Rights Commissioner Mary Robinson was already in South Africa where she was working with other delegations to find a solution and to agree on a language that will permit participation by all.

Shortly before Powell's announcement, Robinson said the suggestion for equating Zionism with racism had been deleted from conference documents. Robinson has expressed confidence that the conference will produce a new understanding on dealing with past wrongs in order to build a better future.

"I firmly believe Durban can mark a historic breakthrough," she said, before a meeting with South African President Thabo Mbeki in Johannesburg. Robinson will serve as the Conference Secretary-General.

"There is still a lot of work to be done," she said. "We want the final document of the Conference to be a sort of Magna Carta in the fight against racism."

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EURO CURRENCY TO GO ON VIEW THURSDAY

EUROPEAN UNION -- The European Union's currency, the euro, goes on show for the first time Thursday at the European Central Bank in Frankfurt, Germany.

On Saturday, the currency will begin to be distributed to banks as around the EU prior to going into circulation next year.

While euro bank notes have been shown on posters and in press reports, they have been inaccurate representations for security reasons, an ECB spokesman said. The use of treads in the bank notes, special inks and holograph images will make any attempt to counterfeit the bills very complicated, the spokesman said.

Some 15 billion bills are to be distributed to banks in the coming weeks under strict security arrangements. In fact some distribution of the banknotes has already taken place.

In Italy, the army was called in to oversee the transport of the notes by 30 armored cars accompanied by 40 armored escort vehicles and employing 80 armored trains. The operation required 2,100 trips escorted by 5,000 police officers to transport some 100 billion euros worth some \$91 billion dollars.

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Is Libya's leader turning sane?

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Body

It was surprise enough that one formerly revolutionary leader should have decided that President George W. Bush and Britain's Tony Blair were right, and that it was time to abandon dreams of acquiring weapons of mass destruction as an equalizer against Western power influence. It was stunning that the first convert should have been Libya's Muammar Qadaffi, who since the 1968 coup, remained an enigma to most outside observers.

His official biography is remarkably devoid of details about his early years -- but it always begins with "born in a desert tent near Surt."

I've always suspected that the constant mention of Surt is an attempt to identify Qaddafi with the nation's main source of wealth -- its oil fields -- which lie in and around Surt and were not discovered until 1959, but were obviously squandered until a proper Surtite could marshal their economic power, primarily by seizing everything the Brits and Americans had built there. (The only American company, by the way, that stood up to Qaddafi's nationalization of the oil fields was the privately held Hunt Oil of Texas. Nelson Bunker Hunt harassed Libya in every court in the world until the Colonel finally wrote him a check to get rid of him. Apparently Bunker and Muammar understand each other.)

What we do know is that Qaddafi had no special interest in being a soldier except as a means to an end. He seems to have been obsessed with revolution even when clad in knee breeches at the British-style Sabha prep school in Fezzan.

Following the example of his idol, Egypt's Gamal Abdul Nasser, he entered the Military Academy in Benghazi, where his first secret corps was formed and where he and his confederates took blood oaths to oust King Idris I.

As it turned out, it wasn't that big a deal. The 1969 coup is always described as simple and "bloodless." Idris was part of the discredited and all but forgotten Senoussi monarchy installed by the allies after World War II, so there was no way he could be seen by the people as anything but a stooge of foreign interests. His real battle came afterwards, when he had to defeat the older officers who helped him but thought 27 was a little young to be donning the Fearless Leader hat. It took him three more months to turn them out.

Libya has such a strange history -- with its shifting borders, Bedouin politics, dozens of foreign masters and lines redrawn in the sand (literally) -- that it has remained suspicious of all foreigners, even of their closest neighbors, Egyptians, Tunisians and Chadians.

Most African countries have had to deal with some sort of uprising against their former European colonialists, -- be they British, French, Dutch or Belgian -- but Libya is the only one to harbor everlasting hatred for Italian imperialists.

Libya remains, in fact, the site of one of Italy 's few foreign adventures, and a disastrous one at that. One of the first things commander-in-chief, Qaddafi, did in 1970 was to expel all the Italians that King Idris had failed to drive out 25 years earlier, including the ones that had hung on for three generations. (He even had the graves of their ancestors dug up and their bones disposed of.) He followed that performance by ousting the Jews, then closing the U.S. air base near Tripoli and the British barracks at Azizia. Inside those barracks today is Qaddafi's official tent, decorated on the inside with embroidered weavings of his famous sayings; on the outside, however, it is drab and unadorned, with a couple of picturesque camels tethered nearby for the desired effect on foreign visitors.

With the nation properly cleansed of pasta, blintzes, kidney pie and hamburgers, the Bedouin zealot then set out to become the kind of man only Lawrence of Arabia could appreciate. He believed in a true confederation of all Arab states, joined together under Islamic law in a union so strong they would become a third superpower. He was, in short, that most dangerous of dictators: the true believer. He set out his views in the Green Book (all three volumes of which are now conveniently available on Qaddafi"s personal website), and we should give the man credit for being one of the most concise prose stylists in the history of tyrannical lunacy. You can actually read the entire Green Book in half an afternoon, and, although Muammar would not like this characterization, most of it is Communism Lite.

He rails against communism, of course, because he was trying to adapt a socialist society to fit with sharia law, which wouldn't condone <u>female</u> bulldozer operators and quickie divorces. But for the most part, it 's an idiosyncratic blue-print for a sort of unwieldy socialist super-democracy, with everything managed by "popular congresses" (but not parties -- parties are evil) that come to a common agreement without electing anyone (because "representative democracy" is equally evil). Everything belongs to the people. Everybody gets universal social services. Nobody owns anything or makes more than his neighbor. The workers own the natural resources. As long as OPEC was strong and the nation had a \$9,000 per capita income, this was all fine. When that fell to \$2,000, of course, the system came apart at the seams.

But let's not dwell on that. Let's recall Qaddafi's glory years, the 1970s, when there was no country too small or too large (he sent bags of money to redneck presidential brother Billy Carter) for Qaddafi to get his hands dirty.

What 's strange about these years is that you can't discern an overarching purpose in any of it, except perhaps destabilizing the entire universe, like some villain in a James Bond movie.

Qaddafi was constantly trying to form Arab super-states by merging with Syria or Egypt or with Chad and Sudan, but then withdrawing and sometimes declaring war on his former allies when it became apparent that he couldn't be the leader. He was so disappointed in Egypt, home place of his spiritual mentor Nasser, that he built a 200-mile-long wall to protect Libya from what had become, overnight, an infidel country because of its acceptance of Israel. In the Iran-Iraq war, Qaddafi intervened on Iran's side, even though Libya's population is overwhelmingly Sunni. He broke off relations with Saudi Arabia over the "U.S. occupation" there, even though any plan for his pan-Arab dream relied on Saudi goodwill. He bought massive amounts of armaments from the Soviet Union, thereby betraying his Chechen comrades, and kept up a constant war of nerves with his MiGs playing chicken with American recon planes near the Libyan coast.

When oil was discovered in the Mediterranean, halfway between Libya and Malta, he declared that the territorial waters of Libya included everything up to 12 miles from the Maltese shore, a position that almost resulted in war. He invaded Chad in order to force it to become his friendly partner. He sent some dirty-tricks squads to Nigeria that caused an outbreak of violence, leaving 100 dead.

He supported resistance fighters and revolutionaries everywhere, no matter whose side they were on. To give you some idea, he funneled money and arms to Scottish revolutionaries.

Some of his revolutionary largesse seemed to fit in with his pan-Arab goals (the Moros of the Philippines, the Palestinians);others were just plain wacky: radical natives in South America, the New Jewel Movement in Grenada, the *Irish Republican Army*, the Basques and the Kurds.

He had a special fondness for Louis Farrakhan's Nation of Islam, as well as the Black Panthers, and he tried to give Farrakhan a billion dollars on the occasion of Farrakhan's receiving something called the Qaddafi Human Rights Award. (Don't laugh. Remember, Libya is the current chair of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, in spite of holding the world record for longest imprisonment of a journalist: Abdullah Ali al-Sanussi-al-Darrat, jailed in 1973 and still caged -- place of confinement unknown.)

The United States blocked the billion, by the way.

What makes this all possible, of course, is oil. Without oil, Qaddafi would be one more wacky but ineffectual African dictator. As it is, he 's like an International Monetary Fund for illegitimate governments. He's apparently never met a secessionist he didn't like, funneling support to breakaway guerrillas in Chad, Eritrea, Lebanon, the Canary Islands, Wales, Egypt, Sudan, Corsica and Sardinia. He even gave his blessing to the American Jesus-freak movement, Children of God, which apparently passes muster on the strength of its antigovernment beliefs. (He's been officially declared a messiah by the Children of God, an honor he accepted reluctantly, apparently after being convinced it would help his Muslim missionary goals.)

Is Qaddafi a changed man? He recently turned 61, which happens to be the average life expectancy for a Libyan, and he doesn't seem so keen on murder in his declining years. He was never an indiscriminate assassin in the first place. Like the Mafia, all killings were kept in the family --people he thought had betrayed him in one way or another. His notorious intelligence services -- assassins who carried out hits in Rome, London, Athens, Beirut, Bonn and Milan -- had eliminated most of his chief political opponents by 1980. Most were shot, one was strangled and one was decapitated. The decapitation seems to be his only indulgence in Idi Amin-style vengeance. For the most part, he 's been, by dictator standards, a moderate blood-letter.

Of course, there's the widespread belief that he was responsible for the explosion that knocked Pan Am flight 103 out of the air over Lockerbie, Scotland, leaving 271 dead. Even though he's publicly apologized for it and turned over two men to international courts, he's never said he ordered it, and it's unlikely that he did. When you're supporting various terrorist cells in every nation on the planet, sooner or later one of them is going to do something that threatens your oil sales. Perhaps to make this point, he was the first Muslim leader to condemn Al-Qaida after the Sept. 11 attacks.

"Irrespective of the conflict with America." he said, "it is a human duty to show sympathy with the American people and be with them at these horrifying and awesome events which are bound to awaken human conscience."

The statement was especially significant because it's been widely assumed that much of his grudge against Europe and the United States has been intensely personal. His grandfather was killed by an Italian colonist in 1911. His infant daughter was killed in a U.S. bombing raid on his personal residence in 1986. In the days immediately following, he expressed his hatred for President Reagan in several colorful ways and said it was legal to eat American soldiers since they had been revealed to be animals. He rarely speaks this way anymore -- perhaps because his country has just recently returned from the brink of economic collapse, perhaps because he doesn't have to. In Western marketing terms, "Qaddafi" is a mature brand, so high-concept that the word itself inspires allegiances and blind loyalty that doesn't need further proof of quality. He can afford, like Disney or Coca-Cola, to diversify without fear of losing his core business.

This doesn't mean he can't occasionally call for the saber and the musket, but it usually takes something on the order of an actual assassination attempt. Ever since 2,000 Libyan soldiers plotted to assassinate him in 1993 -- the biggest threat to his power he's seen so far -- Qaddafi has pretty routinely dealt with the various opposition figures who want to kill or depose him.

His crack troops, the Green Guard of the Revolution, handle the necessary formalities, if any arise. Qaddafi is avenging one serious assassination attempt every two years or so, plus the occasional bloody riot at a football game (a peculiarly Libyan form of social protest), and even a few foreign-financed jobs. (It now appears that the 1996 attempt to kill him was orchestrated by MI6, with help from Al-Qaida. Now that post-9/11 speech starts to make sense.)

Otherwise he's lost his flair for the dramatically brutal gesture. Gone are the days when he suggested torpedoing the Queen Elizabeth II as it carried Jews to Israel to celebrate that nation's 25th anniversary. Today Qaddafi contents himself with repeatedly resigning from office -- so the people can demand he return -- and making apocalyptic pronouncements. (The CIA is spreading AIDS worldwide. It is the beginning of "The Age of Chaos." All armies will be destroyed and civilians will be taught to fight. The coming revolution will start inside America, where corporations will join with minorities to destroy the government. Soon world markets will end.) And fortunately for his international image, he remains eminently quotable: "Israel is nothing but a mirage something that does not exist."

In fact, his recent speeches and interviews (if you can call them interviews, considering that the questioners frequently address him as "Great leader") indicate that he's dwelling on ever subtler forms of worldwide disruption. One of his favorite words is "virus," which he uses in several ways, but the utility of computer viruses is obviously uppermost in his mind:

"Viruses today are much more stronger than cruise missiles." He openly gloated over the dotcom bust, and he recently proposed further destabilizing the Western economy by simply counterfeiting billions of dollars and euros. Is it just a coincidence that, since he started talking about it, the U.S. Treasury has been forced to change the designs of its currency, including, so far, the 100 and 20 and five dollar bills?

Meanwhile, all his friends from the 1969 Revolutionary Council have drifted away. Four have retired, one was killed in a car accident, another was killed in a coup attempt. Abdel Moneim Al-Huni joined the Libyan opposition in 1975 and survived a Qaddafi hit squad, then -- remarkably -- reconciled with the Colonel and is now Qaddafi's ambassador to the Arab League. The man considered Qaddafi's successor for many years, Major Abdel Salam Jallud, disappeared from power in the mid-1990s to devote his attention to business -- and he was the last of them.

Qaddafi's various sons all had their problems. Al-Saidi is a reckless and profligate man in his late 20s whose only passion is soccer. Muhammad, the eldest son by Qaddafi's first wife, is too shy for the job. Sayf Al-Islam, the third eldest son, has served as a Libyan envoy but reportedly hates politics, and he's been spending time in Vienna taking business courses at a college program run by Americans. Only Aisha, now 25, seems to relish Dad's job.

She's appeared on television with Nelson Mandela, soothed the nerves of Saddam Hussein during various crises and once slipped away from her 30 personal bodyguards at London's Dorchester Hotel to speak at Hyde Park's Speakers Corner. More important, she can use the word "privatization" with a straight face while blitzing European capitals, then become the perfect representative of a traditional Islamic household at home. It would be somehow very much like Qaddafi to try to create the first <u>female</u> head of an Arab state, and somehow amend the Green Book to allow it.

He doesn't refer much anymore to the Green Book, perhaps because its socialist principles are a little embarrassing in a country that became steadily poorer through the 1990s. In fact, he's started making a bid for business partners. At some point he started thinking about Libya's "1,000 miles of unspoiled beaches" and decided he needed some tourist hotels. (Kind of a long shot, since the country doesn't accept credit cards and has a permanent ban on alcohol and gambling.) He's also not ruling out the presence of some foreign banks in Tripoli. But he draws the line at joining the International Monetary Fund or the World Bank, both of which he despises. For him, that would be like Disney making pornography or Coca-Cola bottling whiskey: the brand is still strong, but you can't destroy the franchise. The Q-Man may be a little softer in his old age, but he's not so insane as to begin doing what appears to be sane.

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Body

WHAT TO SAY ABOUT... INDIA'S VICTORY

It's not the end of the world, you mutter, staring down at the Australian couch grass and counting again the 22 years since India last won a cricket Test match on it.

Quote visiting Hindustan Times deputy editor Soumya Bhattacharya to remind everyone just how long it is since you last tasted a home-delivered defeat vindaloo: "The last time this happened, it was a long, long time ago," you point out.

"It was in a different world. Sourav Ganguly was eight, Rahul Dravid seven and Parthiv Patel hadn't even been born . . . The Soviet Union was still, well, the Soviet Union. The memory of John Lennon's assassination was fresh . . . Bjorn Borg was reigning Wimbledon champion (to be defeated by John McEnroe in another five months). And Diego Maradona was yet to leave his mark on soccer. That was how long ago it was."

Grant, reluctantly, that Rahul Dravid did bat like God in the second Test in Adelaide's searing heat, and that the Indians managed to notch up this win while golden child Sachin Tendulkar was out of sorts with the bat.

"Tendulkar," you note, cutting and pasting the Herald Sun, "has gone a year and 12 innings without scoring a Test century. It is the longest time he has been without a ton in his 14-year career." Observe that he has slipped out of the top 10 in PricewaterhouseCooper's ratings for the first time in 10 years, then wonder what might happen when the sleeping giant awakens.

Marvel that the Indian Parliament was interrupted when news broke of the result, that Kolkatans smeared each other with vermillion, distributed sweets and gathered before skipper Sourav Ganguly's home with posters of their hero.

But it was only one victory, after all, you add. It hardly makes them the world's best. Echo captain-in-waiting Ricky Ponting when he said, "They have won one Test [in Australia] in 20-odd years. They have got a long way to go before they can start talking like that. If they think they can be world champions after winning one Test, well, good luck to 'em."

Yeah, good luck to 'em, you repeat, for emphasis. Bring it on. Recall with the injured bowler Glenn "Pigeon" McGrath that quicker-than-silver Brett Lee is expected to return on Boxing Day to the ground and the opponents that delivered him a seven-wicket haul in his first baggy-green outing.

"Brett made his debut against India," you repeat. "Hopefully he can go back to the form he showed there. He really got stuck into them early on and I think the extra pace and extra bounce the Melbourne wicket offers will play a part for Australia."

In the end, you reckon, it's all just part of the script for captain Steve Waugh's final Test series. All set for a thrilling final battle to end a career that was full of them.

Joel Gibson

HEADSCARVES

DIVISIVE ACT

Report

The Daily Telegraph (London)

December 18

President Jacques Chirac risked enraging France's estimated 5 million Muslims yesterday by proposing a law banning Islamic girls from wearing headscarves to school. Even the most moderate Islamic leaders said the proposal was likely to exacerbate tensions and showed a marked misunderstanding of France's immigration problems.

Madelaine Bunting

The Guardian, December 18

What lies ahead is many more years of confrontation between the French state and Muslims, and a dangerous reinforcement in the Muslim community of the perception of Islamophobia, of exclusion and persecution.

Editorial

Paris Normandie, December 16

Saddam Hussein has been captured, the [European] Union has broken down, the world economy is slow to recover, unemployment is taking root, but France chooses to debate secularism. This can be put down to the national genius that makes us capable of tearing one another apart over a social issue of interest to no one but ourselves.

Editorial

Liberation (France), December 18

President Chirac wants to prevent the far right from exploiting the failure of the policy of integration of Muslims . . . What Mr Chirac did not mention was the Government's inability to pursue integration, nor what new means it intends to deploy to deal with the causes . . . of social disintegration.

Editorial

Sueddeutsche Zeitung (Germany),

December 18

Islamist fundamentalists in France have been using the rules of democracy to their own advantage. The headscarf . . . has become a symbol of division.

Editorial

Tribune De Geneve, December 18

The whole affair is about banning the Islamic headscarf. Such a law will be a fig leaf trying to cover up problems arising . . . from social shortcomings than from religious allegiances. By massing the working class of North African origin in ghetto towns, France gradually built itself a time bomb. Articles of faith News Review, Page 27

HEALTH

INSURANCE CHAOS

Editorial

The Daily Telegraph, December 18

The indemnity issue is complex. Much of the problem stems from the explosion in litigation, fuelled not just by lawyers but the sad decline of our values, with people who would have once regarded tragedy as fate now seeing it as a potential source for monetary gain. But elements of the indemnity crisis are painfully simple. They go to money and responsibility. It is plain greedy for specialists who have grown used to massive levels of remuneration to kick up a fuss because their salaries are being pared back. Some of these poor souls will lose tens of thousands of dollars, leaving them to make do with salaries of more than \$300,000 a year.

Report

The Age, December 18

The Federal Opposition Leader, Mark Latham, has described the Government's latest medical indemnity solution as "a patch-up scheme". The Government will fork out more than \$600 million to prop up the troubled medical indemnity system but doctors warned it may not be enough to keep them in their jobs. "This is their fourth go at it. It is another Band-Aid that they have put on the problem," Mr Latham said. "I think it is much better in public life to go for long-term, lasting solutions. I would like to see the Government sitting down with the states and territories to address issues in medical indemnity, and to minimise the number of claims that come through in the first place."

Editorial

The Australian, December 18

Doctors have had a very big win with the Howard Government's decision to meet most of their insurance costs. That the Australian Medical Association, perhaps the toughest union in the country, says it "cautiously welcomes" the plan demonstrates just how good a deal it is. Canberra says if doctors pay 7.5 per cent of their gross income to medical indemnity insurance, it will pick up 80 per cent of any costs above this, making the arrangement an income transfer from the rest of us to some of the highest-earning professionals in the country. The Health Minister, Tony Abbott, had little choice to socialising most of the doctors' insurance costs while leaving them to privatise the profits of practice. United Medical Protection, the nation's largest medical insurer, collapsed last year with unfunded liabilities of \$460 million. This left 30,000 doctors facing the risk of huge premiums.

QUOTES

Ladies and gentlemen, we got him.

Paul Bremer, the American civil administrator in Iraq, announcing the capture of Saddam Hussein.

Saddam Hussein, hero of Arabs, would never surrender like this. He must have been subjected to drugs or nerve gas to paralyse him, for he is not one to surrender in this humiliating manner.

Nawal Ibrahim al-Hasan, sister of Saddam Hussein.

It appears to me Saddam Hussein is going to be afforded a fairer system of justice than what David Hicks will. Stephen Kenny, lawyer for Adelaide man David Hicks, who has been detained in Guantanamo Bay for two years.

I can assure you that the strange little girl from Sydney never, ever imagined in her wildest dreams that this would ever happen.

Nicole Kidman, after receiving the key to the City of Sydney.

Mr Latham is getting a honeymoon. I expect that, I understand that, I take that rather calmly.

The Prime Minister, John Howard, on the new Labor leader's strong early showing in the polls.

One thing I am finding in this job is that it is very hard to make John Howard happy.

The Federal Opposition Leader, Mark Latham.

There are people that, if I was doing the job, would certainly not be in the position they were in at that time because they failed. They simply failed.

The former governor of New Jersey, Thomas Kean, chairman of an independent commission investigating the September 11 attacks on New York and Washington.

I admit the best team won.

The message on a sandwich board worn by the former Wallaby David Campese, pictured, as he walked along London's Oxford Street after England's victory in the Rugby World Cup.

Take that, Bullies.

The headline in New Delhi's Today newspaper after India unexpectedly defeated Australia in the secondcricket Test.

THE FALLOUT

Strike relief on way: Six thousand <u>women</u> in north-western Cameroon have called off a two-month sex strike after a commission was set up to investigate their complaints that cattle were destroying their crops.

Model walks over dunnies: A celebrity model who once portrayed the swashbuckling Lara Croft has been airlifted out of Iraq because she didn't like the toilets and showers used by British forces. Nell McAndrew, 30, was given a helicopter ride to Kuwait and a luxury hotel, from where she shuttled back into Iraq for morale-boosting pre-Christmas visits to British troops.

Message in a bottle: Male students at a Canadian university are being offered a free two-week holiday in Australia in return for their sperm. An ad has been placed in the University of Calgary's student newspaper by the Reproductive Medicine Clinic in Albury, NSW. It's getting difficult to find volunteers in Australia because of a new law that says sperm donors can no longer remain anonymous, reported the Toronto

Star.Idea bombs out: A peer has told the House of Lords that Britain's radioactive waste should be buried in the middle of the Sahara Desert. The junior Environment Minister, Lord Whitty, replied that there might be "a number of international problems" in crossbencher Lord Hylton's idea.

Legal mumbo jumbo: Prosecutors in a trial in Miami complainedthat their seats and evidence boxes were being covered with voodoo powder. Assistant US Attorney Richard Gregorie said he respected all religions but was tired ofgetting his suits cleaned, said the Miami Herald.

THE NATION

TASMANIA

School's in

Just when they thought they were safe over summer, young people are being given more to think about by the Tasmanian Government. Under new legislation, teenagers will have to stay in education until they either have a full-time job or are 17 a year longer than students in other states. The Premier, Jim Bacon, said the state needed a new approach to post-year 10 education that enshrined a culture of lifelong learning into the everyday lives of Tasmanians.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Still at bay

After two years of silence broken only by an occasional brief postcard, the family of the Adelaide terrorism suspect David Hicks were granted a phone call to the US military base at Guantanamo Bay. After four days of briefings with Hicks, 28, an Adelaide lawyer, Stephen Kenny, said Hicks was likely to be charged, probably early next year, with the crime of conspiracy. Saddam Hussein was likely to receive a fairer hearing, added Kenny (pictured on the left, with Hicks's father, Terry). David Hicks was the first Guantanamo Bay prisoner to have a lawyer and the first to be granted a phone call.

VICTORIA

Best of friends

The former state premiers Jeff Kennett and John Cain are allies in a bid to block a planned university campus with student housing at Melbourne's tennis centre. The former foes both want the State Government to protect the sporting precinct from the controversial development planned by Melbourne Park chiefs.

QUEENSLAND

Throwing money at children

The State Government has moved to fix the dysfunctional Families Department with an injection of \$16 million ahead of the looming state election. The funds have been allocated despite speculation that the Crime and Misconduct Commission will recommend that the department be overhauled, turning its focus from families to child safety. The CMC is concerned about the culture within the department that left dozens of foster children in abusive homes. An additional \$154 million will be pumped into the Families Department over the next five years.

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Crime downturn

The number of break-ins to Territory homes has continued to fall, the latest quarterly crime statistics show. House break-ins were down 25 per cent, or 928 offences, over the past 12 months compared with the previous 12 months. The Government figures showed that commercial break-ins fell by 22 per cent. Motor vehicle theft was down 23 per cent while assaults recorded no appreciable change. The figures also revealed an increase in the number of sexual assaults during the 12 months to the end of September 2003.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

IRA leader raises ire

The University of Western Australia's Perth International Arts Festival was forced to justify inviting the Sinn Fein leader and *Irish Republican Army* supporter, Gerry Adams, to Perth. Adams will promote his autobiography, Hope and History, as a speaker at the Words and Ideas program, sponsored by Curtin University, in February. The festival's office received phone calls and emails in protest after a report in The West Australian on Adams's visit.

NSW

Daylight robbery

Christmas shoppers ran for their lives when two security guards had their money and revolvers taken in a robbery at a busy Sydney shopping centre on Thursday. The Armaguard officers had just dropped off a bundle of cash at the Coles supermarket in the Broadway Shopping Centre and were about to enter a lift when they were set upon by two men armed with a single-barrel shotgun. The shopping centre robbery is the 10th on security staff in the city in the past five months.

EDITORIALS

The Daily Telegraph

Island games

The veteran leader of Northern Cyprus, Rauf Denktash, will be relieved at the outcome of this week's parliamentary elections, which bolstered his majority. Demonstrations earlier this year in favour of reuniting with the southern part of the island, so that both could join the European Union, suggested that his power to block a deal was waning. The EU and America will lean on Mr Denktash to give ground. London December 17

The Moscow Times

Tyranny rules

The raids this week by armed rebels in Daghestan came as a reminder that efforts to quell violent extremism in the North Caucasus are failing. Daghestan has become notorious for human rights abuses under strongman Magomedali Magomedov, who seems to have struck a deal with the Kremlin that allows him to do what he pleases as long as he remains loyal. This malaise breeds violent extremists, who are integrating into the web of religious terrorism. Moscow, December 16

Le Monde

Hey, big spender

The EU is a Europe of small-minded shopkeepers. To become the world's biggest growth zone Europe has to spend more, not less. Europe wants to be the equal of the US, but Europe squabbles over a few per cent, while President George Bush is not the least worried about the record American deficit and is trying to turn the arrest of Saddam Hussein into a political triumph. Paris, December 16

Chicago Tribune

Pursuing of justice

A trial of Saddam Hussein conducted in Iraq would be cathartic for the millions who suffered under him. Such a trial would offer a chance for Iraq to show the world that it is developing an open and honest court system, despite fears it is not ready. Chicago, December 16

Gulf News

Strategic survival

It was no surprise the sympathy vote went to the underdeveloped countries when they derailed the talks at September's ministerial meeting of the World Trade Organisation. Those developing countries believe no deal is better than the bad deal they were being offered. But there is no easy way out for them and they can rescue the situation by recognising their best interest might lie in asking for less now to get more in the long term. Dubai, December 17

Graphic

Illus: The bushfires that destroyed more than 400 homes and killed four people in Canberra in January also incinerated vast areas of farmland near the city. Herald photographer Nick Moir's image of hundreds of burnt sheep, kangaroos and birds showed animals that had been herded to their deaths by the flames, in a landscape burnt black and left under ``dunes of ash". The image has been named by Time magazine in its latest edition as one of the best photographs of 2003.

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MEXICO-UNIVERSITY RAID. Police raid campus, arrest over 600 strikers.

US-KOSOVO-CIVILIAN DEATHS. Report: 500 civilians killed during NATO bombing.

AUSTRIA-THE BUZZ. Stately city's cafes abuzz with talk of Joerg Haider.

ITALY-CAR-FREE SUNDAY. Romans ban cars, reclaim cobblestone streets.

ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Negotiators suspend talks.

US-CLINTON-SENATE. First lady plans to announce Senate candidacy.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

ALMATY, Kazakstan About 20 hijackers commandeer an Afghan plane carrying more than 100 people Sunday, forcing it to fly first to Uzbekistan and then to Kazakstan, authorities say. AFGHANISTAN-PLANE. Lead has moved; developments will be expedited. By Rozlana Taukina. AP Photo KAB101, file photo of Ariana plane.

GEKHI, Russia Russian troops have seized the last rebel stronghold in Grozny and the military operation to liberate the Chechen capital is over, acting President Vladimir Putin says Sunday. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Lead has moved. By Lyoma Turpalov. AP Photos MOSB101-103,107-110; NAZ101,104,105.

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RUSSIA-POPULAR PUTIN. The war in Chechnya has helped put Putin at the head of the presidential race. But his electoral chances don't hinge on the war alone. NY108.

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MEXICO CITY Police storm Latin America's largest university Sunday, tearing down barriers and arresting more than 600 students who seized control of the campus nine months ago. MEXICO-UNIVERSITY STRIKE. Lead has moved; developments will be expedited. By Niko Price. AP Photos MO101-104.

VIENNA, Austria From coffee shops to sausage stands, everybody's talking about it. The buzz in Austria's staid and stately capital is the country's new government and the international hullaballoo because Joerg Haider's far-right Freedom Party is part of it. AUSTRIA-THE BUZZ. Expected by 2100 GMT. By Melissa Eddy.

ALSO:

AUSTRIA-GOVERNMENT. The new government will compensate Holocaust victims, Haider promises Sunday. Lead has moved. VIE101-104,120; PAR103.

GERMANY-AUSTRIA. Germany debates how to deal with Haider's rise, even Expected by 2000 GMT.

HELSINKI, Finland Voters turn out in high numbers Sunday for a tight runoff race between a former prime minister and a foreign minister hoping to become Finland's first *female* president. FINLAND-ELECTION. Lead has moved. Polls close at 1800 GMT; results expected after 1900 GMT. By Matti Huuhtanen. AP Photos HEL101-103.

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_MIDEAST TALKS. Jordan's King Abdullah II, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak on Sunday discuss Israel's faltering negotiations with Syria and the Palestinians.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland From the pulpits and the pews, Protestants and Catholics pray Sunday for the salvation of Northern Ireland's peace process and for an unprecedented leap of faith from the outlawed IRA. NORTHERN IRELAND. Has moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photo XBFT101.

WASHINGTON Some 500 civilians were killed in 90 separate incidents during last year's NATO bombing campaign in Kosovo, a human rights group says in a report released Sunday. US-KOSOVO-CIVILIAN DEATHS. Upcoming; embargoed for release at 0001 GMT Monday. By David Ho.

ALSO MOVED:

MILOSEVIC'S MONOPOLY. Despite plunging popularity ratings, President Slobodan Milosevic manages to hang on. BEL101.

PURCHASE, New York First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton plans to announce her Senate candidacy Sunday from the state she has called home for only a month. US-CLINTON-SENATE. Developing; announcement scheduled for about 2000 GMT. By Marc Humbert. AP Photos planned.

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ALSO MOVED:

JORDAN-WIDOWED QUEEN. Queen Noor has a lesser, but visible role in Jordan.

ROME Skating, cycling and strolling, Romans reclaim their cobblestone streets from the automobile on the capital's first car-free Sunday. ITALY-CAR-FREE SUNDAY. Has moved. By Candice Hughes. AP Photos ROM113.

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NEW:

RUSSIA-CIVILIAN MASSACRE. Refugees say Russians killed civilians.

US-GULF-TANKER. U.S. says Russian tanker was carrying Iraqi oil.

WORLD TRADE-TRYING AGAIN. UN agency to take up world trade issues.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

MOSCOW The Afghan passenger airliner forced by hijackers on a tense journey across Central Asia and Europe leaves Moscow early Monday after nine passengers were freed and after hijackers demand European flight maps. The plane's destination was not immediately known. AFGHAN PLANE HIJACKED. Developing, will stand as lead to AFGHANISTAN-PLANE. By Barry Renfrew. AP Photo KAB101, LON101, MOSB112-115; AP Graphic planned of plane's route.

GEKHI, Russia Russian troops have seized the last rebel stronghold in Grozny and the military operation to liberate the Chechen capital is over, acting President Vladimir Putin says. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Lead expected by 0800 GMT. By Lyoma Turpalov. AP Photos MOSB101-110; NAZ101-107.

WITH:

SLEPTSOVSKAYA, Russia After enduring months of bombing and shelling, at least 22 civilians emerging from hiding in Grozny have been deliberately killed by advancing Russian troops, human-rights workers and refugees say. RUSSIA-CIVILIAN MASSACRE. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Andrew Kramer. NAZ112.

MEXICO CITY In a surprisingly smooth conclusion to the 91/2-month occupation of Latin America's largest university, police raid the main campus and arrested 632 striking students. MEXICO-UNIVERSITY STRIKE. Recap expected by 0500 GMT. By Niko Price. MO101-115.

HELSINKI, Finland Finns make history by voting in Social Democratic Foreign Minister Tarja Halonen a former staunch left-wing unionist as their first <u>female</u> president in a tight runoff. FINLAND-ELECTION. Recap expected by 0300 GMT. By Matti Huuhtanen. HEL101-107.

ALSO MOVED:

FINLAND-HALONEN PROFILE, a profile of the president-elect.

FINLAND-ELECTION-GLANCE.

FINLAND-ELECTION-THUMBNAILS.

PURCHASE, New York Surrounded by her family and political supporters, Hillary Rodham Clinton on Sunday formally launches her campaign for the U.S. Senate in a state she has called home for only a month. US-CLINTON SENATE. Recap expected by 0400 GMT. By Marc Humbert. AP Photos.

WASHINGTON Tests confirm a Russian tanker seized by the U.S. Navy in the Persian Gulf was carrying Iraqi oil in violation of the U.N. economic embargo, Defense Secretary William Cohen says. US-GULF-TANKER. Lead expected by 0600 GMT, with tanker arriving in Oman. By Robert Burns.

GENEVA Optimistim leading up to the World Trade Organization's so-called Millennium Round of trade talks vanished in December as police fired tear gas at protesters on Seattle streets while negotiators squabbled indoors. Another organization, launching a round of meetings next weekend, hopes to gallop in and save the day. WORLD TRADE-TRYING AGAIN. Expected by 0200 GMT. By Naomi Koppel. GEV101-102.

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ALSO:

LEBANON-ISRAEL. A roadside bombing and ambush in southern Lebanon kill one Israeli soldier and injured seven, prompting Israel to vow retaliation against the Muslim guerrillas who claimed responsibility. JRL107-109, BEI101.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland An attack by <u>Irish Republican Army</u> dissidents on a rural hotel has compounded political tensions as Northern Ireland faces the grim prospect of losing its Protestant-Catholic government. NORTHERN IRELAND. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Shawn Pogatchnik. XBFT101-102, LON113, 115-116.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Wednesday, the 50th Berlin Film Festival opens.

FEATURES:

SALVADOR, Brazil Racism at carnival was the dirty little secret in Salvador. People quietly accepted that the prestigious blocos required applicants to provide photos so they could weed out the poor, the black and the ugly. But the issue was forced into the open recently. FEA-BRAZIL-CARNIVAL RACISM. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Michael Astor. AP Graphic BRAZIL SALVADOR. AP Photo NY302-307.

BOGOTA, Colombia The ranks of Colombia's disabled veterans grow daily, with no end in sight to the South American nation's nearly 36-year-long conflict. About 2,500 soldiers and police officers have been disabled in combat since 1993 alone. FEA-COLOMBIA'S MAIMED. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Margarita Martinez AP Photo NY309-316.

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GERMANY-TRAIN ACCIDENT. Night train derails; seven killed, dozens injured.

RUSSIA-POPULAR PUTIN. Putin's popularity doesn't hinge on Chechnya alone.

JORDAN-KING. A year into reign, Jordan's Abdullah gets the hang of being king.

WORLD TRADE-AFTER SEATTLE. World trade conference aims at healing.

US-PRESIDENTIAL-DELAWARE PRIMARY. Gore Wins Delaware primary.

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TEHRAN, Iran Mortars strike a publishing house in central Tehran, near key government offices including the Iranian president's office and Parliament. One person is killed and four are wounded, Tehran television reports. IRAN-EXPLOSIONS. Has moved. By Hasan Sarbakhshian. AP Photos TEH101, 104.

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ALKHAN-KALA, Russia Russian forces are bombing and shelling Chechnya's western villages but residents say the assault is largely causing civilian casualties. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. New story expected by 1100 GMT. By Lyoma Turpalov. AP Photos MOSB101-103, NAZ102-3.

ALSO:

MOSCOW Moscow's popular war in Chechnya helped land Vladimir Putin where he is today leading Russia and dominating the race for presidential elections. But his electoral chances don't hinge on the war alone. RUSSIA-POPULAR PUTIN. Upcoming. By Angela Charlton. AP Photo NY108.

KOSOVSKA MITROVICA, Yugoslavia French peacekeepers clash with ethnic Albanians for a second straight day, forcing back hundreds who tried to push their way across a bridge to the Serb-controlled north side of this city. KOSOVO-SERBS. Has moved. By Elena Becatoros. AP Photos PRI101-103.

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BANGKOK, Thailand The breakdown of world trade talks in Seattle last year into street violence and bitter disagreement between nations may be partly healed by a gathering in Bangkok over the next two weeks, a United Nations trade leader says Sunday. WORLD TRADE-AFTER SEATTLE. Has moved. By Patrick McDowell.

ALSO:

BANGKOK, Thailand The Asian economic crisis ended more quickly than anyone expected, thanks largely to the strengths that led to the continent's extraordinary growth in the first place. WORLD TRADE-ASIAN CRISIS. Expectable by 0800 GMT.

WILMINGTON, Delaware Vice President Al Gore wins the Delaware presidential primary, outdistancing Bill Bradley in an election neglected by the Democratic campaigners and most voters. US-PRESIDENTIAL-DELAWARE PRIMARY. Has moved. By AP Special Correspondent Walter R. Mears.

ALSO:

WASHINGTON What John McCain proudly calls a "land mine," George W. Bush dismisses as a mere "bump in the road." It's McCain's momentum, and it is a serious threat to Bush and the Republican establishment. US-PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN-MCCAIN. Has moved. By Ron Fournier. AP Photos WXS2001-2002.

MIAMI Relatives of Elian Gonzalez, outraged after one of his grandmothers described playfully biting the boy's tongue and unzipping his pants during a reunion in Miami, have filed a complaint with police, a police source says. US-CUBAN BOY. Has moved. By Rachel la Corte. AP Photo FLAD101.

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FEA-VENEZUELA-LATIN STRUGGLES. Latin Americans struggle to overcome old problems that gripped the region: poverty, corruption and authoritarian rule. AP Photos NY302-306.

FEA-US VIRGIN ISLANDS-GOONEY BIRDS. A flock of World War II-era DC-3s still coasts the Caribbean skies, hopping the islands with cargo. AP Photos NY360-361.

FEA-REMEMBERING MARLEY. Locals work in Kingston to build a museum to mark the anniversary of Bob Marley's birthday Sunday. AP Photos NY190-191.

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SOCCER:

ACCRA, Ghana The African Nations Cup moves into the quarterfinal stage with in-form Cameroon the firm favorite to beat Algeria.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Cameroon-Algeria. Expected by 1900 GMT.

By Andreas Evagora.

KUMASI, Ghana After three unimpressive performances in Group A, co-host Ghana can't afford any more slip-ups as it faces 1996 African Nations Cup champion South Africa.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Ghana-South Africa. Expected by 2200 GMT.

LONDON Lazio can take over the leadership in Italy and in Spain top club Deportivo faces a touch challenge against a rejuvenated Real Madrid in first-division play.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Weekend Roundup. Expected by 1900 GMT.

By Stephen Wade.

PARIS Monaco can extend its already formidable 10-point lead at the top of the French championship with a win or draw away to fourth-placed Lyon on Sunday night.

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

ALSO:

LONDON Sports-Soccer-British Roundup. Expected by 1800 GMT.

MADRID, Spain Sports-Soccer-Spanish Roundup. Expected by 1900 GMT.

BERLIN Sports-Soccer-German Roundup. Expected by 1800 GMT.

DORTMUND, Germany Sports-Soccer-Dortmund Coach. Has moved.

TENNIS:

LONDON The United States faces elimination Sunday in the Davis Cup with newcomer Chris Woodruff up against Wayne Black in the fifth and final match of the first-round tie with Zimbabwe.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Davis Cup Roundup. Expected by 1900 GMT.

WITH:

HARARE, Zimbabwe Sports-Tennis-Davis Cup-Sports-Zimbabwe-US. Has moved.

LEIPZIG, Germany Sports-Tennis-Germany-Netherlands. Has moved.

ZURICH, Switzerland Sports-Tennis-Switzerland-Australia. Expected by 2000 GMT.

OSTRAVA, Czech Republic Sports-Tennis-Czech-Britain. Expected by 2000 GMT.

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia Sports-Tennis-Slovakia-Austria. Expected by 2000 GMT.

MOSCOW Sports-Tennis-Russia-Belgium. Expected by 2000 GMT.

FLORIANAPOLIS, Brazil Sports-Tennis-Brazil-France. Expected by 2000 GMT.

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

By K.P. Hong.

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PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa South Africa scores 204 for seven wickets against Zimbabwe on Sunday in the eighth one-day international of the Standard Bank Triangular Series.

Slug Sports-Cricket-South Africa-Zimbabwe. Has moved.

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Slug Sports-Skiing-Men's Slalom. Lead has moved.

By Erica Bulman.

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Slug Sports-RugbyU-Six Nations. Expected by 1600 GMT.

By Robert Millward

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ALSO:

KEY BISCAYNE, Florida Sports-Golf-Royal Caribbean Classic. Expected by 0000 GMT.

ICE HOCKEY:

TORONTO Mats Sundin plans to take a bite out of Cujo. Sundin, the NHL World All-Star, plans to break out "a special shot" that will beat his Toronto Maple Leafs teammate, North American starting goalie Curtis Joseph.

Slug Sports-Ice Hockey-NHL All-Star Notebook. Has moved.

By Greg Beacham.

ALSO:

TORONTO Sports-Ice Hockey-NHL SuperSkills Results. Has moved.

ALSO MOVED:

DAYTONA BEACH, Florida Sports-Auto Racing-Daytona 24.

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WORLD SPORTS AT 0000 GMT:

SOCCER:

ACCRA, Ghana The African Nations Cup moves into the quarterfinal stage with in-form Cameroon the firm favorite to beat Algeria.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Cameroon-Algeria. Has moved.

By Andreas Evagora.

KUMASI, Ghana Siyabonga Nomvete's first-half goal gave ten-man South Africa a hard-fought 1-0 win against co-host Ghana in the quarterfinal of the African Nations Cup.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Ghana-South Africa. Has moved.

LONDON Lazio is the new leader in Italy. The Romans pick up their first road victory since December, winning 4-2 at Tornio on goals by Sinisa Mihajlovic, Roberto Sensini, veteran Fabrizio Ravanelli and Chile's Marcelo Salas.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Weekend Roundup. Has moved.

By Stephen Wade.

PARIS Lyon kept its slim title hopes alive with a 2-1 victory over Monaco on Sunday, inflicting a rare defeat on the league leader despite playing half the game with ten men and even missing a penalty.

Slug Sports-Soccer-French Roundup. Has moved.

ALSO:

LONDON Sports-Soccer-British Roundup. Has moved.

MADRID, Spain Sports-Soccer-Spanish Roundup. Has moved.

BERLIN Sports-Soccer-German Roundup. Has moved.

DORTMUND, Germany Sports-Soccer-Dortmund Coach. Has moved.

TENNIS:

HARARE, Zimbabwe There were many firsts in the American Davis Cup come-from-behind win over Zimbabwe.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Davis Cup-Zimbabwe-US. Expected by 0100 GMT.

By Andrew Selsky.

LONDON The United States, with a dramatic victory from Chris Woodruff in the deciding match, pulls itself back from the abyss to reach the Davis Cup quarterfinals in April.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Davis Cup Roundup. Has moved.

By Stephen Wade.

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates German Nicolas Kiefer is the top seed for the dlrs 1 million Dubai Open ATP tournament which gets under way here Monday.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Dubai Open. Has moved.

ALSO MOVED:

HARARE, Zimbabwe Sports-Tennis-Davis Cup-Sports-Zimbabwe-US.

LEIPZIG, Germany Sports-Tennis-Germany-Netherlands.

ZURICH, Switzerland Sports-Tennis-Switzerland-Australia.

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FOOTBALL

HONOLULU The NFL completes its season with the Pro Bowl, a showcase featuring such young stars as Peyton Manning, Edgerrin James, Jevon Kearse and Randy Moss.

Slug Sports-Football-Pro Bowl. Game underway.

By Ben DiPietro.

ICE HOCKEY:

TORONTO A rout and a shutout. Obviously, this wasn't a normal National Hockey League All-Star game.

Slug Sports-Ice Hockey-NHL All-Star. Has moved.

By Alan Robinson.

ALSO:

NEW YORK Sports-Basketball-NBA Roundup. Expected by 0500 GMT.

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US-BORDER ARREST. Moroccan man detained, held as witness.

BRITAIN-SWORD ATTACK. Man wielding samurai sword kills Liberal Democrat party aide and injures lawmaker.

CHINA-DETAINED RESEARCHER. China frees U.S. college librarian accused of smuggling secret documents.

US-NORTH KOREA-WAR REMAINS. North Korea finds more than 400 remains of people likely to be U.S. servicemen killed in Korean War.

MYANMAR-URCHINS WITH GUNS. Some Myanmar rebels are led by a 'children's crusade.'

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

ALKHAZUROVO, Russia Rebels appear to still be holding the Russians back from the center of the Chechen capital, Grozny, with sniper fire and surprise ambushes. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Lead has moved; new story expected by 1100 GMT. By Lyoma Turpalov. AP Photos MOSB101-105, 111-112, 118, NAZ101-106.

ALSO MOVED:

ANALYSIS-RUSSIA-CHECHEN STALEMATE. Why has one of the world's largest armies been struggling for months to take a single city?

SEATTLE Border agents detain a Moroccan man at the U.S.-Canadian border and order him held as a material witness, but federal officials would not say why Friday. US-BORDER ARREST. Has moved; developing.

ALSO MOVED:

NOUAKCHOTT, Mauritania A bombing suspect who reportedly has links to the shadowy multimillionaire fugitive Osama bin Laden is arrested Friday, authorities say. BORDER ARRESTS. By Sheikh Bekaye.

HAVANA Cuba's communist government celebrates the birth of independence hero Jose Marti on Friday with rallies calling for return of its newest hero 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez, the "boy martyr" at the center of an international custody battle. CUBA-BOY HERO. Has moved. By Anita Snow. AP Photos HAV105, 107, 110.

WITH:

WASHINGTON The Florida nun selected by Attorney Gen. Janet Reno as a neutral party in the custody battle over Elian Gonzalez sought unsuccessfully Friday to persuade Reno to change her mind about returning the 6-year-old to Cuba. US-CUBAN BOY. Recap moving by 0200 GMT. By Tom Raum. AP Photos WX104-105, 109, 112, 114, FLTG101.

CHELTENHAM, England A man wielding a sword kills a Liberal Democrat party aide and injured a lawmaker Friday at their crowded constituency office. BRITAIN-SWORD ATTACK. Has moved. AP Photos LON107-108.

VIENNA, Austria Undeterred by the furor abroad over his party's anticipated role in a new government, far-right populist leader Joerg Haider said he would seek to prove his foreign critics wrong, but rejects any outside inteference. AUSTRIA-GOVERNMENT. Recap moving by 0200 GMT. By Roland Prinz. AP Photos VIE108, 111, 120-121.

DAVOS, Switzerland Bill Clinton, making the first visit by a U.S. president to an annual meeting of world corporate and government leaders in the Swiss Alps, on Saturday will raise to a new high the American presence here. WORLD FORUM. Recap moving by 0300 GMT. By Alexander G. Higgins. AP Photos DAV109, 113, 355.

WASHINGTON Chinese authorities free a U.S. college librarian on Friday, five months after they arrested him and accused him of smuggling secret documents out of the country, the State Department says. CHINA-DETAINED RESEARCHER. Lead has moved. By Jim Abrams. AP Photo PX6.

WASHINGTON North Korea has discovered more than 400 remains of people likely to be American servicemen killed in the Korean War, a deputy North Korean representative to the United Nations says Friday. US-NORTH KOREA-WAR REMAINS. By Robert Burns.

BANGKOK, Thailand To outsiders, they look like nothing so much as urchins with guns. Yet their followers among Myanmar's ethnic Karen minority believe 12-year-old twins Johnny and Luther Htoo, commanders of God's Army, have mystical powers and can save the downtrodden people. Their children's crusade against a military dictatorship is facing perhaps its severest test in an intense battle in the jungles of Myanmar. MYANMAR-URCHINS WITH GUNS. Moving by 0400 GMT. By Grant Peck. AP Photo BK103

LOOKING AHEAD: On Sunday, U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright arrives in Moscow for meetings with officials. Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak meet Sunday to begin marathon peace talks ahead of a Feb. 13 target date for agreement on a framework for a peace treaty.

FEATURES: Travel:

DUNK ISLAND, Australia Named by British explorer Capt. James Cook in 1770, Dunk Island was a key radar outpost during the Battle of the Coral Sea in World War II. It was here that in 1898 author E.J. (Edmund) Banfield wrote "Beachcomber," beloved by romantics and escapists. TRAV-AUSTRALIA-DUNK ISLAND. To move as wire time permits. Dennis Passa. AP Photos NY406-NY407

LAS VEGAS Real estate mogul Robert Bigelow was fascinated by UFOs as a child. Now he says he's willing to gamble dlrs 500 million that space fans will shell out big bucks to orbit the moon in a "space hotel." It would be built in space, much like the International Space Station. TRAV-US-LUNAR LODGING. To move as wire time permits. By Robert Macy.

WINSLOW, Arizona Years after the Eagles made standin' on a corner here a lifelong goal for the rock band's fans, the town has removed all doubt about which corner they should be looking for. A volunteer group put a bronze statue of a guitar-toting man on the corner of an empty store lot. TRAV-US-TRAVEL-STANDING ON THE CORNER. To move as wire time permits. By Jolyn Okimoto. AP Photo NY409

FARMINGTON, Pennsylvania In its first decade of operation, Nemacolin, a gem of a resort and spa, offered guests rooms in the English Tudor Lodge, a maze-like, low-profile building of stone fireplaces, polished wood and all things

British. But such luxury doesn't come cheap. TRAV-US-PENNSYLVANIA SPA. To move as wire time permits. By Tara Bradley-Steck. AP Photos NY400- NY405

With BC-TRAV-PENNSYLVANIA SPA-TIPS.

Also Moving:

TRAV-Travel Briefs

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Davos, Switzerland U.S. President Bill Clinton addresses world business and government leaders meeting in Swiss Alpine resort.

Windhoek, Namibia Archbishop of Canterbury visits. Through Jan. 31.

Sunday, Jan. 30:

Moscow U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright arrives for meetings with Russian officials, Mideast conference. Through Feb. 1.

Cairo, Egypt Trial continues in military court against a prominent lawyer and 19 other members of Egypt's biggest Islamic group, the banned Muslim Brotherhood.

Middle East Israeli and Palestinian negotiators are to begin marathon talks to try to meet Feb. 13 target date for framework agreement on a peace treaty. Location to be announced.

Monday, Jan. 31:

Brussels, Belgium European Union finance ministers meet as the euro continues its wobbly run on the international money markets.

Roseau, Dominica General elections.

London Stephen Bonnett scheduled to return to court, accused of injuring a U.S. tourist by driving his car into the gates of Prime Minister Tony Blair's residence.

Geneva The leaders of war-divided Cyprus resume United Nations-sponsored indirect talks on reunification of the island. Duration uncertain.

Belfast, Northern Ireland Report by independent disarmament commission scheduled to be presented to the British and Irish governments, covering the progress toward getting the *Irish Republican Army* to surrender its weapons.

Johannesburg, South Africa Archbishop of Canterbury visits.

Tuesday, Feb. 1:

Jiddah, Saudi Arabia Iranian export trade fair.

London Indonesian President Abdurrahman Wahid arrives for two-day visit.

New Hampshire U.S. presidential primary.

Wednesday, Feb. 2:

Tel Aviv, Israel German Defense Minister Rudolf Scharping begins three-day visit.

Thursday, Feb. 3:

No major events added.

Friday, Feb. 4:

Rome Indonesian President Abdurrahman Wahid arrives for meetings with Italian leaders and also with Pope John Paul II at the Vatican. Through Feb. 6.

Saturday, Feb. 5:

No major events added.

Sunday, Feb. 6:

Cairo, Egypt British trade delegation visits. Through Feb. 9.

Osaka, Japan Gubernatorial election in Osaka Prefecture to replace Knock Yokoyama, who resigned in December over a sexual harassment scandal.

Helsinki, Finland Runoff in Finnish presidential election.

WORLD AT 0700 GMT:

NEW:

WAR CRIMES-BOSNIA. Bosnian Serb accused of burning Muslims alive.

MALAYSIA-ANWAR TRIAL. Anwar testifies in sodomy trial.

THAILAND-GOD'S ARMY. Rebels struggle to keep territory.

ARTS-CARTIER-BRESSON. Photographer holds commercial show.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

THE HAGUE, Netherlands A Bosnian Serb is summoned to enter a plea to war crimes charges in the burning alive of 135 Muslims barricaded inside two homes. Mitar Vasiljevic is scheduled to make his first public appearance at the Yugoslav tribunal Friday. WAR CRIMES-BOSNIA. Expected after 0930 GMT court appearance. By Jerome Socolovsky. AP Photos Planned.

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)

Anwar Ibrahim testified Friday that he was jet-setting in Europe, hosting dinners for Islamic scholars and watching a Disney ice-skating show on the evenings he's accused of sodomizing his former family driver. MALAYSIA-ANWAR TRIAL. Has moved. By Alvin Ung. AP Photo KL101.

BAW WI, Thailand A day after losing its headquarters to Myanmar government forces, the rebel group God's Army, led by 12-year-old twin boys, is reported Friday to be still fighting and clinging on to what territory it still controls. BC-THAILAND-GOD'S ARMY. Expected 0700 GMT. By Thaksina Khaikaew. AP Photos BK101-102.

ALKHAN-KALA, Russia Chechen snipers in high-rise buildings and trenches fire on Russian troops trying to advance on the center of Grozny. Has moved; new story expected by 1000 GMT. By Lyoma Turpalov. AP Photos MOSB101-103, 105-107, 116-118, 120-121; NAZ101-108.

WITH:

BRUSSELS, Belgium Russia escapes a Council of Europe suspension for its conduct in Chechnya, but pressure grows on Moscow to settle the conflict. COUNCIL OF EUROPE-RUSSIA. Has moved. By Paul Ames.

Also moved: US-Russia, Russia-UN.

WASHINGTON President Bill Clinton proposes a dlrs 350 billion tax cut and support for reform in Russia and China in the final State of the Union address of his presidency. "Never before has our nation enjoyed, at once, so much prosperity and social progress with so little internal crisis or so few external threats," Clinton said. US-STATE OF THE UNION. Has moved. By Anne Gearan. AP Photos WCAP101-104, ACAP 101-125.

Also Moved:

US-STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS-TEXT.

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US-CLINTON-FOREIGN EXCERPTS.

MIAMI Elian Gonzalez's father tells U.S. immigration officials that his Miami relatives offered him millions of dollars, a house and a car to join the 6-year-old boy in the United States, according to court papers filed Thursday. CUBAN BOY-LAWSUIT. Has moved. By Alex Veiga. MH101-111, HAV101-108.

VIENNA, Austria Austria's president is waiting until next week before asking two conservative groups to form a new government that could include the party of a political leader best known for statements sympathetic to aspects of the Nazi regime. AUSTRIA-GOVERNMENT. Has moved. By Robert H. Reid. AP Photos VIE101, 120-121, 123.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland Warning that the <u>Irish Republican Army</u> is unlikely to start disarming soon, Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams appealed Thursday for Protestant politicians to be patient and not pull the plug on Northern Ireland's power-sharing government. NORTHERN IRELAND. Has moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik.

DAVOS, Switzerland Facing a threat of demonstrations by opponents of megabusiness, world corporate and government leaders have begun an annual Alpine retreat with a caution that they need to allay "massive discontent" around the world. WORLD FORUM. Moving after 0730 GMT opening session. By Alexander G. Higgins. AP Photos DAV101-102,105-111.

MONTREAL The United States remained at odds with European and developing nations Thursday as talks aimed at regulating international trade in genetically modified products entered its final full day. US-CANADA-GENE TALKS. Has moved. By Matt Crenson. AP Photo MTO109

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ARTS-VIETNAM-FILM INDUSTRY.

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CUBA-PROTEST. Cubans, Americans demand Elian's return to island.

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JAPAN-POLITICS. Opposition boycotts Obuchi policy speech.

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KARACHI, Pakistan Two bombs explode within minutes of each other in Pakistan's troubled port city of Karachi on Friday, wounding 30 people, many of them worshippers at a mosque. PAKISTAN-BOMB EXPLOSION. Has moved.

HAVANA Tens of thousands of Cubans along with visiting American baseball players march through the streets of Havana early Friday as speakers demand the return of 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez during a celebration for national hero Jose Marti. CUBA-PROTEST. Has moved. By John Rice. HAV107-109.

ALSO MOVED:

US-CUBAN BOY. Has moved.

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DAVOS, Switzerland The global economy has grown strong but so has debate over who has benefited and who has lost in the boom, world corporate and government leaders heard at an annual summit Friday. WORLD FORUM. Has moved. Will be led. By Alexander G. Higgins. AP Photos DAV101-102.

SHANGHAI, China An Indonesian and 12 Chinese are executed Friday for murder and a string of robbery attacks on ships in 1998. CHINA-PIRACY. Has moved.

TOKYO Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi promises Friday to pump money into Japan's struggling economy as the opposition boycotts his speech in a show of unprecedented disapproval. It is the first time the opposition refused to attend the annual policy speech. JAPAN-POLITICS. Has moved. By Ginny Parker. TOK103-106.

KARACHI, Pakistan A former police chief testifies Friday in the trial of Pakistan's deposed premier that he refused an order from the government to wrest control of the local airport from the army in the tumultuous moments before last year's coup. PAKISTAN-SHARIF TRIAL. Has moved. Will be led. By Zahid Hussain.

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Two bombs exploded in quick succession in Pakistan's troubled port city of Karachi on Friday, killing four people and wounding 32 others, many of them worshippers at a mosque. One bomb exploded at a Sunni Muslim mosque in Malir district, a congested middle-class neighborhood of Karachi. Four people were killed and at least 28 others wounded in that attack, police said. Minutes earlier a bomb hidden in a motorcycle exploded outside a city court building in Karachi, wounding four people, police said. No one took responsibility for either of the explosions, which were about 40 kilometers (24 miles) apart. The number of wounded in the mosque attack may increase, Karachi police commissioner Shafiq Piracha said. Piracha issued a notice on Pakistan's radio urging anyone who was at the mosque to contact police. (PAKISTAN-BOMB EXPLOSION)

DAVOS, Switzerland (AP)

The global economy has grown strong but so has debate over who has benefited and who has lost in the boom, world corporate and government leaders heard at an annual summit Friday. "Disparities in the distribution of wealth within and among societies are being augmented to a disturbing degree," Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit told the World Economic Forum, a six-day gathering of nearly 2,000 people. Ecevit said violent demonstrations against the World Trade Organization's meeting last month in Seattle "boded ill for the future of the market economy and globalization in many other countries." Many of the some 40,000 protesters at the WTO conference charged that the Geneva-based organization which sets the rules for global trade _ too often considers the needs of giant multinational corporations at the expense of the poor, the environment and the rights of workers. (WORLD FORUM)

BAW WI, Thailand (AP)

Its headquarters overrun by Myanmar government forces, a rebel group led by 12-year-old twin boys was still fighting back Friday, Thai officials and rebel sympathizers said. Col. Pairote Tongma-eng, deputy strategic adviser of Thailand's military task force along the border, told reporters in Bangkok that Myanmar troops were also facing resistance from other ethnic Karen rebels. Thai army intelligence and Myanmar dissidents said Thursday that the headquarters of the fringe God's Army rebel group at Ka Mar Pa Law, near the Thai border, had been overrun by Myanmar government troops. Journalists from the Democratic Voice of Burma, a dissident radio station with good contacts with insurgent groups, said on condition of anonymity that God's Army had counterattacked against the Myanmar troops occupying the base late Thursday. Seven God's Army members have been killed and three taken prisoner since Ka Mar Pa Law was overrun, they said. Sixteen Myanmar troops were reported killed and 16 injured. The figures and other details of fighting could not be confirmed. (THAILAND-GOD'S ARMY)

HAVANA (AP)

Tens of thousands of Cubans along with visiting American baseball players marched by torchlight through the streets of Havana early Friday as speakers demanded the return of 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez during a celebration for national hero Jose Marti. A dramatic sea of flickering lights flooded down the broad steps of the University of Havana at midnight as a predominantly student crowd marched several blocks to a monument for Marti, occasionally breaking into chants of "Fidel! Fidel!" for Cuban President Fidel Castro. "We continue in open, frontal combat for our (Elian), kidnapped in the claws of the mafia of Miami," said speaker Julio Martinez, a senior official of the Union of Communist Youth, during the 147th birthday celebration for Marti, a revolutionary and poet who fought for Cuba's independence from Spain. The government has staged events almost nightly for two months to demand the return of the child who was rescued Nov. 25 while clinging to an inner tube off the coast of Florida after a shipwreck that killed his mother and 10 others. (CUBA-PROTEST)

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)

Malaysia's former deputy prime minister testified Friday that he was jet-setting in Europe, hosting dinners for Islamic scholars and watching a Disney ice show on some of the evenings he is accused of sodomizing his former family driver. Anwar Ibrahim gave a detailed account of his whereabouts to counter charges that he sodomized Azizan Abu Bakar sometime between January to March 1993. The charges are based mainly on Azizan's testimony, in which he accuses his former employer of sodomizing him on a bed in a Kuala Lumpur apartment. Because Azizan's written testimony gives the exact time of the alleged crime at 7.45 p.m., but fails to pinpoint the date, Anwar must submit alibis for all 90 evenings in question if he is to prove his innocence. But Anwar's lawyers said Anwar could

not have attacked Azizan for the entire month of January and part of February because the bed where the illegal sex act allegedly occurred was brought into the apartment only on Feb. 12, 1993. (MALAYSIA-ANWAR TRIAL)

WORLD SPORTS AT 1400 GMT

SOCCER:

ACCRA, Ghana African Nations Cup favorite Nigeria hosts Group D outsider Congo, with Egypt and Senegal, two teams that got off to winning starts in Group C, playing in Kano. It's Cameroon vs. Ivory Coast in the third match of the day.

Slug Sports-Soccer-African Cup. Expected by 2200 GMT.

By Andreas Evagora.

TENNIS:

MELBOURNE, Australia Defending champion Yevgeny Kafelnikov finally had to beat a top 15 player at the Australian Open. It was quick and easy. To keep his title, he now has to beat Andre Agassi, who was strong enough to withstand 37 aces by Pete Sampras.

Sports-Tennis-Australian Open. Has moved.

By Phil Brown.

MELBOURNE, Australia Rennae Stubbs and Lisa Raymond grab their first Grand Slam doubles title Friday, breaking Martina Hingis' three-year stranglehold of the Australian Open.

Sports-Tennis-Australian Open-Doubles. Has moved.

By John Pye.

WITH:

MELBOURNE, Australia Sports-Tennis-Australian Open-Women. By John Pye. Has moved.

MELBOURNE, Australia Sports-Tennis-Sampras Injury. By Phil Brown. Has moved.

MELBOURNE, Australia Sports-Tennis-Australian Open-Notebook. Has moved.

BOXING:

MANCHESTER, England Mike Tyson expects to be outweighed by at least 15 pounds by Julius Francis when they weigh in Friday on the eve of their 10-round fight.

Slug Sports-Boxing-Tyson-Francis. Expected after weigh-in about 1500 GMT.

By Robert Millward

ALSO:

MANCHESTER, England Sports-Boxing-Tyson-Notebook. Has moved.

CRICKET:

PERTH, Australia Fast bowler Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis send India crashing out of the triangular one-day cricket series as Pakistan joins hosts Australia in the finals after an emphatic 104-run victory Friday.

Sports-Cricket-India-Pakistan. Has moved.

By Ihithisham Kamardeen.

CAPE TOWN, South Africa England meets Zimbabwe in a day-night match Friday, the fourth match of the Standard Bank Triangular Series at Newlands.

Slug Sports-Cricket-England-Zimbabwe. Innings lead expected by 1630 GMT.

By Mike Green.

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka India wins the under-19 cricket World Cup on Friday, beating Sri Lanka by six wickets and remaining the only team in the 14-nation tournament not to lose a match.

Slug Sports-Cricket-Under-19-Final. Has moved.

RUGBY UNION:

LONDON England rugby union captain Martin Johnson has not recovered from an Achilles injury and will miss next week's Six Nations Championship opener against Ireland at Twickenham.

Slug Sports-RugbyU-England-Six Nations. Has moved.

ALSO:

HONG KONG Sports-RugbyU-Hong Kong Sevens. Has moved.

SKIING:

GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN, Germany Back-to-back victories over the weekend on the hill where he scored his first World Cup win and Hermann Maier will rewrite Austria's skiing history books.

Slug Sports-Skiing-Men's Downhill. Has moved.

By Nesha Starcevic.

SAILING:

AUCKLAND, New Zealand The third race of the America's Cup challenger finals is postponed Friday because of light winds, continuing the weather problems that have plagued the competition between AmericaOne and Prada of Italy.

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

By Howard Ulman.

WITH:

AUCKLAND, New Zealand Sports-Sailing-America's Cup-Peterson. By Howard Ulman. Has moved.

GOLF:

PERTH, Australia Danish golfer Thomas Bjorn shoots a 4-under-par 68 Friday to take a one-shot lead after two rounds of the 1 million US dlrs Heineken Classic at the Vines Resort.

Slug Sports-Golf-Heineken Classic. Has moved.

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona Phil Mickelson seems to have regained his touch at the Phoenix Open. A late starter, Mickelson shoots an 8-under-par 63 to tie Tom Lehman for the first-round lead and leave everybody else at least three strokes behind.

Slug Sports-Golf-Phoenix Open. Has moved.

By Mel Reisner.

ALSO:

UNDATED Sports-Basketball-NBA Roundup. Has moved.

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

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WORLD SPORTS AT 0000 GMT

TENNIS:

MELBOURNE, Australia Martina Hingis, seeking her fourth consecutive Australian Open title, plays Lindsay Davenport in the final Saturday.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Australian Open. Final begins at 0230 GMT.

By Steve Wilstein.

SOCCER:

ACCRA, Ghana Egypt and Cameroon move a big step closer to a place in the quarterfinals of the African Nations Cup with vital wins on Friday, but heavy tournament favorite Nigeria was jeered off the pitch by its own fans following a listless 0-0 draw with the Republic of Congo.

Slug Sports-Soccer-African Cup. Has moved.

By Andreas Evagora.

LEIPZIG, Germany FIFA boss Sepp Blatter raises Germany's hopes of hosting the 2006 World Cup on Friday by calling the country the favorite among five countries bidding to gain soccer's premier gala.

Slug Sports-Soccer-World Cup-Blatter's Favorite. Has moved.

HO CHI MINH CITY, Vietnam China needs only a draw with Vietnam on Saturday to become the fourth team to join tournament host Lebanon and defending champion Saudi Arabia in the 2000 Asian Cup finals.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Asian Cup-Group 9. Expected by 1300 GMT.

SOUTHAMPTON, England A year after being fired as England coach for making derogatory comments about disabled people, Glenn Hoddle returns to soccer management Friday as manager of struggling Premier League side Southampton.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Hoddle-Southampton. Has moved.

SAILING:

AUCKLAND, New Zealand After two postponements in the past four days, the America's Cup is expected to resume Saturday with AmericaOne and Prada of Italy tied 1-1 in the best-of-9 challenger finals.

Slug Sports-Sailing-America's Cup. Race scheduled to begin at 0015 GMT.

By Howard Ulman.

BOXING:

MANCHESTER, England Height: 1.80 meters (5-feet-11). Weight: 101 1-2 kilos (223 3-4 pounds). Wrist: dlrs 1 million.

This was tale of the tape, Mike Tyson style.

The former world heavyweight champion turned the weigh-in for Saturday's fight against Julius Francis into some kind of jewelry catwalk as he posed on the scales with the diamond encrusted watch and bracelet he had bought in London last week.

Slug Sports-Boxing-Tyson-Francis. Will move around 0100 GMT.

By Robert Millward.

CRICKET:

CAPE TOWN, South Africa Henry Olonga took a Zimbabwe one-day record of six wickets for 19 runs and led a 104-run victory over England on Friday in the Standard Bank Triangular Series at Newlands.

Slug Sports-Cricket-England-Zimbabwe. Has moved.

ATHLETICS:

BERLIN The Karlsruhe indoor meet drops out of a German athletics organization Friday as organizers continued to resist growing pressure and will allow Jamaican sprinter Merlene Ottey to compete Saturday.

Slug Sports-Track-Ottey Controversy. Has moved.

ALSO:

FAIRFAX, Virginia Sports-Track-DC Invitational. By Joseph White. Expected by 0200 GMT.

GOLF:

PERTH, Australia Denmark's Thomas Bjorn takes a one-shot lead into Saturday's third round of the Heineken Classic golf tournament, a joint Australasian-European PGA tour event.

Slug Sports-Golf-Heineken Open. Expected by 1300 GMT.

ALSO:

SCOTTSDALE Arizona Sports-Golf-Phoenix Open. By Mel Reisner. Expected by 0200 GMT.

SKIING:

GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN, Germany Back-to-back victories over the weekend on the hill where he scored his first World Cup win and Hermann Maier will rewrite Austria's skiing history books.

Slug Sports-Skiing-Men-Downhill. Has moved; race scheduled for 1100 GMT start.

By Nesha Starcevic.

ALSO:

ZWIESEL, Germany Sports-Skiing-Women-Giant Slalom. Runs scheduled for 0915, 1215 GMT.

ALSO:

UNDATED Sports-Basketball-NBA Roundup. Expected by 0600 GMT.

UNDATED Sports-Ice Hockey-NHL Roundup. Expected by 0600 GMT.

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MACEDONIA-ELECTIONS. Macedonians try again to choose a president.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

SEATTLE The collapse of an effort to launch a new round of global trade talks left the United States and 134 other nations searching for answers over what went wrong and how to fix it. WORLD TRADE. Lead has moved. By Martin Crutsinger. AP Photos SEC123, 130-133.

ALSO:

WORLD TRADE-WINNERS AND LOSERS. Protesters take credit for stopping what they say is a juggernaut of corporate power. MOVED.

WORLD TRADE-SCENE. Children, not yellow police tape, ringed the downtown holiday carousel for the first time in nearly a week as this shaken city recovered from the mayhem that accompanied the World Trade Organization meeting. Expected by 0200 GMT.

VLADIKAVKAZ, Russia Russian forces claim to have blockaded the Chechen city of Argun, but run into fierce resistance from the militants who control the key gateway to the capital Grozny. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Lead expected by 1100 GMT. By Yuri Bagrov. MOSB101-109.

VIENNA, Austria A barrier gives way at a snow boarding event in western Austria, killing at least five people and injuring 20, police said. AUSTRIA-SNOW BOARD DEATHS. Moving now.

PASADENA, California Anxiously waiting for a second day, NASA scientists hoped Saturday for a signal from the still-silent Mars Polar Lander, a craft some say may have been in trouble even before it left the launch pad 11 months ago. US-MARS LANDER. Lead has moved; NASA's next transmission window opens 0330 GMT. By Matthew Fordahl. XJPL101.

ALSO:

US-HELP FOR HUBBLE. After two months of aggravating launch delays and shuttle problems that never seemed to end, astronauts are about to embark on a mission to save the crippled Hubble Space Telescope. Expected by 0200 GMT.

SIGLI, Indonesia Indonesian soldiers shoot and wound at least 12 demonstrators waving rebel flags in restive Aceh province, while protesters at the opposite end of this sprawling Southeast Asian nation also demand independence for their homeland. INDONESIA-ACEH. Recap expected by 0100 GMT. By Geoff Spencer. JAK101-107.

LAHORE, Pakistan Police hoping to nab the man who sent them a confession letter claiming he killed 100 children arrest the man's wife, daughter and son in attempts to lure the suspect out of hiding. PAKISTAN-MISSING CHILDREN. Lead has moved. By Munir Ahmed. LHR101-105.

WINDHOEK, Namibia Waving red, blue and green flags, hundreds of jubilant supporters of the South West African People's Organization celebrated the ruling party's runaway victory in the country's third democratic election. NAMIBIA-ELECTION. Lead has moved. By Mike Cohen. WDK101-102.

MAPUTO, Mozambique Democracy advances this weekend in Africa as Mozambicans hold their second democratic elections, following peaceful votes in South Africa, Namibia and Botswana this year. AFRICA-DEMOCRACY. Has moved. By Andrew Selsky. MAP101-106.

ALSO MOVED:

GUINEA-BISSAU-ELECTIONS. A longtime opposition politician will go head-to-head against the leader of Guinea-Bissau's former ruling party in the second round of presidential elections, state radio announced Saturday.

SKOPJE, Macedonia For the third time in little more than a month, Macedonians try to choose a president Sunday after two inconclusive attempts marred by irregularities, nullified votes, ethnic tensions and political bickering. MACEDONIA-ELECTIONS. Expected by 0200 GMT; polls open 0600-1800 GMT. By Konstantin Testorides.

LONDON Miss India, 20-year-old Yukta Mookhev, is chosen Miss World 1999 on Saturday over 93 other contestants from around the world. The slender brunette in a pale blue evening gown wins dlrs 100,000 and a year of travel around the world. BRITAIN-MISS WORLD. Lead has moved. LMN107-110.

MONTE CARLO, Monaco Billionaire banker Edmond Safra was still alive when firefighters arrived at his burning apartment, but he ignored their pleas to come out of a locked bathroom where he then suffocated, Monaco's chief prosecutor say Saturday. MONACO-FIRE-BANKER. Has moved. By Ian Phillips. MON101-102, MCO103.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Sunday, U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright begins a five-day trip to the Middle East.

FEATURES:

LOS ANGELES This year's potential Oscar nominees are a murky lot, dealing with such subjects as suburban madness ("American Beauty"), Irish poverty ("Angela's Ashes") and sexual-identity crises ("Boys Don't Cry"). ARTS-US-OSCAR OUTLOOK. Expected by 0300 GMT. By David Germain. AP Photos NY301-305

BURBANK, California Her TV show, "Suddenly Susan," may be canceled, but Brooke Shields isn't concerned. "I have so many movies coming out now," she says. They include: "The Bachelor" with Chris O'Donnell; "Black and White" with Robert Downey Jr.; and "The Weekend" with Gena Rowlands. ARTS-US-BROOKE SHIELDS. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Bob Thomas. AP Photo NY383

NEW YORK Andrea Bocelli, the blind Italian tenor who became famous singing pop music leans toward classical music, even opera. But he won't put all his eggs in one basket. He'll concentrate on opera, but "In my spare time, I also would like to record popular music," he says. ARTS-ANDREA BOCELLI. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Mary Campbell. AP Photo NY397

Also Moving:

ARTS-SPAIN-CINEMA ART, AP Photos NY190-191

ARTS-US-KRIS KRISTOFFERSON. AP Photo NY320

ARTS-US-EARTH FROM ABOVE, AP Photo NY321- NY324

ARTS-US-MCTEER, AP Photos NY317- NY318

ARTS-US-AHAB'S WIFE. AP Photo NY379

ARTS-US-TIME TRAVEL. AP Photo NY613

ARTS-US-KEITH JARRETT, AP Photo NY382

ARTS-US-CYBER STARS. AP Photo NY339

ARTS-US-TABLOID TALK. AP Photo NY381

ARTS-ANDREA BOCELLI, AP Photo NY397

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The collapse of an effort to launch a new round of global trade talks left the United States and 134 other nations searching for answers Saturday over what went wrong and how to fix it. Anti-World Trade Organization demonstrators who thronged the streets and official delegations inside the convention hall agreed on one thing: The 5-year-old Geneva-based organization, created to referee rules of global trade, is a badly flawed institution in need of repair. Lamy, a Frenchman, pointedly noted that he was not a Johnny-come-lately to this view. He warned throughout the week that the WTO's organizational flaws could doom the effort to launch new negotiations for lowered trade barriers in agriculture, manufactured goods and services such as banking. (WORLD TRADE)

VLADIKAVKAZ, Russia (AP)

Russian forces on Saturday claimed to have blockaded the Chechen city of Argun, but ran into fierce resistance from the militants who control the key eastern gateway to the capital Grozny. Russian forces have seized the northern outskirts of Argun after days of heavy fighting, and said they had encircled the city, which is 15 kilometers (9 miles) east of Grozny. But their advance was complicated because rebels have mined sections of the city from which they have retreated, the military said, according to the Interfax news agency. Col. Yuri Em, who is commanding the Russian operation in Argun, said that Chechen rebels had built "serious" fortifications, and that Russian troops were running into harsh resistance, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported. (RUSSIA-CHECHNYA)

PASADENA, California (AP)

Anxiously waiting for a second day, NASA scientists hoped Saturday for a signal from the still-silent Mars Polar Lander, a craft some say may have been in trouble even before it left the launch pad 11 months ago. Weeks before the dlrs 165 million craft began its descent towards the Red Planet, questions were being raised about the mission

and whether it might be doomed by tight budgets and understaffing. Attempts to detect signals from the spacecraft were to continue with a transmission window opening Saturday night. It has not been heard from since Friday, when it began its fiery descent toward Mars. (US-MARS LANDER)

LAHORE, Pakistan (AP)

Police on Saturday arrested the ex-wife, daughter and son of a man who sent them a confession letter claiming he killed 100 children and led them to photographs he said he took of all the victims. The three were arrested in an attempt to lure the man who identified himself as Javed Iqbal out of hiding, according to the Associated Press of Pakistan, a state-run news agency. Iqbal's letter led police to a large blue barrel in a home in Lahore, the capital of eastern Punjab province, where they found the remains of two bodies. The letter also led police to pictures and clothing of the children he said he killed. (PAKISTAN-MISSING CHILDREN)

WINDHOEK, Namibia (AP)

Waving red, blue and green flags, hundreds of jubilant supporters of the South West African People's Organization celebrated the ruling party's runaway victory in the country's third democratic election. With most of the ballots counted, SWAPO had 77 percent of the vote, up from the 72.7 percent it won in 1994. Its 70-year-old leader Sam Nujoma also took 77 percent of the presidential ballot. About 63 percent of the more than 800,000 who registered to vote cast ballots, officials said. (NAMIBIA-ELECTION)

LONDON (AP)

Miss India, 20-year-old Yukta Mookhev, was chosen Miss World 1999 on Saturday over 93 other contestants from around the world. The slender brunette in a pale blue evening gown won dlrs 100,000 and a year of travel around the world. Miss Venezuela, 24-year-old Martina Thorogood, was runner up and Miss South Africa, Sonia Raciti, 21, won third place. While a panel of judges at London's Olympia theater watched nearly 100 young <u>women</u> parade in evening gowns and answer such questions as "What is your favorite food?" about 20 <u>women</u>'s rights campaigners gathered outside holding placards that read "Stop this sexist cattle market." In an apparent effort to update a fundamentally old-fashioned competition, the organizers avoided a swimsuit competition and instead showed viewers a film of the contestants at play on a beach in Malta. (BRITAIN-MISS WORLD)

WORLD AT 0700 GMT:

NEW:

INDONESIA-ACEH. Separatist rebels ready for war with Indonesia.

GUATEMALA-EXPLOSION. More than a dozen killed in warehouse explosion.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

SEATTLE Delegates of the World Trade Organization report a failure to reach agreement on an agenda for a new round of global trade negotiations. WORLD TRADE. Developing. By Martin Crutsinger. AP Photos SEC116-119, 121.

ALSO MOVED:

WORLD TRADE-SCENE.

WORLD TRADE-ISSUES.

JEUNEUB, Indonesia The leader of Aceh's independence movement calls on the people of the violence-wracked province Saturday to prepare for all-out war in their struggle to break away from Indonesia. INDONESIA-ACEH. Has moved. By Geoff Spencer.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland The fate of Belfast's new Protestant-Catholic government lies buried in the soil of rural Ireland weapons, carefully wrapped and well-oiled for future use. IRA ARMS. Has moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik. LON103, AP Graphic IRA ARMS.

ALSO MOVED:

NORTHERN IRELAND. A top <u>Irish Republican Army</u> figure is expected to start talks this weekend about disarmament the issue on which the survival of Northern Ireland's new Protestant-Catholic government depends.

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico At least three of the six men whose remains have been recovered by U.S. and Mexican authorities on a desert ranch near the U.S. border had been shot or asphyxiated before being thrown into a mass grave, officials say. MEXICO-GRAVES. Has moved. By Mark Stevenson. AP Photo NY108

GUATEMALA CITY (AP)

Two tanks of chemicals explodes at a warehouse in a major Guatemalan port, killing at least 13 people and injuring 80, officials say. GUATEMALA-EXPLOSION. Has moved. AP Photo GUA101.

PASADENA, California NASA scientists nervously await word from the Mars Polar Lander after it fails to promptly radio home to confirm whether it had safely landed on the surface of the Red Planet. US-MARS LANDER. Lead has moved. By Matthew Fordahl. AP Photos XJPL104-105, LA104-105,110, AP Graphic MARS LANDER.

RAMALLAH, West Bank Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat says that negotiations with Israel on a permanent peace treaty are deadlocked, and he urges the United States to force Israel to stop expanding Jewish settlements in the West Bank. ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Lead has moved. By Dana Budeiri. AP Photo JRL101.

MONTE CARLO, Monaco Billionaire banker Edmond Safra dies of suffocation in a fire set by two hooded intruders who burst into his Riviera penthouse and first went after him vainly with knives. MONACO-FIRE-BANKER. Lead has moved. By Ian Phillips. AP Photos NCE103-106, NYR102, SAO101 AP Graphic Planned MONACO BANKER2.

ALSO MOVED:

SAFRA-THE BANKER. The tragic and mysterious death of international banker Edmond J. Safra inspired reflections on a banking dynasty that dates back to the Ottoman empire, but had lately been tainted by scandal.

SERNOVODSK, Russia An ambush by Chechen rebels leaves 250 Russian soldiers dead, officials say, in what may be the Russians' biggest loss yet in their 3-month-old campaign in breakaway Chechnya. Federal commanders deny heavy losses. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Lead expected by 1000 GMT. By Yuri Bagrov. AP Photos MOSB101-105.

UNITED NATIONS The U.N. Security Council narrowly approves a U.S. resolution to extend the U.N. oil-for-food humanitarian program in Iraq for one week. UN-IRAQ. Has moved. By Edith M. Lederer.

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain Thousands of Spaniards take to the streets in an emotional plea for armed Basque separatists not to end a 14-month-old truce, while a new agreement among nationalist parties fueled a flicker of hope that the gunmen may actually hold off. SPAIN-BASQUE THREAT. Has moved. By Ciaran Giles. AP Photos XSL101-104.

BOANA, Mozambique A rivalry that began on the battlefield goes to the ballot box as Mozambique hold elections with an opposition coalition in a strong position to assume control of parliament. MOZAMBIQUE-ELECTIONS. Lead has moved; polling continues Saturday, first results not expected until Monday. By Andrew Selsky. AP Photos MAP101-106.

BRUSSELS, Belgium Crown Prince Philippe marries aristocrat Mathilde d'Udekem d'Acoz Saturday in Belgium's biggest wedding in decades and brings the local speech therapist in line to become the first Belgian-born queen in the nation's history. BELGIUM-ROYAL WEDDING. Has moved. By Raf Casert. AP Photo BRU105.

WASHINGTON The U.S. unemployment rate matches a 30-year low of 4.1 percent in November with no sign of wage inflation and Wall Street rallies in a burst of pre-holiday cheer. US-ECONOMY. Lead has moved. By Jeannine Aversa.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Sunday, U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright begins a five-day trip to the Middle East.

FEATURES:

TRAV-MALAYSIA-MALACCA. Has moved. AP Photos NY400-402.

TRAV-HOGAN-AND-BREAKFAST. Has moved. AP Photo NY408.

TRAV-US-HOLOCAUST MUSEUM. Has moved. AP Photos NY410-411

TRAV-L.A.'s GREASY SPOONS. Has moved. AP Photos NY381-385

Also Moved:

TRAV-TRAVEL BRIEFS

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NEW:

PAKISTAN-MISSING CHILDREN. Man claims to have murdered 100 children in Pakistan.

NAMIBIA-ELECTIONS. President's grip on power seems assured.

PALESTINIAN-BETHLEHEM. Palestinians kick off millennial celebrations.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

SEATTLE The push for new global trade talks collapses in a major defeat for the Clinton administration, leaving labor and environmental activists cheering Saturday as weary, disappointed negotiators wonder how to go forward. WORLD TRADE. Lead has moved. By Dirk Beveridge. AP Photos SEC116-119, 121.

ALSO:

SEATTLE With the World Trade Organization leaving town in defeat, protesters Saturday step up efforts to get hundreds of their comrades out of jail. WORLD TRADE-SCENE. Has moved. By Nicholas K. Geranios. AP Photos SEC109, 144.

LAHORE, Pakistan Police are searching Saturday for a man who sent them a confession letter claiming he killed 100 children and leading them to snapshots he said he took of all the victims. PAKISTAN-MISSING CHILDREN. Upcoming. By Munir Ahmed. AP Photos LHR101-104.

SIGLI, Indonesia At least 10 demonstrators are shot and wounded Saturday after parading past a military barracks in troubled Aceh, as the province's independence leader calls on the people to prepare for all-out war. INDONESIA-ACEH. Lead has moved. By Geoff Spencer. AP Photos JAK101-104

VLADIKAVKAZ, Russia Russian planes and artillery on Saturday hammer the outskirts of the Chechen city of Argun a key gateway to the capital Grozny and fighting raged for control of the city. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Lead has moved. By Yuri Bagrov. AP Photos MOSB101-105.

PASADENA, California Scientists remain hopeful for a sign of life Saturday from the Mars Polar Lander after a disappointing first day without contact from the spacecraft. US-MARS LANDER. Lead has moved. By Matthew Fordahl, AP Photos XJPL104-105, LA104-105, 110, AP Graphic MARS LANDER.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland A top <u>Irish Republican Army</u> figure is expected to start talks this weekend about disarmament the issue on which the survival of Northern Ireland's new Protestant-Catholic government depends. NORTHERN IRELAND. Has moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik.

EL PASO, Texas A man is busted smuggling 137 pounds (62 kilograms) of marijuana in the fuel tank of his pickup. Same day, across the Mexican border in Ciudad Juarez, authorities begin digging up graves believed to hold the enemies of a ruthless drug gang. MEXICO-GRAVES-FALLOUT. Has moved. By Pauline Arrillaga.

ALSO MOVED:

MEXICO-GRAVES. At least three of the six men whose remains have been recovered by U.S. and Mexican authorities on a desert ranch near the U.S. border had been shot or asphyxiated before being thrown into a mass grave, officials say.

GUATEMALA CITY Two tanks of chemicals explodes at a warehouse in a major Guatemalan port, killing at least 13 people and injuring 80, officials say. GUATEMALA-EXPLOSION. Has moved. AP Photo GUA101.

BETHLEHEM, West Bank Palestinians on Saturday kick off celebrations of the millennial year in Bethlehem, the town of Jesus' birth, with a festive ceremony filled with political overtones. PALESTINIAN-BETHLEHEM. Upcoming. By Samar Assad.

WINDHOEK, Namibia Namibia's ruling party had 76 percent of the vote as counting continued Saturday, virtually guaranteeing President Sam Nujoma an even stronger grip on the government of this southwest African nation. NAMIBIA-ELECTION. Has moved. By Mike Cohen.

ALSO MOVED:

NAMIBIA-UN-HOLBROOKE. The U.S. ambassador to the United Nations expresses concern Saturday that a fragile ceasefire agreement in Congo was falling apart and said a facilitator to revive it had to be appointed as soon as possible. AP Photo LAD101.

UNITED NATIONS The U.N. Security Council narrowly approves a U.S. resolution to extend the U.N. oil-for-food humanitarian program in Iraq for one week. UN-IRAQ. Has moved. By Edith M. Lederer. AP Photo NY112.

VIEQUES, Puerto Rico In a rare show of unity, Puerto Rican leaders have rejected a deal offered by President Bill Clinton that would allow the U.S. Navy to continue military exercises on an outlying populated island. PUERTO RICO-US. Has moved. By Chris Hawley. AP Photos SJU104-106.

MONTE CARLO, Monaco Billionaire banker Edmond Safra dies of suffocation in a fire set by two hooded intruders who burst into his Riviera penthouse and first went after him vainly with knives. MONACO-FIRE-BANKER. Lead has moved. By Ian Phillips. AP Photos NCE103-106, NYR102, SAO101 AP Graphic Planned MONACO BANKER2.

BRUSSELS, Belgium Crown Prince Philippe marries aristocrat Mathilde d'Udekem d'Acoz Saturday in Belgium's biggest wedding in decades and brings the local speech therapist in line to become the first Belgian-born queen in the nation's history. BELGIUM-ROYAL WEDDING. Lead has moved. By Raf Casert. AP Photo BRU105.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Sunday, U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright begins a five-day trip to the Middle East.

FEATURES:

MEXICO CITY Attempts to canonize Juan Diego, the Indian who reportedly saw the Virgin of Guadalupe, have led to a public spat inside Mexico's Roman Catholic church. FEA-MEXICO-SAINT OR MYTH. Upcoming. By John Rice. AP Photo MO103.

ALSO MOVED:

TRAV-MALAYSIA-MALACCA, AP Photos NY400-402.

TRAV-HOGAN-AND-BREAKFAST, AP Photo NY408.

TRAV-US-HOLOCAUST MUSEUM. AP Photos NY410-411

TRAV-L.A.'s GREASY SPOONS. AP Photos NY381-385

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The push for new global trade talks collapsed in a major defeat for the Clinton administration, leaving labor and environmental activists cheering Saturday as weary, disappointed negotiators wondered how to go forward. The failure of the World Organization Trade session late Friday following violent protests that turned Seattle upside-down was a stark illustration that any further liberalization to global commerce won't come easily. U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky and WTO Director General Mike Moore put the best face possible on their defeat, insisting the four days of talks had made progress that would be preserved in future discussions to begin sometime next year in Geneva. TRADE TALKS.

VLADIKAVKAZ, Russia (AP)

Russian planes and artillery on Saturday hammered the outskirts of the Chechen city of Argun a key gateway to the capital Grozny and fighting raged for control of the city. The Russian military claimed on Friday that it had seized Argun, five kilometers (three miles) east of Grozny, after days of heavy fighting. But Chechen commanders denied the claim, and Argun residents said by telephone Saturday that fierce fighting continued. The Russian military on Saturday conceded that the battle for Argun was still going on, and that rebels have mined sections of the city from which they have retreated, complicating the advance of Russian troops, the Interfax news agency reported. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA.

LAHORE, Pakistan (AP)

Police were searching Saturday for a man who sent them a confession letter claiming he killed 100 children _ and leading them to snapshots he said he took of all the victims. Two days ago, police received a letter from a man who identified himself as Javed Iqbal. In the letter, Iqbal said he sexually assaulted the 100 children before killing them. He said he is a trained chemical engineer, and that he used chemicals to dispose of the bodies. Iqbal led police to a large blue barrel in a home in Lahore where they found the remains of two bodies. He also led police to pictures and clothes of the 100 children he said he killed. PAKISTAN MISSING CHILDREN.

PASADENA, California (AP)

Scientists remain hopeful for a sign of life from the Mars Polar Lander after a disappointing first day without contact from the dlrs 165 million spacecraft, its fate on the Red Planet shrouded in silence. Though the lander has shown no sign of life since starting its fiery descent toward Mars, mission controllers were confident the craft would beam back a signal to Earth Saturday. "I think we have a long way to go before we start being concerned," spacecraft operations manager Richard Cook said late Friday, after windows to hear from the lander had passed. US-MARS-LANDER.

BETHLEHEM, West Bank (AP)

Palestinians kicked off celebrations Saturday for the millennial year in Bethlehem, the town of Jesus' birth, with a ceremony that was festive but filled with political overtones. As bands played marching songs, thousands of people _ mainly Palestinians but some foreign pilgrims as well filled Manger Square, a broad stone-paved plaza facing the Church of the Nativity, which Christian tradition holds to be the birthplace of Jesus. Speaking in the name of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, who was seated smiling in the front row, top aide Tayeb Abdel Rahim referred indirectly to Palestinian statehood aspirations. The ceremony, he said, was meant as "a message of freedom and

ndependence for those who lack freedom." PALESTINIAN-BETHLEHEM.

WORLD SPORTS AT 1430 GMT

SOCCER:

LONDON Europe's top clubs Manchester United, Barcelona, Juventus and Lazio are all in action across the continent in a full day of club soccer.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Weekend Roundup. Expected by 1900 GMT.

By Stephen Wade

MILAN Juventus and Lazio, two of the three Serie A co-leaders, play risky Week 12 matches against Bologna and Perugia Saturday. AS Roma, the third leader, takes on lowly Lecce at home and defending champion AC Milan plays Fiorentina in Sunday's action.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Italian Roundup. Juventus-Lecce expected by 1700 GMT. Perugia-Lazio kicks off at 1930 GMT.

By Piero Valsecchi

LONDON Arsenal got goals from Gilles Grimandi, Lee Dixon and Marc Overmars to beat Leicester 3-0 Saturday and tie Leeds on points atop England's Premier League.

Slug Sports-Soccer-British Roundup. Lead expected about 1800 GMT with rest of day's play.

MADRID, Spain FC Barcelona shoots for a victory against Oviedo on Saturday, trying to avoiding a fifth-consecutive loss in the Spanish premier division. In other 14th-round matches, Athletic de Bilbao meets Real Sociedad and Real Madrid hosts Zaragoza with its ace Nicolas Anelka missing because of a throat infection.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Spanish Roundup. Expected by 2230 GMT.

By Mar Roman.

GOLF:

SUN CITY, South Africa Lightning forced players off the course Saturday after the leaders had played nine holes of the third round of the Nedbank Million Dollar Golf Challenge.

Slug Sports-Golf-Million Dollar. Lead expected by 1530 GMT.

By Mike Green.

BRISBANE, Australia Two years after almost throwing out his golf clubs in anger, Brad King is mentally ready to attack the tough U.S. PGA Tour again.

Slug Sports-Golf-ANZ Players Championship. Has moved.

CRICKET:

SYDNEY, Australia India, less than a week away from the first test with Australia, set New South Wales state 286 to win after a determined second-innings effort with the bat Saturday at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Slug Sports-Cricket-India-New South Wales. Has moved.

HARARE, Zimbabwe Win or bust is the Zimbabwe philosophy for the third and final cricket test against Sri Lanka which got under way here Saturday.

Slug Sports-Cricket-Zimbabwe-Sri Lanka. Has moved.

TENNIS:

NICE, France Ever since 1978 the winner of the doubles match in the Davis Cup final has gone on to win the trophy. On Saturday, it's Fabrice Santoro and Olivier Delaitre vs. Mark Woodforde and Todd Woodbridge with France and Australia level at 1-1 after the first day.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Davis-France-Australia. Expected by 1700 GMT.

By Andreas Evagora.

SAILING:

AUCKLAND, New Zealand Young America takes advantage of the Swiss syndicate's mast problems while four other races are decided by under a minute each in Saturday's third round-robin races in the America's Cup challenger series.

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

FIGURE SKATING:

NAGOYA, Japan Evgeni Plushenko lands a sequence of jumps combining a quadruple, a triple and a double Saturday to win his second straight singles title at the NHK Trophy figure skating competition.

Slug Sports-Figure Skating-NHK Trophy. Has moved.

By K.P. Hong.

SKIING:

SERRE CHEVALIER, France Speed specialist Michaela Dorfmeister wins her career first giant slalom Saturday, giving the Austrian <u>women</u>'s team a badly-needed shot in the arm.

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

By Erica Bulman.

SKI JUMPING:

PREDAZZO World Cup champion Martin Schmitt seeks his second season victory Saturday in the first of concecutive World Cup ski jumping events in northern Italy.

Slug Sports-Skiing-World Cup-Ski Jumping. Expected by 1800 GMT.

ALSO:

NEW YORK Sports-Ice Hockey-NHL Roundup. Has moved.

AUBURN HILLS Sports-Basketball-NBA Roundup. Has moved.

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WORLD SPORTS AT 0000 GMT

TENNIS:

NICE, France Mark Woodforde and Todd Woodbridge stage a brilliant comeback to beat France's Fabrice Santoro and Olivier Delaitre on Saturday and take Australia within one victory of a Davis Cup title.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Davis Cup Final. Has moved

By Andreas Evagora.

SOCCER:

LONDON Norwegian Ole Gunnar Solskjaer scores four times to lead Manchester United to a 5-1 victory Saturday over Everton and return the Reds to first place in the Premier League.

Slug Sports-Soccer-British Roundup. Has moved.

By Stephen Wade.

MADRID, Spain Philip Cocu scores twice in 10 minutes and Barcelona holds on to beat Oviedo 3-2 Saturday, ending a four-game league losing streak and giving hope to its faithful the club may be returning to its expected form.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Spanish Roundup. Has moved.

By Mar Roman.

MILAN, Italy Juventus' striker Filippo Inzaghi scores two second-half goals before limping off with a knee injury and giving Juventus the undisputed Serie A lead with a 2-0 victory against Bologna.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Italian Roundup. Has moved.

By Piero Valsecchi.

BERLIN Bayern Munich is held to a 1-1 draw Saturday by Borussia Dortmund on an icy pitch at Olympiastadion, good enough to return to the top of the Bundesliga table.

Slug Sports-Soccer-German Roundup. Has moved.

By Roy Kammerer.

ALSO:

LONDON Sports-Soccer-Weekend Roundup. By Stephen Wade. Has moved.

TUNIS, Tunisia Sports-Soccer-African Cup Winners. Has moved.

ATHLETICS:

DARMSTADT, Germany The banned steroid nandrolone injected into former 5,000-meter Olympic champion Dieter Baumann's toothpaste could be a criminal case, German athletics officials said Saturday.

Slug Sports-Track-Toothpaste Doping. Has moved.

SKIING:

VIENNA, Austria A barrier gives way at a World Cup snowboard event in western Austria on Saturday, killing at least five people and injuring 20, police said.

Slug Sports-Skiing-Snowboard Deaths. Expected by 0100 GMT; Has moved to news circuits as Austria-Snow Board Deaths.

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

By Erica Bulman.

LAKE LOUISE, Alberta Hanes Trinkl leads an Austrian medals sweep of a men's World Cup downhill race Saturday, winning in a time of 1 minute, 46.98 seconds.

Slug Sports-Skiing-Men-Downhill. Has moved; WILL be UPDATED.

SAILING:

AUCKLAND, New Zealand Frontrunner Prada takes on Dennis Conner's Stars and Stripes in the feature race on Sunday's program in the third round robin of the America's Cup challenger series.

Slug Sports-Sailing-Americas Cup. Expected by 0800 GMT.

CRICKET:

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados Sylvester Clarke, a feared fast bowler who played 11 tests for the West Indies, collapses and dies suddenly at his home in Bridgetown Saturday, broadcast news reports say.

Slug Sports-Cricket-Obit-Clarke. Has moved.

By Craig Cozier.

SYDNEY, Australia New South Wales is 64 for one chasing 286 to win the tour match against India on the final day Sunday.

Slug Sports-Cricket-India-New South Wales. Expected by 0900.

ALSO:

HARARE, Zimbabwe Sports-Cricket-Zimbabwe-Sri Lanka.

GOLF:

SUN CITY, South Africa South Africa's Ernie Els shoots a course-record equaling 64 Saturday and pulls away to a six-stroke lead after three rounds of the Million Dollar Golf Challenge.

Slug Sports-Golf-Million Dollar. Has moved.

By Mike Green.

BRISBANE, Australia Brad King and Lucas Parsons share the lead but 21 players are within five shots heading into the final round of the ANZ PLayers Championship on Sunday.

Slug Sports-Golf-ANZ Players Championship. Expected by 0900 GMT.

ALSO:

TARPON SPRINGS, Florida Sports-Golf-JC Penney Classic. Expected by 0300 GMT.

ALSO:

PREDAZZO, Italy Sports-Ski Jumping-World Cup. Has moved.

WINTERBERG, Germay Sports-Bobsled-World Cup. Has moved.

KOENIGSEE, Germany Sports-Luge-World Cup. Has moved.

HANOVER, Germany Sports-Boxing-Klitschko-Eros. Has moved.

UNDATED Sports-Basketball-NBA Roundup. Expected by 0500 GMT.

UNDATED Sports-Ice Hockey-NHL Roundup. Expected by 0500 GMT.

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Towering bonfires were lit by Orange supporters in and around Belfast at midnight. In keeping with the mounting tension of recent days, masked outlaws from anti-Catholic terror groups fired off volleys of gunfire in at least two locations.

Police said a man was found dead in Larne, County Antrim, about 20 miles (32 kilometers) north of Belfast. The circumstances of his death were unclear. Police said angry crowds confronted them when they appeared on the scene.

Jack McKee, a local councillor with the pro-British Democratic Unionist Party, said the shooting was thought to be the result of a feud between armed Protestant groups.

"People are numbed in the area that a young man could be struck down in the midst one of their own and by one of their own," he told the British Broadcasting Corp.

British soldiers, 5th graf pvs

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In Larne, a mostly Protestant port town north of Belfast, a Protestant man was shot dead in front of one bonfire crowd, who later fought police as they tried gain access to the body.

The victim wasn't immediately identified. Police said they believed he was targeted as part of an ongoing bloody feud between members of two outlawed anti-Catholic groups, both of which are supposed to be observing cease-fires in support of Northern Ireland's 1998 peace accord.

The biggest outlawed gang, the Ulster Defense Association, staged so-called "shows of strength" appearances of gun-toting masked members at several bonfires. The most dramatic was on Belfast's Shankill Road, where four men and a woman fired automatic assault rifles and pistols into the night sky.

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To the beat of pounding drums, Protestant hard-liners marched in their tens of thousands Wednesday and vowed to protest until they regain the right to parade past hostile Catholic areas.

More than 80,000 members of the Orange Order, Northern Ireland's once-dominant Protestant fraternal group, paraded through Belfast and 17 other towns to commemorate the triumph of the Protestant King William of Orange versus a Catholic foe on July 12, 1690.

The annual Twelfth demonstrations always bring rivalries between British Protestants and Irish Catholics to the boil. But with several parades blocked this year by British security forces from going through or near Catholic areas, Protestant anger turned against fellow Protestants over who to blame for the past 10 days of widespread rioting.

"We meet here today under extremely difficult circumstances. Our city and our country are being ravaged by terrorism and lawlessness," Jim Rodgers, a Belfast councilman, told fellow Orangemen in a city park.

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Several militants in the audience heckled Rodgers as soon as he appealed for the riots to end immediately because they were self-destructive.

"Those that are suffering are people in our own areas. We are destroying our properties, we are hitting our churches, we're taking people's cars and burning them," Rodgers said.

He had to shout above the insults flying from a few who accused his Ulster Unionist Party of caving in to <u>Irish</u> <u>Republican Army</u> supporters to make peace.

IRA supporters are prominent in all the anti-Orange protest groups, and the Ulster Unionists and IRA-linked Sinn Fein party are uncomfortable partners in Northern Ireland's power-sharing government.

Many Orangemen oppose negotiations with the protesters on the same grounds that they reject sharing power with Sinn Fein: The belief that their enemy will never be satisfied no matter how many compromises are made, so no compromises should be made.

Orangemen insisted their demonstrations should be treated as inoffensive, colorful pageants. The lodges march with hand-painted banners portraying important events in Protestant history and mythology: King William on his white horse; the Harland and Wolff shipyard and its most famous product, the Titanic; Protestants dying on World War I battlefields.

But across the Lagan River from the Orange demonstration, the Catholics of the Lower Ormeau neighborhood were savoring a respite from this pageantry, thanks to a British army blockade that prevented a small Orange parade from passing their area that morning.

They said the sound of the Orangemen's rowdy "kick the pope" bands of fife and drum sent shivers down their spine.

"Thankfully we can't see them. But just listening to these god-awful bands in the distance reminds people here of the pure hate involved. We just don't want any part of it," said John Gormley, who has helped organize anti-parade protests since 1995.

Several Orange speakers noted bitterly Wednesday that the British government and Royal Ulster Constabulary the province's predominantly Protestant police had decided this year to confront Orangemen rather than Catholic protesters. In 1996 and 1997, the protesters were violently forced off disputed streets to make way for Orangemen. Intense Catholic riots followed.

"The Orange Order will not be surrendering its culture, its history and its tradition to the demands of Sinn Fein-IRA or any of its residents groups," said Denis Watson, the senior Orangeman in County Armagh, where the order was born in 1795 following a sectarian gun battle.

The order's anti-Catholicism was underscored at several rallies, which adopted motions calling for Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian churches to end all ecumenical cooperation with Catholics.

The Rev. William Hoey, an Anglican minister, claimed that all Catholic politicians supported the republican movement of the IRA and Sinn Fein, and so Protestants should defeat them, not compromise.

"There will be no peace in this land as long as republicanism calls the shots and gets away with what they want to do," he told the 200 Orangemen blocked from marching past the half-dozen side streets constituting the Lower Ormeau.

"They accept nothing unless it is done to their agenda," he said through a bullhorn in front of a 20-foot-high (6-meter-high) steel wall erected across a bridge. "So we say to the government: Take them on and put them down once and for all."

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SOCCER:

LONDON Ipswich continued its surprising climb up the English Premiership table Saturday with a 3-0 home victory over sputtering Tottenham.

Slug Sports-Soccer-British Roundup. Has moved, will be updated with afternoon games.

By Chris Fontaine

CRICKET:

DURBAN, South Africa South Africa grabbed four quick wickets to have Sri Lanka reeling at 85 for four wickets at tea Saturday at Kingsmead on the final day of the first of three tests.

Slug Sports-Cricket-South Africa-Sri Lanka. Has moved.

WELLINGTON, New Zealand Chris Cairns and Mathew Sinclair returned to the New Zealand one-day cricket side Saturday when officials announced the team to play Zimbabwe in a three-match series starting Tuesday at Taupo.

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SEMMERING, Austria Riding on a wave of confidence, Switzerland's Sonja Nef on Saturday skied to victory in a **women**'s World Cup giant slalom.

Sports-Skiing-Women's World Cup. Has moved.

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ADELAIDE, Australia Former Australian Formula One driver David Brabham has forecast some spectacular and tight racing in the American Le Mans series event through the streets of Adelaide on New Year's Eve.

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ICE HOCKEY:

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Slug Sports-Ice Hockey-Peca Hurt. Has moved.

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SCOTTSDALE, Arizona The green light went on again for construction of a hockey arena in Scottsdale when the city attorney released an opinion that says the project was automatically extended until March 5.

Slug Sports-Ice Hockey-Coyotes Sale. Has moved.

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HONOLULU After slugging it out for 40 minutes on the basketball court, Tennessee and George Washington carried their hostilities over to a postgame pizza party.

Slug Sports-Basketball-College-Tennessee-GW-Brawl. Has moved.

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MEXICO POLITICS: Court annuls key election in setback to former ruling party

VILLAHERMOSA, Mexico Mexico's top electoral court deals the former ruling party its most severe blow since it lost its 71-year grip on the presidency in July, annulling the party's only governorship victory since then. MEXICO-ELECTIONS. Has moved. By Luis Lopez.

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Slug Sports-Soccer-Brazil-Havelange Cup. Has moved.

By Michael Astor.

LONDON Arsenal misses a chance to gain ground on Premiership leader Manchester United by conceding two second-half goals in a 2-2 draw to Sunderland, while Ipswich continues its surprising climb up the table.

Slug Sports-Soccer-British Roundup. Has moved.

By Chris Fontaine.

TEHRAN, Iran Police charge three Iranian soccer players with disturbing public order after riots erupted at the end of a match between the country's two most popular teams, the Islamic Republic News Agency reports.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Iran-Arrests. Has moved.

TENNIS:

PERTH, Australia Switzerland plays Thailand on Sunday to open the Hopman Cup mixed teams tennis tournament that also includes the United States, Australia and defending champion South Africa.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Hopman Cup. Expected by 1000 GMT.

ALSO:

GOLD COAST, Australia Sports-Tennis-Australian Women's Hardcourt.

CRICKET:

DURBAN, South Africa Tillekeratne Dilshan defies South Africa to force a draw for Sri Lanka at Kingsmead on the final day of the first of three tests.

Slug Sports-Cricket-South Africa-Sri Lanka. Has moved.

GEORGETOWN, Guyana Former West Indies vice captain Carl Hooper announces a comeback to international cricket just days before the annual four-day regional Busta Cup Competition gets underway.

Slug Sports-Cricket-WIndies-Hooper. Has moved.

KINGSTOWN, St. Vincent Windward Islands fast bowler Cameron Cuffy says he had held out hope that he would be able to play for the West Indies, and next month he'll get his wish joining the Caribbean team in Australia to replace injured Mervyn Dillon.

Slug Sports-Cricket-WIndies-Cuffy. Has moved.

KINGSTOWN, St. Vincent The Windward Islands Cricket Board has decided to keep allrounder Roy Marshall on the sidelines for the upcoming Busta Cup championship, pending the outcome of assault charges against him in St. Lucia.

Slug Sports-Cricket-Windwards-Marshall. Has moved.

SKIING:

SEMMERING, Austria Switzerland's Sonja Nef maneuvers a tricky track to win her third giant slalom this season, flashing across the finish line as the sun broke through the clouds.

Slug Sports-Skiing-Women's World Cup. Has moved.

By Marcia Hill.

LILLEHAMMER, Norway Bjarte Engen Vik captures the last Nordic Combined event of the year, soundly beating defending overall champion Samppa Lajunen by 28.6 seconds after a strong cross-country ski race.

Slug Sports-Nordic Combined-World Cup. Has moved.

ATHLETICS:

SAO PAULO, Brazil The chips are down for amateur runners hoping to register at the last-minute for Sunday's traditional St. Silvester road race through Sao Paulo's streets.

Slug Sports-Track-Roadrace Chips. Has moved.

By Tony Smith.

WITH:

SAO PAULO, Brazil Sports-Track-St Silvester. Has moved.

FOOTBALL:

NEW YORK AI Groh is leaving the New York Jets after one disappointing season to return to his alma mater and succeed George Welsh as the coach at the University of Virginia.

Slug Sports-Football-Groh-Virginia. Has moved.

By Bill Barnard.

ALSO:

UNDATED Sports-Football-NFL Roundup. Expected by 0200 GMT.

UNDATED Sports-Basketball-NBA Roundup. Expected by 0500 GMT.

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ALSO MOVED:

TUNISIA-ARAFAT. Arafat arrives in Tunisia late Saturday to discuss U.S. proposals for ending the Israeli-Palestinian conflict with the leader of this North African Muslim nation.

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MANILA, Philippines The Philippine government warns of more terror attacks after five powerful bombs tear through the capital, killing at least 14 people, injuring as many as 100 others and unleashing a nationwide climate of fear, blame and suspicion. There were no credible claims of responsibility for Saturday's attacks in Manila, but plenty of theories. PHILIPPINES-EXPLOSION. Recap has moved. By Adam Brown. AP Photos MLA105, 107, 129, PHL130-131.

ASIA:

INDONESIA: Government to relax grip on power in effort to unite nation

JAKARTA, Indonesia Worried that the world's fourth most populous nation could disintegrate politically, Indonesia is reinventing the way it governs itself. Its highly centralized national government is devolving much of its power to about 360 district administrations across the archipelago. The transformation, which takes effect Monday, is so radical it's being labeled "make-or-break" time for this sprawling violence-wracked nation. INDONESIA-DECENTRALIZATION. Has moved. By Daniel Cooney.

TAIWAN TIES: Despite Beijing's coolness, Chinese look forward to links with Taiwan

XIAMEN, China Chen Ting hopes Taiwanese big spenders will roll into her nightclub and Zhou Min envisions depositors lining up outside his bank. Residents of the lively Chinese port of Xiamen are hoping for a windfall when Taiwan lifts a 51-year-old ban Monday and allows ships and people from two Taiwanese-controlled islands to travel to nearby China to trade, visit relatives or just have fun. CHINA-LONGING FOR LINKS. Has moved. By Christopher Bodeen. AP Photos XIA101-103.

SAFETY CONCERNS: Shopping center fire exposes China's deadly safety problems

BEIJING A fire at a shopping center where emergency exits were blocked kills 309. An army truck explodes while carrying artillery shells through a residential neighborhood, killing 67. Coal mine accidents take more than 100 lives each week. The rash of accidents has renewed concerns that China is sacrificing safety in a rush for economic growth. CHINA-UNSAFE COUNTRY. Has moved. By Martin Fackler.

PAKISTAN: Pakistan declassifies report on its defeat in former East Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan Pakistan declassifies a secret report on its humiliating defeat by Indian forces in a 1971 war that led to the creation of Bangladesh. The 675-page report, written 28 years ago, accuses top generals at the time of "neglect of duty" and calls for their court martial. PAKISTAN-BANGLADESH. Has moved. By Amir Zia.

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AMERICAS:

FENCE COLLAPSE: 65 injured as fence collapses at Brazilian soccer final

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil Part of the perimeter fence at the Sao Januario stadium gives way under a crush of soccer fans injuring at least 65 fans during the second leg of the Joao Havelange Cup. There are no immediate reports of deaths. SOCCER-BRAZIL-HAVELANGE CUP. Has moved. AP Photos RIOX101,105,107-110.

WINTER WEATHER: Snow piles up fast, choking travel in Northeast

NEW YORK A record snowstorm in America's Northeast dumps more than two feet (60 centimeters) of snow in central New Jersey, canceling hundreds of flights and slowing motorists to a crawl. Philadelphia declares a snow emergency, and New York sends National Guard troops to the southeast corner of the state. All of the New York City area's major airports are closed. US-HOLIDAY STORM. Recap has moved. By Roger Petterson. AP Photos; AP Graphic US WEATHER.

PANAMA CANAL: A year after taking canal, Panama proud but economy hurting

PANAMA CITY, Panama The Panama Canal is operating smoothly a year after the United States handed it over to Panama, but the Americans' departure has aggravated an economic slowdown and doubts about Panama's ability to defend its southern border. PANAMA-CANAL. Has moved. By Juan Zamorano. AP Photos NY195-199.

MEXICO PRISON RELEASE: Chiapas governor releases Zapatista rebels

TUXTLA GUTIERREZ, Mexico The head prosecutor of Mexico's Chiapas state frees 17 jailed Zapatista rebels, marking the new government's latest move to woo rebels to the negotiating table and end a seven-year conflict here. The release the first of 103 prisoners meets a main demand of the Zapatista rebels to restart peace talks. MEXICO-CHIAPAS PRISONERS. Has moved. By Alejandro Ruiz. AP Photos TUX101-103.

ALSO:

MEXICO-ELECTION. Mexico's former ruling party legislature puts off new state election. Has moved.

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IRAN: Report: former agent testifies to role in Iranian dissident killings

TEHRAN, Iran A former Iranian intelligence agent acknowledges participating in the 1998 killings of dissident writers and intellectuals, state-run Iranian television reports. Seyyed Mostafa Kazemi is the first of 17 defendants to testify in a military court. IRAN-DISSIDENT KILLINGS. Has moved.

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HONG KONG: Many want in, but few are the ones Hong Kong seeks

HONG KONG Hong Kong's government is trying to lure a chosen few well-educated Chinese with skills in demand. It is promising high pay and the right to stay indefinitely. Poor Chinese without the educational advantages criticize it as unfair. FEA-HONG KONG-CLOSED DOOR. Has moved. By Margaret Wong. AP Photos NY304-305.

PRESERVING TRADITION: Laos' hill tribes resist dropping old, unhealthy habits

BAN KAN DON, Laos Almost every child here old enough to walk has a nicotine habit. As with many hill tribes in southern Laos, some of the ways of the Katu are bad for their health. But they cling to all their habits to preserve traditions. FEA-LAOS-PIPESMOKING KIDS. Has moved. By Matthew Pennington. AP Photos NY360-361.

NOT HISPANIC: Mexican, Central American Indians struggle to reclaim identity

LOS ANGELES A little known movement is galvanizing Mexican and Central American communities in the United States: Indigenous people fighting to resurrect their Indian history and heritage amid a society that labels them Hispanic or Latino. FEA-US-NOT HISPANIC. Has moved. By Pauline Arrillaga. AP Photos NY358-359.

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*1908

THE American flag-bearer Ralph Rose refuses to lower the Stars and Stripes as the US contingent marches past the royal box at the London opening ceremony. Martin Sheridan, the eminent discus thrower and shot putter, tells press later: "This flag dips to no earthly king." That tradition of refusing to lower the standard has endured.

* 1988

FOR 30 metres after the start of the 100m men's backstroke swimming in Seoul, the first three competitors are all underwater. When the last of them pops up, after 35m, he is in front of the field. The race is won by Japan's Daichi Suzuki, who has been practising the submerged start daily for seven years. CONTRIBUTOR

Immediately after the games, the International Swimming Federation bans the submarine start, ruling that disqualification will occur after 10 metres underwater.

The distance is later extended to 15 metres.

* 1960

DAZED and exhausted after the 800m in Rome, New Zealander Peter Snell asks a Belgian rival, Roger Moens, who won. "You did," says Moens. Snell does not take a victory lap, preferring to find a place to cheer his teammate, Murray Halberg, to victory in the next event, the 5000m. Four years later Snell defends his title successfully, and wins another gold medal in the 1500m.

BETTY ROBINSON, of the USA, becomes the first <u>female</u> track and field gold medallist in Olympic history when she wins the 100m in Amsterdam. She is 16. Later she is injured in a plane crash, but returns to win her second gold in the sprint relay in Berlin in 1936.

* 1924

PAAVO NURMI, the Finnish runner, attempts a seemingly impossible double. He becomes the first person ever to contest the 1500m and 5000m races, which are just over an hour apart. He wins both, and in later Games another three gold medals. In 1928, at his last Games -with his gold medal tally nine -he falls head over heels at the first water jump in a heat of the 3000m steeplechase, and is fished out by a French rival.

He repays the kindness by pacing the Frenchman, and finishes with a silver medal.

* 1980

AUSTRALIA'S Michelle Ford breaks the East German stranglehold on <u>women</u>'s freestyle events at the Moscow Olympics by winning the 800m. East Germans finish second and third.

* 1948

AS she awaits the result of a tight finish in the 80m hurdles, Fanny Blankers-Koen hears the band strike up God Save the King, and concludes that she has been beaten. She is consoled to hear later that the band was playing to mark the arrival at the stadium of the royal family, and that she has in fact won her second gold medal. Blankers-Koen, a Dutchwoman who left her two children in Amsterdam, goes on to win four gold medals -although she has to be talked out of going home to her children by her husband (and coach) after the second. When she does return, the people of Amsterdam give her a huge reception and a bicycle "so that she won't have to run so much".

* 1980

THE East German twins Bernd and Jorg Landvoigt stand atop the victory dais to receive their second successive gold medals in the coxless pairs. Beside them, receiving silver, are another pair of twins, Yuri and Nikolai Pimenov, of Russia.

* 1968

AUSTRALIA'S Mike Wenden beats two of the greatest swimmers the world has seen -America's Mark Spitz and Don Schollander -in the 100m and 200m freestyle. So exhausted is he after the 200 that he loses consciousness and sinks. He is fished out by team-mate Bob Windle. He feels better later when he sees Schollander prostrate on the floor, receiving oxygen.

* 1956

AMERICA's Charlie Dumas fights out an extraordinary finish in gathering darkness in the high jump against Australia's "Chilla" Porter. Dumas, who has recently become the first person ever to clear seven feet, wins the gold with his final attempt at 2.12 metres.

* 1984

AS he crosses the finish line and becomes the first repeat winner of the 1500m, Britain's Sebastian Coe signals defiantly towards journalists from his homeland and shouts: "Who says I'm finished?" Coe has been criticised often by British newspapers, particularly after defeats by his arch-rival Steve Ovett. Ovett beat him into second place in the 800m in 1980, and Coe has had to settle for silver again in the same event in 1984.

Although he is defending champion in the 1500m, he has been written off completely following back injuries, an attack of glandular fever and the rise of a new British champion, Stephen Cram. Coe kicks hard in the straight to beat Cram.

* 1932

MILDRED "BABE" DIDRICKSON, called the world's finest <u>female</u> athlete of the first half of the century, is a champion in five events but is restricted by Olympic rules to competing in three. She wins gold in the javelin and 80m hurdles, then ties with Jean Shiley for gold in the high jump.

In a bizarre decision, the judges rule in favour of Shiley, giving Didrickson second place, on the basis that she used the western roll style -with head over the bar before the body. They claim it's illegal. As she says: "It's crazy.

I jumped that way through the contest. If my last jump was illegal I should have been disqualified from the start."

*1972

A WEEK after he has swum in the 400m freestyle, Australia's Brad Cooper learns that he has won the gold medal. Rick DeMont, of the US, who won the race from him by .01 of a second, has been found to have taken ephedrine, a banned substance, to cope with his asthma. Cooper becomes Australia's only male goldmedal swimmer at the Munich Games.

* 1972

ON the eve of the Winter Games in Sapporo, the Austrian skier Karl Schranz offends IOC boss Avery Brundage in a media interview and is banned from competition. Schranz, who has won every honour in alpine skiing except an Olympic gold medal, flies home to Vienna, to be met by 100,000 fans and given a tickertape parade. It is the largest demonstration in Austria since World War II.

* 1992

THE Estonian flag is raised at the Olympics for the first time in 56 years after Erika Salumae wins the 1000m cycling sprint. Unfortunately, it is raised upside down.

The winner is too happy to care. "Next time," she says, "they will get it right." *

* 1996

CARL LEWIS soars through the Atlanta air to defeat the world record-holder, Mike Powell, in the long jump and record two amazing feats. He has joined the great Paavo Nurmi on a record nine gold medals, and matched the feat of discus thrower Al Oerter by winning the same event four times in a row. His inspiration, he says, has always been Jesse Owens.

* 1956

JON HENRICKS begins the Australian swimming charge at the Melbourne Olympics by winning the first swimming gold: the final of the 100m freestyle. It is a charge that will culminate in Australia winning every freestyle event, men's and **women**'s, at the Games.

* 1920

ITALY'S Ugo Frigerio, the greatest walker in the world, approaches the conductor of the band in the middle of the Antwerp stadium before the start of the 3000m walk.

He hands him a sheet of music, and requests that he play it throughout the race. Accompanied by the music, Frigerio leads for the entire race -pausing only once to admonish the conductor for not playing the correct tempo.

* 1988

DEBBIE FLINTOFF-KING stages one of the most courageous finishes ever to claw her way back and win the 400m hurdles in Seoul, after having been seemingly beaten by a Russian at the last hurdle. The win represents a triumph of the will: she has been coping with grief since the sudden death of her sister on the eve of her trip to Seoul.

* 1976

UNTIL now, no gymnast has ever won a perfect score of 10 in competition. When Nadia Comaneci, 14 years old, wins her first event, the uneven bar, the scoreboard is unprepared for such an event. It flashes the figure 1. The public address system advises the crowd that she has in fact scored a 10. She does it seven times that week in Montreal to win three golds, one silver and one bronze. She is Romania's first Olympic gold medallist in gymnastics.

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A LEAP ON FRIENDSHIP

* 1956

MURRAY ROSE, of Australia, defeats his friend Tsuyoshi Yamanaka, of Japan, in the 1500m freestyle. The pair will become closer friends as costudents at the University of Southern California. This Australian-Japan battle takes place on December 7 1956, exactly 15 years to the day since the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour. Rose also wins gold in the 400m freestyle and the 4 x 200m relay, to become the youngest triple gold medal winner in Olympic swimming history.

* 1988

BEN JOHNSON accepts the gold medal for winning the 100m in Seoul, and Canadian newspapers call him "a national treasure". His urine sample later reveals that he has been taking steroids, and the gold medal is awarded to the second place-getter, Carl Lewis.

Johnson denies that he has taken drugs, claims he was the victim of sabotage -but later (in 1989) admits to having taken steroids and lied to the public.

* 1936

AUSTRALIA'S Jack Metcalfe, world record-holder in the triple jump, gives advice on technique to two Japanese rivals at the Berlin Games. They finish first and second, with Metcalfe third. Afterwards German officials who witnessed the episode report Metcalfe to his team manager for having helped members of a rival team. Says the manager, Harry Alderson: "It gives me almost as much pleasure as if Metcalfe had won gold." *

* 1964

DAWN FRASER carries the Australian flag in the closing ceremony at the 1964 Olympics, hobbling on one ankle she has hurt in a flag-stealing escapade the night before. It is the farewell to a magnificent career, culminating in a fourth gold medal and an unprecedented three straight in the 100m freestyle. Later she is suspended from all forms of competitive swimming for 10 years on unspecified charges related to matters of discipline. The ban is subsequently reduced to four years, but the effect is the same. She has been retired.

* 1936

AT the Nazi Olympics in Berlin, the German team sets a world record in its semi-final of the <u>women</u>'s sprint relay, and is a clear favourite to win. At the final changeover, the last German is 10m ahead, and victory is a formality. Then the last runner, Ilse Forffeldt unaccountably loses the baton. Helen Stephens, of the US, races to the finish to win the gold medal. Adolf Hitler sends the German **women** flowers in consolation.

* 1924

IN the Chariots of Fire Olympics in Paris, Eric Liddell, son of a Scottish missionary, decides not to contest the 100m (in which he has won the British championship) because it is to be run on a Sunday. He runs instead in the 400m, and wins in Olympic record time.

His team-mate Harold Abrahams wins the 100m.

* 1972

EIGHT Palestinian terrorists break into the Olympic Village in Munich, kill two Israeli athletes and take another nine hostage. They demand the release of 200 prisoners in Israeli jails and safe passage from Germany. After West German sharpshooters open fire at a military airport, a battle ensues. All nine hostages are killed, as well as five terrorists and a policeman.

* 1972

SHANE GOULD, who has recently broken every significant world freestyle record from 100m to 1500m is greeted in Munich by American swimmers in T-shirts bearing the words, "All that glitters is not Gould". When she wins the 200m freestyle she becomes the only Australian ever to have won three individual gold medals at a single Olympics.

* 1996

KERRI STRUG, 18, a member of the US gymnastic team, sprains an ankle and vaults through the pain -wobbling, hopping, smiling, saluting the judges -in a bid to ensure that America defeats Russia for the first time in the <u>women</u>'s event. She believes (wrongly, it turns out) that the US needs a good jump from her to guarantee victory. She is carried to the victory dais in the arms of her coach.

* 1968

IN the giant slalom at Grenoble, Austria's Karl Schranz is skiing hard in dense fog when he brakes suddenly at the 21st gate, claiming a mysterious stranger in black has crossed the course. He asks for a re-run, and is given one. He makes an almost perfect run, and is declared the unofficial winner over Jean-Claude Killy, of France. Two hours later Schranz is disqualified for having missed two gates before his encounter with the mysterious interloper. Killy is awarded his third gold medal of the Gamnes.

* 1988

VLADIMIR SALNIKOV, of Russia, wins his fourth gold medal in the 1500m freestyle. He has won three at the 1980 Moscow Olympics, and until 1986 has won 61 consecutive finals over 1500m. The tit-for-tat 1984 boycott has robbed him of his chance to win back-toback 1500m gold, and he has lost form since 1986. As the Games begin, Time magazine says of Salnikov: "His day has passed." He overcomes the odds, and becomes only the third swimmer to gain gold medals eight years apart. The others: Dawn Fraser and Duke Kahanamoku.

* 1952

MARJORIE JACKSON becomes Australia's first Olympic champion on the track since Edwin Flack in 1896 when she wins the 100m in Helsinki. In her home town of Lithgow, which built her a cinder tack on which to train during the bleak winter nights, the occasion is celebrated by a minute of sheer noise from church bells to fire engine sirens. Newspaper headlines proclaim: "Marjie, it's you." Two days later she takes her new sweetheart, cyclist Peter Nelson, to watch her run again in the 200m -and win. Later they will wed.

* 1972

FOUR cyclists from the <u>Irish Republican Army</u> gatecrash the 182.4km road race outside Munich, joining the race in an obscure protest. One tries to run Irish Olympian Noel Taggart into a ditch. The quartet are arrested, but later released by police.

* 1912

FANNY DURACK becomes the first <u>female</u> Olympic swimming gold medalist when she wins the 100m freestyle at the Stockholm Games. She and team-mate Mina Wylie have overcome huge prejudice and prudery to win their way to the Games, much of it from swimming officials who feel it is immoral for <u>women</u> to swim in front of men. They have both had to pay their own fares.

Durack betters the world record each time she swims, in the heat, semi-final and final. The Australians plead vainly to be allowed to swim in the only other **women**'s race, the relay -two legs apiece.

* 1984

JAYNE TORVILLE and Christopher Dean are comfortably in front after the first two phases of the ice dancing at the Sarajevo Winter Games. If they opt to play it safe in the final "free dance" (worth 50 per cent of the ultimate score), victory is assured. They don't.

They skate to Ravel's Bolero, and bring ice dancing to a new peak. All nine judges award them a perfect six a mark unlikely to be reached again -and the gold medal.

* 1936

IN the darkness, with just a few lights illuminating the pole vault area, two close friends from Japan, Shuhei Nishida and Sueo Oe, are contesting the vault final against the American Earl Meadows. Meadows wins, and the Japanese jump for the minor placings until darkness causes the competition to be abandoned.

Without explanation, the judges award the silver to Nishida, the bronze to Oe. Both are unhappy, and they make a pact to split their medals in half and join them -half silver, half bronze. The trophies become known as the Medals of Eternal Friendship. Oe is later killed in World War II. His medal remains on display at the national stadium in Tokyo.

* 1936

ESSE OWENS, whose four gold medals at the Berlin Olympics embarrass Adolf Hitler's claims about the superiority of the Aryan race, is almost disqualified from the long jump after overstepping the take-off board.

His German rival, Lutz Long, above left, reminds Owens the qualification distance is shorter than he was jumping, and advises him to jump from well behind the board. Owens does, and goes on to win. They become lifelong friends.

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Body

Princess Margaret, the younger sister of Queen Elizabeth II, whose troubled private life aroused both worldwide sympathy and widespread reprobation, died yesterday morning in London. She was 71.

She suffered a stroke on Friday afternoon, the latest in a series that had left her partly paralyzed in recent months, and developed heart problems overnight, Buckingham Palace said.

The queen announced the death "with great sadness," according to a statement from the palace.

Prime Minister Tony Blair, who is touring West Africa, said he was "deeply saddened."

Attractive and fun-loving, Princess Margaret earned a reputation in her youth as a free spirit. But her 20's were clouded by an unlucky romance with Group Capt. Peter Townsend of the Royal Air Force, a Battle of Britain hero with whom she fell in love when he served as an equerry to her father, King George VI.

A Daunting Hurdle: Divorce

In many ways, the group captain might have made an ideal husband. But the fact that he was divorced raised strong objections from the very establishment the royal family represented. As queen, Margaret's sister, Elizabeth, was the supreme governor of the Church of England, which forbade divorce. Moreover, in the early 1950's, the political storm surrounding Edward VIII's abdication in December 1936 to marry a twice-divorced American, Wallis Warfield Simpson, was a not-so-distant memory.

News media scrutiny was relentless and the pressure intense on Princess Margaret, then third in line to the throne, to break off the relationship. Bowing to the demands of a moral code that a decade later would seem quaint to many people, she chose not to marry him.

In May 1960 she married Anthony Armstrong-Jones, a photographer who was himself the child of divorced parents. Their tempestuous marriage produced two children, but ended in divorce in 1978. The princess did not remarry, but her friendships with men, from prominent people like the actor Peter Sellers to less exalted ones like Roderic

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Llewellyn, an upper-class drifter 17 years her junior whose main accomplishment appeared to be a talent for gardening, hurt her reputation.

So did the fact that she was often less than gracious when faced with the drudgery of public appearances -- the ribbon-cuttings, diplomatic functions and endless other official occasions by which Britain's royals justify their position and the public money that finances it. Easily bored and often petulant, the princess was known for indulging her moods, which could swing, as Charles Hussey, a British journalist wrote in The New York Times Magazine in 1965, from "a gaiety that was sometimes febrile" to "Hanoverian gloom."

Her extravagant style also prompted outrage. Her wedding cost the British government \$:25,000 -- then the equivalent of \$65,000 -- and her six-week honeymoon on the royal yacht Britannia cost \$:40,000, or about \$115,000. In later years she was criticized for demanding motorcycle escorts and government helicopters to travel around Britain.

Yet admirers spoke warmly of her personal generosity, loyalty to the queen and to her friends, and her irreverent sense of of fun. Louis Armstrong, whose music she loved, once referred to her as "one hip chick," and John Lennon playfully nicknamed her "Priceless Margarine."

To many people, Princess Margaret was the black sheep of her generation of royals. But that reputation did not necessarily trouble her. According to a biographer, Theo Aronson, she once told the French poet and filmmaker Jean Cocteau, "Disobedience is my joy."

Princess Margaret Rose was born on Aug. 21, 1930, at Glamis, Scotland, the second daughter of the Duke and Duchess of York, six years before her father became King George VI with the abdication of his brother, Edward VIII.

The Family Braved the Blitz

She was educated at home with her sister, the future Queen Elizabeth II. During World War II, when the king and queen tried to present an image of both stoicism and good cheer to a battered nation, they rejected the suggestion that their two daughters be sent to Canada to be safe from the danger of the blitz. Instead, the two girls remained with their parents, very much in the public eye.

But with Elizabeth clearly being groomed as the next queen, Princess Margaret was often relegated to the background. According to some courtiers, her parents tried to make up for it by indulging her. "When my sister and I were growing up, she was made out to be the goody-goody one," Princess Margaret told Andrew Duncan, author of "The Reality of Monarchy" (1970). "That was boring so the press tried to make out that I was wicked as hell."

But in threadbare postwar Britain, the press often portrayed her as a glamorous, high-spirited young woman who delighted in trips to Paris and dancing through the night in fashionable London clubs.

After Elizabeth married Prince Philip of Greece in November 1947, Princess Margaret became one of the most eligible single *women* in the world, and her name was coupled with various fashionable young men.

She first met Group Captain Townsend during the war, when he joined King George's entourage. The group captain's heroism -- he shot down 11 German planes -- was coupled with a low-key style that appealed to the king. Indeed, King George was godfather to one of his two sons by his wife, Rosemary Pawle, whom he married in 1941 and divorced in 1952 on the ground of adultery.

His relationship with the princess grew closer after the king's death in February 1952, but it did not become public until the coronation of Elizabeth II on June 2, 1953, when Margaret, in a gesture of affection that was captured by news photographers, brushed some lint from his uniform.

Princess Margaret was then 22 and Group Captain Townsend 38. He later wrote that their love "took no heed of wealth and rank and all the other worldly, conventional barriers which separated us."

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But under the Royal Marriages Act, passed in the reign of George III, Princess Margaret could not marry without the sovereign's permission. Under intense media scrutiny, the affair became as politicized as the one involving King Edward and Mrs. Simpson 16 years before. Both Winston Churchill and the queen's private secretary, Sir Alan Lascelles, advised against allowing the marriage. Pressing Group Captain Townsend to end the romance, the British government posted him to the British Embassy in Brussels as air attache in June 1953. Princess Margaret learned of his posting while she was on a tour of Rhodesia. After her return, the lovers kept in touch by telephone and managed to see each other secretly.

But the government continued to oppose a marriage, and though Princess Margaret turned 25 in 1955 and was thus free to marry without the queen's consent, it was made plain to her that if she chose to marry Group Captain Townsend she would lose her royal rights and income. In October of that year, the couple met in Britain, discussed their situation, and came to a decision.

"I would like it to be known that I have decided not to marry Group Capt. Peter Townsend," Princess Margaret announced in a statement. "Mindful of the church's teaching that Christian marriage is indissoluble, and conscious of my duty to the Commonwealth, I have resolved to put these considerations before any others."

Sympathetic observers later said that if the couple had been permitted to marry, the princess would have settled down to a more conventional life, like her sister. But in his 1978 autobiography, "Time and Chance," Group Captain Townsend wrote, "I simply hadn't the weight, I knew it, to counterbalance all she would have lost."

In 1959 the group captain married Marie Luce Jamagne, a 20-year-old Belgian. The next year, on May 6, 1960, Princess Margaret married Mr. Armstrong-Jones, also a commoner, who was given the title Earl of Snowdon.

A photographer who made a successful career out of photographing the rich and famous, Mr. Armstrong-Jones also enjoyed the the Bohemian side of London life. He and the princess helped liven the staid image of the royal family with a touch of the Swinging Sixties.

Garland Was Not Amused

But Princess Margaret's love of fun and informality coexisted with a sterner side. She insisted that she be addressed as "Ma'am," except for her closest friends, who were permitted to call her "Ma'am darling." As a houseguest she was notoriously demanding. At parties she often objected if other guests ignored royal protocol and left before her. Even her children were expected to refer to her as "Princess Margaret" in front of visitors. So did her husband, though he was said to have called her Ducky in private.

The haughty manner alienated many friends. Mr. Aronson relates in "Princess Margaret" (1977) how at a party in Beverly Hills she once told Judy Garland through an intermediary that she would like to hear her sing. Angered by the form of the request, Miss Garland replied, "Tell her I'll sing if she christens a ship first."

Although the princess and her husband appeared to have a happy family life, by the late 1960's there were nasty public quarrels. This, coupled with an often ill-concealed irritability at official functions and a love of reveling, brought growing public ridicule.

Increasingly resentful of life in the public eye, Lord Snowdon began to spend more time away from the princess, working abroad on photographic projects, sometimes in the company of attractive young <u>women</u>. Princess Margaret also went her own way. She was linked romantically with Anthony Barton, a friend of her husband, and then had a relationship with Robin Douglas-Home, an aristocrat and former army officer who was the nephew of a former prime minister and played the piano in nightclubs.

In February 1967, when the British press began reporting that the royal couple were about to break up, Lord Snowdon, who was working overseas, and Princess Margaret arranged to meet in New York and fly on to the Bahamas, trying to give the impression that nothing was amiss. Shortly afterward, Princess Margaret wrote to Mr. Douglas-Home breaking off the affair. Eighteen months later he committed suicide.

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Although the royal couple had made a show of togetherness and were often photographed with their children -- David Albert Charles Armstrong-Jones (Viscount Linley) and Sarah Frances Elizabeth Armstrong-Jones (Lady Sarah Chatto) -- their relations continued to deteriorate.

At Home on a Caribbean Isle

Princess Margaret was often seen in the company of famous men, including Mr. Sellers. She also began to spend more time on the Caribbean island of Mustique, where a friend, Colin Tenant, had given her land as a wedding present and where she built a vacation home known as Les Jolies-Eaux.

In September 1973, at a luncheon in Edinburgh, she met the 25-year-old Roderic Llewellyn, who soon became a favorite companion. The son of minor nobility, Mr. Llewellyn had worked briefly at a mine in southern Africa and as an apprentice brewer in England. Five months after meeting Princess Margaret he spent three weeks as her guest in Mustique. Although their relationship was soon an open secret in royal circles. the queen, according to Mr. Aronson, was said to have disapproved of Mr. Llewellyn and what she called "my sister's guttersnipe life." But the liaison remained unknown to the public.

Then in February 1976 a news photographer's picture of the couple together on the island caused a scandal. In March the royal family announced that Lord Snowdon and Princess Margaret were separating.

Meanwhile, the relationship between the princess and Mr. Llewellyn set off a storm in Parliament. When Mr. Llewellyn was hospitalized with stomach problems during a trip to the Caribbean in March 1978, reports that the princess went to his bedside prompted critics to demand that her royal allowance -- then more than \$100,000 a year -- be cut. The battle was played out in the newspapers, with some calling for her to end her relationship with Mr. Llewellyn and take her work more seriously, and others writing in her defense.

Although she was patron of more than 80 charities and organizations, colonel in chief of the Highland Fusiliers of Canada and president of the Royal Ballet, there was increasing resentment of her approach to her duties. Critics complained that the number of her public appearances, which had once averaged 150 a year, had dwindled to well below 100. Some Labor members of Parliament called her an embarrassment to the monarchy.

Then in May, while she was hospitalized with hepatitis, Kensington Palace, where she lived, issued a statement announcing her divorce, an action that ended a 400-year-old taboo on divorce in the royal family.

In the fall, Princess Margaret, on an official visit to Tuvalu in the South Pacific, became ill and had to be flown to Sydney, Australia, for treatment. That December, a month after her return to Britain, Lord Snowdon married Lucy Lindsay-Hogg, who had been married to a film director.

Princess Margaret's traumatic private life had long taken a toll on her health. She smoked heavily and her enthusiasm for Scotch sometimes shocked her companions. In 1974, according to Mr. Aronson, she suffered a nervous breakdown.

The princess herself remained reticent about her private life. "I have no intention of telling people what I have for breakfast," she once said.

Sometimes, however, she had a penchant for saying the wrong thing. In October 1979, six weeks after Earl Mountbatten was killed by *Irish Republican Army* terrorists, she angered many Irish-Americans while on a visit to Chicago, reportedly declaring in the presence of Mayor Jane Byrne that the Irish were "pigs."

But she could also be quite gracious. In 1980, when Mr. Llewellyn told her that he was breaking off their relationship to marry Tatiania Soskin, a fashion designer, she assured the younger couple she would be happy to attend their wedding, and she remained friends with both.

Lunch With an Old Lover

As the 1980's progressed, public interest turned to the romantic travails of the next generation of royals. Two of the queen's three sons -- Charles, the Prince of Wales, and Andrew, the Duke of York -- married and divorced under the glare of relentless publicity. Anne, the princess royal and the queen's only daughter, was permitted to divorce her husband, Capt. Mark Philips, and in 1992 married a royal equerry.

Through the years the princess had corresponded with Peter Townsend and in 1992, while he was on a rare visit to Britain, she invited him to lunch at Kensington Palace attended by several other people. The 77-year-old group captain and the 61-year-old princess sat and "chatted like the old friends they were." Group Captain Townsend died in Paris in 1995.

It was often speculated how different her life might have been had the two been allowed to marry.

"In my opinion, this was the turning point to disaster for the royal family," said Harold Brooks-Baker, publishing director of Burke's Peerage, at the time of Group Captain Townsend's death. "After Princess Margaret was denied marriage, it backfired and more or less ruined Margaret's life. The queen decided that from then on, anyone someone in her family wanted to marry would be more or less acceptable. The royal family and the public now feel that they've gone too far in the other direction."

Princess Margaret is survived by her son, Lord Linley, her daughter, Lady Sarah, and three grandchildren.

As she grew older, the princess lived less in the public eye. "They leave me alone these days," Mr. Aronson quoted her as saying. "Today they have other fish to fry."

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Correction

Because of an editing error, a television review on Feb. 4 about "Bertie and Elizabeth," a "Masterpiece Theater" presentation on the life of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, misstated the policy of the Church of England on divorce, a factor in the abdication of her brother-in-law King Edward VIII, who became the Duke of Windsor. An obituary of her daughter Princess Margaret on Sunday also included the error. The church does not forbid divorce. It revokes the right to marry in a parish church while a former spouse is living. But even then, depending on circumstances, a priest can allow a church wedding.

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Graphic

Photos: Princess Margaret of Britain in 1956, on her 26th birthday. (Agence France-Presse); Princess Margaret, right, Princess Elizabeth, and their parents, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth in 1937.; Meet the Beatles. Princess Margaret did, in 1965, at the world premiere in London of their film "Help!" (Associated Press); Princess Margaret, left, with her mother and sister on the balcony at Buckingham Palace in August 2000. (Reuters)

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Major national and international news of 2001:

JANUARY

- 1 -- Canadian gun owners must have licence under new legislation.
- 11 -- Lucien Bouchard announces resignation as Quebec premier and PQ leader.
- 13 -- More than 800 killed in earthquake in El Salvador.
- 16 -- Congolese President Laurent Kabila dies after shootout in presidential palace.
- 17 -- California hit by power outages, rolling blackouts.
- 18 -- Supreme Court of Canada rules that Saskatchewan farmer Robert Latimer must serve at least 10 years for killing his severely disabled daughter.
- 20 -- George W. Bush sworn in as U.S. president.
- 23 -- Controversy erupts after Quebec deputy premier Bernard Landry calls Canadian flag a piece of "red rag." Landry later denies comparing the flag to a rag.
- 25 -- Quebec pop singer Celine Dion gives birth to her first child, a son.
- 26 -- Earthquake kills estimated 30,000 people in western Indian state of Gujarat.
- 27 -- United Church minister Lorne Calvert chosen leader of Saskatchewan NDP and successor to Premier Roy Romanow.
- 28 -- Baltimore Ravens beat New York Giants to win Super Bowl.
- 29 -- DaimlerChrysler announces 2,800 job cuts at Canadian auto plants. Maelstrom, Montreal director Denis Villeneuve's fantasy film, wins five Genie awards. Investors Group agrees to buy Mackenzie Financial for \$4.15 billion, creating largest mutual fund company.

31 -- Scottish court in Netherlands sentences Libyan Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahia to life imprisonment for role in explosion of Pan Am airliner over Lockerbie, Scotland. American businessman George Gillett buys 80 per cent of Montreal Canadiens.

FEBRUARY

- 2 -- Indigo books takes over rival Chapters.
- 3 -- Roger Grimes chosen as successor to Newfoundland Liberal Premier Brian Tobin.
- 6 -- Right-wing leader Ariel Sharon defeats Ehud Barak in Israeli election. Canada resumes diplomatic relations with North Korea, ending five decades of hostile relations.
- 10 -- Japanese fishing vessel sinks, nine killed, after U.S. navy submarine crashes into it.
- 12 -- U.S. Supreme Court rules Napster must stop trade in copyrighted music.
- 13 -- Earthquake kills more than 400 people in El Salvador.
- 16 -- Stock markets go into tailspin after Nortel issues profit warnings, announces 10,000 job cuts. U.S. and British warplanes fire on Iraqi air defence sites.
- 22 -- UN war crimes tribunal convicts three Bosnian Serbs on charges of rape, torture and sexual enslavement of Muslim *women*.
- 27 -- About 400 settlers in Borneo hacked to death by indigenous Dayak tribesmen.

MARCH

- 4 -- Taliban confirm destruction of ancient statues of Buddha in central Afghanistan, saying they were an affront to Islam.
- 6 -- Explosion caused by fireworks at school in China's Jiangxi province kills 42, most of them children.
- 8 -- National Parole Board denies Karla Homolka early release. Bernard Landry sworn in as Quebec premier, says he'll use all his might to make Quebec a country. Canadian navy says <u>women</u> will be eligible for service on submarines.
- 12 -- Conservatives led by Ralph Klein win Alberta election.
- 13 -- Canada and U.S. suspend import of livestock and animal products from European Union, as foot-and-mouth disease spreads from Britain to France.
- 16 -- Rapper Sean Combs acquitted on charges of gun possession and bribery.
- 18 -- Canadian Alliance MP Rahim Jaffer is demoted after his assistant is caught impersonating him on radio talk show.
- 19 -- British government says it will slaughter 300,000 healthy sheep to stop spread of foot-and-mouth disease.
- 20 -- Macedonian forces bombard ethnic Albanian rebel positions. World's biggest offshore oil rig sinks off Brazil coast after explosion.
- 21 -- Canadians Jamie Sale and David Pelletier win gold medal at world figure-skating championships.
- 23 -- Russian space station Mir falls from space in unpopulated section of South Pacific.
- 25 -- Gladiator wins five Academy Awards, including best picture and best actor (Russell Crowe).

- 26 -- Roots Air, promoting superior service to Air Canada, begins operations.
- 30 -- Health-care financiers Ron and Loren Koval of Toronto sentenced to seven-year prison terms after pleading guilty to one of largest frauds in Canadian history. "Miracle baby" Erika Nordby of Edmonton leaves hospital a month after she was found almost frozen solid in snowy backyard.

APRIL

- 1 -- U.S navy aircraft makes emergency landing on Chinese island of Hainan after mid-air collision with Chinese fighter jet.
- 4 -- Ottawa announces royal commission on future of Canadian health care system.
- 5 -- Federal government introduces tough anti-gang legislation.
- 6 -- Algerian expatriate Ahmed Ressam is found guilty in Los Angeles on charges of organizing terrorism campaign against U.S. from Canada. Ottawa allows medicinal use of marijuana.
- 8 -- Tiger Woods wins Masters, becoming first golfer to hold all the major professional titles in golf at same time. Canadian **women**'s hockey team beats U.S. to win world hockey championship.
- 10 -- Netherlands allows doctors to perform medically assisted suicides.
- 20 -- More than 300 demonstrators arrested after clashes with riot police in Quebec City at Summit of Americas. Manitoba government offers \$100,000 compensation to each of the families of 12 children who died after heart surgery at Winnipeg Health Sciences Centre.
- 22 -- Summit of the Americas ends with agreement to negotiate free-trade area of the Americas by 2005. Astronaut Chris Hadfield becomes first Canadian to walk in space, installs Canadian-made robotic arm to International Space Station.
- 25 -- Former Philippine president Joseph Estrada arrested on corruption charges.
- 29 -- First space tourist, U.S. tycoon Dennis Tito, launched into orbit aboard Russian Soyuz capsule.

MAY

- 1 -- U.S. President Bush proposes cuts to U.S. nuclear arsenal, construction of missile-defence system.
- 3 -- Air Canada announces plans to buy 85 per cent of Skyservice Airlines, the company behind Roots Air. Tina Wesson, nurse from Tennessee, becomes Outback millionaire in final episode of Survivor II.
- 6 -- Pope John Paul prays at mosque in Damascus, the first pope to pray in an Islamic house of worship.
- 7 -- Saskatchewan government announces inquiry into water contamination in North Battleford after hundreds sickened. Ronnie Biggs, Britain's Great Train Robber, returns from Brazil after 35 years on the run.
- 14 -- Canadian author Alistair Macleod's novel No Great Mischief wins \$172,000 IMPAC Dublin award.
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- 22 -- UN war crimes tribunal convicts three Bosnian Serbs on charges of rape, torture and sexual enslavement of Muslim *women*.
- 27 -- About 400 settlers in Borneo hacked to death by indigenous Dayak tribesmen.

MARCH

- 4 -- Taliban confirm destruction of ancient statues of Buddha in central Afghanistan, saying they were an affront to Islam.
- 6 -- Explosion caused by fireworks at school in China's Jiangxi province kills 42, most of them children.
- 8 -- National Parole Board denies Karla Homolka early release. Bernard Landry sworn in as Quebec premier, says he'll use all his might to make Quebec a country. Canadian navy says <u>women</u> will be eligible for service on submarines.
- 12 -- Conservatives led by Ralph Klein win Alberta election.
- 13 -- Canada and U.S. suspend import of livestock and animal products from European Union, as foot-and-mouth disease spreads from Britain to France.
- 16 -- Rapper Sean Combs acquitted on charges of gun possession and bribery.
- 18 -- Canadian Alliance MP Rahim Jaffer is demoted after his assistant is caught impersonating him on radio talk show.
- 19 -- British government says it will slaughter 300,000 healthy sheep to stop spread of foot-and-mouth disease.
- 20 -- Macedonian forces bombard ethnic Albanian rebel positions. World's biggest offshore oil rig sinks off Brazil coast after explosion.
- 21 -- Canadians Jamie Sale and David Pelletier win gold medal at world figure-skating championships.
- 23 -- Russian space station Mir falls from space in unpopulated section of South Pacific.
- 25 -- Gladiator wins five Academy Awards, including best picture and best actor (Russell Crowe).

- 26 -- Roots Air, promoting superior service to Air Canada, begins operations.
- 30 -- Health-care financiers Ron and Loren Koval of Toronto sentenced to seven-year prison terms after pleading guilty to one of largest frauds in Canadian history. "Miracle baby" Erika Nordby of Edmonton leaves hospital a month after she was found almost frozen solid in snowy backyard.

APRIL

- 1 -- U.S navy aircraft makes emergency landing on Chinese island of Hainan after mid-air collision with Chinese fighter jet.
- 4 -- Ottawa announces royal commission on future of Canadian health care system.
- 5 -- Federal government introduces tough anti-gang legislation.
- 6 -- Algerian expatriate Ahmed Ressam is found guilty in Los Angeles on charges of organizing terrorism campaign against U.S. from Canada. Ottawa allows medicinal use of marijuana.
- 8 -- Tiger Woods wins Masters, becoming first golfer to hold all the major professional titles in golf at same time. Canadian **women**'s hockey team beats U.S. to win world hockey championship.
- 10 -- Netherlands allows doctors to perform medically assisted suicides.
- 20 -- More than 300 demonstrators arrested after clashes with riot police in Quebec City at Summit of Americas. Manitoba government offers \$100,000 compensation to each of the families of 12 children who died after heart surgery at Winnipeg Health Sciences Centre.
- 22 -- Summit of the Americas ends with agreement to negotiate free-trade area of the Americas by 2005. Astronaut Chris Hadfield becomes first Canadian to walk in space, installs Canadian-made robotic arm to International Space Station.
- 25 -- Former Philippine president Joseph Estrada arrested on corruption charges.
- 29 -- First space tourist, U.S. tycoon Dennis Tito, launched into orbit aboard Russian Soyuz capsule.

MAY

- 1 -- U.S. President Bush proposes cuts to U.S. nuclear arsenal, construction of missile-defence system.
- 3 -- Air Canada announces plans to buy 85 per cent of Skyservice Airlines, the company behind Roots Air. Tina Wesson, nurse from Tennessee, becomes Outback millionaire in final episode of Survivor II.
- 6 -- Pope John Paul prays at mosque in Damascus, the first pope to pray in an Islamic house of worship.
- 7 -- Saskatchewan government announces inquiry into water contamination in North Battleford after hundreds sickened. Ronnie Biggs, Britain's Great Train Robber, returns from Brazil after 35 years on the run.
- 14 -- Canadian author Alistair Macleod's novel No Great Mischief wins \$172,000 IMPAC Dublin award.
- 15 -- Eight Canadian Alliance MPs urge leader Stockwell Day to resign.
- 16 -- Liberals under Gordon Campbell win B.C. election. Evan Brown, Charlottetown social activist, sentenced to month in jail for throwing pie in face of Prime Minister Chretien.
- 18 -- Newspaper baron Conrad Black says he is renouncing his Canadian citizenship after Ontario court dismisses his case against Prime Minister Chretien to become British lord.
- 20 -- Inuit director Zacharias Kunuk wins prize for first-time directors at Cannes Film Festival for Atanarjuat.

- 22 -- Ford Motor Co. recalls \$2 billion of Firestone tires.
- 25 -- At least 23 people killed after banquet hall collapses during wedding reception in Jerusalem.
- 29 -- Gulf Canada Resources is bought by Conoco of Houston in largest takeover ever of a Canadian energy company. Four followers of Osama bin Laden are convicted in New York for 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Africa.

JUNE

- 1 -- Nepal prince kills leading members of royal family, including king and queen, before shooting himself. At least 16 Israelis are killed by suicide bomber outside Tel Aviv nightclub. N.S. becomes first Canadian jurisdiction to recognize homosexual couples for purposes such as income-tax benefits.
- 6 -- U.S. jury awards more than \$3 billion to a lifelong smoker, deciding Philip Morris tobacco company is responsible for his lung cancer.
- 7 -- Prime Minister Tony Blair and Labour party win British election.
- 8 -- Four Rwandans including two Roman Catholic nuns are found guilty of war crimes during the 1994 Rwandan genocide.
- 9 -- Colorado Avalanche beat New Jersey Devils to win Stanley Cup.
- 11 -- Timothy McVeigh is executed by lethal injection for 1995 Oklahoma City bombing.
- 12 -- Palestinians accept U.S.-sponsored truce plan, already approved by Israel, to end eight months of violence.
- 15 -- Los Angeles Lakers win second straight NBA title.
- 25 -- New York state approves first U.S. law banning use of hand-held cellphones while driving. Toronto-based Barrick Gold Corp. agrees to merge with Homestake Mining of South Dakota to become world's No. 2 gold producer.
- 26 -- Researchers say breast self-examination should no longer be promoted as effective screening measure for breast cancer.
- 27 -- Health-care workers strike in Nova Scotia.
- 28 -- Former Yugoslav president Slobodan Milosevic is handed over to UN War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague to face trial for crimes against humanity, becoming the first former head of state to be brought before an international war-crimes tribunal. U.S. appeal court reverses order to break up Microsoft.

JULY

- 4 -- Russian airliner crashes near city of Irkutsk, killing all 146 people on board. Seven children are taken from their home in Aylmer, Ont., after their parents refuse to promise not to spank them.
- 7 -- About 120 police officers are injured in race riots in Bradford, England.
- 9 -- Chilean court declares Gen. Augusto Pinochet mentally unfit to stand trial for atrocities committed under his rule.
- 10 -- Ontario judge rejects \$1-billion class-action lawsuit on behalf of Chinese Canadians who had to pay head tax to immigrate.
- 13 -- IOC awards 2008 Summer Olympics to Beijing. Algerian Mokhtar Haouari, former resident of Montreal, is convicted in connection with plot to blow up Los Angeles airport.

- 17 -- Canadian Alliance Leader Stockwell Day calls for leadership race and announces intention to resign before the vote.
- 19 -- One dozen rebel Canadian Alliance MPs split with their party, form separate political group in Parliament called Democratic Representative Caucus.
- 20 -- Violent clashes break out between police and anti-globalization protesters at Group of Eight summit of industrialized countries in Genoa, Italy.
- 24 -- Suicide bombings by Tamil Tiger rebels kill 20 people at Colombo airport in Sri Lanka.

AUGUST

- 1 -- Air Canada says it is cutting 4,000 jobs in response to economic downturn.
- 2 -- Radislav Krstic, Bosnian Serb general, is found guilty of genocide by UN War Crimes Tribunal for killing of Muslims in Srebrenica in 1995; sentenced to 46 years in prison.
- 7 -- Italian embryologist Dr. Severino Antinori says he plans to clone human beings.
- 9 -- B.C. nurses end two-day illegal strike after government passes legislation forcing health workers to accept contract. Palestinian suicide bomber kills at least 15 people in Jerusalem.
- 10 -- U.S. and British warplanes bomb sites in southern Iraq. British government suspends Northern Ireland Assembly and reimposes direct rule on the province.
- 18 -- Seventy-two people die in fire in Manila hotel.
- 22 -- Dead crow near Windsor, Ont., proves to be first case of bird carrying West Nile virus in Canada. Quebec athlete Daniel Blouin is stripped of bronze medal for mooning crowd at Canada Summer Games.
- 24 -- Air Transat Airbus 330, on Toronto-Lisbon flight, lands safely in Azores after both its engines die due to fuel leak.
- 31 -- Forty-four people killed after fire in Tokyo nightclub.

SEPTEMBER

- 3 -- U.S. and Israel pull out of World Conference Against Racism, denouncing efforts to condemn Israel as "racist apartheid" state. Hewlett-Packard says it is buying Compaq for estimated \$25 billion US.
- 5 -- Peter Bray of Britain becomes first person to cross Atlantic in a kayak.
- 11 -- In worst terrorist attack in U.S. history, four commercial jetliners are hijacked, two crash into the World Trade Center in New York City, toppling both towers, killing thousands. Third plane slams into Pentagon in Washington, a fourth crashes in a Pennsylvania field. President Bush vows retribution, saying "we will make no distinction between the terrorists who committed these acts and those who harbour them."
- 12 -- NATO decides to invoke Article 5 of its charter for first time ever, saying attack on one NATO member is considered an attack on all. Newspaper magnate Conrad Black has his peerage confirmed by Queen.
- 13 -- U.S. officials name Osama bin Laden "suspect no. 1" in Sept. 11 attacks.
- 14 -- Close to 100,000 people attend Sept. 11 remembrance ceremony on Parliament Hill.
- 15 -- Afghan opposition leader Ahmed Shah Masood dies after Sept. 9 bombing attack.
- 16 -- Foreign Affairs Minister John Manley says: "Canada is at war."

- 17 -- Stock markets in the United States reopen for the first time since Sept. 11; air traffic begins to return to normal. Central banks in United States, Canada, Europe slash interest rates.
- 18 -- Boeing says it plans to cut up to 30,000 jobs. In days following, airlines announce massive job cuts.

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SEPTEMBER

- 20 -- U.S. President Bush demands Taliban hand over Osama bin Laden. His message to world is "either you are with us or you are with the terrorists."
- 21 -- Bank of Canada governor David Dodge warns Canada could slip into recession triggered by Sept. 11 attacks.
- 25 -- GM says it will close its plant in Ste-Therese, Que., eliminating more than 1,500 jobs.
- 26 -- Bombardier announces it is slowing production, laying off 3,800 workers.
- 27 -- In Switzerland's worst mass-slaying, man kills 14 people in state parliament, then kills self.

OCTOBER

- 1 -- Dozens killed by car bomb in Srinagar, Kashmir.
- 2 -- Nortel says it will slash another 19,500 jobs and post quarterly loss of \$3.6 billion. Federal government approves \$160 million in emergency aid to Canada's airlines. Swissair, long considered one of world's premier airlines, files for bankruptcy protection.
- 4 -- Russian airliner with 76 people on board plunges into Black Sea, apparently after being hit by missile from Ukrainian military.
- 7 -- U.S. and British forces begin air strikes in Afghanistan. Osama bin Laden praises God for Sept. 11 attacks and warns U.S. to prepare for further attacks in video broadcast.
- 8 -- Canada says it will contribute ships, aircraft and more than 2,000 personnel to coalition against terrorism. Russia's sunken Kursk nuclear submarine is raised from Barents Sea floor.
- 9 -- Al-Qaida terrorist group issues call for global holy war against U.S.
- 11 -- British writer V.S. Naipaul wins Nobel Prize in literature.
- 12 -- UN and Secretary General Kofi Annan win Nobel Peace Prize for "their work for a better organized and more peaceful world."
- 15 -- Ottawa introduces wide-ranging anti-terrorism bill.
- 17 -- Canadian troops leave Halifax for Persian Gulf to support war on terrorism. Israeli cabinet minister Rehavam Zeevi is assassinated by Palestinian terrorists. U.S. House of Representatives suspends operations over anthrax scares. Australian novelist Peter Carey wins Booker Prize.
- 18 -- Four followers of Osama bin Laden are sentenced to life in prison for 1998 bombing of U.S. embassies in Africa.
- 20 -- Mick Jagger, Paul McCartney among rock stars who perform at Madison Square Garden to help victims of Sept. 11 attacks. Canadian rockers perform at Toronto's Air Canada Centre the next day.
- 22 -- Two Washington-area postal workers die of anthrax.

The best and worst of 2001

- 23 -- In breakthrough to revive peace process in Northern Ireland, *Irish Republican Army* begins disabling its weapons.
- 30 -- Sam the Record Man, once Canada's top music retailer, files for bankruptcy. Number of confirmed anthrax infections in U.S. rises to 16.

NOVEMBER

- 4 -- Arizona Diamondbacks win World Series, beating New York Yankees in seven games. TV's The West Wing takes four Emmy Awards.
- 7 -- Air France and British Airways resume Concorde transatlantic service, 15 months after supersonic jet was grounded because of crash.
- 9 -- Northern Alliance seizes city of Mazar-e-Sharif in northern Afghanistan. Canadian dollar hits record low of 62.37 cents US.
- 11 -- Canada 3000, country's second-largest airline, is placed in bankruptcy.
- 12 -- American Airlines jetliner crashes into residential area of New York City, killing 260 on board.
- 13 -- Northern Alliance forces enter Afghan capital of Kabul as Taliban abandons city. Russia and U.S. announce massive reductions in stockpiles of nuclear weapons.
- 14 -- Richard B. Wright wins Governor General's Literary Award.
- 16 -- Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone opens on more than 500 screens across Canada, sets box office records.
- 19 -- Prime Minister Jean Chretien bestows honorary Canadian citizenship on Nelson Mandela, making him only the second individual to receive the honour.
- 23 -- Cape Breton's last working coal mine shuts down.
- 25 -- Advanced Cell Technology in Massachusetts says it has cloned first human embryo. Calgary Stampeders defeat Winnipeg Blue Bombers to win Grey Cup.
- 27 -- Talks begin in Germany on future government of Afghanistan. Bank of Canada reduces key interest rate to 2.25 per cent, lowest since 1961.
- 29 -- Former Beatle George Harrison dies of cancer at age 58.

DECEMBER

- 2 -- In Israel 26 people are killed in series of suicide-bomb attacks by Palestinians.
- 3 -- U.S. unveils plan to deploy troops along Canada-U.S. border to defend against terrorist incursions.
- 5 -- Afghan factions sign pact to create post-Taliban temporary administration for Afghanistan.
- 6 -- Taliban agree to surrender their last bastion, Kandahar.
- 10 -- Finance Minister Paul Martin introduces budget focused on national security.

Graphic

Photo: CP File Photo; Summit Stirs Violence - A bloodied protester is arrested by police after demonstrators and riot police clashed outside the grounds where the Summit of the Americas was being held in April in Quebec City.; Photo: CP File Photo; Mordecai Richler - One of the giants of Canadian literature for decades, seen in Montreal in 1997, he died in July at age 70.; Photo: CP File Photo; Bows Out - Lucien Bouchard wipes his eyes prior to announcing his resignation as Quebec premier and Parti Quebecois leader on Jan. 11.; Photo: Canadian Press; Top Newsmaker - The political downfall of Canadian Alliance leader Stockwell Day made him the Canadian newsmaker of the year in a poll done by The .; Photo: CP; Proud Parents - Singer Celine Dion and husband Rene Angelil hold six-month-old son Rene-Charles after his baptism in July. Rene-Charles was born Jan. 25.

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AFGHANISTAN-HIJACKING FAMILY. Hostages: hijackers part of one big family.

ISRAEL-LEBANON. Barak: Israel should have pulled out of Lebanon years ago.

GERMANY-KOHL SCANDAL. Kohl's party slapped with first big fine over scandal.

US-OSCAR NOMINATIONS. 'American Beauty' leads with eight nominations.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

BELFAST, Northern Ireland The <u>Irish Republican Army</u>, stung by Britain's decision to suspend the province's power-sharing government, breaks off negotiations Tuesday with the disarmament commission. NORTHERN IRELAND. Developing. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photo XBFT.

WITH:

NIRELAND-IRA STATEMENT. Has moved.

LONDON The High Court orders the release Tuesday of a medical report finding former Chilean dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet mentally unfit to stand trial, ruling that Home Secretary Jack Straw erred in blocking it. BRITAIN-PINOCHET. Lead has moved; developments will be expedited. By Mara D. Bellaby. AP Photos LAB101-102.

ALSO MOVED:

CHILE-PINOCHET. Mixed reaction to ruling in Chile, Spain. FCL101,105-107.

MOSCOW Investigators try to force a Moscow political reporter into a psychiatric asylum. Correspondents covering the war in Chechnya are routinely harassed. The ascent of Vladimir Putin, an ex-KGB agent, has coincided with mounting government pressure on newsrooms nationwide. RUSSIA-MUZZLING THE MEDIA. Has moved. By Angela Charlton. AP Photo MOSB106.

WITH:

RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Troops head Tuesday to the base of Chechnya's craggy, snow-covered mountains to prepare for a final offensive. Lead has moved. MOSB103-105,108-110.

RUSSIA-POLITICS. Putin officially registers Tuesday as a presidential candidate. Has moved. MOSB101-102.

KABUL, Afghanistan While most of the passengers aboard the hijacked Afghan plane were cowering in fear, others were laughing and accepting food and drinks from the captors. They were the lucky ones they were relatives of the hijackers, some freed hostages say. AFGHANISTAN-HIJACKING FAMILY. Lead expected by 2000 GMT. By Amir Shah.

JERUSALEM Israel should have pulled out of Lebanon years ago but didn't have the courage, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak says Tuesday, giving vent to a widespread frustration with the long, bloody guerrilla war. ISRAEL-LEBANON. Has moved. By Mark Lavie.

ALSO MOVED:

VATICAN-PALESTINIANS. The Vatican and the Palestinians on Tuesday condemn unilateral actions regarding Jerusalem as "morally and legally unacceptable."

BEIJING A man sets off explosives in Tiananmen Square on Tuesday, killing himself and injuring a South Korean tourist at a politically sensitive time. CHINA-EXPLOSION. Lead has moved. By John Leicester. AP Photos BEJ103-105.

HARARE, Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe suffers a major defeat Tuesday as Zimbabweans reject a new constitution safeguarding his autocratic rule. ZIMBABWE-REFERENDUM. Lead has moved. By Angus Shaw. AP Photos planned.

BAGHDAD, Iraq The head of the World Food Program in Iraq quits her job in what diplomats say Tuesday is protest against U.N. trade sanctions. IRAQ-UN. Lead has moved. By Waiel Faleh.

ALSO MOVED:

UN-IRAQ-SANCTIONS. The second U.N. resignation highlights the impact of sanctions on Iraqis.

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia U.N. scientists begin taking water samples from the Danube river Tuesday after a cyanide spill kills thousands of fish. BALKANS-CYANIDE SPILL. Lead has moved. By Jovana Gec. AP Graphic CYANIDE RIVER.

BERLIN Already facing a stiff political price for illegal financial practices under former Chancellor Helmut Kohl, Germany's Christian Democrats receive their first bill Tuesday 41 million marks (dlrs 20.6 million). GERMANY-KOHL SCANDAL. Has moved. By Burt Herman. AP Photos BER103; XBER103,111.

BRUSSELS, Belgium The European Union opens membership talks Tuesday with six candidate nations. EU-EXPANSION. Lead has moved. By Paul Ames. AP Photos BRU104-105.

ALSO:

GERMANY-KOCH-WESER. Caio Koch-Weser, Germany's candidate for chief of the International Monetary Fund, is known as a consensus-builder. Upcoming.

BANGKOK, Thailand The gulf between rich and poor nations remains wide Tuesday at a major U.N. trade conference. WORLD TRADE. Lead has moved. By Denis D. Gray. AP Photos BK105,112-113.

ALSO MOVED:

WORLD TRADE-FINANCIAL REFORMS. Poor nations complain over slow pace of global financial reforms.

BEVERLY HILLS, California "American Beauty," a dark comedy about family mayhem in suburbia, leads Oscar contenders with eight nominations Tuesday. US-OSCAR NOMINATIONS. Lead has moved. By David Germain. AP Photos.

ALSO:

BRITAIN-OSCARS. Expected by 2200 GMT.

US-OSCAR NOMINATIONS-LIST. Moved.

COLUMBIA, South Carolina John McCain and George W. Bush have different challenges in their debate Tuesday. US-PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN. Lead expected by 2000 GMT. Debate scheduled for 0200 GMT Wednesday. By Glen Johnson. AP Photos planned.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Wednesday, protesters in Puerto Rico fly to Washington to repeat their demands that the U.S. Navy leave the island and stop bombing on Vieques.

FEATURES MOVED:

FEA-TURKEY-OCALAN IN PRISON. NY108-110.

FEA-MALAYSIA-ISLAMIC GOVERNING. NY320-323; Graphic MALAYSIA STATES.

FEA-NORTH KOREA-LEFT BEHIND. PRK101-108.

FEA-COPERNICUS CONSPIRACY.

FEA-CZECH-BAD MOOD. AP Photo NY196.

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WORLD AT 0000 GMT:

NEW:

RUSSIA-POLITICS. Putin qualifies for Russian presidential election race.

IRAN-ELECTIONS-TWO VIEWS. Swinging election rally signals change sought by young.

MIDEAST-TROUBLED TALKS. Israeli questions whether Palestinians want deal.

ISRAEL-POPE. Israeli police brace for complexities of papal visit.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

BELFAST, Northern Ireland The <u>Irish Republican Army</u> withdraws from disarmament negotiations, dealing a blow to hopes of resurrecting Northern Ireland's Protestant-Catholic power-sharing government. NORTHERN IRELAND.

Lead expected by 0200 GMT. Talks in London expected to begin at 1530 GMT. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photos XBT101-106.

ALKHAZUROVO, Russia The Russian military sends troops to the base of Chechnya's craggy, snow-covered mountains in preparation for a final offensive on rebel fighters' last remaining strongholds, officials said. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Lead has moved. By Lyoma Turpalov. AP Photos MOSB103-113, NAZ101-104.

ALSO MOVED:

RUSSIA-POLITICS. Putin gets official approval as a presidential candidate. AP Photos MOSB101-102.

RUSSIA-MUZZLING THE MEDIA. Pressure on journalists builds in Putin's Russia. AP Photo MOSB106.

BAGHDAD, Iraq Iraq's top U.N. official says Wednesday he was quitting his job because he does not believe that the latest Security Council resolution to solve the Iraqi issue is going to work. IRAQ-UN. Has moved. By Leon Barkho. AP Photos BAG102.

ALSO MOVED:

UN-IRAQ-SANCTIONS. The resignation of two U.N. humanitarian officials in Iraq casts spotlight on sanctions.

LONDON A court orders Britain to release a report on Gen. Augusto Pinochet's fitness for trial to four countries seeking his extradition. BRITAIN-PINOCHET. Lead has moved. By Mara D. Bellaby. AP Photos LAB101-102, BRU108-110.

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia Serbia's Agriculture Ministry warns of dangerous metal concentrations in an East European river already contaminated by a cyanide spill. BALKANS-CYANIDE SPILL. Lead has moved. By Katarina Kratovac. AP Photos BEL101, MTI102-104; AP GRAPHIC CYANIDE RIVER 2.

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ALSO MOVED: GERMANY-KOCH-WESER. German finance minister poised for top post at IMF.

PARIS Police arrest two high-ranking former Rwandan army officers in connection with the 1994 bloodbath that left a half-million dead. FRANCE-RWANDA. Lead has moved.

JERUSALEM Israel will consider making minor changes in its maps for an overdue troop withdrawal from the West Bank, officials say. ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Has moved.

JERUSALEM From touch down to take off, Israeli police call it one of the most involved security details in the country's history: "Operation Old Friend," protecting Pope John Paul II during his Holy Land pilgrimage this March. ISRAEL-POPE. By Dana Budeiri. JRL104.

HARARE, Zimbabwe Voters deliver President Robert Mugabe his first electoral defeat in 20 years by rejecting a revised constitution. ZIMBABWE-REFERENDUM. Lead has moved. By Angus Shaw. AP Photos HAR101-105.

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BANGKOK, Thailand As the poor nations of the world debate how to improve their lot, World Trade Organization head Mike Moore tells them he's on their side in the struggle for a better share of world trade. WORLD TRADE. Lead expected by 0500 GMT. By Naomi Koppel. AP photos BK101-115.

BEVERLY HILLS, California "American Beauty," a dark comedy about family mayhem in suburbia, leads Oscar contenders with eight nominations Tuesday. US-OSCAR NOMINATIONS. Recap expected by 0300 GMT. By David Germain. With AP Photos.

ALSO MOVED:

BRITAIN-OSCARS-AMERICAN ACCENT. Stands for 1800 GMT digest item BRITAIN-OSCARS. With AP Photos.

US-OSCARS-FOREIGN. Spain, France, Nepal, Sweden and UK vie for foreign film Oscar. With AP Photos.

TEHRAN, Iran In a rare show of public gaiety in Islamic Iran, thousands of young Iranians clasp hands and dance to Westernized music Tuesday at an election rally for a reformist candidate. IRAN-ELECTIONS-TWO VIEWS. Has moved. By Afshin Valinejad. AP Photos TEH101-102, 105-107; XTEH102-105.

WASHINGTON Advocates for Africa meet Wednesday to try to change widely held views of the continent as a wartorn land of impoverished nations. They hope to influence U.S. polices on Africa as well. US-AFRICA SUMMIT. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Pauline Jelinek.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Wednesday, protesters in Puerto Rico fly to Washington to repeat their demands that the U.S. Navy leave the island and stop bombing on Vieques.

FEATURES:

SAKHA, Egypt Pope John Paul II's arrival on February 24 for a three-day visit will focus attention on Christianity in Egypt. About 10 percent of the 64 million Egyptians are Christians; the rest are Muslims. Most Christians are Orthodox Copts, one of the earliest forms of Christianity. FEA-EGYPT-HOLY TRAVELS. To move as wire time permits. By Vijay Joshi. AP Photos NY311- NY312

With BC-FEA-HOLY TRAVELS-BIBLE, BC-FEA-HOLY TRAVELS-ITINERARY

CAIRO, Egypt The will to endure has long characterized native Egyptian Christians, whose Coptic church has survived Roman persecution and Arab conquest. Today, it faces uneasy at times violent relations with the Muslim majority in a country where the state religion is Islam. FEA-EGYPT-ENDURING COPTS. To move as wire time permits. By Donna Bryson. AP Photos NY309- NY310.

With FEA-COPTS-HISTORY.

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia Cambodian political leaders sing Beijing's praises and children flock to Chinese-language schools. Cambodia, sandwiched between far stronger Vietnam and Thailand, seems to be seeking a counterbalance. Some worry it also may be falling into China's grasp. FEA-CAMBODIA-CHINA CARD. To move as wire time permits. By Denis D. Gray. AP Photo NY316

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NEW:

EU-EXPANSION. EU to start membership talks with six more candidates.

VENEZUELA-CHAVEZ'S FEUD. Chavez falls out with former coup leaders who claim he's betraying their revolution.

US-OSCAR NOMINATIONS. Oscars present uncertain field of contenders.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

NAZRAN, Russia Russian troops stream toward a steep, icy gorge holding the last major strongholds of Chechen rebels. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Andrew Kramer. AP Photos MOSB101, NAZ101-104.

BANGKOK, Thailand Prospects dim for a rapid resumption of world trade negotiations Tuesday, with differences between rich and poor nations at a major U.N. trade conference remaining wide. WORLD TRADE. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Denis D. Gray. AP Photos BK101-105.

ALSO MOVED:

WORLD TRADE-LABOR. The head of the U.N.'s labor organization Tuesday lashes out at globalization for failing to provide decent work for millions in the developing world.

WORLD TRADE-IRAN-OIL. Iranian official says oil prices should rise, but not so quickly.

WORLD TRADE-PROTEST. Laid-off middle-aged Thai workers protest at U.N. trade conference.

WASHINGTON President Bill Clinton says the United States has to strike "a delicate balance" in dealing with Austria, voicing disapproval of Joerg Haider's far-right Freedom Party without doing "anything that builds his support even further. US-CLINTON. Has moved. By Terence Hunt.

ALSO MOVED:

EU-AUSTRIA. Austria on Monday fails to convince its European Union partners to end its diplomatic isolation.

KOSOVSKA MITROVICA, Yugoslavia Attacks by ethnic Albanians on the peacekeepers sent to Kosovo to protect them could undermine support for the peacekeeping mission, NATO's chief says. KOSOVO. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Elena Becatoros. AP Graphic KOSOVO CURFEW.

ALSO MOVED:

EU-YUGOSLAVIA. European Union foreign ministers suspend a ban on commercial flights to Yugoslavia imposed during the Kosovo crisis.

BRUSSELS, Belgium The European Union opens membership talks with six new candidate nations Tuesday in the latest phase of an expansion drive that could see the 15-nation EU almost double its membership in the next ten years. EU-EXPANSION. Lead expected after start of talks scheduled for 0830 GMT. By Paul Ames.

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia Work crews pull out tons of dead, rotting fish from the Tisza and Danube rivers, and Romania rebuffs compensation demands from Yugoslavia and Hungary for the gold mine spill that contaminated the rivers with cyanide. BALKANS-CYANIDE SPILL. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Jovana Gec. AP Photos BEL101-104, BEL109-110. AP Graphic CYANIDE RIVER 2.

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan Eight days after their aircraft was hijacked and taken to Britain, 73 passengers return to Afghanistan. AFGHANISTAN-RETURNING HOSTAGES. Lead has moved. By Amir Shah. AP Photos KAN101-103.

LONDON Thirteen men appear in court charged with last week's hijacking of an Afghan airliner. AFGHAN PLANE HIJACKED. Has moved.

HARARE, Zimbabwe Opponents of President Robert Mugabe surge ahead to a commanding lead in first results of a referendum on changes to the nation' constitution seen as a barometer of the Zimbabwe leader's waning popularity. ZIMBABWE-REFERENDUM. Has moved. By Angus Shaw.

CARACAS, Venezuela They were brothers-in-arms, four junior military officers who conspired for 10 years to overthrow Venezuela's government. One, Hugo Chavez, eventually became president. But now the former coup leaders are feuding, and their anger at Chavez's alleged betrayal of the revolution they risked their lives for is threatening to rupture his governing coalition just a year after he took office. VENEZUELA-CHAVEZ'S FEUD. Has moved. By Bart Jones. AP Photo NY111.

MEXICO CITY Ten months after a strike closed Latin America's largest university, tens of thousands of students return to classes with both lingering tensions and hopes for a return to a normal campus life. MEXICO-UNIVERSITY STRIKE. Has moved. By Amparo Trejo. AP Photos MO101-106.

LITTLETON, Colorado Two Columbine High sweethearts are found dead after a shooting at a sandwich shop within sight of their school, compounding the heartbreak in the community that suffered the worst school shooting in U.S. history. US-LITTLETON SHOOTING. Has moved. By R. Unruh. AP Photos DX101-106.

CAMILLA, Georgia Tornadoes descend on rural Georgia, ripping people from their beds and piling up mobile homes. At least 22 people are killed and more than 100 are hurt. US-GEORGIA-TORNADOES. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Elliott Minor. AP Photo AXB103.

UNITED NATIONS The resignation of the U.N. humanitarian coordinator for Iraq has again cast a spotlight on the impact of U.N. sanctions on Iraqis and the inadequacy of the U.N. relief program to care for them. UN-IRAQ-SANCTIONS. Has moved. By Nicole Winfield.

ALSO MOVED:

US-IRAQ-PROTEST. Dozens arrested for protesting Iraq sanctions.

UN-MILLENNIUM SUMMIT. Chairman wants September summit to be more than talkfest.

BEVERLY HILLS, California This year's Oscar nominations are all about democracy. Everything from blockbusters to tiny arthouse films are in the mix for Hollywood's top prizes. While a few films were considered locks for certain categories when nominations are announced Tuesday, the field of contenders for the 72nd annual Academy Awards was more wide open than any year in recent memory. US-OSCAR NOMINATIONS. Will be led after nominations are announced around 1340 GMT. By David Germain.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Tuesday, German President Johannes Rau begins a five-day visit to Israel.

FEATURES:

KUALA TERENGGANU, Malaysia Many people were surprised when Abdul Hadi Awang in his first act as head of the new Islamic-oriented government in the northern state of Terengganu canceled plans for a huge mosque, calling it un-Islamic extravagance. Abdul Hadi formed his administration in December after his Pan-Malaysian Islamic Party won a state election victory over the nationally dominant United Malays National Organization of Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad. It is widely seen as a test case of whether the Islamic party will run a moderate government and put its avowed Islamic agenda on hold. FEA-MALAYSIA-ISLAMIC GOVERNING. Has moved. By Ranjan Roy. AP Photos NY320-323, Graphic MALAYSIA STATES.

FEATURES MOVED:

FEA-NORTH KOREA-LEFT BEHIND. Poor and weary, North Koreans to mark their leader's birthday. AP Photos PRK101-108.

FEA-COPERNICUS CONSPIRACY. Rare first-edition copies of a treatise by 16th-century astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus have been disappearing from collections, perplexing police worldwide.

FEA-CZECH-BAD MOOD. Czech economy improving despite tangled politics and public gloom. AP Photo NY196.

FEA-KENYA-MICROFINANCE. Microfinance gives small entrepreneurs access to credit. AP Photos NY193-195.

FEA-US-WINDOWS-2000 OR MILLENNIUM? Average consumers shouldn't line up just yet for Windows 2000.

FEA-US-HI-TECH LANGUAGE. Language intended to smooth computer communication takes aim at high-tech's Tower of Babel. AP Graphic XML SEARCH.

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WORLD AT 1100 GMT:

NEW:

US-PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN. Bush to debate McCain ahead of South Carolina primary.

US-CLINTON-CYBERATTACKS. Clinton taking up Web security with cyber experts.

CHINA-EXPLOSION. Man explodes bomb in Tiananmen Square, killing himself and wounding one.

RUSSIA-POLITICS. Putin qualifies for Russian presidential election race.

ALGERIA-MASSACRE. Sixteen killed in ambush by Islamic rebels in Algeria.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

BANGKOK, Thailand Prospects dim for a rapid resumption of world trade negotiations Tuesday, with differences between rich and poor nations at a major U.N. trade conference remaining wide. WORLD TRADE. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Denis D. Gray. AP Photos BK101-105, 108-110.

ALSO MOVED:

WORLD TRADE-LABOR. The head of the U.N.'s labor organization Tuesday lashes out at globalization for failing to provide decent work for millions in the developing world.

WORLD TRADE-FINANCIAL REFORMS. Poor nations complain over slow pace of global financial reforms.

WORLD TRADE-IRAN; WORLD TRADE-IRAN-OIL; WORLD TRADE-NORTH KOREA; WORLD TRADE-PROTEST.

NAZRAN, Russia Russian troops on Tuesday comb through villages in the foothills of southern Chechnya, trying to uncover militants' hideouts, while reconnaissance planes map new rebel positions in the mountains. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Andrew Kramer.

ALSO MOVED:

RUSSIA-POLITICS. Russia's Central Election Commission officially registers acting President Vladimir Putin for the March 26 presidential election. AP Photos MOSB101-102.

BEIJING A mental patient commits suicide in Tiananmen Square in the heart of Beijing Tuesday, setting off explosives that killed himself and injured a South Korean tourist, Chinese police and state media say. CHINA-EXPLOSION. Developing. By John Leicester.

BRUSSELS, Belgium The European Union opens membership talks with a group of six candidate nations Tuesday in the latest phase of an expansion drive that could see the 15-nation EU almost double its membership in the next 10 years. EU-EXPANSION. Lead expected by 1200 GMT. By Paul Ames.

ALSO MOVED:

EU-IMF. EU finance ministers to propose Germany's Deputy Finance Minister Caio Koch-Weser to head the IMF.

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ALSO MOVED:

AUSTRALIA-CYANIDE SPILL. Government says Australian mining companies operating overseas should not be subject to strict new environmental rules.

ALGIERS, Algeria Sixteen people were killed and 30 injured when Islamic rebels sprayed two buses with automatic fire as they stopped at a roadblock in western Algeria, local newspapers say Tuesday. ALGERIA-MASSACRE. Has moved.

COLUMBIA, South Carolina The first face-to-face meeting since the New Hampshire primary is also the last before South Carolina votes, and John McCain and George W. Bush have different challenges in their debate Tuesday night. US-PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN. Has moved. Debate scheduled for 0200 GMT. By Glen Johnson.

ALSO MOVED:

US-MCCAIN-MILITARY. With South Carolina comes McCain's new focus on military.

HARARE, Zimbabwe Results in Zimbabwe's constitutional referendum show that opponents of President Robert Mugabe are holding on to their lead Tuesday in the biggest electoral rebuff to the Zimbabwean leader in his two decades of virtually unchallenged rule. ZIMBABWE-REFERENDUM. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Angus Shaw.

WASHINGTON President Bill Clinton is bringing technology experts and even a mysterious hacker named Mudge to the White House to look at ways to tighten security on the World Wide Web. US-CLINTON-CYBERATTACKS. Will be led with White House meeting, scheduled to begin at 1630 GMT. By Sonya Ross.

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FEATURES:

NEW:

ANKARA, Turkey Abdullah Ocalan, who was captured by Turkish commandos a year ago, has changed from the leader of a guerrilla movement that was facing defeat on the battlefield into a significant political figure. Some say the Kurdish rebel leader is stronger in prison than he was as a free man. FEA-TURKEY-OCALAN IN PRISON. Has moved. By Selcan Hacaoglu. AP Photos NY108-110.

FEATURES MOVED:

FEA-MALAYSIA-ISLAMIC GOVERNING. Islamic party puts moderate foot forward in newly won state. AP Photos NY320-323; Graphic MALAYSIA STATES.

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Russian troops on Tuesday combed through villages in the foothills of southern Chechnya, trying to uncover militants' hideouts, while reconnaissance planes mapped new rebel positions in the mountains. About 70 air raids against rebel forces were conducted over the past 24 hours, the military command said, down from about 100 on an average day. An-30 reconnaissance aircraft were flying over the mountains, and the intensity of air attacks was expected to grow with the discovery of new rebel strongholds, it said. Meanwhile, thousands of soldiers were searching for rebels and securing positions along a 40-kilometer (25-mile) front line in the foothills, NTV television reported from the military headquarters in Khankala, on the outskirts of Grozny. (RUSSIA-CHECHNYA)

BEIJING (AP)

A mental patient committed suicide in Beijing's Tiananmen Square Tuesday, setting off explosives that killed himself and injured a South Korean tourist, Chinese police and state media said. The explosion occurred around 4 p.m. when the square the symbolic center of China's political life is normally crowded with Chinese and foreign tourists. Immediately afterward police cleared the square of people and closed it down. In a statement distributed to foreign reporters, police said Li Xiangshan, a mentally ill man from the central province of Hubei, set off the explosion to commit suicide. Li was known to the police, having come to Beijing four times previously to appeal to Chinese leaders, a police official said. The Xinhua News Agency, in a brief report, said a South Korean tourist suffered slight injuries. It only identified the man who died as a farmer. The blast occurred at a politically sensitive time when police are on alert for protests by the outlawed Falun Gong spiritual movement, most of which have been centered on Tiananmen Square. (CHINA-EXPLOSION)

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)

Work crews pulled out tons of dead, rotting fish from the Tisza and Danube rivers on Monday, and Romania rebuffed compensation demands from Yugoslavia and Hungary for the gold mine spill that contaminated the rivers with cyanide. Romania said it, too, suffered damage when a dam at the Australian-owned Baia Mare gold mine in northwestern Romania overflowed Jan. 30, sending cyanide pouring into streams that eventually carried the poison west. U.S. experts said the spill rivaled one in the United States that cost dlrs 170 million to clean up. "Romania had to suffer the most damage from the polluting company and thus it is entitled to get compensation as Hungary and Yugoslavia are," said Gabriel Dumitrascu of the Romanian Ministry of Environment. Serbia, the larger of the two republics in Yugoslavia, banned the sale of most freshwater fish Monday, and Hungary warned of long-term ecological damage. (BALKANS-CYANIDE SPILL)

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP)

Sixteen people were killed and 30 injured when Islamic rebels sprayed two buses with automatic fire as they stopped at a roadblock in western Algeria, local newspapers said on Tuesday. The ambush took place on Monday evening close to the town of Khemis Miliana, some 90 kilometers (56 miles) west of the capital, Algiers. La Tribune newspaper said the two buses had stopped at the roadblock when they came under fire from rebels hidden in nearby bushes. Some of the victims were finished off with knives. The paper said 12 of the 30 injured were in

serious condition. Army helicopters were sent to the area later Monday to hunt down those responsible. Despite President Abdelaziz Bouteflika's peace plan, more than 40 people have been killed in the North African nation in the past week. Newspaper reports said five family members, including two young children, were killed last week when assailants set off explosives at their house and then sprayed the wrecked building with bullets and another 17 people were killed in three separate attacks last week. (ALGERIA-MASSACRE)

COLUMBIA, South Carolina (AP)

The first face-to-face meeting since the New Hampshire primary is also the last before South Carolina votes, and John McCain and George W. Bush have different challenges in their debate Tuesday night. For McCain, it's to regain the high ground as a reformer after being pounded on his record by Bush and running a negative ad against him. For Bush, it's to maintain the pressure on McCain without appearing too negative himself and alienating groups such as <u>women</u> and independents in Saturday's vote. Aides to the Texas governor said he planned to dig into McCain's record on Social Security. A new Los Angeles Times poll found the race between the two Republican presidential contenders to be a statistical dead heat among likely voters. Bush leads the Arizona senator by more than 2-to-1 among conservative Republicans, while McCain leads the Texas governor by the same margin among moderate independents and Democrats. (US-PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN)

WORLD SPORTS AT 1400 GMT

SOCCER:

LONDON The debate over the rising level of violence in English soccer reaches Parliament just a day after four clubs and three players are hit with misconduct charges.

Slug Sports-Soccer-English Violence. Has moved.

NYON, Switzerland UEFA gathers representatives of top European clubs to discuss the congested international calendar and its revamped continental competitions.

Slug Sports-Soccer-UEFA-Clubs. Expected by 2000 GMT.

MADRID, Spain Real Madrid looks to move into third place in the Spanish first division Tuesday when it takes on Valladolid for a rescheduled 19th-round game.

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

FRANKFURT, Germany Defending champion Werder Bremen faces the second-division Stuttgarter Kickers on Tuesday in the semifinals of the German Cup.

Slug Sports-Soccer-German Cup. Expected by 2200 GMT.

ALSO:

MARSEILLE, France Sports-Soccer-French Roundup. Expected by 2200 GMT.

MIDDLESBROUGH, England Sports-Soccer-Gascoigne Injury. Has moved.

MIAMI Sports-Soccer-Gold Cup Roundup. Recap expected by 1600 GMT.

ATHLETICS:

MADRID, Spain Sprinters Inger Miller and Ato Boldon are scheduled to compete in Tuesday's Madrid Indoor.

Slug Sports-Track-Madrid Indoor. Expected around 2000 GMT.

BEIJING China has turned once again to Ma Junren, counting on the unorthodox athletics coach to provide the country with the core of its middle and long distance running squad at the Sydney games, the official Beijing Morning Post reports Tuesday.

Slug Sports-Track-Famous Coach. Has moved.

OLYMPICS:

SYDNEY, Australia The IOC's most vocal corporate critic has renewed his company's multi-million-dollar Olympic sponsorship, saying he's satisfied with the reforms adopted by the IOC after its worst corruption scandal.

Slug Sports-Olympics-Sponsorship-Hancock. Has moved.

By Stephen Wilson.

WITH:

SYDNEY, Australia Sports-Olympics-IOC-Sydney. Has moved.

BRUSSELS, Belgium The International Hockey Federation criticizes the South African Olympic Committee for keeping its men's team out of the Sydney Olympics, arguing the racial makeup of a team should have no impact.

Slug Sports-Olympics-FIH-SAfrica. Expected by 1500 GMT.

By Raf Casert.

CRICKET:

GUJRANWALA, Pakistan Fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar will play Wednesday against Sri Lanka in the one-day international series following a one-day suspension and fine for misconduct, which was imposed by the Pakistan Cricket Board.

Slug Sports-Cricket-Pakistan-Sri Lanka. Has moved.

BY Rizwan Ali.

ALSO:

WELLINGTON, New Zealand Sports-Cricket-New Zealand-Australia. Has moved.

TENNIS:

HANNOVER, Germany Amelie Cocheteux plays French compatriot Anne-Gaelle Sidot and Tina Pisnik of Slovenia meets Silvia Farina of Italy in the first round Tuesday at the dlrs 535,000 Faber Grand Prix.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Hannover Indoor. Expected by 2100 GMT.

ALSO:

MEMPHIS, Tennessee Sports-Tennis-Kroger St. Jude. Has moved.

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands Sports-Tennis-Rotterdam. Early lead expected by 1800 GMT.

SAILING:

AUCKLAND, New Zealand America's Cup sailing rivals Team New Zealand and Italy's Prada unveil their race boats Tuesday while the key designers reveal some personal rivalries.

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

ALSO:

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

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WORLD SPORTS AT 0000 GMT

SOCCER:

NYON, Switzerland UEFA, the European governing soccer body, and leading European clubs step up pressure for the international soccer calendar and other continents' competitions to be tailored to their needs.

Slug Sports-Soccer-UEFA-Clubs. Has moved.

By Geir Moulson

LOS ANGELES South Korea makes its debut in the CONCACAF Gold Cup, facing Canada, which needs a victory to assure itself of advancing to the quarterfinals.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Gold Cup Roundup. South Korea-Canada scheduled for 0300 GMT kickoff; Trinidad-Guatemala scheduled for 0500 GMT start.

MADRID, Spain Real Madrid jumps to third place in the Spanish first division, extending its winning streak with a 1-0 game against Valladolid in a delayed 19th round match.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Spanish Roundup. Has moved.

By Adam Brown.

FRANKFURT, Germany Werder Bremen, the defending champion, overcame tough resistance from second-division Stuttgarter Kickers to secure a place in the final of the German Cup with a 2-1 victory in extra time.

Slug Sports-Soccer-German Cup. Has moved.

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands European governments start implementing an agreement to swap police records on known hooligans prior to the European Championship scheduled later this year.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Hooligan-Data. Has moved.

By Anthony Deutsch.

ALSO:

SAO PAULO, Brazil Sports-Soccer-Libertadores Roundup. Expected by 0500 GMT.

MARSEILLE, France Sports-Soccer-French Roundup. Has moved.

CAIRO, Egypt Sports-Soccer-Egypt-Gili. By Hamza Hendawi. Has moved.

MIDDLESBROUGH, England Sports-Soccer-Gascoigne Injury. Has moved.

TENNIS:

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands Greg Rusedski makes a successful return after missing a month because of foot surgery with a 6-2, 7-5 victory over Slovakian Karol Kucera in the opening round of the dlrs 750,000 ABN-AMRO indoor tennis tournament.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Rotterdam. Has moved.

ALSO:

MEMPHIS, Tennessee Sports-Tennis-Kroger St. Jude. Expected by 0500 GMT.

HANNOVER, Germany Sports-Tennis-Hannover Indoor. Has moved.

CRICKET:

WELLINGTON, New Zealand The two hottest teams in limited-overs cricket Australia and New Zealand face each other Wednesday in the first of a six-match series.

Slug Sports-Cricket-New Zealand-Australia. Expected by 1000 GMT.

ALSO:

FAISALABAD, Pakistan Sports-Cricket-Pakistan-Sri Lanka. Match scheduled for 0430 GMT start.

OLYMPICS:

BRUSSELS, Belgium Arguing the racial makeup of a team should not matter, the International Hockey Federation criticizes the South African Olympic Committee for keeping its men's field hockey team out of the upcoming Sydney Olympics.

Slug Sports-Olympics-FIH-SAfrica. Has moved.

By Raf Casert.

RUGBY UNION:

LONDON England coach Clive Woodward selects the same 22 players that beat Ireland 50-18 almost two weeks ago for its Six Nations match Saturday in France.

Slug Sports-RugbyU-England-France. Has moved.

ALSO:

DUBLIN, Ireland Sports-RugbyU-Ireland. Has moved.

ALSO:

UNDATED Sports-Basketball-NBA Roundup. Expected by 0700 GMT.

MUNICH, Germany Sports-Track-Baumann Suspension. Has moved.

MADRID, Spain Sports-Track-Madrid Indoor. Has moved.

NEW YORK Sports-Ice Hockey-NHL Roundup. Expected by 0700 GMT.

SYDNEY, Australia Sports-Track-Christie-Ban. Has moved.

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NEW:

AUSTRIA-GOVERNMENT. Controversial coalition awaits president's approval.

NORTHERN IRELAND. British, Irish leaders try to persuade IRA to disarm.

MED-BRITAIN-DIARRHEA. Study links global warming to rise in diarrhea.

SPAIN-BUILDING COLLAPSE. Dozens injured when floor collapses in department store.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

VIENNA, Austria Seeking to assuage world anger over his far right-wing stance, Joerg Haider and his coalition partner renounce Austria's Nazi past Thursday as they await presidential approval of their proposed government. AUSTRIA-GOVERNMENT. Lead has moved; developments will be expedited. By Melissa Eddy. AP Photo VIE108,123,125,134; BRU109; ROM103.

ALSO:

EU-AUSTRIA. The European Parliament warns Thursday that it will suspend Austria from the EU if the proposed government fails to respect democracy and human rights. Moved.

ISRAEL-AUSTRIA. Haider will not be allowed into the Jewish state, Israel says Tuesday.

AUSTRIA-EXCERPTS. Statement affirms Austria's commitment to democracy. Moved.

AUSTRIA-HAIDER-QUOTES. Expected by 2000 GMT.

EREZ CROSSING, Gaza Strip An Israeli-Palestinian peace summit ends in sharp disagreement Thursday over the scope of a West Bank troop pullback, the U.S. role in talks and a timetable for a final peace treaty. ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Lead has moved. By Dana Budeiri. AP Photos XEW102, JRL108.

ALKHAN-KALA, Russia Rebels who fled the smoking ruins of the Chechen capital push Thursday through snowy forests toward the mountains where their comrades are hiding. The rebels' exodus boosts morale among Russian troops. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Lead expected by 2000 GMT. By Lyoma Turpalov. AP Photos MOSB101-106,109.

ALSO MOVED:

RUSSIA-CHECHNYA-MEDIA. Russia turns over a reporter for U.S.-financed Radio Liberty to Chechen militants Thursday in exchange for three Russian prisoners of war. MOSB112.

US-GULF-TANKER BOARDED. A Russian tanker suspected of illegally carrying Iraqi oil is detained by the U.S. Navy. NY191.

MADRID, Spain The floor of a furniture store collapses Thursday when hundreds of bargain hunters jam the shop during a sale, injuring more than 160 people. SPAIN-BUILDING COLLAPSE. Lead has moved. By Adam Brown. AP Photos MAD101-106.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland Ireland's prime minister presses the <u>Irish Republican Army</u> on Thursday to say with certainty whether it will ever disarm. Britain appears likely to suspend Northern Ireland's Catholic-Protestant government rather than risk a total collapse after only nine weeks. NORTHERN IRELAND. Lead expected by 2000 GMT. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photos XBFT101, LDC101.

LONDON After linking EI Nino with illnesses such as malaria, cholera and dengue fever, scientists now have connected the climatic phenomenon with an increase in childhood diarrhea. MED-BRITAIN-DIARRHEA. Has moved. Embargoed for release until 0001 GMT; time set by source. By Emma Ross.

FRANKFURT, Germany The sagging euro spurs the European Central Bank to raise interest rates Thursday, but bank president Wim Duisenberg says the weak currency is just one factor contributing to rising prices throughout Europe. EUROPE-ECONOMY. Lead has moved. By Hans Greimel. AP Photo FRA107.

ALSO MOVED:

US-GREENSPAN. Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan wins U.S. Senate confirmation Thursday for a fourth term as head of the nation's central bank.

JAKARTA, Indonesia Indonesia's president on Thursday announces a cease-fire agreement with an exiled separatist leader from troubled Aceh province. But the rebel chief later denies that any peace deal was reached. INDONESIA-ACEH. Lead has moved.

ALSO MOVED:

INDONESIA-EAST TIMOR. Wahid assures world leaders Thursday that he has control over Indonesia, despite Gen. Wiranto defiance of his orders.

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast French and Ivorian search teams have located the "black boxes" of the Kenya Airways jet that crashed into the Atlantic, authorities say Thursday. IVORY COAST-BLACK BOX. Lead has moved. By Tim Sullivan. AP Photos planned.

ALSO MOVED:

US-ALASKA AIRLINES CRASH. A cockpit voice recorder may help explain how pilots dealt with a tail control malfunction before the jet's horrifying plunge, authorities say Thursday. AP Photos.

NAIROBI, Kenya President Daniel arap Moi warns Thursday that continued instability in the Horn of Africa poses a serious threat to peace and security in the region. KENYA-HORN OF AFRICA. Has moved. By Susan Linnee. AP Photos NAI101.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Friday, the Indonesian president arrives in Rome for meetings with Italian leaders and the pope.

FEATURES MOVED: Science and Technology

SCI-US-SEISMIC SYMPHONY.

SCI-US-SPACECRAFT SUICIDE.

MED-US-BODYBUILDERS.

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WORLD AT 0000 GMT:

NEW:

EUROPE-FEAR OF HAIDER. Scars of intolerance still visible in Europe.

EUROPE-TELECOM TAKEOVER. Vodafone raises its bid for Mannesmann.

JAPAN-NINE YEARS LOST. Kidnapping raises questions.

US-PRESIDENTIAL-TILTING RIGHT. Bush courts conservatives.

UN-EAST TIMOR. Administrator warns of further unrest in East Timor.

UN-CONGO. Security Council condemns human rights abuses in Congo.

MEXICO-RADICAL STUDENTS. Students sport Cuban-style field caps.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

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 antiforeigner platform. AUSTRIA-GOVERNMENT. Recap expected by 0300 GMT. By Robert H. Reid. AP Photo VIE108,123,125,134, 149; BRU109; ROM103.

ALSO:

EU-AUSTRIA. The EU says its members are suspending bilateral contacts with Austria as of Friday. Moved.

AUSTRIA-HAIDER. Far-right leader Joerg Haider defends his controversial choice for defense minister. Moved

EUROPE-FEAR OF HAIDER. Haider is a nightmare for Europe, where ugly scars of intolerance are still visible. Expected by 0300 GMT.

ALKHAN-KALA, Russia Rebels who fled the smoking ruins of the Chechen capital push through snowy forests toward the mountains where their comrades are hiding. The rebels' exodus boosts morale among Russian troops. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Lead expected by 1100 GMT. By Lyoma Turpalov. MOSB101-106,109, NAZ106-108. AP Graphic CHECHNYA REBEL RETREAT.

ALSO:

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.

FRANKFURT, Germany The fate of history's largest corporate takeover battle sits with the supervisory board of Mannesmann AG, as the embattled German telecom giant weighs a compromise offer to merge with British rival

Vodafone AirTouch PLC in a deal valued at dlrs 180 billion. EUROPE-TELECOM TAKEOVER. Expected by 0300 GMT; board meeting expected about 1100 GMT. By Hans Greimel.

JERUSALEM Palestinians appeal to the United States to rescue negotiations with Israel, after a summit meeting breaks up in an atmosphere of crisis, and a Feb. 13 goal of a framework for a peace treaty appears unattainable. ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Recap expected by 0200 GMT. By Mark Lavie. XEW102, JRL108; AP Graphic GAZA CROSSING

UNITED NATIONS The Security Council condems human rights abuses in Congo and expresses concern for renewed fighting there as diplomats debate authorizing a 5,500-strong U.N. observer force to monitor a cease-fire agreement in the country. UN-CONGO. Expected by 0200 GMT. By Ravi Nessman

UNITED NATIONS East Timor urgently needs some of the more than dlrs 520 million pledged for its reconstruction to avoid social unrest, the U.N. administrator says. UN-EAST TIMOR. New. By Edith M. Lederer. Recap expected by 0400 GMT. By Edith M. Lederer.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland The British government says it will strip the province's fledgling Protestant-Catholic administration of power if the IRA does not quickly pledge to disarm. NORTHERN IRELAND. Lead has moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik. LAB101,109, XBFT103-104; AP Graphic NIRELAND CABINET

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. Expected by 0300 GMT. 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. Expected by 0200 GMT. By Peter James Spielmann. XELG105, BUF102.

MEXICO CITY They see themselves as a new generation of rebels. They like "direct action" and collective decision-making. They oppose entrance exams, university fees and selective admissions. They sport Cuban-style field caps. MEXICO-RADICAL STUDENTS. Expected by 0200 GMT. By Mark Stevenson.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Friday, the Indonesian president arrives in Rome for meetings with Italian leaders and the pope.

FEATURES: Arts and Entertainment:

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia Movie fans are flocking to Kuala Lumpur's newest multiplex theater, where shrewd marketing has turned art films into the main attraction for crowds fed up with Hollywood fare. "Art films are ready to take off in a big way," predicts one movie reviewer. ARTS-MALAYSIA-MOVIE MANIA. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Sean Yoong. AP Photos NY192-193.

NEW YORK Isaac Stern thought he had arthritis, but it turned out to be carpal tunnel syndrome. His right wrist was operated on in June. "Now, I'm having a very good time because going back to playing is fun," the famed violinist says. He even published his autobiography. ARTS-US-ISAAC STERN. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Mary Campbell. AP Photo NY300.

NEW YORK John Irving saw a nearly 14-year odyssey end when his novel, "The Cider House Rules," hit movie screens. Critics have said that Irving's screenplay is so "lovingly distilled" from his book that he could be nominated for an Academy Award come Feb. 15. ARTS-US-JOHN IRVING. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Douglas J. Rowe. AP Photo NY334

Also Moving:

ARTS-US-FORBIDDEN BROADWAY. AP Photo NY325

ARTS-US-SAM NEILL, AP Photo LA300

ARTS-US-ART SCIENCE. AP Photo NY301

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French marathon oarsman Jo Le Guen left the calm waters of Wellington harbor Thursday for a choppy Pacific as he began his bid to become the first person to row solo across the ocean.

Le Guen, 52, whose 9,000 kilometer (5,580 mile) odyssey is intended to focus attention on ecological problems in the world's oceans, estimates it will take about four months to reach his planned destination, Cape Horn in Chile.

"I hope I can do the job," he said before climbing into his black craft. "I'll do my best to take care of myself, but who knows the South Pacific is bigger than me."

Le Guen's wife Marie-Claire said they would be able to stay in contact via telephone and e-mail but she would still worry.

His technology-packed, nine meter (yard) boat, "keep it blue," weighs 1,140 kilograms (2,508 pounds).

Electric equipment aboard the vessel will be powered by batteries charged by solar panels and two windmills on the boat.

As well as hi-tech navigation and communications equipment, Le Guen will be carrying three sets of three-meter (yard) oars, dried food for the duration of the journey, 50 kilograms (110 pounds) of fresh water and two water purifiers capable of extracting salt from sea water.

The oarsman plans to row eight hours each day, broken into a morning and afternoon session before squeezing himself into his "coffin bed," a 60 centimeter (24 inch) wide rack in the center of the boat designed to stop him being thrown out by the Pacific's powerful swells.

Le Guen told Wellington's Dominion newspaper that the thing that scared him most about his mission was "the thought of not completing it."

He hopes to raise public awareness of the state of oceans via his Internet web site, which will chart his progress and provide information on pollution.

No stranger to ocean crossings, the father of five has twice rowed the Atlantic. On one trip he went solo and on the other he was in a two-man team.

But the Pacific crossing is his greatest challenge yet.

The difficulty of the voyage was highlighted a year ago when France's Isabelle Autissier during an attempt to sail around the world had to be plucked by rescuers from icy Pacific water after her boat was overturned by waves.

New Zealand rowing champion Rob Hamill, reportedly said earlier that Le Guen would be lucky to survive the treacherous crossing.

But after meeting Le Guen last month, Hamill said the Frenchman's seamanship, boat and onboard equipment had changed his mind about his chances.

"Anything can be life threatening, but I think he will be okay. He is a great seaman."

WORLD AT 0700 GMT:

NEW:

GUATEMALA-BODIES. Thirty-five bodies uncovered in Guatemala.

ARGENTINA-SLAIN PHOTOGRAPHER. Eight sentenced to life in slaying.

MALAYSIA-ANWAR TRIAL. Anwar accused of funding partner's sex den.

US-TANZANIAN SLAIN. Tanzanian teacher arrested in cousin's death.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

XOLCUAY, Guatemala On the last day of February 1982, Gaspar Tzuluch left his three children with his mother and hurried off to the market to hawk his coffee yield. He returned to find nothing but a mountain of corpses. GUATEMALA-BODIES. Has moved. By Jaime Puebla. AP Photos NY107-112

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina Bringing a dramatic close to one of the most well known homicides in Argentina, eight people are sentenced to life in prison for the mafia-style murder of a photographer. ARGENTINA-SLAIN PHOTOGRAPHER. Has moved. By Kevin Gray.

GROZNY, Russia Russian soldiers, emboldened by word that the rebels were fleeing Grozny, press on toward the center of the shattered capital to root out remaining militants. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Lead expected by 1100 GMT. By Yuri Bagrov. AP Photos MOSB101-108, SPG101.

ALSO MOVED:

US-RUSSIA. U.S. secretary of state says she is unable to persuade Vladimir Putin to pull back in Chechnya. MOSB110.

JAKARTA, Indonesia A standoff between Indonesia's president and his security minister intensifies as Gen. Wiranto takes part in a Cabinet meeting in defiance of a demand to resign. INDONESIA-EAST TIMOR. Has moved. By Geoff Spencer. DIL102-103.

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia Prosecutors on Thursday begin cross-examining Anwar Ibrahim, accusing the former No. 2 leader of sharing a bedroom with his alleged sex partner and helping to fund an apartment allegedly used for sex. MALAYSIA-ANWAR TRIAL. Has moved. By Alvin Ung.

BARABOO, Wisconsin A former teacher is been charged with killing his Tanzanian cousin, whose dismembered body, skinned beyond recognition, washed up in a river last summer. US-TANZANIAN SLAIN. Has moved. By Amy Franklin. By AP Photos WXS2000, MAX102-104

HONG KONG A proposed combination of the big Hong Kong and Singapore phone companies could nudge Asian telecommunications toward more open markets, though gradual liberalization seems more likely than any merger mania. ASIA-TELECOMS MERGER. Has moved. By Dirk Beveridge.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland The survival of Northern Ireland's Protestant-Catholic administration will depend on "substantial progress" soon toward disarming the <u>Irish Republican Army</u>, British Prime Minister Tony Blair says. NORTHERN IRELAND. Lead has moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik. XBFT101,103.

JERUSALEM The first open parliamentary debate on Israel's secret nuclear arsenal degenerated into an ugly confrontation Wednesday when an Arab legislator claimed that Israel has up to 300 nuclear warheads. ISRAEL-NUCLEAR. Lead has moved. By Mark Lavie. JRL104.

ANKARA, Turkey Turkish police have rescued a 5-year-old girl who was kidnapped by a militant Islamic Kurdish group with her family almost a year ago, authorities announced Wednesday. TURKEY-ISLAMIC MILITANTS. Lead has moved. By Selcan Hacaoglu.

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast They met in high school. After dating for seven years, he finally proposed. She accepted. And then she was gone. Shamira Mohamed, 24, was a flight attendant on Kenya Airways Flight 431, which slammed into the Atlantic just moments after takeoff Sunday from this tropical port city. IVORY COAST-CRASH. Has moved. By Alexandra Zavis. ABI101-102.

PORT HUENEME, California Moments before it crashed, Alaska Airlines Flight 261 started "tumbling, spinning, nose-down" as it hurtled in a violent plunge toward the Pacific Ocean, a federal investigator say. US-ALASKA AIRLINES. Has moved. By Linda Deutsch. AP Photos XVH101, NY117, OXN101, OXN105-106.

WASHINGTON Sen. John McCain opens the Southern front in his battle for the Republican presidential nomination, boosted by the momentum of a startling landslide over George W. Bush in New Hampshire, site of the first U.S. presidential primary. US-PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN. Has moved. By Walter R. Mears. AP Photos.

CARACAS, Venezuela Celebrating a tumultuous first year in office, President Hugo Chavez answers his critics in a speech lauding the accomplishments of his "social revolution." VENEZUELA-CHAVEZ'S FIRST YEAR. Has moved. By Bart Jones. CAR102,104.

MEXICO CITY Radical students occupying Latin America's largest university accuse the government of declaring "war" against them after campus security guards and striking students fought a bloody skirmish with sticks, pipes and rocks. MEXICO-UNIVERSITY STRIKE. Lead has moved. By Johanna Tuckman. AP Photos MO101-104.

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NEW:

ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Arafat and Barak try to close gaps over borders.

IVORY COAST-BLACK BOX. Searchers find black box of crashed jet.

CAMBODIA-KHMER ROUGE. Call for amended tribunal plan.

PAKISTAN-SHARIF TRIAL. Pilot tells harrowing tale of landing plane.

INDIA-TIBETAN LAMA. Karmapa unlikely to attend New Year's celebrations.

BRAZIL-OIL SPILL. Fishermen struggle after oil wrecks fishing prospects.

KENYA-HORN OF AFRICA. Kenyan president says Horn of Africa volatile.

THAILAND-EAST TIMOR. Gusmao vows not to be first president.

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EREZ CROSSING, Gaza Strip With deadlines looming, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat try Thursday to achieve what their deputies could not to move forward in the final, most perilous stretch of six years of peace talks. ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Has moved but will be lead after news conference at 1230 GMT. By Dana Budeiri. AP Photos Planned.

GROZNY, Russia Rebels dodging Russian artillery fan out into Chechnya's southern mountains Thursday after fleeing the battered capital, while Russian troops close in on the reduced Chechen force in Grozny. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Has moved. By Yuri Bagrov. AP Photos MOSB101-103.

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RUSSIA-TANKER BOARDED.

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JAKARTA, Indonesia President Abdurrahman Wahid is confidently assuring European leaders and investors that he's in charge of the world's fourth most populous nation. But try telling that to Gen. Wiranto, the powerful former military chief who is refusing to resign from the Cabinet. INDONESIA-EAST TIMOR. Has moved. By Geoff Spencer. HAG101.

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia Human rights groups urge Cambodia's parliament to make significant changes to a plan for a tribunal to judge Khmer Rouge leaders for genocide. CAMBODIA-KHMER ROUGE. Has moved.

KARACHI, Pakistan Barred from landing in Pakistan, and rapidly running out of fuel, a Pakistani pilot testifies Thursday he narrowly averted disaster last October when his routine flight became the focal point of the country's political feuding. PAKISTAN-SHARIF TRIAL. Has moved. By Zahid Hussain.

BANGKOK, Thailand Though he's touring Asian capitals like a head of state, independence leader Jose Alexandre Gusmao reaffirms his intention not to become president when East Timor attains statehood. THAILAND-EAST TIMOR. Has moved. By Grant Peck. AP Photos BK101-102.

DHARMSALA, India The teenage lama who escaped from Chinese-controlled Tibet is unlikely to participate in Buddhist New Year celebrations this week, preferring to concentrate on his studies, an official of the Dalai Lama's administration says. INDIA-TIBETAN LAMA. Has moved. By Laurinda Keys.

NAIROBI, Kenya President Daniel arap Moi calls a rare news conference Thursday to express Kenya's concern about continued instability in the Horn of Africa, which he says poses a serious threat to peace and security in the region. KENYA-HORN OF AFRICA. Expected by 1200 GMT. By Susan Linnee.

WASHINGTON George W. Bush and Al Gore are seeing political shadows in a campaign version of Groundhog Day, a tradition used to predict the end of winter. With nearly six more weeks of cold, hard challenges are in store for the presidential nominations that once seemed so close. US-PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN. COL104, XELG 101, CAK105. Expected by 1200 GMT. By Walter R. Mears.

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With deadlines looming, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat tried Thursday to achieve what their deputies could not to move forward in the final, most perilous stretch of six years of peace talks. However, expectations were low as the two leaders arrived for a rare public meeting at the Erez military crossing between Israel and the Gaza Strip. The two men, flanked by their aides, briefly shook hands before entering the

meeting room. A member of Barak's Cabinet said the gaps are so wide that a Camp David-style summit to be hosted by the United States once the sides are ready to wrap up talks on a peace treaty outline was not a possibility at the moment. (ISRAEL-PALESTINIAN)

ALKHAN-KALA, Russia (AP)

Rebels dodging Russian artillery fanned out into Chechnya's southern mountains Thursday after fleeing the battered capital, while Russian troops closed in on the reduced Chechen force in Grozny. Chechen fighters have been slipping out of Grozny all week, despite Russian claims to have prevented a major exodus. Chechen commander Khizir Khachukayev said Thursday that more than 3,000 rebels had left Grozny in recent days. The claim could not be confirmed. The latest, large group of rebels fled overnight and arrived in nearby Alkhan-Kala early Thursday, then crept through snowy forests to reach fellow rebel units in the mountains, according to Alkhan-Kala residents. (RUSSIA-CHECHNYA)

VIENNA, Austria (AP)

As protesters shouted "fascist," far-right leader Joerg Haider and his coalition partner met Thursday with Austria's president, who must decide whether to approve a new government and risk reprisals from the rest of Europe. President Thomas Klestil is expected to confirm the coalition Thursday, despite a growing wave of threats and protests from abroad against a government with Haider's Freedom Party. In an attempt to spare Austria international isolation, Klestil summoned Haider and Wolfgang Schuessel, head of the conservative People's Party and the likely new chancellor, to a meeting where they were to sign a "declaration of values of European democracy." (AUSTRIA-GOVERNMENT)

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP)

French and Ivorian search teams have detected signals from a "black box" from Kenya Airways Fight 431, which crashed into the Atlantic just after takeoff from Abidjan, officials said Thursday. Commandant Jean-Baptiste Agnimel, a firefighting official, said a team of Ivorian searchers had discovered the signal from one of the black boxes on Wednesday. A French aviation official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said a French team had also located a signal. It wasn't immediately clear, though, whether the signals were coming from the flight data recorder or voice recorder, both of which could provide insight into the cause of the crash. (IVORY COAST-BLACK BOX)

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)

Human rights groups have urged Cambodia's parliament to boost U.N. participation in a planned tribunal to judge Khmer Rouge leaders for genocide. Separate letters from a coalition of Cambodian rights groups and the New York-based Human Rights Watch echo the United Nations' demands for more U.N. control over indictments and selection of judges in a jointly administered tribunal "We believe that the law as currently drafted does not fully meet international standards," Human Rights Watch's Asia director Mike Jendrzejczyk wrote to National Assembly President Prince Norodom Ranariddh. (CAMBODIA-KHMER ROUGE)

WORLD SPORTS AT 1400 GMT

SOCCER:

ACCRA, Ghana Nigeria takes on Morocco with both teams knowing a draw will take them through the Group of Death and into the quarterfinals. If there is a loser in Lagos, Tunisia and the Republic of Congo can take advantage by winning the other match in Group D.

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

By Andreas Evagora.

FRANKFURT, Germany Install some fear right at the start. That's the game plan for Bayern Munich when the Bundesliga resumes this weekend with a showdown between frontrunner Bayern and third-place Hamburger SV.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Bundesliga Restart. Has moved.

By Nesha Starcevic.

ROME Not too long ago, Roberto Baggio was reportedly contemplating retirement. Now the veteran appears to be one of the keys to Internazionale of Milan's Serie A title hopes.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Italian Preview. Expected by 1600 GMT.

By Howard Fendrich.

LONDON Don't look now, but Manchester United is pulling away from the rest. The Reds are already three points ahead of No. 2 Leeds and six ahead of Arsenal with a game in hand and manager Alex Ferguson is talking confidently.

Slug Sports-Soccer-British Preview. Expected by 1400 GMT.

By Stephen Wade.

MADRID, Spain Deportivo La Coruna, after a surprise 4-1 trouncing from Valladolid that endangered its league lead, faces another challenge this weekend against the rapidly rising Real Madrid in the 23rd round of the Spanish first division.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Spanish Preview. Expected by 1500 GMT.

By Adam Brown.

ALSO:

MADRID, Spain Sports-Soccer-Spanish Roundup. By Ciaran Giles. Expected by 2200 GMT.

FRANKFURT, Germany Sports-Soccer-Germany-Euro 2000. Has moved.

RUGBY UNION:

LONDON That stunning French upset victory over the mighty New Zealand All Blacks is history. Three months on, an expanded Six Nations championship, with Italy joining the regular five, kicks off Saturday and the French might well lose to the Welsh in Cardiff.

Slug Sports-RugbyU-Six Nations Preview. Expected by 1600 GMT.

By Robert Millward

WITH:

ROME Sports-RugbyU-Italy-Scotland-Preview. By Jeff Israely. Expected by 1500 GMT.

SWIMMING:

LONDON The pressure is building on Ian Thorpe. Australia's coach Don Talbot believes the 17-year-old could become the greatest swimmer ever yet he still has to perform in his first Olympics before his demanding fans in Sydney.

Slug Sports-Swimming-Thorpe. Expected by 1700 GMT.

By Robert Millward

SAILING:

AUCKLAND, New Zealand The weather again interrupted sailing in the America's Cup Thursday, when a tiebreaker in the challenger finals was called off because of light winds.

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

By Rohan Sullivan.

WITH:

ROME Sports-Sailing-America's Cup-Late Nights in Italy. By Howard Fendrich. Has moved.

AUCKLAND, New Zealand Sports-Sailing-Americas Cup-Sewer. Has moved.

TENNIS:

LONDON Australia will open the defense of latest crown against Switzerland while John McEnroe makes his debut as captain of the U.S. side when Davis Cup competition begins Friday.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Davis Cup Preview. Expected by 1700 GMT.

WITH:

HARARE, Zimbabwe Sports-Tennis-Davis-Zimbabwe-US. By Angus Shaw. Has moved to some points; upcoming by 1600 GMT to others.

ZURICH, Switzerland _ Sports-Tennis-Davis-Switzerland-Australia. By Erica Bulman. Has moved to some points; upcoming by 1600 GMT to others.

TOKYO Lucky loser Lilia Osterloh from the United States defeated second seed Mary Pierce of France 6-7 (3), 6-4, 6-4 Thursday, advancing to the quarterfinals of the dlrs 1.08 million Toray Pan Pacific Open <u>women</u>'s tennis.

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

By K.P. Hong.

OLYMPICS:

SYDNEY, Australia The organizing committee for the Sydney 2000 Olympics has accepted a rescue package aimed at curbing its 193 million Australian dollars (U.S. dlrs 122.8 million) budget blowout.

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

By John Pye.

ALSO:

SYDNEY, Australia Sports-Olympics-Gosper. By John Pye. Has moved.

GOLF:

SYDNEY Australia John Daly plays ultra conservatively and cards an even-par 73, while host Greg Norman starts with two bogeys and never recovers Thursday in the first round of the U.S. dlrs 1.3 million Greg Norman International at The Lakes.

Slug Sports-Golf-Greg Norman International. Has moved.

ALSO:

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic Sports-Baseball-Caribbean Series. Has moved.

UNDATED Sports-Basketball-NBA Roundup. Has moved.

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

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WORLD SPORTS AT 0000 GMT

SOCCER:

ACCRA, Ghana Finidi George and Julius Aghahowa hit spectacular goals as Nigeria's Super Eagles soars into the quarterfinals of the African Nations Cup with an impressive 2-0 victory against Morocco.

Slug Sports-Soccer-African Cup. Has moved.

By Andreas Evagora.

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast The Ivory Coast national team is allowed to leave an army base where the military government had detained the players after an embarrassing exit from the African Cup finals, a sports ministry official says.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Ivory Coast-Released. Has moved.

MUNICH, Germany Europe's 14 biggest soccer clubs make a series of demands from the game's governing bodies, including financial compensation for letting their players serve national team duty.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Club Demands. Has moved.

ALSO:

MADRID, Spain Sports-Soccer-Spanish Roundup. By Ciaran Giles. Expected to move by 0400 GMT.

ROME Sports-Soccer-Italian Preview. By Howard Fendrich. Has moved.

LONDON Sports-Soccer-British Preview. By Stephen Wade. Has moved.

MADRID, Spain Sports-Soccer-Spanish Preview. By Adam Brown. Has moved.

SAILING:

AUCKLAND, New Zealand AmericaOne and Prada race to break a 3-3 tie in the best-of-nine finals of the challenger series for sailing's America's Cup.

Slug Sports-Sailing-America's Cup. Expected by 0400 GMT.

By Rohan Sullivan.

TENNIS:

TOKYO Defending champion and top-seeded Martina Hingis meets fifth seed Anna Kournikova in the quarterfinals of the Toray Pan Pacific Open <u>women</u>'s tennis.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Toray Pan Pacific. Expected about 1000 GMT.

By K.P. Hong.

LONDON With John McEnroe making his debut as U.S. captain, Andre Agassi leads an injury-weakened American team against Zimbabwe in the first round of the Davis Cup this weekend, while Australia opens defense of its title against Switzerland.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Davis Cup Preview. Has moved.

By Stephen Wilson.

SWIMMING:

LONDON Australia hopes the Thorpedo isn't going to explode. Team coach Don Talbot believes 17-year-old lan Thorpe could become the greatest swimmer ever. Yet he still has to perform in his first Olympics before his demanding fans in Sydney.

Slug Sports-Swimming-Thorpe. Has moved.

By Robert Millward

AUTO RACING:

JEREZ, Spain Two-time defending Formula One champion Mika Hakkinen and teammate David Coulthard kick off the new season as McLaren unveils its car for 2000 at this track deep in southern Spain.

Slug Sports-Auto Racing-McLaren Launch. Has moved.

ALSO:

DAYTONA BEACH, Florida Sports-Auto Racing-Daytona 24 Hours. By Mike Harris. Expected to move by 0200 GMT.

RUGBY UNION:

LONDON If the French are still congratulating themselves for that enthralling World Cup semifinal victory over New Zealand, they could be in for a rude awakening on Saturday.

Slug Sports-RugbyU-Six Nations Preview. Has moved.

By Robert Millward.

WITH:

ROME Sports-RugbyU-Italy-Scotland-Preview. By Jeff Israely. Has moved.

ATHLETICS:

NEW YORK After 92 tradition-steeped years, the Millrose Games is undergoing a series of changes. When the meet is held for the 93rd time in Madison Square Garden on Friday night, there will be a new track, a new owner, a new sponsor and even a newfangled event.

Slug Sports-Track-Millrose Games. Has moved.

By Bert Rosenthal.

CRICKET:

SYDNEY, Australia Already holding a 1-0 lead in the best-of-three finals series, Australia can finish the summer series with a win against Pakistan in the tri-nation limited-overs international at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Slug Sports-Cricket-Australia-Pakistan. Expected to move 1100 GMT.

GOLF:

SYDNEY, Australia John Daly will be looking to improve on his even-par first-round of 73 in the second round at the Greg Norman International. Norman, the host, will be concentrating on trying to make the cut following a 3-over 76 in his first round.

Slug Sports-Golf-Greg Norman International. Expected to move 0900 GMT.

ALSO:

PEBBLE BEACH, California Sports-Golf-Pebble Beach. By Doug Ferguson. Has moved.

ALSO:

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic Sports-Baseball-Caribbean Series. Expected by 0300 GMT.

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New Zealand will eventually dump Britain's monarch because having a head of state on other side of the world is "absurd," Prime Minister Helen Clark said.

Opening a debate on whether New Zealand should become a republic, Clark said in comments published in the Sunday Star Times newspaper that her own culture, background and education was British.

"But that doesn't stop me seeing objectively that the monarchy is absurd," Clark said. "I mean, we're 12,000 miles away from where the head of state resides. How does any of that make sense."

Labor leader Clark, who came to power at a general election last November, said a New Zealand republic would not be on her government's agenda because "there are more important things to address."

"I think in a sense, if it ain't broke, don't fix it and really very few are screaming that it is broke, so its not a priority issue on my agenda," Clark said.

But a New Zealand republic was inevitable, she said.

Settled as a British colony, New Zealand was granted independence in 1931. But like many Commonwealth countries such as Canada and neighboring Australia, it still recognizes the British monarch as its head of state.

After a divisive national debate, Australians last November defeated a referendum proposal which asked whether they wanted to dump the British monarch and establish a republic.

In New Zealand, republican plans will be opposed by some groups of Maori, the country's indigenous people, who claim the country's founding document, the Waitangi Treaty, was signed with Britain and is not enshrined in New Zealand law.

The 1840 treaty establishes British sovereignty over New Zealand in exchange for a promise to allow the Maori inhabitants to retain "full possession" of their lands, forests, fisheries and other resources.

WORLD AT 1800 GMT:

NEW:

NORTHERN IRELAND. IRA says won't disarm on 'unionist or British terms'.

AUSTRIA-WHAT'S NEXT. Haider brings some unwanted changes.

KOSOVO-SERBS. French clash with Albanians in Mitrovica for second day.

IRAN-EXPLOSIONS. Explosions heard near Iranian parliament.

IRAN-PROTEST. Hard-line clerics call for execution of Iranian minister.

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TEHRAN, Iran Five explosions go off Saturday evening near the Iranian president's office, parliament and other key government buildings, Iranian media reported. By Hasan Sarbakhshian.

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ZAGREB, Croatia The two candidates vying to succeed Croatia's late President Franjo Tudjman wound down a campaign on Saturday that has been long on style and short on issues. CROATIA-ELECTION. Has moved. By Eugene Brcic. SPL101-102, ZAG104-105.

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US-PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN-MCCAIN. Can McCain keep it up against Bush?

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HELSINKI, Finland A former prime minister and a foreign minister hoping to become Finland's first <u>female</u> president spar over Austrian politics as they lobbied for last-minute votes in Sunday's election. FINLAND-ELECTION. Moving by 0200 GMT. Polls open from 0700 to 1800 GMT, final results expected by 1900 GMT. By Matti Huuhtanen.

WITH: Finland-Election-Glance, Finland-Election-Thumbnails.

ZAGREB, Croatia Croats choose a successor Monday to the only president they have known, selecting from two candidates who promise to end the autocratic style of the late independence leader Franjo Tudjman and integrate this Balkan country into Europe. CROATIA-ELECTION. Moving by 0300 GMT. Polls open at 7 a.m. (0600 GMT) Monday. By Snjezana Vukic. AP Photos ZAG104-105, SPL101-102.

WASHINGTON What John McCain proudly calls a "land mine," George W. Bush dismisses as a mere "bump in the road." It's McCain's Momentum, and it is a serious threat to Bush and the Republican establishment. US-PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN-MCCAIN. Has moved. By Ron Fournier. With AP Photos.

ALSO MOVED:

US-OBIT-ALBERT. Carl Albert, who rose from the poverty of Oklahoma's coal country to become speaker of the House of Representatives and twice found himself next in line to the presidency, has died at 91. AP Photos NY112, NY16, NY922.

MIAMI Relatives of Elian Gonzalez, outraged after one of his grandmothers described playfully biting the boy's tongue and unzipping his pants during a reunion in Miami, have filed a complaint with police, a police source says. US-CUBAN BOY. Has moved. By Rachel la Corte. AP Photo FLAD101.

ALSO MOVED:

US-ABDUCTED CHILDREN. In government parlance, Juan Gonzalez is a "left behind" parent, fighting from afar to persuade U.S. officials to return his son, Elian, to Cuba. Thousands of Americans are fighting similar battles, including more than 1,100 on the State Department list of active cases. AP Photo WX101.

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CARACAS, Venezuela Latin Americans had a tumultuous 20th century, afflicted by revolutions and civil wars. They are in a new century now but still struggling to overcome the old problems that gripped the region: mass poverty, corrupt governments and authoritarian rule. FEA-VENEZUELA-LATIN STRUGGLES. To move as wire time permits. By Bart Jones. AP Photos NY302-306.

CHARLOTTE AMALIE, U.S. Virgin Islands A flock of World War II-era DC-3s still coasts the Caribbean skies, hopping the islands with cargo. "People are amazed that a 1943 plane is still flying," says a mechanic for the Four Star freight company, which flies six DC-3s. FEA-US VIRGIN ISLANDS-GOONEY BIRDS. To move as wire time permits. By Jeannine Relly. AP Photos NY360-361.

KINGSTON, Jamaica In Trench Town, it's as if Bob Marley never died. Today, with a resurgence of nostalgia fed by millennial recognition of Marley's work, they are hard at work turning a few dilapidated buildings in one of Kingston's poorest and toughest neighborhoods into a museum to mark the 55th anniversary of the singer's birthday on Sunday. FEA-REMEMBERING MARLEY. Has moved. By Matthew J. Rosenberg. AP Photos NY190-191.

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UN-US-MILITARY TIES. United States rebuilds military ties with the United Nations.

TAIWAN-NEW YEAR. Celebrations occur amid earthquake aftermath.

CLINTON-IN HER SHADOW. Bill Clinton finds new public role at wife's side.

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ALSO MOVED:

EUROPE-FEAR OF HAIDER. AP Photo VIE126.

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ALKHAN-KALA, Russia Russian troops backed by mortar fire and air bombardment close in on small bands of rebels scattered among Grozny's shell-shattered houses and high-rises. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Lead expected by 1200 GMT. By Lyoma Turpalov. AP Photos MOSB109-112.

ALSO MOVED:

RUSSIA-MINEFIELD CARNAGE. Chechen fighter remembers escaping from a Russian mine field by walking on the bodies of friends.

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JAKARTA, Indonesia They have been terrorized, their houses and businesses wrecked and burned in wave after wave of riots and political upheaval. But as the Year of the Golden Dragon begins, Indonesia's Chinese minority is feeling optimistic. INDONESIA-CHINESE NEW YEAR. Has moved. By Geoff Spencer. AP Photos JAK105-109, KL101-104.

TAIPEI, Taiwan With the scent of burning incense thick in the air, thousands of Taiwanese bow and pray at temples during the first day of the Lunar New Year. Crackling firecrackers break the eery silence in usually bustling Taipei and President Lee Teng-hui hands out traditional red envelopes of money to gracious citizens. TAIWAN-NEW YEAR. Has moved. By William Foreman. AP Photos Planned.

ALSO MOVED:

MANHATTAN-DRAGON YEAR. Empire State Building lit in gold and red.

CHINA-DRAGON YEAR. AP Photos BEJ105, 107, SHA103,104.

TAIWAN-SAD NEW YEAR. AP Photo TPE102-106.

SKOREA-LUNAR NEW YEAR.

BONN, Germany's embattled Christian Democrats say they have failed to discover the source of secret donations Helmut Kohl admitted accepting. GERMANY-KOHL SCANDAL. Has moved. By Tony Czuczka. AP Photos WBON103, 105.

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CAP-HAITIEN, Haiti When they pulled in last month, the 120 U.S. Air Force engineers and National Guard medics carried enough weapons to spur a worried buzz that the Americans had invaded again. But these reservists are here to provide much needed medical and humanitarian services. HAITI-US TROOPS. Has moved. By Michael Norton. AP Photos PAP1011-102.

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KHANKALA, Russia (AP)

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TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)

Waves of worshippers gathered at Taiwanese temples Saturday, bowing and praying on the first day of the Dragon Year, one of the luckiest in the 12-year Chinese zodiac. In Hong Kong, Beijing, Jakarta and other Asian capitals, Chinese celebrated the start of the Lunar New Year with crackling fireworks, dragon dances, acrobats and parades through business districts. In Indonesia, the ethnic Chinese minority held New Year celebrations in public for the first time since they were blamed for a bloody, but abortive, communist coup in 1965. (CELEBRATING THE DRAGON)

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WORLD SPORTS AT 1400 GMT

SOCCER:

LONDON Former England coach Glenn Hoddle returns to soccer in his debut with Southampton, and in Spain, Guus Hiddick takes over at Spain's Betis for another shot in the Spanish first division.

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

By Stephen Wade.

ALSO:

ROME Sports-Soccer-Italian Roundup. Expected by 1600 GMT.

LONDON Sports-Soccer-British Roundup. Expected by 1800 GMT.

PARIS Sports-Soccer-French Roundup. Expected by 2200GMT.

VALENCIA, Spain Sports-Soccer-Spanish Roundup. Expected by 2200 GMT.

HONG KONG Sports-Soccer-Carlsberg Cup. Has moved.

TENNIS:

LONDON Spain, Russia, Slovakia and Brazil can clinch places in the Davis Cup World Group quarterfinal by winning Saturday's doubles but defending titlist Australia is tied with Switzerland and the United States is 1-1 with Zimbabwe.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Davis Cup Roundup. Expected by 1800 GMT.

TOKYO Defending champion and top-seeded Martina Hingis of Switzerland ousted seventh seed Chanda Rubin of the United States 7-6 (2), 6-4 Saturday in the semifinals of the Toray Pan Pacific Open <u>women</u>'s tennis.

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

By K.P. Hong.

ALSO:

HARARE, Zimbabwe Sports-Tennis-Zimbabwe-United States. Expected by 1800 GMT. By Andrew Selsky

ZURICH, Switzerland Sports-Tennis-Switzerland-Australia. Expected by 1900 GMT. By Erica Bulman

MURCIA, Spain Sports-Tennis-Spain-Italy. Expected by 1800 GMT.

OSTRAVA, Czech Republic Sports-Tennis-Czech-Britain. Expected by 1800 GMT.

LEIPZIG, Germany Sports-Tennis-Germany-Netherlands. Expected by 1800 GMT.

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BRATISLAVA, Slovakia Sports-Tennis-Slovakia-Austria. Expected by 1800 GMT.

MOSCOW Sports-Tennis-Russia-Belgium. Expected by 1700 GMT.

FLORIANAPOLIS, Brazil Sports-Tennis-Brazil-France. Expected by 2100 GMT.

SKIING:

TODTNAU, Germany Austria's Hermann Maier dethrones the legendary Franz Klammer as the most successful Austrian in the history of alpine ski racing Saturday, winning a men's giant slalom to collect his 27th career World Cup win.

Sports-Skiing-Men's Giant Slalom. Will be updated. By Erica Bulman.

ALSO:

INAWASHIRO, Japan Sports-Skiing-Freestyle-World Cup.

GOLF:

SYDNEY, Australia Lucas Parsons sinks a monster putt on the last hole Saturday to grab a share of the lead with David Parks at 13-under after three rounds of the Greg Norman International at the Lakes.

Slug Sports-Golf-Greg Norman International. Has moved.

By John Pye.

TRACK:

NEW YORK Maurice Greene bounces out of the spotlight and into the limelight Friday night, winning the Millrose Games 60-meter dash in 6.45 seconds, the fastest time in the world this year.

Slug Sports-Track-Millrose Games. Has moved.

By Bert Rosenthal.

RUGBY UNION:

LONDON The expanded Six Nations championship kicks off on Saturday with newcomer Italy hosting defending titlist Scotland, England at home to Ireland and World Cup finalist France goes to Wales.

Slug Sports-RugbyU-Six Nations Roundup. Expected by 1900 GMT.

By Robert Millward

ALSO:

ROME Sports-RugbyU-Italy-Scotland. Expected by 1700 GMT.

TWICKENHAM, England Sports-RugbyU-England-Ireland. Expected by 1730 GMT.

CARDIFF, Wales Sports-RugbyU-Wales-France. Expected by 1800 GMT.

SAILING:

AUCKLAND, New Zealand Ice cool and precise, Italy's Prada sails back into contention for the America's Cup Saturday with a comeback win over AmericaOne.

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

By Rohan Sullivan.

ICE HOCKEY:

TORONTO The National Hockey League All-Star game has returned to where it all started. The celebration began in 1947 at Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto. Now, for the 50th game, it again serves as host Sunday.

Sports-Ice Hockey-All-Star Game. Has moved.

By Ira Podell.

ALSO MOVED:

UNDATED Sports-Basketball-NBA Roundup.

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WORLD SPORTS AT 0000 GMT

SOCCER:

ROME Ciro Ferrara's first goal in more than two years lifts Serie A leader Juventus into a 1-1 draw at Udinese on Saturday, the first day new rules banning racist banners from stadiums were in effect.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Italian Roundup. Has moved.

By Howard Fendrich.

LONDON The first weekend in February may be remembered as the moment when defending champion Manchester United won the Premier League again as it shoots for its sixth title in eight seasons.

Slug Sports-Soccer-British Roundup. Has moved.

By Stephen Wade.

BERLIN Stefan Beinlich helps Bayer Leverkusen jump to the top of the Bundesliga table Saturday with an impressive 3-0 home rout against MSV Duisburg.

Slug Sports-Soccer-German Roundup. Has moved.

By Roy Kammerer.

MADRID, Spain Gaizka Mendieta and Francisco Javier Farinos score two minutes apart late in the second half to give Valencia a 3-1 victory over Betis on Saturday and spoil the return of manager Guus Hiddink to the Primera Division.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Spanish Roundup. Has moved.

By Daniel Woolls.

PARIS Monaco's grip on the French championship tightens without even playing on Saturday after its closest rivals, Auxerre and Paris Saint-Germain, drop vital points against strugglers.

Slug Sports-Soccer-French Roundup. Has moved.

SAILING:

Clark opens republic debate in New Zealand

AUCKLAND, New Zealand Either AmericaOne or Italy's Prada will become the challenger for sailing's America's Cup after Sunday's decider in the challenger finals.

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

By Rohan Sullivan.

TENNIS:

LONDON John McEnroe's United States Davis Cup team stands on the brink of elimination after the doubles pairing of Rich Leach and Alex O'Brien loses a marathon match to Zimbabwe's Wayne Black and Kevin Ullyett on Saturday.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Davis Cup Roundup. Has moved.

By Robert Millward.

TOKYO Top-seeded Martina Hingis takes on sixth seed Sandrine Testud in the final of the dlrs 1.08 million Toray Pan Pacific Open Sunday.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Toray Pan Pacific. Expected about 0800 GMT.

By K.P. Hong.

RUGBY UNION:

LONDON Diego Dominguez kicked 29 points as Italy has a dream debut to the expanded Six Nations with an 34-20 upset over defending titlist Scotland on Saturday.

Slug Sports-RugbyU-Six Nations Roundup. Has moved.

By Robert Millward.

SWIMMING:

BERLIN Lenny Krayzelburg snaps the world record of fellow American Jeff Rouse in the 100-meter backstroke Saturday to highlight a short course World Cup.

Slug Sports-Swimming-World Cup. Has moved.

AUTO RACING:

DAYTONA BEACH, Florida There is a four-way battle at the front as the Rolex 24 reaches the four-hour mark Saturday at Daytona International Speedway.

Slug Sports-Auto Racing-Daytona 24. Has moved; WILL be UPDATED.

By Mike Harris.

GOLF:

SYDNEY, Australia David Park and Lucas Parsons share a two-stroke lead going into Sunday's final round at the Greg Norman International, but U.S. Masters champion Maria Jose Olazabal is in joint third place and in hot pursuit.

Slug Sports-Golf-Greg Norman International. Expected to move 0900 GMT.

ALSO:

PEBBLE BEACH, California Sports-Golf-Pebble Beach. By Doug Ferguson.

SKIING:

TODTNAU, Germany Austria's Hermann Maier dethrones legendary Franz Klammer as the most successful Austrian in Alpine skiing Saturday, winning a men's giant slalom for his 27th career World Cup victory.

Slug Sports-Skiing-Men-Giant Slalom. Has moved; Sunday's slalom runs scheduled for 0900 and 1145 GMT.

By Erica Bulman.

ALSO:

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic Sports-Baseball-Caribbean Series. Expected by 0300 GMT.

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

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AUSTRIA-GOVERNMENT. Haider's dispute with EU escalates.

IVORY COAST-SURVIVOR. Plane crash survivor learns to swim to survive.

UN-EAST TIMOR. U.N. implicates Indonesian army in East Timor violence.

ISRAEL-LEBANON. Barak warns Syria to rein in Hezbollah guerrillas.

BRITAIN-DOCTOR CONVICTED. Physician convicted in murders of 15 patients.

EU-EURO. Finance minister insist currency's tumble only temporary.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast Survivors are found clinging to wreckage amid waters filled with corpses after a Kenya Airways jet slammed into the Atlantic early Monday. IVORY COAST-CRASH. Lead has moved. By Alexandra Zavis. AP Photos ABI101-104,108; NAI106. AP Graphics AIRBUS310, KENYA AIR CRASH.

ALSO MOVED:

IVORY COAST-CRASH SCENE. Bloated bodies float by, baggage bobs past pieces of the plane.

IVORY COAST-SURVIVOR. Emmanuel Madu thought he couldn't swim. But when Flight 431 crashed into the ocean Monday, he quickly learned to swim to survive.

JERUSALEM Stung by the deaths of three elite Israeli soldiers in Lebanon and the assassination of a top commander of the Israeli-allied militia, Prime Minister Ehud Barak on Monday warns Syria that failing to rein in Hezbollah guerrillas could derail peace efforts. ISRAEL-LEBANON. Has moved. By Laura King. AP Photos JRL101,104; BEI101. AP Graphic LEBANON-ISRAEL.

ALSO:

LEBANON-ISRAEL. Hezbollah guerrillas ambush an Israeli patrol Monday, killing three soldiers and wounding five. Has moved.

ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Negotiators conduct a second day of talks at a secret location Monday. Developing.

ISRAEL-SCANDAL. Barak faces a parliamentary motion of no confidence over his party's campaign finances. Expected by 2000 GMT.

URUS-MARTAN, Russian forces claim Monday to have driven snipers out of buildings overlooking the square that has been the focus of fierce fighting for a week in Grozny. But a rebel commander says his fighters are still in control. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Lead has moved. By Lyoma Turpalov. AP Photos MOSB105-110.

ALSO MOVED:

RUSSIA-SURVIVING CHECHNYA. Civilians say the Russians are restricting travel. NY107.

RUSSIA-ALBRIGHT. U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright on Monday urges Russia's foreign minister to open a dialogue with Chechen political leaders. MOSB101,103,116.

AFGHANISTAN-CHECHNYA. Taliban troops have been sent to help Chechen fighters, a senior Taliban commander says Monday.

UNITED NATIONS U.N. investigators accuse Indonesia's military of waging a systematic campaign of intimidation, violence and terror in East Timor, and call Monday for an international tribunal to prosecute them. UN-EAST TIMOR. Lead has moved. By Nicole Winfield. AP Photos JAK104-109.

ALSO:

SINGAPORE-EAST TIMOR. Former military commander Gen. Wiranto should be tried for human rights abuses, Nobel laureate Jose Ramos-Horta says Monday. Has moved.

UN-AFRICA. U.S. Ambassador Richard Holbrooke wraps up a monthlong focus on Africa in the U.N. Security Council. Expected by 2000 GMT.

VIENNA, Austria The European Union warns far-right populist Joerg Haider on Monday that member states will sever political contacts if a future Austrian government includes his Freedom Party. AUSTRIA-GOVERNMENT. Lead expected by 2000 GMT. By George Jahn. AP Photos VIE123-124.

LONDON The High Court on Monday rejects a request by Belgium and six human rights groups to challenge the secrecy of a medical report finding former Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet unfit to stand trial. BRITAIN-PINOCHET. Lead has moved. By Sue Leeman. AP Photos SCL104,106,109; LCN105-106.

CONCORD, New Hampshire On the eve of a crucial primary, Bill Bradley warns Monday that rival Al Gore's ties to fund-raising scandals could cost Democrats the White House if he's nominated. Gore accuses Bradley of "personal vilification." US-PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN. Lead has moved. By Mike Glover. AP Photos.

ALSO MOVED:

US-PRESIDENTIAL POLLS.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland Rival politicians anxiously await a report Monday on *Irish Republican Army* disarmament, an issue threatening Northern Ireland's fledgling Protestant-Catholic administration. NORTHERN IRELAND. Has moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photos XBFT101-102, AP Graphic IRA ARMS.

PRESTON, England A doctor is convicted Monday of murdering 15 <u>female</u> patients by injecting them with heroin, making him one of modern Britain's worst serial killers. BRITAIN-DOCTOR CONVICTED. Lead has moved. AP Photos LON106-107.

BRUSSELS, Belgium Finance ministers from the 11 euro-zone nations insist Monday that their shared currency's latest tumble against the dollar is only temporary. EU-EURO. Lead has moved. By Paul Ames. AP Photos BRU102-106.

GENEVA Recognition of a breakaway Turkish-occupied state in north Cyprus is among issues being discussed Monday in talks aimed at reuniting the divided island, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan says. CYPRUS TALKS. Lead has moved. By Alex Efty. AP Photos GEV101,107.

ROSEAU, Dominican Dominicans vote Monday in elections dominated by charges that the government is corrupting the island by selling passports to foreigners. DOMINICA-ELECTION. Lead expected by 2200 GMT. Polls close at 2100 GMT; preliminary results expected late Monday, early Tuesday. By Michelle Faul.

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

FEATURES MOVED:

FEA-ISLAMIC FEMINIST. NY113,115-116,118.

FEA-THAILAND-BULLS FIGHTING. NY360-362.

FEA-MEXICO-EXPORTING POLITICS, FEA-EXPORTING POLITICS-LOW-KEY.

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WORLD AT 0000 GMT:

NEW:

VIETNAM-PARTY ANNIVERSARY. Communists cling to power in Vietnam.

NETHERLANDS-DO-IT-YOURSELF SUICIDE. Web site sparks controversy.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

UNITED NATIONS Indonesia's president calls on a former army chief to "resign at once" after U.N. and Indonesian human rights investigators implicate Jakarta's military command in last year's campaign of terror in East Timor. UN-EAST TIMOR. Recap expected by 0300 GMT. By Edith M. Lederer.

OFF THE IVORY COAST The men of the Artaban launched their ship into a nightmare on the inky waters of the Atlantic. Bodies surrounded them: men, <u>women</u>, children, limbs that had been torn away. IVORY COAST-CRASH. Recap expected by 0300 GMT. By Alexandra Zavis. AP Photos ABI101-109,201,301;NAI101-107.

ALSO:

IVORY COAST-SURVIVOR. Emmanuel Madu can't swim. But when the Kenya Airways jetliner he was on plunged into the Atlantic Ocean, the 33 year-old Nigerian found a strength he didn't know he had. Moved.

ALKHAN-YURT, Russia Russian forces push into a strategically key square in the capital of rebel Chechnya after more than a week of intense battles with rebel snipers firing from high-rise buildings, Russian officials say. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Lead expected by 1200 GMT. By Lyoma Turpalov. MOSB105-110,118-122,NAZ101-102.

ALSO:

RUSSIA-ALBRIGHT. The United States and Russia clash openly over Chechnya, underscoring a skid in relations that extends to disagreements over arms control. Moved. MOSB101-104, 111-117, 123-124.

AFGHANISTAN-CHECHNYA. Taliban troops have been sent to help Chechen fighters, a senior Taliban commander says Monday. Moved.

JERUSALEM If Syria is serious about returning to the negotiating table, the deadly guerrilla attacks on Israel's soldiers in south Lebanon must stop, Prime Minister Ehud Barak tells his country's longtime foe. ISRAEL-SYRIA. Expected by 0300 GMT; stands as recap to Israel-Lebanon. By Dina Kraft. JRL101-105.

HANOI, Vietnam Truong Dinh Dan and Nguyen Cong Hoa have heard about the fall of communism in Eastern Europe and elsewhere. But after struggling through seven decades of war and hardship for the party, they remain resolute that communism is far from dead. VIETNAM-PARTY ANNIVERSARY. Expected by 0300 GMT; Vietnamese Communist Party anniversary is Thursday. By Paul Alexander.

THE HAGUE, Netherlands A how-to guide of suicide methods on an anonymous Dutch-language Web site has sparked heated controversy in a nation that widely supports the right to die by physician-assisted suicide. NETHERLANDS-DO-IT-YOURSELF SUICIDE. Expected by 0200 GMT. By Anthony Deutsch.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland Northern Ireland's disarmament commission reports on its efforts to eliminate the <u>Irish</u> <u>Republican Army</u>'s network of arms dumps. Politicians fear that a lack of progress will provoke a suspension of the province's Protestant-Catholic government, a central pillar of the 1998 peace accord. NORTHERN IRELAND. Lead expected by 0300 GMT. By Shawn Pogatchnik.

LISBON, Portugal The European Union has sent a combative warning to right-wing extremists by telling Austria that the other 14 EU member states will sever political contacts if the far-right Freedom Party forms part of Vienna's next government. EU-AUSTRIA. Recap expected by 0300 GMT. By Barry Hatton. LIS102.

CONCORD, New Hampshire In the tiny northeastern state of New Hampshire, the site of the nation's first nominating primary of the 2000 presidential campaign, it's personalities not big issues that sway voters. US-PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN. Recap expected by 0300 GMT: Polls close 2300 GMT, results expected some time thereafter. By Mike Glover. AP Photos.

LONDON The High Court on Monday rejects a request by Belgium and six human rights groups to challenge the secrecy of a medical report finding former Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet unfit to stand trial. BRITAIN-PINOCHET. Lead has moved. By Sue Leeman. SCL104,106,109; LCN105-106.

ROSEAU, Dominica Voters in the Caribbean island of Dominica cast their votes Monday in a rough-and-tumble election bursting with allegations of corruption, pacts with Chinese gangsters and secret deals with religious sects. DOMINICA-ELECTION. Lead has moved; preliminary results expected early Tuesday. By Michelle Faul.

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FEATURES: Business and Finance

AGUADA, Puerto Rico Puerto Rico was once one of the world's great producers of sugar. No more. King Sugar is dying here. FEA-PUERTO RICO-KING NO MORE. Expected by 0300 GMT. By James Anderson. AP Photo NY301.

CAIRO, Egypt Political uncertainties, slow reforms and a tendency to keep the best in state hands are just some of the problems standing between Arab markets and a larger share of the funds pouring into emerging markets. But experts expect better times. FEA-MIDEAST-MARKETS IN WAITING. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Hamza Hendawi, AP Photos NY190- NY191

SEATTLE Jeff Bezos, founder and chief executive of Amazon.com, is laughing, although critics are wondering if the company will even have enough cash on hand to operate the entire year. FEA-US-AMAZON-LAUGHING BEZOS. By Michael J. Martinez. AP Photo SEM103

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WORLD AT 0700 GMT:

NEW:

IVORY COAST-CRASH SCENE. Survivors are found floating among the wreckage.

RUSSIA-ALBRIGHT. U.S. secretary of state begins visit to Moscow.

IRAN'S ELECTION. Hard-liners try to reinvent themselves ahead of polls.

NIGERIA-RELIGIOUS RIFT. Many nervously watch enactment of Islamic law.

CHINA-BANNED SECT. China moves against another exercise-meditation group.

INDONESIA-EAST TIMOR. Top Indonesian generals deny responsibility for East Timor atrocities.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast A Kenya Airways jet carrying 169 passengers and 10 crew members crashes into the sea shortly after taking off from Abidjan, airport officials say. At least nine people survived. IVORY COAST-PLANE CRASH. Developing. By Tim Sullivan. AP Photos ABI101-102; AP Graphics AIRBUS310, KENYA AIR CRASH.

ALSO:

IVORY COAST-CRASH SCENE. Survivors are found floating amid the wreckage, baggage and corpses dotting the dark Atlantic Ocean.

ALKHAN-KALA, Russia Rebel forces relying on rooftop snipers and scouts at key intersections keep frustrated Russian troops out of a key square in Chechnya's shattered capital Grozny. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Expected by 1200 GMT. By Lyoma Turpalov. AP Photos MOSB101-107,112, VLAD101-102, NAZ105, 108-109.

ALSO MOVED:

WORLD FORUM-SOROS-RUSSIA. Financier says IMF should pull out of Russia.

MOSCOW U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright meets Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov Monday as she begins a visit to size up acting president Vladimir Putin and push arms control. RUSSIA-ALBRIGHT. Lead expected after Albright-Ivanov news conference scheduled for 1245 GMT. By Barry Schweid. AP Photos DAV106, MOSB111.

JERUSALEM Israelis and Palestinians have entered intensive talks for a peace treaty framework, with a deadline less than two weeks away. ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Has moved; developments will be expedited. AP Photos CAI101-104; JRL101-102.

ALSO MOVED:

LEBANON-ISRAEL. Iranian-backed guerrillas kill one of Israel's closest allies in southern Lebanon, dealing a severe blow to Israel's military operations and sharply heightening tensions that could undermine chances of Syrian-Israeli peace. AP Photos BEI101-102.

US-MIDEAST. Albright meets with Moussa, Arafat. DAV101-103.

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire Al Gore's Democratic rival for the presidency assailed the vice president over a fundraising scandal ahead of Tuesday's New Hampshire primary, a key gauge of the candidates' momentum. US-PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Ron Fournier. AP Photos.

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DAVOS, Switzerland On the agenda for Microsoft's Bill Gates and the leaders of South Africa and Indonesia on Monday at the World Economic Forum are topics ranging from the Internet to ways of narrowing the gap between rich and poor nations. WORLD FORUM. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Geir Moulson.

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JAKARTA, Indonesia Reports by Indonesian and U.N. investigators are expected on Monday to find ex-military commander Gen. Wiranto and other top military brass responsible for a wave of killings and destruction across East Timor last year. INDONESIA-EAST TIMOR. Developing. By Daniel Cooney.

ALSO:

SINGAPORE-EAST TIMOR. Nobel laureate Jose Ramos-Horta says Indonesia's former military commander, Gen. Wiranto, should face an international war crimes tribunal for human rights abuses in East Timor. Developing.

VIENNA, Austria Austria's foreign minister is coming under strong criticism for holding coalition talks with far-right leader Joerg Haider, as the nation's president tries to limit damage to the country's international image. AUSTRIA-GOVERNMENT. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Robert H. Reid. AP Photos VIE117.

LONDON Belgium and six human rights groups contend the medical report which could help free Gen. Augusto Pinochet is too important to the outcome of the 15-month old extradition case to remain private. High Court Justice Maurice Kay plans to rule Monday on whether or not they will be allowed to make that argument in a formal hearing. BRITAIN-PINOCHET. Lead expected after court convenes at 1030 GMT for judicial ruling.

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates With only a few weeks until Iran's legislative elections, Islamic hard-liners are trying to portray a more moderate image to attract voters they have alienated by attacking reformers. IRAN'S ELECTION. Expected by 0800 GMT. By Anwar Faruqi. AP Photos NY110-111.

ABUJA, Nigeria In a dusty town in northern Nigeria, the Muslim faithful parade in joyous marches, welcoming the coming of Islamic law. But elsewhere in a nation sharply divided along ethnic, religious and geographic lines, the arrival of Sharia law has created a feeling of unease. NIGERIA-RELIGIOUS RIFT. Expected by 0900 GMT. By Gilbert Da Costa. AP Photo NY113.

HAVANA Elian Gonzalez's grandmothers return home to a hero's welcome, driving in a motorcade past hundreds of thousands of cheering Cubans and pledging to continue the struggle to wrest the 6-year-old shipwreck survivor from relatives in Miami. CUBAN BOY. Lead has moved. AP Photo HAVX109. By John Rice.

CIUDAD BOLIVAR, Venezuela A constitutional assembly that shook up Venezuela's judicial system shuts down after six months of tumultuous activity. VENEZUELA-CONSTITUTION. Has moved. By Stephanie Borise.

ROSEAU, Dominica Voters in the Caribbean country of Dominica decide Monday whether to give their prime minister a second term in elections rife with charges of corruption. DOMINICA-ELECTION. Lead expected by 1300

GMT. Polls open at 1100 GMT and close at 2100 GMT; preliminary results expected late Monday-early Tuesday. By Michelle Faul. AP Photos DMA101-102.

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida With only hours remaining before Monday's liftoff, NASA declares U.S. space shuttle Endeavour's engines safe to fly despite lingering uncertainty over two fuel pump seals. US-SPACE SHUTTLE. Developing. Launch scheduled for 1747 GMT. By Marcia Dunn. AP Photos KSC101-103, 106.

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FEATURES:

NEW:

ANKARA, Turkey Even in death, Konca Kuris was denied her last wish that <u>women</u> be allowed to pray alongside men. It was a desire that cost the religious feminist her life at the hands of Islamic radicals. Her slaying has focused attention on the role of <u>women</u> in Islam. FEA-ISLAMIC FEMINIST. Has moved. By Selcan Hacaoglu. AP Photos NY113,115,116,118.

FEATURES MOVED:

_FEA-THAILAND-BULLS FIGHTING. Thai bulls battle for cash and glory in bloody traditional sport. AP Photos NY360-362.

FEA-MEXICO-EXPORTING POLITICS.

With: FEA-EXPORTING POLITICS-LOW-KEY.

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ISRAEL-LEBANON DILEMMA.

JAPAN-BORROWING.

RUSSIA-SURVIVING CHECHNYA.

FRANCE-TRUCKERS. French truckers snarl traffic in protest over shorter workweek.

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ARGISHTY, Russia Earlier this month, in an attempt to stem rebels' movement, the Russian government ordered military and border officials not to allow Chechen men to enter or leave Chechnya. After strong protests from abroad, the order was quietly rescinded. But Chechen civilians say the restrictions are still very much in effect inside Chechnya. RUSSIA-SURVIVING CHECHNYA. Expected by 1200 GMT. By Lyoma Turpalov. AP Photo NY107.

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BEIRUT, Lebanon Guerrillas attack an Israeli patrol near a major outpost in southern Lebanon Monday, killing two Israeli soldiers and wounding several others, Lebanese security officials say. LEBANON-ISRAEL. Developing.

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JAKARTA, Indonesia Indonesia's state-sponsored human rights commission Monday accuses former military commander Gen. Wiranto and other generals of responsibility for a wave of killings and destruction across East Timor last year. INDONESIA-EAST TIMOR. Lead has moved. By Daniel Cooney. AP Photos JAK101-102.

ALSO MOVED:

SINGAPORE-EAST TIMOR. Nobel laureate Jose Ramos-Horta says Indonesia's former military commander, Gen. Wiranto, should face an international war crimes tribunal for human rights abuses in East Timor.

WALAY KHEE, Myanmar Myanmar's main ethnic rebel group says Monday it would shelter members of a beleaguered guerrilla gang led by twin 12-year-old boys, but only if they accept the larger group's leadership. MYANMAR-REBELS. Has moved. By Thaksina Khaikaew. AP Photos MST101-109.

TOKYO Japan, already deeper in debt than any other industrialized nation, is turning to banks rather than bonds to cover a projected shortfall in what it owes municipalities. JAPAN-BORROWING. Has moved. By J.L. Hazelton.

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates With only a few weeks until Iran's legislative elections, Islamic hard-liners are trying to portray a more moderate image to attract voters they have alienated by attacking reformers. IRAN'S ELECTION. Has moved. By Anwar Faruqi. AP Photos NY110-111.

ABUJA, Nigeria In a dusty town in northern Nigeria, the Muslim faithful parade in joyous marches, welcoming the coming of Islamic law. But elsewhere in a nation sharply divided along ethnic, religious and geographic lines, the arrival of Sharia law has created a feeling of unease. NIGERIA-RELIGIOUS RIFT. Has moved. By Gilbert Da Costa. AP Photo NY113.

ROSEAU, Dominica Voters in the Caribbean country of Dominica decide Monday whether to give their prime minister a second term in elections rife with charges of corruption. DOMINICA-ELECTION. Lead expected by 1300 GMT. Polls open at 1100 GMT and close at 2100 GMT; preliminary results expected late Monday-early Tuesday. By Michelle Faul. AP Photos DMA103-107.

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida After an eleventh-hour engine review, NASA clears space shuttle Endeavour for launch Monday on its quest to create the most accurate and complete topographic map of Earth ever produced.

US-SPACE SHUTTLE. Lead has moved. Launch scheduled for 1747 GMT. By Marcia Dunn. AP Photo KSC109; AP Graphic NASA EARTH MAP.

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

FEATURES MOVED:

FEA-ISLAMIC FEMINIST. Killing of Turkish feminist focuses debate on <u>women</u>'s rights under Islam. AP Photos NY113,115,116,118.

FEA-THAILAND-BULLS FIGHTING. Thai bulls battle for cash and glory in bloody traditional sport. AP Photos NY360-362.

FEA-MEXICO-EXPORTING POLITICS. America's newest export industry: political advisers.

With: FEA-EXPORTING POLITICS-LOW-KEY.

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A handful of survivors were found clinging to wreckage and swimming in water scattered with corpses Monday morning, trying to stay alive hours after a Kenya Airways jet carrying 179 people slammed into the Atlantic Ocean. Guided by spotlights from hovering helicopters, rescuers in boats scoured the frigid, nighttime waters for survivors. The cold ocean temperatures make it unlikely anyone could be alive after a few hours, officials said. At least 10 people survived the disaster. By dawn, 14 bodies had been brought to shore, and at least 80 more were coming in by boat, rescue workers said. (IVORY COAST-CRASH)

URUS-MARTAN, Russia (AP)

Russian forces claimed Monday to have driven Chechen snipers out of several high-rise buildings as the two sides continued a week-long battle for a key square in Grozny. Chechen fighters have been holed up in buildings overlooking Minutka Square, which the Russian forces are trying to capture to clear the way for a drive on the city center. Chechen commanders insisted their forces were still holding positions around the square. Gen. Aslanbek Ismailov, chief of the Chechen defense headquarters, said rebel snipers continued to control all approaches to Minutka Square, the Interfax news agency reported. (RUSSIA-CHECHNYA)

MOSCOW (AP)

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said that Russia's acting president is "riding a tiger" by pushing a military offensive against rebels in Chechnya. "There is no question the war is popular," Albright told reporters as she flew to Moscow on Sunday to size up Vladimir Putin and push arms control. But Albright noted that casualties are mounting and said Russia faces more isolation in the international arena as the war drags on. She began meeting on Monday with Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov, who has heard Albright outline the U.S. view in a number of telephone calls and meetings. (RUSSIA-ALBRIGHT)

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP)

Guerrillas killed two Israeli soldier and wounded five others in a fresh attack Monday in southern Lebanon, Lebanese security officials said. Before and after the attack, Israeli warplanes staged eight air raids against suspected guerrilla positions. There was no immediate word on casualties from the airstrikes. The attack came one day after Iranian-backed Hezbollah guerrillas assassinated a senior commander in Israel's allied militia. (LEBANON-ISRAEL)

LONDON (AP)

The High Court on Monday rejected a request by Belgium and six human rights groups to challenge a decision denying them access to the medical report that could spell freedom for former Chilean dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet. Justice Maurice Kay said he denied the request "concious that my decision is unavoidably adverse to people who have suffered." If the plaintiffs do not appeal Kay's decision, the case would immediately revert to Britain's top law enforcement official for a final ruling on whether the 84-year-old general can be extradited to Spain. (BRITAIN-PINOCHET)

WORLD SPORTS AT 1400 GMT:

SOCCER:

LONDON Premier League side Newcastle and first-division Blackburn meet to decide the final quarterfinalist in the F.A. Cup.

Slug Sports-Soccer-British Roundup. Expected by 2200 GMT.

ACCRA, Ghana Almost certain of advancing to the quarterfinals of the African Nations Cup, Ghana and Cameroon go into Monday's matches looking to finish top of Group A. The co-host plays Ivory Coast, while the Indomitable Lions face Togo.

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

By Andreas Evagora.

ALSO:

WEST BROMWICH, England Sports-Soccer-Juventus-Maresca. Has moved.

FOOTBALL:

ATLANTA This was why they invented the Super Bowl. Long touchdowns, record-setting performances, courageous comebacks and a thrilling finish. Nobody could have asked for more than what the St. Louis Rams and Tennessee Titans provided

Slug Sports-Football-Super Bowl. Lead upcoming.

By Football Writer Barry Wilner.

ATLANTA This one was for every kid who was ever told he couldn't play, every kid who was ever cut by the big boys and sent on his way. This one was for Kurt Warner, as unlikely a success story as this game has ever uncovered.

Slug Sports-Football-Super Bowl-MVP. Lead upcoming.

By Hal Bock.

ALSO MOVED:

LAS VEGAS Sports-Football-Super Bowl-Bets.

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UNDATED Sports-Football-Super Bowl Stats.

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UNDATED Sports-Football-Super Bowl MVPs.

ATLANTA Sports-Football-Super Bowl Records.

CRICKET:

PERTH, Australia Sachin Tendulkar's Indian cricket team heads for home Monday promising to extract some lessons from a disastrous nine-week stay in Australia. India lost all three test matches to Australia then lost 10 of the 11 one-day internationals, bowing out of the tri-series with the hosts and Pakistan.

Slug Sports-Cricket-India. Has moved.

GOLF:

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona Four years ago, Tom Lehman was the PGA's Player of the Year and set a record for earnings. He bottomed out quickly after separating his right shoulder just before the 1997 British Open, where he was the defending champion, and having surgery in November 1998. He came all the way back at the Phoenix Open.

Slug Sports-Golf-Phoenix Open. Has moved.

By Mel Reisner.

BRISBANE, Australia In a case that parallels Casey Martin's fight with the U.S. PGA tour, arthritic Australian golfer Nigel Lane is taking the Australasian tour to the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission because it refuses to let him to ride in a motorized cart.

Slug Sports-Golf-Arthritic Golfer. Has moved.

CYCLING:

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia A heavy downpour fails to stop Antonio Cruz of Saturn from winning the 191.3-kilometer (118.6-mile) stage six of the Le Tour de Langkawi on Monday.

Slug Sports-Cycling-Le Tour de Langkawi. Has moved.

LONDON Eddie Jordan says Monday that ever-improving Heinz-Harald Frentzen and a new addition 23-year-old Italian Jarno Trulli may be able to push the Jordan team past Formula One giants McLaren and Ferrari.

Slug Sports-Auto Racing-Jordan. Has moved.

BOGOTA, Colombia Colombian cycling hero Oliverio Rincon, whose kidnapping by guerrillas prompted national outrage and protests by fellow athletes, has been freed after 10 days in captivity.

Slug Sports-Cycling-Cyclist Freed. Has moved.

SAILING:

AUCKLAND, New Zealand Crew members from snakebit AmericaOne took the day off Monday. They sure needed it. Their quest for sailing's top prize, the America's Cup, was swamped by a catastrophic weekend.

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

By Howard Ulman.

OLYMPICS:

SYDNEY, Australia Senior Australian Olympic official Kevan Gosper says Monday that expenses purportedly incurred by his family on a visit to Salt Lake City were falsely claimed by someone on the bid committee for the 2002 Winter Games.

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

ALSO MOVED:

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WORLD SPORTS AT 0000 GMT:

SOCCER:

LONDON Alan Shearer scores his second goal in the 79th minute to put Newcastle into the F.A. Cup quarterfinals with a 2-1 win at Blackburn.

Slug Soccer-British Roundup. Has moved.

ACCRA, Ghana West African powers Ghana and Cameroon edge through to the quarterfinals of the African Nations Cup despite shock defeats in their final Group A matches.

Slug Sports-Soccer-African Cup. Has moved.

By Andreas Evagora.

LISBON, Portugal Sporting Lisbon fights back from a one-goal deficit to win 2-1 at bottom club Setubal and stay second in the Portuguese Premier League.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Portuguese Roundup. Has moved.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL:

ATLANTA A day after his team's Super Bowl victory, coach Dick Vermeil speaks of his late mother and how she was sure he would one day come back and coach an NFL champion.

Slug Sports-Football-Super Bowl. Expected by 0100 GMT.

By Dave Goldberg.

BASEBALL:

NEW YORK Atlanta Braves pitcher John Rocker is suspended from spring training and the first month of the baseball season for the remarks he made about foreigners, homosexuals and minorities in Sports Illustrated last year.

Slug Sports-Baseball-Rocker Suspended. Has moved.

By Ronald Blum.

ATHLETICS:

NEW YORK A remarkable era will end Friday night: Joetta Clark Diggs will make her 24th and final appearance at the Millrose Games.

Slug Sports-Track-Millrose Games. Has moved.

By Bert Rosenthal

CYCLING:

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Slug Sports-Cycling-Le Tour de Langkawi. Has moved.

SAILING:

AUCKLAND, New Zealand AmericaOne tries to recover from a 3-1 deficit against Italy's Prada in the best-of-9 finals of the challenger series for sailing's America's Cup.

Slug Sports-Sailing-America's Cup. Expected by 0300 GMT.

By Rohan Sullivan.

TENNIS:

HARARE, Zimbabwe Pete Sampras, winner of 12 Grand Slam tournaments, and Todd Martin withdraw for health reasons from the U.S. Davis Cup team that will face Zimbabwe this week.

Slug Sports-Tennis-US Davis Cup Team. Has moved.

OLYMPICS:

SYDNEY, Australia Senior Australian Olympic official Kevan Gosper says that expenses purportedly incurred by his family on a visit to Salt Lake City were falsely claimed by someone on the bid committee for the 2002 Winter Games.

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

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil Brazil is dropping its candidacy for the 2008 Olympics to better prepare for a bid in 2012, the country's Olympic committee president says.

Slug Sports-Olympics-Brazil. Has moved.

ALSO MOVING:

NEW YORK Sports-Basketball-NBA Roundup. Expected by 0400 GMT.

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New York Times

The incoming Bush administration risks making an early mistake if it rushes to build a national missile defense. A hasty move in this area could quickly deplete the good will generally accorded a new president by foreign leaders, especially those of Russia, China and Washington's main European allies. George W. Bush should instead expand research and testing to determine what kind of defensive shield can best meet America's security needs.

A reliable antimissile system could protect the country against the future threat of nuclear missile attack from unpredictable nations like North Korea, Iraq and Iran. American intelligence agencies predict that North Korea could have the capacity to launch a handful of nuclear-tipped long-range missiles within five years and that Iraq and Iran could reach that point within a decade.

But no workable shield now exists. The prototype interceptor missile developed by the Clinton administration has so far proved highly unreliable in tests. Mr. Bush and his advisers made clear during the presidential campaign that they considered the Clinton system flawed and inadequate. They promised to consider a variety of other technologies, including sea-based and space-based systems as well as the current land-based model.

Any of those alternative approaches would require rigorous study and testing before construction commences. While that evaluation proceeds, Mr. Bush's new foreign policy team should try to persuade skeptical countries that a limited defensive system can be built without wrecking existing arms control treaties or setting off a destructive new arms race.

Mr. Bush's foreign policy advisers have been around Washington long enough to know that few initial steps would be more divisive abroad than a decision to move ahead with installation of a missile defense system. Colin Powell, the prospective secretary of state, and Condoleezza Rice, the future national security adviser, also recognize that construction of even a limited system would cost tens of billions of dollars. Until the technology is perfected, there is no point in incurring these diplomatic and financial costs.

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Washington Times

Foreign policy will take on a stronger face in the new Bush administration, providing continuity by fulfilling previous commitments and ingenuity by building up a military that is severely overtaxed and which lacks the necessary

resources. Former Gen. Colin Powell, George W. Bush's pick for secretary of state, and Condoleezza Rice, his national security adviser-to-be, have the resources to do it. Miss Rice was the top Russia expert on the National Security Council during the previous Bush administration. Gen. Powell has 35 years of experience in the military and was chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff during the Bush and Clinton administrations. Both have been trusted Bush advisers, and their unified new foreign policy platform calls for reassessing peacekeeping missions in collaboration with U.S. allies and bolstering national security.

What the new platform does not spell is isolationism. Rather, it calls for carefully selecting which conflict areas the United States is best equipped to handle. The peacekeeping and military forces will have better resources, and greater ability to enter conflict areas with a defined mission and exit strategy.

Unlike the Clinton administration, which used the reduced threat of the Cold War as an excuse to scale back military funding, the Bush foreign policy platform addresses the realities of terrorism, and the demands continually being placed on the United States to intervene in conflict areas around the globe.

This will mean getting the national missile defense system back up to speed, a job President Clinton decided in September to leave to his successor. This system will be an "essential part of overall strategic force posture, which consists of offensive weapons, command-and-control systems, intelligence systems, and a national missile defense," Mr. Powell said in his acceptance speech.

Bridge-building with the closest neighbors to the United States, who have been almost forgotten in the Clinton administration, will be a key part of the platform as well. Re-establishing good relations with Latin America, Mexico and Canada would serve as core to the administration's foreign policy, Miss Rice said.

For an administration only finally made legal six days ago, the platform provides quite a formidable start.

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San Francisco Chronicle

Finally, there is some good news on the environmental front. After marathon negotiations in Johannesburg, 122 countries have agreed upon a treaty that will ban "the dirty dozen," the most toxic and hazardous chemicals used by agricultural and manufacturing industries.

You may not know what POPs are, but they are an intimate part of your life.

POPs stand for "persistent organic pollutants," chemicals that break down slowly, travel great distances on wind and water currents, and are linked to birth defects, reproductive abnormalities, immune disorders and cancer. Some of the better known POPs are PCBs, dioxins and pesticides.

Released in one region of the world, POPs are absorbed into the fatty tissue of fish, birds, mammals and humans and frequently appear half a world away from where they originate. Recent studies, for example, have discovered POPs in the breast milk of **women** who live in remote regions of the Arctic.

Environmental groups and activists who attended the U.N. Environment Program's summit are jubilant. Greenpeace calls the accord "the beginning of the end of toxic pollution"; the World Wildlife Fund lauds the treaty "as a solid foundation for the future."

"We didn't get everything we wanted," said Sharlye Patton of Commonweal, a Northern California environmental health organization. "But if implemented correctly, this treaty could be a milestone in public health protection."

The treaty, which will be signed in Stockholm in May, will regulate the production, import, export, disposal and use of POPs.

And there's the rub. First, the Bush administration must sign the treaty. Then, the U.S. Senate, which will be assaulted and lobbied by a variety of agricultural and manufacturing interests, must ratify it.

President Clinton should not leave office without offering a spirited defense of the agreement. President-elect George W. Bush can prove his critics wrong -- and create his own environmental legacy-by strongly supporting the accord.

The treaty hammered out in Johannesburg is a historic agreement to cleanse the world of the most toxic chemicals on the globe.

We must not squander this opportunity.

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Sacramento Bee

President-elect George W. Bush's choice of retired Gen. Colin Powell as secretary of state was both widely expected and reassuring to a country still divided over Bush's legitimacy and unsure about his grasp of foreign policy issues and his capacity to cope with them. Powell is more than a popular figure; his record, first as a national security adviser and later as head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff during the Persian Gulf War, is impressive, and his presence as a key member of the new U.S. national security team is welcome.

That said, Powell's star power also raises questions about how smoothly the new foreign policy team will work at a time when the list of potential foreign crises is long. Powell insists he will be a team player, implementing policy decisions that flow from the Oval Office; given his history, there's no reason to doubt that. It's also reassuring that Powell has worked closely before with Vice President-elect Dick Cheney, who was secretary of defense when Powell headed the joint chiefs, and with Condoleezza Rice, the Russian policy expert who is to become national security adviser.

Of greatest importance is how the new administration will cope with a foreign policy agenda that would be daunting for any new team. During the campaign, Bush raised concerns at home and abroad with his intention to build a national missile defense and over his apparent desire, expressed by Rice in a speech, to shrink the U.S. commitment to peacekeeping operations abroad, in particular the Balkans.

How either of these inclinations will be translated into policy is unclear.

The nominations of Powell and Rice clearly earn Bush some of the credit he needs with the American people, not least with black Americans, in the wake of a process that has left a bitter residue for many. Equally clearly, all Americans-including Democrats in Congress-owe the president-elect the benefit of the doubt as he prepares to lead. But in the foreign policy realm, as elsewhere, it is also incumbent on him to demonstrate that he deserves such support, both by those he chooses and the way he sets about defending this country's interests.

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Portland (Maine) Press Herald

Catholic and Protestant factions have drawn battle lines again over Northern Ireland, but this dispute offers reason for hope.

Government ministers belonging to Sinn Fein, the political party with ties to the <u>Irish Republican Army</u>, have been barred by Protestant leader David Trimble from conducting official business with the Republic of Ireland. Sinn Fein, in turn, has taken Trimble to court.

The battle centers on Trimble's continuing desire to see the IRA disarm. He is linking restrictions on Sinn Fein members in the provincial government to the paramilitary group's failure to lay down its weapons.

Trimble's action is a bit discouraging. Sinn Fein party members have earned their seats in government as part of the Good Friday peace agreement and ought to be free to pursue their interests.

What's hopeful, however, is that combatants in the struggle over Northern Ireland's fate find themselves in a court of law. To those locked in the struggle, the lawsuit may seem like yet another example of the two sides' inability to work together. From the outside, though, we see not failure, but achievement in the very fact that there is a court in which to air and settle differences.

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Chicago Tribune

It is hardly a surprise that president-elect George W. Bush has asked retired Gen. Colin Powell to be his nominee for secretary of state, but it is an exciting prospect nonetheless. Powell is one of the most widely respected people in America, and for good reason. Members of the Senate, no doubt, will fall all over themselves to confirm him.

The early line on the rest of the Bush team is promising as well. Bush has named his foreign policy aide, Condoleezza Rice, to be national security adviser, and Texas Supreme Court Justice Alberto Gonzales to be White House legal counsel. By choosing two African-Americans and a Hispanic for such senior posts, Bush has started making good on his pledge to be inclusive.

Given Bush's limited experience in foreign affairs, he needed someone with a steady hand and an intimate knowledge of the uses of power and diplomacy abroad. Powell fills that bill admirably. He is, to risk a cliche, an American hero. His return to government ought to boost military morale, which plunged during the Clinton years as forces were stretched too thinly on so many peacekeeping and other missions.

Powell's first public remarks addressed the world in broad strokes, with caution and humility. That reflects a realization that the post-Cold War era has changed the world since he was chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under Bush's father and President Clinton. Powell also answered critics who fear Bush will move America to a more isolationist worldview. Powell promised a "uniquely American internationalism."

Powell vowed to "re-energize" the faltering sanctions regime against Iraq. There's an obvious irony here: Powell and Vice President-elect Dick Cheney, who was defense secretary for President George Bush, were leaders of the team that successfully prosecuted the 1991 Persian Gulf War and decided not to forcibly dislodge Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein from power.

This reunion evokes a sense of unfinished business in Iraq. But given the collapse of the Gulf War coalition and weakening effectiveness of sanctions, Powell would do well to think anew. Instead of renewing a failed policy, consider something unexpected and dramatic, such as lifting the economic sanctions and keeping the arms embargo in place. It would be a humanitarian gesture from the new team in Washington.

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Los Angeles Times

More than a month after then-President Alberto Fujimori fled Peru, plunging the nation into constitutional chaos, the new leaders are still struggling to restore order. They have launched ambitious reform efforts but have been stymied by the bureaucratic inertia that has plagued the government since long before Fujimori became president 10 years ago.

Last week, interim President Valentin Paniagua's prime minister, Javier Perez de Cuellar, the highly respected former secretary-general of the United Nations, outlined to the Congress a government program to restore Peru to the path of democracy and establish a "new moral climate" in a country atrophied by corruption.

No one symbolizes the rot of Fujimori's reign more than former spymaster Vladimiro Montesinos, now a fugitive. His case underlines the continued failure of the government to shake itself free of inefficiency.

More than a month ago, Swiss authorities announced they had frozen some accounts linked to money-laundering by Montesinos. These accounts could hold as much as \$70 million, believed to be profits from arms dealing, drug

trafficking and influence peddling. Although the Peruvian government has assigned a special state attorney to investigate the case, the government bureaucracy neglected to provide the funds needed to keep the office working properly. It took a month to obtain a mere \$350 needed to translate the letters to the Swiss authorities seeking official information on the accounts.

Neglect like this would be laughable if the issues at hand were not so serious. If the new regime in Lima really wants to weed out the corrupt network created by Fujimori and Montesinos, it must give the special prosecutor's office the requisite resources. Until it does, Peruvians cannot be blamed for wondering whether there is substance to their new government's high-sounding rhetoric.

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Honolulu Star-Bulletin

The International Monetary Fund has withheld a \$400 million loan payment to Indonesia because it is dissatisfied with the slow pace of economic reform. The step is another blow to President Abdurrahman Wahid's 14-month-old floundering government.

The IMF has demanded that Indonesia sell state banks and pay off its debt. But the government has been slow to take decisive measures. The IMF move could damage the shaky economy and create more political trouble for the president, who has been under heavy criticism.

Indonesia was to get the money this month out of a \$5 billion IMF loan. The institution won't dispatch a new review team to Jakarta until early next year, meaning the aid wouldn't be disbursed until February at the earliest.

The move comes as Indonesia is at what the IMF says is a "crucial stage" in its economic program, with investors harboring doubts about the government.

The delay is the second in the three-year program Indonesia signed with the IMF last February. IMF loan programs have repeatedly been disrupted by political upheaval, allegations of corruption and ethnic violence.

Wahid must find ways to get his government moving faster on reform or risk abandonment by the international financial community.

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Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Call it "The Odd Couple in Havana." The dour, prim, inward-turned, judo-practicing Russian technocrat visits a relic from the 1960s: a man who -- if he wore beads instead of fatigues and spoke English instead of Spanish -- might be mistaken for a bearded hippie, full of revolutionary fervor and radical rhetoric.

This was, however, no remake of the Neil Simon play-turned-TV-series. This was a real-life performance, put on last week when Russian President Vladimir Putin visited Cuba's Fidel Castro.

What could he and Castro possibly talk about? In 1989, Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev visited Havana and tried to talk Castro into modernizing his country's economy and politics. But the die-hard Cuban Communist wanted no part of perestroika and glasnost, calling Gorbachev's restructuring and openness program "another man's mistress."

Castro has mellowed a little over the years, but many miles separate Havana from Moscow.

Putin went to Cuba partly because Russia has invested a lot there, and Putin doesn't want Europe, Canada and (eventually) the United States to move in and take over the buildings and other installations built with Soviet rubles. That's reasonable enough. Cuba won't -- because it can't -- be isolated forever; and Putin needs to look over the horizon, even if Castro can't -- or won't.

But Putin is smart enough to know that backwater countries such as North Korea or even Iran are not going to help Russia a lot in the 21st century. For that kind of assistance, Putin needs to do at least two things: 1) develop the rule of law in his own country; and 2) nurture a working relationship with the U.S., Europe, Japan and international lenders such as the World Bank. These are the countries and organizations that have the money and the savvy to help Russia develop its economy. In this respect, his visit to Canada this week was encouraging.

Good for Putin if he put in a few hours on the soft sand at Cuba's Varadero Beach and maybe stashed a Che Guevara T-shirt, a bottle of rum and a few cigars in his suitcase to take home. But if he took back with him any notion of using Cuba to boost Russia into the Information Age, Putin will make Russia's winter even longer.

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Reaction To Pinochet Decision Mixed

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP)

A British medical decision Tuesday declaring Gen. Augusto Pinochet too sick to stand trial drew praise from his supporters and criticism from opponents, who promised to continue efforts to try him for alleged human rights abuses. The 84-year-old former Chilean dictator has been in Britain since he was arrested on a Spanish warrant for alleged human rights violations committed during his 17-year rule in Chile. The governments of Chile and Spain both appeared unlikely to get involved in ruling, which could bring an end to the former Chilean dictator's 15-month battle to keep from being extradited to Spain.

Grand Canyon Land Gets Protection

GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK (AP)

Amid criticisms that he was just polishing his legacy, President Clinton extended national monument status Tuesday to colorful, pristine lands around the Grand Canyon and three other areas. "This is an act of humility for all of us," he said. Like every president since 1906 except three, Clinton used the Antiquities Act to protect the federally owned scenic areas from harm from activities such as mining or development. The largest area, the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument, covers a million acres filled with vegetation, minerals, and Paleozoic rock.

Bush Responds to Rivals With New Ad

WASHINGTON (AP)

Responding to his rivals on two campaign fronts, George W. Bush is preparing to air new ads defending his commitment to Social Security and accusing Steve Forbes of running a negative campaign. The ad involving Forbes is in response to a spot the conservative publisher is airing in Iowa and New Hampshire that accuses Bush of breaking a no-tax pledge during his term as Texas' governor. It is tentatively scheduled to air in Iowa this week, with the Bush campaign waiting to make sure Forbes' spot airs as widely as promised.

More Police Urged for Kosovo

UNITED NATIONS (AP)

Although violence is declining in Kosovo, the Serb province remains extremely dangerous for ethnic minorities and desperately needs more international police, a senior United Nations official said today. The official, speaking at a press briefing on condition of anonymity, said the level of violence has declined by "orders of magnitude" since a NATO-led peacekeeping operation entered Kosovo in June.

GOP Reaching Out to Hispanics

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)

In a major effort to reach out to Hispanics, the Republican National Committee plans to unveil a multimillion-dollar TV ad campaign to try to attract the votes of a group that largely sides with Democrats in national elections. GOP leaders from around the country today opened what they are calling "The New Republican Century" with a brainstorming session on Hispanic voters. During the meeting, RNC leaders and experts in Hispanic politics will meet to set strategy, both in public and behind closed doors.

\$1.6B Colombia Aid Package Proposed

WASHINGTON (AP)

Money alone will not fix the problems of drug violence and corruption in Colombia, but \$1.6 billion will go a long way toward bolstering democracy there, the Clinton administration said today. The White House proposed a package for the South American nation that President Clinton said will stem the production and export of illegal narcotics, while supporting economic development and improving human rights in Colombia. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright is flying to Colombia this weekend to explain the package.

Philip Morris Tests Slow Burn Paper

NEW YORK (AP)

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Sick Fla. Boy Can Keep Treehouse

TAMPA, Fla. (AP)

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MIAMI (AP)

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Russians Meet Resistance Near Grozny

VLADIKAVKAZ, Russia (AP)

Russian forces blockaded the Chechen city of Argun Saturday, but ran into fierce resistance from militants who control the eastern gateway to the capital, Grozny, Russian officials said. Also Saturday, the Defense Ministry denied refugees' reports that Russian troops had fired on a refugee convoy just outside Grozny on Friday. Survivors said the attack killed about 40 Chechen civilians. Russian forces entered Chechnya in September, following incursions by the militants into the republic of Dagestan.

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BETHLEHEM, West Bank (AP)

Yasser Arafat lit a Christmas tree Saturday to kick off the millennial year in Bethlehem, the town of Jesus' birth, capping a day of festivities that the Palestinians also used to press their political cause. Thousands of people _ mainly Palestinians but some foreign pilgrims as well filled Manger Square, site of the Church of the Nativity, which Christian tradition says marks the spot where Christ was born.

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GREENWOOD VILLAGE, Colo. (AP)

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AT&T May Sell Cable Internet Access

WASHINGTON (AP)

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Libya Welcomes West on Its Terms

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)

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Former Calif. Chief Justice Bird Dies

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)

Rose Bird, the first woman to serve on California's Supreme Court and whose opposition to the death penalty prompted voters to remove her as chief justice, has died. She was 63. Bird died yesterday from complications related to breast cancer at Stanford University Medical Center. While on the court, Bird led a liberal majority that strengthened environmental laws and consumer rights and broadened injured parties' right to sue.

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PHILADELPHIA (AP)

A veteran Philadelphia Daily News columnist was stabbed to death outside a convenience store by a man who demanded his money, authorities said today. Russell Byers, 59, and his wife had just bought a pint of ice cream at the store near his home in the city's Chestnut Hill section late yesterday when the suspect yelled "Give it up," referring to their wallets, police said. Byers was stabbed once in the chest after he pushed the robber away from his wife, police said. For 10 years at the Daily News, Byers had written passionately about government issues, particularly how the city spends taxpayer money.

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The head of the nation's largest labor federation welcomed the collapse of World Trade Organization talks in Seattle and the failure to agree on a new round of negotiations. "No deal is better than a bad deal," AFL-CIO chief John Sweeney said today. President Clinton "would be of the same opinion," responded Commerce Secretary William Daley, adding the administration never would have signed a deal that did not benefit the United States. "We think that what was done in Seattle as far as some progress on issues was positive," Daley said. "But I would agree with (Sweeney) a hundred percent that we were not going to do a bad deal."

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LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP)

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RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP)

Fending off criticism of corruption in his government, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat on Sunday gave a pistol to the poet Samih al-Qassem and told him to shoot him if he betrayed the Palestinian people. The wry pledge of loyalty stood in sharp contrast to Arafat's harsh crackdown on lawmakers and intellectuals who for the first time have named him in connection with charges of corruption, waste and fraud in the Palestinian Authority. Palestinian Authority officials have said the criticism threatens national unity at a time when Palestinians are seeking independence.

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De'Mond Parker ran for two-fourth quarter touchdowns today and defensive end Keith McKenzie returned a fumble on a botched punt 45 yards for another score as the Packers beat the Chicago Bears 35-19 for their third straight victory. Parker, a fifth-round pick, gained 113 yards on 19 carries, while Green Bay's Brett Favre was 17-of-24 for 155 yards.

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LAKE LOUISE, Alberta (AP)

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OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)

Overcoming a broken wrist and a strained thigh, Rich Gannon threw scoring passes of 14 and 5 yards to Tim Brown as the Oakland Raiders took a 17-point lead in the second quarter and held on for a 30-21 win today over the Seahawks. Seattle (8-4) was undermined by turnovers for the second straight week. Ricky Watters fumbled twice and Jon Kitna, who had five interceptions and a fumble in a 16-3 loss to Tampa Bay last week, was picked off twice by the Raiders (6-6). Adding to their woes, Seahawks cornerback Chris Canty was taken off the field on a cart late in the game with what appeared to be a serious injury.

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MAPUTO, Mozambique (AP)

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Tokyo Stocks Up Early

TOKYO (AP)

Japanese stocks jumped early Monday on buying of export-oriented issues after the dollar rose against the yen on disappointing news about Japan's economy. The benchmark 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average gained 257.90 points, or 1.40 percent, to 18,626.04 in the first 30 minutes of trading. On Friday, the average closed down 146.27 points, or 0.79 percent.

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TEMPE, Ariz. (AP)

Jake Plummer, ineffective nearly all afternoon in his return to the Arizona starting lineup, directed the Cardinals to two touchdowns in the final 4:31 as they rallied to beat Philadelphia 21-17 today for their fourth victory in a row. Frank Sanders' diving catch of Plummer's 38-yard pass just inches from the goal line set up Plummer's 1-yard sneak for the winning touchdown with 57 seconds to play. The officials reviewed the play to make sure Sanders was inbounds, and the catch was upheld. With the victory, Arizona (6-6) moved within a game of first place in the NFC East going into next week's game at Washington.

Chiefs Beat Broncos 16-10

DENVER (AP)

Tamarick Vanover returned a punt 80 yards for a touchdown with 4:53 left, lifting the Chiefs to a 16-10 victory today. The Chiefs (7-5), who drew within one game of AFC West-leading Seattle after the Seahawks bowed 30-21 to Oakland, won a game of field position that featured punters Daniel Pope and Tom Rouen.

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NASA sounded increasingly gloomy today about the chances of ever contacting the \$165 million Mars Polar Lander, after mission officials using a different antenna listened in vain for a signal for a third straight day. The lander was supposed to have signaled immediately after Friday afternoon's touchdown about 500 miles from the Martian south pole. Instead, several windows of opportunity came and went over the weekend with no sign of life from the unmanned craft. The ever-more ominous silence raised the prospect that the lander was destroyed or severely damaged during its descent to the planet's surface.

Iceland's Gene Pool Making Waves

NEW ORLEANS (AP)

Within weeks, an Icelandic company plans to begin collecting DNA samples from Iceland's 270,000 citizens and linking the genetic profiles with their health records and family trees. Although people's genetic profiles, health histories and family trees will be linked, their identities will be encrypted by clinics and hospitals before the information reaches the company, said Dr. Kari Stefansson, founder and CEO of Decode Genetics, the Reykyavik company which will develop the database. Iceland is an ideal site for using DNA to track genetic links to disease. Relatively few outsiders have moved in over the 1,000 years since Vikings settled the island and the nation has extensive health records and family trees, some dating back 500 years.

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Bradley Preaches Racial Unity

WATERLOO, Iowa (AP)

Bill Bradley touted his goals of creating an administration that would put racial progress at the forefront to about 80 members of Corinthian Baptist Church today. The former New Jersey senator said he would make diverse appointments at the federal level, support affirmative action and create an administration that would help eliminate

racial division. Bradley's speech was part of three-day campaign swing through lowa, where he plans to spread his message on health care and labor issues.

Consumers Picky About Y2K Stuff

PHILADELPHIA (AP)

Millennium merchandisers who hope to capitalize on the novelty of the calendar's turn are finding that consumers are choosy about their mementos. Splashing "2000" on a baseball cap or T-shirt doesn't guarantee a sale. The collectibles attracting the most attention are those with a bit more value that people wouldn't mind displaying in their homes for years to come, retailers say, such as commemorative champagne flutes.

Tokyo Stocks Up Early

TOKYO (AP)

Japanese stocks jumped early Monday on buying of export-oriented issues, with the Nikkei Stock Average gaining 257.90 points to 18,626.04. On Friday, the average closed down 146.27 points, or 0.79 percent.

Bucks Beat Mavericks 103-97

MILWAUKEE (AP)

Sam Cassell dominated the game with 16 points and a career-high 18 assists as the Milwaukee Bucks held off the scrappy Dallas Mavericks 103-97 today. Cassell, who had 23 points and 15 assists at Chicago yesterday, emphatically put his early season offensive troubles behind him with a marvelous weekend of play. Michael Finley was almost as impressive for the Mavericks. He had 29 points, including 12 during a last-minute rally that cut Milwaukee's 21-point fourth-quarter lead to 97-91 with 40 seconds to play.

No.16 Illinois Beats Seton Hall 72-61

WASHINGTON (AP)

Cory Bradford scored 19 points and Marcus Griffin had 16 as No. 16 Illinois rebounded from an intense loss to beat Seton Hall 72-61 today in the consolation game of the BB&T Classic. Following a 69-67 defeat by 24th-ranked Maryland the night before, the Fighting Illini (3-2) had a relatively workmanlike victory in a half-empty arena. Seton Hall (3-2) essentially kept itself out of the game by shooting 36 percent, not much better than the Pirates' 32 percent performance in a loss to George Washington on Saturday.

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CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP)

The Dalai Lama on Sunday called for two fellow Nobel laureates former South African President Nelson Mandela and Archbishop Desmond Tutu to mediate talks between Tibetan leaders and China to resolve a 40-year dispute. Later in the day, Mandela spoke to 3,000 religious leaders and experts at the conference. He said religion will play a "crucial role" in the next century to meet the challenges of poverty, conflict, abuse of <u>women</u> and children, AIDS and environmental destruction. The Dalai Lama is in South Africa to attend the Parliament of World Religions, which began Wednesday.

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Fear of Obsoletion Slows MP3 Sale

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)

This Christmas will be the first with a full range of MP3 digital audio players for sale, though the still-evolving music technology holds both promise and perils _ for consumers. The problem for would-be buyers is that the players made to date don't meet the specifications of the Secure Digital Music Initiative a technical standard set by a coalition of manufacturers and recording industry heads. This means most of the currently available high-tech toys won't be able to play the next generation of digital music that's SDMI-secure.

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NEW YORK (AP)

Bryant Stith blocked Latrell Sprewell's jumper with 6 seconds left and the Denver Nuggets, after trailing for almost the entire night, won their first road game of the season today 80-78 over the New York Knicks. Nick Van Exel scored 20 points, including 14 in the third quarter to almost singlehandedly keep his team in the game, and Antonio McDyess added 16 on a night when the Nuggets were without their leading scorer, Ron Mercer. Allan Houston of the Knicks missed a foul shot that would have tied the game with 12 seconds left. He then had a chance to win it but missed a 22-footer at the buzzer.

Flyers Beat Blues 3-2

PHILADELPHIA (AP)

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John LeClair scored two goals, including the game-winner with 4:35 left in the third period, as Philadelphia beat St. Louis 3-2 today to take over first place in the Eastern Conference. LeClair, who leads the Flyers with 14 goals, took a pass from Eric Lindros behind the net, skated around Chris Pronger, and stuffed the puck past the glove of St. Louis backup goaltender Jamie McLennan. Mark Recchi had a goal and an assist and Simon Gagne added two assists for the Flyers who stretched their overall unbeaten streak to six games (5-0-1) and their undefeated home streak to eight (7-0-1).

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Israel Establishes Lebanon Panel

JERUSALEM (AP)

Israel's security Cabinet handed three ministers the power on Wednesday to order rapid military responses to attacks on Israeli troops in Lebanon a sign that Israel plans to intensify counterattacks. The flexibility of a smaller committee would mean that attacks on power stations, bridges and other infrastructure targets in Lebanon could come within minutes of the death of an Israeli soldier, instead of hours or even days.

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Faith Groups OK'd in Federal Program

WASHINGTON (AP)

A literacy program for poor families would allow participating religious groups to make hiring decisions based on their beliefs under legislation approved today by a House panel. Changes made in the \$500 million Even Start program would guarantee that religious groups could help offer tutoring to preschoolers and literacy and job training for their parents. The groups also wouldn't have to cover up sacred images at program sites or hire staff that didn't adhere to their beliefs.

N. Korean Stamp Barred From U.S. Show

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)

An international stamp dealer who planned to sell rare postage stamps for the North Korean government at a collectors' show has been told by the U.S. government he can't conduct business for the Communist nation in this country. Under the Trading with the Enemy Act, selling the North Korean stamp in the United States is illegal, according to the Treasury Department. The stamp dealer, Mark Dianda of Oakland, Calif., said the American Philatelic Society gave him permission to sell the new stamps at its three-day show this coming weekend in Portland. "It's not like I'm trading nuclear secrets," he said.

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Toni Kukoc, the last key player from the Chicago Bulls' championship dynasty, was traded to the Philadelphia 76ers today in a three-team deal involving the Golden State Warriors. The Sixers sent Larry Hughes and Billy Owens to Golden State, which dealt the Bulls a No. 1 draft pick. Chicago, which has stockpiled three No. 1 picks for this year in the wake of their messy breakup, also got Bruce Bowen from the Sixers and John Starks from the Warriors.

Belfast Deadlock Persists

LONDON (AP)

The British and Irish governments failed Wednesday to bring together key parties in Northern Ireland's suspended Protestant-Catholic administration, leaving the province's peace process in a deepening crisis. Sinn Fein, which is linked to the *Irish Republican Army*, emphasized the IRA would make no disarmament commitments, as the governments demand, until Sinn Fein regained its two posts within the 12-member Cabinet. But Ulster Unionist chief David Trimble, the Protestant who agreed to form the administration in expectation that the IRA would disarm in response, said his supporters wouldn't stomach resumed power-sharing with Sinn Fein until the IRA made a firm commitment.

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)

Space shuttle Endeavour's astronauts are close to saving enough fuel to complete their 3-D mapping of the Earth, NASA said today. Because of a balky thruster on the end of a 197-foot radar antenna mast, Endeavour is using extra fuel to keep the mast pointed in the right direction. On Tuesday, NASA came up with innovative ways to conserve fuel, including changes in steering the shuttle and flushing away urine. One concern is whether Endeavour will have enough fuel to perform all of the necessary pre-landing maneuvers if bad weather on Earth keeps it in orbit an extra day or two. Landing is scheduled for Tuesday.

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COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP)

Juan Dixon scored 18 of his career-high 33 points in the opening 12 minutes as No. 22 Maryland took control early and cruised past Georgia Tech 92-70 tonight. Dixon went 12-for-17 from the field, including 4-for-5 beyond the arc, and was 5-for-5 at the free throw line. The sophomore guard also had a career-best seven assists before leaving to a standing ovation with 2:48 left.

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Mugabe Counts Cost of Poll Defeat

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP)

Leaders of President Robert Mugabe's party met in emergency session Wednesday to try to avert what they had previously considered unthinkable: a loss in upcoming parliamentary elections. Stung by the voters' rejection over the weekend of constitutional changes that would have strengthened Mugabe's hand, the ruling party's policy-making body tried to figure out what went wrong and how to prevent a repeat. Zimbabweans' support for Mugabe, who has ruled the former British colony of Rhodesia since it won independence in 1980, has plunged along with the country's economy. Inflation and unemployment are at record levels.

Tobacco Farmers Sue Cigarette Makers

WASHINGTON (AP)

Tobacco farmers sued cigarette makers today for \$69 billion, contending they conspired to undo the federal system that regulates tobacco prices. The class-action case argues that the companies, led by Philip Morris Inc., misled farmers into helping them stop congressional legislation in 1998 that would have given growers \$28 billion. The companies later reached a settlement with the states that will provide growers with much less \$5.15 billion over 12 years. Attorneys general of 14 tobacco-growing states are listed as coconspirators in the lawsuit along with a Philip Morris lobbyist because of their role in getting the settlement.

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)

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Internet Racism Concerns U.N.

GENEVA (AP)

The United States could do more to curb the use of the Internet for racist material while upholding freedom of speech, experts said Wednesday at a U.N. meeting. Speakers noted the legal challenges of controlling Internet content in, and originating from, the United States, where the First Amendment of the constitution guarantees freedom of speech. Although the U.S. government cannot ban racist speech outright, it could impose "reasonable restrictions," such as requiring a permit that would force publishers to identify the content of their sites, Swiss-based information technology law expert David Rosenthal argued.

Reinforcements Arrive in Kosovo

KOSOVSKA MITROVICA, Yugoslavia (AP)

U.N. police reinforcements began arriving in this ethnically divided town on Wednesday, following two weeks of violence that left nine people dead and dozens injured. A total of 300 officers are to be sent to Kosovska Mitrovica, top U.N. administrator Bernard Kouchner said. With the upsurge in violence, more reinforcements were needed, and not just in Kosovska Mitrovica, but throughout the province of Kosovo, U.N. Assistant Secretary-General Hedi Annabi told the Security Council on Wednesday at the United Nations. A rocket attack on a U.N. bus which killed two Serb civilians on Feb. 2 sparked the latest round of violence.

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Microsoft Tries To Prevent Breakup

REDMOND, Wash. (AP)

A lobbyist for Microsoft Corp. peppered lawmakers on Capitol Hill with e-mails, pushing for a settlement in the company's federal antitrust case and lambasting the U.S. Department of Justice for discussing the possibility of a company breakup. In the e-mails, sent Friday by Microsoft lobbyist Kerry Knott, the company said it was willing to accept a "common sense" settlement, but accused the Justice Department of fronting for the company's competitors.

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Oct. 13

The Paducah (Ky.) Sun, on the bipartisan mood and congressional leaders:

The mood of bipartisan good feeling in Washington may change soon if congressional leaders can't show some restraint in putting together an economic stimulus package. ...

The nation's democratic institutions and traditions are strong enough to withstand the assaults of those who hate freedom.

Still, there's a danger that members of Congress will try to use the events of Sept. 11 to advance pet ideas and programs that could not withstand scrutiny under ordinary circumstances.

A bad proposal is still a bad proposal; bipartisan goodwill cannot erase the consequences of flawed programs. ...

The president and Democratic and Republican leaders in Congress agree that some combination of tax cuts and new spending is needed to keep the economy from falling into a prolonged recession. Already the president has listened to the appeals of Democrats and substantially increased spending packages to aid New York City and the struggling airline industry.

These measures were defensible, but the president should adamantly resist, even to the point of using his veto authority, the developing drive by Senate Democrats for massive additional spending.

Bush has offered a stimulus plan that appropriately emphasizes short-term tax relief, in the form of rebates for lower-income taxpayers, and other tax cuts that would give the economy a needed boost.

House Republicans have come up with proposals aimed at spurring job-creating business investment. In terms of tax policy, it makes sense to balance business investment incentives with consumer confidence measures.

But it does not make sense to launch a major program of so-called infrastructure spending. ...

Oct. 17

The Herald, Rock Hill, S.C., on Mayor Giuliani returning a Saudi Prince's donation check:

Rep. Cynthia McKinney, D-Ga., has written a letter to Saudi Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal apologizing for New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's refusal to accept the prince's \$10 million check for victims of the Sept. 11 attacks. We think she should have let the matter lie and put the letter in a drawer.

Giuliani gave the prince his check back after he learned Alwaleed had suggested U.S. policies toward the Middle East were partly to blame for the attacks. ...

Giuliani, we think, made the right call. Under the circumstances, even \$10 million doesn't buy Alwaleed the right to suggest, even mildly, that the United States brought this attack on itself. If nothing else, it was poor timing.

Rep. McKinney wrote the prince that she thought Giuliani should have "recognized your right to speak and make observations about a part of the world which you know so well." But that wasn't really the issue. Alwaleed has a perfect right to speak his mind - unlike the citizens of Saudi Arabia who are subjugated by his family.

But he chose the wrong forum to make such politically charged remarks. Giuliani's return of the prince's check sent an appropriate message: "Take a hike, and don't come back until you learn some manners."

Oct. 19

St. Paul (Minn.) Pioneer Press, on anti-abortion terrorists:

Taking on terror at home should start with anti-abortion criminals. ...

Violence and threats of violence against Americans engaged in the delivery of health care to <u>women</u>, including abortions as allowed under law, have been tolerated for years. ...

Among the thousands of recipients of anthrax threats were at least 170 clinics that provide reproductive health care for <u>women</u>, including abortions. This was not a random incident by a new manifestation of kook. The mass mailings of letters containing threats and white powder were professionally addressed and many were in envelopes bearing return addresses of the U.S. Marshal's Service and the Secret Service. The senders were obviously old hands, taking advantage of the moment to reinforce their terrorism. ...

For decades, <u>women</u>'s health care providers have experienced as a fact of life what other segments of society are experiencing with horror. The National Abortion Rights Action League, an advocacy organization with a self-evident mission, is among groups that track violence perpetrated by religiously motivated militant anti-abortion criminals. Since 1993, NARAL says, three doctors, two clinic employees, an escort worker and a security guard have been killed. There have been 16 attempted murders. ...

Many of the criminals have been prosecuted. But certainly more would have been and this whole cult of violence would have been contained much more effectively if the whole anti-abortion community had taken ownership of the violence at its fringes and helped bring the law down on the criminals. And certainly, had law enforcement had as much political will behind it before as it does now to investigate and prosecute those who make terroristic threats, the long, sustained crime wave against <u>women</u>'s clinics would have been less severe. ...

Oct. 23

San Jose (Calif.) Mercury News, on the failure of security agencies to predict Sept. 11 attacks:

Congress is dithering over whether and how to investigate the failure of U.S. intelligence to predict and prevent the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

How to conduct an inquiry is worthy of debate. But whether to do it - why is this even a question?

There were hints of what was coming before Sept. 11. We know, for example, that one of those teach-me-to-steer-but-not-to-land aviators was behind bars on immigration charges last summer. How different things would be today if somebody had picked up on his bizarre story and checked flight schools for others like him.

What else was overlooked, and by whom?

Congress has passed new laws giving the government far more investigative power and reducing individuals' civil liberties. What assurance do we have that government agencies given these new powers will use them appropriately? Before Sept. 11, neither the FBI nor the CIA was considered an exemplary agency. They were known not to share information sufficiently. The FBI was particularly discredited, fresh from the Wen Ho Lee debacle and the failure to detect master spy Robert Hanssen in its midst. ...

Sept. 11 changed so much - but it did not magically empower dysfunctional organizations to suddenly become brilliant. Americans need to understand what failed before they can be confident that new tactics will work.

Oct. 23

Times Union, Albany, N.Y., on proposals for additional legal gambling in the state:

The calls at the state Capitol are tiresomely familiar, only more urgently so. Gambling. Casinos. Powerball. Quick Draw. A way out.

The Legislature is in session again this week, and the sharp decline in state revenues has its leaders, along with the governor, ever more eager to strike a deal that greatly expands legal gambling opportunities in New York.

"We need the revenues," says Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, R-Rensselaer. "We desperately need the revenues."

Intentional or not, Mr. Bruno's choice of words is very telling. And it's consistent with the shortsighted thinking that's so often behind the push for more gambling. A state where the post-Sept. 11 prognosis is that revenues are likely to be down by about \$9 billion over the next 18 months is said to need to allow more casinos, join the multistate lottery game known as Powerball, and let many of its racetracks install video lottery terminals that work the way slot machines do. ...

Mr. Bruno estimates that a gambling deal could mean, within a few years, about \$1 billion annually in revenue otherwise unavailable to New York. Such estimates are inevitably open to question, of course. But what really needs to be asked of Mr. Bruno and other gambling advocates is at what cost that \$1 billion might come. ...

Gambling in flush times might drain disposable income. But in harder times, it's more likely to drain essential income. With unemployment rising, the market for casinos and Powerball is most likely going to include more people without jobs. Among the casino sites under consideration are Buffalo and Niagara Falls - just as the job market in that region is said to be worse than it's been in decades.

No doubt a massive gambling bill is quite tempting to a legislature and a governor so loath to make tough choices that New York still is without an adequate budget almost seven months after one was due. The challenge during the next day or so is to convince them that what they think is a sure bet isn't at all a safe bet.

Oct. 17

The Times-Picayune, New Orleans, on South Africa's need to tell the truth about AIDS:

Concealing the prevalence of AIDS in South Africa will not make the disease any less deadly.

Nevertheless, that nation's government is delaying the release of a report on the prevalence of AIDS within its borders. A new report by the autonomous but government-funded Medical Research Council predicts that, without major changes in public policy and personal behavior among South Africans, the disease could kill up to 7 million people there by 2010 and reduce the average life expectancy from 54 to 41.

When South African officials got wind of those findings, they sought a delay in the report's release until December, when a government statistical agency is expected to finish a rosier evaluation of the problem. Fortunately, Medical Research Council scientists leaked key parts of the report to the media.

In the past, government officials have questioned whether HIV really causes AIDS. Even after winning a legal battle over access to life-saving drugs, the government has shown little interest in distributing them to infected citizens.

And now this. As the world's attention has turned to terrorism, governments that endanger the health of their own people won't necessarily get the international condemnation they deserve. But regardless of the other dangers that exist in the world, AIDS is a grave threat to South Africa's future. The government must mot pretend otherwise.

Oct. 23

The Clarion-Ledger, Jackson, Miss., on the Afghan dilemma:

News of intensified U.S. bombing north of the Afghanistan capital of Kabul poses the question: What if Kabul falls to the Northern Alliance's anti-Taliban forces?

Since the U.S. attacks began Oct. 7, neither the alliance nor America has acknowledged any pact.

The alliance doesn't claim U.S. allegiance because it doesn't want to be seen as being propped up by an outside force; America hasn't because in some respects the alliance is as questionable as the Taliban (including allegations of civil rights violations, terrorism and drug sales).

Both the alliance (composed of independent war lords with no governing authority) and America, though, find themselves together on one issue: both target the Taliban.

Some have wondered if the alliance takes Kabul if there would be any difference for the people of Afghanistan.

Here is where the United Nations could play a key role. ...

If the alliance takes Kabul, there could be an opportunity for the United Nations to step in with a peace-keeping force to usher in a more representative, stable government.

Although President Bush has rejected "nation building," as he calls it, last week the State Department's Richard Haass met in Rome with Mohammad Zahir Shah, 86, the king deposed in 1974, reportedly to discuss returning.

The war in Afghanistan is a long way from being resolved, particularly the focus of the campaign: eradicating those responsible for the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

But it is possible that in addition to removing terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden, a better situation for the people of Afghanistan will result.

Oct. 22

News-Press, Fort Myers, Fla., on DNA testing for convicts:

The Florida Supreme Court has missed an opportunity to improve justice in the state by expanding the use of DNA testing. Now, it's up to the state legislators to get the job done, but they probably won't do it unless they hear from concerned citizens.

The court has ruled 4-3 that only those convicted at a trial can ask for DNA testing to clear their names, not those who have pleaded guilty or no contest to charges against them.

The Florida Bar's board of governors had unanimously endorsed expanded DNA testing, realizing that sometimes people who plead guilty or no contest do so because they realize ... that a conviction is likely anyway. ...

People don't always plead guilty because they are guilty.

The state argued against expanded testing, saying it would violate the separation of powers if the court ordered testing the Legislature has refused to approve.

The justices didn't rule on whether they have constitutional authority to expand testing beyond what lawmakers have authorized. ...

The credibility of criminal justice is harmed by this decision. ...

But the court has ducked the responsibility, which means it will come up again in the Legislature, probably next year.

We realize that money is extremely tight in state government. ...

... But the state cannot in good conscience continue to imprison people whose innocence might be proven by this test. ...

Oct.21

Jornal do Brasil, on assassination of Rehavan Zeevi:

The assassination of the Israeli Tourism minister Rehavan Zeevi brings back the terrorist tactics spanning across the whole Middle East's recent history. Every time a possible understanding between Israeli and Palestinians looms in the horizon, terrorists move into action to postpone peace. The profession of terrorists is to conduct terrorist acts without which groups such as Al Fatah or Islamic Jihad would lose their reason to exist. A formula repeats itself: Israel negotiates only when the Palestine Authority controls terrorists, and terrorists strike every time they feel cornered by the peace process.

Many Israelis understand that the creation of a Palestine state is inevitable and that Israel will have to withdraw from almost all the territory conquered in the 1967 war. But under the current violence, the Israeli public opinion is traumatized by insecurity. Equally, the Palestine public opinion is traumatized by the the casualties resulting from the Intifada. ...

The Middle East continues being a region where everything can happen, including a war that could trigger a Third World War.

Oct. 22

The Star, Johannesburg, South Africa, on censorship:

The attacks in the U.S. (have) showed us that the democracies of the West, which we often seek to emulate, may not be the safe havens of media freedom we assume.

Nothing exposed this as much as the reaction to an Arab satellite channel broadcasting from the tiny Gulf emirate of Qatar.

As the only channel with a bureau in Kabul, Al-Jazeera has been broadcasting tapes of the U.S. bombardments, and televised statement by Osama bin Laden. U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell urged the Emir of Qatar to instruct the station to tone down its coverage of Afghanistan. And Tony Blair told British broadcasters to stop running unedited "propaganda" from bin Laden.

Already the only news on the U.S. war on Afghanistan available to the greater part of the world comes via the Pentagon. We have to take their word that the pictures they spoon-feed us are indeed of bin Laden training camps. It's not for us to question anything. To do so is to be labeled anti-American.

While we support a war on terrorism, media restrictions smack of a cover-up. That's why Al-Jazeera's contribution is so necessary.

Oct. 23

Egyptian Gazette, Cairo, on Bush-Sharon:

Osama bin Laden is not the only one giving U.S. President George W. Bush a hard ride. Israeli Premier Ariel Sharon has thrown down the gauntlet to the embattled Bush. In the aftermath of Sept. 11 attacks, Bush has been keen to rally world support to his avowed campaign against terrorism.

But Sharon is unwilling to toe the line. In past weeks, Palestinians have been the target of a brutal Israeli clampdown which leaves no room for Bush to feel optimistic.

When the Sept. 11 attacks took place, Sharon deemed them a windfall. With the whole world, including the U.S., preoccupied with the aftermath, he would have a full rein in bringing defiant Palestinians to their knees. His calculations soon proved mistaken.

Washington said it was interested in seeing Palestinians and Israelis back at the negotiating table. Sharon's disappointment deepened when Bush declared his backing for the creation of a Palestinian state.

A rash and ruthless politician, Sharon is unhesitatingly spoiling Bush's relentless bids to focus the world attention, efforts and resources on his "sweeping and prolonged" war against terrorism.

Oct. 24

El Mundo, Madrid, Spain, on the IRA's disarmament:

With the IRA's decision to give up its weapons, the European Union is left with only one terrorist organization, which has always considered itself the *Irish Republican Army*'s blood brother: ETA, (Spain's outlawed Basque separatist group). We have always rejected comparisons between the conflict - which Northern Ireland's Catholic population has with the Protestant community and the British government - and the so-called Basque problem.

It has been the terrorist gang (ETA), its political branch (the Batasuna political party) and the PNV (the Basque region's ruling Basque Nationalist Party) which have compared the two situations. Following their logic and keeping in mind that the Basque region possesses more autonomy than Ulster, ETA should follow the IRA's example and Batasuna that of Sinn Fein.

However, but one can't be too optimistic because in the radical Basque sector developments have always been the reverse of those in Ireland - the hard-liners, advocates of a shot in the back of the neck, have always overruled those who, albeit timidly, have inclined toward a political solution.

Oct. 24

La Repubblica, Rome, on Kabul becoming an 'open city':

One solution gaining popularity in diplomatic circles is that of declaring Kabul a neutral zone to be occupied by United Nations troops. This solution could be approved by both Pakistan and the Northern Alliance. However, the top UN envoy for Afghanistan, Lakdhar Brahimi, one of the few mediators trusted by both the West and the Islamic world, doesn't fully agree with the proposal. Afghans, he maintains, would be reluctant to accept any foreign military presence on their soil.

Brahimi has also made several appeals to UN Secretary general Kofi Annan to pressure the United States to stop the bombing campaign so that aid can be brought to the civilian population.

It seems that Washington is unlikely to back down, and will continue the attacks into the winter, including over the Islamic holy month of Ramadan, arguing that the Taliban should not be given time to reorganize. Yet as the conflict continues the messages coming from the Arab world are sounding less reassuring for the Americans.

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Today is Monday, Aug. 25, the 237th day of 2003 with 128 to follow.

The moon is waning.

The morning stars are Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. The evening stars are Mercury, Venus, Uranus, Pluto, and Neptune.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Leo. They include Czar Ivan IV ("Ivan the Terrible") of Russia, in 1530; Allan Pinkerton, founder of the private detective agency, in 1819; author Bret Harte in 1836; dancer/actress Ruby Keeler in 1910; "Pogo" cartoonist Walt Kelly in 1913; bandleader/singer Bob Crosby also in 1913; actors Van Johnson in 1916 (age 87) and Mel Ferrer in 1917 (age 86); composer/conductor Leonard Bernstein in 1918; singer Ella Fitzgerald also in 1918; former Alabama Gov. George Wallace in 1919; Monty Hall, host of "Let's Make A Deal," in 1923 (age 80); actor Sean Connery in 1930 (age 73); talk-show host Regis Philbin in 1934 (age 69); actress Anne Archer in 1947 (age 56); actor John Savage and rock singer Gene Simmons of KISS, both in 1949 (age 54); singer/songwriter Elvis Costello in 1954 (age 49); country singer Billy Ray Cyrus ("Achy Breaky Heart") and actress Ally Walker, both in 1961 (age 42); actors Blair Underwood and Joanne Whalley, both in 1964 (age 39); and supermodel Claudia Schiffer in 1971 (age 32).

On this date in history:

In 1718, the city of New Orleans was founded.

On this date in 1875, Matthew Webb, a 27-year-old British merchant navy captain, became the first known person to successfully swim the English Channel.

In 1920, on this date, the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing <u>women</u> the right to vote, was formally adopted into the U.S. Constitution.

In 1944, American troops liberated Paris from the Nazis in World War II.

In 1967, a sniper assassinated American Nazi leader George Lincoln Rockwell in Arlington, Va.

In 1985, Samantha Smith, 13, was killed with her father and six other people in a plane crash in Maine. Her 1983 letter to Soviet President Yuri Andropov about her fear of nuclear war earned her a visit to the Soviet Union.

In 1990, the U.N. Security Council voted 13-0 to authorize use of "minimal" force against ships breaking the economic embargo of Iraq.

In 1991, the Soviet republic of Byelorussia declared independence.

In 1992, researchers reported that cigarette smoking significantly boosts the risk of developing cataracts, a leading cause of blindness.

Also in 1992, right-wing extremists, egged on by Berlin residents, set fire to a hostel for Vietnamese asylum seekers during a third night of violence against foreigners.

In 1993, Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman was indicted by a federal grand jury in New York in connection with a number of terrorist activities, including the bombing of the World Trade Center.

Also in 1993, on Wall Street, the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at an all-time high of 3652.09.

In 1994, the Senate followed the House's lead and passed President Clinton's crime bill.

In 1995, Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., reversed his position and called for public hearings in the sexual harassment allegations against him.

In 1999, after previously denying it used any such incendiary devices, the FBI admitted it fired pyrotechnic tear-gas canisters at the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, on the day in 1993 that the standoff came to a fiery end. But it said the canisters bounced harmlessly off the compound's outer walls.

A thought for the day: John Berryman said, "Something has been said for sobriety but very little."

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 26, the 238th day of 2003 with 127 to follow.

The moon is waning.

The morning stars are Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. The evening stars are Mercury, Venus, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Leo. They include British statesman Sir Robert Walpole in 1676; French scientist Antoine Lavoisier, the founder of modern chemistry, in 1743; presidential assassin John Wilkes Booth in 1838; Lee deForest, known as the father of radio, in 1873; "Charlie Chan" detective series author Earl Biggers in 1884; poet/novelist Christopher Isherwood in 1904; bacteriologist Albert Sabin, discoverer of an oral vaccine for polio, in 1906; Geraldine Ferraro, the first woman vice presidential candidate, in 1935 (age 68); jazz musician Branford Marsalis in 1960 (age 43); and actor Macaulay Culkin ("Home Alone") in 1980 (age 23).

On this date in history:

In 1883, the Dutch East Indies volcano Krakatoa began an explosive eruption that destroyed two-thirds of the island and killed 36,000 people. The blast was heard thousands of miles away.

In 1920, American women won the right to vote as the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution took effect.

In 1964, President Johnson and Senator Hubert Humphrey were selected to head the Democratic ticket. They won in November.

In 1974, Charles Lindbergh died on this date at the age of 72;

In 1978, Cardinal Albino Luciani was elected the 263rd pope and chose the name John Paul I. He died 33 days later, on Sept. 28.

In 1992, Hurricane Andrew's deadly winds roared ashore in Louisiana bayou country.

Also in 1992, a judge in Washington declared a mistrial in the case against Clair George, the highest-ranking CIA official to be tried in the Iran-Contra scandal.

And in 1992, President Bush announced a ban on Iraqi military flights over southern Iraq to protect the Shiite Muslims. He said any planes that violate the order would be shot down by U.S.-led coalition forces.

In 1996, a court in South Korea sentenced former president Chun Doo Hwan to death for the coup that put him in power. His successor, Roh Tae Woo, was sentenced to prison for taking bribes.

In 1998, William Ritter resigned as a U.S. weapons inspector to Iraq. He said the failure to be more aggressive in the inspections constituted a surrender to the Iraqi leadership.

Also in 1998, Attorney General Janet Reno asked for a 90-day preliminary investigation into alleged campaign fundraising phone calls Vice President Gore made from the White House. Such calls would violate a 1883 law.

In 2001, Japan's Tokyo Kitusuna defeated Apopka, Fla., 2-1, for the Little League World Series championship. The Bronx team from New York finished third but had to forfeit when it was discovered its pitcher was too old.

In 2002, Iraq will have nuclear weapons "fairly soon," Vice President Dick Cheney said in a speech favoring U.S. military action.

A thought for the day: Sir Alan Patrick Herbert wrote, "The critical period in matrimony is breakfast-time."

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 27, the 239th day of 2003 with 126 to follow.

The moon is new.

The morning stars are Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. The evening stars are Mercury, Venus, Uranus, Pluto, and Neptune.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Leo. They include German philosopher Georg Hegel in 1770; novelist Theodore Dreiser in 1871; English automaker Charles Rolls in 1877; novelist C.S. Forester in 1899; Lyndon Baines Johnson, 36th president of the United States, in 1908; Nobel Peace Prize winner Mother Teresa in 1910; singer/actress Martha Raye in 1916; singer/actor Tommy Sands in 1937 (age 66); actress Tuesday Weld in 1943 (age 60); actor Paul Rubens (aka Pee-Wee Herman) in 1952 (age 51); and actress Sarah Chalke in 1976 (age 27).

On this date in history:

In 1859, the first successful oil well in the United States was drilled near Titusville, Pa.

In 1883, the most powerful volcanic eruption in recorded history occurred on Krakatau, a small, uninhabited island located west of Sumatra in Indonesia.

In 1928, the Kellogg-Briand Pact, outlawing war as a means to settle international disputes, was signed by 15 nations in Paris. World War II began scarcely 11 years later.

In 1939, Adolf Hitler served notice on England and France that Germany wanted Danzig and the Polish Corridor.

In 1977, IRA terrorists killed Lord Louis Mountbatten, a cousin of the queen, by blowing up his boat. It was the IRA's first attack on the royal family.

In 1985, Defense Secretary Weinberger canceled the Army's \$1.8 billion "Sergeant York" weapon system, declaring it ineffective.

In 1991, the Soviet republic of Moldavia declared its independence. And the European Community recognized Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania as independent nations.

In 1992, Serbian leaders at the Yugoslav peace conference pledged to close the prisoner-of-war camps, end "ethnic cleansing," and work toward peace.

Also in 1992, Canada's Supreme Court struck down as unconstitutional a law that would have prevented a man from claiming the Nazi Holocaust was a hoax.

In 1996, Israel approved new development in the West Bank.

In 1999, two Russian cosmonauts and a French astronaut left Mir to return to Earth, leaving the orbiting Russian space station unmanned for the first time in 13 years.

A thought for the day: in her novel "Molly Bawn," Margaret Wolfe Hungerford wrote, "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder."

Today is Thursday, Aug. 28, the 240th day of 2003 with 125 to follow.

The moon is waxing.

The morning stars are Jupiter and Saturn. The evening stars are Mercury, Mars, Venus, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Leo.

They include German poet, novelist and dramatist Johann von Goethe in 1749; Elizabeth Ann Seton, first U.S.-born saint of the Roman Catholic Church, in 1774; actor Charles Boyer in 1899; psychologist Bruno Bettelheim in 1903; actor/dancer Donald O'Connor in 1925 (age 78); actor Ben Gazzara in 1930 (age 73); actor "Pat" Morita in 1932 (age 71); former Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen in 1940 (age 63); singer/actor David Soul in 1943 (age 60); actor Daniel Stern in 1957 (age 46); ice skater Scott Hamilton in 1958 (age 45); actors Emma Samms in 1960 (age 43) and Jason Priestley in 1969 (age 34); and country singers Shania Twain in 1965 (age 38) and LeAnn Rimes in 1982 (age 21).

On this date in history:

In 1922, a New York City realty company paid \$100 for the first radio commercial, on station WEAF.

While visiting family in Money, Miss., 14-year-old Emmett Till, an African American from Chicago, was slain on this date in 1955 for flirting with a white woman four days earlier. His alleged killers later were acquitted.

In 1963, Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his famous "I have a dream" speech from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial before more than 200,000 persons gathered for the "Freedom March" in Washington.

In 1968, the Democratic Party nominated Hubert Humphrey for president as thousands of anti-Vietnam war demonstrators battled police in the streets and parks of Chicago.

In 1986, Soviet spy Jerry Whitworth was sentenced in San Francisco to 365 years in prison and fined \$410,000.

In 1988, more than 50 people were killed in the Philippines in an unsuccessful coup attempt against President Corazon Aquino.

In 1990, at least 27 people were killed and more than 350 injured when a tornado struck Will County, Ill., southwest of Chicago.

Also in 1990, a fourth and fifth college student victims of an apparent serial killer were found near the University of Florida at Gainesville.

In 1992, federal relief got under way for the South Florida victims of Hurricane Andrew with the arrival giant C-5A military transport at devastated Homestead Air Force Base.

Also in 1992, veteran Rep. Nicholas Mavroules, D-Mass., pleaded innocent to federal charges of racketeering, tax evasion and accepting bribes.

In 1994, a supporter of exiled Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide was shot to death in Port-au-Prince.

In 1996, President Clinton was renominated as the Democratic Party's presidential candidate.

Also in 1996, after four years of separation, Charles, Prince of Wales and heir to the British throne, and his wife, Princess Diana, were formally divorced.

In 1997, Proposition 209, California's controversial anti-affirmative action measure approved by the state's voters a year earlier, officially took effect.

In 2002, four men, three of them working at the airport, were indicted in Detroit as suspected terrorists. Another man, suspected of trying to set up a terrorist training camp in Oregon, was indicted in Seattle, Wash.

Also in 2002, two executives of the embattled WorldCom were indicted on charges they conspired to billions of dollars in losses at the company.

A thought for the day: author Salman Rushdie said, "Literature is the one place in any society where, within the secrecy of our own heads, we can hear voices talking about everything in every possible way."

Today is Friday, Aug. 29, the 241st day of 2003 with 124 to follow.

The moon is waxing.

The morning stars are Jupiter and Saturn. The evening stars are Mercury, Mars, Venus, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Leo.

They include English philosopher John Locke in 1632; author and poet Oliver Wendell Holmes in 1809; Henry Bergh, founder of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, in 1811; automotive inventor Charles Kettering in 1876; trombonist/bandleader Jack Teagarden in 1905; actor Barry Sullivan in 1912; actress Ingrid Bergman in 1915; jazz saxophonist Charlie "Bird" Parker in 1920; British filmmaker Sir Richard Attenborough in 1923 (age 80); jazz and pop singer Dinah Washington in 1924; Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., in 1936 (age 67); actor Elliott Gould in 1938 (age 65); filmmaker William Friedkin in 1939 (age 64); TV personality Robin Leach ("Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous") in 1941 (age 62); pop singer Michael Jackson in 1958 (age 45); and actress Rebecca De Mornay in 1962 (age 41).

On this date in history:

In 1533, Atahualpa, last of the Inca rulers, was strangled under orders of Spanish conqueror Francisco Pizarro. The Inca Empire died with him.

In 1949, the Soviet Union exploded its first atomic bomb at a remote test site at Semipalatinsk in Kazakhstan.

In 1965, astronauts Gordon Cooper and Charles Conrad landed safely to end the eight-day orbital flight of Gemini-5.

In 1973, Judge John Sirica ordered President Nixon to turn over secret Watergate tapes. Nixon refused and appealed the order.

In 1991, in Kiev, the republics of Russia and Ukraine signed an agreement to remain in the Soviet Union and negotiate a loose federation.

In 1992, an FBI report said the number of violent crimes increased 5 percent in 1991; people under 25 accounted for nearly half of those arrested.

In 1994, Israel and the PLO signed a new agreement to shift West Bank administrative functions to the Palestinian National Authority.

In 1995, Eduard Shevardnadze, the head of state in the former Soviet republic of Georgia, was slightly injured when a bomb exploded near his motorcade in Tbilisi, the capital.

In 1996, Clinton political adviser Dick Morris resigned after the tabloids reported he had been seeing a prostitute and letting her listen in on phone conversations with the president.

A thought for the day: author Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote, "A moment's insight is sometimes worth a life experience."

Today is Saturday, Aug. 30, the 242nd day of 2003 with 123 to follow.

The moon is waxing.

The morning stars are Jupiter and Saturn. The evening stars are Mercury, Mars, Venus, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Virgo.

They include author Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley ("Frankenstein") in 1797; Louisiana Gov. Huey Long in 1893; actor Raymond Massey in 1896; journalist/author John Gunther and civil rights leader Roy Wilkins, both in 1901; actor Fred MacMurray in 1908; actresses Shirley Booth in 1907 and Joan Blondell in 1909; baseball legend Ted Williams in 1918; country music singer Kitty Wells in 1919 (age 84); singer John Phillips of the Mamas and the Papas in 1935; actress Elizabeth Ashley in 1941 (age 62); French Olympic champion skier Jean-Claude Killy in 1943 (age 60); and actors Timothy Bottoms in 1951 (age 52), Michael Chiklis in 1963 (age 40), Michael Michael in 1966 (age 37) and Cameron Diaz in 1972 (age 31).

On this date in history:

On this date in 30 BC, Cleopatra, queen of Egypt and lover of Julius Caesar and Mark Antony, committed suicide following the defeat of her forces by Octavian, the future first emperor of Rome.

In 1780, Gen. Benedict Arnold betrayed the United States when he promised secretly to surrender the fort at West Point to the British army. He later fled to England and died in poverty.

In 1862, the Union Army commanded by Maj. Gen. John Pope was defeated by Confederate troops in the second Battle of Bull Run.

In 1941, German forces began the 900-day siege of Leningrad. When it ended, the Russian city lay in ruins and hundreds of thousands of people had died.

In 1983, Guion Bluford became the first black astronaut in space.

In 1992, at least 15 people were killed and 31 wounded when an artillery shell exploded in a crowded Sarajevo market.

In 1994, the Lockheed and Martin Marietta corporations agreed to a merger that would create the largest U.S. defense contractor.

In 1997, the Houston Comets defeated the New York Liberty, 65-51, to become the fledgling *Women*'s National Basketball Association's first champions.

In 2002, major league owners and players reached an agreement, averting a strike.

A thought for the day: it was Francis Bacon who said, "Revenge is a kind of wild justice, which the more man's nature runs to, the more ought law to weed it out."

Today is Sunday, Aug. 31, the 243rd day of 2003 with 122 to follow.

The moon is waxing, moving toward its first quarter.

The morning stars are Jupiter and Saturn. The evening stars are Mercury, Mars. Venus, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Leo.

They include Italian educator Maria Montessori in 1870; actor Fredric March in 1897; entertainer Arthur Godfrey in 1903; writer William Saroyan in 1908; astronomer Sir Alfred Lovell in 1913; journalist Daniel Schorr in 1916 (age 87); lyricist Alan Jay Lerner in 1918; comedian Buddy Hackett in 1924; actor James Coburn in 1928; baseball player/manager Frank Robinson, first black to manage a major league team, and black militant Eldridge Cleaver, both in 1935 (age 68); violinist Itzhak Perlman and rock singer Van Morrison, both in 1945 (age 58); actor Richard Gere in 1949 (age 53); Olympian track athlete Edwin Moses in 1955 (age 48); and singer/actress Debbie Gibson in 1970 (age 33).

On this date in history:

In 1897, Thomas Edison was awarded a patent for his movie camera, the Kinetograph.

In 1888, prostitute Mary Ann Nichols became the first victim of the notorious London serial killer known as "Jack the Ripper."

In 1903, a Packard automobile completed a 52-day journey from San Francisco to New York, becoming the first car to cross the nation under its own power.

In 1986, an Aeromexico DC-9 collided with a single-engine plane over Cerritos, Calif., killing 82 people, including 15 on the ground.

In 1991, the Soviet republics of Uzbekistan and Kirghizia declared independence, leaving only five republics with membership in the Soviet Union.

Also in 1991, Serbia accepted a European Community proposal that included international observers to oversee a cease-fire in Croatia.

In 1992, white separatist Randy Weaver surrendered, ending an 11-day siege of his Idaho mountain cabin that cost the lives of his wife, teenage son, and a U.S. marshal.

In 1993, the Israeli government agreed in principle a plan for interim Palestinian self-rule of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho.

In 1994, the *Irish Republican Army* declared a cease-fire following six months of secret talks with Britain.

In 1997, Britain's Princess Diana died of injuries a few hours after a car accident in Paris that killed her companion, Dodi Fayed, and their driver. A bodyguard survived, although he was seriously injured.

In 1999, one person was killed and 40 more injured in a bomb blast at a Moscow shopping center. The Russian government blamed terrorists from the breakaway republic of Chechnya.

A thought for the day: in a final statement for publication after his death, author and playwright William Saroyan said, "Everyone has got to die, but I have always believed an exception would be made in my case. Now what?"

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Those born on this date are under the sign of Leo. They include American explorer Meriwether Lewis in 1774; Chicago department store founder Marshall Field in 1834; songwriter Otto Harbach ("Smoke Gets In Your Eyes") in 1873; former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger in 1917 (age 85); actress Shelley Winters in 1922 (age 80); former first lady Rosalynn Carter in 1927 (age 75); film director Roman Polanski in 1933 (age 70); baseball player Roberto Clemente in 1934; and actors Robert Redford in 1937 (age 66), Martin Mull in 1943 (age 60), Patrick Swayze in 1954 (age 49), Madeleine Stowe in 1958 (age 45), Christian Slater in 1969 (age 34), and Malcolm-Jamal Warner in 1970 (age 33).

On this date in history:

In 1227, Genghis Khan, the Mongol leader who forged an empire stretching from the east coast of China west to the Aral Sea, died in camp during a campaign against the Chinese kingdom of Xi Xia.

In 1587, Virginia Dare, the first child of English parents to be born in the New World, was born at Roanoke Island, N.C.

In 1916, Abraham Lincoln's birthplace in Kentucky was given to the U.S. government as a national shrine to the 16th president.

In 1920, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, guaranteeing <u>women</u> the right to vote, was ratified by Tennessee, giving it the two-thirds majority of state ratification necessary to make it the law of the land.

In 1940, the United States and Canada established a World War II plan of joint defense against possible enemy attacks.

In 1960, the first commercially produced oral contraceptives went on the market.

In 1963, James Meredith graduated from the University of Mississippi. He was the first African-American to attend the school and his enrollment touched off deadly riots and necessitated the use of armed guards.

.In 1976, President Ford was nominated in Kansas City, Mo., to head the Republican presidential ticket. He lost to Democrat Jimmy Carter in November.

In 1977, comedian Groucho Marx died at the age of 87.

In 1982, Lebanon and the Palestine Liberation Organization approved a plan for withdrawal of PLO fighters from besieged West Beirut. Israel approved it the following day.

In 1990, U.S. warships fired warning shots over the bows of two Iraqi tankers, the first salvos of the U.S. embargo. The ships did not stop.

Also in 1990, three teenagers were convicted of rape, assault and other charges in New York City in the April 19, 1989, attack on a *female* jogger in Central Park.

In 1992, a convoy of 17 buses carrying 1,000 <u>women</u> and children left war-torn Sarajevo in the second such evacuation from Bosnia in a week.

In 1998, in the wake of his admission of an affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky, President Clinton was urged to resign by several members of Congress and more than 100 daily newspapers.

in 2002, Abu Nidal, one of the most feared of the Palestinian terrorists, was found shot to death. Nidal, blamed for several deadly attacks including the bombing of a TWA jet and the hijacking of an Egyptian airliner, was later reported to have committed suicide.

A thought for the day: Georges Bernanos wrote, "The most dangerous of our calculations are those we call illusions."

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 19, the 231st day of 2003 with 134 to follow.

The moon is waning. The morning stars are Mars, Saturn and Uranus. The evening stars are Mercury, Venus, Pluto, Jupiter and Neptune.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Leo. They include English poet John Dryden in 1631; Connecticut clockmaker Seth Thomas in 1785; statesman Bernard Baruch in 1870; aviation pioneer Orville Wright in 1871; French fashion designer Coco Chanel in 1883; actor Alfred Lunt in 1892; humorist Ogden Nash in 1902; pioneer television engineer Philo Farnsworth in 1906; singing Mills Brother Harry Mills in 1913; publisher Malcolm Forbes in 1919; "Star Trek" creator Gene Roddenberry in 1921; jockey Willie Shoemaker in 1931 (age 72); actresses Diane Muldaur in 1938 (age 65) and Jill St. John in 1940 (age 63); Bill Clinton, 42nd president of the United States, in 1946 (age 57); and actors Gerald McRaney in 1948 (age 55), Adam Arkin in 1956 (age 47), John Stamos in 1963 (age 40), and Matthew Perry in 1969 (age 34).

On this date in history:

During the War of 1812, on this date, the U.S. Navy frigate Constitution defeated the British frigate Guerriere in a furious engagement off the coast of Nova Scotia and earned its nickname of "Old Ironsides." Witnesses said the British shot seemed to bounce off its sides.

In 1915, two Americans were killed when a German U-boat torpedoed the British liner Lusitania in the Atlantic Ocean, an incident that helped bring the United States into World War I.

In 1955, floods hit the northeastern United States, killing 200 people.

In 1960, U-2 spy plane pilot Francis Gary Powers was convicted in a Moscow court and sentenced to 10 years in prison. He was released 18 months later and exchanged for Soviet spy Rudolf Abel.

In 1977, one of the most powerful earthquakes in recorded history hit the eastern Indian Ocean between Australia and Indonesia, rattling buildings in Perth, Australia, 1,000 miles to the south.

In 1987, gun enthusiast Michael Ryan went on a shooting rampage in Hungerford, England, killing 16 people.

In 1991, Soviet President Gorbachev was detained at his vacation dacha as military and KGB hardliners staged a coup that ultimately failed.

In 1992, delegates to the Republican National Convention nominated President Bush and Vice President Quayle for re-election. They were defeated in November by Democrats Bill Clinton and Al Gore.

Also in 1992, professional basketball star Larry Bird announced his retirement because of a back injury after 13 years with the Boston Celtics.

In 1993, former contra rebels in Nicaragua took a government delegation hostage. In retaliation, ex-Sandinistra soldiers seized political leaders in Managua, the capital. All hostages were released by both groups by Aug. 25.

In 1994, President Clinton announced he was ending the 28-year U.S. policy of letting Cuban refugees take up U.S. residency if they reached the country.

In 1995, three U.S. negotiators, including U.S Deputy Asst. Secretary of State Robert Frasure, were killed when their vehicle plunged from a mountain road near Sarajevo, Bosnia.

In 1996, former Arkansas Gov. Jim Guy Tucker was sentenced to four years probation and Susan McDougal sentenced to two years in prison on Whitewater charges.

Also in 1996, the Green Party nominated Ralph Nader as its presidential candidate.

In 1998, the Teamsters Union and UPS reached an agreement that ended a 15-day strike by 185,000 workers.

A thought for the day: Walter C Hagen said, "You're only here for a short visit. Don't hurry. Don't worry. And be sure to smell the flowers along the way."

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 20, the 232nd day of 2003 with 133 to follow.

The moon is waning.

The morning stars are Mars, Saturn and Uranus.

The evening stars are Mercury, Venus, Pluto, Jupiter and Neptune.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Leo. They include Benjamin Harrison, 23rd president of the United States, in 1833; poet Edgar Guest in 1881; horror writer H.P. Lovecraft in 1890; architect Eero Saarinen in 1910; author Jacqueline Susann in 1921; wild-haired promoter Don King in 1931 (age 72); former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic in 1941 (age 62); former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in 1944; singer/songwriter Isaac Hayes, also in 1944 (age 59); journalist Connie Chung in 1946 (age 57); rock star Robert Plant of Led Zeppelin fame in 1948 (age 55); actor Michael Jeter in 1952 (age 51); TV meteorologist Al Roker in 1954 (age 49); and actress Joan Allen in 1956 (age 47).

On this date in history:

In 1741, Danish navigator Vitus Jonas Bering discovered what is now Alaska.

On the night of Aug. 20, 1968, approximately 200,000 Warsaw Pact troops and 5,000 tanks invaded Czechoslovakia to crush the "Prague Spring"--a brief period of liberalization in the communist country.

In 1977, the first U.S. Voyager spacecraft was launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla., bound for Jupiter, Saturn, and the stars.

In 1982, President Reagan announced that a contingent of U.S. Marines would join French and Italian troops as peace-keepers in Beirut.

In 1986, postal worker Patrick Henry Sherrill shot and killed 14 fellow workers and wounded six others in the Edmond, Okla., post office before killing himself.

In 1990, ending administration resistance to the term, President Bush declared that Americans and other foreigners held by Iraq are "hostages" and warned he will hold Iraq responsible for their "safety and well-being."

In 1994, the board of directors of the NAACP dismissed executive director Benjamin Chavis.

In 1996, President Clinton signed into law an increase in the minimum wage in two steps from \$4.25 to \$5.15 an hour.

In 1997, NATO forces seized thousands of weapons being kept at police stations in Serbian Bosnia's largest city. The Bosnian Serb president claimed the weapons were to be used to overthrow her.

In 1998, U.S. missiles struck sites in Afghanistan and Sudan said to be linked with terrorists. The attacks were in response to the bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania 13 days earlier.

In 2002, a group of Iraqis opposed to the regime of Saddam Hussein took over the Iraqi embassy in Berlin for five hours before releasing their hostages and giving up.

A thought for the day: in the movie "Klondike Annie," Mae West said, "Between two evils, I always pick the one I never tried before."

Today is Thursday, Aug. 21, the 233rd day of 2003 with 132 to follow.

The moon is waning. The morning stars are Mars, Saturn and Uranus. The evening stars are Mercury, Venus, Pluto, Jupiter and Neptune.

. Those born on this date are under the sign of Leo. They include illustrator Aubrey Beardsley in 1872; jazz great William "Count" Basie in 1904; mystery novelist Anthony Boucher in 1911; Britain's Princess Margaret in 1930; basketball star Wilt Chamberlain in 1936; country/pop singer Kenny Rogers in 1938 (age 65); actor Clarence Williams III in 1939 (age 64); pop singer Jackie DeShannon in 1944 (age 59); and actresses Patty McCormack in 1945 (age 58) and Kim Cattrall in 1956 (age 47); American Online founder Steve Case in 1958 (age 45); former football player Jim McMahon in 1959 (age 43); and actress Alicia Witt in 1975 (age 27).

On this date in history:

In 1831, slave Nat Turner launched a bloody slave insurrection in Southampton County, Va., leading to the deaths of 60 white people. Turner, an educated minister who considered himself chosen by God to lead his people out of slavery, was hanged.

In 1935, Benny Goodman's nationally broadcast concert at Los Angeles' Palomar Theater was such a hit that it often has been referred to as the kickoff of the swing era.

In 1940, exiled Bolshevik leader Leon Trotsky was assassinated in Mexico City on orders from Soviet dictator Josef Stalin.

In 1951, the United States ordered construction of the world's first atomic submarine, the Nautilus.

Hawaii became the 50th state on this date in 1959.

In 1968, the Soviet Union and other Warsaw Pact forces invaded Czechoslovakia to end its bid for independence from Moscow.

In 1983, Philippine opposition leader Benigno Aquino was assassinated as he stepped from a plane at the Manila airport.

In 1986, gas belching from a volcanic lake in the remote mountains of Cameroon killed more than 1,700 people and injured 500.

In 1991, a coup to oust Soviet President Gorbachev collapsed two days after it began.

In 1992, fugitive neo-Nazi leader Randall Weaver opened fire on U.S. marshals from inside his Idaho mountaintop home. When the standoff ended 11 days later with his surrender, three people -- a deputy marshal, Weaver's wife and teenage son -- had been killed.

Also in 1992, NBC News fired correspondent and Gulf War "scud stud" Arthur Kent following two weeks of wrangling over his turning down an assignment to war-torn Croatia.

In 1993, contact was lost with the Mars Observer spacecraft only three days before it was to begin orbiting the Red Planet.

In 1994, the House of Representatives passed, 225-210, a revised version of President Clinton's crime bill.

Also in 1994, Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de Leon was elected president of Mexico.

In 1995, the Philip Morris and R.J. Reynolds tobacco companies agreed to drop libel suits against ABC News after the network apologized for reporting a year earlier that cigarette makers added nicotine in order to addict smokers.

In 1996, President Clinton signed a law that let Americans carry health insurance from one job to the next, and limited denial of coverage due to pre-existing conditions.

In 2002, President Bush said that while no decision had been made whether to go to war against Iraq, he believed a "regime change" would be "in the best interest of the world."

Also in 2002, Michael Copper, former executive of the bankrupt energy giant Enron, pleaded guility to conspiracy to commit wire fraud and money laundering.

A thought for the day: it was Ernie Pyle who said, "I write from the worm's-eye point of view."

Today is Friday, Aug. 22, the 234th day of 2003 with 131 to follow.

The moon is waning. The morning stars are Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and Uranus. The evening stars are Mercury, Venus, Pluto, and Neptune.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Leo. They include French composer Claude Debussy in 1862; Charles Jenkins, inventor of the conical drinking cup and also airplane brakes, in 1867; writer and critic Dorothy Parker in 1893; heart surgeon Denton Cooley and science fiction writer Ray Bradbury, both in 1920 (age 83); French fashion designer Marc Bohan in 1926 (age 77); Gulf War hero and retired U.S. Army Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf in 1934 (age 69); actresses Valerie Harper in 1941 (age 62) and Cindy Williams in 1947 (age 56); and singer/songwriter Tori Amos in 1963 (age 40).

On this date in history:

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in 1851, the U.S.-built schooner America defeated a fleet of Britain's finest ships in a race around England's Isle of Wight. The ornate silver trophy won by the America, which became known as America's Cup, was later donated to the New York Yacht Club on condition that it be forever placed in international competition.

In 1881, American humanitarians Clara Barton and Adolphus Solomons founded the American National Red Cross, an organization designed to provide humanitarian aid to victims of wars and natural disasters in congruence with the International Red Cross.

In 1911, the "Mona Lisa" was stolen from the Louvre Museum in Paris. It was recovered four months later.

In 1922, Michael Collins, a founder of the <u>Irish Republican Army</u> and a key figure in Ireland's independence movement, was assassinated by political opponents.

In 1968, Pope Paul VI arrived in Colombia, becoming the first pontiff ever to visit South America.

In 1986, Kerr-McGee Corp. agreed to pay the estate of nuclear industry worker Karen Silkwood more than \$1 million, ending a 10-year legal battle waged by her family over her exposure to radioactive materials at the company's plant.

In 1991, Soviet President Gorbachev refused to join Russian Republic president Boris Yeltsin in holding the Communist parliament responsible for the coup.

In 1995, Rep. Mel Reynolds, D-III, was convicted of having sex with an underage girl. He would resign his office, effective Oct. 1.

In 1997, a judge scheduled the trial of Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit against President Clinton to begin in May 1998. The suit was later thrown out before the trial began.

Also in 1997, federal officials ordered a new election for president of the Teamsters Union after determining that the campaign of winner Ron Carey had received illegal contributions.

In 2001, the Bush administration projected that the federal surplus, not including Social Security, would be \$600 million, a far cry from the \$122 billion projected in July.

A thought for the day: Adlai Stevenson said, "...shouting is not a substitute for thinking and reason is not the subversion but the salvation of freedom."

Today is Saturday, Aug. 23, the 235th day of 2003 with 130 to follow.

The moon is waning. The morning stars are Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and Uranus. The evening stars are Mercury, Venus, Pluto, and Neptune.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Leo. They include American naval hero Oliver Hazard Perry in 1785; poet and novelist Edgar Lee Masters in 1869; Gen. Jonathan Wainwright, hero of Bataan in World War II, in 1883; humorist Will Cuppy in 1884; cartoonist Ernie Bushmiller (creator of "Nancy") in 1905; dancer/actor Gene Kelly in 1912; actresses Vera Miles in 1930 (age 73) and Barbara Eden in 1934 (age 69); political comedian Mark Russell in 1932 (age 71); rock drummer Keith Moon of "The Who" in 1948; actress Shelley Long and singer/actor Rick Springfield both in 1949 (age 54); and basketball player Kobe Bryant in 1978 (age 25).

On this date in history:

In 1926, silent screen idol Rudolph Valentino died, sending his fans into hysterical mourning.

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In 1927, despite worldwide demonstrations in support of their innocence, Italian-born anarchists Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti were executed for murder.

In 1939, Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union signed a non-aggression pact. Less than two years later, Germany launched a blitzkrieg attack on Russia.

In 1982, Beirut Christian leader Beshir Gemayel was elected president of Lebanon. He was assassinated less than one month later and was succeeded by his brother, Amin.

In 1991, Russian Republic president Boris Yeltsin pressured Soviet President Gorbachev into replacing his cabinet in the wake of a failed coup.

In 1992, three people were killed when their truck was struck at a railroad crossing by an Amtrak passenger train in Wallingford, Conn.

In 1996, tobacco regulation, recommended by the FDA, was approved by President Clinton.

In 1998, Russian President Boris Yeltsin fired his reformist premier, Sergei Kiriyenko and brought back Viktor Chernomyrdin as acting premier.

In 1999, Berlin once again became the capital of Germany.

A thought for the day: Ogden Nash said, "Don't try to rewrite what the moving finger has writ, and don't ever look over your shoulder."

Today is Sunday, Aug. 24, the 236th day of 2003 with 129 to follow.

The moon is waning. The morning stars are Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. The evening stars are Mercury, Venus, Uranus, Pluto, and Neptune.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Leo. They include pioneer British abolitionist William Wilberforce in 1759; Joshua Lionel Cowen, inventor of the electric toy train, in 1880; English author and parodist Sir Max Beerbohm in 1872; country music publisher Fred Rose in 1897; Argentine poet and author Jorge Luis Borges in 1899; actor Michael Richards in 1950 (age 53); former Ohio State football running back Archie Griffin, the only two-time Heisman Trophy winner, in 1954 (age 49); actor Steve Guttenberg in 1958 (age 45); baseball player Cal Ripken Jr. in 1960 (age 43); and actress Marlee Matlin in 1965 (age 38).

On this date in history:

In 79, thousands died and the Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum were buried by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in Italy.

In 1814, the British captured Washington, D.C., and burned the Capitol building and the White House.

In 1932, Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly non-stop across the United States.

In 1987, a federal appeals court in Cincinnati ruled public schools could require students to study textbooks not accepted by religious fundamentalists.

In 1990, Irish-British hostage Brian Keenan, held by pro-Iranian Moslem extremists in Lebanon for more than four years, was freed.

In 1991, Soviet President Gorbachev quit as general secretary of the Communist Party central committee. He also ordered his cabinet to resign.

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In 1992, Hurricane Andrew smashed into Florida south of Miami with sustained winds of up to 145 mph, carving path of destruction. President Bush declared southern Florida a federal disaster area.

In 1994, a Washington, D.C., superior court denied Benjamin Chavis's request to block his ouster as executive director of the NAACP.

In 1995, Beijing convicted and then expelled Chinese-American human rights activist Harry Wu, who'd been arrested in June while trying to enter China from Kazakhstan.

In 1996, four <u>women</u> became students at The Citadel, a school in South Carolina that had fought in court to remain all-male.

A thought for the day: it was Hartford (Conn.) Courant Editor Charles Dudley Warner -- and not his friend and colleague Mark Twain -- who said, "Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it."

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Body

Daniel Patrick Moynihan, the Harvard professor and four-term United States senator from New York who brought a scholar's eye for data to politics and a politician's sense of the real world to academia, died yesterday at Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C. He was 76.

The cause, a spokesman for the family said, was complications of a ruptured appendix, which was removed on March 11 at the hospital, where he remained.

Mr. Moynihan was always more a man of ideas than of legislation or partisan combat. Yet he was enough of a politician to win re-election easily -- and enough of a maverick with close Republican friends to be an occasional irritant to his Democratic party leaders. Before the Senate, his political home from 1977 to 2001, he served two Democratic presidents and two Republicans, finishing his career in the executive branch as President Richard M. Nixon's ambassador to India and President Gerald R. Ford's ambassador to the United Nations.

For more than 40 years, in and out of government, he became known for being among the first to identify new problems and propose novel, if not easy, solutions, most famously in auto safety and mass transportation; urban decay and the corrosive effects of racism; and the preservation and development of architecturally distinctive federal buildings.

He was a man known for the grand gesture as well as the bon mot, and his style sometimes got more attention than his prescience, displayed notably in 1980 when he labeled the Soviet Union "in decline." Among his last great causes were strengthening Social Security and attacking government secrecy.

In the halls of academe and the corridors of power, he was known for seizing ideas and connections before others noticed. In 1963, for example, he was the co-author of "Beyond the Melting Pot," which shattered the idea that ethnic identities inevitably wear off in the United States. Then, on the day that November when President Kennedy was shot in Dallas, he told every official he could find that the federal government must take custody of Lee Harvey Oswald to keep him alive to learn about the killing. No one listened.

Friends also observed the intense sense of history he connected to immediate events. Bob Packwood, the former Republican senator from Oregon, recalled his Democratic friend's response in 1993 when a reporter on the White House lawn asked what he thought of the signing of the Israeli-Palestinian agreement to share the West Bank. "Well, I think it's the end of World War I," he said, alluding to the mandates that proposed Middle Eastern boundaries in 1920.

Erudite, opinionated and favoring, in season, tweed or seersucker, Mr. Moynihan conveyed an academic personality through a chirpy manner of speech, with occasional pauses between syllables. More than most senators, he could get colleagues to listen to his speeches, though not necessarily to follow his recommendations. He had a knack for the striking phrase, but unease at the controversy it often caused. When other senators used August recesses to travel or raise money for re-election, he spent most of them in an 1854 schoolhouse on his farm in Pindars Corners in Delaware County, about 65 miles west of Albany. He was writing books, 9 as a senator, 18 in all.

Mr. Moynihan was less an original researcher than a bold, often brilliant synthesizer whose works compelled furious debate and further research. In 1965, his foremost work, "The Negro Family: The Case for National Action," identified the breakup of black families as a major impediment to black advancement. Though savaged by many liberal academics at the time, it is now generally regarded as "an important and prophetic document," in the words of Prof. William Julius Wilson of Harvard.

Five years later, his memo to President Nixon on race relations caused another uproar. Citing the raw feelings provoked by the battles of the civil rights era, Mr. Moynihan suggested a period of rhetorical calm -- "benign neglect" he called it -- a proposal widely misinterpreted as a call to abandon federal programs to improve the lives of black families.

Nonetheless, he could also be an effective legislator. In his first term he teamed with Jacob K. Javits, his Republican colleague, to pass legislation guaranteeing \$2 billion worth of New York City obligations at a time when the city faced bankruptcy. In a brief turn leading the Environment and Public Works Committee in 1991 and 1992 he successfully pushed to shift highway financing toward mass transit -- and get New York \$5 billion in retroactive reimbursement for building the New York State Thruway before the federal government began the Interstate Highway System.

Although Mr. Moynihan's junior colleague for 18 years, Alfonse M. D'Amato, became known as Senator Pothole for his pork-barrel efforts for New York, Mr. Moynihan held his own in that department.

Monument of Bricks and Marble

Long before he came to the Senate, and until he left, he was building a monument of bricks and marble by making Washington's Pennsylvania Avenue, a dingy street where he came to work for President John F. Kennedy in 1961, into the grand avenue that George Washington foresaw for the boulevard that connects the Capitol and the White House. Nearly 40 years of his effort filled the avenue with new buildings on its north side, including the apartment houses where he lived, restored buildings on the south, and cafes and a sense of life all along.

Wherever he went, Mr. Moynihan explored interesting buildings and worked to preserve architectural distinction, from converting the main post office in Manhattan into the new Pennsylvania Station, to the Customs House at Battery Park and all around Washington. Last year, over lunch and a martini at Washington's Hotel Monaco, an 1842 Robert Mills building that was once the city's main post office, he recalled how he had helped rescue it from decline into a shooting gallery for drugs.

Daniel Patrick Moynihan was born in Tulsa, Okla., on March 16, 1927, the son of an itinerant, hard-drinking newspaperman who moved the family to New York later that year to take a job writing advertising copy. They lived comfortably in the city and suburbs until 1937 when his father, John Moynihan, left the family and left it in poverty.

Mr. Moynihan's childhood has been pseudo-glamorized by references to an upbringing in Hell's Kitchen, which in fact he encountered after his mother bought a bar there when he was 20. But there was enough hardship and instability in his early life so that when he later wrote of "social pathology," he knew what he was talking about.

Mr. Moynihan's mother, Margaret Moynihan, moved the family, including a brother, Michael, and a sister, Ellen, into a succession of Manhattan apartments, and Pat shined shoes in Times Square. In 1943 he graduated first in his class at Benjamin Franklin High School in East Harlem. He also graduated to work as a stevedore at Piers 48 and 49 on West 11th Street.

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He went to City College for a year, enlisted in the Navy, and was trained as an officer at Middlebury College and at Tufts University. Discharged the next spring, he went to work that summer tending bar for his mother, then got his B.A. at Tufts in 1948 and an M.A. at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts in 1949.

In 1950 he went to the London School of Economics on a Fulbright Scholarship, and he lived well on it, the G.I. bill and later a job at an Air Force base. He started wearing a bowler hat. He had a tailor and a bootmaker and traveled widely, including a visit to Moynihan cousins in County Kerry, Ireland.

Work on his dissertation did not consume him. In "Pat," his 1979 biography, Doug Schoen described a 1952 visit by two former Middlebury colleagues: "Impressed at first with his elaborate file cabinet full of index cards, they found that most of the cards were recipes for drinks rather than notes on the International Labor Organization."

Mr. Moynihan came home in 1953 and went to work in the mayoral campaign of Robert F. Wagner. He went on to write speeches for W. Averell Harriman's successful campaign for governor in 1954, joined his administration in Albany and rose to become his chief aide. It was there he learned about traffic safety, which he described in a 1959 article in The Reporter as a public health problem requiring federal action to make automobile design safer.

A Semi-Modest Proposal

Another former campaign worker who came to Albany was Elizabeth Brennan. Her desk and his were in the same room, and they grew friendly. Rather suddenly in early 1955, when they had never dated, Mr. Moynihan did not formally propose but simply told her he was going to marry her.

They married in May 1955, and she often said she married him because he was the funniest man she ever met.

His wife survives him, as do their three children: Timothy, Maura and John, and two grandchildren.

While he was an enthusiastic supporter of John F. Kennedy, work at Syracuse University on a book about the Harriman administration and his Ph.D. kept his role in the campaign sporadic. But Liz Brennan Moynihan organized the campaign efforts in the Syracuse area.

His Ph.D. in international relations finally complete, he left Syracuse in 1961 for Washington and the Labor Department, rising to assistant secretary. One early research assignment on office space for the scattered department gave him an opportunity to assert guiding architectural principles that have endured and produced striking courthouses: that federal buildings "must provide visual testimony to the dignity, enterprise, vigor and stability of the American government." That same report enabled him to raise the Pennsylvania Avenue issue, and he was at work on development plans on Nov. 22, 1963, when the word came that the president had been shot in Dallas.

Beyond his failed efforts to protect Mr. Oswald, Mr. Moynihan marked that grim assassination weekend with a widely remembered remark about the death of the president he barely knew but idolized and eagerly followed.

On Sunday Nov. 24, he said in a television interview: "I don't think there's any point in being Irish if you don't know that the world is going to break your heart eventually. I guess we thought we had a little more time." He added softly, "So did he."

His first book, written jointly with Nathan Glazer, had come out earlier that year. "Beyond the Melting Pot" looked at the different ethnic groups of New York City and scoffed at "the notion that the intense and unprecedented mixture of ethnic and religious groups in American life was soon to blend into a homogeneous end product." Ethnicity persisted, they argued.

That concept won praise from the era's leading historian of immigration, Harvard's Oscar Handlin, who called it a "point of departure" in studies of immigrants. But ina foretaste of academic criticism in years to come, he said their methodology was sometimes "flimsy."

"The Negro Family: The Case for National Action," a paper he wrote at the Labor Department early in 1965, argued that despite the Johnson administration's success in passing civil rights laws, statutes could not ensure equality after three centuries of deprivation. He said the disintegration of black families had reached a point of "social pathology." He wrote: "The principal challenge of the next phase of the Negro revolution is to make certain that equality of results will now follow. If we do not, there will be no social peace in the United States for generations."

He cited black unemployment, welfare and illegitimacy rates. His emphasis on families headed by <u>women</u> led him to be accused of blaming the victims for their predicament, but in fact he wrote clearly, "It was by destroying the Negro family under slavery that white America broke the will of the Negro people." Now, he wrote, the federal government must adopt policies, especially in education and employment, "designed to have the effect, directly or indirectly, of enhancing the stability and resources of the Negro American family."

He left the administration in 1965 as liberals denounced his paper, and then ran for president of the New York City Council. He lost badly in the Democratic primary, but went on to Wesleyan University and, in 1966, to Harvard as director of the Joint Center for Urban Studies and a tenured professor in the Graduate School of Education.

He spoke out against disorder, in urban slums and on select campuses. Speaking to Americans for Democratic Action in 1967, he made it clear he thought liberal pieties would not solve black problems.

And in a passage that came to the eye of the Republican presidential candidate Richard M. Nixon, he said liberals must "see more clearly that their essential interest is in the stability of the social order" and "make alliances with conservatives who share that concern." When Nixon was elected, Mr. Moynihan made his alliance. He joined the White House staff as assistant to the president for urban affairs.

That startled his friends, and his wife refused to move to Washington. Mr. Moynihan, who never developed, even after Watergate, the searing contempt for Mr. Nixon that animated so many contemporary Democrats, explained that when the president of the United States asks, a good citizen agrees to help. Another biographer, Godfrey Hodgson, says that while Mr. Moynihan never stopped thinking of himself as a liberal Democrat, he shared the president's resentment of orthodox liberalism.

While his advice to the president to end the war in Vietnam stayed private, there were two ideas for which his time in the Nixon White House was known.

In 1970 he wrote to the president on race relations, arguing that the issue had been rubbed raw by "hysterics, paranoids and boodlers" on all sides. Now, he wrote, race relations could profit from a period of "benign neglect" in which rhetoric, at least, was toned down. In a rerun of the reaction to his paper on the Negro family, when this paper was leaked it was treated as if Mr. Moynihan wanted to neglect blacks.

He may have invited that interpretation by his quaintly glib language, but in fact Mr. Moynihan was pushing an idea that might have been of vast help to poor blacks, and whites. That other idea for which he was known, the Family Assistance Plan, sought to provide guaranteed income to the unemployed and supplements to the working poor, and together to stop fathers from leaving home so their families could qualify for welfare. The president made a speech for the program, sent it to Capitol Hill and let it die.

Afterward, though he remained on good terms with Mr. Nixon, Mr. Moynihan went back to Harvard in 1970. Resentment over his White House service chilled his welcome back in Cambridge. His interests shifted to foreign affairs -- perhaps because the charges of racism left him no audience for domestic policy, and made him welcome an appointment as ambassador to India, where he negotiated a deal to end India's huge food aid debt to the United States. He returned to Harvard to protect his tenure in 1975, but moved that year to the United Nations as United States ambassador.

There he answered the United States' third world critics bluntly, often contemptuously.

In his brief tenure he called Idi Amin, the president of Uganda, a "racist murderer," and denounced the General Assembly for passing a resolution equating Zionism with racism: "the abomination of anti-Semitism has been given

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the appearance of international sanction." After eight months of struggles with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, who wanted a less confrontational approach, he resigned in February 1976.

That made him available for a run for the Democratic nomination for the Senate, and he edged out the very liberal Representative Bella Abzug in the primary before winning the general election easily over the incumbent, James L. Buckley, the Republican-Conservative candidate. With his wife in charge of each campaign, he won three landslide re-elections.

He set one high goal -- a seat on the Finance Committee as a freshman -- and reached it, along with a seat on the Intelligence Committee. Early in office he joined Gov. Hugh L. Carey, Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. and Senator Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts in a St. Patrick's Day appeal to Irish-Americans to stop sending money to arm the *Irish Republican Army*, whom he privately described as "a bunch of murderous thugs."

Every year he produced an analysis of federal taxes and federal aid, known as "the fisc," which showed that New York was getting regularly shortchanged by Washington. He worked to reduce that imbalance, both through Medicaid funding on the Finance Committee and public works on the Environment and Public Works Committee.

And his colleagues always knew he was around. Every day of the 2,454-day captivity of Terry Anderson, the Associated Press reporter captured by 1985 by the Hezbollah in Lebanon, he would go to the Senate floor to remind his colleagues, in a sentence, just how many days it had been.

Quarreled With White House

After loyally serving four presidents, he quarreled with those in the White House while he was in the Senate. When he arrived in 1977, he found President Carter too soft in dealing with the Soviet Union and indifferent to its evil nature.

But he quickly came to believe that the Soviet Union was crumbling. In Newsweek in 1979 he focused on its ethnic tensions. In January 1980, he told the Senate: "The Soviet Union is a seriously troubled, even sick society. The indices of economic stagnation and even decline are extraordinary. The indices of social disorder -- social pathology is not too strong a term -- are even more so." He added, "The defining event of the decade might well be the breakup of the Soviet empire."

It was against that changed perception that he was sharply critical of vast increases in military spending, which, combined with the Reagan tax cuts, produced deficits that he charged were intended to starve domestic spending. He called a 1983 Reagan proposal for cutting Social Security benefits a "breach of faith" with the elderly, and worked out a rescue package that kept the program solvent for at least a decade into the 21st century.

He also scorned the 1983 invasion of Grenada, the 1984 mining of harbors in Nicaragua and the 1989 invasion of Panama as violations of international law, and voted against authorizing President George H. W. Bush to make war against Iraq. It was not enough, he wrote in his book "On the Law of Nations" in 1990, for the United States to be strong enough to get away with such actions. The American legacy of international legal norms of state behavior, he wrote, is "a legacy not to be frittered away."

But probably his worst relations with a president came when Bill Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton sought passage of national health insurance.

Certainly, the failure of health care legislation was not primarily Mr. Moynihan's responsibility, but he had become chairman of the Finance Committee in 1993, and health care fell within its jurisdiction. He said the administration should take on welfare reform legislation first, and carped on television about their health plan, quickly fixing on the role of teaching hospitals as the biggest issue in health care. But otherwise he waited for Mr. Packwood and Senator Bob Dole of Kansas, the Republican leader, to propose a compromise. Mr. Dole had decided all-out opposition was the better course for his party, and they never did.

Daniel Patrick Moynihan Is Dead; Senator From Academia Was 76

Mr. Moynihan's career in the Senate was marked not by legislative milestones but by ideas. Even so, Senator Kennedy, the legislative lion, once described him in 1993 as an exemplar "of what the Founding Fathers thought the Senate would be about," because of the New Yorker's breadth of interests, "having read history, and thought about it, and being opinionated."

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FREETOWN, Sierra Leone Thirty U.N. hostages are released Sunday by Sierra Leone's rebels, U.N. and Liberian officials say, expressing cautious hopes that most of the remaining United Nations personnel held captive will soon be released. SIERRA LEONE. Developing. By Clarence Roy-Macaulay.

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LEBANON-FARMLAND FLASHPOINT. A fertile patch of rolling hills once prized by farmers and cigarette smugglers could become a rallying point in a battle that has taken two decades to quell. NY194.

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NAZRAN, Russia A rebel attack near a police checkpoint in Grozny leaves at least three Russian policemen dead and several others wounded, Russian officials say Sunday. The rebels claim to kill more than 10 officers in the gunbattle. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Lead has moved. By Yuri Bagrov.

MOSCOW Top Serbian opposition leaders seek Russia's help in persuading Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic to end a crackdown on his opponents and allow free and fair elections. YUGOSLAVIA-OPPOSITION. Lead has moved. By Nick Wadhams.

JOLO, Philippines Philippine negotiators fly to Manila Sunday for talks with President Joseph Estrada as they await a formal response from Muslim rebels on negotiations over the release of 21 hostages. PHILIPPINES-HOSTAGES. Lead has moved. By Jim Gomez.

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PHILIPPINES-MUSLIM REBELS. Guerrillas kill at least 15 people in three separate attacks in the southern Philippines, military officials say Sunday.

PHILIPPINES-BOMBING ARRESTS. Police accuse a Muslim rebel group Sunday of setting two bombs that exploded in Manila shopping malls and arrest 26 suspects.

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PAKISTAN-NUCLEAR. Pakistan and India must settle the Kashmir dispute to remove the threat of a "nuclear holocaust," Army Chief Gen. Pervez Musharraf says.

DETROIT In a city better known for Motown, an inaugural electronic music festival billed as the world's largest is trying to attract as many as 1 million people with the bumping beats and digital sounds of the future. Promoters of the weekend event hope it will help boost Detroit's fortunes while becoming an annual mecca for fans of techno music. US-ELECTRONIC MUSIC. Expected by 1900 GMT. By Joseph Altman Jr. AP Photo XDT105.

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TOKYO Welcome to the world's busiest Starbucks. It's not in Seattle, San Francisco or New York. It's smack in the middle of Tokyo. The American coffee chain is finding that Asia is a vast, thirsty and untapped market. JAPAN-STARBUCKS RISING. Expected by 0200 GMT. By Ginny Parker. NY190-193. With JAPAN-STARBUCKS RISING-GLANCE.

DILI, East Timor Five years ago, international peacekeepers had to intervene in Bosnia-Herzegovina to enforce the truce that ended a bitter war among its three main ethnic communities. Today, an ethnically mixed police contingent from that Balkans state is far from home helping keep the peace in East Timor. BOSNIANS IN TIMOR. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Daniel Cooney. DIL101-104.

ASMARA, Eritrea Fighting rages between the Horn of Africa's warring neighbors on the eve of peace talks Monday in Algeria _ opening a new front in Eritrea's smoldering humanitarian crisis. HORN OF AFRICA-WAR. Lead expected by 1100 GMT. By Craig Nelson. ASM101-109.

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BELFAST, Northern Ireland Dissident members of Northern Ireland's major Protestant party lose no time in declaring their resistance to a soon-to-be restored administration that includes members of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party. NORTHERN IRELAND. Has moved.

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NEW YORK Two men accused of the execution-style slayings of five people during a robbery at a Wendy's restaurant one of the most shocking crimes in recent New York memory are charged with multiple counts of murder, attempted robbery and weapons possession. US-WENDY'S SHOOTING. Lead has moved. By Beth Harpaz. XEJB101-102, NYR101-103, 112-115.

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GUANTANAMO, Cuba Although the U.S. government says Cuba poses no military threat since the break up of the Soviet Union, it retains its base in Gutantanamo for training and drug interdiction. The Cubans feel compelled to guard their side because the Americans remain. FEA-CUBA'S GUANTANAMO. To move as wire time permits. By Anita Snow. AP Graphic GUANTANAMO. AP Photo NY360-364

NOGALES, Mexico Like generations of fugitives before them, the two men came to Mexico running from the law. They quickly got caught. U.S. marshals working out of the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City last year began to track Americans trying to escape the law. FEA-MEXICO-HAVEN NO MORE. To move as wire time permits. By Mark Stevenson.

With: FEA-HAVEN-FUGITIVES.

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina About dlrs 80 million has been spent on removing land mines in Bosnia. Yet a half decade after the 3 1/2-year war stopped in 1995, millions of mines are still scattered across a country roughly the size of Ireland. FEA-BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA-UNDERMINING DEMINING. To move as wire time permits. By Melissa Eddy AP Photo NY319-321.

With: FEA-SIMPLIFYING DEMINING AP Photo NY315-38

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LIMA, Peru (AP)

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away from the polls. As the day wore on, officers used tear gas and water cannons to disperse small groups of protesters who tried to gather in plazas in downtown Lima. Soldiers and police patrolled the nearby streets to control any violent protests by anti-Fujimori demonstrators. Peruvians faced fines if they did not vote, but many said they planned to spoil their ballots. "Naturally I'm going to void my vote, a vote of protest, because what we want is to regain democracy," said Gerardo Cantano, 52, an out-of-work accountant. "We've never seen this before, a president clinging so tightly to power. He's bringing us economic isolation. There will be no foreign investment." (PERU-ELECTION)

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KFAR KILA, Lebanon (AP)

A Muslim guerrilla gunned down a Christian man on Sunday and Israeli border soldiers wounded three people in growing tensions underlining the fragility of security in the newly liberated Lebanese territory. Also Sunday, two girls were killed and their father wounded when their vehicle drove over a land mine on a side road in the south, police said. Another man was wounded when a mine exploded as he was clearing a road with a bulldozer. Earlier, in the first fatality since Shiite Muslim guerrillas took over southern Lebanon on Wednesday after Israel's withdrawal, a guerrilla shot and killed a 50-year-old Christian man and wounded another Christian in Rmaish village, a former stronghold of the now-defunct Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army militia. The circumstances of the shooting were not clear. Villagers said the dead man was related to a member of the SLA militia and that gunmen were out to exact revenge. But other reports said the gunman was mobbed by a crowd and opened fire. Police, in a terse statement, said the suspect was apprehended and described the shooting as an "individual incident." Hezbollah, the leading guerrilla group in south Lebanon, denied involvement. (LEBANON-ISRAEL)

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VENEZUELA ELECTION. Venezuela's opposition parties blame the country's election council for problems that led to this weekend's vote being canceled and demand its members resign. Has moved.

NEW DELHI, India Sri Lanka's military prepares to take on a Tamil Tiger offensive Sunday in the northern Jaffna peninsula, dismissing a 12-hour rebel cease-fire as a publicity gimmick. SRI LANKA-CIVIL WAR. New story expected about 0700 GMT. AP Photos COL101-105.

MOSCOW President Vladimir Putin quietly reappoints the controversial Kremlin chief-of-staff Saturday, the strongest sign yet that he will not sever ties with the powerful circle of advisers of his predecessor, Boris Yeltsin. RUSSIA-POLITICS. Lead has moved. By Nick Wadhams. AP Photos MOSB101-107.

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LEBANON-ISRAEL. Israeli forces remove outposts ahead of U.N. teams marking the Lebanese-Israeli frontier, and peacekeepers deploy to a flashpoint border fence to keep away Lebanese who have been throwing stones and firebombs at Israeli soldiers. By Susan Sevareid. AP Photos XDM101-103,106-107; BEI103-106.

WASHINGTON Embarking Monday on perhaps his last official trip to Europe, President Bill Clinton is running out of time as he scans the globe in search of a major triumph in arms control, peacemaking or crisis-solving to mark his place in history. Some experts consider it more likely that he will be remembered not as a president who, distracted by domestic policy and impeachment, was cautious on international affairs. US-CLINTON-GLOBAL LEGACY. Has moved. By Terence Hunt.

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ASMARA, Eritrea Ethiopia's forces drive deeper into Eritrea despite a new agreement for peace talks that are to begin Monday, shelling a city just 80 kilometers (50 miles) from Eritrea's capital. HORN OF AFRICA-WAR. Lead has moved. By Craig Nelson. AP Photos MDF101-103.

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President Alberto Fujimori risked threats Sunday of international isolation in his quest for an unprecedented third term, going it alone in a runoff election boycotted by his rival. Fujimori counted on solid support among Peru's poor majority to deliver certain victory and weather the international storm provoked by the refusal of election officials to delay the disputed poll. The 61-year-old Fujimori, dubbed "The Emperor" for his autocratic style, was running alone, ignoring the boycott by opposition candidate Alejandro Toledo, violent street protests and the withdrawal of foreign monitors who warned a fair vote could not be guaranteed. (PERU-ELECTION)

SYDNEY, Australia (AP)

Hundreds of thousands of people walked across Sydney Harbor Bridge on Sunday in support of the arduous process of reconciliation between black and white Australians. As airplane sky writers left the word "sorry" drifting in a clear sky above them, walkers, many carrying red, yellow and black balloons reflecting the colors of the Aboriginal flag, made the four kilometer (2.5 mile) walk across the landmark bridge. Organizers originally hoped to attract 100,000 people to the event but the turnout was far higher as Aborigines and white Australians mixed with tourists and politicians for the walk. Geoff Clark, chairman of the Aboriginal and Torres Straits Islander Commission, the nation's foremost indigenous lobby group, said the vast numbers of walkers showed there was overwhelming support for better relations between black and white Australians. (AUSTRALIA-RECONCILIATION)

JOLO, Philippines (AP)

Philippine negotiators flew to Manila Sunday for talks with President Joseph Estrada as they awaited a formal response from Muslim rebels holding 21 mostly foreign hostages to an initial day of negotiations. In the first round of talks Saturday in a mosque on remote Jolo island, chief government negotiator Robert Aventajado rejected two of the Abu Sayyaf rebels' main demands an independent Islamic state and a commission to investigate the treatment of Filipinos in neighboring Malaysia. Aventajado was optimistic as he left Sunday for Manila to discuss the 5-week-old kidnapping with Estrada. (PHILIPPINES-HOSTAGES)

SUVA, Fiji (AP)

Armed rebels holding Fiji's prime minister and about 30 others hostage in parliament on Sunday rejected the president's latest offer to solve the crisis: a new government and immunity from prosecution. President Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara said Saturday he has fired the democratically elected government of Prime Minister Mahendra Chaudhry, who has been held captive by an armed gang for 10 days inside the Parliament compound. But rebel leader George Speight insisted that Mara resign and that the 1997 constitution, which indigenous Fijians blame for giving too much power to the ethnic Indian minority, be scrapped before the hostages are freed. (FIJI-UNREST)

HONG KONG (AP)

Vowing to keep fighting until China becomes a democracy, more than 1,000 activists marched Sunday to commemorate the military crackdown that ended the Tiananmen Square democracy demonstrations. Chanting slogans and singing patriotic songs, the protesters marched under the blazing sun amid a sea of black-and-white placards that said: "Demand accountability for 6.4 massacre," and "Don't forget June 4." Several protesters also carried a wooden dummy coffin during the 6.4-kilometer (4-mile) march to the downtown government headquarters to commemorate the dead. The march was led by 18 children holding a long banner saying: "Keep the fire alive; Reverse the verdict on June 4." Hundreds, if not thousands, of people were killed when tanks and troops descended on demonstrators at Tiananmen Square in Beijing in the early hours of the morning on June 4, 1989. (HONG KONG-TIANANMEN)

WORLD SPORTS AT 1300 GMT:

SOCCER:

SEOUL, South Korea South Korea wins a surprising scoreless draw over European soccer power Yugoslavia in a friendly match at a Seoul stadium Sunday.

Slug Sports-Soccer-SKorea-Yugoslavia.

ALSO:

TAMPA, Florida Sports-Soccer-MLS Roundup. Has moved.

EURO 2000:

STOCKHOLM, Sweden Despite their huge success, they've been disrespectfully called Lars-Tommy, Soderback or Lagerberg in Sweden. People are not used to coaching twosomes in soccer. And it took a while before the media really understood.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Euro 2000-Sweden. Has moved.

By Stephan Nasstrom.

ROME It has not been a banner year for Italian soccer. For the first time since 1987, no team from Italy has made the semifinals of European cup play. And as for the national team, a perennial international powerhouse, results were middling at best, including straight home losses to Denmark and Belgium earlier in the year.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Euro 2000-Italy. Expected by 1400 GMT.

By Jeff Israely.

ALSO:

STOCKHOLM, Sweden Sports-Soccer-Euro 2000-Ljungberg. Has moved.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden Sports-Soccer-Euro 2000-Andersson. Has moved

ROME Sports-Soccer-Euro 2000-Zoff. Expected by 1400 GMT

ROME Sports-Soccer-Euro 2000-Del Piero. Expected by 1400 GMT.

GOLF:

VIRGINIA WATER, England Colin Montgomerie holds a four-stroke lead going into Sunday's third round of the Volvo PGA Championship although heavy rain means some players still have to finish their second.

Slug Sports-Golf-Volvo PGA Championship. Expected by 1600 GMT.

By Brian Creighton.

DUBLIN, Ohio Tiger Woods, with a six-stroke lead, seeks to become the first repeat champion in the 25-year history of the Memorial.

Slug Sports-Golf-Memorial. Expected by 2100 GMT.

By Doug Ferguson.

CORNING, New York Defending champion Kelli Kuehne takes a third-round lead in the LPGA Corning Classic.

Slug Sports-Golf-LPGA-Corning Classic. Expected by 2100 GMT.

By John Kekis.

CYCLING:

BORMIO, Italy Overall leader Francesco Casagrande, still in pink after one of the toughest Giro stages, defends a 18-second advantage in another mountainous leg from Selva Gardena to Bormio on Sunday.

Slug Sports-Cycling-Giro. Expected by 1800 GMT.

FIELD HOCKEY:

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands Matches on the third day of the Champions Trophy field hockey tournament are canceled Sunday due to a building storm.

Slug Sports-Field Hockey-Champions Trophy. Has moved.

By Mandy Mann.

RUGBY:

WELLINGTON, New Zealand Todd Blackadder, less than 24 hours after leading Canterbury to its third consecutive Super 12 rugby championship, is named captain of the All Blacks on Sunday.

Slug Sports-RugbyU-New Zealand Squad. Has moved.

ALSO:

SYDNEY, Australia Sports-RugbyL-Australian Roundup. Has moved.

CRICKET:

LONDON Buoyed by an impressive innings and 209 victory over ailing Zimbabwe, England decides not to make any changes to the lineup for the second test at Trent Bridge starting on Thursday.

Slug Sports-Cricket-England Unchanged. Has moved.

DHAKA, Bangladesh Rain washes out Sunday's opening match between champion Sri Lanka and Bangladesh in the four-nation Asia Cup cricket championship.

Slug Sports-Cricket-Asia Cup. Has moved.

ICE HOCKEY:

MONTREAL Maurice "Rocket" Richard, whose explosive speed and scoring heroics made him the cornerstone of the Montreal Canadiens' dynasty that won five straight Stanley Cups, dies at the age of 78.

Slug Sports-Ice Hockey-Obit-Richard. Lead has moved.

AUTO RACING:

INDIANAPOLIS The field for Sunday's Indianapolis 500 includes two-time champion Al Unser Jr., two drivers for Chip Ganassi's team, the champions of the rival CART series and 19-year-old Sarah Fisher, only the third woman to race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Slug Sports-Auto Racing-IRL-Indy 500. Expected by 2200 GMT.

By Nancy Armour.

MOTORCYCLE RACING:

SCARPERIA, Italy Championship leader Kenny Roberts faces a strong Italian coalition and pole-starter Alex Barros on Sunday in the 500-cc race at the Italian Grand Prix, the sixth round of the world motorcycling competition.

Slug Sports-Motorcycle Racing-Italian GP. Expected by 1400 GMT.

OLYMPICS:

MELBOURNE, Australia Australian Jewish sports officials should boycott the Israeli Olympic team when it arrives in Sydney for the September Games, a hearing into the Maccabiah Games bridge disaster is told Sunday.

Sports-Olympics-Sydney-Maccabiah. Has moved.

SALT LAKE CITY The word "geld" the German word for money _ tagged on the names of loyal supporters in a dossier of International Olympic Committee members means "golden," an attorney insists.

Slug Sports-Olympics-IOC Bribery. Has moved.

By Paul Foy.

ALSO:

MELBOURNE, Australia Sports-Football-Australian Rules-Roundup. Has moved.

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia Sports-Triathlon-Ironman. Has moved.

HOUSTON Sports-Baseball-NL Roundup. Has moved.

NEW YORK Sports-Baseball-AL Roundup. Has moved.

DALLAS Sports-Ice Hockey-NHL Playoff Roundup. Has moved.

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WORLD SPORTS AT 0000 GMT:

AUTO RACING:

INDIANAPOLIS Colombia's Juan Montoya makes a dominating detour from auto racing's civil war with an Indianapolis 500 victory that was the strongest case yet for which side is best.

Sports-Auto Racing-Indianapolis 500. Has moved.

By Mike Harris.

INDIANAPOLIS There wasn't enough room for two women at Indy.

Sports-Auto Racing-Indy 500-Women. Has moved.

By Paul Newberry.

WITH:

INDIANAPOLIS Sports-Auto Racing-Indy 500-Gordon. Has moved. By Nancy Armour.

INDIANAPOLIS Auto Racing-Indy 500-Schmidt. Has moved. By Steve Herman.

SOCCER:

ZAGREB, Croatia As in the 1998 World Cup where France ousted Croatia in the semifinals, the French were again successful in a 2-0 victory in a friendly.

Sports-Soccer-Croatia-France. Has moved.

LONDON Michael Owen satisfies the critics and thousands of England fans at Wembley that he is back to make an impact in next month's European Championship.

Sports-Soccer-England-Owen. Has moved.

By Robert Millward.

ALSO:

AMMAN, Jordan Sports-Soccer-Jordan-King Hussein Cup. Has moved.

ATHENS, Greece Sports-Soccer-Greece-Roundup. Has moved.

VICENZA, Italy Sports-Soccer-Vicenza. Has moved.

EURO 2000:

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Sports-Soccer-Euro 2000-Italy. Has moved.

By Jeff Israely.

ALSO:

ROME Sports-Soccer-Euro 2000-Zoff. Has moved.

ROME Sports-Soccer-Euro 2000-Del Piero. Has moved.

CRICKET:

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua Pakistan's champion left-arm pacer Wasim Akram claims a vital wicket with the last ball of the fourth day, leaving the final cricket Test against the West Indies delicately poised with one day remaining.

Slug Sports-Cricket-WIndies-Pakistan. Has moved.

By Craig Cozier.

RUGBY UNION:

DUBLIN, Ireland South African fullback Stefan Terblanche scores two tries in the last quarter of the game as the Barbarians overturn a 10-point deficit to beat Ireland 31-30.

Sports-RugbyU-Ireland-Barbarians. Has moved.

FIELD HOCKEY:

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands The Netherlands <u>women</u>'s field hockey team defeats New Zealand 3-0 in a Champions Trophy league match after Dutch coach Tom van't Hek's protest forces the International Hockey Federation to reverse its decision on abandoning matches due to stormy conditions.

Sports-Field Hockey-Champions Trophy. Has moved.

By Mandy Mann.

GOLF:

VIRGINIA WATER, England After a day of amazing scoring in bad weather Saturday, Colin Montgomerie plays flat in the sunshine Sunday but maintains his two-shot lead with five holes remaining before Monday's final round begins.

Sports-Golf-Volvo PGA Championship. Has moved.

By Brian Creighton.

DUBLIN, Ohio Tiger Woods finally meets his match at Muirfield Village the rain.

Sports-Golf-Memorial. Has moved.

By Doug Ferguson.

CORNING, New York Betsy King makes a 10-foot (3-meter) birdie putt on the second hole of sudden-death playoff with Kelli Kuehne and Vicki Goetze-Ackerman to win the LPGA Corning Classic for the second time.

Sports-Golf-LPGA-Corning Classic. Has moved.

By John Kekis.

WITH:

AUGUSTA, Missouri Sports-Golf-Boone Valley Seniors. Has moved.

ICE HOCKEY:

MONTREAL Bouquets of flowers and tribute notes pile up outside the home of National Hockey League great Maurice Richard and at a statue of "The Rocket" as a nation mourns one of its greatest sports heroes.

Sports-Ice-Hockey-Richard Remembered. Has moved.

ALSO:

DALLAS Sports-Ice Hockey-Stars Return. Has moved. By Jaime Aron.

BASKETBALL:

PORTLAND, Oregon Shaquille O'Neal goes 9-for-9 at the free throw line as the Los Angeles Lakers move just one victory away from the National Basketball Association Finals for the first time since 1991.

Sports-Basketball-NBA Playoff Roundup.

By Bob Baum.

NEW YORK More bad news arrives for the New York Knicks: Latrell Sprewell has a foot injury that could keep him out of Game 4 of the National Basketball Association's Eastern Conference finals.

Sports-Basketball-Pacers-Knicks. Has moved.

By Chris Sheridan.

ALSO:

BORMIO, Italy Sports-Cycling-Giro. Has moved.

HENGELO, Netherlands Sports-Track-Adriaan Paulen Memorial. Has moved.

NEW YORK Sports-Horse Racing-Red Bullet-Belmont. Has moved. By Ed Schuyler Jr.

PARIS Sports-Tennis-French Open. Has moved. By Steve Wilstein.

SCARPERIA, Italy Sports-Motorcycle Racing-Italian GP. Has moved.

SHEFFIELD, England Sports-Swimming-World Record. Has moved.

ST. LOUIS Sports-Baseball-NL Roundup. Has moved. Will be updated by 0400 GMT.

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida Sports-Baseball-AL Roundup. Has moved. Will be updated by 0400 GMT.

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WORLD AT 1800 GMT:

NEW:

MEXICO-UNIVERSITY STRIKE. Students back on campus after nine-month strike.

US-LITTLETON SHOOTING. Two students found dead not far from Columbine.

US-GEORGIA TORNADOES. Tornadoes slash through southern U.S., killing 13.

GUATEMALA-SLAIN BISHOP. Three new suspects in 2-year-old murder mystery.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

NAZRAN, Russia Russia's military says Monday it is closing Grozny off from returning civilians for fear that rebels may come back in disguise. Meanwhile, troops stream toward a steep gorge holding the last major strongyholds of Chechen fighters. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Lead has moved. By Andrew Kramer. AP Photo MOSB101.

MEXICO CITY Tens of thousands of students return Monday to Latin America's largest university after a 9 1/2-month occupation by strikers. MEXICO-UNIVERSITY STRIKE. Expected by 2200 GMT. By Amparo Trejo. AP Photos planned.

BUDAPEST, Hungary The European Union offers Monday to help Hungary and Romania assess damage to aquatic life after a cyanide spill reaches the Danube, Europe's longest river. BALKANS-CYANIDE SPILL. Lead has moved; INCORPORATES Yugoslavia-Cyanide Spill. By Alex Bandy. AP Photos BEL101,104,109. AP Graphic CYANIDE RIVER.

JAKARTA, Indonesia President Abdurrahman Wahid suspends his powerful security chief Monday and orders investigators to determine if Gen. Wiranto bears any responsibility for violence in East Timor last year. INDONESIA-POLITICS. Lead has moved. By Slobodan Lekic. AP Photos JAK101-102, 105-106,111.

ALSO MOVED:

INDONESIA-VIOLENCE. Three policemen and one military officer are killed in the latest clash between Muslims and Christians in Aceh province, authorities say Monday.

INDONESIA-SUHARTO. Former President Suharto fails to show up Monday for an inquiry on high-level corruption.

JERUSALEM Behind-the-scenes contacts are under way to try to restart negotiations with Syria that could end Israel's guerrilla war in Lebanon, an Israeli official says Monday. ISRAEL-SYRIA. Lead expected by 2100 GMT. By Mark Lavie. AP Photos JRL101-103; XLR101,103.

ALSO MOVED:

ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Yasser Arafat sets a September deadline to declare Palestinian statehood.

PALESTINIANS-CROSSINGS. Palestinians ban Israeli products in retaliation for restrictions on travel between Gaza and Israel.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland The <u>Irish Republican Army</u> has offered a first sign it may be willing to disarm, Britain says Monday. NORTHERN IRELAND. Lead expected by 2000 GMT. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photo XBFT101.

KOSOVSKA MITROVICA, Yugoslavia NATO reminds Kosovo's Albanians on Monday that peacekeepers are meant to protect them after weekend skirmishes kill one and wound 19, including two French troops. KOSOVO. Lead has moved. By Elena Becatoros. AP Graphic KOSOVO CURFEW.

ALSO MOVED:

_EU-YUGOSLAVIA. A ban on commercial flights to Yugoslavia, imposed during the Kosovo crisis, is suspended Monday.

FRANCE-KOSOVO. France denies Monday that its soldiers are pro-Serb.

BRUSSELS The cold shoulder Austria is getting can only fuel anti-European feelings in Austria, the foreign minister says Monday. EU-AUSTRIA. Lead has moved. By Robert Wielaard. AP Photos BRU112, VIE106.

BANGKOK, Thailand Chances for a rapid resumption of world trade negotiations weaken Monday as differences between rich and poor nations remain wide at a U.N. trade conference. WORLD TRADE. Lead has moved. By David Thurber. AP Photos BK104,112-113. AP Graphic WORLD TRADE.

ALSO MOVED:

WORLD TRADE-US.

WORLD TRADE-LATIN AMERICA.

WORLD TRADE-PROTEST, BK109-112.

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan Eight days after their aircraft was hijacked and taken to Britain, 73 passengers return to Afghanistan on Monday. AFGHANISTAN-RETURNING HOSTAGES. Lead has moved. By Amir Shah. AP Photos KAN101-103.

WITH:

AFGHAN PLANE HIJACKED. Britain may send some asylum-seekers to the United States, India and Pakistan, a foreign office spokesman says Monday. Lead expected by 2100 GMT.

GUATEMALA CITY The 2-year-old case of slain Roman Catholic Bishop Juan Gerardi has three new suspects and a pair of resurrected old ones but no fresh evidence. GUATEMALA-SLAIN BISHOP. Expected by 2100 GMT. AP Photo NY190.

LITTLETON, Colorado Two students are found dead early Monday after a shooting at a sandwich shop about two blocks from Columbine High School, where 12 students and a teacher were killed last April. US-LITTLETON SHOOTING. Lead has moved; developments will be expedited. By R. Unruh. AP Photos staffing.

CAMILLA, Georgia Tornadoes slash through southwest Georgia early Monday, killing at least 13 people and injuring more than 100. US-GEORGIA TORNADOES. Lead has moved. By Elliott Minor. AP Photos staffing; AP Graphic GA TORNADOES.

LAUREL, Maryland After a near-flawless rocket firing, a robot craft on Monday becomes the first spacecraft to orbit an asteroid, settling into a Valentine's Day rendezvous with a space rock named for the Greek god of love. US-ASTEROID RENDEZVOUS. Lead has moved. By Paul Recer.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Tuesday, German President Johannes Rau begins a five-day visit to Israel.

FEATURES MOVED:

FEA-BRITAIN-LONDON MAYOR. NY110.

FEA-JAPAN-AVOIDING MELTDOWN. NY111-113.

FEA-WEST BANK-EMBATTLED CHRISTIANS. NY327-331. With FEA-EMBATTLED CHRISTIANS-GLANCE.

FEA-PERU'S FUTURE. NY311.

FEA-MOZAMBIQUE BOOM, NY312-315.

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Ankara, Turkey First anniversary of Abdullah Ocalan's capture by the Turks.

Jerusalem German President Johannes Rau begins five-day visit, meeting Israeli leaders, visiting a desert research institute and participating in a symposium.

Hirosaki, Japan Japan-U.S. joint defense drills to be conducted in Hirosaki, Aomori Prefecture. Through 29th.

Washington New U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom: hearing on religious persecution in Sudan.

Washington House International Relations subcommittee on Africa: hearing on peacekeeping operations in the Congo.

Los Angeles Academy Award nominations announced.

Bangkok, Thailand U.N. Conference on Trade and Development continues. Through Feb. 20.

Berlin Film festival continues. Through Feb. 22.

Tokyo Dominican Republic President Leonel Fernandez Reyna on visit. Through Feb. 17.

Strasbourg, France European Parliament in session. Through Feb. 18.

Wednesday, Feb. 16:

London Deadline for members of a Labor Party electoral college to vote on the party's candidate for the first elected mayor of London.

Riga, Latvia Prosecutors from the United States, Canada, Australia, Britain and Germany are to meet to compare notes about alleged war criminal Konrads Kalejs. Through Feb. 17.

North Korea North Korean leader Kim Jong II's birthday.

Tokyo Joint U.S.-Japan military exercise. Through 24th. This will be the first exercise since three bills related to the revised U.S.- Japan defense cooperation guidelines were enacted by the Diet.

Washington Start of the National Summit on Africa, through Feb. 20.

Washington House International Relations Committee: hearing on president's foreign affairs budget request for fiscal 2001, with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

Thursday, Feb. 17:

Washington President Bill Clinton scheduled to speak at the National Summit on Africa.

Washington Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve, testifies about monetary policy before the House Banking and Financial Services Committee

Washington House International Relations Committee hearing on North Korea.

Friday, Feb. 18:

Tehran, Iran Parliamentary elections.

Milan, Italy *Women*'s ready-to-wear fashion shows. Through Feb 26.

Zagreb, Croatia Stipe Mesic, Croatia's newly elected pro-Western president, to be inaugurated.

Tokyo Revised immigration law to go into effect. Law includes punishments for those illegally staying in Japan.

Dharmsala, India Tibetans celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Dalai Lama's enthronement. The Dalai Lama and the Karmapa may appear for the first time together in public.

Saturday, Feb. 19:

No major events added.

Sunday, Feb. 20:

Osaka, Japan Ceremony to support Osaka's bid to host the 2008 Olympics.

Moyers, Oklahoma A group of school children dedicate memorial to four British airmen killed nearby while training during World War II.

Trying to cope with a cyanide spill, Serbia banned the sale of most freshwater fish Monday, and Hungary warned of longterm ecological damage as cleanup crews in the two countries pulled thousands of dead fish from the Danube and Tisa rivers. Romania, where the spill originated, told affected countries not to expect it to pay for the damage and the Australian owners of the mine where the spill originated said the damage was exaggerated. The European Union, meanwhile. said Monday it was ready to help Hungary and Romania deal with the spill and would send its top environment official to assess the damage. And the U.N. Environment Porgram, after receiving a number of requests from governments, said that UNEP Executive Director Klaus Toepfer had instrusted Balkans task force scientists in the area to take water samples from the River Danube. (BALKANS-CYANIDE)

NAZRAN, Russia (AP)

Russia's military said Monday it was closing off Chechnya's capital Grozny to returning civilians because rebels may try to come back in disguise and mined buildings made living there too dangerous. The ITAR-Tass news agency quoted commander Nikolai Zaitsev as saying it would last until March 1. About 3,000 rebels abandoned Grozny earlier this month and the Russians claim to control the city. Months of heavy bombing and shelling followed by intense street fighting have left it in ruins, and many refugees say they do not plan to return. Meanwhile, having

claimed control of most of Chechnya, Russian troops streamed Monday toward a steep, icy gorge holding the last major rebel strongholds. (RUSSIA-CHECHNYA)

MEXICO CITY (AP)

Ten months after a strike closed Latin America's largest university, tens of thousands of students returned to classes Monday with both lingering tensions and hopes for a return to a normal campus life. About 2,500 strike supporters marched through the campus to express their opposition to the reopening of the school, and about 100 clashed with anti-strike students outside the law school at the National Autonomous University. (MEXICO-UNIVERSITY STRIKE)

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)

With the suspension of the security chief, Indonesia's reformist president on Monday ended weeks of public flip-flopping that prompted fears of a rift between the military and the civilian government. The suspension of Gen. Wiranto rid the government, at least for now, of one of the most prominent vestiges of the country's authoritarian past. Foreign officials and analysts said they hoped it would lead to a stronger democracy. On Sunday, President Abdurrahman Wahid announced he was temporarily suspending Wiranto from the Cabinet while the attorney general's office investigates allegations that the general played a role in the violence that devastated East Timor last year. U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said he was pleased by the government's determination to bring those responsible to justice. (INDONESIA-POLITICS)

KOSOVSKA MITROVICA, Yugoslavia (AP)

Attacks by ethnic Albanians on the peacekeepers sent to Kosovo to protect them could undermine support for the peacekeeping mission, NATO's chief said Monday. NATO Secretary-General Lord George Robertson condemned Sunday's attack by Albanian snipers that wounded two French soldiers and said the alliance would not tolerate further violence against its troops. The ethnically divided city of Kosovska Mitrovica has been the center of much of the recent turmoil. Kosovo's most multiethnic city has been wracked by violence since a Feb. 2 grenade attack on a U.N. bus killed two elderly Serbs. (KOSOVO)

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP)

Eight days after their aircraft was hijacked and taken to Britain, 73 people returned home to Afghanistan Monday and were greeted with a hero's welcome. Rose petals fell like rain on the former hostages as they stepped off their chartered aircraft in southern Kandahar, the headquarters of Afghanistan's ruling Taliban army. The Taliban's foreign minister, Wakil Ahmed Muttawakil, welcomed each of the men with an embrace, chocolates and a new shalwar kameez, the traditional Afghan dress. Another 74 passengers from the hijacked Afghan plane remained in Britain, awaiting word on their asylum requests. (AFGHANISTAN-RETURNING HOSTAGES)

JERUSALEM (AP)

Behind-the-scenes contacts through France appear underway to try to restart Israeli-Syrian peace talks that could end the guerrilla war in Lebanon, a Foreign Ministry official said Monday. Israel's Foreign Ministry Director-General Eitan Bentsur was in Paris over the weekend for talks with French diplomats that likely focused on Lebanon, a Foreign Ministry official said. In a protest marking Israel's 1981 annexation of the Golan Heights, about 200 Druse Arabs threw stones at Israeli police who responded with tear gas and rubber bullets. Demonstrators carried large posters of Syrian President Hafez Assad and urged him to capture Tel Aviv. Israel radio said two protesters were injured by rubber bullets and one was overcome by tear gas. (ISRAEL-SYRIA)

WORLD AT 0700 GMT:

NEW:

CHINA-ARCHBISHOP. Monitoring group says China arrests 81-year-old archbishop.

SYRIA-ISRAEL. Syrians mark anniversary of anti-Israel protest.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

JERUSALEM Palestinians and Israelis had hoped the day would bring the outline of an eventual agreement on the key issues dividing them Jerusalem's status, final borders and the return of refugees. Now, they fear, the failure to meet a deadline for framing a final status agreement could lead to a total breakdown of the peace process. ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Lead expected by 1400 GMT. By Ron Kampeas. AP Photos JRL101-103, 105, GAZ101.

QUNEITRA, Syria Syrians gather at the border to shout to relatives in the Israeli-held Golan Heights and listen to speeches denouncing the Jewish state's annexation of the territory on Monday, the anniversary of a protest strike Syrians see as one of the proudest moments in their confrontation with the enemy. SYRIA-ISRAEL. Expected by 1300 GMT. By Albert Aji. AP Photos.

ALSO MOVED:

ISRAEL-LEBANON. Israeli prime minister says a unilateral withdrawal of troops from Lebanon will not happen until at least April. AP Photos XRL101-104, BEI101-102.

JAKARTA, Indonesia President Abdurrahman Wahid on Monday suspends his powerful security chief, Gen. Wiranto, and instructs government investigators to determine if he bears any responsibility for the widespread violence that occurred in East Timor last year. INDONESIA-POLITICS. Lead has moved. By Slobodan Lekic.

ALSO MOVED:

INDONESIA-SUHARTO. Former President Suharto fails to show up at inquiry about high-level corruption.

SLEPTSOVSKAYA, Russia Russian forces focus their offensive against Chechen rebels on a gorge that cuts through the southern mountains where thousands of fighters have strongholds. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Lead expected by 1000 GMT. By Andrew Kramer. AP Photos MOSB101-103, NAZ101-109.

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates Iran's legislative elections this week pit a nation clamoring for greater democracy against an Islamic establishment determined to preserve its hard-line rule. IRAN-ELECTIONS. Has moved. By Anwar Faruqi. AP Photos TEH102-106.

BRUSSELS, Belgium Austrian Foreign Minister Benita Ferrero-Waldner is expected to appeal to her 14 EU colleagues Monday to judge her country's ruling conservative-far right coalition on its actions. EU-AUSTRIA. Lead expected by 1030 GMT. By Robert. Wielaard.

KOSOVSKA MITROVICA, Yugoslavia Hoping to clamp down on violence that left one person dead and 19 others reported injured, NATO peacekeepers have extended a curfew over bitterly divided Kosovska Mitrovica. KOSOVO. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Elena Becatoros. AP Photos PRI101-109, XPRI202.

BECEJ, Yugoslavia A cyanide spill that decimated aquatic life in a major river apparently is diluted to non-lethal levels after flowing into the Danube. Serbia says it will demand compensation at an international court. YUGOSLAVIA-CYANIDE SPILL. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Misha Savic. AP Photos BEL101-105.

BANGKOK, Thailand The world trading system may be moving on and globalization picking up, but supporters and opponents alike warn Monday there is a severe danger of increasing gaps between haves and have-nots. WORLD TRADE. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By David Thurber. AP Photos BK104, NY109-112, 116.

ALSO MOVED:

WORLD TRADE-LATIN AMERICA. Bank chief calls for "growth with human face" in Latin America.

SINGAPORE U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan meets Monday with Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong, and other top Singapore officials as part of a two-week tour of the Asia-Pacific region. SINGAPORE-UN. Expected by 0800 GMT. By Dean Visser.

SINGAPORE The chief of the international body which regulates global trade says on Monday that his organization was incomplete without the membership of China, Asia's biggest country with more than 1 billion people. SINGAPORE-WTO. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Jamie Tarabay.

ALSO MOVED:

SINGAPORE-WTO-NO PROTESTS. WTO Director-General Mike Moore can relax with no protests in Singapore.

SINGAPORE-WTO E-COMMERCE. WTO chief warns E-commerce tax is economic suicide.

BEIJING Authorities in China have arrested an 81-year-old archbishop of the underground Roman Catholic Church who already has spent nearly three decades in prison, a monitoring group says. CHINA-ARCHBISHOP. Has moved.

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LAS CANOAS, Colombia Leaders of an indigenous tribe say they will continue their protracted battle against a U.S. oil company's plans to drill on lands the tribe considers sacred. COLOMBIA-INDIAN PROTEST. Has moved. By Vivian Sequera. AP Photos BOG101-105.

SANTA ROSA, California "Peanuts" creator Charles Schulz dies at home following a battle with cancer, just as the last original cartoon of his half-century career was being published in newspapers worldwide. US-OBIT-SCHULZ. Has moved. By Mary Ann Lickteig. AP Photos NY107-109, XOAS101.

WITH:

US-SCHULZ-REACTION. The coincidence of Charles Schulz's death one day before his final "Peanuts" appears in newspapers weighs heavily on fans of Charlie Brown, Snoopy and Lucy. Has moved.

LAUREL, Md. Trouble-free and performing as planned, a robot craft was on target Monday to become the first spacecraft to orbit an asteroid in a Valentine's Day rendezvous with a space rock named for the Greek god of love. ASTEROID-RENDEZVOUS. Expected by 0800 GMT; thrusters scheduled to be fired at 1533 GMT. By Paul Recer.

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FEATURES:

NEW:

TOKAIMURA, Japan Japan's nuclear power industry, for decades respected for supplying affordable, inexhaustible energy to a power-guzzling country with precious little coal and virtually no oil, is under fire. FEA-JAPAN-AVOIDING MELTDOWN. Has moved. By Ginny Parker. AP Photos NY111-113.

FEATURES MOVED:

FEA-WEST BANK-EMBATTLED CHRISTIANS. Pope's visit to Holy Land may be turning point for embattled faith. AP Photos NY327-331.

With: FEA-EMBATTLED CHRISTIANS-GLANCE.

FEA-PERU'S FUTURE. Peru shantytown dwellers ponder message of future hope. AP Photo NY311.

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WORLD AT 1100 GMT:

NEW:

ISRAEL-SYRIA. Israel won't resume negotiations with Syria at any price.

EU-YUGOSLAVIA. EU foreign ministers discuss Yugoslavia sanctions.

YUGOSLAVIA-HOMECOMING HOPES. Serb refugees hope Croatian elections will mean a return home.

NORTHERN IRELAND, British governor says IRA my be willing to give up arms.

ANALYSIS-TAIWAN-POLITICS. Nationalists might lose election but keep Taiwan presidency.

AFGHANISTAN-RETURNING HOSTAGES. Hijacked Afghan passengers return home.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

JERUSALEM On the day Israeli and Palestinian negotiators missed an important target date on the road to peace, Yasser Arafat sets a deadline of his own a declaration of Palestinian statehood by September, with or without Israel's blessing. ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Karin Laub.

QUNEITRA, Syrians gather at the border to shout to relatives in the Israeli-held Golan Heights and listen to speeches denouncing the Jewish state's annexation of the territory on Monday, the anniversary of a protest strike Syrians see as one of the proudest moments in their confrontation with the enemy. SYRIA-ISRAEL. Expected by 1300 GMT. By Albert Aji.

ALSO:

ISRAEL-SYRIA. Israeli foreign minister says Israel will not resume negotiations with Syria at any price. Expected by 1200 GMT.

JAKARTA, Indonesia President Abdurrahman Wahid on Monday suspends his powerful security chief, Gen. Wiranto, and instructs government investigators to determine if he bears any responsibility for the widespread violence that occurred in East Timor last year. INDONESIA-POLITICS. Lead has moved. By Slobodan Lekic. AP Photos JAK101-111.

ALSO MOVED:

INDONESIA-SUHARTO. Former President Suharto fails to show up at inquiry about high-level corruption.

NAZRAN, Russia Russia is moving more troops into the region of the Argun gorge in southern Chechnya, one of the last major strongholds of Chechen rebels, the defense minister says Monday. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Andrew Kramer.

BRUSSELS, Belgium Austria's foreign minister gets an icy reception Monday at her first European Union meeting. EU-AUSTRIA. Lead has moved. By Robert Wielaard. AP Photos BRI101-104.

BRUSSELS, Belgium - European Union foreign ministers are expected to suspend a ban on commercial flights to Serbia introduced during the Kosovo crisis, but are divided over proposals to further tighten sanctions against those close to President Slobodan Milosevic. EU-YUGOSLAVIA. Expected by 1500 GMT. By Paul Ames.

KOSOVSKA MITROVICA, Yugoslavia NATO peacekeepers say Monday they have arrested dozens of people in a clampdown on violence that left one person dead and 19 reported injured in this ethnically divided Kosovo city. KOSOVO. Lead has moved. By Elena Becatoros.

ALSO MOVED:

FRANCE-KOSOVO. France denies allegations that its soldiers in the strife-torn town of Kosovska Mitrovica have pro-Serb policies.

NOVI SAD, Yugoslavia Thousands of ethnic Serbs who fled Croatia's war are letting their hopes rise for the first time in nearly a decade, thanks to the political transformation in Croatia. YUGOSLAVIA-HOMECOMING HOPES. Has moved. By Danica Kirka. AP Photo NY108.

BUDAPEST, Hungary A cyanide spill that polluted a tributary of the Danube River will "poison the whole food chain" for years to come, a Hungarian environmental official says Monday. YUGOSLAVIA-CYANIDE SPILL. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Alex Bandy.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland The *Irish Republican Army*'s most recent statement suggests that the outlawed group "may after all be prepared to give up their arms," Britain's governor for Northern Ireland declares. His assessment comes as the British and Irish governments discuss how to rescue the province's power-sharing administration. NORTHERN IRELAND. Expected by 1200 GMT. By Shawn Pogatchnik.

BANGKOK, Thailand Delegates at a U.N. trade conference say Monday they are still far away from settling the disputes that caused the collapse of trade talks in Seattle last December. WORLD TRADE. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By David Thurber. AP Photos BK101-120.

ALSO MOVED:

WORLD TRADE-US. U.S. chief at trade talks dismisses chance of breakthrough.

WORLD TRADE-LATIN AMERICA. Bank chief calls for "growth with human face" in Latin America.

WORLD TRADE-PROTEST. Thai protesters say foreign investors back damaging projects.

TAIPEI, Taiwan Many Taiwanese believe their island is weeks away from a historic event: the Nationalist Party's loss of the presidency for the first time in more than 50 years. But the party might retain power even if its candidate loses the tight three-way race next month. ANALYSIS-TAIWAN-POLITICS. Has moved. By William Foreman.

ALSO MOVED:

TAIWAN-CHINA-ELECTION. Opposition presidential candidate further softens his stance on China. AP Photos TPE101-106.

SINGAPORE U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan says Monday that multinational companies should share the social and environmental costs of globalization. However, Annan says there are limits on what world-spanning corporations can do. SINGAPORE-UN-GLOBALIZATION. Has moved. Stands for item on previous digest slugged SINGAPORE-UN. By Anna Sathiah.

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ALSO MOVED:

US-SPACE SHUTTLE. Thruster problem could cut short space shuttle Endeavour's Earth mapping mission. AP Photo XHTN101.

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NEW:

LONDON Ken Livingstone, Cockney populist and leftist lawmaker in the governing Labor Party, has turned this week's vote on the party's nomination for mayor of London into a political nightmare for Prime Minister Tony Blair. FEA-BRITAIN-LONDON MAYOR. Expected by 1200 GMT. By Maureen Johnson. AP Photo NY110.

FEATURES MOVED:

FEA-JAPAN-AVOIDING MELTDOWN. Nuclear industry, facing angry public, struggles to regain trust. AP Photos NY111-113.

FEA-WEST BANK-EMBATTLED CHRISTIANS. Pope's visit to Holy Land may be turning point for embattled faith. AP Photos NY327-331.

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JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)

President Abdurrahman Wahid on Monday suspended his powerful security chief, Gen. Wiranto, and instructed government investigators to determine if he bears any responsibility for the widespread violence that occurred in East Timor last year. The move, which Wiranto quickly accepted, was the latest development in a two-week standoff between the two men over whether Wiranto should quit the Cabinet. The decision means the general will be temporarily relieved of his duties while the probe is under way. The president was on an overseas tour when a human rights report implicated Wiranto in the violence that devastated East Timor following its independence vote in August. Wahid met with the general upon his return to Jakarta on Sunday. (INDONESIA-POLITICS)

NAZRAN, Russia (AP)

Russia is moving more troops into the region of the Argun gorge in southern Chechnya, one of the last major strongholds of Chechen rebels, the defense minister said Monday. "We are beefing up forces in the direction of the Argun (gorge)," Defense Minister Igor Sergeyev said after a Cabinet meeting in Moscow called to discuss the Chechen situation. However, he refused to say when the military would start more active operations in the Argun gorge. Russian aircraft and artillery have been bombarding the steep gorge for weeks, trying to rout rebels from their hide-outs along the icy, wooded slopes. The military said Monday that Su-24 and Su-25 warplanes as well as helicopter gunships had flown more than 100 combat missions in Chechnya during the past 24 hours, mostly over the Argun and Vedeno gorges. (RUSSIA-CHECHNYA)

KOSOVSKA MITROVICA, Yugoslavia (AP)

NATO peacekeepers said Monday they had arrested dozens of people in a clampdown on violence that left one person dead and 19 reported injured in this ethnically divided Kosovo city. Kosovska Mitrovica appeared calm Monday after a dawn-to-dusk curfew several hours longer than one previously in force was imposed after Sunday's violence. Kosovo's most multiethnic city has been wracked by violence since a grenade attack on a U.N. bus Feb. 2 killed two elderly Serbs. Since then, Serbs have been forcing ethnic Albanians to leave their homes in the northern part of the city. Seven ethnic Albanians were wounded Sunday by a grenade thrown at their house. In separate attacks, one man was killed and 11 others including two French soldiers were injured, most in fighting between NATO peacekeepers and snipers. (KOSOVO)

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP)

Days after their aircraft was hijacked and taken to Britain, 73 people returned home to Afghanistan on Monday, greeted with a hero's welcome. Rose petals fell like rain on the former hostages as they stepped off their chartered aircraft in southern Kandahar, the headquarters of Afghanistan's ruling Taliban army. The Taliban's Foreign Minister Wakil Ahmed Muttawakil welcomed each of the men with an embrace, chocolates and a shalwar kameez, the traditional Afghan dress. To some of the men, Muttawakil gave a turban. In keeping with the Taliban's strict interpretation of Islam, there was no contact with <u>women</u> disembarking from the aircraft. Juma Khan stepped off the aircraft and kissed the ground. "This is my home. I love it very much," he said. An additional 74 passengers from the hijacked Afghan plane remained in Britain, awaiting word on their asylum requests. (AFGHANISTAN-RETURNING HOSTAGES)

WORLD SPORTS AT 1400 GMT:

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Slug Sports-Soccer-Italian Cup Preview. Has moved.

By Jeff Israely.

LONDON Two clubs struggling in the middle of the pack meet in the Premier League as Aston Villa plays at Middlesbrough.

Slug Sports-Soccer-British Roundup. Expected by 2200 GMT.

ALSO:

MADRID, Spain Sports-Soccer-Raul Injury. Has moved.

TENNIS:

SAN JOSE, California Australia's Mark Philippoussis successfully defends his Sybase Open title, finishing off Sweden's Mikael Tillstrom with a furious ace.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Sybase Open. Has moved.

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands The Dutch ABN Amro ATP World Tennis Tournament gets under way Monday with an effortless second-round qualification by Frenchman Cedric Pioline.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Rotterdam. Early results expected by 1900 GMT.

ALSO:

HANNOVER, Germany Sports-Tennis-Hannover Indoor. Expected by 2100 GMT.

OLYMPICS:

SYDNEY, Australia International Olympic Committee president Juan Antonio Samaranch arrives in Sydney late Monday and immediately throws his support behind the embattled organizers of the Sydney 2000 Olympics.

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

By John Pye.

GOLF:

SAN DIEGO Phil Mickelson offers neither apologies nor condolences for denying Tiger Woods a seventh straight PGA Tour victory.

Slug Sports-Golf-Buick Invitational. Lead has moved.

By Bernie Wilson.

SIMI VALLEY, California Laura Davies kept her driver in the bag. The golfer famous for her length off the tees instead relied on solid putting to win her first LPGA tournament in more than a year.

Slug Sports-Golf-LPGA-LA Championship. Has moved.

By Beth Harris.

NAPLES, Florida Lanny Wadkins becomes the sixth player in Senior PGA Tour history to win in his first start, parring the third hole of a playoff in the ACE Group Classic.

Slug Sports-Golf-Naples Seniors. Has moved.

ATHLETICS:

SYDNEY, Australia Former Olympic champion Linford Christie continues coaching a squad of athletes Monday, despite the International Amateur Athletics Federation's decision over the weekend to suspend him for a doping offense.

Slug Sports-Track-Christie. Has moved.

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Slug Sports-Figure Skating-Europeans. Has moved.

By Salvatore Zanca.

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Slug Sports-Figure Skating-US. Has moved.

By Barry Wilner.

AUTO RACING:

DAYTONA BEACH, Florida Maybe the new Chevrolets aren't so bad. Dale Jarrett's intimidating Ford Taurus did nothing Sunday to diminish the defending Winston Cup champion's favorite status for the Daytona 500. But the Chevrolets put up quite an impressive challenge.

Slug Sports-Auto Racing-NASCAR-Daytona 500. Has moved.

By AP Motorsports Writer Mike Harris.

BASKETBALL:

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

By AP Basketball Writer Chris Sheridan.

ALSO:

OAKLAND, California Sports-Basketball-All-Star Notebook. Has moved.

ALSO MOVED:

NEW YORK Sports-Ice Hockey-NHL Roundup.

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LONDON Aston Villa's Benito Carbone and Julian Joachim each score twice to add to Middlesbrough's woes with a 4-0 victory in a Premier League match that also sees 'Boro midfielder Paul Gascoigne break his arm.

Slug Sports-Soccer-British Roundup. Has moved.

PARIS Citing the case of a 14-year-old Ivory Coast boy left to his own devices after being rejected by top French clubs, Sports Minister Marie-George Buffet says that steps must be taken to clamp down on unscrupulous soccer agents.

Slug Sports-Soccer-France-Slave Trade. Has moved.

ALSO:

MADRID, Spain Sports-Soccer-Raul Injury. Has moved.

TENNIS:

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands Third-seeded Swede Magnus Norman comes off worst in a second-set tiebreaker with the Dutch Sjeng Schalken, but comes out a 6-2, 6-7 (7-4), 6-3 first-round winner at the dlrs 750,000 ABN AMRO indoor tennis tournament.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Rotterdam. Has moved.

ALSO:

HANNOVER, Germany Sports-Tennis-Hannover Indoor. Has moved.

OLYMPICS:

SYDNEY, Australia Seven months out from the opening ceremony, International Olympic Committee president Juan Antonio Samaranch makes an inspection of the main Sydney 2000 Olympic venues.

Slug Sports-Olympics-Sydney-Samaranch. Expected to move 0430 gmt.

GOLF:

SAN DIEGO Even after his first PGA Tour loss in six months, Tiger Woods is not done chasing Byron Nelson. Just ask Nelson.

Slug Sports-Golf-Tiger's Streak. Expected by 0100 GMT.

By Doug Ferguson.

ALSO:

UNDATED Sports-Golf-Match Play Championship. Has moved.

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ICE HOCKEY

BUFFALO, New York Dominik Hasek of the Czech Republic says that he will play next season, backing off on his plans for retirement because of an injury that has limited his play this year.

Slug Sports-Ice Hockey-NHL-Sabres-Hasek. Has moved.

AUTO RACING:

DAYTONA BEACH, Florida The pressure is off Robert Pressley. The five-year veteran of NASCAR Winston Cup racing has raced four times in the Daytona 500. In three of them, he had to qualify in one of the 125-mile (201 kilometer) qualifying races on Thursday. The other time he had to wait to see if a mediocre qualifying lap was good enough to get him in.

Slug Sports-Auto Racing-NASCAR-Daytona 500. Expected to move by 0100 GMT.

By Mike Harris.

SAILING

AUCKLAND, New Zealand Team New Zealand unveils a keel, which had been widely regarded as a decoy due to its unusual design in the leadup to Saturday's first race of the best-of-nine America's Cup series.

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

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NEW GOVERNMENT: Bush working on Cabinet

AUSTIN, Texas George W. Bush is ready to begin naming top officials of his administration and aides say there will be Democrats among the ranks much to the dismay of conservative Republicans. US-BUSH. Lead has moved. INCORPORATES US-Bush-Administration. By Tom Raum. AP Photos.

WITH:

US-BUSH PROFILE. The President-Elect: Man of privilege and breeding with a streak of the ordinary.

BALKANS-WHAT NEXT? The first Bush administration tried to avoid the Balkans and the incoming Bush team wants to leave. But George W. Bush may find his options limited if he tries to reduce U.S. troop strength in the region.

MIDEAST: High-level talks resume along with violence

JERUSALEM Six Palestinians are killed in an upsurge of violence that erupts before dawn and carries on after midday prayers Friday. The latest confrontations come despite high-level talks between Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and senior Israeli negotiators in a move toward restarting peace negotiations. ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Lead upcoming. By Mark Lavie. AP Photos JRL103-104.

EUROPE:

NATO: Allies try to find accommodation with Turkey on European Union Force

BRUSSELS, Belgium The United States and its NATO allies try to persuade Turkey on Friday to drop objections to a NATO-European Union deal on the EU's proposed 60,000-man rapid-reaction force. NATO. Lead has moved. By Jeffrey Ulbrich. AP Photos. XBRU101-103.

MOB-BUSTERS: Countries sign new international treaty on organized crime

PALERMO, Sicily More than 120 countries sign a new international treaty on organized crime Friday laying down a "common language" for mob-busters around the world and pledging to use such measures as eliminating banking secrecy. ITALY-ANTI-MAFIA MEETING. Expected by 1900 GMT. By Frances D'Emilio. AP Photos.

KOSOVO: Blockades end at Kostunica's urging

BUJANOVAC, Yugoslavia Responding to an appeal by President Vojislav Kostunica, Serbs on Friday lift blockades erected along major transport arteries to demand the government expel ethnic Albanian rebels from the buffer zone along the boundary with Kosovo. YUGOSLAV-KOSOVO. Has moved. By Dragan Ilic.

WITH:

YUGOSLAVIA-MILOSEVIC WIFE. The influential wife of Slobodan Milosevic pledges to stick to her leftist principles and help her party in upcoming Serbian elections. Expected by 1800 GMT.

CHERNOBYL: With flip of a switch, Ukraine puts an end to Chernobyl era

KIEV, Ukraine With one flip of a switch Friday, Ukraine hopes to end 14 years of tragedy in the shadow of Chernobyl's atomic power plant, site of the world's worst nuclear accident. UKRAINE-CHERNOBYL. Has moved. By Sergei Shargorodsky. AP Photos KIV101-112.

RUSSIA-GUSINSKY: Tax authorities want to shut down Gusinsky's media empire

MOSCOW Russian tax authorities have filed a court suit demanding the liquidation of Russia's embattled private media holding Media-Most, which is at the center of a major political and business controversy, officials say Friday. RUSSIA-MEDIA MOGUL. Expected 1700 GMT. By Anna Dolgov.

AMERICAS:

PUTIN IN CUBA: Castro, Putin agree to revive Russia-Cuba relationship

HAVANA Vladimir Putin and Fidel Castro revive their nation's Soviet-era friendship under new terms Friday as the Russian president wraps up his state visit before a weekend at the beach. CUBA-RUSSIA. Has moved. By Vladimir Isachenkov. AP Photos.

LATAM SUMMIT: Relations in tact at summit's end but much remains to be done

FLORIANOPOLIS, Brazil Chile and its South American neighbors close the 19th Mercosur summit Friday with a concerted effort at fence-mending, but it's clear that the road to economic and political integration espoused by the trade bloc will be a long and rocky one. BRAZIL-MERCOSUR SUMMIT. Expected by 1700 GMT. By Tony Smith. AP Photos SLS101-108.

COLOMBIA: Two people killed in assassination attempt on union leader

BOGOTA, Colombia An avenue in the capital turns into a free-fire zone as gunmen attack a prominent union leader who had been facilitating peace talks between the government and leftist rebels. Two people are slain and two wounded. COLOMBIA-SHOOTING. Lead Upcoming. By Andrew Selsky.

AFRICA:

CONGO CEASE-FIRE: Congo rebels reject pullback without political talks

NAIROBI, Kenya Congolese rebels refuse to pull back their troops Friday to consolidate a fragile cease-fire, saying they will do so only if President Laurent Kabila opens political talks and drops objections to the deployment of U.N. troops. CONGO-PULLBACK. Has moved. By Hrvoje Hranjski.

MOZAMBIQUE FLOODS: Still in danger at start of the rainy season

XAI XAI, Mozambique Incomplete reconstruction work in a region still saturated with floodwater have left officials and residents fearing more damaging floods this rainy season though few are predicting another cataclysm. MOZAMBIQUE-FLOOD FEARS. Has moved. By Ravi Nessman. AP Photos JOH101-104.

ASIA:

NO GUN RI: US Army says probe found no evidence soldiers acted on orders

WASHINGTON A U.S. Army investigation into allegations that GIs killed South Korean refugees at No Gun Ri early in the Korean War failed to establish that U.S. troops there were acting on orders from superiors, the army's top civilian official says. US-NO GUN RI. Has moved. By Robert Burns.

KOREAS-TALKS: Inter-Korean talks stumble over North's demand for electricity

SEOUL, South Korea South and North Korean negotiators argue over electricity in the most contentious round of talks since their leaders agreed to seek reconciliation at a June summit. KOREAS-CABINET TALKS. Has moved. By Paul Shin.

PHILIPPINES-ESTRADA: President admits consultant accepted check from chief accuser

MANILA, Philippines In an interview with The Associated Press, President Joseph Estrada acknowledges that an American consultant working for him accepted a check for dlrs 100,000 from Estrada's chief accuser in a bribery scandal, but says he was unaware the money came from illegal gambling lords. PHILIPPINES-ESTRADA. Has moved. By David Thurber. AP Photos MLA101-102, XMLA101, 104.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE:

FISH QUOTAS: EU reaches agreement on fish quota cuts

BRUSSELS, Belgium After a night of haggling, European fisheries ministers agree Friday to the most drastic cuts ever in fish quotas to protect species threatened with commercial extinction. EU-FISH QUOTAS. Lead has moved. By Paul Ames.

WALL STREET: Stocks fall on disappointing earnings

NEW YORK Stocks open lower on Friday as software giant Microsoft Corp. adds its name to the growing list of companies offering dour profit outlooks during a U.S. economic slowdown. US-STOCKS. Expected by 1530 GMT.

US-ECONOMY: Consumer prices edge up; industrial output falls

WASHINGTON Consumer inflation edges up 0.2 in November as tamer energy costs and cheaper clothing prices help to blunt the biggest jump in tobacco costs in seven months. Industrial output falls for the second month in a row. US-ECONOMY. Has moved. By Jeanine Aversa.

GERMANY DRUG MAKERS: BASF sells pharmaceutical arm to Abbott Laboratories

FRANKFURT, Germany German chemical conglomerate BASF AG will sell its Knoll Pharmaceutical unit to U.S. drug maker Abbott Laboratories for dlrs 6.9 billion in a cash deal boosting the U.S. company's drug research business and giving it access to a number of experimental medicines. GERMANY-BASF-ABBOTT LABS. Has moved. By Hans Greimel. AP Photos FRA109.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Saturday, Austrian right-wing politician Joerg Haider to visit the Vatican. On Sunday, Russian President Vladimir Putin visits Canada.

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WORLD AT 1800 GMT:

NEW GOVERNMENT: Bush working on Cabinet

AUSTIN, Texas Reaching across party lines as he assembles a new government, President-elect George W. Bush meets Friday with a conservative Democratic senator who could get a Cabinet offer. Bush is poised to name key members of his administration on Saturday before heading to Washington on Sunday. US-BUSH. Lead upcoming. By Tom Raum. AP Photos; AP Graphics.

WITH:

US-BUSH-FOREIGN POLICY. From Iraq to Russia, the Balkans to the Middle East, a troubled world waits to test Bush, whose inexperience in foreign affairs makes him heavily dependent on a veteran team of Washington troubleshooters. Expected by 1830 GMT.

MIDEAST: High-level talks resume along with violence

JERUSALEM Six Palestinians are killed in an upsurge of violence that erupts before dawn and carries on after midday prayers Friday. The latest confrontations come despite high-level talks between Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and senior Israeli negotiators. ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Lead has moved. By Laurie Copans. AP Photos JRL103-104, 110-111; AP Graphic ISRAEL PALESTINIANS.

WITH:

MIDEAST-PEACE ROUNDUP. Israeli and Palestinian leaders recognize that dialogue is the only way out, visiting French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine says Friday. Has moved. AP Photo JRL104.

EUROPE:

CHERNOBYL: Nuclear power plant shuts down for good

KIEV, Ukraine The Chernobyl nuclear plant is shut down forever with the flip of a single black switch Friday a flawless closure that shifts attention to the problems of repairing the concrete and steel sarcophagus covering the nuclear plant's ruined reactor, which is cracked and leaking radiation 14 years after the world's worst nuclear accident. UKRAINE-CHERNOBYL. Lead has moved. By Sergei Shargorodsky. AP Photos KIV101-114; AP Graphics CHERNOBYL SHUTDOWN: UKRAINE CHERNOBYL.

WITH:

UKRAINE ZONE. At first glance, it looks the same as the outside world. But barbed-wire fences, radiation warning signs and checkpoints warn visitors that they are entering a different world. Has moved.

NATO: Allies try to find accommodation with Turkey on European Union Force

BRUSSELS, Belgium NATO is pushing hard. U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright is exerting all the pressure she can. Even President Bill Clinton has gotten into the act twice. But nothing has yet persuaded Turkey to drop its objections to a NATO-European Union deal on the EU's new rapid-reaction force. NATO. Lead has moved. By Jeffrey Ulbrich. AP Photos XBRU101-104.

MOB-BUSTERS: Countries sign new international treaty on organized crime

PALERMO, Sicily More than 120 countries sign a new international treaty on organized crime Friday laying down a "common language" for mob-busters around the world and pledging to use such measures as eliminating banking secrecy. ITALY-ANTI-MAFIA MEETING. Expected by 1900 GMT. By Frances D'Emilio. AP Photos.

KOSOVO: Blockades end at Kostunica's urging

BUJANOVAC, Yugoslavia Responding to an appeal by President Vojislav Kostunica, Serbs on Friday lift blockades erected along major transport arteries to demand the government expel ethnic Albanian rebels from the buffer zone along the boundary with Kosovo. YUGOSLAV-KOSOVO. Has moved. By Dragan Ilic. AP Photo BUJ102.

WITH:

YUGOSLAVIA-MILOSEVIC WIFE. The influential wife of Slobodan Milosevic pledges to stick to her leftist principles and help her party in upcoming Serbian elections. Has moved. AP Photos BEL105-106.

NORTHERN IRELAND: Sinn Fein predicts victory in lawsuit versus Protestant leader

BELFAST, Northern Ireland The Sinn Fein members of Northern Ireland's fraying government predict victory as they launch a lawsuit against the coalition's Protestant leader, who has blocked the IRA-linked party from taking part in important meetings until the *Irish Republican Army* starts to disarm. NORTHERN IRELAND. Has moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik.

AMERICAS:

PUTIN IN CUBA: Castro, Putin agree to revive Russia-Cuba relationship

HAVANA Vladimir Putin and Fidel Castro revive their nation's Soviet-era friendship under new terms Friday as the Russian president wraps up his state visit before a weekend at the beach. CUBA-RUSSIA. Has moved. By Vladimir Isachenkov. AP Photos HAV101-104.

LATAM SUMMIT: Relations in tact at summit's end but much remains to be done

FLORIANOPOLIS, Brazil Chile and its South American neighbors close the 19th Mercosur summit Friday with a concerted effort at fence-mending, but it's clear that the road to economic and political integration espoused by the trade bloc will be a long and rocky one. BRAZIL-MERCOSUR SUMMIT. Upcoming. By Tony Smith. AP Photos SLS101-108.

COLOMBIA: Two people killed in assassination attempt on union leader

BOGOTA, Colombia An avenue in the capital turns into a firing zone as gunmen attack a prominent union leader Friday who had been facilitating peace talks between the government and leftist rebels. Two people are slain and two wounded. COLOMBIA-SHOOTING. Lead Upcoming. By Andrew Selsky.

CUBA-US-TELEPHONES: Cuba cuts direct lines with United States, no incoming calls

HAVANA Cuba makes good on its threat to cut most direct telephone lines between the island and the United States to protest the failure of American phone companies to pay a new 10 percent tax. Cubans were able to call the United States Friday, but received few calls from America. CUBA-US-TELEPHONES. Has moved. By Anita Snow.

FBI PROTEST: FBI agents protest clemency request by American Indian activist

WASHINGTON Nearly 500 current and retired FBI agents march to the White House Friday in an unprecedented protest, opposing any presidential clemency for an American Indian activist convicted of killing two FBI men. US-FBI PROTEST. Has moved. By Christopher Newton.

AFRICA:

CONGO CEASE-FIRE: Congo rebels reject pullback without political talks

NAIROBI, Kenya Congolese rebels refuse to pull back their troops Friday to consolidate a fragile cease-fire, saying they will do so only if President Laurent Kabila opens political talks and drops objections to the deployment of U.N. troops. CONGO-PULLBACK. Has moved. By Hrvoje Hranjski.

ASIA:

KOREAS-TALKS: Inter-Korean talks stumble over North's demand for electricity

SEOUL, South Korea South and North Korean negotiators argue over electricity in the most contentious round of talks since their leaders agreed to seek reconciliation at a June summit. KOREAS-CABINET TALKS. Has moved. By Paul Shin.

PHILIPPINES-ESTRADA: President admits consultant accepted check from chief accuser

MANILA, Philippines In an interview with The Associated Press, President Joseph Estrada acknowledges that an American consultant working for him accepted a check for dlrs 100,000, but says he was unaware the money came from illegal gambling lords. PHILIPPINES-ESTRADA. Has moved. By David Thurber. AP Photos MLA101-102, XMLA101. 104.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE:

MICROSOFT: Microsoft warns earnings, revenues will miss expectations

SEATTLE Shares of Microsoft fall 10 percent in trading Friday following a warning by the software giant that its second-quarter revenue and profits will be 5 to 6 percent lower than previous estimates due to a worldwide slowdown in computer sales. US-MICROSOFT. Lead expected after market close at 2100 GMT.

AIRBUS: Airbus clinches new order for superjumbo, official launch seen soon

PARIS Airbus Industrie has received a firm order for six of its yet-to-be-built superjumbos from Britain's Virgin Atlantic Airways, moving the dlrs 12 billion project to build the world's largest passenger plane one step closer to an official launch. FRANCE-AIRBUS-VIRGIN. Has moved. By Clar Ni Chonghaile. AP Photo LON105.

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LOOKING AHEAD: On Tuesday in Israel, the opposition Likud party picks a candidate to challenge Ehud Barak in upcoming elections.

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Saturday, December 16:

Vatican City Austrian right-wing politician, Joerg Haider, to present Christmas tree to Vatican.

Stockholm, Sweden Telecommunications agency expected to announce recipients of four next generation mobile phone licenses.

Bombay, India Magistrate has issued summons ordering wealthy London-based Hinduja brothers to appear at hearing on charges of cheating filed by business partner.

London 20,000th performance of theatrical warhorse "The Mousetrap."

Vatican Vatican marks Jubilee of Fashion and Entertainment. Through Dec. 17.

Dhaka, Bangladesh Rallies, speeches and military parade mark Bangladesh's 29th anniversary of independence.

Sunday, December 17:

Ottawa Russian President Vladimir Putin arrives for visit. Through Dec. 19.

Monday, December 18:

Santiago, Chile Supreme Court may begin hearings on whether to definitely confirm or lift indictment of former dictator Augusto Pinochet on homicide and kidnapping charges. Could start Dec. 19.

Ottawa Russian President Vladimir Putin meets Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien.

U.S. "Electoral College" representatives meet in state capitals across the United States to formally select the next president.

Tuesday, December 19:

Ottawa European Union-Canada summit, involving French President Jacques Chirac and Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien.

Toronto Russian President Vladimir Putin addresses business group.

Moscow Belgian Prime Minister Guy Verhofstadt arrives for three-day visit to focus on Russian-European ties.

Dhaka, Bangladesh Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou arrives for visit. Through Dec. 21.

Washington The Federal Reserve's Federal Open Market Committee meets to discuss interest rates.

Washington Scheduled meeting between President-elect Bush and Vice President Al Gore.

Washington Release of report by six U.N. agencies that shows diseases can be controlled.

Wednesday, December 20:

Caracas, Venezuela Congress appoints Supreme Court magistrates, attorney general, national ombudsman and comptroller general.

Macau First anniversary of tiny gambling enclave's reversion from Portuguese rule to China's control.

Thursday, December 21:

Warsaw, Poland Poland's parliament votes on nomination of Leszek Balcerowicz, former reformist finance minister, as central bank president.

Los Angeles Golden Globe nominations.

Friday, December 22:

Maidstone, England Trial date to be set for Dutch driver accused of manslaughter in deaths of 58 Chinese immigrants found in airtight truck.

Darmstadt, Germany Verdict expected in trial of three American teens accused of killing two <u>women</u> by throwing rocks onto highway.

Saturday, December 23:

Belgrade, Yugoslavia Election for new Serbian parliament.

Tokyo Emperor Akihito's 67th birthday, national holiday.

Sunday, December 24:

Vatican Pope John Paul II celebrates midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

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Body

Today is Monday, Nov. 25, the 329th day of 2002 with 36 to follow.

The moon is waning. The morning stars are Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn.

The evening stars are Mercury, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Sagittarius. They include industrialist Andrew Carnegie in 1835; pioneer German automoble designer Karl Benz in 1844; social reformer Carry Nation in 1846; German mathematician Felix Klein in 1849; Pope John XXIII in 1881; New York Yankees slugger Joe DiMaggio in 1914; actors Ricardo Montalban in 1920 (age 82); Kathryn Crosby in 1933 (age 69) and John Larroquette in 1947 (age 55); John F. Kennedy Jr. in 1960; singer Amy Grant, also in 1960 (age 42); and actresses Jill Hennessy in 1969 (age 33) and Christina Applegate in 1971 (age 31).

On this date in history:

In 1783, more than 6,000 British troops evacuated New York City after signing the peace treaty ending the Revolutionary War.

In 1919, radio station WTAW in College Station, Texas, broadcast the first play-by-play description of a football game, between Texas and Texas A&M.

In 1952, Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap," listed by the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's longest running play, opened in London.

In 1963, President Kennedy, assassinated in Dallas three days earlier, was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

In 1970, world-renowned Japanese writer Yukio Mishima committed suicide after failing to win public support for his often extreme political beliefs.

In 1973, President Nixon ordered the national highway speed limit cut from 70 mph to 55 mph to save lives and gasoline.

In 1986, President Reagan announced the resignation of national security adviser John Poindexter and the firing of Poindexter aide Lt. Col. Oliver North in the aftermath of the secret, illegal Iran arms sale.

In 1987, Chicago's first black mayor, Harold Washington, died in office of a heart attack at age 65.

In 1990, Poland's first direct presidential elections left Lech Walesa facing a runoff against emigre businessman Stanislaw Tyminski. President Tadeusz Maziwoecki was knocked out of race.

In 1992, the Czechoslovak Parliament voted to dissolve the country at the end of the year into separate Czech and Slovak states.

Also in 1992, a blizzard dumped up to 19 inches of snow in the Plains states, stranding motorists and snarling Thanksgiving travel plans.

In 1993, the U.S. House of Representatives adjourned for the year.

In 1996, a federal task force was sent to St. Petersburg, Fla., following riots triggered by a white police officer shooting a black car theft suspect.

In 1997, Ron Carey, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, resigned amid questions about his management of union funds.

In 2001, hundreds of Marines arrived in Afghanistan near the southern city of Kandahar in the first major entry of American ground troops in that country in the war on terrorism, Meanwhile, around 400 Taliban captives revolted at a prison near Mazar-c Sharif, overpowered their guards and put up a fierce battle. U.S. planes were called in to bomb the prison.

Also in 2001, A Massachusetts biotechnology company announced it had created the first-ever human embryos by cloning. President Bush said later he considered the work on human cloning to be immoral.

A thought for the day: Andrew Carnegie wrote, "Surplus wealth is a sacred trust which its possessor is bound to administer in his lifetime for the good of the community. ... The man who dies ... rich dies disgraced."

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 26, the 330th day of 2002 with 35 to follow.

The moon is waning. The morning stars are Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn.

The evening stars are Neptune, Mercury, Uranus and Pluto.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Sagittarius. They include English poet William Cowper in 1731; air conditioning engineer Willis Carrier in 1876; surgeon and <u>women's</u> rights leader Mary Walker Edwards in 1832; French playwright Eugene Ionesco and TV journalist Eric Sevareid, both in 1912; cartoonist Charles Schulz in 1922; singer Robert Goulet in 1933 (age 69); impressionist Rich Little in 1938 (age 64); and singer Tina Turner in 1939 (age 63).

On this date in history:

In 1789, President Washington declared Nov. 26, 1789, to be Thanksgiving Day. It was the first U.S. holiday by presidential proclamation.

In 1832, the first streetcar railway in America started public service in New York City from City Hall to 14th Street. The car was pulled by a horse and the fare was 12 1/2 cents.

In 1922, In Egypt's Valley of the Kings, British archaeologists Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon became the first souls to enter King Tutankhamen's treasure-laden tomb in more than 3,000 years.

In 1940, German Nazis forced 500,000 Jews in Warsaw to live in a ghetto surrounded by an eight-foot concrete wall.

In 1941, Secretary of State Cordell Hull submitted American proposals to the Japanese peace envoys in Washington.

In 1942, the film "Casablanca" premiered in New York City.

In 1965, France successfully launched a satellite into space, becoming the world's third space power after the U.S. and the Soviet Union.

In 1984, the United States and Iraq restored diplomatic relations, ending a 17-year break.

In 1990, Matsushita clinched a \$6.1 billion deal to buy MCA, the fourth Hollywood studio to be sold to a foreign owner in recent years.

In 1992, the United States offered to send up to 20,000 U.S. ground troops to civil war-torn Somalia as part of a United Nations force to get relief supplies to the starving populace.

In 1997, the international price of gold in New York City fell to \$298 per ounce, the lowest level in 12 years.

In 2001, the Afghanistan prison revolt, which was crushed the third day, claimed the life of a CIA operative, Johnny Michael Spann, 32, a former Marine captain. He was the first U.S. combat casualty of the war. Five other Americans were injured.

A thought for the day: Richard Bentley said, "No man was ever written out of reputation but by himself."

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 27, the 331st day of 2002 with 34 to follow.

The moon is waning. The morning stars are Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. The evening stars are Neptune, Mercury, Uranus and Pluto.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Sagittarius. They include Anders Celsius, Swedish astronomer and inventor of the centigrade thermometer, in 1701; American historian Charles Beard and Israeli statesman Chaim Weizmann, both in 1874; producer David Merrick in 1912 (age 88); "Buffalo Bob" Smith ("The Howdy Dowdy Show") in 1917; rock guitarist Jimi Hendrix in 1942; singer Eddie Rabbitt in 1944; and actors Fisher Stevens ("Early Edition") in 1963 (age 39), Robin Givens in 1964 (age 38), and Jaleel White in 1976 (age 26).

On this date in history:

In 1759, town officials in Stratford-upon-Avon, England, evicted the Rev. Francis Gastrell from William Shakespeare's home after he cut down a 150-year-old tree that had been planted by the famed writer.

In 1901, the War Department authorized creation of the Army War College to instruct commissioned officers. It was built in Leavenworth, Kan.

In 1940, two months after General Ion Antonescu seized power in Romania and forced King Carol II to abdicate, more than 60 aides of the exiled king, including Nicolae lorga, a former minister and acclaimed historian, were executed.

In 1945, President Truman named Gen. George Marshall his special representative to China.

In 1970, a man with a knife attempted to injure Pope Paul VI at Manila Airport in the Philippines.

In 1984, the Treasury Department proposed a sweeping overhaul of the U.S. Tax Code.

In 1989, University of Chicago doctors implanted part of a woman's liver in her 21-month-old daughter in the nation's first living donor liver transplant.

Also in 1989, Virginia certified Douglas Wilder as the nation's first elected black governor by a margin of 0.38 percent.

In 1990, British treasury chief John Major was elected Conservative Party leader, succeeding Margaret Thatcher as prime minister.

In 1992, military dissidents attempted to overthrow Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez.

In 1994, Bosnian Serbs took 150 U.N. peacekeepers hostage to prevent NATO air strikes.

In 1997, tens of thousands of German students took to the streets of Bonn to protest the decline of Germany's higher education system.

In 2001, nearly half the 1,200 people detained after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, mostly of Middle Eastern descent, were still in custody more than two months later.

A thought for the day: King Louis XVIII of France had a favorite saying, "Punctuality is the politeness of kings."

Today is Thursday, Nov. 28, the 332nd day of 2002 with 33 to follow. This is Thanksgiving Day.

The moon is waning. The morning stars are Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. The evening stars are Uranus, Neptune, Mercury and Pluto.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Sagittarius. They include English poet William Blake in 1757; John Hyatt, inventor of celluloid, in 1837; architect Henry Bacon, designer of the Lincoln Memorial, in 1866; Motown Records founder Berry Gordy in 1929 (age 73); actress Hope Lange in 1931 (age 71); former Sen. Gary Hart, D-Colo., in 1936 (age 66); singer/songwriter Randy Newman in 1943 (age 59); ballet dancer Alexander Godunov and band leader Paul Shaffer ("The Late Show With David Letterman"), both in 1949 (age 53); actors Ed Harris in 1950 (age 52), S. Epatha Merkerson ("Law & Order") in 1952 (age 50), and Judd Nelson in 1959 (age 43); and comedian Jon Stewart ("The Daily Show") in 1962 (age 40).

On this date in history:

In 1520, Ferdinand Magellan entered the Pacific Ocean on his way around the world. He was the first European to sail the Pacific from the east.

In 1919, Virginia-born Lady Nancy Astor became the first woman member of the British Parliament.

In 1942, a fire at the Cocoanut Grove nightclub in Boston killed 491 people. Most victims suffocated or were trampled to death.

In 1958, the United States fired an intercontinental ballistic missile at full range for the first time.

In 1963, Cape Canaveral, the space center in Florida, was renamed Cape Kennedy to honor the assassinated president. Area residents later voted to revert to the original name.

In 1989, Czechoslovak Premier Adamec agreed to a coalition government. The next day, the Czechoslovak Parliament revoked the Communist Party's monopoly.

Also in 1989, a construction crane snapped in San Francisco. Five people were killed, 21 injured.

In 1992, a fire destroyed parts of the Hofburg Palace in Vienna, Austria, threatening the famous Lipizzaner stallions.

In 1993, British officials confirmed they have made secret contacts with the outlawed <u>Irish Republican Army</u> in an effort to end the violence in Northern Ireland.

Also in 1993, Carlos Roberto Reina was elected president of Honduras.

In 1994, serial killer/cannibal Jeffrey Dahmer and a second inmate were beaten to death by another inmate at the Columbia Correctional Center in Portage, Wis.

A thought for the day: Thomas Carlyle said, "...speech is of time, silence is of eternity."

Today is Friday, Nov. 29, the 333rd day of 2002 with 32 to follow.

The moon is waning. The morning stars are Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. The evening stars are Neptune, Mercury, Uranus and Pluto.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Sagittarius. They include Austrian physicist Christian Doppler in 1803; author Louisa May Alcott in 1832; Chinese Empress Dowager Tz'u Hsi in 1835; English electrical engineer John Fleming, who devised the radio tube-diode, in 1849; film choreographer Busby Berkeley in 1895; Irish novelist C.S. Lewis in 1898; actress Diane Ladd and French President Jacques Chirac, both in 1932 (age 70); musician/composer Chuck Mangione in 1940 (age 62); comedians Garry Shandling in 1949 (age 53) and Howie Mandel in 1955 (age 47); filmmaker Joel Coen in 1954 (age 48); and actors Cathy Moriarty in 1960 (age 42), Kim Delaney in 1961 (age 41) and Andrew McCarthy in 1962 (age 40).

On this date in history:

In 1877, Thomas Edison demonstrated his invention, a hand-cranked phonograph that recorded sound on grooved metal cylinders. Edison shouted verses of "Mary Had a Little Lamb" into the machine, which played back his voice.

In 1890, the first Army-Navy football game was played. The Navy Middies won, 24-0.

In 1929, Lt. Cmdr. Richard Byrd and three crewmen became the first people to fly over the South Pole.

In 1947, despite strong Arab opposition, the United Nations voted for the partition of Palestine and the creation of an independent Jewish state.

In 1963, President Johnson appointed the Warren Commission to investigate the assassination of President Kennedv.

In 1988, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev told a landmark Supreme Soviet session that the country's system of government needed radical change.

In 1989, Romanian Olympic gymnastic hero Nadia Comaneci fled to Hungary. She eventually came to the United States.

Also in 1989, Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi resigned after his Congress (I) Party lost its majority in national parliamentary elections.

In 1990, the U.N. Security Council passed a resolution authorizing "all necessary means," including military force, against Iraq if it does not withdraw from Kuwait by Jan. 15, 1991. It was the first such resolution since U.N. sponsorship of the Korean War in 1950.

In 1991, a dust storm in Coalinga, Calif., triggered a massive pileup by more than 250 vehicles on Interstate 5, killing 15 people and injuring more than 100.

In 1992, blacks killed four whites and wounded 17 more in an unusual attack at a South African golf club. The attack was thought to be the first by blacks against white civilians since the 1990 legalization of anti-apartheid groups.

In 1994, voters in Norway rejected a proposal to join the European Union.

In 1996, astronomers announced that an asteroid would pass within 3.3 million miles of Earth -- a "near miss" in galactic terms.

In 1997, some 28,000 couples gathered in Washington, D.C.'s RFK Stadium for a "wedding" performed by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon of the Unification Church.

In 2001, George Harrison, lead guitarist and spiritual anchor of the Beatles, died of cancer. He was 58.

A thought for the day: Helmuth von Moltke wrote, "A war, even the most victorious, is a national misfortune."

Today is Saturday, Nov. 30, the 334th day of 2002 with 31 to follow.

The moon is waning. The morning stars are Venus, Mars Jupiter and Saturn. The evening stars are Pluto, Neptune, Mercury and Uranus.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Sagittarius. They include Italian Renaissance architect Andrea Palladio in 1508; Irish satirist Jonathan Swift in 1667; novelist Mark Twain (Samuel Langhorne Clemens) in 1835; British statesman Sir Winston Churchill in 1874; actor Efrem Zimbalist Jr. in 1923 (age 79); Shirley Chisholm, the first black woman elected to Congress, in 1924 (age 78); actor Richard Crenna in 1927 (age 75); producer/TV music show host Dick Clark in 1929 (age 73); Watergate participant G. Gordon Liddy in 1930 (age 72); 1960s radical Abbie Hoffman in 1936; actor Robert Guillaume, filmmaker Ridley Scott and singer Paul Stookey, all in 1937 (age 65); playwright David Mamet in 1947 (age 55); singer/actor Mandy Patinkin in 1952 (age 50); rock singer Billy Idol in 1955 (age 47); and actor Ben Stiller in 1965 (age 37).

On this date in history:

In 1731, a series of earthquakes struck China. More than 100,000 people died.

In 1782, preliminary peace articles formally ending the American Revolutionary War were signed in Paris.

In 1939, the Russo-Finnish War started after the Soviet Union failed to obtain territorial concessions from Finland.

In 1975, Israel pulled its forces out of a 93-mile-long corridor along the Gulf of Suez as part of an interim peace agreement with Egypt.

In 1988, the Soviet Union stopped jamming broadcasts of Radio Free Europe for the first time in 30 years.

In 1989, rebel armed forces launched a fifth major coup attempt against Philippine President Corazon Aquino.

Also in 1989, Czechoslovakia announced an end to travel restrictions and said it planned to dismantle some of the fortifications along the Austrian border.

In 1990, President Bush offered to send Secretary of State Baker to Baghdad and to receive Iraq's foreign minister in Washington, D.C., in a bid for a diplomatic solution to the Persian Gulf crisis.

Also in 1990, the three Baltic republics -- Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia -- held an historic joint parliamentary session to plot their common course.

In 1992, Sen. Packwood, R-Ore., facing an Ethics Committee investigation of sexual harassment allegations, entered an alcohol-treatment facility.

In 1993, Israeli and Palestinian leaders met in the Gaza Strip in an effort to end violence that threatened the peace accord.

In 1997, the government of Prime Minister Vaclav Klaus of the Czech Republic resigned. Klaus's Civic Democratic Party had been accused of accepting contributions from foreign sources.

A thought for the day: Irish satirist Jonathan Swift wrote, "I never saw, heard, nor read that the clergy were beloved in any nation where Christianity was the religion of the country. Nothing can render them popular but some degree of persecution."

Today is Sunday, Dec. 1, the 335th day of 2002 with 30 to follow.

The moon is waning, moving toward its last quarter. The morning stars are Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. The evening stars are Mercury, Neptune, Uranus and Pluto.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Sagittarius. They include detective novelist Rex Stout in 1886; former United Mine Workers president W.A. "Tony" Boyle in 1904; actress Mary Martin in 1913; comedian-filmmaker Woody Allen and soul singer Lou Rawls, both in 1935 (age 67); pro golfer Lee Trevino in 1939 (age 63); comedian Richard Pryor in 1940 (age 62); singer/actress Bette Midler in 1945 (age 57); actor Treat Williams in 1952 (age 50); and model Carol Alt in 1960 (age 42)

On this date in history:

In 1891, the game of basketball was invented when James Naismith, a physical education teacher at the International YMCA Training School in Springfield, Mass., put peach baskets at the opposite ends of the gym and gave students soccer balls to toss into them.

In 1903, the world's first drive-in gasoline station opened for business in Pittsburgh.

In 1917, Father Edward Flanagan founded Boys Town near Omaha, Neb.

In 1943, ending a "Big Three" meeting in Tehran, President Franklin Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Russian Premier Josef Stalin pledged a concerted effort to defeat Nazi Germany.

In 1953, the first Playboy magazine was published. Marilyn Monroe was on the cover.

In 1955, Rosa Parks, a black woman, was arrested in Montgomery, Ala., for refusing to give up her seat to a white man on a city bus. The event has been called the birth of the modern civil rights movement.

In 1989, Soviet President Gorbachev and Pope John Paul II met in the Vatican City. Afterwards, they announced an agreement to establish diplomatic ties and Gorbachev renounced more than 70 years of oppression of religion in the USSR.

In 1990, Iraq agreed to President Bush's call for diplomatic missions to seek a solution to the gulf crisis, but insisted the Arab-Israeli dispute be a part of any bargain.

In 1991, voters in Soviet republic of Ukraine overwhelmingly voted for independence.

In 1992, "Long Island Lolita" Amy Fisher was sentenced to 5 to 15 years in a New York prison for shooting the wife of her alleged lover, Joey Buttafuoco.

Also in 1992, the Senate Ethics Committee started an investigation into allegations Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., sexually harassed *women* who worked for him.

In 1996, an oil tanker sunk by the Japanese in 1941 was located off the coast of California, with its cargo intact.

In 1997, it was announced that Walt Disney Co. would donate \$25 million to Los Angeles for the construction of the Walt Disney Concert Hall.

In 2000, with the presidential election still undecided, Democrats and Republicans wound up with a 50-50 split in the Senate.

In 2001, as the U.S. and Israel pressured Yasser Arafat to crack down on Palestinian terrorist attacks, three suicide bombers struck Israelis the first two days of December, killing 29 people.

A thought for the day: it was Ezra Pound who said, "Literature is news that stays news."

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Today is Monday, Nov. 24, the 328th day of 2003 with 37 to follow.

The moon is waxing. The morning stars are Jupiter and Saturn. The evening stars are Venus, Mars, Mercury, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Sagittarius. They include Dutch philosopher Benedictus de Spinoza in 1632; British novelist and clergyman Laurence Sterne in 1718; Zachary Taylor, 12th president of the United States, in 1784; gambler, frontier lawman and sports writer William "Bat" Masterson in 1853; painter Henri Toulouse-Lautrec in 1864; ragtime composer Scott Joplin in 1868; lecturer and author Dale Carnegie in 1888; pianist Teddy Wilson in 1912; actress Geraldine Fitzgerald in 1913 (age 89); columnist William F. Buckley, in 1925 (age 78); former Bush administration spokesman Marlin Fitzwater in 1942 (age 61); and actors Dwight Schultz in 1947 (age 56) and Stanley Livingston in 1950 (age 53).

On this date in history:

In 1863, Union Gen. U.S. Grant launched the Battle of Chattanooga in Tennessee.

In 1869, women from 21 states met in Cleveland to organize the American Women Suffrage Association.

In 1874, Joseph Glidden received a patent for barbed wire, which made the farming of the Great Plains possible.

In 1963, accused Kennedy assassin Lee Harvey Oswald was fatally shot by Jack Ruby in a Dallas jail.

In 1971, a middle-aged man whose ticket was made out to "D.B. Cooper" hijacked a Northwest Airlines flight from Portland, Oregon, to Seattle. Somewhere south of Seattle, he parachuted from the plane with the \$200,000 in ransom he'd collected from the airline and was never heard from again.

In 1985, Arab commandos forced an Egypt Air jetliner to Malta and began shooting passengers, fatally wounding two. Fifty-seven other people died when Egyptian commandos stormed the jet.

In 1989, Czech reform politician Alexander Dubcek made his first public appearance in Prague since the Soviet invasion of 1968.

In 1993, the Brady bill handgun-control legislation cleared Congress. President Clinton signed it into law on Nov. 30, 1993.

In 1995, Irish voters passed a referendum removing the constitutional ban on divorce.

On this date in 2001, the successful cloning of 24 cows was reported by a team of scientists in Worcester, Mass.

In 2002, suspected Islamic terrorists stormed a famous Hindu temple in Kashmir, India, killing seven people and wounding 30 others.

A thought for the day: Dutch philosopher Benedictus de Spinoza said, "Peace is not an absence of war. It is a virtue, a state of mind, a disposition for benevolence, confidence, justice."

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 25, the 329th day of 2003 with 36 to follow.

The moon is waxing. The morning stars are Jupiter and Saturn. The evening stars are Venus, Mars, Mercury, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Sagittarius. They include industrialist Andrew Carnegie in 1835; pioneer German automoble designer Karl Benz in 1844; social reformer Carry Nation in 1846; German mathematician Felix Klein in 1849; Pope John XXIII in 1881; New York Yankees slugger Joe DiMaggio in 1914; actors Ricardo Montalban in 1920 (age 83); Kathryn Crosby in 1933 (age 70) and John Larroquette in 1947 (age 56); John F. Kennedy Jr. in 1960; singer Amy Grant, also in 1960 (age 43); and actresses Jill Hennessy in 1969 (age 34) and Christina Applegate in 1971 (age 32).

On this date in history:

In 1783, more than 6,000 British troops evacuated New York City after signing the peace treaty ending the Revolutionary War.

In 1919, radio station WTAW in College Station, Texas, broadcast the first play-by-play description of a football game, between Texas and Texas A&M.

In 1947, film industry executives announced that 10 directors, producers and actors who refused to testify before the House Un-American Activities Committee will be fired or suspended.

In 1952, Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap," listed by the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's longest running play, opened in London.

In 1963, President Kennedy, assassinated in Dallas three days earlier, was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

In 1970, world-renowned Japanese writer Yukio Mishima committed suicide after failing to win public support for his often extreme political beliefs.

In 1973, President Nixon ordered the national highway speed limit cut from 70 mph to 55 mph to save lives and gasoline.

In 1986, President Reagan announced the resignation of national security adviser John Poindexter and the firing of Poindexter aide Lt. Col. Oliver North in the aftermath of the secret, illegal Iran arms sale.

In 1987, Chicago's first black mayor, Harold Washington, died in office of a heart attack at age 65.

In 1990, Poland's first direct presidential elections left Lech Walesa facing a runoff against emigre businessman Stanislaw Tyminski. President Tadeusz Maziwoecki was knocked out of race.

In 1992, the Czechoslovak Parliament voted to dissolve the country at the end of the year into separate Czech and Slovak states.

Also in 1992, a blizzard dumped up to 19 inches of snow in the Plains states, stranding motorists and snarling Thanksgiving travel plans.

In 1993, the U.S. House of Representatives adjourned for the year.

In 1996, a federal task force was sent to St. Petersburg, Fla., following riots triggered by a white police officer shooting a black car theft suspect.

In 1997, Ron Carey, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, resigned amid questions about his management of union funds.

In 2001, hundreds of Marines arrived in Afghanistan near the southern city of Kandahar in the first major entry of American ground troops in that country in the war on terrorism, Meanwhile, around 400 Taliban captives revolted at a prison near Mazar-c Sharif, overpowered their guards and put up a fierce battle. U.S. planes were called in to bomb the prison.

Also in 2001, A Massachusetts biotechnology company announced it had created the first-ever human

embryos by cloning. President Bush said later he considered the work on human cloning to be immoral.

In 2002, warrants were issued in Los Angeles for the arrest of two former Catholic priests on molestation charges, some dating to the 1950s.

A thought for the day: Andrew Carnegie wrote, "Surplus wealth is a sacred trust which its possessor is bound to administer in his lifetime for the good of the community. ... The man who dies ... rich dies disgraced."

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 26, the 330th day of 2003 with 35 to follow.

The moon is waxing. The morning stars are Jupiter and Saturn. The evening stars are Venus, Mars, Mercury, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Sagittarius. They include English poet William Cowper in 1731; air conditioning engineer Willis Carrier in 1876; surgeon and <u>women</u>'s rights leader Mary Walker Edwards in 1832; French playwright Eugene Ionesco and TV journalist Eric Sevareid, both in 1912; cartoonist Charles Schulz in 1922; singer Robert Goulet in 1933 (age 70); impressionist Rich Little in 1938 (age 65); and singer Tina Turner in 1939 (age 64).

On this date in history:

In 1789, President Washington declared Nov. 26, 1789, to be Thanksgiving Day. It was the first U.S. holiday by presidential proclamation.

In 1832, the first streetcar railway in America started public service in New York City from City Hall to 14th Street. The car was pulled by a horse and the fare was 12 1/2 cents.

In 1922, In Egypt's Valley of the Kings, British archaeologists Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon became the first souls to enter King Tutankhamen's treasure-laden tomb in more than 3,000 years.

In 1940, German Nazis forced 500,000 Jews in Warsaw to live in a ghetto surrounded by an eight-foot concrete wall.

In 1941, Secretary of State Cordell Hull submitted American proposals to the Japanese peace envoys in Washington.

In 1956, bandleader Tommy Dorsey died at age 51. His records sold more than 110,000,000 copies.

In 1965, France successfully launched a satellite into space, becoming the world's third space power after the U.S. and the Soviet Union.

In 1984, the United States and Iraq restored diplomatic relations, ending a 17-year break.

In 1990, Matsushita clinched a \$6.1 billion deal to buy MCA, the fourth Hollywood studio to be sold to a foreign owner in recent years.

In 1992, the United States offered to send up to 20,000 U.S. ground troops to civil war-torn Somalia as part of a United Nations force to get relief supplies to the starving populace.

In 1997, the international price of gold in New York City fell to \$298 per ounce, the lowest level in 12 years.

In 2001, The Afghanistan prison revolt, which was crushed the third day, claimed the life of a CIA operative, Johnny Michael Spann, 32, a former Marine captain. He was the first U.S. combat casualty of the war. Five other Americans were injured.

In 2002, Iran rejected a recent report that Tehran and Washington have agreed to cooperate in the event the United States attacks Iraq., according to the official Islamic Republic News Agency.

Also in 2002, fast-food restaurants, among the last all-cash holdouts, have begun experimenting with systems that allow customers to say, "Charge it" as easily as, "I'll take fries with that."

A thought for the day: Richard Bentley said, "No man was ever written out of reputation but by himself."

Today is Thursday, Nov. 27, the 331st day of 2003 with 34 to follow.

This is Thanksgiving Day.

The moon is waning. The morning stars are Jupiter and Saturn.

The evening stars are Venus, Mars, Mercury, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Sagittarius. They include Anders Celsius, Swedish astronomer and inventor of the centigrade thermometer, in 1701; American historian Charles Beard and Israeli statesman Chaim Weizmann, both in 1874; producer David Merrick in 1912 (age 91); "Buffalo Bob" Smith ("The Howdy Dowdy Show") in 1917; actor and martial asrts star Bruce Lee in 1940; rock guitarist Jimi Hendrix in 1942; singer Eddie Rabbitt in 1944; and actors Fisher Stevens in 1963 (age 40), Robin Givens in 1964 (age 39), and Jaleel White in 1976 (age 27).

On this date in history:

In 1759, town officials in Stratford-upon-Avon, England, evicted the Rev. Francis Gastrell from William Shakespeare's home after he cut down a 150-year-old tree that had been planted by the famed writer.

In 1901, the War Department authorized creation of the Army War College to instruct commissioned officers. It was built in Leavenworth, Kan.

In 1940, two months after General Ion Antonescu seized power in Romania and forced King Carol II to abdicate, more than 60 aides of the exiled king, including Nicolae Iorga, a former minister and acclaimed historian, were executed.

In 1945, President Truman named Gen. George Marshall his special representative to China.

In 1970, a man with a knife attempted to injure Pope Paul VI at Manila Airport in the Philippines.

In 1984, the Treasury Department proposed a sweeping overhaul of the U.S. Tax Code.

In 1989, University of Chicago doctors implanted part of a woman's liver in her 21-month-old daughter in the nation's first living donor liver transplant.

Also in 1989, Virginia certified Douglas Wilder as the nation's first elected black governor by a margin of 0.38 percent.

In 1990, British treasury chief John Major was elected Conservative Party leader, succeeding Margaret Thatcher as prime minister.

In 1992, military dissidents attempted to overthrow Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez.

In 1994, Bosnian Serbs took 150 U.N. peacekeepers hostage to prevent NATO air strikes.

In 1997, tens of thousands of German students took to the streets of Bonn to protest the decline of Germany's higher education system.

. In 2001, nearly half the 1,200 people detained after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, mostly of Middle Eastern descent, were still in custody more than two months later.

In 2002, President George W. Bush created a bipartisan, independent commission to investigate the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and to glean lessons to help thwart future attacks.

A thought for the day: King Louis XVIII of France had a favorite saying, "Punctuality is the politeness of kings."

Today is Friday, Nov. 28, the 332nd day of 2003 with 33 to follow.

The moon is waxing. The morning stars are Jupiter and Saturn.

The evening stars are Venus, Mars, Mercury, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Sagittarius. They include English poet William Blake in 1757; John Hyatt, inventor of celluloid, in 1837; architect Henry Bacon, designer of the Lincoln Memorial, in 1866; Motown Records founder Berry Gordy in 1929 (age 74); actress Hope Lange in 1931 (age 72); former Sen. Gary Hart, D-Colo., in 1936 (age 67); singer/songwriter Randy Newman in 1943 (age 60); ballet dancer Alexander Godunov and band leader Paul Shaffer ("The Late Show With David Letterman"), both in 1949 (age 54); actors Ed Harris in 1950 (age 53), S. Epatha Merkerson ("Law & Order") in 1952 (age 51), and Judd Nelson in 1959 (age 44); and comedian Jon Stewart ("The Daily Show") in 1962 (age 41).

On this date in history:

In 1520, Ferdinand Magellan entered the Pacific Ocean on his way around the world. He was the first European to sail the Pacific from the east.

In 1919, Virginia-born Lady Nancy Astor became the first woman member of the British Parliament.

In 1925, "The Grand Ole Opry," the famed country music show, made its radio debut.

In 1942, a fire at the Cocoanut Grove nightclub in Boston killed 491 people. Most victims suffocated or were trampled to death.

In 1958, the United States fired an intercontinental ballistic missile at full range for the first time.

In 1963, Cape Canaveral, the space center in Florida, was renamed Cape Kennedy to honor the assassinated president. Area residents later voted to revert to the original name.

In 1989, Czechoslovak Premier Adamec agreed to a coalition government. The next day, the Czechoslovak Parliament revoked the Communist Party's monopoly.

Also in 1989, a construction crane snapped in San Francisco. Five people were killed, 21 injured.

In 1992, a fire destroyed parts of the Hofburg Palace in Vienna, Austria, threatening the famous Lipizzaner stallions.

In 1993, British officials confirmed they have made secret contacts with the outlawed <u>Irish Republican Army</u> in an effort to end the violence in Northern Ireland.

Also in 1993, Carlos Roberto Reina was elected president of Honduras.

In 1994, serial killer/cannibal Jeffrey Dahmer and a second inmate were beaten to death by another inmate at the Columbia Correctional Center in Portage, Wis.

In 2002, an explosion hit an Israeli-owned hotel near Mombasa in Kenya, killing at least 15 people, while at about the same time two missiles were fired at an Israeli passenger plane departing from Mombasa..

A thought for the day: Thomas Carlyle said, "...speech is of time, silence is of eternity."

Today is Saturday, Nov. 29, the 333rd day of 2003 with 32 to follow.

The moon is waxing. The morning stars are Jupiter and Saturn.

The evening stars are Venus, Mars, Mercury, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Sagittarius. They include Austrian physicist Christian Doppler in 1803; author Louisa May Alcott in 1832; Chinese Empress Dowager Tz'u Hsi in 1835; English electrical engineer John Fleming, who devised the radio tube-diode, in 1849; film choreographer Busby Berkeley in 1895; Irish novelist C.S. Lewis in 1898; actress Diane Ladd and French President Jacques Chirac, both in 1932 (age 71); musician/composer Chuck Mangione in 1940 (age 63); comedians Garry Shandling in 1949 (age 54) and Howie Mandel in 1955 (age 48); filmmaker Joel Coen in 1954 (age 49); and actors Cathy Moriarty in 1960 (age 43), Kim Delaney in 1961 (age 42) and Andrew McCarthy in 1962 (age 41).

On this date in history:

In 1877, Thomas Edison demonstrated his invention, a hand-cranked phonograph that recorded sound on grooved metal cylinders. Edison shouted verses of "Mary Had a Little Lamb" into the machine, which played back his voice.

In 1890, the first Army-Navy football game was played. The Navy Middies won, 24-0.

In 1929, Lt. Cmdr. Richard Byrd and three crewmen became the first people to fly over the South Pole.

In 1947, despite strong Arab opposition, the United Nations voted for the partition of Palestine and the creation of the independent Jewish state of Israel.

In 1963, President Johnson appointed the Warren Commission to investigate the assassination of President Kennedy.

In1986, movie icon Cary Grant died of a stroke at the age of 82.

In 1988, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev told a landmark Supreme Soviet session that the country's system of government needed radical change.

In 1989, Romanian Olympic gymnastic hero Nadia Comaneci fled to Hungary. She eventually came to the United States.

Also in 1989, Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi resigned after his Congress) Party lost its majority in national parliamentary elections.

In 1990, the U.N. Security Council passed a resolution authorizing "all necessary means," including military force, against Iraq if it does not withdraw from Kuwait by Jan. 15, 1991. It was the first such resolution since U.N. sponsorship of the Korean War in 1950.

In 1991, a dust storm in Coalinga, Calif., triggered a massive pileup by more than 250 vehicles on Interstate 5, killing 15 people and injuring more than 100.

In 1992, blacks killed four whites and wounded 17 more in an unusual attack at a South African golf club. The attack was thought to be the first by blacks against white civilians since the 1990 legalization of anti-apartheid groups.

In 1994, voters in Norway rejected a proposal to join the European Union.

In 1996, astronomers announced that an asteroid would pass within 3.3 million miles of Earth -- a "near miss" in galactic terms.

In 1997, some 28,000 couples gathered in Washington, D.C.'s RFK Stadium for a "wedding" performed by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon of the Unification Church.

In 2001, George Harrison, lead guitarist and spiritual anchor of the Beatles, died of cancer. He was 58.

In 2002, United Airlines shares lost nearly one-third of their value as the nation's second-largest airline teetered on the brink of bankruptcy..

A thought for the day: Helmuth von Moltke wrote, "A war, even the most victorious, is a national misfortune."

Today is Sunday, Nov. 30, the 334th day of 2003 with 31 to follow.

The moon is waxing. The morning stars are Jupiter and Saturn.

The evening stars are Venus, Mars, Mercury, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Sagittarius. They include Italian Renaissance architect Andrea Palladio in 1508; Irish satirist Jonathan Swift in 1667; novelist Mark Twain (Samuel Langhorne Clemens) in 1835; British statesman Sir Winston Churchill in 1874; actor Efrem Zimbalist Jr. in 1923 (age 80); Shirley Chisholm, the first black woman elected to Congress, in 1924 (age 79); actor Richard Crenna in 1927; producer/TV music show host Dick Clark in 1929 (age 74); Watergate figure G. Gordon Liddy in 1930 (age 73); 1960s radical Abbie Hoffman in 1936; actor Robert Guillaume, filmmaker Ridley Scott and singer Paul Stookey, all in 1937 (age 66); playwright David Mamet in 1947 (age 56); singer/actor Mandy Patinkin in 1952 (age 51); rock singer Billy Idol in 1955 (age 48); and actor Ben Stiller in 1965 (age 38).

On this date in history:

In 1731, a series of earthquakes struck China. More than 100,000 people died.

In 1782, preliminary peace articles formally ending the American Revolutionary War were signed in Paris.

In 1913. Charles Chaplin made his screen debut in Mack Sennett's short film "Making A Living."

In 1939, the Russo-Finnish War started after the Soviet Union failed to obtain territorial concessions from Finland.

In 1975, Israel pulled its forces out of a 93-mile-long corridor along the Gulf of Suez as part of an interim peace agreement with Egypt.

In 1988, the Soviet Union stopped jamming broadcasts of Radio Free Europe for the first time in 30 years.

In 1989, rebel armed forces launched a fifth major coup attempt against Philippine President Corazon Aquino.

Also in 1989, Czechoslovakia announced an end to travel restrictions and said it planned to dismantle some of the fortifications along the Austrian border.

In 1990, President Bush offered to send Secretary of State Baker to Baghdad and to receive Iraq's foreign minister in Washington, D.C., in a bid for a diplomatic solution to the Persian Gulf crisis.

Also in 1990, the three Baltic republics -- Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia -- held an historic joint parliamentary session to plot their common course.

In 1992, Sen. Packwood, R-Ore., facing an Ethics Committee investigation of sexual harassment allegations, entered an alcohol-treatment facility.

In 1993, Israeli and Palestinian leaders met in the Gaza Strip in an effort to end violence that threatened the peace accord.

In 1997, the government of Prime Minister Vaclav Klaus of the Czech Republic resigned. Klaus's Civic Democratic Party had been accused of accepting contributions from foreign sources.

In 2002, a U.S. citizen and her husband, both from Florida, were freed after being among those questioned by Kenyan police about the two terror attacks against Israelis near the East African port of Mombasa.

A thought for the day: Irish satirist Jonathan Swift wrote, "I never saw, heard, nor read that the clergy were beloved in any nation where Christianity was the religion of the country. Nothing can render them popular but some degree of persecution."

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Body

Today is Monday, Nov. 22, the 327th day of 2004 with 39 to follow.

The moon is waxing. The morning stars are Jupiter, Saturn, Venus and Mars. The evening stars are Mercury, Pluto, Uranus and Neptune.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Sagittarius. They include French explorer of North America Rene Robert de la Salle in 1643; English novelist George Eliot (Mary Ann Evans) in 1819; French statesman and military leader Charles de Gaulle in 1890; Wiley Post, the first pilot to fly solo around the world, in 1898; composers Hoagy Carmichael in 1899 and Benjamin Britten in 1913; comedian Rodney Dangerfield in 1921; actress Geraldine Page in 1924; actors Robert Vaughn in 1932 (age 72) and Tom Conti in 1941 (age 63); writer/director and Monty Python alum Terry Gilliam in 1940 (age 64); Guion S. Bluford, Jr., the first black American astronaut in space, in 1942 (age 62); tennis player Billie Jean King in 1943 (age 61); actors Richard Kind in 1957 (age 47), Jamie Lee Curtis in 1958 (age 47) and Mariel Hemingway in 1961 (age 43); and tennis player Boris Becker in 1967 (age 37).

On this date in history:

In 1718, Edward Teach, also known as the pirate Blackbeard, was killed off North Carolina's Outer Banks during a bloody battle with a British navy force.

In 1935, a Pan American Martin 130 "flying boat" called the China Clipper began regular trans-Pacific mail service. The flight from San Francisco to Manila, Philippines, took 59 hours and 48 minutes.

In 1950, a train wreck in New York City killed 79 people.

In 1963, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas and Vice President Lyndon Johnson was sworn in as the nation's 36th chief executive. Lee Harvey Oswald was arrested and later named by the Warren Commission as the man who fired the fatal shots. But, Oswald also was slain before he could go to trial.

In 1972, the State Department ended a 22-year ban on U.S. travel to China.

In 1977, the Anglo-French supersonic Concorde jetliner began scheduled flights to New York from London and Paris.

In 1980, actress Mae West died at the age of 88.

In 1989, newly elected Lebanese President Rene Moawad died in bomb blast that also killed 17 other people in Syrian-patrolled Moslem West Beirut.

Also in 1989, 12 U.S. Green Berets were evacuated from the San Salvador Sheraton. They were the last of nearly 100 people trapped when leftist rebels seized the hotel.

In 1990, Prime Minister Thatcher resigned after 11 years in office as England's longest-serving leader of the 20th century.

In 1991, the State Department invited Israel and Arab negotiators to begin bilateral peace talks in Washington, D.C.

In 1992, at least 27 people died when tornadoes carved a path of destruction through the South and Midwest.

Also in 1992, 10 <u>women</u> who had worked for or with Sen. Bob Packwood reportedly accused the Oregon Republican of unwelcome sexual advances.

And in 1992, Woody Allen told "60 Minutes" that Mia Farrow vowed to do something "very nasty" to him before she charged him with sexually abusing their adopted seven-year-old daughter.

In 1993, Mexico's Senate approved the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

Also in 1993, striking American Airline flight attendants agreed to return to work after President Clinton urged both sides in the labor dispute to seek arbitration.

In 1995, OPEC agreed to maintain its 1994 oil production quotas.

In 1996, Washington announced a review of airbag safety following reports of deaths caused by air bags during deployment.

In 1997, New Zealanders Robert Hamill and Phil Stubbs arrived in Barbados from the Canary Islands in their boat, Kiwi Challenger, after 41 days, one hour and 55 minutes -- a new record for rowing across the Atlantic.

In 2000, while the nation waited to see who would be the next president, the Florida Supreme Court ruled that hand count of the state's presidential ballots could continue. The Republicans had sought to block the recount, brought on by ballot questions in some counties. The U.S. Supreme Court eventually ruled against any further recounting, a move that propelled George W. Bush to the presidency.

In 2002, Red Cross officials reported at least 100 people died in riots in northern Nigeria sparked by a religious controversy over the Miss World beauty pageant.

Also in 2002, Indonesian police reported the capture of the prime suspect in last month's Bali bombings in which around 200 people were killed.

In 2003, the U.S. Senate began debating the \$395 billion Medicare prescription drug bill passed earlier in the day by the House. The Senate later passed the measure and President George W. Bush signed it into law.

A thought for the day: President Kennedy said, "If a free society cannot help the many who are poor, it cannot save the few who are rich."

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 23, the 328th day of 2004 with 38 to follow.

The moon is waxing. The morning stars are Jupiter, Saturn, Venus and Mars. The evening stars are Mercury, Pluto, Uranus and Neptune.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Sagittarius. They include Franklin Pierce, 14th president of the United States, in 1804; Scottish poet James Thomson in 1834; notorious outlaw Billy "The Kid" Bonney in 1859; Mexican artist Jose Clemente Orozco in 1883; actor Boris Karloff in 1887; Romain de Tirtoff, the fashion designer and artist known as Erte, in 1892; Harpo (Adolph Arthur) Marx in 1893; and actress Susan Anspach in 1945 (age 59).

On this date in history:

In 1889, the first jukebox was placed in service in the Palais Royal Saloon in San Francisco.

In 1890, the independent Grand Duchy of Luxembourg was separated from the Netherlands.

In 1919, the first play-by-play football game radio broadcast in the United States took place with Texas A&M blanking the University of Texas, 7-0.

In 1936, Life magazine made its debut.

In 1943, the U.S. Marines took control of the Gilbert Islands from Japanese forces following a fierce 76-hour battle.

In 1945, World War II rationing ended in the United States on all foods except sugar.

In 1954, China announced it had convicted 11 American airmen and two civilians of espionage.

In 1980, an earthquake in Naples, Italy, killed 4,800 people.

In 1990, President Bush met in Geneva with Syrian President Hafez Assad to discuss the Persian Gulf crisis.

In 1991, Serbian, Croatian and Yugoslav leaders signed a U.N.-mediated ceasefire accord. It didn't last.

In 1992, the United States lowered its flag over the last American base in the Philippines, ending nearly a century of military presence in its former colony.

Also in 1992, a Senate report said no credible evidence was found to support claims that Ronald Reagan's 1980 presidential campaign tried to delay the release of the hostages held by Iran.

And in 1992, country music legend Roy Acuff, who rode the "Wabash Cannonball" to fame and fortune, died of congestive heart failure at age 89.

In 1993, President Clinton signed legislation repealing U.S. sanctions against South Africa.

In 1996, a hijacker forced an Ethiopian 767 jetliner to fly until it ran out of fuel. The aircraft crashed into the sea.

In 1997, Prince Charles appointed former British Prime Minister John Major as the legal and financial protector of Princes William and Harry. The boys' mother, Diana, had been killed in a car accident almost three months earlier.

In 2001, Israelis killed Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abu Hudnud, head of the extremist group Hamas, in a helicopter attack in Jesusalem.

In 2002, the Bush administration eased anti-pollution regulations that required older coal-fired refineries to upgrade facilities with modern clean air equipment in an effort to spur expanded construction of power plants.

In 2003, an early morning dormitory fire at a Moscow university killed at least 18 students and injured 80 others.

A thought for the day: there's a proverb that says, "Before you trust a man, eat a peck of salt with him."

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 24, the 329th day of 2004 with 37 to follow.

The moon is waxing. The morning stars are Jupiter, Saturn, Venus and Mars. The evening stars are Mercury, Pluto, Uranus and Neptune.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Sagittarius. They include Dutch philosopher Benedictus de Spinoza in 1632; British novelist and clergyman Laurence Sterne in 1718; Zachary Taylor, 12th president of the United States, in 1784; gambler, frontier lawman and sports writer William "Bat" Masterson in 1853; painter Henri Toulouse-Lautrec in 1864; ragtime composer Scott Joplin in 1868; lecturer and author Dale Carnegie in 1888; pianist Teddy Wilson in 1912; actress Geraldine Fitzgerald in 1913 (age 90); columnist William F. Buckley, in 1925 (age 79); former Bush administration spokesman Marlin Fitzwater in 1942 (age 62); and actors Dwight Schultz in 1947 (age 57) and Stanley Livingston in 1950 (age 54).

On this date in history:

In 1863, Union Gen. U.S. Grant launched the Battle of Chattanooga in Tennessee.

In 1869, women from 21 states met in Cleveland to organize the American Women Suffrage Association.

In 1874, Joseph Glidden received a patent for barbed wire, which made the farming of the Great Plains possible.

In 1963, accused Kennedy assassin Lee Harvey Oswald was fatally shot by Jack Ruby in a Dallas jail building.

In 1971, a middle-aged man whose ticket was made out to "D.B. Cooper" hijacked a Northwest Airlines flight from Portland, Oregon, to Seattle. Somewhere south of Seattle, he parachuted from the plane with the \$200,000 in ransom he'd collected from the airline and was never heard from again.

In 1985, Arab commandos forced an Egypt Air jetliner to Malta and began shooting passengers, fatally wounding two. Fifty-seven other people died when Egyptian commandos stormed the jet.

In 1989, Czech reform politician Alexander Dubcek made his first public appearance in Prague since the Soviet invasion of 1968.

In 1993, the Brady bill handgun-control legislation cleared Congress. President Clinton signed it into law on Nov. 30, 1993.

In 1995, Irish voters passed a referendum removing the constitutional ban on divorce.

On this date in 2001, the successful cloning of 24 cows was reported by a team of scientists in Worcester, Mass.

In 2002, suspected Islamic terrorists stormed a famous Hindu temple in Kashmir, India, killing seven people and wounding 30 others.

In 2003, jurors in Virginia Beach, Va., recommended John Allen Muhammad be put to death for last year's Washington-area sniper slayings.

Also in 2003, Hall of Fame pitcher Warren Spahn, the winningest left-hander in major league baseball history, died at the age of 82.

A thought for the day: Dutch philosopher Benedictus de Spinoza said, "Peace is not an absence of war. It is a virtue, a state of mind, a disposition for benevolence, confidence, justice."

Today is Thursday, Nov. 25, the 330th day of 2004 with 36 to follow.

This is Thanksgiving Day.

The moon is waxing. The morning stars are Jupiter, Saturn, Venus and Mars. The evening stars are Mercury, Pluto, Uranus and Neptune.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Sagittarius. They include industrialist Andrew Carnegie in 1835; pioneer German automoble designer Karl Benz in 1844; social reformer Carry Nation in 1846; German mathematician Felix Klein in 1849; Pope John XXIII in 1881; New York Yankees slugger Joe DiMaggio in 1914; actors Ricardo Montalban in 1920 (age 84); Kathryn Crosby in 1933 (age 71) and John Larroquette in 1947 (age 57); John F. Kennedy Jr. in 1960; singer Amy Grant, also in 1960 (age 44); and actresses Jill Hennessy in 1969 (age 35) and Christina Applegate in 1971 (age 33).

On this date in history:

In 1783, more than 6,000 British troops evacuated New York City after signing the peace treaty ending the Revolutionary War.

In 1947, film industry executives announced that 10 directors, producers and actors who refused to testify before the House Un-American Activities Committee will be fired or suspended.

In 1952, Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap," listed by the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's longest running play, opened in London.

In 1963, President Kennedy, assassinated in Dallas three days earlier, was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

In 1970, world-renowned Japanese writer Yukio Mishima committed suicide after failing to win public support for his often extreme political beliefs.

In 1973, President Nixon ordered the national highway speed limit cut from 70 mph to 55 mph to save lives and gasoline.

In 1986, President Reagan announced the resignation of national security adviser John Poindexter and the firing of Poindexter aide Lt. Col. Oliver North in the aftermath of the secret, illegal Iran arms sale.

In 1987, Chicago's first black mayor, Harold Washington, died in office of a heart attack at age 65.

In 1992, the Czechoslovak Parliament voted to dissolve the country at the end of the year into separate Czech and Slovak states.

Also in 1992, a blizzard dumped up to 19 inches of snow in the Plains states, stranding motorists and snarling Thanksgiving travel plans.

In 1993, the U.S. House of Representatives adjourned for the year.

In 1996, a federal task force was sent to St. Petersburg, Fla., following riots triggered by a white police officer shooting a black car theft suspect.

In 1997, Ron Carey, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, resigned amid questions about his management of union funds.

In 2001, hundreds of Marines arrived in Afghanistan near the southern city of Kandahar in the first major entry of American ground troops in that country in the war on terrorism.

Meanwhile, around 400 Taliban captives revolted at a prison near Mazar-c Sharif, overpowered their guards and put up a fierce battle. U.S. planes were called in to bomb the prison.

Also in 2001, A Massachusetts biotechnology company announced it had created the first-ever human embryos by cloning. President George W. Bush said later he considered the work on human cloning to be immoral.

In 2002, warrants were issued in Los Angeles for the arrest of two former Catholic priests on molestation charges, some dating to the 1950s.

In 2003, a report bt the Unit4d Nations and the World Health Organization says the infection and death rates of HIV/AIDS has reached an all-time high.

Also in 2003, singer Glen Campbell faced charges of drunken driving and aggravated assault in Phoenix after allegedly hitting a car, fleeing and assaulting an officer.

A thought for the day: Andrew Carnegie wrote, "Surplus wealth is a sacred trust which its possessor is bound to administer in his lifetime for the good of the community. The man who dies rich dies disgraced."

Today is Friday, Nov. 26, the 331st day of 2004 with 35 to follow.

The moon is full. The morning stars are Jupiter, Saturn, Venus and Mars. The evening stars are Mercury, Pluto, Uranus and Neptune.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Sagittarius. They include English poet William Cowper in 1731; air conditioning engineer Willis Carrier in 1876; surgeon and <u>women's</u> rights leader Mary Walker Edwards in 1832; French playwright Eugene Ionesco and TV journalist Eric Sevareid, both in 1912; cartoonist Charles Schulz in 1922; singer Robert Goulet in 1933 (age 71); impressionist Rich Little in 1938 (age 66); and singer Tina Turner in 1939 (age 65).

On this date in history:

In 1789, President Washington declared Nov. 26, 1789, to be Thanksgiving Day. It was the first U.S. holiday by presidential proclamation.

In 1832, the first streetcar railway in America started public service in New York City from City Hall to 14th Street. The car was pulled by a horse and the fare was 12 1/2 cents.

In 1922, In Egypt's Valley of the Kings, British archaeologists Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon became the first souls to enter King Tutankhamen's treasure-laden tomb in more than 3,000 years.

In 1940, German Nazis forced 500,000 Jews in Warsaw to live in a ghetto surrounded by an eight-foot concrete wall.

In 1941, Secretary of State Cordell Hull submitted American proposals to the Japanese peace envoys in Washington.

In 1956, bandleader Tommy Dorsey died at age 51. His records sold more than 110,000,000 copies.

In 1965, France successfully launched a satellite into space, becoming the world's third space power after the U.S. and the Soviet Union.

In 1984, the United States and Iraq restored diplomatic relations, ending a 17-year break.

In 1990, Matsushita clinched a \$6.1 billion deal to buy MCA, the fourth Hollywood studio to be sold to a foreign owner in recent years.

In 1992, the United States offered to send up to 20,000 U.S. ground troops to civil war-torn Somalia as part of a United Nations force to get relief supplies to the starving populace.

In 1997, the international price of gold in New York City fell to \$298 per ounce, the lowest level in 12 years.

In 2001, The Afghanistan prison revolt, which was crushed the third day, claimed the life of a CIA operative, Johnny Michael Spann, 32, a former Marine captain. He was the first U.S. combat casualty of the war. Five other Americans were injured.

In 2002, Iran rejected a recent report that Tehran and Washington have agreed to cooperate in the event the United States attacks Iraq., according to the official Islamic Republic News Agency.

Also in 2002, fast-food restaurants, among the last all-cash holdouts, have begun experimenting with systems that allow customers to say, "Charge it" as easily as, "I'll take fries with that."

In 2003, Capt. Michael Gansas, in command of a Staten Island, N.Y. ferry that crashed in October killing 10 people, has been fired for not cooperating with investigators.

Also in 2003, the U.N. nuclear watchdog passed a resolution condemning Iran's nuclear program but stopped short of recommending sanctions.

A thought for the day: Richard Bentley said, "No man was ever written out of reputation but by himself."

Today is Saturday, Nov. 27, the 332nd day of 2004 with 34 to follow.

The moon is waning. The morning stars are Jupiter, Saturn, Venus and Mars. The evening stars are Mercury, Pluto, Uranus and Neptune.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Sagittarius. They include Anders Celsius, Swedish astronomer and inventor of the centigrade thermometer, in 1701; American historian Charles Beard and Israeli statesman Chaim Weizmann, both in 1874; producer David Merrick in 1912 (age 91); "Buffalo Bob" Smith ("The Howdy Dowdy Show") in 1917; actor and martial asrts star Bruce Lee in 1940; rock guitarist Jimi Hendrix in 1942; singer Eddie Rabbitt in 1944; and actors Fisher Stevens in 1963 (age 41), Robin Givens in 1964 (age 40), and Jaleel White in 1976 (age 28).

On this date in history:

In 1759, town officials in Stratford-upon-Avon, England, evicted the Rev. Francis Gastrell from William Shakespeare's home after he cut down a 150-year-old tree that had been planted by the famed writer.

In 1901, the War Department authorized creation of the Army War College to instruct commissioned officers. It was built in Leavenworth, Kan.

In 1940, two months after General Ion Antonescu seized power in Romania and forced King Carol II to abdicate, more than 60 aides of the exiled king, including Nicolae Iorga, a former minister and acclaimed historian, were executed.

In 1945, President Truman named Gen. George Marshall his special representative to China.

In 1970, a man with a knife attempted to injure Pope Paul VI at Manila Airport in the Philippines.

In 1984, the Treasury Department proposed a sweeping overhaul of the U.S. Tax Code.

In 1989, University of Chicago doctors implanted part of a woman's liver in her 21-month-old daughter in the nation's first living donor liver transplant.

Also in 1989, Virginia certified Douglas Wilder as the nation's first elected black governor by a margin of 0.38 percent.

In 1990, British treasury chief John Major was elected Conservative Party leader, succeeding Margaret Thatcher as prime minister.

In 1992, military dissidents attempted to overthrow Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez.

In 1994, Bosnian Serbs took 150 U.N. peacekeepers hostage to prevent NATO air strikes.

In 1997, tens of thousands of German students took to the streets of Bonn to protest the decline of Germany's higher education system.

. In 2001, nearly half the 1,200 people detained after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, mostly of Middle Eastern descent, were still in custody more than two months later.

In 2002, President George W. Bush created a bipartisan, independent commission to investigate the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and to glean lessons to help thwart future attacks.

In 2003, President George W. Bush swooped into Iraq under the cover of darkness in a surprise visit to U.S. forces in Baghdad to help serve them their Thanksgiving dinner.

A thought for the day: King Louis XVIII of France had a favorite saying, "Punctuality is the politeness of kings."

Today is Sunday, Nov. 28, the 333rd day of 2004 with 33 to follow.

The moon is waning. The morning stars are Jupiter, Saturn, Venus and Mars. The evening stars are Mercury, Pluto, Uranus and Neptune.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Sagittarius. They include English poet William Blake in 1757; John Hyatt, inventor of celluloid, in 1837; architect Henry Bacon, designer of the Lincoln Memorial, in 1866; Motown Records founder Berry Gordy in 1929 (age 75); actress Hope Lange in 1931 (age 73); former Sen. Gary Hart, D-Colo., in 1936 (age 68); singer/songwriter Randy Newman in 1943 (age 61); ballet dancer Alexander Godunov and band leader Paul Shaffer ("The Late Show With David Letterman"), both in 1949 (age 55); actors Ed Harris in 1950 (age 54), S. Epatha Merkerson ("Law & Order") in 1952 (age 52), and Judd Nelson in 1959 (age 45); and comedian Jon Stewart ("The Daily Show") in 1962 (age 42).

On this date in history:

In 1520, Ferdinand Magellan entered the Pacific Ocean on his way around the world. He was the first European to sail the Pacific from the east.

In 1919, Virginia-born Lady Nancy Astor became the first woman member of the British Parliament.

In 1925, "The Grand Ole Opry," the famed country music show, made its radio debut.

In 1942, a fire at the Cocoanut Grove nightclub in Boston killed 491 people. Most victims suffocated or were trampled to death.

In 1958, the United States fired an intercontinental ballistic missile at full range for the first time.

In 1963, Cape Canaveral, the space center in Florida, was renamed Cape Kennedy to honor the assassinated president. Area residents later voted to revert to the original name.

In 1989, Czechoslovak Premier Adamec agreed to a coalition government. The next day, the Czechoslovak Parliament revoked the Communist Party's monopoly.

Also in 1989, a construction crane snapped in San Francisco. Five people were killed, 21 injured.

In 1992, a fire destroyed parts of the Hofburg Palace in Vienna, Austria, threatening the famous Lipizzaner stallions.

In 1993, British officials confirmed they have made secret contacts with the outlawed <u>Irish Republican Army</u> in an effort to end the violence in Northern Ireland.

Also in 1993, Carlos Roberto Reina was elected president of Honduras.

In 1994, serial killer/cannibal Jeffrey Dahmer and a second inmate were beaten to death by another inmate at the Columbia Correctional Center in Portage, Wis.

In 2002, an explosion hit an Israeli-owned hotel near Mombasa in Kenya, killing at least 15 people, while at about the same time two missiles were fired at an Israeli passenger plane departing from Mombasa.

In 2003, an estimated 182 people were killed when two crowded ferries collided during a storm in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

A thought for the day: Thomas Carlyle said, "...speech is of time, silence is of eternity."

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Body

A selective listing by critics of The Times of new or noteworthy opera, classical music and dance events this weekend in the Northeast.

Opera

"IDOMENEO, RE DI CRETA." Mozart does best in an intimate setting, and the former sculpture studio that houses the performances of Vertical Player Repertory is one of the most intimate spaces for opera in all of New York. In fact the audience, crammed in on cushions on the floor, may hardly outnumber the forces onstage, since Judith Barnes has mustered a chorus of nearly 20 voices strong for her production. Ms. Barnes, a sculptor-turned-singer who founded the company in 1998, is also taking on the lead role of Elettra; Aram Tchobanian sings the title role; and the orchestra, squeezed in around the audience, will be conducted by Nizan Leibovich. Tonight at 8, Sunday at 4 p.m., Vertical Player Repertory, 219 Court Street, Brooklyn, (212) 539-2696. Suggested admission: \$20 (Anne Midgette).

"L'ITALIANA IN ALGERI." Since its founding in 1981, the Opera Festival of New Jersey has presented its share of lesser-known and 20th-century works. But its 2003 season opens on Sunday afternoon with a Rossini favorite, "L'Italiana in Algeri." The production is by the director Leon Major, whose flair for the theatrical sometimes gets the better of him. But anything goes in this madcap comedy about a young Italian woman who finds herself shipwrecked and stranded in exotic Algeria as the object of affection of a blustery potentate, Mustafa, the Bey of Algiers, who is married, by the way, as if that mattered. The vibrant mezzo-soprano Maria Zifchak sings the title role and Eduardo Chama, a hardy bass-baritone, portrays Mustafa. The musicianly Daniel Beckwith conducts. The season, which runs through July 19, will also offer Tchaikovsky's "Eugene Onegin" and Berg's "Wozzeck." Princeton University's McCarter Theater, where the Opera Festival performs, is only a 70-minute train ride from New York City. Sunday at 2 p.m., McCarter Theater, 91 University Place, Princeton, N.J., (609) 919-0199 or (888) 636-5858. Tickets: \$25 to \$90 (Anthony Tommasini).

"LA TRAVIATA." Last weekend the Berkshire Opera, in collaboration with the Boston Early Music Festival and Exhibition, brought that eminent biennial festival's landmark production of a 1691 opera by Johann Georg Conradi, the first production in 250 years, to the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center in Great Barrington, Mass. Next month the company presents Cimarosa's seldom-heard comic opera "Il Matrimonio Segredo." In comparison with these adventurous projects the Berkshire Opera's semistaged performance tomorrow night of Verdi's "Traviata" may not seem so eventful. But with Maureen O'Flynn, a splendid young soprano, singing Violetta and the orchestra in the

capable hands of the conductor Joel Revzen, it should be a rewarding event. Tomorrow and Monday at 8 p.m., Koussevitzky Arts Center, Berkshire Community College, Pittsfield, Mass., (413) 442-0099. Tickets: \$25 to \$65 (Tommasini).

"VERA OF LAS VEGAS." When the composer Daren Hagen and the poet Paul Muldoon (winner of the 2003 Pulitzer Prize for Poetry) were asked by the University of Nevada at Las Vegas to write an opera they decided to create something site-specific. The premiere of that 60-minute work, called "Vera of Las Vegas," was presented by the Center for Contemporary Opera at Symphony Space last night. A repeat performance will take place tonight. The opera is staged in a nightclub setting with the conductor serving as band leader for an orchestra seated on a bandstand and some of the audience at cocktail tables. The surreal story, its creators report, is about two *Irish Republican Army* agents who are lost in Las Vegas. The title character will be sung by a Juilliard-trained singer, linguist and dancer called Shequida who, advance materials promise, boasts a five-octave vocal range. Leonard Nimoy Thalia at Symphony Space, 2537 Broadway, at 95th Street, (212) 864-5400. Tickets: \$45; \$35 for students and 65+; \$75 to be seated at a cocktail table, available by calling the Center for Contemporary Opera at (212) 758-2757 (Tommasini).

Classical Music

BARGEMUSIC. With its view of the Manhattan skyline and its live, intimate acoustics, this barge floating gently on the East River is one of the finest places in the city to hear chamber music. Tonight -- now that Daniel Barenboim has completed his survey of the Beethoven piano sonatas at Carnegie Hall -- Phillip Bush offers a chance to review, playing the Sonatas Nos. 13, 14 ("Moonlight") and 30. Tomorrow and Sunday, Mark Peskanov, a violinist, leads an ensemble of strings and horns in two divertimentos by Mozart (K. 287 and 334). Tonight and tomorrow night at 7:30 and Sunday afternoon at 4, Fulton Ferry Landing, under the Brooklyn Bridge, Brooklyn, (718) 624-2083. Tickets: \$35; \$20 for students (James R. Oestreich).

CARAMOOR. Whether or not they admit it, all composers are engaged in some type of dialogue with tradition, and the Brentano String Quartet's new "Bach Perspectives" project makes this dialogue explicit. The quartet commissioned 10 contemporary composers to write responses to Bach's magisterial "Art of Fugue," and at this concert the ensemble will present both the Bach and the new works on the same program. The composers whose work isto be performed include Charles Wuorinen, Shulamit Ran, Steven Mackey, Sofia Gubaidulina and Wynton Marsalis. Tonight at 8 in the Spanish Courtyard, Caramoor, Katonah, N.Y., (914) 232-1252. Tickets: \$25 and \$30. Also at Caramoor this weekend, Roberto Abbado leads the Orchestra of St. Luke's in works by Schumann, Mozart and Mendelssohn, tomorrow night at 8 at the Venetian Theater (tickets: \$15 to \$60), and the Eroica Trio offers music by Bach, Dvorak and Daniel Schnyder on Sunday at 4:30 p.m., also in the Venetian Theater. Tickets \$25 to \$45 (Jeremy Eichler).

CONNECTICUT EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL. This festival, one of the few places early-music fans can turn for a concentrated helping of Renaissance and Baroque works through the summer, offers both established performers and promising newcomers in a broad range of repertory. Tonight, Anne Briggs, flutist; Sarah Davol, oboist; Joseph Urbinato, bassoonist; and Virginia Brewer, who plays oboe and recorder, are performing "Woodwinds on Thames," a program of sonatas popular in 17th-century England. With support from John Metz, harpsichordist, the wind players will perform works by Handel, Loeillet, Pepusch, Sammartini, Barbandt and J. C. Bach. Selections from Handel's "Water Music" and "Musick for the Royal Fireworks" are included as well. Fiddlers get equal time tomorrow evening in "The Three Violinists," with Judson Griffin, Theresa Salomon and Jeanne Johnson, violinists; Christine Gummere, cellist, and Linda Skernick, harpsichordist. The program is a survey of Baroque violin music, with early 17th-century pieces by Gabrieli, Fontana, Merula, Marini and others on the first half of the program, and works from the century's later decades, by Purcell, Handel, Telemann, Lully, Couperin and Pachelbel, after the intermission. The festival closes on Sunday afternoon, with a Vivaldi opera, "La Fida Ninfa." The vocal soloists are Robert Crowe and Joelle Greanleaf, sopranos; Margaret Bragle, mezzo-soprano; Drew Minter, alto; Frederick Urrey, tenor; and Richard Holmes, bass. Judson Griffin and Mr. Metz share the musical direction. "Woodwinds on Thames" is tonight at 8, the Mystic Art Association, Noank Road, Mystic, Conn.; "The Three Violinists" is tomorrow night at 8, St.

Mary's Church, 70 Central Ave., Norwich, Conn.; "La Fida Ninfa" is Sunday at 6 p.m., Harkness Chapel, Connecticut College, S.R. 32, New London, Conn., (860) 444-2419. Tickets: \$24 tonight; \$18 to \$24 tomorrow; \$24 to \$28 on Sunday (Allan Kozinn).

JOSHUA BELL. Bach's Chaconne from the second partita is one of the most important things ever written for solo violin. Brahms called it "one of the most wonderful and incomprehensible pieces of music"; Mendelssohn gave it a piano accompaniment; Leopold Stokowski created an orchestral version; and this weekend, Joshua Bell is offering it free as part of his only New York recital this season. He's closing the series Free for All at Town Hall, which Omus Hirschbein and Jacqueline Taylor, veterans of the city's classical music scene, founded to bring top-flight music and performers to people who can't necessarily afford top-flight concert tickets. Rounding out Mr. Bell's program are Schubert's C Major fantasy, Ravel's sonata for violin and piano, Sarasate's "Carmen" Fantasy, and other works to be announced, accompanied by Simon Mulligan, pianist. Sunday afternoon at 5 p.m., Town Hall, 123 West 43rd Street, Manhattan, (212) 707-8787. Tickets are distributed free of charge (two per customer) starting at noon on the day of the concert (Midgette).

MUSIC MOUNTAIN. Although its traditional focus is the string quartet, Music Mountain, one of the oldest chamber music festivals in the country, is offering two kinds of trio this weekend: a string trio, and a trio of concerts. The string trio is the acclaimed Jacques Thibaud Trio from Germany, a group of three enfant-terrible types who had their debut here last year, and who will offer this weekend, in their second concert of the festival season, Beethoven's Serenade Op. 8 and piano quartets by Mozart and Brahms, with the pianist Tao Lin. The other two concerts are an evening of choral music by the Kent Singers, a local group celebrating its 30th season, and, tomorrow, another local ensemble, the Galvanized Jazz Band. Tonight at 8 (Kent Singers), tomorrow night at 8 (Galvanized Jazz Band), and Sunday afternoon at 3 (Jacques Thibaud Trio), Gordon Hall at Music Mountain, Falls Village, Conn., (860) 824-7126. Tickets: \$20, \$10 for students under 24 (Midgette).

NEW YORK GUITAR SEMINAR. This annual guitar seminar at the Mannes College of Music began yesterday and runs through Sunday with a full schedule of master classes, lectures and performances. The most promising offering is a faculty recital tomorrow evening, with performances by Srdjan Berdovic, Dusan Bogdanovic and William Kanengiser. The program includes works by Mr. Berdovic and Mr. Bogdanovic, as well as music by David Loeb, John Harmon and Matt Dunne. Tomorrow night at 8, Mannes College of Music, 150 West 85th Street. (212) 580-0210. Tickets: \$15 (Kozinn).

NORFOLK CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL. The Yale Summer School of Music takes up residence in Norfolk every summer and offers a series of concerts in the Music Shed on the Ellen Battell Stoeckel Estate. Last summer the new-music ensemble Eighth Blackbird opened the festival, and the group returns to open it again with a program that includes David Schober's "Variations," Gordon Fitzell's "Violence," a movement from Daniel Kellogg's "Divinum Mysterium," Dennis DeSantis's "Powerless" and Roshanne Etezady's "Damaged Goods." Tomorrow night at 8, Ellen Battell Stoeckel Estate, Routes 44 and 272, Norfolk, Conn., (860) 542-3000. Tickets: \$15 to \$40; \$5 for ages 18 to 25; free to those under 18 with paying adult (Kozinn).

SUMMER MUSIC AT VASSAR. The thriving summer music scene in the mid-Hudson Valley is even livelier this year with an expansion of the summer program at Bard College and with this new festival, featuring faculty members of Vassar College. Tonight, Drew Minter, countertenor, Stephanie Chase, violinist, Mark Shuman, cellist, and Todd Crow, pianist, perform works by Caldara, Handel and Mendelssohn. On Sunday, Merellyn Gallagher plays organ works by Bach, Buxtehude, Sweelinck and Walter. Tonight and Sunday night at 8, Skinner Hall of Music, Raymond Avenue, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., (845) 437-5900. Free (Oestreich).

TANNERY POND. The rural summer music series takes place at what was once a Shaker Village in upstate New York. This week, the violinist Latica Honda-Rosenberg performs a recital program that includes Beethoven's Violin Sonata No. 2 and Brahms's sumptuous G-Major Sonata as well as works by Medtner, Symanowski and Gershwin. Kirill Gerstein accompanies on piano. Tomorrow night at 8, the Tannery, Darrow School/Mount Lebanon Shaker Village grounds (off Route 20), New Lebanon, N.Y., (888) 820-1696. Tickets: \$22 and \$25 (Eichler).

WORKS AND PROCESS. Next month, the Lincoln Center Festival is to present two versions of the classic Chinese opera "The Orphan of Zhao," reimagined by Chen Shi-Zheng, who directed the acclaimed production of "The Peony Pavilion" at the festival in 1999. One version, in Mandarin and in a more or less traditional style, will feature Qian Yi, also of "Peony" fame, and others from that cast. The second is a modern adaptation involving the composer Stephin Merritt and the playwright David Greenspan. Here, Mr. Chen will present excerpts and discuss his two conceptions along with other participants. Sunday and Monday at 8 p.m., Guggenheim Museum, Fifth Avenue at 89th Street, (212) 423-3587. Tickets: \$18; \$15 members, students and 65+ (Oestreich).

Dance

AMERICAN BALLET THEATER. The company closes its New York spring season in style with three performances of Kevin McKenzie's magical revisiting of "Swan Lake," which is filled with vivid narrative and dramatic detail as well as good dancing. Tonight's cast is led by Paloma Herrera and Marcelo Gomes, who captured every emotional nuance in a performance earlier this season. Tomorrow's lead dancers are Julie Kent and Jose Manuel Carreno (matinee) and Nina Ananiashvili and Julio Bocca (evening). Tonight at 8; tomorrow at 2 and 8 p.m. Metropolitan Opera House, Lincoln Center, (212) 362-6000. Tickets: \$20 to \$155. In conjunction with the season, an exhibition and sale of photographs by Costas of dancers in Ballet Theater and the Kirov Ballet and New York City Ballet will run through July 5 at the Gallery at Lincoln Center, on the Concourse Level, (212) 580-4673. Gallery hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Jennifer Dunning).

AMERICAN DANCE GUILD: "REBUILDING THE LEGACY." Along with workshops and panel discussions on dance of the 20th century, this three-day conference will feature a gala performance that sounds like a must for serious dancegoers. The program will include Jose Limon's "Chaconne" and "Sonata for Two Cellos," excerpts from Isadora Duncan's "Symphony in C Major," Jean Erdman's "Hamadryad," a tribute to Alvin Ailey by Elbert Watson and dances by Merce Cunningham, Jeanne Ruddy, Renata Celichowska and the choreographic duo of Buglisi-Foreman. The pieces will be performed by dancers including the young Cunningham Repertory Understudy Group, Miki Orihara, Patrick Suzeau and Jeanne Bresciani. Tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. Symphony Space, 2537 Broadway, at 95th Street, Manhattan, (212) (864-1414). Tickets: \$21; students, \$16 (Dunning).

ANDREA DEL CONTE. Ms. Del Conte will perform traditional and contemporary flamenco solos. Tonight and tomorrow at 8; Sunday at 3 p.m. Lotus Music and Dance Studios, 109 West 27th Street, Manhattan, (212) 627-1076. Tickets: \$20 (Dunning).

CONTEMPORARY BALLET THEATER. Formed by Pepper, its resident choreographer, the troupe will perform a program called "Woman/Mujer" as part of "Through Her Eyes: <u>Women</u> of Color Arts and Film Festival 2003 at the Henry Street Settlement. Tonight at 7:10; tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3:45 p.m. Abrons Art Center, 466 Grand Street, near Delancey Street, Lower East Side (212) 501-3842. Tickets: \$15 and \$20; \$12 for students and 65+; \$10 for children under 17 (Dunning).

RITHA DEVI. Ms. Devi, a longtime presence on the New York dance scene, will present a lecture-demonstration in Orissa Devadasi. Tomorrow night at 8, Sundaram Tagore Art Gallery, 137 Greene Street, SoHo, (212) 988-7697. Tickets: \$8 (Dunning).

FREESPACE DANCE. This resident dance company of Montclair State University in New Jersey will present work by Donna Scro Gentile, a former Nikolais-Louis dancer who founded Freespace with Maureen Glennon and Lisa Grimes-VanSickle. Tonight and tomorrow night at 8, Joyce SoHo, 155 Mercer Street, (212) 334-7479. Tickets: \$15 (Dunning).

FRANKIE HART AND FRIENDS. Ms. Hart, probably the only choreographer in America with a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering, is based in Florida and creates work that combines modern dance, yoga and Qigong.

Performed by a 10-member company, the program features music by Gregory Hicks and visual design by Russ Borski. Tonight at 9 p.m.; tomorrow at 8:30 p.m. Merce Cunningham Studio, 55 Bethune Street, at Washington Street, West Village, (212) 924-0077. Tickets: \$15; \$10 for students and 65+ (Dunning).

JACOB'S PILLOW DANCE FESTIVAL. This quintessentially American festival looks to Europe with flamenco by the award-winning Maria Pages and her Flamenco Republic troupe and French modern dance by the MeMe BaNjo Compagnie Lionel Hoche. Flamenco Republic performs tonight at 8, tomorrow at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Ted Shawn Theater. Lionel Hoche and his dancers -- let's not go through that company title again -- perform tonight at 8:15, tomorrow at 2:15 and 8:15 p.m. and Sunday at 2:15 p.m. at the Doris Duke Studio Theater. Free events this weekend include a screening of the documentary "Queen of the Gypsies, a Portrait of Carmen Amaya" tomorrow at 4 p.m. at Blake's Barn, and outdoor performances at 6:30 p.m. by the Dancewave's Kids Company in dances by Mark Morris and Doug Varone (today) and by students in the Pillow "Cultural Traditions" program (tomorrow). Jacob's Pillow, George Carter Road, Becket, Mass., (413) 243-0745 or www.jacobspillow.org. Tickets for Flamenco Republic: \$45 (evenings) and \$40 (matinees); \$10 youth tickets (tomorrow matinee). Tickets for the Hoche company: \$20 (Dunning).

KAATSBAAN: "SILK STONE MOVING." Michael Mao blends the arts of China and New York in this piece, which is set to music, performed live, by John Thompson, a master player of the Chinese silk-string zither. The visual designs are by Howard Finkelson. Tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Visitors to this unusually lush and adventurous oasis for the arts may also participate in a movement workshop with Mr. Mao and his dancers or a beginning silk zither lesson from Mr. Thompson, both tomorrow from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Kaatsbaan International Dance Center, (845) 757-5106 or kaats@bestweb.net. Tickets for the performance: \$25; \$10 students. Workshop tickets: \$15 (Dunning).

NEW YORK CITY BALLET. "A Midsummer Night's Dream," which closes the company's spring season this weekend, is seldom cited as a Balanchine masterwork but the ballet is filled with ravishing bits of dancing and stage business, in a glittering, sumptuous setting through which tiny insects, warring lovers and the mischievous Puck take flight. The second-act wedding divertissement is one of Balanchine's most beautiful pas de deux and in itself a complete statement about the power of love. And the charming interplay between Titania and the poor donkey Bottom suggests that Balanchine knew and loved animals. Tonight's lead dancers are Maria Kowroski, Peter Boal, Albert Evans and Wendy Whelan and Jock Soto in the roles of Titania, Oberon, Puck and the divertissement dancers. The leads tomorrow afternoon will be Kyra Nichols, Benjamin Millepied, Adam Hendrickson, Miranda Weese and Philip Neal, followed tomorrow night by Darci Kistler, Tom Gold, Daniel Ulbricht and Jenifer Ringer and Robert Tewsley. On Sunday, it's Carla Korbes, Mr. Millepied, Mr. Hendrickson, and Ms. Kistler and Charles Askegard. Tonight at 8; tomorrow at 2 and 8 p.m.; Sunday at 3 p.m. New York State Theater, Lincoln Center, (212) 870-5570. Tickets:\$30 to \$78 (Dunning).

NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL BALLET COMPETITION. Whether you love them or hate them, competitions like this can be a thrill in spite of themselves. Dancers from 17 to 24, from 25 nations, will dance for gold -- and silver and bronze -- medals in the competition, whose jury is headed by Natalia Makarova. The second and third rounds are open to the public, as is the Sunday's culminating gala performance and awards ceremony. Tonight (round 2) and tomorrow night (round 3) at 8; Sunday night at 7. Alice Tully Hall, Lincoln Center, (212) 721-6500. Tickets: \$27.50; \$17.50 for students and 65+ (final rounds); \$70 (awards gala) (Dunning).

PILOBOLUS DANCE THEATER. In this opening weekend of Pilobolus's monthlong New York season, the famed fungoids will perform "My Brother's Keeper," a new quartet choreographed by Michael Tracy to music by Christos Hatzis that will be performed live, and a mini-retrospective that includes the comic classic "Walklyndon," as well as "Sweet Purgatory" and "Symbiosis." Tonight at 8; tomorrow at 2 and 8 p.m. Joyce Theater, 175 Eighth Avenue, at 19th Street, Chelsea, (212) 242-0800. Tickets: \$40 (Dunning).

"THE SOULS OF OUR FEET: PEOPLE OF COLOR DANCE FESTIVAL." The festival, produced by the Thelma Hill Performing Arts Center in Brooklyn, ends this weekend with "Urban Dandelions," a program of dance by Nia Love and her Blacksmith's Daughter troupe and by the Urban Dance Collective. Tomorrow at 8 p.m.; Sunday at 8 p.m. Long Island University Triangle Theater, Flatbush and De Kalb Avenues, Brooklyn, (718) 875-9710. Tickets: \$15; \$12 for students and 65+ (Dunning).

WIL SWANSON/DANCE WORKS. A brainy and inventive choreographer offers a new program called "Wild Human Poetry" made up of two separate pieces: "Cubic Legroom," inspired by the energy of Spain, and "Naked Singularities," which is filled with bold sweeps of movement, light and sound. Tonight, tomorrow and Sunday at 8:30, St. Mark's Church, Second Avenue at 10th Street, East Village, (212) 674-8194. Tickets: \$12 (Jack Anderson).

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Photos: Roberto Abbado will conduct the St. Luke's orchestra at Caramoor this weekend. (Chris Lee); Pilobolus performing "My Brother's Keeper" at the Joyce Theater in Chelsea. (Nan Melville for The New York Times)

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Body

Today is Monday, Aug. 30, the 243rd day of 2004 with 123 to follow.

The moon is full.

The morning stars are Mercury, Venus and Saturn. The evening stars are Jupiter, Uranus, Neptune, Mars and Pluto.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Virgo.

They include author Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley ("Frankenstein") in 1797; Louisiana Gov. Huey Long in 1893; actor Raymond Massey in 1896; journalist/author John Gunther and civil rights leader Roy Wilkins, both in 1901; actor Fred MacMurray in 1908; actresses Shirley Booth in 1907 and Joan Blondell in 1909; baseball legend Ted Williams in 1918; country music singer Kitty Wells in 1919 (age 85); singer John Phillips of the Mamas and the Papas in 1935; actress Elizabeth Ashley in 1941 (age 63); French Olympic champion skier Jean-Claude Killy in 1943 (age 61); and actors Timothy Bottoms in 1951 (age 53), Michael Chiklis in 1963 (age 41), Michael Michael in 1966 (age 38) and Cameron Diaz in 1972 (age 32).

On this date in history:

On this date in 30 BC, Cleopatra, queen of Egypt and lover of Julius Caesar and Mark Antony, committed suicide following the defeat of her forces by Octavian, the future first emperor of Rome.

In 1780, Gen. Benedict Arnold betrayed the United States when he promised secretly to surrender the fort at West Point to the British army. He later fled to England and died in poverty.

In 1862, the Union Army commanded by Maj. Gen. John Pope was defeated by Confederate troops in the second Battle of Bull Run.

In 1941, German forces began the 900-day siege of Leningrad. When it ended, the Russian city lay in ruins and hundreds of thousands of people had died.

In 1983, Guion Bluford became the first black astronaut in space.

In 1992, at least 15 people were killed and 31 wounded when an artillery shell exploded in a crowded Sarajevo market.

In 1994, the Lockheed and Martin Marietta corporations agreed to a merger that would create the largest U.S. defense contractor.

In 1997, the Houston Comets defeated the New York Liberty, 65-51, to become the fledgling <u>Women's</u> National Basketball Association's first champions.

In 2002, major league owners and players reached an agreement, averting a strike.

In 2003, police in NAJAF, Iraq, widened their investigation into the bombing at the Imam Ali Mosque as thousands flocked to the holy city in an outpouring of grief. Prominent Shiite cleric Ayatollah Mohammad Baqir al-Hakim was one of more than 120 people killed in the bomb attack.

A thought for the day: it was Francis Bacon who said, "Revenge is a kind of wild justice, which the more man's nature runs to, the more ought law to weed it out."

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 31, the 244th day of 2004 with 122 to follow.

The moon is waning. The morning stars are Mercury, Venus and Saturn. The evening stars are Jupiter, Uranus, Neptune, Mars and Pluto.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Leo.

They include Italian educator Maria Montessori in 1870; actor Fredric March in 1897; entertainer Arthur Godfrey in 1903; writer William Saroyan in 1908; astronomer Sir Alfred Lovell in 1913; journalist Daniel Schorr in 1916 (age 88); lyricist Alan Jay Lerner in 1918; comedian Buddy Hackett in 1924; actor James Coburn in 1928; baseball player/manager Frank Robinson, first black to manage a major league team, and black militant Eldridge Cleaver, both in 1935 (age 69); violinist Itzhak Perlman and rock singer Van Morrison, both in 1945 (age 59); actor Richard Gere in 1949 (age 54); Olympian track athlete Edwin Moses in 1955 (age 49); and singer/actress Debbie Gibson in 1970 (age 34).

On this date in history:

In 1897, Thomas Edison was awarded a patent for his movie camera, the Kinetograph.

In 1888, prostitute Mary Ann Nichols became the first victim of the notorious London serial killer known as "Jack the Ripper."

In 1903, a Packard automobile completed a 52-day journey from San Francisco to New York, becoming the first car to cross the nation under its own power.

In 1986, an Aeromexico DC-9 collided with a single-engine plane over Cerritos, Calif., killing 82 people, including 15 on the ground.

In 1991, the Soviet republics of Uzbekistan and Kirghizia declared independence, leaving only five republics with membership in the Soviet Union.

Also in 1991, Serbia accepted a European Community proposal that included international observers to oversee a cease-fire in Croatia.

In 1992, white separatist Randy Weaver surrendered, ending an 11-day siege of his Idaho mountain cabin that cost the lives of his wife, teenage son, and a U.S. marshal.

In 1993, the Israeli government agreed in principle a plan for interim Palestinian self-rule of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho.

In 1994, the *Irish Republican Army* declared a cease-fire following six months of secret talks with Britain.

In 1997, Britain's Princess Diana died of injuries a few hours after a car accident in Paris that killed her companion, Dodi Fayed, and their driver. A bodyguard survived, although he was seriously injured.

In 1999, one person was killed and 40 more injured in a bomb blast at a Moscow shopping center. The Russian government blamed terrorists from the breakaway republic of Chechnya.

In 2003, a Russian K-159 nuclear-powered submarine was lost in the Barents Sea, claiming the lives of nine of its 10-member crew. Russian authorities blamed negligence by navy officials.

Also in 2003, American and Iraqi officials began laying plans to form an Iraqi paramilitary force of several thousand to help secure the country.

A thought for the day: in a final statement for publication after his death, author and playwright William Saroyan said, "Everyone has got to die, but I have always believed an exception would be made in my case. Now what?"

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 1, the 245th day of 2004 with 121 to follow.

The moon is waning. The morning stars are Mercury, Venus and Saturn. The evening stars are Jupiter, Uranus, Neptune, Mars and Pluto.

Those born on this day are under the sign of Leo. They include German composer Engelbert Humperdinck in 1854; "Tarzan" author Edgar Rice Burroughs in 1875; dancer/singer Marilyn Miller in 1898; actress Yvonne De Carlo ("The Munsters") in 1922 (age 82); boxing champ Rocky Marciano in 1923; country music singer Conway Twitty in 1933; symphony conductor Seiji Ozawa in 1935 (age 69); attorney Alan Dershowitz in 1938 (age 66); comedian/actress Lily Tomlin in 1939 (age 65); Barry Gibb of the Bee Gees pop music group in 1946 (age 58); and singer Gloria Estefan in 1957 (age 47).

On this date in history:

In 1807, Aaron Burr, vice president of the United States under Thomas Jefferson, was acquitted of treason charges growing out of an alleged plot to set up an independent empire in the nation's south and west.

In 1914, the last known passenger pigeon died at the Cincinnati Zoo.

In 1923, an earthquake struck Yokohama, Japan, killing an estimated 143,000 people.

In 1939, Germany invaded Poland. Great Britain and France served an ultimatum on Adolf Hitler, but it was ignored.

In 1983, a Korean Air Lines Boeing 747 strayed into Soviet air space and was shot down by a Soviet jet fighter. All 269 people aboard died.

In 1985, scientists found the wreck of the British luxury liner Titanic, sunk by an iceberg in 1912, in the Atlantic Ocean south of Newfoundland.

In 1990, three planes left Iraq with about 500 Western and Japanese <u>women</u> and children in the first airlift, four days after Saddam Hussein's pledge to begin releasing some of his so-called "guests."

In 1991, President Bush established diplomatic relations with Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia.

In 1992, the insurance industry estimated that insured damage from Hurricane Andrew would reach \$7.3 billion, making it the costliest natural disaster in U.S. history.

In 1993, Bosnian Muslims refused to accept a draft of an U.N. peace agreement unless the Serbs and Croats ceded them more land. Leaders of the three factions broke off talks.

Also in 1993, Russian President Boris Yeltsin suspended from office his vice president and his first deputy premiere. The Supreme Soviet rejected Yeltsin's action.

In 1995, a peace agreement worked out among Liberia's warring militias moved forward with the swearing in of an interim ruling council.

In 1996, the U.N. suspended the permission it gave Iraq to sell oil again after Iraq took over the unofficial Kurdish capital city in violation of the ceasefire terms of the Gulf War.

In 1998, President Clinton held the first of two days of talks with Russian President Boris Yeltsin in Moscow. Their meetings did not resolve the deadlock over the START II treaty.

In 1999, Attorney General Janet Reno ordered a new investigation into the events of April 19,1993, that ended the siege at the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas. A few days earlier, the FBI admitted it had fired pyrotechnic tear gas canisters at the building, but they had bounced harmlessly away and did not cause the fire that killed about 80 of the cultists.

In 2003, Libya agreed to compensate relatives of the 170 people killed in the 1989 bombing of a French airliner over the Sahara.

A thought for the day: Edward Bellamy wrote, "An American credit card ... is just as good in Europe as American gold used to be."

Today is Thursday, Sept. 2, the 246th day of 2004 with 120 to follow.

The moon is waning. The morning stars are Mercury, Venus and Saturn. The evening stars are Jupiter, Uranus, Neptune, Mars and Pluto.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Leo. They include poet Eugene Field in 1850; Hiram Maxim, inventor of the automobile muffler and firearm silencer, in 1869; authors Cleveland Amory in 1917 and Allen Drury in 1918; dancer Marge Champion in 1923 (81); former baseball commissioner Peter Ueberroth in 1937 (age 67); Christa McAuliffe, born on this date in 1948, was the school teacher who became an astronaut but was killed when the space shuttle Challenger exploded shortly after liftoff in 1986; also born in 1948, pro football star/sportscaster Terry Bradshaw, (age 56); actor Mark Harmon in 1951 (age 53); tennis champion Jimmy Connors in 1952 (age 52); singer k.d. lang in 1961 (age 43), and actors Keanu Reeves in 1964 (age 40) and Selma Hayek in 1966 (age 38).

On this date in history:

In 1666, the Great Fire of London began. It eventually destroyed 13,000 houses in four days.

In 1935, one of the worst hurricanes to hit the U.S. mainland ripped through the Florida Keys, killing more than 350 people.

In 1945, Japan signed an unconditional surrender aboard the U.S. battleship Missouri in Tokyo Bay, formally ending World War II.

In 1983, Moscow admitted to the Sept. 1 shooting down of a Korean Air Lines Boeing 747, killing all 269 people aboard, but said the jumbo jet intentionally invaded Soviet air space.

In 1991, the European Community-approved plan to end the civil war in Yugoslavia was accepted by the Yugoslav federal presidency. But federal forces renewed their offensive against Croatia.

In 1992, more than 100 people were killed when earthquake-spawned tidal waves swept Pacific coast villages in Nicaragua.

Also in 1992, California's historic 64-day budget deadlock ended with the approval of a compromise plan.

And in 1992, former world chess champion Bobby Fischer defied U.S. warnings and U.N. sanctions against Yugoslavia to begin his first official game in 20 years.

In 1997, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 257.36 points for its largest point gain ever, closing at 7879.

In 1998, a Swissair jetliner en route from New York City to Geneva, Switzerland, crashed off the coast of Nova Scotia, Canada. All 229 people aboard were killed.

In 1999, the Clintons announced they were buying a home of their own in the New York suburb of Chappaqua, N.Y., for \$1.7 million. The purchase was aimed at establishing residency for first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, who later became a U.S. senator representing New York.

In 2003, Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts formally announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination.

A thought for the day: Logan Pearsall Smith said, "There are few sorrows, however poignant, in which a good income is of no avail."

Today is Friday, Sept. 3, the 247th day of 2004 with 119 to follow.

The moon is waning. The morning stars are Mercury, Venus and Saturn. The evening stars are Jupiter, Uranus, Neptune, Mars and Pluto.

The moon is waxing in its first quarter. The morning stars are Jupiter and Saturn. The evening stars are Mars, Pluto, Mercury, Venus, Uranus and Neptune.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Leo. They include teacher Prudence Crandall, controversial for her efforts to educate black girls, in 1803; architect Louis Sullivan, called the father of the skyscraper, in 1856; automobile designer Ferdinand Porsche in 1875; actor Alan Ladd in 1913; actress/singer Kitty Carlisle in 1915 (age 89); cartoonist Mort Walker ("Beetle Bailey") in 1923 (age 81); actresses Anne Jackson in 1926 (age 78), Eileen Brennan in 1937 (age 67), Pauline Collins in 1940 (age 64) and Valerie Perrine in 1943 (age 61); and actor Charlie Sheen in 1965 (age 39).

On this date in history:

In 1777, the American flag was flown in battle for the first time, during a Revolutionary War skirmish at Cooch's Bridge, Md.

In 1783, the Treaty of Paris was signed, officially ending the seven-year American Revolutionary War and recognizing U.S. independence from Britain.

In 1916, the Allies turned back the Germans in the World War I Battle of Verdun.

On this date in 1936, Britain's Sir Malcolm Campbell set a new land-speed record on the Bonneville salt flats of Utah, Campbell and his 2,500-hp motor car Bluebird made two runs over a one-mile course at speeds averaging 301.129 mph. In breaking the 300-mph barrier, he surpassed the world record of 276.82 mph that he had set earlier in the year.

In 1939, Britain declared war on Germany. Britain was quickly joined by France, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Canada.

In 1942, Frank Sinatra began his solo singing career after leaving Tommy Dorsey's orchestra.

bbis iln 1984, a 28-year-old Chicago print shop employee won \$40 million in the Illinois state lottery. At that point, it was the largest sum any individual had ever won in a lottery.

In 1991, film director Frank Capra, best known for such feel-good movies as "It Happened One Night" and "It's A Wonderful Life," died at the age of 94.

In 1992, an Italian plane carrying eight people and nearly 10,000 pounds of blankets for Bosnian war victims crashed en route to Sarajevo. Evidence suggested it was shot down.

Also in 1992, Nobel laureate geneticist Barbara McClintock died at 90.

In 1994, Chinese President Jiang Zemin visited Moscow and met with Russian President Boris Yeltsin. In 1996, the United States fired 27 missiles in Iraq, hitting air defense batteries. Despite criticism from Arab allies and some European allies, the U.S. fired 17 more missiles the next day.

In 1997, Arizona Gov. Fife Symington was convicted of fraud by a federal jury in Phoenix. He resigned two days later, becoming the third governor in recent years to quit because of a criminal conviction.

In 1999, charges were dropped against nine photographers and a motorcyclist in connection with the 1997 crash that killed Princess Diana. Two French magistrates decided their actions (the 10 had been pursuing Diana's car through the streets of Paris) could not be definitely linked to the accident.

In 2001, the U.S. and Israel walked out of the United Nations Conference on racism in Durban, South Africa.

In 2003, President Bush called on the U.N. Security Council to shore up Iraq's peacekeeping forces, marking a major shift for Bush after months of resisting the granting of any significant military or political authority to the United Nations.

A thought for the day: Bert Leston Taylor said, "A bore is a man who, when you ask him how he is, tells you."

Today is Saturday, Sept. 4, the 248th day of 2004 with 118 to follow.

The moon is waning. The morning stars are Mercury, Venus and Saturn. The evening stars are Jupiter, Uranus, Neptune, Mars and Pluto.

The moon is waxing in its first quarter. The morning stars are Jupiter and Saturn. The evening stars are Mars, Pluto, Mercury, Venus, Uranus and Neptune.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Leo. They include French novelist and politician Francois Rene de Chateaubriand in 1768; architect Daniel Burnham in 1846; engineer-inventor Lewis Latimer in 1848; composer Darius Milhaud in 1892; novelist and essayist Richard Wright in 1908; bandleader Jan Savitt in 1914; radio news commentator Paul Harvey in 1918 (age 86); actor Dick York ("Bewitched") in 1928; dancer/actress Mitzi Gaynor in 1931 (age 73); pro golfer Tom Watson in 1949 (age 55); actress Judith Ivey in 1951 (age 53); comedian Damon Wayans in 1960 (age 44); and actress lone Skye, daughter of pop singer Donovan, in 1971 (age 33).

On this date in history:

In 1609, navigator Henry Hudson discovered the island of Manhattan.

In 1954, the first passage of the fabled Northwest Passage was completed by icebreakers from the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard.

In 1957, Arkansas Governor Orval Faubus called out the National Guard to prevent nine African-American students from entering Central High School in Little Rock.

Also in 1957, the Ford Motor Co. introduced the Edsel automobile.

In 1972, American swimmer Mark Spitz became the first athlete to win seven Olympic gold medals.

In 1980, Iraqi troops seized Iranian territory in a border dispute. The conflict later escalated into all-out war.

In 1991, South African President F.W. de Klerk proposed a new constitution. It provided for universal voting rights and opened the parliament to all races.

In 1992, Joseph Rauh, one of leading liberals in America for more than half a century, died at age 81.

In 1993, Fatah, the PLO's largest and most moderate faction, endorsed an accord with Israel calling for interim Palestinian self-rule.

In 1995, Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kansas, a Republican presidential hopeful, called for English to be declared the official language of the United States.

In 1997, three suicide bombings in a West Jerusalem shopping mall killed four Israelis as well as the bombers.

In 1998, for the first time since news of his affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky broke, President Clinton said he was "sorry" for what he had done.

In 1999, more than 60 people were killed when Chechnyan terrorists detonated a car bomb near an apartment building in Dagestan, Russia.

Also in 1999, the United Nations announced that East Timor had voted for independence rather than remaining a part of Indonesia. As a result, pro-Indonesian militants went on a 5-day rampage, destroying property and killing hundreds of people.

In 2002, President Bush said he would seek congressional approval for any military move on Iraq. He also promised to consult with allies, some of whom were opposed to his "regime change" plan.

Also in 2002, more than 100 heads of state took part in UN world summit on sustainable development, during which the Bush administration was widely criticized for its environmental policies.

In 2003, President Bush withdrew the nomination of Miguel Estrada to a U.S. Court of Appeals judgeship, ending a long struggle with Senate Democrats.

A thought for the day: Enoch Arnold Bennett said, "Pessimism, when you get used to it, is just as agreeable as optimism."

Today is Sunday, Sept. 5, the 249th day of 2004 with 117 to follow.

The moon is waning. The morning stars are Mercury, Venus and Saturn. The evening stars are Jupiter, Uranus, Neptune, Mars and Pluto.

The moon is waxing in its first quarter. The morning stars are Jupiter and Saturn. The evening stars are Mars, Pluto, Mercury, Venus, Uranus and Neptune.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Leo. They include French King Louis XIV in 1638; outlaw Jesse James in 1847; marketing research engineer A.C. Nielsen in 1897; movie producer Darryl F. Zanuck in 1902; Hungarian-born author Arthur Koestler in 1905; retired Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul Volcker in 1927 (age 77); comedian Bob Newhart in 1929 (age 75); singer/actress Carol Lawrence in 1935 (age 69); actors William Devane in 1939 (age 65), Raquel Welch in 1942 (age 62) and Dennis Dugan in 1946 (age 58); and rock musician Dweezil Zappa, son of the late Frank Zappa, in 1969 (age 35).

On this date in history:

In 1774, the first Continental Congress convened in secret in Philadelphia.

In 1882, 10,000 workers marched in the first Labor Day parade in New York City.

In 1877, Oglala Sioux chief Crazy Horse was fatally bayoneted by a U.S. soldier after resisting confinement in a guardhouse at Fort Robinson, Neb. A year earlier, Crazy Horse was among the Sioux leaders who defeated George Armstrong Custer's Seventh Cavalry at the Battle of Little Bighorn in Montana Territory.

In 1935, Gene Autry starred in his first Western feature "Tumbling Tumbleweeds."

In 1972, Palestinian terrorists invaded the Olympic Village outside Munich, West Germany, and killed 11 Israeli athletes and six other people.

In 1975, Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, a follower of mass murderer Charles Manson, tried to shoot President Ford.

In 1978, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and President Carter began a Middle East peace conference at Camp David, Md.

In 1991, former Panamanian leader Gen. Manuel Noriega went on trial in Miami on money-laundering and drug-trafficking charges. He was eventually convicted.

Also in 1991, six BCCI officials and a Medellin drug cartel leader were charged with laundering cocaine profits through the bank from 1983 to 1989.

In 1992, a Dallas judge sentenced the "Sweetheart Swindler" to 24 years in prison for stealing as much as \$40,000 from **women** he claimed loved him.

In 1995, France conducted an underground nuclear test at the Mururoa Atoll in the South Pacific. It was the first of several -- all of which were met by protests worldwide.

In 1996, Ramzi Ahmed Yousef and two others were convicted in New York of planning to blow up jetliners.

Also in 1996, Moscow announced that Russian President Boris Yeltsin needed heart surgery.

In 1997, at least 172 people were slain in Algeria in three incidents believed linked to the country's upcoming election and to the long, though sporatically fought, civil war.

Also in 1997, Mother Teresa died at age 87.

And further in 1997, in an unusual television speech, Queen Elizabeth acknowledged the public expression of grief over Diana's death and expressed her own admiration for her former daughter-in-law.

In 2001, Mexican President Vicente Fox came to Washington to ask the Bush administration for a U.S. agreement to legalize the status of 3.5 million Mexicans who entered the country illegally.

In 2002, An attempted assassination of Afghanistan President Harmid Karzai failed when a gunman missed him after opening fire on his car. The would-be assassin was slain by guards.

In 2003, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, speaking in Iraq, said "impressions" of mounting Iraqi violence was being created by negative news media coverage.

A thought for the day: Norman Douglas said, "You can tell the ideals of a nation by its advertisements."

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Body

Today is Monday, Aug. 16, the 229th day of 2004 with 137 to follow.

The moon is new. The morning stars are Venus, Uranus and Saturn. The evening stars are Mercury, Jupiter, Neptune, Mars and Pluto.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Leo. They include the French physicist Gabriel Lippman, inventor of color photography, in 1845;Amos Alonzo Stagg, basketball, football hall of fame coach in 1862; British bacteriologist Alexander Fleming, discoverer of penicillin, in 1881; labor leader George Meany in 1894; former Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin in 1913; actors Fess Parker in 1925 (age 79), Ann Blyth in 1928 (age 76) and Robert Culp in 1930 (age 74); football player and sports commentator Frank Gifford, also in 1930 (age 74), TV personality Kathie Lee Gifford, in 1953 (age 51); singer Eydie Gorme in 1932 (age 72); actresses Julie Newmar in 1935 (age 69) and Lesley Anne Warren in 1946 (age 58); actor Reginald VelJohnson in 1952 (age 52); director James Cameron in 1954 (age 50); actor Jeff Perry in 1955 (age 49); actress Angela Bassett and singer/actress Madonna, both in 1958 (age 46); and actors Timothy Hutton and Laura Innes, both in 1960 (age 44). On this date in history:

In 1812, British forces foiled plans for a U.S. invasion of Canada by capturing the city of Detroit.

In 1896, the North Country gold rush began with the discovery of gold in the Klondike region of Canada's Yukon Territory.

In 1939, New York's famous vaudeville house, the Hippodrome, closed after 34 years.

In 1948, baseball legend Babe Ruth died in New York of cancer at age 53.

In 1977, Elvis Presley, the king of rock 'n' roll, died of heart failure at his home in Memphis, Tenn., at age 42.

In 1987, a Northwest Airlines jet bound for Phoenix crashed on takeoff from Detroit Metropolitan Airport, killing 156 people. A four-year-old girl was the sole survivor.

In 1990, U.S. naval forces were ordered to prevent ships from reaching or leaving the ports of Iraq and Iraqioccupied Kuwait.

In 2003, power was being restored in the eight mostly northeastern states hit by the massive blackout but reports from Canada said electricity may not be fully restored throughout Ontario for several more days.

A thought for the day: Nicholas Murray Butler said, "An expert is one who knows more and more about less and less."

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 17, the 230th day of 2004 with 136 to follow.

The moon is waxing. The morning stars are Venus, Uranus and Saturn. The evening stars are Mercury, Jupiter, Neptune, Mars and Pluto.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Leo. They include frontiersman Davy Crockett in 1786; movie producer Samuel Goldwyn in 1882; black nationalist leader Marcus Garvey in 1887; actors Monty Woolley in 1888 and Mae West in 1892; publisher/diplomat John Hay Whitney in 1904; bandleader Hugo Winterhalter in 1909; actors Maureen O'Hara in 1921 (age 83) and Robert DeNiro in 1945 (age 59); U.S. aviator Gary Powers in 1929; British poet laureate Ted Hughes in 1930 (age 74); pop singer Belinda Carlisle in 1958 (age 46); and actor Sean Penn in 1960 (age 44).

On this date in history:

In 1807, Robert Fulton began the first American steamboat trip between Albany, N.Y., and New York City.

In 1915, a hurricane struck Galveston, Texas, killing 275 people.

In 1961, the East German government began building the Berlin Wall.

In 1978, three Americans completed the first successful crossing of the Atlantic by balloon, landing their helium-filled Double Eagle II near Paris.

In 1987, kidnapped American journalist Charles Glass escaped and was rescued after being held hostage for 62 days in Lebanon.

Also in 1987, Rudolf Hess, Hitler's former deputy, was found strangled in Berlin's Spandau Prison. He was 93.

In 1991, the Lebanese government granted amnesty to former Christian army commander Gen. Michel Aoun and allowed him to leave the French embassy.

In 1992, filmmaker Woody Allen and his leading lady, Mia Farrow, split up after 12 years together. Allen said he was in love with the actress' adult daughter, Soon-Yi Previn.

In 1996, the Reform Party nominated Texas businessman Ross Perot for president.

In 1998, President Clinton testified via live closed-circuit television to a federal grand jury investigating whether he had an affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky. That evening, Clinton addressed the American people, admitting a relationship with Lewinsky that was "not appropriate."

In 1999, at least 16,000 people were killed and 20,000 more injured when a strong earthquake rocked Turkey. The quake's epicenter was located near a village 55 miles east of Istanbul.

In 2001, Ford Motor Co. announced it would dismiss up to 5,000 of its salaried employees, or 10 percent of its managers and engineers, in one of the biggest of a series of corporate payroll cutbacks, seen as further evidence of a faltering economy.

In 2003, a U.S. soldier shot and killed a Reuters photographer at a prison near Baghdad after mistaking his camera for a rocket propelled grenade.

Also in 2003, loss of revenue from a fire-damaged Iraqi oil pipeline was estimated at \$7 million a day with repairs expected to take a month.

And, Zimbabwe's Robert Mugabe was reported ready to give up power after 23 years in return for immunity from prosecution for crimes committed during his rule.

A thought for the day: it was Alexander Woollcott who said, "All the things I really like to do are either immoral, illegal or fattening."

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 18, the 231st day of 2004 with 135 to follow.

The moon is waxing. The morning stars are Venus, Uranus and Saturn. The evening stars are Mercury, Jupiter, Neptune, Mars and Pluto. Those born on this date are under the sign of Leo. They include American explorer Meriwether Lewis in 1774; Chicago department store founder Marshall Field in 1834; songwriter Otto Harbach ("Smoke Gets In Your Eyes") in 1873; former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger in 1917 (age 87); actress Shelley Winters in 1922 (age 82); former First Lady Rosalynn Carter in 1927 (age 77); film director Roman Polanski in 1933 (age 71); baseball player Roberto Clemente in 1934; and actors Robert Redford in 1937 (age 67); Martin Mull in 1943 (age 61); Patrick Swayze in 1954 (age 50); Madeleine Stowe in 1958 (age 46); Christian Slater in 1969 (age 35), and Malcolm-Jamal Warner in 1970 (age 34).

On this date in history:

In 1227, Genghis Khan, the Mongol leader who forged an empire stretching from the east coast of China west to the Aral Sea, died in camp during a campaign against the Chinese kingdom of Xi Xia.

In 1587, Virginia Dare, the first child of English parents to be born in the New World, was born at Roanoke Island, N.C.

In 1916, Abraham Lincoln's birthplace in Kentucky was given to the U.S. government as a national shrine to the 16th president.

In 1920, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, guaranteeing <u>women</u> the right to vote, was ratified by Tennessee, giving it the two-thirds majority of state ratification necessary to make it the law of the land.

In 1940, the United States and Canada established a World War II plan of joint defense against possible enemy attacks.

In 1960, the first commercially produced oral contraceptives went on the market.

In 1963, James Meredith graduated from the University of Mississippi. He was the first African-American to attend the school and his enrollment touched off deadly riots and necessitated the use of armed guards.

In 1976, President Ford was nominated in Kansas City, Mo., to head the Republican presidential ticket. He lost to Democrat Jimmy Carter in November.

In 1977, comedian Groucho Marx, ring leader of the wacky Marx Brothers, died at the age of 87.

In 1982, Lebanon and the Palestine Liberation Organization approved a plan for withdrawal of PLO fighters from besieged West Beirut. Israel approved it the following day.

In 1990, U.S. warships fired warning shots over the bows of two Iraqi tankers, the first salvos of the U.S. embargo. The ships did not stop.

Also in 1990, three teenagers were convicted of rape, assault and other charges in New York City in the April 19, 1989, attack on a *female* jogger in Central Park.

In 1992, a convoy of 17 buses carrying 1,000 **women** and children left war-torn Sarajevo in the second such evacuation from Bosnia in a week.

In 1998, in the wake of his admission of an affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky, President Clinton was urged to resign by several members of Congress and more than 100 daily newspapers.

in 2002, Abu Nidal, one of the most feared of the Palestinian terrorists, was found shot to death. Nidal, blamed for several deadly attacks including the bombing of a TWA jet and the hijacking of an Egyptian airliner, was later reported to have committed suicide.

In 2003, Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham warned that consumers would have to pay \$50 billion to upgrade the U.S. power transmission system.

Also in 2003, authorities estimated as many as 10,000 people had died in heat-related deaths in France during the ongoing brutal European heat wave.

And, Liberia's government and leaders of rebel groups signed a peace agreement, ending that nation's civil war.

A thought for the day: Georges Bernanos wrote, "The most dangerous of our calculations are those we call illusions."

Today is Thursday, Aug. 19, the 232nd day of 2004 with 134 to follow.

The moon is waxing. The morning stars are Venus, Uranus and Saturn. The evening stars are Mercury, Jupiter, Neptune, Mars and Pluto. Those born on this date are under the sign of Leo. They include English poet John Dryden in 1631; Connecticut clockmaker Seth Thomas in 1785; statesman Bernard Baruch in 1870; aviation pioneer Orville Wright in 1871; French fashion designer Coco Chanel in 1883; actor Alfred Lunt in 1892; humorist Ogden Nash in 1902; pioneer television engineer Philo Farnsworth in 1906; singing Mills Brother Harry Mills in 1913; publisher Malcolm Forbes in 1919; "Star Trek" creator Gene Roddenberry in 1921; jockey Willie Shoemaker in 1931 (age 73); actresses Diane Muldaur in 1938 (age 66) and Jill St. John in 1940 (age 64); Bill Clinton, 42nd president of the United States, in 1946 (age 58); and actors Gerald McRaney in 1948 (age 56), Adam Arkin in 1956 (age 48), John Stamos in 1963 (age 41), and Matthew Perry in 1969 (age 35).

On this date in history:

During the War of 1812, on this date, the U.S. Navy frigate Constitution defeated the British frigate GuerriA..re in a furious engagement off the coast of Nova Scotia and earned its nickname of "Old Ironsides." Witnesses said the British shot seemed to bounce off its sides.

In 1915, two Americans were killed when a German U-boat torpedoed the British liner Lusitania in the Atlantic Ocean, an incident that helped bring the United States into World War I.

In 1955, floods hit the northeastern United States, killing 200 people.

In 1960, U-2 spy plane pilot Francis Gary Powers was convicted in a Moscow court and sentenced to 10 years in prison. He was released 18 months later and exchanged for Soviet spy Rudolf Abel.

In 1977, one of the most powerful earthquakes in recorded history hit the eastern Indian Ocean between Australia and Indonesia, rattling buildings in Perth, Australia, 1,000 miles to the south.

In 1987, gun enthusiast Michael Ryan went on a shooting rampage in Hungerford, England, killing 16 people.

In 1991, Soviet President Gorbachev was detained at his vacation dacha as military and KGB hardliners staged a coup that ultimately failed.

In 1992, delegates to the Republican National Convention nominated President Bush and Vice President Quayle for re-election. They were defeated in November by Democrats Bill Clinton and Al Gore.

Also in 1992, professional basketball star Larry Bird announced his retirement because of a back injury after 13 years with the Boston Celtics.

In 1993, former contra rebels in Nicaragua took a government delegation hostage. In retaliation, ex-Sandinistra soldiers seized political leaders in Managua, the capital. All hostages were released by both groups by Aug. 25.

In 1994, President Clinton announced he was ending the 28-year U.S. policy of letting Cuban refugees take up U.S. residency if they reached the country.

In 1995, three U.S. negotiators, including U.S Deputy Asst. Secretary of State Robert Frasure, were killed when their vehicle plunged from a mountain road near Sarajevo, Bosnia.

In 1996, former Arkansas Gov. Jim Guy Tucker was sentenced to four years probation and Susan McDougal sentenced to two years in prison on Whitewater charges.

Also in 1996, the Green Party nominated Ralph Nader as its presidential candidate.

In 1998, the Teamsters Union and UPS reached an agreement that ended a 15-day strike by 185,000 workers.

In 2003, the United Nations' representative to Iraq was among the 22 people killed when a cement mixer truck loaded with 1,500 pounds of explosives blew up at the U.N. headquarters in Baghdad. A former U.N. chief of protocol, who died the next day, was among about 100 others who were injured.

Also in 2003, a suicide bomber exploded a device aboard a Jerusalem bus killing and injuring more than 100 people.

And, California Gov. Gray Davis, facing a recall vote, charged the recall was part of a Republican plot to steal elections.

A thought for the day: Walter C Hagen said, "You're only here for a short visit. Don't hurry. Don't worry. And be sure to smell the flowers along the way."

Today is Friday, Aug. 20, the 233rd day of 2004 with 133 to follow.

The moon is waxing. The morning stars are Venus, Uranus and Saturn. The evening stars are Mercury, Jupiter, Neptune, Mars and Pluto. Those born on this date are under the sign of Leo. They include Benjamin Harrison, 23rd president of the United States, in 1833; poet Edgar Guest in 1881; horror writer H.P. Lovecraft in 1890; architect Eero Saarinen in 1910; author Jacqueline Susann in 1921; wild-haired promoter Don King in 1931 (age 73); former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic in 1941 (age 63); former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in 1944; singer/songwriter Isaac Hayes, also in 1944 (age 60); journalist Connie Chung in 1946 (age 58); rock star Robert Plant of Led Zeppelin fame in 1948 (age 56); actor Michael Jeter in 1952; meteorologist Al Roker in 1954 (age 50); and actress Joan Allen in 1956 (age 48).

On this date in history:

In 1741, Danish navigator Vitus Jonas Bering discovered what is now Alaska.

On the night of Aug. 20, 1968, approximately 200,000 Warsaw Pact troops and 5,000 tanks invaded Czechoslovakia to crush the "Prague Spring"--a brief period of liberalization in the communist country.

In 1977, the first U.S. Voyager spacecraft was launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla., bound for Jupiter, Saturn, and the stars.

In 1982, President Reagan announced that a contingent of U.S. Marines would join French and Italian troops as peace-keepers in Beirut.

In 1986, postal worker Patrick Henry Sherrill shot and killed 14 fellow workers and wounded six others in the Edmond, Okla., post office before killing himself.

In 1990, ending administration resistance to the term, President Bush declared that Americans and other foreigners held by Iraq are "hostages" and warned he will hold Iraq responsible for their "safety and well-being."

In 1994, the board of directors of the NAACP dismissed executive director Benjamin Chavis.

In 1996, President Clinton signed into law an increase in the minimum wage in two steps from \$4.25 to \$5.15 an hour.

In 1997, NATO forces seized thousands of weapons being kept at police stations in Serbian Bosnia's largest city. The Bosnian Serb president claimed the weapons were to be used to overthrow her.

In 1998, U.S. missiles struck sites in Afghanistan and Sudan said to be linked with terrorists. The attacks were in response to the bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania 13 days earlier.

In 2002, a group of Iraqis opposed to the regime of Saddam Hussein took over the Iraqi embassy in Berlin for five hours before releasing their hostages and giving up.

In 2003, in the aftermath of the bombing of its Iraq headquarters in Baghdad, the United Nations said it would continued its work but would reduce its staff. Meanwhile, the World Bank and International Monetary Fund began withdrawing staff members.

Also in 2003, Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore refused to comply with a federal court order to remove a rock inscribed with the Ten Commandments from the lobby of the state supreme court. Moore was suspended the next day and his colleagues ordered the monument removed.

A thought for the day: in the movie "Klondike Annie," Mae West said, "Between two evils, I always pick the one I never tried before."

Today is Saturday, Aug. 21, the 234th day of 2004 with 132 to follow.

The moon is waxing. The morning stars are Venus, Uranus and Saturn. The evening stars are Mercury, Jupiter, Neptune, Mars and Pluto.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Leo. They include illustrator Aubrey Beardsley in 1872; jazz great William "Count" Basie in 1904; mystery novelist Anthony Boucher in 1911; Britain's Princess Margaret in 1930; basketball star Wilt Chamberlain in 1936; country/pop singer Kenny Rogers in 1938 (age 66); actor Clarence Williams III in 1939 (age 65); pop singer Jackie DeShannon in 1944 (age 60); and actresses Patty McCormack in 1945 (age 59) and Kim Cattrall in 1956 (age 48); American Online founder Steve Case in 1958 (age 46); former football player Jim McMahon in 1959 (age 45); and actress Alicia Witt in 1975 (age 29).

On this date in history:

On this date in 1831, slave Nat Turner launched a bloody slave insurrection in Southampton County, Va., leading to the deaths of 60 white people. Turner, an educated minister who considered himself chosen by God to lead his people out of slavery, was hanged.

In 1935, Benny Goodman's nationally broadcast concert at Los Angeles' Palomar Theater was such a hit that it often has been referred to as the kickoff of the swing era.

In 1940, exiled Bolshevik leader Leon Trotsky was assassinated in Mexico City on orders from Soviet dictator Josef Stalin.

In 1951, the United States ordered construction of the world's first atomic submarine, the Nautilus.

Hawaii became the 50th state on this date in 1959.

In 1968, the Soviet Union and other Warsaw Pact forces invaded Czechoslovakia to end its bid for independence from Moscow.

In 1983, Philippine opposition leader Benigno Aquino was assassinated as he stepped from a plane at the Manila airport.

In 1986, gas belching from a volcanic lake in the remote mountains of Cameroon killed more than 1,700 people and injured 500.

In 1991, a coup to oust Soviet President Gorbachev collapsed two days after it began.

In 1992, fugitive neo-Nazi leader Randall Weaver opened fire on U.S. marshals from inside his Idaho mountaintop home. When the standoff ended 11 days later with his surrender, three people -- a deputy marshal, Weaver's wife and teenage son -- had been killed.

Also in 1992, NBC News fired correspondent and Gulf War "scud stud" Arthur Kent following two weeks of wrangling over his turning down an assignment to war-torn Croatia.

In 1993, contact was lost with the Mars Observer spacecraft only three days before it was to begin orbiting the Red Planet.

In 1994, the House of Representatives passed, 225-210, a revised version of President Clinton's crime bill.

Also in 1994, Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de Leon was elected president of Mexico.

In 1995, the Philip Morris and R.J. Reynolds tobacco companies agreed to drop libel suits against ABC News after the network apologized for reporting a year earlier that cigarette makers added nicotine in order to addict smokers.

In 1996, President Clinton signed a law that let Americans carry health insurance from one job to the next, and limited denial of coverage due to pre-existing conditions.

In 2002, President Bush said that while no decision had been made whether to go to war against Iraq, he believed a "regime change" would be "in the best interest of the world."

Also in 2002, Michael Copper, former executive of the bankrupt energy giant Enron, pleaded guility to conspiracy to commit wire fraud and money laundering.

In 2003, U.S. authorities announced the arrest of the man dubbed "Chemical Ali" for his use of chemical weapons in Iraq, believed to have ordered a 1988 chemical attack on Kurds.

A thought for the day: it was Ernie Pyle who said, "I write from the worm's-eye point of view."

Today is Sunday, Aug. 22, the 235th day of 2004 with 131 to follow.

The moon is waxing. The morning stars are Venus, Uranus and Saturn. The evening stars are Mercury, Jupiter, Neptune, Mars and Pluto.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Leo. They include French composer Claude Debussy in 1862; Charles Jenkins, inventor of the conical drinking cup and also airplane brakes, in 1867; writer and critic Dorothy

Parker in 1893; heart surgeon Denton Cooley and science fiction writer Ray Bradbury, both in 1920 (age 84); French fashion designer Marc Bohan in 1926 (age 78); Gulf War hero and retired U.S. Army Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf in 1934 (age 70); actresses Valerie Harper in 1941 (age 63) and Cindy Williams in 1947 (age 57); and singer/songwriter Tori Amos in 1963 (age 41).

On this date in history:

in 1851, the U.S.-built schooner America defeated a fleet of Britain's finest ships in a race around England's Isle of Wight. The ornate silver trophy won by the America, which became known as America's Cup, was later donated to the New York Yacht Club on condition that it be forever placed in international competition.

In 1881, American humanitarians Clara Barton and Adolphus Solomons founded the American National Red Cross, an organization designed to provide humanitarian aid to victims of wars and natural disasters in congruence with the International Red Cross.

In 1911, the "Mona Lisa" was stolen from the Louvre Museum in Paris. It was recovered four months later.

In 1922, Michael Collins, a founder of the *Irish Republican Army* and a key figure in Ireland's independence movement, was assassinated by political opponents.

In 1968, Pope Paul VI arrived in Colombia, becoming the first pontiff ever to visit South America.

In 1986, Kerr-McGee Corp. agreed to pay the estate of nuclear industry worker Karen Silkwood more than \$1 million, ending a 10-year legal battle waged by her family over her exposure to radioactive materials at the company's plant.

In 1991, Soviet President Gorbachev refused to join Russian Republic President Boris Yeltsin in holding the Communist parliament responsible for the coup.

In 1995, Rep. Mel Reynolds, D-III, was convicted of having sex with an underage girl. He would resign his office, effective Oct. 1.

In 1997, a judge scheduled the trial of Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit against President Clinton to begin in May 1998. The suit was later thrown out before the trial began.

Also in 1997, federal officials ordered a new election for president of the Teamsters Union after determining that the campaign of winner Ron Carey had received illegal contributions.

In 2001, the Bush administration projected that the federal surplus, not including Social Security, would be \$600 million, a far cry from the \$122 billion projected in July.

In 2003, a senior U.S. official said Iraqi security guards are suspected of helping the suicide bomber that hit the Baghdad U.N. compound earlier in the week, killing 22 and injuring about 100 others.

A thought for the day: Adlai Stevenson said, "...shouting is not a substitute for thinking and reason is not the subversion but the salvation of freedom."

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JANUARY

- 1 -- Twelve European countries drop their national currencies and adopt the euro.
- 7 -- Ottawa says Canadian troops will be heading into combat mission under U.S. control in southern Afghanistan. French designer Yves Saint Laurent closes his 40-year-old fashion house.
- 8 -- Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey announces his retirement. Alberta health care report by Don Mazankowski suggests more private involvement, delisting of services and patients paying some medical bills. Canadian Press
- 11 -- Ford Motor Co. announces closing of five assembly plants, including Ontario truck plant in Oakville, Ont., eliminating 12,000 jobs in Canada, U.S. and Mexico. First batch of al-Qaida and Taliban prisoners arrive at U.S. military base in Cuba.
- 12 -- Elvis Stojko regains men's title at Canadian figure skating championships.
- 14 -- Industry Minister Brian Tobin says he's leaving politics. After slaughtering more than four million animals, Britain says it's free of foot-and-mouth disease.
- 15 -- Prime Minister Chretien shuffles cabinet: John Manley leaves Foreign Affairs to become deputy prime minister, replacing Herb Gray who leaves Commons after nearly four decades in politics; Alfonso Gagliano, facing patronage allegations, is removed from Public Works.
- 17 -- B.C. Premier Gordon Campbell announces major cuts in public sector, eliminating as many as 11,700 jobs by 2005. Canadian dollar plunges below 62 cents US for first time ever.
- 18 -- In report on the Walkerton tainted water tragedy that caused seven deaths, Justice Dennis O'Connor puts the blame partly on Ontario government's cost cutting. Ten-year civil war in Sierra Leone that killed an estimated 50,000 people is declared over.
- 24 -- Broadcaster Peter Gzowski dies at age 67.
- 27 -- More than 600 people fleeing explosion at weapons depot in Nigeria drown in canal.
- 31 -- Defence Minister Art Eggleton admits he provided wrong information to House of Commons about when he knew Canadian troops had taken prisoners in Afghanistan.

FEBRUARY

- 3 -- New England Patriots defeat St. Louis Rams to win Super Bowl.
- 7 -- Atanarjuat, the first Inuit-made feature film, wins six Genie Awards. Cree sign deal with Quebec government giving them control over their own natural resources.
- 8 -- Winter Olympics begin in Salt Lake City.
- 9 -- Princess Margaret dies in London at age 71 following stroke.
- 11 -- Canadian figure skaters Jamie Sale and David Pelletier win pairs silver at Olympics; scandal over deal-making among judges erupts.
- 12 -- War crimes trial of former Yugoslav president Slobodan Milosevic begins in The Hague. Iranian airliner crashes southwest of Tehran, killing 118 people.
- 15 -- IOC decides to award two sets of gold medals for pairs figure-skating: one for Sale and Pelletier and one for the original winners, Elena Berezhnaia and Anton Sikharulidze of Russia.
- 17 -- Maoist rebels in Nepal kill 137 police, soldiers and civilians.
- 18 -- Sears says its Eatons stores will be closed or converted to Sears outlets, ending 133-year-old Eatons brand.
- 20 --Overcrowded passenger train catches fire south of Cairo, Egypt, killing at least 373 people.
- 21 -- Alberta government orders striking teachers back to work. Pakistani officials confirm that kidnapped U.S. reporter Daniel Pearl is dead. Canadian Olympic <u>women</u>'s hockey team beats U.S. to win gold medal.
- 22 -- Hog farmer Robert Pickton charged with two counts of first-degree murder in connection with disappearance of 50 **women** from Vancouver.
- 24 -- Canadian men's hockey team defeats United States to win Olympic gold medal. Salt Lake City Olympics is best ever Winter Games for Canada with total of 17 medals.

MARCH

- 4 -- New federal guidelines allow stem cell research using human embryos. Hindu-Muslim violence in Indian state of Gujarat claims at least 570 lives in six days.
- 7 -- Environment Canada says much of Canada had warmest winter on record.
- 10 -- At least 11 Israelis are killed when Palestinian bomber blows himself up at Jerusalem cafe.
- 11 -- Six children die when their home burns down in Quatsino, B.C.; their father is charged with six counts of murder.
- 12 -- Andrea Yates is convicted of capital murder in the drowning deaths of her five children in Houston, Texas. Israeli troops launch major anti-terrorism assault in Gaza Strip and West Bank.
- 13 -- Forces officials say Canadian snipers have killed Taliban or al-Qaida members in Afghanistan.
- 19 -- Commonwealth suspends Zimbabwe for a year after concluding that its presidential election that returned Robert Mugabe to power was unfair and marred by violence. Andrei Knyazev, former Russian diplomat who ran over two Ottawa <u>women</u> in drunk-driving accident, is found guilty of involuntary manslaughter and sentenced in Moscow to four years in labour camp.
- 20 -- Stephen Harper is elected leader of Canadian Alliance party, defeating Stockwell Day.

- 23 -- Ernie Eves, former Ontario finance minister, is elected to replace Premier Mike Harris at Ontario Tory leadership convention.
- 24 -- Halle Berry wins best actress Oscar; Denzel Washington wins best actor; A Beautiful Mind is named best picture.
- 25 -- Earthquakes kill at least 1,000 people in northern Afghanistan.
- 26 -- B.C. Supreme Court rules that John Robin Sharpe's child-sex stories have artistic merit and are not criminal.
- 27 -- At least 19 people are killed after Palestinian suicide bomber attacks Passover feast at hotel in Netanya, Israel. Gunman kills at least eight people at city hall meeting in Nanterre, near Paris.
- 30 -- Queen Mother dies at age of 101. Two Palestinian suicide bombings leave at least 15 Israelis dead.

APRIL

- 9 -- Thirteen Israel soldiers die in ambush in refugee camp in Jenin, West Bank, and dozens of Palestinians are reported killed.
- 10 -- Six former Canadian Alliance dissident MPs return to party, ending partnership with Conservatives. Palestinian suicide bomber blows up bus in Haifa, Israel, killing at least nine. After 20 years of war, Tamil rebel leader says he wants negotiated settlement of Sri Lanka's ethnic conflict.
- 11 -- UN establishes permanent International Criminal Court for crimes against humanity. Truck explodes near synagogue in Tunisia, killing 16 people.
- 12 -- Arthur Andersen Canada agrees to merge with Deloitte & Touche LLP, creating largest accounting firm in the country.
- 14 -- Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez, deposed three days earlier in military coup, returns to power in public uprising. Former guerrilla leader Xanana Gusmao wins East Timor's first presidential election. Tiger Woods wins his third Masters at Augusta National Golf Club. Nickelback, Diana Krall, Swollen Members win Juno awards.
- 15 -- Air China jet crashes near Pusan, South Korea, killing 119.
- 16 -- Dutch Prime Minister Wim Kok and cabinet resign over report condemning actions during 1995 Bosnian War.
- 17 -- Four Canadian soldiers are killed when a U.S. fighter jet mistakenly bombs them during training exercise near Kandahar, Afghanistan.
- 18 -- Afghanistan's deposed monarch, Mohammed Zahir Shah, returns to his country after 29-year exile in Italy.
- 24 -- Vatican bishops and U.S. cardinals agree to make it easier to remove priests guilty of sexually abusing minors.
- 25 -- South African Mark Shuttleworth, who paid \$20 million to visit International Space Station, is blasted into space with Russian astronauts. Singer Lisa Lopes, 30, dies in car crash in Honduras.
- 26 -- Supreme Court of Canada rules that U.S.-based satellite TV services are illegal in Canada.
- 28 -- Israel and Palestinian Authority accept U.S. proposal to end month-long siege of Yasser Arafat's compound at Ramallah; six suspected Palestinian terrorists to be sent to prison supervised by British or U.S. guards.

MAY

1 -- Private companies begin selling electricity in Ontario, ending government monopoly. Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat is freed after over four months' confinement at his West Bank headquarters.

- 4 -- Jetliner crashes in northern Nigeria, killing at least 148.
- 5 -- French President Jacques Chirac wins second five-year term in victory over Jean-Marie Le Pen, leader of extreme-right party. Hell's Angels leader Maurice (Mom) Boucher is convicted in Montreal of two counts of first-degree murder for ordering murder of two prison guards.
- 6 -- Myanmar's pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi is freed after 19 months of house arrest. Pim Fortuyn, Dutch politician who wanted to stop all Muslim immigration to his country, is assassinated.
- 7 -- Chinese airliner crashes in northeastern China, killing 112. Suicide-bombing kills 16 young people at billiard club in Rishon Letzion, Israel.
- 8 -- Fourteen people are killed in suicide-bombing attack at hotel in Karachi.
- 9 -- Palestinians leave Church of Nativity in Bethlehem, ending five-week standoff with Israeli troops. Proposed federal legislation bans human cloning but allows research on embryos.
- 13 -- Federal Liberals win four of seven byelections.
- 14 -- Former U.S. president Jimmy Carter calls for political freedom in visit to Cuba.
- 15 -- Teleglobe long-distance phone company seeks bankruptcy protection.
- 19 -- East Timor becomes the world's newest independent country, UN's 190th member.
- 21 -- U.S. brokerage Merrill Lynch to pay \$100 million US in settlement of stock-picking scandal.
- 23 -- Report into Walkerton water tragedy urges Ontario to spend \$280 million to improve safety of drinking water.
- 24 -- U.S. and Russia sign treaty to reduce number of nuclear warheads by two-thirds.
- 26 -- Prime Minister Chretien drops Art Eggleton as defence minister, shuffles Don Boudria out of public works portfolio; both had faced conflict-of-interest allegations. Anti-guerrilla candidate Alvaro Uribe Velez wins Colombia's presidential election. Roman Polanski's The Pianist wins Palm d'or at Cannes Film Festival.

JUNE

- 1 -- Four days of concerts and parades begin in Britain to celebrate Golden Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth.
- 2 -- Prime Minister Chretien fires Finance Minister Paul Martin, saying they no longer have a viable working relationship; replacing him is Deputy Prime Minister John Manley.
- 5 -- Alexa McDonough announces her resignation as leader of federal NDP. Car bomb kills 17 people in northern Israel.
- 10 -- India reopens airspace for Pakistani overflights, reducing tensions between the countries.
- 11 -- Afghanistan opens its loya jirga, council of 1,550 delegates, to choose a new government. Newfoundland government signs deal to develop nickel deposit at Voisey's Bay mine in Labrador that is expected to add \$11 billion to the provincial economy over next 30 years.
- 13 -- Hamid Karzai is elected head of state by Afghanistan's loya jirga. Detroit Red Wings win Stanley Cup, defeating Carolina Hurricanes in fifth game.
- 14 -- Police and protesters clash during demonstrations outside meeting of G-7 finance ministers in Halifax.
- 17 -- Action Democratique du Quebec wins three Quebec byelections.

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- 21 -- Rowan Williams is chosen as next Archbishop of Canterbury, head of world's 70 million Anglicans.
- 24 -- Passenger train rolls into cargo train in central Tanzania, killing at least 281 people.
- 25 -- Israeli troops take over town of Hebron in major offensive.
- 26 -- G-8 leaders meeting at Kananaskis, Alta., agree to raise \$20 billion for Russia to decommission nuclear weapons.
- 28 -- Canadian inquiry blames U.S. fighter pilot for not following proper procedures when he dropped bomb on Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan, killing four.
- 30 -- Brazil defeats Germany to win World Cup.

JULY

- 2 -- American Steve Fossett becomes first person to circle the world solo in a balloon.
- 3 -- Federal government revamps scandal-plagued sponsorship program, eliminating commission agents to deliver the contracts. B.C. referendum on treaty negotiations with aboriginals passes with overwhelming support; it includes measures to restrict authority of aboriginal governments and end tax exemptions.
- 16 -- <u>Irish Republican Army</u> apologizes for the killing of "all non-combatants" during 30-year terror campaign. Census reports median age of Canadians was 37.6 in 2001, up 2.3 years from 1996, biggest jump in a century.
- 19 -- Judicial inquiry concludes that British doctor Harold Shipman murdered at least 215 patients.
- 21 -- Telecommunications giant WorldCom files for bankruptcy protection.
- 22 -- Leading Hamas militant Sheik Salah Shehada is killed when Israeli jet bombs his Gaza Strip home. Presiding judge at Hells Angels trial in Montreal withdraws after being reprimanded by judicial council.
- 23 -- Pope arrives in Toronto for World Youth Day festival.
- 25 -- Nortel Networks shares fall below \$1 US for first time in almost 20 years.
- 26 -- World Trade Organization rules against U.S. on key points of softwood lumber dispute with Canada.
- 26 -- More than 80 killed in crash of Russian-made fighter jet at air show in Ukraine.
- 28 -- First wave of Canadian troops return from Afghanistan to Edmonton. American cyclist Lance Armstrong wins fourth consecutive Tour de France.

AUGUST

- 1 -- Canadian telecommunications giant JDS Uniphase sells U.S. unit for less than two per cent of what it paid two years ago, losing almost three-quarters of a billion dollars.
- 6 -- Joe Clark announces decision to resign as Progressive Conservative leader.
- 8 -- Health officials say Saskatchewan man died of human form of mad-cow disease, the first confirmed case in North America.
- 12 -- Floods lead to evacuation of parts of Prague, cause landslides in Germany and Switzerland.
- 13 -- At least 422 people are killed after floods and landslides in Nepal.

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- 16 -- Palestinian terrorist Abu Nidal, believed responsible for killing about 900 people in attacks throughout Europe and Middle East, is found dead in Baghdad.
- 18 -- More than two million Poles gather in Krakow to attend an open-air mass given by Pope John Paul.
- 21 -- Jean Chretien announces he will step down as prime minister in February 2004.
- 26 -- At UN Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, world leaders demand action to protect nature while boosting living standards for world's poorest inhabitants.
- 27 -- Nortel Networks says it will slash 7,000 more jobs.
- 29 -- Former B.C. premier Glen Clark is acquitted of breach of trust and corruption charges.

SEPTEMBER

- 4 -- Senate committee recommends legalization of marijuana.
- 5 -- Afghan President Hamid Karzai survives assassination attempt when car bomb kills at least 15 in Kabul.
- 9 -- Pro-Palestinian protesters force shutdown of a speech by former Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu at Concordia University in Montreal.
- 11 -- Prime Minister Chretien says root causes of Sept. 11 terrorist attacks were global poverty and an overbearing American foreign policy.
- 13 -- U.S. air force recommends that criminal charges be laid against two fighter pilots involved in a bombing that killed four Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan.
- 17 -- Health officials say death of a 70-year-old man in Mississauga, Ont., was caused by West Nile virus, Canada's first fatal infection of the disease.
- 20 -- President Bush says U.S. is prepared to launch pre-emptive military strikes against security threats from foreign enemies.
- 23 -- Canadian stocks fall to their lowest level in almost four years.
- 26 -- Ferry bound for Senegal sinks in storm off West Africa, leaving about 1,000 people dead.
- 27 -- Bombardier says it will cut about 2,000 jobs.
- 30 -- CBC says Ron MacLean will not be returning as host of Hockey Night in Canada.

OCTOBER

- 2 -- B.C. pig farmer Robert Picton faces four more murder charges, bringing the number of <u>women</u> he is accused of killing to 15.
- 3 -- Following uprising by hockey viewers, CBC and sportscaster Ron MacLean agree to new contract.
- 4 -- Queen and Prince Philip arrive in Iqaluit at start of 12-day Canadian tour to mark Golden Jubilee.
- 6 -- Queen drops puck at NHL exhibition game in Vancouver.
- 10 -- Hungarian Imre Kertesz wins Nobel Prize for literature. U.S. House of Representatives votes to back war with Iraq unless Baghdad disarms.
- 11 -- Former U.S president Jimmy Carter is awarded Nobel Peace Prize.

- 12 -- Bombing of Bali nightclub kills at least 188 people.
- 15 -- Saddam Hussein is declared winner of 100 per cent of votes in national referendum.
- 16 -- United States says North Korea has admitted to attempting to build nuclear warheads.
- 21 -- Fourteen people are killed when a bus is attacked by car bomb near Hadera, Israel.
- 22 -- Former Livent founders Garth Drabinsky and Myron Gotlieb are charged with 19 counts of fraud. Canadian author Yann Martel wins Booker Prize. Lawrence MacAulay resigns as Canada's solicitor general after ethics counsellor concludes he broke conflict-of-interest rules.
- 23 -- Chechen militants seize Moscow theatre and hold nearly 700 people hostage.
- 24 -- Police arrest John Allen Muhammad and John Lee Malvo as suspects in sniper attacks that killed 10 people in Washington, D.C, area. Federal government releases draft plan to meet Kyoto protocol targets for cutting greenhouse-gas emissions.
- 26 -- Russian forces storm Moscow theatre, using knockout gas that kills at least 120 hostages and about 50 hostage-takers.
- 27 -- Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva wins Brazil's presidential election. Anaheim Angels win World Series, defeating San Francisco Giants in seventh game.
- 30 -- Calgary oil company Talisman Energy sells its stake in Sudanese oil project and pulls out of the country after pressure from human-rights groups.
- 31 -- School collapses during earthquake in Italian village of San Giuliano di Puglia, killing 26 children.

NOVEMBER

- 4 -- TV's Da Vinci's Inquest wins best drama Gemini for fourth year in a row.
- 5 -- Austin Clarke wins Giller Prize for his novel The Polished Hoe. In U.S. midterm elections, Republican party gains control of Senate and increases its majority in House of Representatives.
- 8 -- UN Security Council adopts U.S.-British sponsored resolution that demands inspectors have access to suspected weapons sites in Iraq.
- 11 -- West Coast poet George Bowering is named Parliament's first poet laureate. Barry Bonds of San Francisco Giants becomes baseball's first five-time most valuable player.
- 12 -- Audiotape attributed to Osama bin Laden warns of terrorist attacks on Canada and other western countries.
- 13 -- Iraq accepts UN resolution on weapons inspections.
- 15 -- Jiang Zemin is replaced by Hu Jintao as leader of China's Communist party. Palestinians attack Israeli settlers in West Bank town of Hebron, killing at least 12.
- 17 -- Former Italian prime minister Giulio Andreotti is found guilty of ordering murder of journalist.
- 18 -- Comcast Corp. becomes world's largest cable company after buying AT&T's cable systems for \$58.7 billion US.
- 19 -- Bahamas-flagged tanker Prestige, carrying more than 75 million litres of oil, sinks off northwest coast of Spain. Billionaire Ken Thomson makes \$370-million donation in cash and art to Art Gallery of Ontario. B.C.'s conflict commissioner concludes that former premier Glen Clark broke conflict of interest rules when he accepted free home renovation from neighbour seeking casino licence.

- 20 -- Following five-year investigation into tainted-blood scandal of the 1980s, RCMP announces criminal charges against four doctors, the Canadian Red Cross Society and an American drug company. Federal government and Anglican Church reach a deal that would see church pay up to \$25 million to those abused in native residential schools.
- 21 -- More than 200 people are killed in protests against Miss World beauty contest in Nigeria. NATO leaders invite seven former communist countries to join the alliance at Prague summit.
- 24 -- Montreal Alouettes beat Edmonton Eskimos 25-16 to win Grey Cup.
- 25 -- U.S. President Bush creates Department of Homeland Security, largest U.S. government overhaul since Second World War, aimed at preventing terrorist attacks.
- 26 -- Prime Minister Chretien's communication director Francoise Ducros resigns over her comment that U.S. President Bush is a "moron."
- 28 -- Roy Romanow commission recommends \$15-billion infusion into health care system. Suicide bombers kill 16 people at Israeli-owned Paradise Hotel in Kenya.

DECEMBER

- 2 -- Rowan Williams becomes Archbishop of Canterbury, leader of the world's 70 million Anglicans.
- 3 -- Auditor general's report criticizes government for huge cost overrun in firearms registry.
- 5 -- Sri Lanka government and Tamil Tiger rebels reach power-sharing deal to end 19-year war.
- 6 -- Ten Palestinians are killed in Israeli raid on refugee camp in Gaza Strip.
- 7 -- Iraqi President Saddam Hussein apologizes for invasion of Kuwait 12 years ago.
- 8 -- Iraq delivers 12,000-page weapons report to UN.
- 9 -- United Airlines files for bankruptcy protection.
- 11 -- Federal government bans pro-Palestinian group Hezbollah from operating in Canada.
- 12 -- Parliamentary committee recommends government decriminalize possession of small amounts of marijuana.
- 13 -- Bernard Cardinal Law resigns as Archbishop of Boston over mishandling of sexual abuse charges against priests.
- 14 -- Innu of Davis Inlet begin move to new community of Natuashish, Labrador. EU agrees to admit 10 mainly east European states in 2004.
- 16 -- Prime Minister Chretien signs document ratifying Kyoto accord on greenhouse gases.
- 19 -- U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell says Iraq is in "material breach" of UN resolution by lying about its weapons of mass destruction. Supreme Court of Canada ruling means common-law partners cannot claim equal division of property if relationship breaks down.
- 23 -- Ray Hnatyshyn, governor general from 1990 to 1995, is honoured in state funeral.

Graphic

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Colour Photo: Associated Press, File; The Tribute of Light to the victims of the World Trade Center terrorist attacks lit up the sky above lower Manhattan on March 11.; Colour Photo: Associated Press; Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe (left) and South African President Thabo Mbeki. The Commonwealth suspended Zimbabwe for a year after concluding that its presidential election that returned Mugabe to power was unfair and marred by violence.; Colour Photo: Associated Press; An Israeli army tank takes position at Manger Square near the Church of the Nativity, seen behind barbed wire in May in the West Bank town of Bethlehem.; Colour Photo: Canadian Press, File; Four helmets are set on rifles at a memorial in Edmonton for four Canadian soldiers killed in Afghanistan by friendly fire.; Colour Photo: Sniper suspects John Lee Malvo (left) and John Allen Muhammad.; Colour Photo: Associated Press; The Prestige oil tanker sinks in the Atlantic Ocean Nov. 19 spilling oil and creating an environmental disaster off the northwest coast of Spain and Portugal.; Colour Photo: Canadian Press; Georgia Giddings, 10, of Baysville, Ont., is overcome by emotion on meeting Pope John Paul II on July 23 in Toronto.; Colour Photo: Associated Press; Tourists carry luggage past the site of a bomb blast that killed nearly 200 people at Kuta Beach on the Indonesian island of Bali Oct. 14.

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RUSSIA-CHECHNYA-TORTURE. Refugees describe torture in military camps.

LEBANON-ISRAEL. Police fire tear gas at embassy demonstrators.

GERMANY-NAZI LABOR. Envoys claim progress in allocating 10 billion marks.

US-ECONOMY-GREENSPAN. Greenspan: inflation dangers still lurking.

FEA-CUBA-ON THE ROAD. The streets are clogged with cars again.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

MALGOBEK, Russia Chechen refugees incarcerated in military camps describe torture Thursday at the hands of Russian soldiers _ standing with their arms in the air for hours, crawling on hands and knees to interrogators' offices, running a gauntlet of masked men delivering blows with truncheons. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA-TORTURE. Lead expected by 2000 GMT. By Andrew Kramer.

ALSO MOVED:

RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Chechen rebels retreat Thursday and are regrouping deeper in the mountains, the military says. MOSB103-104,106; MOZD101-102.

RUSSIA-POLITICS. Russia's elections commission refuses Thursday to register ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky as a presidential candidate, saying he failed to report all his assets.

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia Claiming victory over the West, President Slobodan Milosevic opens his Socialist Party congress Thursday _ the first since NATO intervention to throngs of cheering supporters. YUGOSLAVIA-SOCIALIST CONGRESS. Lead has moved. By Dusan Stojanovic. AP Photos BEL101-104.

BEIRUT, Lebanon Police fire tear gas at some 2,000 students demonstrating Thursday outside the U.S. Embassy over what they say is U.S. support for last week's devastating Israeli airstrikes. LEBANON-ISRAEL. Lead has moved. By Hussein Dakroub. AP Photos BEI103-105,108.

AP News Digest

TEHRAN, Iran The electric-blue scrawl across a sign a student holds up at an election rally Thursday captures the frustrations of Iran's youth: "20 years of ideological suppression is enough." The country's young people have emerged as Iran's kingmakers, vowing to vote Friday for freedoms denied under the Islamic revolution. IRAN-ELECTIONS. Lead has moved; developments will be expedited. By Vijay Joshi. AP Photos TEH101-102.

WITH:

IRAN-ELECTION-ISSUES. Expected by 2000 GMT.

IRAN-ELECTION-CANDIDATES. Expected by 2000 GMT.

IRAN-ELECTION-GLANCE, Lead has moved.

BAIA MARE, Romania The European Union's senior environmental official seeks answers Thursday to how tons of cyanide could have contaminated two major rivers, killing plant and fish life. BALKANS-CYANIDE SPILL. Lead has moved. By Alison Mutler. AP Photos MTI105, BEL108.

ALSO MOVED:

UKRAINE-CYANIDE SPILL. Ukraine bans use of water from the Danube on Thursday for fear of cyanide contamination.

BERLIN Racing against time to compensate aging survivors of the Nazi's slave and forced labor regime, U.S. and German envoys report "significant progress" Thursday on dividing up 10 billion marks (dlrs 5 billion). GERMANY-NAZI LABOR. Lead has moved; developments will be expedited. By Colleen Barry. AP Photos BER101-103.

LONDON Britain's secretary of state for Northern Ireland is criticized Thursday for his decision to strip powers from the province's power-sharing coalition. NORTHERN IRELAND. Lead expected by 1900 GMT. By Shawn Pogatchnik.

WASHINGTON Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan on Thursday declares the current economic boom "unprecedented in my half-century of observing the American economy." But he cautions that inflation dangers still exist and warns financial markets to expect further interest rate increases. US-ECONOMY-GREENSPAN. Lead has moved. By Martin Crutsinger. AP Photos WCAP101-102.

WASHINGTON President Bill Clinton defends his Africa policy at a summit Thursday and presses African nations to work harder on AIDS prevention before the disease cuts into their own productivity. US-CLINTON-AFRICA. Lead has moved. By Sonya Ross. AP Photo AWH102.

BANGKOK, Thailand Negotiators at a U.N. trade conference are confident Thursday that they will reach agreement on a program designed to help reduce poverty through trade. WORLD TRADE. Lead has moved. By Naomi Koppel. AP Photos BK101,105-106,108.

ALSO MOVED:

WORLD TRADE-IMF.

WORLD TRADE CRITICS.

WORLD TRADE-ASIAN CRISIS.

ROME They laid wreaths, heaped roses and, in the sincerest tribute of them all, argued, interrupted and expounded in paying homage Thursday to an outspoken philosopher priest burned at the stake four centuries ago. ITALY-BRUNO ANNIVERSARY. Expected by 2000 GMT. By Ellen Knickmeyer. AP Photos ROM117-118.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Friday, parliamentary elections take place in Iran. Croatia's newly elected president, Stipe Mesic, is to be inaugurated in Zagreb.

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NEW:

HAVANA Most Cubans can't even think of buying a car in a country where a tank of gas can cost months of wages. Yet the streets of Havana are clogged these days with smoke-belching traffic a testament to Cuban inventiveness and gradual economic improvement. FEA-CUBA-ON THE ROAD AGAIN. Expected by 2100 GMT. By John Rice. AP Photos NY190-193.

ALSO MOVED:

MED-US-STARVING TUMORS.

SCI-LATVIAN TELESCOPE.

SCI-US-HAWAIIAN GOOSE.

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WORLD AT 0000 GMT:

NEW:

RUSSIA-ENEMY. Doctor treats both Russians and Chechens, becomes everybody's enemy.

CROATIA-PRESIDENT. Stipe Mesic to be sworn in as Croatia's second president.

INDIA-DALAI LAMA. Tibetans celebrate 60th anniversary of the enthronment of the Dalai Lama.

KUWAIT-TREASON TRIAL. Court to decide whether Kuwaiti "interim president" was victim or traitor.

UGANDA-WHAT NEXT? Ugandan referendum will shape country's future and Museveni's.

FEA-NORTH KOREA-DIAMOND MOUNTAIN. Short on food and other basics, North Korea showcases a mountain.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

TEHRAN, Iran For the first time in two decades, Iranian voters are expected Friday to give reformists a majority in the powerful parliament that has traditionally been a bastion of conservatism. IRAN-ELECTIONS. Recap moving by 0300 GMT. Polls open at 9 a.m. (0530 GMT) and close at 7 p.m. (1530 GMT). By Afshin Valinejad. AP Photos TEH101-106.

ALSO MOVED:

IRAN-ELECTION-ISSUES.

IRAN-ELECTION-CANDIDATES.

IRAN-ELECTION-GLANCE.

MALGOBEK, Russia Chechen refugees incarcerated in military camps describe torture Thursday at the hands of Russian soldiers _ standing with their arms in the air for hours, crawling on hands and knees to interrogators' offices, running a gauntlet of masked men delivering blows with truncheons. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA-TORTURE. Has moved. By Andrew Kramer.

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RUSSIA-POLITICS. Russia's elections commission refuses to register ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky as a presidential candidate. AP Photos MOSB101, 102, 105.

WITH:

NAZRAN, Russia Surgeon Hasan Baiyev, a Chechen, operated on Russian soldiers and rebel fighters alike during months of work in a village hospital, only to have both sides declare him an enemy. RUSSIA-ENEMY. Moving by 0400 GMT. By Andrew Kramer.

ZAGREB, Croatia When Stipe Mesic takes the oath as president Friday, he will do it not only before Croats, but also in front of more than 70 top foreign officials the largest and most prominent international gathering in the country's nine-year history. CROATIA-PRESIDENT. Story moving by 0300 GMT; ceremony scheduled for 1200 GMT. By Snjezana Vukic. AP Photos ZAG101-102.

DHARMSALA, India Thousands of Tibetans join Friday to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the enthronment of the Dalai Lama. INDIA-DALAI LAMA. Story expected by 1300 GMT. By Lynsey Addario. AP Photos DRM101-104.

BANGKOK, Thailand As a U.N. trade conference ponders ways to lift the fortunes of poor nations, one of the poorest Ethiopia _ offers an economic perspective that focuses more on fickle nature, and farmers hoping for rain, than the red hot Internet. WORLD TRADE-THE POOREST. Moving by 0400 GMT. By Dirk Beveridge. AP Photo BGK 108.

WITH:

BANGKOK, Thailand Assured of extra tight security, Algerian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika, who faces a bloody Islamic insurgency at home, is scheduled to give the keynote speech Friday to a major U.N. trade conference. WORLD TRADE. Moving by 0600 GMT. AP Photos BK105-106.

KUWAIT He was an army lieutenant plucked from obscurity, appearing on Kuwaiti TV as head of an "interim government" days after Iraq invaded this oil-rich state in August 1990. Alaa Hussein, 41, goes on trial for treason Sunday a week before Kuwait marks the ninth anniversary of its liberation. KUWAIT-TREASON TRIAL. Moving by 0400 GMT. By Diana Elias. AP Photo KUW101.

KAMPALA, Uganda In his 14 years as president, Yoweri Museveni has never eased his tight grip on power. That could all change if Ugandans vote to scrap his self-styled "no-party democracy" and permit political parties to run candidates. UGANDA-WHAT NEXT? Has moved. By Hrvoje Hranjski. AP Photo KAM102.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Friday, parliamentary elections take place in Iran. Croatia's newly elected president, Stipe Mesic, is to be inaugurated in Zagreb. Tibetans celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Dalai Lama's enthronement.

FEATURES:

DIAMOND MOUNTAIN, North Korea At the icy foot of the mountain, the North Korean guides wore tennis shoes and drab anoraks. The South Korean trekkers had flashier gear: aluminum canes, brightly colored windbreakers and, of course, cameras. FEA-NORTH KOREA-DIAMOND MOUNTAIN. To move as wire time permits. By Christopher Torchia. AP Photos SEL107-110.

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT:

SANTA BARBARA, California Jane Russell hasn't made a movie in 30 years, yet she remains a symbol of the awakening sexuality of mid-century America. ARTS-US-JANE RUSSELL. To move as wire time permits. By Bob Thomas. AP Photo NY349.

With BC-ARTS-JANE RUSSELL-BIO BOX.

NEW YORK Barring an upset of major proportions, rock veteran Carlos Santana will walk to the podium at next Wednesday's Grammy Awards to accept an armload of trophies for his comeback album, "Supernatural." ARTS-US-GRAMMY AWARDS. To move as wire time permits. By David Bauder. AP Photos NY342-345.

With BC-ARTS-GRAMMY-RCA's ROLL.

DENVER A few years ago, Venezuela-born playwright-director Moises Kaufman had a big off-Broadway hit with "Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde." Now he is producing a new play about the 1998 beating death of Matthew Shepard, a young gay man. ARTS-US-LARAMIE PROJECT. To move as wire time permits. By Michael Kuchwara. AP Photos NY351-352.

Also Moving:

ARTS-English Violinist AP Photo NY381

ARTS-English Reggae Band AP Photo NY379

ARTS-US-Dr. Doolittle at Yale AP Photos NY413-NY414

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ARTS-US-Lonestar

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WORLD AT 0700 GMT:

NEW:

US-CARGO CRASH. Cargo plane crashes in central California, bursts into flames

EAST TIMOR-UN. Annan arrives as U.N. takes over in East Timor.

WORLD TRADE. Agreement reached, but it will have no teeth.

AUSTRALIA-MANDATORY SENTENCES. Increasing pressure to halt sentencing.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

RANCHO CORDOVA, California A DC-8 cargo plane crashes into an automobile wrecking yard while trying to make an emergency landing. Three are killed in the crash. US-CARGO CRASH. Has moved, will expedite developments. By John Howard. AP Photo NY112.

DILI, East Timor U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan arrives in East Timor on Thursday as the world body's peacekeepers prepare to assume full control of the devastated and violent territory. EAST TIMOR-UN. Has moved. By Heather Patterson.

WASHINGTON Two years ago, U.S. President Bill Clinton sat chatting with a cluster of African leaders from countries he hailed as symbols of Africa's future. But now, many of those countries are mired in conflict even though Clinton has devoted millions of dollars in budget proposals to resolving African disputes. Clinton is to address critics and supporters of the proposals Thursday at a summit. BC-US-CLINTON-AFRICA. Has moved, will be updated after Clinton's address at 1530 GMT. By Sonya Ross.

LONDON The prime ministers of Britain and Ireland have vowed to steer Northern Ireland's feuding politicians back into government together but admit they don't yet know how. NORTHERN IRELAND. Lead has moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photos XBFT104-105; LAB103-105; LMN101-110; LON119-120.

BANGKOK, Thailand Negotiators at a U.N. trade conference express confidence they have reached agreement on a program designed to help reduce poverty through trade. But the plan will have no teeth, leaving the big issues to be resolved later by the World Trade Organization. WORLD TRADE. Has moved. By Naomi Koppel.

BERLIN Helmut Kohl's hand-picked heir as chief of Germany's Christian Democratic Union falls victim to the financial scandal that has devastated the party. GERMANY-KOHL SCANDAL. Lead has moved. By Paul Geitner. AP Photos XBER101-102,107,110; BER103.

MOSCOW After nearly a year of cold tension over the wars in Yugoslavia and Chechnya, Russia and NATO announce that they are restoring their ties. RUSSIA-NATO. Lead has moved. By Nick Wadhams. AP Photos MOSB101-103, 112-113; KIV106-107.

KANEVSKAYA, Russia Unlike Boris Yeltsin, who was always eager to wade into crowds, Vladimir Putin doesn't show much enthusiasm for mixing with the voters. RUSSIA-PUTIN'S CAMPAIGN. Has moved. AP Photo MOSB109-111. By Vladimir Isachenkov.

ALSO MOVED:

RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Russian forces and Chechen rebels clash in southern Chechnya. Lead expected by 1000 GMT. MOZD101-102, NAZ101-102, MOSB106.

US-RUSSIA POLITICS. Former Russian premier says reforms will continue after elections. AP Photo MOSB114-115.

NEW YORK A former Bank of New York executive and her husband plead guilty to money laundering charges. US-BANKS-RUSSIA. Lead has moved. By Larry Neumeister.

TEHRAN, Iran President Mohammad Khatami, leading a popular campaign for social and political reforms, asks Iranians to strengthen his hand by voting in large numbers in Friday's parliamentary elections. IRAN-ELECTIONS. Has moved. By Vijay Joshi. AP Photos TEH103-109. XTEH101-102.

WITH:

IRAN-ELECTION-STAKES. A look at Iran's parliamentary election.

IRAN-ELECTION GLANCE. Key facts about Iran.

IRAQ-LIFE UNDER SANCTIONS. Iraqis suffering under U.N. trade sanctions. AP Photos TEH101-102.

SYDNEY, Australia His head bowed, James Wurramara was led out of court to begin his one-year jail sentence. His crime: Stealing cookies. Wurramara's fate and the death last week of a 15-year-old Aboriginal who apparently hanged himself after being jailed for stealing pencils has led to pressure to overrule tough mandatory sentencing laws. AUSTRALIA-MANDATORY SENTENCING. Has moved. By Mike Corder. AP Photo SYD101.

JERUSALEM The first German words ever spoken in Israel's parliament are a plea for forgiveness for the Holocaust, but they made some Israelis shiver nonetheless. ISRAEL-GERMANY. Lead has moved. By Karin Laub. AP Photos JRL101-104; KNO101-103,106, 108.

TOKYO The election of Japan's first <u>female</u> governor was a major victory for <u>women</u> in a political world that remains the realm of men. Now, after just a week in office, she is taking on another battle against Japan's last bastion of unabashed machismo, the world of sumo. JAPAN-GRAPPLING WITH SEXISM. Has moved. By Ginny Parker, AP Photo NY194.

UNITED NATIONS African nations are lobbying to get U.N. peacekeepers on the ground quickly to support a shaky cease-fire in Congo but many council members first want to be certain that fighting has stopped and there really is a peace to keep. UN-CONGO PEACEKEEPING. Has moved. By Edith M. Lederer.

BERLIN The agreement on a 10 billion mark (dlrs 5 billion) fund for victims of the Nazis' labor policies was hailed as a breakthrough but going into the next round of negotiations Thursday, serious questions remain about dividing up the money. GERMANY-NAZI LABOR. Has moved.

MADRID, Spain Augusto Pinochet is suffering brain damage that affects his memory and comprehension, making him mentally unfit to stand trial, reports Wednesday say. SPAIN-PINOCHET. Lead has moved. By Ciaran Giles. AP Photo MAD101.

LOOKING AHEAD: Parliamentary elections take place Friday in Iran.

FEATURES: Science and Technology

MED-US-STARVING TUMORS.

SCI-LATVIAN TELESCOPE.

SCI-US-HAWAIIAN GOOSE. Has moved.

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WORLD AT 1100 GMT:

NEW:

SRI LANKA-PEACE INTIATIVE. Rebels take first step in peace negotiations.

BALKANS-CYANIDE SPILL. EU environmental commissioner surveys origin of spill.

YUGOSLAVIA-SOCIALIST CONGRESS. Milosevic opens congress, claiming victory.

ITALY-FIAT'S ROAD. Amid mergers, Italian automaker going down the road alone.

COLOMBIA-AIR WAR. Colombia could get more air power under U.S. plan.

SOUTHERN AFRICA-FLOODING. Flooding causes toxic waste leak.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

NAZRAN, Russian warplanes and artillery batter Chechen rebel strongholds in southern Chechnya on Thursday, striking deep in the mountains to uproot separatist fighters from their hide-outs. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Has moved. By Andrew Kramer.

ALSO MOVED:

RUSSIA POLITICS.

RUSSIA-PUTIN'S CAMPAIGN.

DILI, East Timor In an emotionally charged visit Thursday to a massacre site in East Timor, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan promises the world body is committed to rebuilding the shattered territory. EAST TIMOR-UN. Has moved. By Heather Patterson. DIL101.

WASHINGTON President Bill Clinton has devoted more than dlrs 200 million in budget proposals into peacekeeping or promoting democracy in Africa since 1998, but some nations he embraced are mired in conflict. On Thursday, he addresses at summit on Africa. US-CLINTON-AFRICA. Has moved, will be updated after Clinton's address at 1530 GMT. By Sonya Ross.

BERLIN The agreement on a dlrs 5 billion fund for victims of the Nazis' labor policies was hailed as a breakthrough in compensating long-forgotten people who suffered during World War II. But going into the next round of one-day negotiations set for Thursday, serious questions about dividing up the 10 billion marks still remain before the money actually gets to victims. GERMANY-NAZI LABOR. Has moved but will be updated after news conference at 1400 GMT. By Colleen Barry. BER101-103.

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ALSO MOVED:

WORLD TRADE-IMF

WORLD TRADE CRITICS

WORLD TRADE-ASIAN CRISIS

MAPUTO, Mozambique Flooding in southern Africa causes a leak of toxic waste in Mozambique, strands patients in a hospital in South African and ruins huge tracts of crops. SOUTHERN AFRICA-FLOODING. Has moved. By Emmanuel Camillo.

BAIA MARE, Romania The European Union Commissioner for Environment Protection arrives at the origin of a major ecological catastrophe after calling on an international task force to help evaluate damage and diminish the effects of cyanide pollution. BALKANS-CYANIDE SPILL. Expected by 1300 GMT. By Alison Mutler.

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia President Slobodan Milosevic opens his ruling party's congress Thursday, praising its "struggle for independence" and claiming victory over the West. YUGOSLAVIA-SOCIALIST CONGRESS. Expected by 1200 GMT. By Aleksandar Vasovic.

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka The Sri Lankan government and Tamil Tiger rebels have shown a readiness to begin peace talks, Norway's foreign minister says Thursday. SRI LANKA-PEACE INITIATIVE. Has moved. By Dilip Ganguly.

MEDELLIN, Colombia The Colombian government stands to gain advantage in its fight against drugs and rebels if the U.S. Congress approves a dlrs 1.6 billion anti-narcotics plan for the South American nation. COLOMBIA-AIR WAR. Expected by 1200 GMT. By Jared Kotler. NY109.

MILAN, Italy From Daimler and Chrysler to Ford and Volvo to General Motors and Saab, automakers around the world have teamed up in their drive to the future. Despite the trend, Italy's Fiat continues to take the road alone. Many are wondering how long it can stay that course. ITALY-FIAT'S ROAD. Has moved. By Frances D'Emilio. NY107-108.

LONDON The prime ministers of Britain and Ireland have vowed to steer Northern Ireland's feuding politicians back into government together but admit they don't yet know how. NORTHERN IRELAND. Lead has moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik.

TEHRAN, Iran President Mohammad Khatami, leading a popular campaign for social and political reforms, asks Iranians to strengthen his hand by voting in large numbers in Friday's parliamentary elections. IRAN-ELECTIONS. Has moved. By Vijay Joshi. TEH101.

WITH:

IRAN-ELECTION-STAKES. A look at Iran's parliamentary election.

IRAN-ELECTION GLANCE. Key facts about Iran.

IRAQ-LIFE UNDER SANCTIONS. Iraqis suffering under U.N. trade sanctions. AP Photos TEH101-102.

MADRID, Spain A British medical report on Augusto Pinochet which allegedly says brain damage has left him mentally unfit to stand trial was leaked to two journalists as soon as it arrived at Spain's Foreign Ministry, a leading Spanish daily charges Thursday. SPAIN-PINOCHET. Lead has moved. By Ciaran Giles. AP Photo MAD101.

TORONTO Austrian right-wing political figure Joerg Haider, on an unannounced private visit to Canada, was prohibited from touring Montreal's Holocaust Center this week. Haider said he had come to meet people from the Jewish community. CANADA-HAIDER. Has moved. XPCH104.

LOOKING AHEAD: Parliamentary elections take place Friday in Iran.

FEATURES: Science and Technology

MED-US-STARVING TUMORS.

SCI-LATVIAN TELESCOPE.

SCI-US-HAWAIIAN GOOSE. Has moved.

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WORLD SPORTS AT 1345 GMT

SOCCER:

MILAN, Italy Internazionale can set up an Italian Cup final against Lazio as it starts with a 3-1 first-leg lead against Cagliari in their second-leg semifinal at San Siro stadium Thursday night.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Italian Cup. Game kicks off at 1945 GMT.

MADRID, Spain With a 1-0 advantage, a buoyant Real Madrid travels to Merida for the last quarterfinal second leg game of the Copa del Rey.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Copa del Rey. Expected by 2300 GMT.

MILAN, Italy It's revenge time for Lazio as it takes on AC Milan, the powerhouse which beat the Roman team by one point for last season's title and which is again one of Lazio's top contenders for the "Scudetto" in the current Serie A campaign.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Italian Preview. Expected by 1600 GMT.

By Piero Valsecchi.

LONDON The heat is back on Manchester United as the defending titlist and Premier League leader goes to second place Leeds on Sunday with its advantage cut to three points.

Slug Sports-Soccer-British Preview. Expected by 1500 GMT.

By Robert Millward

MADRID, Spain Two months after flirting with demotion, Real Madrid is another team altogether, having risen to third place in the standings and almost within striking distance of league leader Deportivo.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Spanish Preview. Expected by 1500 GMT.

By Daniel Woolls.

ALSO:

MADRID, Spain Sports-Soccer-Racist Fan. Has moved.

ATHLETICS:

STOCKHOLM, Sweden Wilson Kipketer, who says he is completely recovered from a bout of malaria, is ready for a new attack on his 1,000 meter world record at the Globen Galan athletics meet Thursday night.

Slug Sports-Track-Globen Galan. Expected by 2200 GMT.

By Harald Mollerstrom.

SKIING:

ARE, Sweden The <u>women's</u> World Cup ski circuit returns to its northernmost site with three weekend races, starting Thursday night with a giant slalom under the lights.

Slug Sports-Skiing-Women-World Cup. First run scheduled for 1630 GMT; second run starts at 1930 GMT.

By Stephan Nasstrom.

OLYMPICS:

SYDNEY, Australia A top International Olympic Committee official accused Sydney organizers Thursday of undermining their own corporate sponsors and misleading the public by describing the marketing programs for the 2000 Games as a failure.

Slug Sports-Olympics-IOC Meetings. Has moved.

By Stephen Wilson.

SYDNEY, Australia Organizers of the Sydney 2000 Olympics made 36.2 million Australian dollars (U.S. dlrs 22.8) in budget cuts Thursday, promising no wholesale job losses and no more fiscal adjustments.

Slug Sports-Olympics-Sydney Budget. Has moved.

By John Pye.

TENNIS:

HANNOVER, Germany Top-seeded Serena Williams goes into action for the first time at the Faber Grand Prix when she plays Sabine Appelmans in the seocnd round of the dlrs 535,000 indoor WTA tournament.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Hannover Indoor. Expected by 1900 GMT.

ALSO:

MEMPHIS, Tennessee Sports-Tennis-Kroger St. Jude. Has moved.

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands Sports-Tennis-Rotterdam. Early lead expected by 1800 GMT.

BASKETBALL:

PHILADELPHIA Former Split Crotia standout Toni Kukoc, the last key player from the Chicago Bulls' championship dynasty, was traded to the Philadelphia 76ers in a three-team deal involving the Golden State Wariors.

Slug Sports-Basketball-NBA-Kukoc Traded. Has moved.

By Ken Berger

ALSO:

UNDATED Sports-Basketball-NBA Roundup. Has moved.

SAILING:

AUCKLAND, New Zealand There won't be a shortage of contrasts when New Zealand and Italy launch the 30th America's Cup series. It'll be Kiwi cool versus Italian emotion. The South Pacific versus the Mediterranean. Big bucks from the Prada design house against a New Zealand team that still raises money by selling red socks.

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

By Bernie Wilson.

CRICKET:

WELLINGTON, New Zealand An apparent blunder by the Australian cricket team's management resulted in their game plan against New Zealand being broadcast on a Wellington radio station Thursday.

Slug Sports-Cricket-Australia-Strategy. Has moved.

GOLF:

PENINA, Portugal, Irelands' Ronan Rafferty makes his European comeback and Ian Woosnam also lines up in the dlrs 992,000 Portuguese Open played over the par-72, 6,217-meter (6,798-yard), Meridien Penina course here Thursday.

Slug Sports-Golf-Portuguese Open. Expected by 1945 GMT.

ALSO:

LOS ANGELES Sports-Golf-Nissan Open. By Ken Peters. Expected 0300 GMT.

UNDATED Slug Sports-Golf-Obit-Solheim. By Doug Ferguson. Has moved.

MELBOURNE, Australia Sports-Golf-Australian Women's Open. Has moved.

SYDNEY, Australia Sports-Golf-Canon Challenge. Has moved.

ALSO:

DALLAS Sports-Football-Landry Funeral. By Christy Lemire. Has moved.

MALMO, Sweden Sports-Swimming-World Cup. Expected by 2300 GMT.

MIAMI Sports-Boxing-Lacierva-Pastrana. Has moved.

KANSAS CITY, Missouri Sports-Boxing-Boxer's Death. Has moved.

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

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WORLD SPORTS AT 0000 GMT

SOCCER:

ZURICH, Switzerland FIFA continues its struggle to develop an internationally harmonized schedule despite insistence from top European clubs arm only 48 hours earlier that the traditional seasonal calendar would remain untouched.

Slug Sports-Soccer-FIFA-Calendar. Has moved.

By Erica Bulman.

MILAN, Italy Internazionale set up an exciting Italian Cup final against rival Lazio of Rome surviving a second-leg 2-1 loss to Cagliari and advancing on a 4-3 aggregate in their semifinal round.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Italian Cup. Has moved.

MADRID, Spain Real Madrid battled to a 2-1 loss against Merida in a Copa del Rey match that stretched into extra time but the powerhouse slipped into the Copa del Rey semifinals with a 2-2 aggregate including one away goal.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Copa del Rey. Has moved.

By Adam Brown.

LOS ANGELES The remaining half of the CONCACAF Gold Cup quarterfinal berths are up for grabs with Mexico facing Guatemala and South Korea taking on Costa Rica.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Gold Cup.

Mexico-Guatemala scheduled for 0300 GMT kickoff, South Korea-Costa Rica for 0500 GMT start.

ALSO:

LONDON Sports-Soccer-British Preview. By Robert Millward. Has moved.

MADRID, Spain Sports-Soccer-Spanish Preview. By Daniel Woolls. Has moved.

MILAN, Italy Sports-Soccer-Italian Preview. By Piero Valsecchi. Has moved.

LONDON Sports-Soccer-England. Has moved.

BOGOTA, Colombia Sports-Soccer-Colombia-Arrest. Has moved.

LEICESTER, England Slug Sports-Soccer-Collymore Fined. Has moved.

MUNICH, Germany Sports-Soccer-Baby Gol. Has moved.

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Slug Sports-Track-Globen Galan. Has moved.

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ALSO:

NAIROBI, Kenya Sports-Track-Kenya-Runners. By John Nene. Has moved.

SKIING:

ARE, Sweden Switzerland's Sonja Nef finally climbed to the top step of the podium in Are, posting the fastest time in the first run and winning a World Cup giant slalom under the lights by a relatively easy 1.01 seconds.

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ARE, Sweden Slug Sports-Skiing-Stenmark. Has moved.

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ROTTERDAM, Netherlands Sports-Tennis-Rotterdam. Has moved.

GOLF:

MELBOURNE, Australia England's Johanna Head takes a one-stroke lead into Friday's second round of the Australian *Women*'s Open golf tournament at Yarra Yarra.

Slug Sports-Golf-Australian Women's Open. Expected by 1100 GMT.

Also:

SYDNEY, Australia Sports-Golf-Canon Challenge. Expected by 1100 GMT.

LOS ANGELES Sports-Golf-Nissan Open. By Ken Peters.

PENINA, Portugal Sports-Golf-Portuguese Open. By Alan Page. Has moved.

BASKETBALL:

PHILADELPHIA After winning three straight championships in Chicago, former Split Croatia star Toni Kukoc arrives in Philadelphia to take a shot at another.

Slug Sports-Basketball-76ers-Kukoc. Expected by 0500 GMT.

By Ken Berger.

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YUGOSLAVIA-ELECTIONS. Army commander warns of election unrest.

IRAN-JEWS. Iranian court reduces jail sentences for 10 Jews convicted of spying.

MEXICO-IRAQIS. Tijuana becomes way station to the U.S. for Iraqi Christians.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia Trailing in the polls just days ahead of key elections, President Slobodan Milosevic's allies turn up their anti-Western propaganda campaign Thursday, claiming alleged plans for a possible foreign military intervention and a NATO-led plot to bring the opposition into power in Yugoslavia. YUGOSLAVIA-ELECTIONS. Has moved. By Jovana Gec. BEL101-102.

GENEVA Enough is enough. That is the message from thousands of United Nations workers around the globe Thursday as they demand more protection for their work in the most dangerous places in the world. UN-AID WORKERS. Has moved. By Naomi Koppel. GEV101-102.

WITH:

INDONESIA-UN KILLINGS. Indonesian soldiers have been implicated in the murder of three U.N. foreign-aid workers in West Timor, the attorney general says Thursday. Has moved. JAK101.

YANGON, Myanmar Myanmar's military junta on Thursday thwarts pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi's latest attempt to travel out of Yangon this time by train by refusing to issue her a ticket. MYANMAR-SUU KYI. Has moved.

TEHRAN, Iran Ten Iranian Jews convicted of spying for Israel will not escape jail, but an appeals court reduces their sentences Thursday, saying that though they had helped Iran's archenemy, they had not formed a ring or tried to recruit new agents. IRAN-JEWS. Has Moved. By Afshin Valinejad.

TIJUANA, Mexico In the past six months, a shabby hotel on a Tijuana side street has become a way station for Iraqi Christians seeking political asylum in the United States. But that hotel was a jail Thursday as Mexican police detained about 150 men, <u>women</u> and children as part of an investigation into immigration violations. U.S. authorities held 45 others at the border. MEXICO-IRAQIS. Upcoming. By Ben Fox.

WITH:

UN-IRAQ. The Security Council discusses the U.N. humanitarian relief program for Iraq and the Iraqi foreign minister addresses the General Assembly's ministerial meeting amid new threats from Baghdad against Kuwait. Upcoming.

JERUSALEM One time, the assailants dragged three men out of a car, severely beat them and then posed for photos, boots triumphantly on neck. Another time, they beat a man senseless in an argument over a soccer pitch. In both cases, the attackers wore the distinctive dark green khakis of Israel's Border Police. ISRAEL-BORDER POLICE. Expected by 2000 GMT. By Ron Kampeas. JRL101-102.

LIMA, Peru After days of silence and fears of a possible coup, the powerful armed forces sides with Alberto Fujimori Thurdsday in a political crisis over his dismantling of a much-feared national spy agency. PERU-FUJIMORI. Lead has moved. By Bill Cormier. AP Photos LIM110-111.

LONDON Police believe IRA dissidents may have been responsible for a missile attack on the headquarters of the MI6 security agency, but a day later they were still uncertain who hit the building and what weapon they used. BRITAIN-EXPLOSION. Has moved. By Sue Leeman. LON 102, 106, 109-112. AP Graphic LONDON EXPLOSION.

WITH:

NIRELAND-IRA DISSIDENTS. The <u>Irish Republican Army</u> dissidents suspected of blasting the headquarters of Britain's MI6 secret intelligence service have a long IRA tradition of striking headline-grabbing targets at politically crucial junctures in Northern Ireland's peace process.

PRAGUE, Czech Republic The World Bank issues a stark warning that growing economic inequality could threaten global stability, but critics who accuse the bank of aggravating the problem are thus far speaking with a far more muted voice. Despite threats of mass protests as the World Bank and IMF hold their annual meetings, an anti-car rally draws barely 100 demonstrators. WORLD ECONOMY. Has moved. By Dirk Beveridge.

MOSCOW Gunmen seize at least four hostages in a southern Russian town, demanding dlrs 30 million and a helicopter, officials say. The gunmen appeared to have dropped a demand that Russia release all Chechens being held in prison, the officials said. RUSSIA-HOSTAGES. Has moved. By Judith Ingram. AP Photos MOSB108-109. AP Graphic RUSSIA HOSTAGES.

WASHINGTON Snapping shrimp uses bubbles as weapons and noise makers and huge colonies of these shrimp cause so much of a clicking problem that it sometimes causes a problem for submarines. SCI-SNAPPING SHRIMP. Upcoming. By Paul Recer.

TOKYO Beer flows and cheers welcome the return of a ship carrying Japan's catch of 88 whales. The nation which devours whales both cooked and raw as a delicacy remains unabashedly defiant before growing international criticism, defending their hunt as research. JAPAN-DEFIANT WHALERS. Has moved. By Ginny Parker. AP Photos TOK102-105, 112.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE:

HOLLYWOOD, Maryland Facing growing concern in the United States over the threat of high heating costs, Vice Al Gore urges President Bill Clinton on Thursday to tap the government's emergency petroleum reserve and force down oil prices before winter arrives. US-PRESIDENTIAL ROUNDUP. Has moved. By H. Josef Hebert

NEW YORK Poor Bill Gates. Well, poorer, anyway. The co-founder and chairman of Microsoft Corp. is still the richest American but not by nearly as much after the drubbing his company's stock has taken in the past year, Forbes magazine says in its annual ranking of the wealthiest people in the United States. US-FORBES-RICHEST AMERICANS. Has moved. By Adam Geller.

LONDON British Airways PLC and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines break off talks Thursday about a long-planned merger, blaming intractable commercial and regulatory issues.BRITAIN-BRITISH AIRWAYS-KLM.

WASHINGTON A Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. executive tells lawmakers the company has been "shaken to the core" by a recall of tires linked to 101 traffic deaths in the United States and that Ford Motor Co.'s recommended inflation level apparently contributed to accidents. US-TIRE DEATHS.

LOOKING AHEAD:

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WORLD AT 0000 GMT:

NEW:

IVORY COAST-VILLAGE OF HATE. Ethnic and political tensions are on the rise.

YUGOSLAVIA-KEEPING IT CLEAN. Opponents: Milosevic will claim victory no matter what.

ITALY-GIOTTO REMAINS? Anthropologist thinks he's found Giotto's skeleton.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

TAIPEI, Taiwan Taiwan's outspoken vice president makes her first trip abroad, a tour that could inflame relations with China. Annette Lu is one of the biggest critics of Chinese leaders in the new Taiwanese government and China's state-run media have called her insane and the "scum of the nation." TAIWAN-US-CHINA. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Annie Huang.

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia "I will monitor the elections because I care," says the young man on the billboard, urging citizens to make sure there is no cheating Sunday when Yugoslavs vote on whether to keep Slobodan Milosevic as president. "Like hell you will," says graffiti spray-painted on the ad. YUGOSLAVIA-KEEPING IT CLEAN. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Misha Savic. BEL110.

WITH:

YUGOSLAVIA-ELECTIONS. With Slobodan Milosevic trailing in the polls, one of his key lieutenants says the Yugoslav president will remain in office until June even if he loses this weekend's election. RECAP expected by 0500 GMT. BEL101-102, XSI104-106.

TRAHE, Ivory Coast Ethnic and political tensions are on the rise in this West African country, which until recently had a reputation for peacefulness and prosperity in a region convulsed by civil wars and ethnic conflicts. IVORY COAST-VILLAGE OF HATE. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Glenn McKenzie. NY190-194.

YANGON, Myanmar Myanmar's military junta thwarts pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi's latest attempt to travel out of Yangon _ this time by train by refusing to issue her a ticket. MYANMAR-SUU KYI. Has moved.

TEHRAN, Iran Iran has successfully test-fired its first solid-liquid fuel missile, the official Iranian news agency reports. IRAN-MISSILE. Lead has moved.

UNITED NATIONS Cuba and the United States express a commitment to end the organized criminal smuggling of Cubans to the United States, which Washington says is a growing problem. US-CUBA. Expected by 0500 GMT. By Edith M. Lederer.

UNITED NATIONS Iraq's Security Council allies step up their campaign against sanctions with proposals to cut the compensation fund for victims of Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait and delay a dlrs 16 billion payout from the fund to Kuwait's oil company. UN-IRAQ. Expected by 0200 GMT. By Nicole Winfield.

UNITED NATIONS Afghanistan's ousted government calls for increased sanctions against the Taliban at the same time the religious militia was lobbying the United Nations for official recognition four years after taking control of most of the country. UN-AFGHANISTAN. Sent. By Faiza Saleh Ambah.

LIMA, Peru A skeptical opposition is demanding that President Alberto Fujimori guarantee a free and fair election of his successor, expressing doubts about his stated plans to lead his own transition from power. PERU. Recap expected by 0500 GMT. By Bill Cormier. LIM101-110.

LONDON Police find part of a rocket-propelled grenade launcher near the scene of an attack on the headquarters of Britain's intelligence service M16, which they believe may have been the work of IRA dissidents. BRITAIN-EXPLOSION. Has moved. By Sue Leeman. LON 102, 106, 109-112; AP Graphic LONDON EXPLOSION.

MOSCOW Security forces surrounded a hotel in a southern Russian town where gunmen held several people, but hold off from storming the building as they negotiate with the hostage-takers. RUSSIA-HOSTAGES. Lead expected by 1100 GMT. By Judith Ingram. MOSB108-109, 113-117. AP Graphic RUSSIA HOSTAGES.

ROME For centuries, the life of Giotto, considered the father of European painting, has been wrapped in mystery. His exact birth date was not known, his remains were never found. Now, an Italian anthropology professor claims he has one of the keys: A skeleton unearthed 30 years ago beneath Florence's Duomo cathedral. ITALY-GIOTTO REMAINS? Expected by 0300 GMT. By Alessandra Rizzo. FLO101.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE:

NEW YORK Stocks close mixed amid lingering gloom on Wall Street about corporate profits and higher oil prices. The uncertainty ends a two-day rally in the high-tech sector. US-CLOSING STOCKS. Has moved.

PRAGUE, Czech Republic Local businesses are shutting down until late next week as protesters straggle into town and delegations of global financiers gear up for an international summit on the world economy. WORLD ECONOMY. Recap expected by 0300 GMT. By Hans Greimel.

SAN FRANCISCO Stung by weakened demand in Europe, Intel Corp., the world's largest chip maker, warns that its third-quarter revenues will be significantly below Wall Street's expectations. US-INTEL WARNING. Has moved. By Michael Liedtke.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Sunday, Yugoslavia holds presidential, parliamentary and local elections that will determine if President Slobodan Milosevic retains his hold on power; Switzerland holds a referendum on capping the number of foreigners in the country at 18 percent of the population.

FEATURES: Arts and Entertainment:

LOS ANGELES Forty years after the play opened off-Broadway, "The Fantasticks" finally comes to the big screen. The movie would not have made it, though, without the intercession of filmmaker Francis Ford Coppola. ARTS-US-THE FANTASTICKS. To move as wire time permits. By David Germain. AP Photo NY317.

WITH: ARTS-US-JEAN LOUISA KELLY. AP Photo NY322.

PRAGUE, Czech Republic Ten years after playwright Vaclav Havel led the Velvet Revolution that ousted the communist regime, Prague has emerged as a popular place for filmmakers frustrated with the high costs of shooting movies elsewhere. ARTS-CZECH MOVIES. To move as wire time permits. By Ondrej Hejma. NY336.

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina When Argentine-born Daniel Barenboim, the world-famous pianist, came home to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his debut, he was joined by his son Michael, a 14-year-old violinist. ARTS-ARGENTINA-DANIEL BARENBOIM. To move as wire time permits. By Laurence Norman. NY325-326.

ALSO MOVING:

ARTS-US-MYSTERY AUTHOR.

ARTS-US-IAN HUNTER. AP Photo NY316.

-ARTS-US-'STORYTELLERS'. NY348.

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ARTS-US-TRACY CHAPMAN. NY314.

ARTS-US-ALLISON MOORER.NY349.

ARTS-SWITZERLAND-BAND OF BROTHERS. NY350.

ARTS-BAHAMAS-FIGHTING HEMINGWAY. NY341-344.

ARTS-US-DEATH EXHIBITION. NY318-319.

ARTS-US-POET LAUREATE. NY312-313.

ARTS-US-ULTRABAROQUE. NY351.

ARTS-ENTERTAINMENT FLASHBACKS.

ARTS-CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS.

ARTS-AUDIO REVIEWS.

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ARTS-US TOP TEN.

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LONDON Manchester United vs. Chelsea is a clash of English soccer titans that sends tingles down the spines of the nation's fans, but the luster of this Saturday's showdown has been dulled by an underachieving Chelsea mired in turmoil.

Slug Sports-Soccer-British Preview. Expected by 1600 GMT.

By Chris Fontaine

MADRID, Spain After a week of Spanish giant-killer games, reigning Spanish first division soccer champ Deportivo La Coruna is confident it can solidify its long lead over the traditional powerhouses in weekend games.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Spanish Preview. Expected by 1500 GMT.

By Mar Roman.

ALSO:

UNDATED Sports-Soccer-US-MLS Playoff Roundup. Has moved.

SAN DIEGO Sports-Soccer-Ecuador-Mexico. Has moved.

GOLF:

KNOKKE, Belgium Ireland's Padraig Harrington takes an early lead in the dlrs 166,660 Belgacom Open with a sixunder-par 65 in a first round that saw Denmark's Thomas Bjorn forced to retire with an injured foot after just five holes.

Slug Sports-Golf-Belgacom Open. Updated after play ends at 1800 GMT.

CRICKET:

HARARE, Zimbabwe Zimbabwe's batsmen chase a daunting 465 first innings score by New Zealand on the third day of the second cricket Test at Harare Sport Club.

Slug Sports-Cricket-Zimbabwe-New Zealand. Will be updated around 1600 GMT.

BASKETBALL:

UNDATED Patrick Ewing never brought a championship to New York, and now he never will.

In one of the largest and most complicated trades in NBA history, the Ewing era ended in New York when he was dealt Wednesday to the Seattle SuperSonics in a four-team, 12-player megatrade.

Slug Sports-Basketball-Ewing Trade. Has moved.

By Chris Sheridan

AUTO RACING:

RENO, Nevada Craig Breedlove is moving ahead with his effort to return the world land speed record to the United States. But the next attempt might not happen in Nevada, and Breedlove might not be at the wheel.

Slug Sports-Auto Racing-Land Speed. Has moved.

By Tom Gardner.

ALSO MOVED:

UNDATED Sports-Baseball-AL Roundup.

UNDATED Sports-Baseball-NL Roundup.

SAN FRANCISCO Sports-Baseball-Bonds Homers.

PHILADELPHIA Sports-Baseball-Daal-20 Losses.

NEW YORK Sports-Boxing-Tyson's Trainers.

IRVING, Texas Sports-Football-Cowboys-Aikman.

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WORLD SPORTS AT 0000 GMT

OLYMPICS:

SYDNEY, Australia Athletics kicks off Friday with some of the sport's biggest stars competing at the Olympic Stadium. In swimming, the men's 50-meter freestyle tops the program. Altogether, 18 golds are on the line. But Day 7 is also marred by a new drug scandal in weightlifting.

Slug Sports-Olympics-Roundup. Expected by 0500 GMT.

By Raf Casert.

WITH:

Sports-Olympics-Crunch Time. Up to 400,000 people expected Friday at Olympic Park, putting huge pressure on transport system. Developing

SYDNEY, Australia Two Bulgarian weightlifters, including the first gold medalist in the new <u>women</u>'s event, tested positive for banned diuretics and will be stripped of their medals, the IOC says Friday.

Slug Sports-Olympics-Drugs. Lead has moved; developments will be expedited.

WITH:

Sports-Olympics-Czech-Doping. Cyclist Jan Hruska is out after failing a test during Tour of Spain. Moved.

SYDNEY, Australia Australia's Cathy Freeman in 400 meters and U.S. sprinters Maurice Greene and Marion Jones are among the stars making Sydney Games debuts Friday. Two athletics' golds will be awarded.

Slug Sports-Olympics-Track. Men's 20-km walk expected to conclude 0320 GMT; finals in men's shot put expected to conclude 0900 GMT.

By Rob Gloster.

SYDNEY, Australia Marie-Jose Perec's bizarre withdrawal from the Olympics added to the long list of track and field stars who never made it to the starting line at the Sydney Games.

Slug Sports-Olympics-Track. Missing Stars. Has moved.

By Rob Gloster

ALSO MOVED:

Sports-Olympics-Perec. By Rob Gloster.

Sports-Olympics-Track and Field-Asia. By Denis D. Gray.

SYDNEY, Australia Pieter van den Hoogenband of the Netherlands, Alexander Popov of Russia and Gary Hall Jr. of the United Stats battle Friday in the men's 50-meter freestyle. Romania's Diana Mocanu is favored in the <u>women</u>'s 200-meter backstroke.

Slug Sports-Olympics-Swimming. Preliminaries under way; first of four finals begins at 0800 GMT.

By Beth Harris.

ALSO MOVED:

Sports-Olympics-Swimming-Krayzelburg's Double Gold. By Steve Wilstein.

Sports-Olympics-Swimming-Sharing the Medal. By Paul Newberry.

Sports-Olympics-Swimming-Fast Pool. By Dennis Passa.

SYDNEY, Australia Camilla Martin of Denmark, who has not dropped a game in the Olympic badminton tournament, battles top-seeded Gong Zhichao of China in the **women**'s singles final Friday.

Slug Sports-Olympics-Badminton. Final scheduled for 1030 GMT.

By Denis D. Gray.

SYDNEY, Australia Twelve gymnasts twist, somersault and jump for the first-ever Olympic gold in trampolining Friday.

Slug Sports-Olympics-Trampoline. Event begins 0800 GMT.

By Eddie Pells.

WITH:

SYDNEY, Australia Andreea Raducan of Romania captured the Olympic <u>women</u>'s gymnastics all-around gold medal Thursday and teammates grabbed silver and bronze. An improperly set vault apparatus may have cost Russian favorite Svetlana Khorkina the title.

Slug Sports-Olympics-Gymnastics. Lead has moved.

By Nancy Armour.

SYDNEY, Australia Agata Wrobel of Poland and China's Ding Meiyuan lead medal hopefuls in the <u>women</u>'s 75-kilo plus weightlifting Friday. A former Bulgarian competing for Qatar is one of the favorites in the men's 77-kilo event.

Slug Sports-Olympics-Weightlifting. Women's final begins 0435 GMT; men's begins 0835.

By Alan Robinson.

SYDNEY, Australia It's an all-China final for <u>women</u>'s doubles table tennis Friday. Wang Nan and Li Ju take on Yang Ying and Sun Jin for the gold.

Slug Sports-Olympics-Table Tennis. Final expected to conclude by 1130 GMT.

OTHER MEDAL EVENTS FRIDAY:

Sports-Olympics-Judo. Men's 100-kilo plus and women's 78-kilo plus expected to conclude by 1030 GMT.

Sports-Olympics-Archery. Men's team final expected to end around 0520 GMT.

Sports-Olympics-Shooting Roundup. Men's 10-meter running target expected to conclude at 0145 GMT; <u>women</u>'s 25-meter pistol by 0345 GMT.

Sports-Olympics-Equestrian. Individual three-day event expected to conclude by 0400 GMT.

Sports-Olympics-Fencing. Men's team foil expected to conclude by 0850 GMT.

OTHER COMPETITIONS:

Baseball, <u>Women</u>'s Basketball, Men's Beach Volleyball, Boxing, Equestrian, Men's Handball, <u>Women</u>'s Hockey, Rowing, Sailing, Softball, Tennis, <u>Women</u>'s Volleyball, <u>Women</u>'s Water Polo

SYDNEY, Australia Cuba, stunned by a loss to the Netherlands earlier this week, seeks to regain its winning form against Australia in Olympic baseball play Friday.

Slug Sports-Olympics-Baseball-Cuba-Australia. Game begins 0130 GMT.

ALSO MOVED:

Sports-Olympics-Baseball-Netherlands Antilles. By Marvin Hokstam.

SYDNEY, Australia <u>Women's</u> diving begins Friday, with defending World Cup champion Li Na of China and teammate Sang Xue competing the 10-meter platform.

Slug Sports-Olympics-Diving. Event begins 0310 GMT.

ALSO:

SYDNEY, Australia The two-week spotlight has brought millions to Sydney's front door. But Australia faces an important question: When the Olympics depart Oct. 1, what will they leave behind?

Slug Sports-Olympics-Beyond the Games. Has moved.

By National Writer Ted Anthony. AP Photos, OLY BEYOND GAMES.

SYDNEY, Australia While American TV audiences are turning off taped Olympic coverage, Australians are mostly tuned in but not always liking what they see.

Slug Sports-Olympics-Trouble With TV. Has moved.

By Dennis Passa.

WITH:

LONDON Sports-Olympics-Net Police. Web sites violating ban on Internet.

IRVINE, California _Sports-Olympics-Tuning Out.

ALSO MOVED:

Sports-Olympics-Tennis-Williams. By Steven Wine.

Sports-Olympics-Briefs.

Sports-Olympics-Quotes.

Sports-Olympics-Friday's Medalists.

Sports-Olympics-Medals Table.

Sports-Olympics-Multi-Medalists.

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Body

Today is Monday, March 17, the 76th day of 2003 with 289 to follow.

This is St. Patrick's Day.

The moon is waxing.

The morning stars are Mercury, Venus, Mars, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto. The evening stars are Saturn and Jupiter.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Pisces. They include German engineer Gottleib Daimler, inventor of the gasoline-burning internal combustion engine, in 1834; children's author and illustrator Kate Greenaway in 1846; golfer Bobby Jones in 1902; actress Mercedes McCambridge in 1918 (age 85); jazz legend Nat "King" Cole in 1919; ballet dancer Rudolf Nureyev in 1938; actors Patrick Duffy in 1949 (age 54), Kurt Russell in 1951 (age 52), Leslie-Anne Down in 1954 (age 49), Gary Sinise in 1955 (age 48), Rob Lowe in 1964 (age 39), and Vicki Lewis ("NewsRadio") in 1966 (age 37); soccer star Mia Hamm in 1972 (age 31); and Caroline Corr, of the Irish pop band The Corrs, in 1973 (age 30).

On this date in history:

In 1762, New York City staged the first parade honoring the Catholic feast day of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. It was led by Irish soldiers serving in the British army.

In 1776, the Continental Army under Gen. George Washington forced British troops to evacuate Boston.

In 1901, 71 paintings by the late Dutch painter Vincent van Gogh were shown at the Bernheim-Jeune gallery in Paris and caused a sensation across the art world.

In 1945, the battle against Japanese forces for the Pacific island of Iwo Jima ended in victory for the United States.

In 1958, the U.S. Navy launched the satellite Vanguard-1 into orbit around the earth.

In 1978, the tanker Amoco Cadiz ran aground on the coast of Brittany in France, eventually spilling some 220,000 tons of crude.

In 1991, Iran and Saudi Arabia resumed diplomatic relations broken in 1988.

In 1992, 10 people were killed and at least 126 injured in a bomb blast that destroyed the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Also in 1992, South African whites voted to end minority rule.

In 1993, an Amtrak passenger train hit a gasoline tanker in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., killing the tanker driver and five other people.

Also in 1993, actress Helen Hayes died at age 92.

In 1994, former President Reagan said Oliver North, who was running for a U.S. Senate seat from Virginia, lied when he said Reagan "knew everything" about the Iran-Contra operation.

In 1995, President Clinton met with Gerry Adams, leader of Sinn Fein, the political arm of the *Irish Republican Army*, at the White House.

In 1997, Anthony Lake, President Clinton's nominee as director of the CIA, withdrew his name from consideration following questions about his management ability while head of the National Security Council.

In 1999, the International Olympic Committee voted to expel six members in connection with the bribery scandal related to the effort by Salt Lake City, Utah, to win the 2002 Winter Olympic Games. Five other IOC members had already resigned.

In 2000, Smith & Wesson, the nation's oldest and largest maker of handguns, agreed to a wide array of restrictions in exchange for ending some lawsuits that threatened to bankrupt the company.

A thought for the day: George Washington wrote, "Few men have virtue to withstand the highest bidder."

Today is Tuesday, March 18, the 77th day of 2003 with 288 to follow.

The moon is full.

The morning stars are Mercury, Venus, Mars, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto. The evening stars are Saturn and Jupiter.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Pisces. They include John C. Calhoun, the first U.S. vice president to resign that office, in 1782; Grover Cleveland, 24th president of the United States, in 1837; Russian composer Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov in 1844; German engineer Rudolf Diesel, inventor of the engine that bears his name, in 1858; British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain in 1869; clairvoyant and therapist Edgar Cayce in 1877; actor Edward Everett Horton in 1886; racecar driver Andy Granatelli in 1923 (age 80); actor Peter Graves in 1926 (age 77); authors George Plimpton in 1927 (age 76) and John Updike in 1932 (age 71); former South African President F.W. de Klerk in 1936 (age 67); country singer Charley Pride in 1938 (age 65) and singer/songwriter Wilson Pickett in 1941 (age 62); singer Irene Cara in 1959 (age 44); actress/singer Vanessa Williams in 1963 (age 40); Olympic skater Bonnie Blair in 1964 (age 39); and rapper/actress Queen Latifah in 1970 (age 33).

On this date in history:

In 1922, Mahatma Gandhi was sentenced to six years in prison for civil disobedience against the British rulers of India.

In 1926, the worst tornado in U.S. history roared through eastern Missouri, southern Illinois, and southern Indiana, killing 695 people, injuring some 13,000 people, and causing \$17 million in property damage.

In 1931, the first electric razor was marketed by Schick, Inc.

In 1937, a natural gas explosion at a public school in New London, Texas, killed 410 people, most of them children.

In 1962, France and Algeria signed a cease-fire agreement ending a seven-year civil war and bringing independence to the North African country.

In 1965, Soviet cosmonaut Alexi Leonov became the first person to "walk in space."

In 1989, the shuttle Discovery completed a five-day mission, landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

In 1992, hotel queen and convicted tax cheat Leona Helmsley was sentenced to four years in prison.

In 1993, Contra rebels freed five hostages they held at the Nicaraguan Embassy in Costa Rica after the two sides agreed to begin talks to end the 10-day siege.

Also in 1993, an investigation by psychiatrists and child abuse experts on Woody Allen's relationship with his 7-year-old adopted daughter ended with Allen claiming exoneration.

In 1995, Michael Jordan announced he was returning to professional basketball and the Chicago Bulls after a 17-month break, during which he had tried a baseball career.

In 1996, John Salvi was convicted of murder in the killing of two abortion clinic receptionists. He later committed suicide.

In 1997, Zaire's parliament fired Premier Leon Kengo wa Dondo and opened negotiations with rebel leader Laurent Kabila

In 2000, opposition candidate Chen Shui-bain was elected president of Taiwan, ending more than 50 years of Nationalist Party rule.

A thought for the day: "Any activity becomes creative when the doer cares about doing it right, or doing it better." John Updike said that.

Today is Wednesday, March 19, the 78th day of 2003 with 287 to follow.

The moon is waning.

The morning stars are Mercury, Venus, Mars, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto. The evening stars are Saturn and Jupiter.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Pisces. They include Plymouth Colony Gov. William Bradford in 1589; Scottish explorer of Africa David Livingstone in 1813; Marshal Wyatt Earp in 1848; jurist William Jennings Bryan in 1860; Chief Justice Earl Warren in 1891; "Watergate" Judge John Sirica in 1904; actor Patrick McGoohan in 1928 (age 75); author Philip Roth in 1933 (age 70); and actors Ursula Andress in 1936 (age 67), Glenn Close in 1947 (age 56), and Bruce Willis in 1955 (age 48).

On this date in history:

In 721 B.C., according to the Roman historian Ptolemy, Babylonian astronomers noted history's first recorded eclipse: an eclipse of the moon.

In 1916, the first U.S. air combat mission in history saw eight Curtiss "Jenny" planes of the First Aero Squadron take off from Columbus, N.M., to aid troops who had invaded Mexico in pursuit of the revolutionary Pancho Villa.

In 1918, Congress passed the Standard Time Act, which authorized the Interstate Commerce Commission to establish standard time zones in the United States.

In 1920, the Treaty of Versailles, establishing the League of Nations, was rejected by the U.S. Senate.

In 1931, in an effort to ease the hard times of the Great Depression, the Nevada state legislature voted to legalist gambling.

In 1942, with World War II under way, all men in the United States between the ages of 45 and 64, about 13 million, were ordered to register with the draft boards for non-military duty.

In 1953, legendary filmmaker Cecil B. DeMille won the only Academy Award of his career when "The Greatest Show on Earth," a big budget extravaganza about circus life, took home an Oscar for Best Picture.

In 1987, South Carolina televangelist Jim Bakker resigned as head of the PTL Club, saying he was blackmailed after a sexual encounter with former church secretary Jessica Hahn.

In 1991, Khaleda Zia became the first woman prime minister of Bangladesh.

In 1992, Buckingham Palace announced that Prince Andrew and his wife, the duchess of York, were separating.

In 1993, Justice Byron White, the lone remaining member of the U.S. Supreme Court appointed by a Democrat, announced he would retire, opening the way for President Clinton to make his first high judicial nomination.

Also in 1993, a high school in the Los Angeles suburb of Lakewood, Calif., was rocked by the arrests of eight youths, allegedly members of a gang that raped and molested girls as part of a game.

And in 1993, federal bankruptcy judge confirmed Abraham Hirschfeld, described by his own staff as a "nut," as the buyer of the New York Post.

In 1996, Republican presidential hopeful Bob Dole won primaries in Illinois, Ohio, Michigan and Wisconsin.

In 1997, a federal judge in Phoenix, Ariz., began sentencing 10 members of a paramilitary group to prison after they pleaded guilty to various counts, including conspiracy to make and possess destructive devices.

Also in 1997, President Clinton nominated acting CIA director George Tenet to head the agency.

In 2002, Israel completed its army's pullout of the West Bank by leaving Bethelehem, one day after Israeli Prime Minister Arial Sharon met with U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney. The following day a suicide bomber killed seven Israelis on a bus.

A thought for the day: William Jennings Bryan said, "Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice; it is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved."

Today is Thursday, March 20, the 79th day of 2003 with 286 to follow.

Spring begins in the Northern Hemisphere at 8:00 p.m. EST.

The moon is waning.

The morning stars are Mercury, Venus, Mars, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto. The evening stars are Saturn and Jupitar.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Pisces. They include Roman poet Ovid in 43 B.C.; adventurer and writer Edward Judson, originator of the dime novel, in 1820; Norwegian dramatist Henrik Ibsen in 1828; psychologist B.F. Skinner in 1904; actor/bandleader Ozzie Nelson in 1907; former New York Mayor Abe Beame in 1906 (age 97); British actor Sir Michael Redgrave in 1908; producer/director Carl Reiner in 1922 (age 81); Fred Rogers (TV's "Mister Rogers") in 1928; actor Hal Linden ("Barney Miller") in 1931 (age 72); singer/songwriter Jerry

Reed in 1937 (age 66); former Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney in 1939 (age 64); former hockey player Bobby Orr in 1948 (age 55); actor William Hurt in 1950 (age 53); filmmaker Spike Lee and actress Theresa Russell, both in 1957 (age 46); and actress Holly Hunter in 1958 (age 45).

On this date in history:

In 1852, Harriet Beecher Stowe's anti-slavery novel "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was published.

in 1854, in what is considered the founding meeting of the Republican Party, former members of the Whig Party met in Ripon, Wis., to establish a new party to oppose the spread of slavery into the western territories.

In 1963, a volcano on the East Indies island of Bali began erupting. The eventual death toll exceeded 1,500.

In 1976, San Francisco newspaper heiress Patty Hearst was convicted of bank robbery.

In 1977, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and her son, Sanjay, lost their parliamentary races in India's general elections. The Congress party also was defeated and the state of emergency in India was lifted.

In 1986, the House rejected a \$100 million aid package for the Nicaraguan Contras, a major Reagan administration policy setback.

Also in 1986, the Dow Jones industrial average closed above 1800 for the first time.

In 1987, the federal government approved the sale of AZT, a treatment but not a cure for AIDS.

In 1991, Baghdad was warned to abide by the cease-fire after U.S. fighter jets shot down an Iraqi jet fighter in the first major air action since the end of the Persian Gulf War.

In 1992, gay rights groups angered over the treatment of bisexual characters in the film "Basic Instinct" protested outside movie theaters.

In 1994, the strongest of the aftershocks to the Northridge earthquake in January hit Southern California, measuring 5.3 on the Richter scale.

In 1995, 12 people were killed and more than 5,000 made ill by a nerve gas attack on the Tokyo subway system. Members of a religious sect were blamed.

Also in 1995, conservative commentator Pat Buchanan launched his second bid for the presidency.

In 1996, Lyle and Erik Menendez were convicted of murdering their wealthy parents in Los Angeles.

Also in 1996, the world learned of "mad cow" disease from a British government report questioning the safety of British beef.

In 1997, the Liggett Group, the 5th-largest U.S. tobacco company, agreed to admit that smoking was addictive and caused health problems, and that the tobacco industry had sought for years to sell its products to children as young as 14.

In 2001, five days after explosions destroyed one of its support beams, the largest oilrig in the world collapsed and sank off the coast of Brazil.

In 2002, President Bush's visit to Peru was preceded by a car bomb explosion outside the U.S. Embassy in Lima that killed nine and injured 30.

Also in 2002, the office of the special prosecutor Robert Ray announced there was not enough evidence that either former President Clinton or his wife Hillary Rodham Clinton had committed any crimes in connection with the failed Whitewater real estate venture in Arkansas.

A thought for the day: "Don't knock the weather; nine-tenths of the people couldn't start a conversation if it didn't change once in a while." Kin Hubbard said that.

Today is Friday, March 21, the 80th day of 2003 with 285 to follow.

The moon is waning.

The morning stars are Mercury, Venus, Mars, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto. The evening stars are Saturn and Jupiter.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Aries. They include composer Johann Sebastian Bach in 1685; Mexican revolutionary and president Benito Juarez in 1806; Russian composer Modest Mussorgsky in 1839; theatrical impresario Florenz Ziegfeld in 1869; English theatrical director Peter Brook in 1925 (age 78); and actors James Coco in 1930, Al Freeman Jr. in 1934 (age 69), Timothy Dalton in 1946 (age 57), Gary Oldman in 1958 (age 45), and Matthew Broderick in 1962 (age 41); and Rosie O'Donnell, also in 1962 (age 41).

On this date in history:

In 1617, Pocahontas died in England at about age 22. Three years earlier, she had converted to Christianity, taken the name Rebecca and married Englishman John Rolfe.

In 1790, Thomas Jefferson of Virginia became the first U.S. secretary of state. He later was the third president of the United States.

In 1918, American and German soldiers fought the key World War I battle of the Somme.

In 1945, 7,000 Allied planes dropped more than 12,000 tons of explosives on Germany during a single World War II daytime bombing raid.

In 1960, police opened fire on a group of unarmed black South African demonstrators in the black township of Sharpeville, near Johannesburg, killing 69 people and wounding 180 in a hail of submachine-gun fire.

In 1962, Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev pledged that Russia would cooperate with the United States in peaceful exploration of space. The joint American-Soviet Soyuz space mission was conducted in July 1975.

In 1965, more than 3,000 civil rights demonstrators, led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., began a four-day march from Selma, Ala., to Montgomery, Ala., to demand federal protection of voting rights.

In 1984, the U.S. aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk collided with a nuclear-powered Soviet submarine in the Sea of Japan.

In 1991, L. William Seidman, chairman of the FDIC and Resolution Trust Corp., said his agency needed \$70 billion to protect deposits from bank collapses.

In 1993, Russia plunged into its deepest political crisis since the August 1991 coup attempt following President Yeltsin's declaration of special rule by decree.

Also in 1993, seven more adults left the besieged Branch Davidian compound as federal authorities continued negotiations with cult leader David Koresh to end the standoff.

And in 1993, Nicaraguan rebels ended their 13-day seizure of the Nicaraguan Embassy, freeing the last 11 hostages under a deal that gave them asylum in the Dominican Republic.

In 1994, North Korea threatened to pull out of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty if the United States reverses its decision to hold military exercises with South Korea.

In 1996, European nations began banning British beef.

In 1997, a Palestinian bomber and three women died in an explosion in Tel Aviv, Israel.

In 1999, balloonists Bertrand Piccard and Brian Jones landed near Cairo, Egypt, after becoming the first to circle the globe by balloon.

In 2000, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 5-4 that the FDA never received congressional authority to regulate tobacco products.

In 2002, Pope John Paul II, referring briefly to the sexual abuse scandal that had shaken the Roman Catholic clergy, said in a letter that "a dark shadow of suspicion" had fallen over all priests because of the behavior of those who had succumbed to "the most grievous forms" of evil.

Also in 2002, the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board blamed the co-pilot for the Oct. 21, 1999, crash of an EgyptAir jetliner shortly after takeoff from New York for Cairo, killing all 217 aboard.

A thought for the day: Thomas Jefferson advised, "Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom."

Today is Saturday, March 22, the 81st day of 2003 with 284 to follow.

The moon is waning.

The morning stars are Venus, Mars, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto. The evening stars are Mercury, Saturn and Jupiter.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Aries. They include actors Karl Malden in 1913 (age 89) and Werner Klemperer ("Hogan's Heroes") in 1919; French mime Marcel Marceau in 1923 (age 80); composer Stephen Sondheim and televangelist Pat Robertson, both in 1930 (age 73); actors William Shatner in 1931 (age 72) and Emmett Walsh in 1935; singer George Benson in 1943 (age 70); British composer Andrew Lloyd Webber in 1948 (age 55); sportscaster Bob Costas in 1952 (age 51); actor Matthew Modine in 1959 (age 44); Canadian skater Elvis Stojko in 1972 (age 31); and actress Reese Witherspoon in 1976 (age 27).

On this date in history:

In 1791, Congress enacted legislation forbidding slave trading with foreign nations.

In 1941, the Grand Coulee Dam on the Columbia River began producing electric power for the Pacific Northwest.

In 1945, representatives from Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Transjordan, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and Yemen met in Cairo to establish the Arab League, a regional organization of Arab states to foster economic growth in the region, resolve disputes between its members and coordinate political aims.

In 1968, President Johnson recalled Gen. William Westmoreland as commander of U.S. troops in Vietnam and made him Army chief of staff. Gen. Creighton Abrams took over in Saigon.

In 1974, the Senate passed and sent to the states for ratification the 27th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, a measure popularly known as the Equal Rights Amendment. However, the required number of states -- 38 -- failed to ratify it before the deadline.

In 1987, Chad troops drove Libyan forces from a key airstrip in northern Chad, apparently ending Moammar Gadhafi's seven-year occupation. The Libyans abandoned \$500 million worth of Soviet-made tanks and airplanes.

In 1992, 27 people were killed when a US Air plane bound for Cleveland skidded off a runway at New York's LaGuardia Airport during a snowstorm and landed in the bay.

In 1993, a U.S. nuclear submarine collided with a Russian nuclear sub in a Russian training area in the Barents Sea. There were no casualties.

In 1995, Brian "Kato" Kaelin, a houseguest at O.J. Simpson's estate, testified at the former athlete's double murder trial in Los Angeles.

In 1997, Comet Hale-Bopp made its closest approach to Earth -- about 122 million miles.

In 2000, Pope John Paul II visited a Palestinian refugee camp and declared the conditions there to be "degrading."

In 2001, five people were wounded when a teenager opened fire at a school in El Cajon, Calif. The alleged gunman was then shot and seriously wounded by police.

A thought for the day: Gen. William Westmoreland said, "The military don't start wars. Politicians start wars."

Today is Sunday, March 23, the 82nd day of 2003 with 283 to follow.

The moon is waning.

The morning stars are Venus, Mars, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto. The evening stars are Mercury, Saturn and Jupiter.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Aries. They include culinary expert Fannie Farmer in 1857; psychoanalyst Erich Fromm in 1900; actress Joan Crawford in 1908; Japanese filmmaker Akira Kurosawa in 1910; rocket scientist Wernher von Braun in 1912; Roger Bannister, the first person to run the mile in less than four minutes, in 1929 (age 74); former Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson Jr., in 1938 (age 65); comedian Louie Anderson and singer Chaka Khan, both in 1953 (age 50); and actresses Amanda Plummer in 1957 (age 46) and Keri Russell ("Felicity") in 1976 (age 27).

On this date in history:

In 1765, the British Parliament passed the Stamp Act for taxing the American colonies, an action that became a major grievance for rebellious colonials.

In 1775, in a speech supporting the arming of the Virginia militia, Patrick Henry declared, "Give me liberty or give me death."

In 1942, Japanese-Americans were forcibly moved from their homes along the Pacific Coast to inland internment camps.

In 1966, Pope Paul VI met Britain's archbishop of Canterbury at the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican, the first meeting between the heads of the Roman Catholic and Anglican churches in 400 years.

In 1983, the world's first recipient of a permanent artificial heart, Barney Clark of Seattle, died in a Salt Lake City hospital.

In 1985, the United States completed the secret air evacuation of 800 Ethiopian Jews to Israel.

In 1989, Dick Clark retired from hosting the TV show "American Bandstand" after 33 years.

In 1993, President Clinton held his first full-blown White House news conference on his 62nd day in office.

In 1994, the nominee of the ruling party in Mexico was shot to death just after delivering a campaign speech in Tijuana. A suspect believed to be the gunman was arrested immediately.

In 1996, Taiwan elected Lee Teng-hui in the island nation's first direct presidential election.

In 1998, Russian President Boris Yeltsin fired his entire cabinet.

Also in 1998, "Titanic" won 11 Academy Awards, tying the record total won by "Ben-Hur" in 1959.

In 1999, the vice president of Peru was assassinated.

In 2001, the United States expelled 40 Russian diplomats it said were spies. The action had come in response to the arrested of FBI agent and accused Russian spy Robert Hanssen.

Also in 2001, the Russian space station Mir was brought down in the Pacific Ocean near Fiji after more than 15 years in orbit.

A thought for the day: Erich Fromm wrote, "That man can destroy life is just as miraculous a feat as that he can create it, for life is the miracle, the inexplicable."

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Body

Today is Monday, March 15, the 75th day of 2004 with 291 to follow.

The moon is waning. The morning stars are Neptune, Uranus and Pluto. The evening stars are Venus, Mercury, Jupiter, Mars and Saturn.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Pisces. They include Andrew Jackson, seventh president of the United States, in 1767; German immunologist Emil von Behring in 1854; Hollywood movie mogul Lew Wasserman in 1913; trumpet playing bandleader Harry James in 1916; astronaut Alan Bean in 1932 (age 72); U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg in 1933 (age 71); actor Judd Hirsch in 1935 (age 69); singers Mike Love of the Beach Boys in 1941 (age 63) and Sly Stone of Sly and the Family Stone in 1944 (age 60); actress Park Overall in 1957 (age 47); and model Fabio, born Fabio Lanzori, in 1961 (age 43). On this date in history:

In 44 B.C., Julius Caesar was assassinated by Brutus and other Roman nobles in Rome.

In 1493, Christopher Columbus returned to Spain after his first voyage to the New World.

In 1820, as part of the Missouri Compromise between the North and the South, Maine was admitted into the Union as the 23rd state. It had been administered as a province of Massachusetts since 1647.

In 1916, General John "Black Jack" Pershing marched into Mexico to capture revolutionary leader Pancho Villa, who had staged several cross-border raids. The two-year expedition was unsuccessful.

In 1984, the acquittal of a Miami police officer on charges of negligently killing a ghetto youth sparked a rampage by angry blacks in Miami. 550 people were arrested.

In 1985, two decades of military rule in Brazil ended with the installation of a civilian government.

In 1990, the Israeli Knesset brought down Yitzhak Shamir's government on a no-confidence motion after the Likud Party leader refuses to accept a U.S. peace proposal.

In 1991, Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic declared Serbia's secession from the Yugoslav federation.

In 1993, the New York Post filed for bankruptcy protection hours after the newspaper's new buyer fired 72 employees, throwing the future of the 192-year-old tabloid into doubt.

In 1994, despite being the subject of a criminal investigation into his financial affairs, Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-III., chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, won a hard-fought battle for renomination. However, he would lose the November general election.

In 1997, the rebellion in Zaire continued as Kisangani, the African nation's third-largest city, fell to rebel forces.

In 2001, the Senate passed federal bankruptcy reforms that would tighten guidelines for filing for bankruptcy.

Also in 2001, Chechen terrorists hijacked a Russian airliner en route from Istanbul, Turkey, to Moscow and diverted it to Medina, Saudi Arabia. After nearly 24 hours of fruitless negotiations, a Saudi security team stormed the plane and freed the hostages.

In 2003, a strange new illness with pneumonia-like symptoms called severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS, became a cause for alarm as it spread from Asia to Europe to North America.

A thought for the day: U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg told an interviewer, "The emphasis must be not on the right to abortion but on the right to privacy and reproductive control."

Today is Tuesday, March 16, the 76th day of 2004 with 290 to follow.

The moon is waning. The morning stars are Neptune, Uranus and Pluto. The evening stars are Venus, Mercury, Jupiter, Mars and Saturn.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Pisces. They include James Madison, fourth president of the United States, in 1751; German physicist Georg Ohm, a pioneer in the study of electricity, in 1787; former first lady Pat Nixon in 1912; actor Leo McKern in 1920; entertainer Jerry Lewis in 1926 (age 78); Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., in 1927 (age 77); filmmaker Bernardo Bertolucci in 1941 (age 63); game-show host Chuck Wollery in 1942 (age 62); actor Erik Estrada in 1949 (age 55); and actors Kate Nelligan in 1951 (age 53) and Kevin Smith ("Hercules," "Xena: Warrior Princess") in 1963.

On this date in history:

In 1802, Congress authorized the establishment of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

In 1827, Freedom's Journal, the first black newspaper in America, was published in New York.

In 1926, Robert Goddard launched the world's first liquid-fuel rocket.

In 1966, American astronauts Neil Armstrong and David Scott docked their Gemini-8 space vehicle with an Agena craft, a first in orbital history.

In 1968, some 300 Vietnam villagers died at the hands of American troops in what came to be known as the My Lai massacre.

In 1978, the Senate approved the first of two Panama Canal pacts. The treaty guaranteed neutrality of the canal after Panama assumes control at the end of 1999.

In 1991, Baghdad claimed its troops had crushed an uprising in southern Iraq that began in the wake of the Gulf War.

In 1992, a state court in Los Angeles awarded humorist Art Buchwald and producer Alain Bernheim \$900,000 from Paramount Studios for Buchwald's idea for the movie "Coming to America," which was a hit for comedian Eddie Murphy.

In 1993, authorities met "face-to-face" for the first time with representatives from the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, in an effort to end the 17-day siege peacefully.

In 1994, the International Atomic Energy Agency said North Korea barred its inspectors from checking one of the Communist nation's seven nuclear sites.

Also in 1994, Tonya Harding pleaded guilty to helping cover up the plot that led to the injury of fellow skater Nancy Kerrigan.

In 1998, in a 14-page statement, the Vatican apologized for not doing more to prevent the murders of millions of Jews at the hands of the Nazis.

In 1999, millionaire magazine publisher Steve Forbes announced his second and ultimately unsuccessful bid for the Republican presidential nomination.

In 2000, a New York City undercover narcotics detective shot to death an unarmed man, Patrick Dorismond, during a confrontation outside a midtown Manhattan bar. Outrage over the killing intensified when Mayor Giuliani released Dorismond's sealed juvenile arrest records, allegedly to show how the victim had a propensity for violence.

In 2002, Crown Prince Abdullah, the defacto leader of Saudi Arabia, told Vice President Dick Cheney that it was not in the best interests of the United States or the region for the U.S. to attack Iraq.

In 2003, an Israeli army bulldozer ran over and killed an American woman trying to prevent it from destroying a Palestinian home on the West Bank.

A thought for the day: Art Buchwald said, "People are broad-minded. They'll accept the fact that a person can be an alcoholic, a dope fiend, a wife beater and even a newspaperman, but if a man doesn't drive, there's something wrong with him."

Today is Wednesday, March 17, the 77th day of 2004 with 289 to follow. This is St. Patrick's Day.

The moon is waning. The moon is waning. The morning stars are Neptune, Uranus and Pluto. The evening stars are Venus, Mercury, Jupiter, Mars and Saturn.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Pisces. They include German engineer Gottleib Daimler, inventor of the gasoline-burning internal combustion engine, in 1834; children's author and illustrator Kate Greenaway in 1846; golfer Bobby Jones in 1902; actress Mercedes McCambridge in 1918 (age 86); singer/pianist Nat "King" Cole in 1919; ballet dancer Rudolf Nureyev in 1938; actors Patrick Duffy in 1949 (age 55), Kurt Russell in 1951 (age 53), Leslie-Anne Down in 1954 (age 50), Gary Sinise in 1955 (age 49), Rob Lowe in 1964 (age 40), and Vicki Lewis in 1966 (age 38); soccer star Mia Hamm in 1972 (age 32); and Caroline Corr, of the Irish pop band The Corrs, in 1973 (age 31).

On this date in history:

In 1762, New York City staged the first parade honoring the Catholic feast day of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. It was led by Irish soldiers serving in the British army.

In 1776, the Continental Army under Gen. George Washington forced British troops to evacuate Boston.

In 1901, 71 paintings by the late Dutch painter Vincent van Gogh were shown at the Bernheim-Jeune gallery in Paris and caused a sensation across the art world.

In 1945, the battle against Japanese forces for the Pacific island of Iwo Jima ended in victory for the United States.

In 1958, the U.S. Navy launched the satellite Vanguard-1 into orbit around the earth.

In 1978, the tanker Amoco Cadiz ran aground on the coast of Brittany in France, eventually spilling some 220,000 tons of crude.

In 1991, Iran and Saudi Arabia resumed diplomatic relations broken in 1988.

In 1992, 10 people were killed and at least 126 injured in a bomb blast that destroyed the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Also in 1992, South African whites voted to end minority rule.

In 1993, an Amtrak passenger train hit a gasoline tanker in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., killing the tanker driver and five other people.

Also in 1993, actress Helen Hayes died at age 92.

In 1994, former President Reagan said Oliver North, who was running for a U.S. Senate seat from Virginia, lied when he said Reagan "knew everything" about the Iran-Contra operation.

In 1995, President Clinton met with Gerry Adams, leader of Sinn Fein, the political arm of the *Irish Republican Army*, at the White House.

In 1997, Anthony Lake, President Clinton's nominee as director of the CIA, withdrew his name from consideration following questions about his management ability while head of the National Security Council.

In 1999, the International Olympic Committee voted to expel six members in connection with the bribery scandal related to the effort by Salt Lake City, Utah, to win the 2002 Winter Olympic Games. Five other IOC members had already resigned.

In 2000, Smith & Wesson, the nation's oldest and largest maker of handguns, agreed to a wide array of restrictions in exchange for ending some lawsuits that threatened to bankrupt the company.

In 2003, as war with Iraq seemed a certainty, President George W. Bush gave Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and his sons 48 hours in which to leave the country but the ultimatum was rejected. UN Secretary General Kofi Annan ordered all UN personal out of Iraq.

A thought for the day: George Washington wrote, "Few men have virtue to withstand the highest bidder."

Today is Thursday, March 18, the 78th day of 2004 with 288 to follow.

The moon is waning. The morning stars are Neptune, Uranus and Pluto. The evening stars are Venus, Mercury, Jupiter, Mars and Saturn.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Pisces. They include John C. Calhoun, the first U.S. vice president to resign that office, in 1782; Grover Cleveland, 24th president of the United States, in 1837; Russian composer Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov in 1844; German engineer Rudolf Diesel, inventor of the engine that bears his name, in 1858; British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain in 1869; clairvoyant and therapist Edgar Cayce in 1877; actor Edward Everett Horton in 1886; racecar driver Andy Granatelli in 1923 (age 81); actor Peter Graves in 1926 (age 78); authors George Plimpton in 1927 (age 77) and John Updike in 1932 (age 72); former South African President F.W. de Klerk in 1936 (age 68); country singer Charley Pride in 1938 (age 66) and singer/songwriter Wilson Pickett in 1941 (age 63); singer Irene Cara in 1959 (age 45); actress/singer Vanessa Williams in 1963 (age 41); Olympic skater Bonnie Blair in 1964 (age 40); and rapper/actress Queen Latifah in 1970 (age 34).

On this date in history:

In 1922, Mahatma Gandhi was sentenced to six years in prison for civil disobedience against the British rulers of India.

In 1926, the worst tornado in U.S. history roared through eastern Missouri, southern Illinois, and southern Indiana, killing 695 people, injuring some 13,000 people, and causing \$17 million in property damage.

In 1931, the first electric razor was marketed by Schick, Inc.

In 1937, a natural gas explosion at a public school in New London, Texas, killed 410 people, most of them children.

In 1962, France and Algeria signed a cease-fire agreement ending a seven-year civil war and bringing independence to the North African country.

In 1965, Soviet cosmonaut Alexi Leonov became the first person to "walk in space."

In 1989, the shuttle Discovery completed a five-day mission, landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

In 1992, hotel queen and convicted tax cheat Leona Helmsley was sentenced to four years in prison.

In 1993, Contra rebels freed five hostages they held at the Nicaraguan Embassy in Costa Rica after the two sides agreed to begin talks to end the 10-day siege.

Also in 1993, an investigation by psychiatrists and child abuse experts on Woody Allen's relationship with his 7-year-old adopted daughter ended with Allen claiming exoneration.

In 1995, Michael Jordan announced he was returning to professional basketball and the Chicago Bulls after a 17-month break, during which he had tried a baseball career.

In 1996, John Salvi was convicted of murder in the killing of two abortion clinic receptionists. He later committed suicide.

In 1997, Zaire's parliament fired Premier Leon Kengo wa Dondo and opened negotiations with rebel leader Laurent Kabila.

In 2000, opposition candidate Chen Shui-bain was elected president of Taiwan, ending more than 50 years of Nationalist Party rule.

In 2003, on the eve of war with Iraq, the U.S. State Department listed 30 countries as members of a "coalition of the willing" supporting military intervention but only three -- the United States, Britain and Australia -- were known to be providing troops.

Also on 2003, a Texas jury found the Bayet Corp. not liable in a \$500 million lawsuit over a cholestrerol drug.

And. In 2003, James Kopp, an anti-abortion activist, was convicted of murdering Dr. Barnett Slepian, whom he said he sought only to wound to keep the doctor from performing abortions.

A thought for the day: "Any activity becomes creative when the doer cares about doing it right, or doing it better." John Updike said that.

Today is Friday, March 19, the 79th day of 2004 with 287 to follow.

The moon is waning. The morning stars are Neptune, Uranus and Pluto. The evening stars are Venus, Mercury, Jupiter, Mars and Saturn.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Pisces. They include Plymouth Colony Gov. William Bradford in 1589; Scottish explorer of Africa David Livingstone in 1813; Marshal Wyatt Earp in 1848; jurist William Jennings Bryan in 1860; Chief Justice Earl Warren in 1891; "Watergate" Judge John Sirica in 1904; actor Patrick McGoohan in 1928 (age 76); author Philip Roth in 1933 (age 71); and actors Ursula Andress in 1936 (age 68), Glenn Close in 1947 (age 57), and Bruce Willis in 1955 (age 49).

On this date in history:

In 721 B.C., according to the Roman historian Ptolemy, Babylonian astronomers noted history's first recorded eclipse: an eclipse of the moon.

In 1916, the first U.S. air combat mission in history saw eight Curtiss "Jenny" planes of the First Aero Squadron take off from Columbus, N.M., to aid troops that had invaded Mexico in pursuit of the bandit Pancho Villa.

In 1918, Congress passed the Standard Time Act, which authorized the Interstate Commerce Commission to establish standard time zones in the United States.

In 1920, the Treaty of Versailles, establishing the League of Nations, was rejected by the U.S. Senate.

In 1931, in an effort to ease the hard times of the Great Depression, the Nevada state legislature voted to legalist gambling.

In 1942, with World War II under way, all men in the United States between the ages of 45 and 64, about 13 million, were ordered to register with the draft boards for non-military duty.

In 1953, legendary filmmaker Cecil B. DeMille won the only Academy Award of his career when "The Greatest Show on Earth," a big budget extravaganza about circus life, won an Oscar for Best Picture of the year.

In 1987, South Carolina televangelist Jim Bakker resigned as head of the PTL Club, saying he was blackmailed after a sexual encounter with former church secretary Jessica Hahn.

In 1991, Khaleda Zia became the first woman prime minister of Bangladesh.

In 1992, Buckingham Palace announced that Prince Andrew and his wife, the duchess of York, were separating.

In 1993, Justice Byron White, the lone remaining member of the U.S. Supreme Court appointed by a Democrat, announced he would retire, opening the way for President Clinton to make his first high judicial nomination.

Also in 1993, a high school in the Los Angeles suburb of Lakewood, Calif., was rocked by the arrests of eight youths, allegedly members of a gang that raped and molested girls as part of a game.

And in 1993, federal bankruptcy judge confirmed Abraham Hirschfeld, described by his own staff as a "nut," as the buyer of the New York Post.

In 1997, a federal judge in Phoenix, Ariz., began sentencing 10 members of a paramilitary group to prison after they pleaded guilty to various counts, including conspiracy to make and possess destructive devices.

Also in 1997, President Clinton nominated acting CIA director George Tenet to head the agency.

In 2002, Israel completed its army's pullout of the West Bank by leaving Bethlehem, one day after Israeli Prime Minister Arial Sharon met with U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney. The following day a suicide bomber killed seven Israelis on a bus.

In 2003, The U.S.-led military offensive aimed at removing Saddam Hussein from power invaded Iraq with a nighttime assault of about 40 Tomahawk cruise missiles fired at Baghdad.

Also in 2003, the U.S. Senate rejected a proposal supported by the Bush administration to allow drilling for oil in the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge.

A thought for the day: William Jennings Bryan said, "Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice; it is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved."

Today is Saturday, March 20, the 80th day of 2004 with 286 to follow.

Spring begins in the northern hemisphere at 1:49 a.m., Eastern time. Autumn begins in the southern hemisphere.

The moon is waning. The morning stars are Neptune, Uranus and Pluto. The evening stars are Venus, Mercury, Jupiter, Mars and Saturn.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Pisces. They include Roman poet Ovid in 43 B.C.; adventurer and writer Edward Judson, originator of the dime novel, in 1820; Norwegian dramatist Henrik Ibsen in 1828; psychologist B.F. Skinner in 1904; actor/bandleader Ozzie Nelson in 1907; former New York Mayor Abe Beame in 1906 (age 98); British actor Sir Michael Redgrave in 1908; producer/director Carl Reiner in 1922 (age 82); Fred Rogers (TV's "Mister Rogers") in 1928; actor Hal Linden ("Barney Miller") in 1931 (age 73); singer/songwriter Jerry Reed in 1937 (age 67); former Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney in 1939 (age 65); former hockey player Bobby Orr in 1948 (age 56); actor William Hurt in 1950 (age 54); filmmaker Spike Lee and actress Theresa Russell, both in 1957 (age 47); and actress Holly Hunter in 1958 (age 46).

On this date in history:

In 1852, Harriet Beecher Stowe's anti-slavery novel "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was published.

in 1854, in what is considered the founding meeting of the Republican Party, former members of the Whig Party met in Ripon, Wis., to establish a new party to oppose the spread of slavery into the western territories.

In 1963, a volcano on the East Indies island of Bali began erupting. The eventual death toll exceeded 1,500.

In 1976, San Francisco newspaper heiress and kidnapping victim Patty Hearst was convicted of bank robbery.

In 1977, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and her son, Sanjay, lost their parliamentary races in India's general elections. The Congress party also was defeated and the state of emergency in India was lifted.

In 1986, the House rejected a \$100 million aid package for the Nicaraguan Contras, a major Reagan administration policy setback.

Also in 1986, the Dow Jones industrial average closed above 1800 for the first time.

In 1987, the federal government approved the sale of AZT, a treatment but not a cure for AIDS.

In 1991, Baghdad was warned to abide by the cease-fire after U.S. fighter jets shot down an Iraqi jet fighter in the first major air action since the end of the Persian Gulf War.

In 1992, gay rights groups angered over the treatment of bisexual characters in the film "Basic Instinct" protested outside movie theaters.

In 1994, the strongest of the aftershocks to the Northridge earthquake in January hit Southern California, measuring 5.3 on the Richter scale.

In 1995, 12 people were killed and more than 5,000 made ill by a nerve gas attack on the Tokyo subway system. Members of a religious sect were blamed.

Also in 1995, conservative commentator Pat Buchanan launched his second bid for the presidency.

In 1996, Lyle and Erik Menendez were convicted of murdering their wealthy parents in Los Angeles.

Also in 1996, the world learned of "mad cow" disease from a British government report questioning the safety of British beef.

In 1997, the Liggett Group, the 5th-largest U.S. tobacco company, agreed to admit that smoking was addictive and caused health problems, and that the tobacco industry had sought for years to sell its products to children as young as 14.

In 2001, five days after explosions destroyed one of its support beams, the largest oilrig in the world collapsed and sank off the coast of Brazil.

In 2002, President Bush's visit to Peru was preceded by a car bomb explosion outside the U.S. Embassy in Lima that killed nine and injured 30.

Also in 2002, the office of the special prosecutor Robert Ray announced there was not enough evidence that either former President Clinton or his wife Hillary Rodham Clinton had committed any crimes in connection with the failed Whitewater real estate venture in Arkansas.

In 2003, early ground combat in the Iraq war found U.S. soldiers heading north toward Baghdad and U.S. and British marines going northeast toward Basra, Iraq's second largest city.

Also in 2003, Brian Patrick Regan, a retired Air Force master sergeant, was sentenced to life in prison for offering to sell intelligence secrets to Saddam Hussein and the Chinese government.

A thought for the day: "Don't knock the weather; nine-tenths of the people couldn't start a conversation if it didn't change once in a while." Kin Hubbard said that.

Today is Sunday, March 21, the 81st day of 2004 with 285 to follow.

The moon is waning. The morning stars are Neptune, Uranus and Pluto. The evening stars are Venus, Mercury, Jupiter, Mars and Saturn.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Aries. They include composer Johann Sebastian Bach in 1685; Mexican revolutionary and president Benito Juarez in 1806; Russian composer Modest Mussorgsky in 1839; theatrical impresario Florenz Ziegfeld in 1869; English theatrical director Peter Brook in 1925 (age 79); and actors James Coco in 1930, Al Freeman Jr. in 1934 (age 70), Timothy Dalton in 1946 (age 58), Gary Oldman in 1958 (age 46), and Matthew Broderick and Rosie O'Donnell, both in 1962 (age 42).

On this date in history:

In 1617, Pocahontas died in England at about age 22. Three years earlier, she had converted to Christianity, taken the name Rebecca and married Englishman John Rolfe.

In 1790, Thomas Jefferson of Virginia became the first U.S. secretary of state. He later was the third president of the United States.

In 1918, American and German soldiers fought the key World War I battle of the Somme.

In 1945, 7,000 Allied planes dropped more than 12,000 tons of explosives on Germany during a single World War II daytime bombing raid.

In 1960, police opened fire on a group of unarmed black South African demonstrators in the black township of Sharpeville, near Johannesburg, killing 69 people and wounding 180 in a hail of submachine-gun fire.

In 1962, Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev pledged that Russia would cooperate with the United States in peaceful exploration of space. The joint American-Soviet Soyuz space mission was conducted in July 1975.

In 1965, more than 3,000 civil rights demonstrators, led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., began a four-day march from Selma, Ala., to Montgomery, Ala., to demand federal protection of voting rights.

In 1984, the U.S. aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk collided with a nuclear-powered Soviet submarine in the Sea of Japan.

In 1991, L. William Seidman, chairman of the FDIC and Resolution Trust Corp., said his agency needed \$70 billion to protect deposits from bank collapses.

In 1993, Russia plunged into its deepest political crisis since the August 1991 coup attempt following President Yeltsin's declaration of special rule by decree.

Also in 1993, seven more adults left the besieged Branch Davidian compound as federal authorities continued negotiations with cult leader David Koresh to end the standoff.

And in 1993, Nicaraguan rebels ended their 13-day seizure of the Nicaraguan Embassy, freeing the last 11 hostages under a deal that gave them asylum in the Dominican Republic.

In 1994, North Korea threatened to pull out of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty if the United States reversed its decision to hold military exercises with South Korea.

In 1997, a Palestinian bomber and three women died in an explosion in Tel Aviv, Israel.

In 1999, balloonists Bertrand Piccard and Brian Jones landed near Cairo, Egypt, after becoming the first to circle the globe by balloon.

In 2000, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 5-4 that the FDA never received congressional authority to regulate tobacco products.

In 2002, Pope John Paul II, referring briefly to the sexual abuse scandal that had shaken the Roman Catholic clergy, said in a letter that "a dark shadow of suspicion" had fallen over all priests because of the behavior of those who had succumbed to "the most grievous forms" of evil.

Also in 2002, the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board blamed the co-pilot for the Oct. 21, 1999, crash of an EgyptAir jetliner shortly after takeoff from New York for Cairo, killing all 217 aboard.

In 2003, some 1,300 missiles struck Baghdad after dark in part of what the Pentagon dubbed its "shock and awe" offensive as journalists "imbedded" with the troops reported from the battleground. Meanwhile, U.S. troops seized major oil fields near Basra.

Also in 2003, the U.S. House of Representatives approved a \$2.2 trillion budget embracing President George W. Bush's tax-cutting plan.

A thought for the day: Thomas Jefferson advised, "Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom."

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Gore To Meet AFL-CIO Leaders

NEW ORLEANS (AP)

The AFL-CIO's endorsement of AI Gore for president does not mean labor leaders will go soft on a key point of disagreement with him this year: China's trade relationship with the United States. "If we have to take on a fight on this issue, we're going to fight on this issue," said AFL-CIO President John Sweeney of the labor federation's opposition to a Clinton administration push for Congress to give China permanent normal trade status, which Gore supports. Gore is scheduled to meet with AFL-CIO leaders here today for the first time since the federation's endorsement of him last fall.

Taiwan Candidate Offers China Policy

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)

Releasing his long-awaited China policy, the ruling party's candidate for president said today he favors setting up a trade zone and reviewing Taiwan's ban on direct shipping and air links with its longtime rival. Vice President Lien Chan tempered his proposals, saying they could only be carried out if Beijing ended its hostility toward Taiwan and responded to his government in concrete, positive ways. "I deeply hope that Chinese can stop fighting Chinese and let the world see a Taiwan Strait without gunfire," he said.

Malaysian Premier To Testify

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)

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Negotiations Continue on Nazi Funds

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The agreement on a \$5 billion fund for victims of the Nazis' labor policies was hailed as a breakthrough in compensating long-forgotten people who suffered during World War II, but serious questions about dividing up the fund are at the center of negotiations today. The German government has said it wants to use \$500 million of the money to establish a foundation that will support academic and humanitarian projects relating to Nazi labor policies. Victims' groups have said that would take too much money away from the actual people who suffered by being forced to work to fuel Hitler's war machine.

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U.N. Trade Meeting Deal Possible

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP)

Negotiators at a major U.N. trade conference expressed confidence today that they had reached agreement on a program designed to help reduce poverty through trade. The plan they look set to agree on, however, committed no countries to any specific trade deal and left the big issues paralyzing global trade to be resolved later by the World Trade Organization. A senior Mexican diplomat said officials had reached a compromise on the issue of help for the world's 48 poorest nations.

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Russian Tanker Unloading

MUSCAT, Oman (AP)

A Russian tanker detained by the U.S. Navy for allegedly smuggling Iraqi oil in violation of U.N. sanctions began unloading its cargo today, a Foreign Ministry official said. The jetty operation, which involves transferring oil to another tanker before transferring it for storage at Oman's Al-Fahal port, is to be finished later today or tomorrow, an Omani Foreign Ministry official said. After the Volga-Neft-147 is unloaded, its crew of 17 Russians and an Iraqi will be allowed to leave.

Zhirinovsky Registration Postponed

MOSCOW (AP)

Russia's elections commission registered a fifth candidate today to take part in the March 26 presidential vote, but postponed a decision on registering ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky. The Central Electoral Commission formally cleared Konstantin Titov, the reformist governor of the Samara region of central Russia, to run for the presidency. But commission said it could not yet register Zhirinovsky, since he had failed to include a small apartment belonging to his son in the property and income declaration required from all candidates.

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The program to inoculate all 2.4 million American military personnel against anthrax as protection against biological warfare is based on "a paucity of science" and should be suspended, a House panel says in a report sharply critical of the Defense Department. The vaccine should be considered experimental because its effectiveness against warfare is uncertain and the safety of troops taking the shots is not being monitored adequately, according to the report released today by the House Government Reform national security subcommittee.

Group Says Chechen Refugees Tortured

MOSCOW (AP)

A prominent international human-rights group said today that Chechens are being tortured and abused by Russian soldiers at detention camps. Malcolm Hawkes, of Human Rights Watch, said that more than 1,000 Chechen males had been rounded up this month, after most rebels abandoned the capital, Grozny, and were being detained in closed camps while the Russians investigated their possible ties with the militants "The abuse is going on behind closed doors," Hawkes said. "There is no access for the Red Cross, the United Nations or international human-rights monitoring groups such as ourselves."

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UPS Ordered To Add Full-Time Jobs

ATLANTA (AP)

An arbitrator has ruled that United Parcel Service must create 2,000 full-time jobs under the terms of its five-year contract with the Teamsters. In a decision released last night, independent arbitrator George Nicolau gave Atlanta-based UPS 90 days to add the full-time positions. As part of its 1997 contract with the Teamsters, UPS agreed to hire 2,000 new full-time workers per year for five years, replacing part-timers, if UPS regained and surpassed shipping volume lost to a 15-day strike.

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Mets, Benitez OK \$22M for 4 Years

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. (AP)

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FTC Eyes Deeper Scrutiny of Mergers

NEW YORK (AP)

The chairman of the Federal Trade Commission will reportedly outline a plan today to tighten the agency's reviews of mergers and acquisitions because companies are striking bigger and more complex deals. FTC Chairman Robert Pitofsky said the commission has already begun stiffening the requirements placed on corporations that suggest spinning off assets and restructuring companies to meet antitrust concerns, The Washington Post reported today. Earlier this month, the commission voted 3 to 2 to block BP Amoco PLC's acquisition of Atlantic Richfield Co.

Dow Down 63; Nasdaq Up 53

NEW YORK (AP)

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Ahern: Britain Got Arms Proposal

LONDON (AP)

Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern said today his government received details of a secret <u>Irish Republican Army</u> proposal about 12 hours before Britain announced it would reimpose "direct rule" in Northern Ireland. He said he immediately informed British Prime Minister Tony Blair about the development, contradicting claims Britain did not know about any IRA disarmament hints in advance of suspending the Cabinet. Britain has defended its action on the grounds that the IRA had not yet pledged to disarm in line with a deal that formed the power-sharing Cabinet in Belfast in December.

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European Paper Co. Buying Champion

HELSINKI, Finland (AP)

Europe's largest forest products company, UPM-Kymmene, is buying Champion International Corp. of the United States for \$6.6 billion to create a leading global manufacturer of paper and pulp. If approved, it would be the first major merger in the forest products industry between a European and North American company. The new company will have annual sales of around \$14 billion and will employ about 50,000 people in 17 countries. UPM-Kymmene and Champion, which is based in Stamford, Conn., estimated that the merger will save them \$325 million per year starting in 2002, by providing lower operating and purchasing costs and combining sales and marketing.

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)

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Poll: McCain Fares Well Against Gore

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OWINGS MILLS, Md. (AP)

Ray Lewis, speaking publicly today for the first time since he was charged with murder Jan. 31, said he was innocent and expressed sympathy for the two victims' families. As he spoke softly to a roomful of reporters, the Baltimore Ravens star linebacker was surrounded by team management, including owner Art Modell and head coach Brian Billick. He returned to Maryland yesterday from Atlanta, where he was charged with killing two men after a Super Bowl party earlier that day.

Pentagon Defends Anthrax Vaccine

WASHINGTON (AP)

The Pentagon today rejected a House panel's call to halt troop inoculations against anthrax, insisting that the vaccine is safe and that the threat of biological warfare is real. Some 351 members of the active and reserve forces are officially said to have refused to take the vaccine since the program started in 1998. The vaccine has come under increasing scrutiny from lawmakers as troops have complained of fevers, muscle pain and dizziness. The Defense Department intends to immunize all 2.4 million members of the active and reserve military. The Pentagon believes Iraq and other nations hostile to the United States have produced anthrax weapons.

Students Protest Kosovo Violence

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP)

More than 4,000 demonstrators marched through the streets of Kosovo's capital Thursday to protest escalating violence in Kosovska Mitrovica that has left at least nine people dead and dozens injured. The protesters called for freedom of movement and equal access to services in both the city's Serb-majority northern region and its ethnic

Albanian southern parts. Since the arrival of NATO troops, some ethnic Albanian hard-liners have harassed Kosovo's Serbs and other minority groups. Tens of thousands of non-Albanians have fled the province.

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L.A. Mayor: Tobacco Funds for Scandal

LOS ANGELES (AP)

Mayor Richard Riordan recommended today that Los Angeles spend its share of the national tobacco settlement up to \$300 million to cover lawsuits brought by victims of the city's police corruption scandal. Investigators say rogue cops planted evidence, made up testimony, staged crime scenes and in some cases shot unarmed suspects. City officials have estimated that lawsuits associated with the scandal in the police department's Rampart Division will cost at least \$125 million. The mayor said the move would safeguard against possible cuts in city services or new taxes.

Alleged Torture of Chechen Refugees

MALGOBEK, Russia (AP)

Humans rights groups say Chechens trying to leave their war-ravaged republic are being tortured in Russian detention camps and subjected to severe beatings, rapes and other brutality. There have been other complaints of human rights abuses in the Russian offensive in Chechnya, including reports of summary executions of civilians in Grozny, the Chechen capital. In Washington, State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said, "Russia has a clear obligation to investigate the numerous credible reports of civilian killings and alleged misconduct by its soldiers promptly."

Greenspan Opposes Oil Reserve Use

WASHINGTON (AP)

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan today cautioned against releasing oil from a government reserve as many Northeast lawmakers have urged. Greenspan, appearing before the House Banking Committee, was asked about the soaring oil prices and tight supplies that have caused heating oil and diesel fuel prices to skyrocket in recent weeks. He said the reserve, which holds nearly 600 million barrels, equivalent to about 60 days of oil imports, should be used only to counter a "serious crisis" in supply such as a total shutdown of Middle East oil.

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NEW YORK (AP)

Pete Rose's lawyer was jolted when commissioner Bud Selig made clear this week he is unlikely to reinstate baseball's career hits leader. "We were very surprised and disappointed," S. Gary Spicer said Thursday, a day after Selig made his remarks on Rose to a group in Madison, Wis. Rose, who agreed to the lifetime ban in August 1989 following an investigation of his gambling, applied for reinstatement in September 1997, but Selig hasn't officially ruled on it.

Audit: HMOs Selling at Big Discounts

WASHINGTON (AP)

Federal investigators have concluded pharmaceutical companies sold a drug to two HMOs for 34 percent less than what Medicaid programs pay, circumventing federal rules intended to ensure the government is offered the same prices as other customers. The Department of Health and Human Services' inspector general found that Medicaid programs would have saved \$27.8 million if offered the same prices that the HMOs paid. The names of the drug company and the HMOs have not been specified. Inspector general June Gibbs Brownsaid that drug companies may have adjusted prices for as many as 175 drugs.

Clinton Urged To Go to Pakistan

WASHINGTON (AP)

Six House members advised President Clinton today to visit Pakistan in the interest of world peace. They wrote Clinton that his intervention could defuse tensions with India over Kashmir and might even achieve a settlement. At a news conference yesterday, Clinton left the door open to visiting Pakistan and offered to help mediate the volatile Kashmir dispute. But Clinton's willingness may be academic. India never has accepted outside intervention.

Mexico School Reopening Disrupted

MEXICO CITY (AP)

The gradual return of normal academic life to Mexico's largest university after a prolonged strike was partially disrupted today by die-hard strikers in several faculties and schools. Temporary blockades were reported at the Social Work and Social Science faculties, while a university-affiliated high school was occupied overnight, and radical students demanded assemblies to discuss possible occupations in several other facilities. Strikers had occupied UNAM from April 20 until Feb. 6, when they were ousted by a dawn police raid in which hundreds were arrested. The strike, which forced withdrawal of a proposed hike in annual tuition from a token few cents to the equivalent \$140, expanded into a vague protest movement.

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DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP)

With no caution flags and just one pass for the lead, the 100 laps of racing at the Daytona 500 qualifying races offered little drama today. "That's the worst racing I've seen at Daytona in a long time," said seven-time Winston Cup champion Dale Earnhardt, the 1998 Daytona 500 winner. Bill Elliott, a two-time Daytona 500 winner who had not won any kind of race since the Southern 500 in 1994, was never challenged in the first of two 125-mile qualifiers. From the outside of the front row, he passed Dale Jarrett at the very start and led a three-Ford breakaway, easily finishing ahead of Jarrett and Rusty Wallace.

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Bulls 83, Heat 76

CHICAGO (AP)

Playing their first game without Toni Kukoc, the Chicago Bulls got big games from Elton Brand and Hersey Hawkins and put together one of their best defensive efforts of the season as they stunned the Miami Heat 83-76 on Thursday night. Brand had 26 points and 10 rebounds. Hawkins had 20 points and a season-high nine rebounds. Alonzo Mourning led Miami with 15 points and 11 rebounds, and Tim Hardaway added 14. Jamal Mashburn had 12 points.

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On this date in history:

In 54, the Roman Emperor Claudius was poisoned by his fourth wife, Agrippina.

In 1775, the Continental Congress ordered construction of America's first naval fleet.

In 1792, the cornerstone to the White House was laid. It would be November 1800 before the first presidential family (that of John Adams) moved in.

In 1903, the Boston Red Sox beat the Pittsburgh Pirates to win the first World Series, five games to three.

In 1943, conquered by the Allies, Italy declared war on Germany, its former Axis partner.

In 1972, more than 170 people were killed when a Soviet airliner crashed near the Moscow airport.

In 1977, four Palestinians hijacked a Lufthansa airliner in an unsuccessful attempt to force release of 11 imprisoned members of Germany's terrorist group known as the Red Army Faction.

In 1987, Costa Rican President Oscar Arias Sanchez was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize -- the first winner from Central America -- for his Central American peace treaty.

In 1989, the Dow Jones industrial average plunged nearly 191 (190.58) points, the stock market's worst loss since the 508-point crash of October 1987.

In 1990, Lebanese Christian military leader Michel Aoun ended his two-year mutiny, ordered his forces to surrender, and sought refuge in the French Embassy in Beirut after Syrian-backed Lebanese government troops attacked his headquarters.

In 1991, the Group of Seven industrialized democracies agreed to formulate a Soviet economic reform program with Moscow.

In 1992, the first pig liver transplant patient died in a Los Angeles hospital 30 hours after surgery and just hours before she was to get a human organ.

In 1993, the U.N. Security Council voted to reinstate an oil and arms embargo against Haiti after its military leaders refused to step down as promised.

Also in 1993, the Bell Atlantic Corporation and Tele-Communications Inc. announced plans for a merger; the deal was worth \$33 billion.

In 1994, two months after the *Irish Republican Army* announced a cease-fire, Protestant paramilitaries in Northern Ireland did the same.

In 1999, the Senate rejected a treaty signed by the United States that banned all underground nuclear testing. Despite that, President Clinton pledged to abide by the treaty's provisions.

Also in 1999, a grand jury in Boulder, Colo., announced it had insufficient evidence to charge anyone in the Dec. 26, 1996, slaying of 6-year-old beauty queen JonBenet Ramsey.

In 2002, Historian Stephen Ambrose, author of numerous books on World War II, American presidents and America's early westward expansion, died of lung cancer. He was 66.

A thought for the day: French playwright Pierre Corneille said, "To win without risk is to triumph without glory."

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 14, the 287th day of 2003 with 78 to follow.

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Those born on this date are under the sign of Virgo. They include William Penn, the English Quaker who founded Pennsylvania, in 1644; Irish political leader Eamon de Valera in 1882; Dwight D. Eisenhower, 34th president of the United States, in 1890; poet e.e. cummings in 1894; actress Lillian Gish in 1896; singer Allan Jones in 1908; former basketball coach John Wooden in 1910 (age 93); former U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop in 1916 (age 87); actor Roger Moore in 1927 (age 76); Watergate figure John Dean in 1938 (age 65); designer Ralph Lauren in 1939 (age 64); British pop singer Cliff Richard in 1940 (age 63); and actors Harry Anderson in 1952 (age 51) and Greg Evigan in 1953 (age 50).

On this date in history:

In 1066, William, Duke of Normandy, led his invading army to victory over England's King Harold at Hastings. He's known to history as William the Conqueror.

In 1912, former President Theodore Roosevelt, campaigning for a return to office, was shot in Milwaukee. He refused to have the wound treated until he finished his speech.

In 1944, British and Greek troops liberated Athens, ending three years of World War II occupation by German troops.

In 1947, Air Force Capt. Chuck Yeager, 24, flying a Bell X-1, became the first person to fly faster than the speed of sound.

In 1964, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. became the youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize.

In 1973, Bing Crosby, one of the most popular singers of his day and winner of the best actor Academy Award for his role in "Going My Way," died of a heart attack while playing golf in Madrid. He was 74.

In 1992, the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Oakland A's, 4 games to 2, to win the American League pennant and become first Canadian team to go to the World Series. The Jays would win the series.

In 1993, gunmen shot and killed Haitian Justice Minister Guy Malary, who'd been appointed by President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, in an apparent attempt to scuttle the agreement to return Aristide to power.

In 1994, the kidnapping of an Israeli soldier by Palestinian extremists ended with the soldier and four others being killed in a shootout. The same day, the Nobel peace prize was awarded to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

In 1996, the Dow cracked 6000, closing at a record 6,010.

In 2000, Israeli and Palestinian leaders agreed to meet with President Clinton in Egypt to seek a truce and possibly a way back to the peace table.

A thought for the day: American author Margaret Sangster said, "Creative genius is a divinely bestowed gift which is the coronation of the few."

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 15, the 288th day of 2003 with 77 to follow.

The moon is waning. The morning stars are Mercury, Jupiter and Saturn. The evening stars are Mars, Venus, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Virgo. They include Roman poet Virgil in 70 B.C.; German philosopher Friedrich Nietzche in 1844; boxing champion John L. Sullivan in 1858; English writer and humorist P.G. Wodehouse in 1881; Mervyn LeRoy, producer of the film "The Wizard of Oz," in 1900; picture archivist Otto Bettmann in 1903; writer and historian Arthur Schlesinger Jr. in 1917 (age 86); author Mario Puzo in 1920; former Chrysler Corp. Chairman Lee Iacocca in 1924 (age 79); actress Linda Lavin in 1937 (age 66); actress/director Penny Marshall in 1943 (age 60); Baseball Hall of Famer Jim Palmer in 1945 (age 58); pop singers Richard Carpenter in 1946 (age 57) and Tito Jackson in 1953 (age 50); and Sarah, Duchess of York, in 1959 (age 44).

On this date in history:

In 1917, the most famous spy of World War I, Gertrude Zelle, better known as Mata Hari, was executed by a firing squad outside Paris.

In 1946, Nazi Reichsmarshal Herman Goering, sentenced to death as a war criminal, committed suicide in his prison cell on the eve of his execution.

In 1951, "I Love Lucy," TV's first long-running sitcom and still seen regularly in syndication, made its debut.

In 1964, Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev was ousted and replaced by Alexei Kosygin and Leonid Brezhnev.

In 1984, astronomers in Pasadena, Calif., displayed the first photographic evidence of another solar system 293-trillion miles from Earth.

In 1989, Hurricane Jerry hit the Texas coast, killing three people.

In 1990, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

In 1991, the Senate confirmed Judge Clarence Thomas as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court by a vote of 52-48, the closest confirmation vote in court history.

In 1992, President Bush, Bill Clinton and Ross Perot held their second debate in Richmond, Va. It was the first presidential debate in history in which the audience questioned the candidates.

Also in 1992, a man who terrorized the Russian city of Rostov-on-Don for more than a decade with a series of more than 50 grisly murders was sentenced to death.

In 1993, South Africa's President F.W. de Klerk and African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela were named winners of the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize.

Also in 1993, the Pentagon censured three Navy admirals who'd organized the Tailhook Association convention in 1991, during which scores of **women** had been subjected to abuse and indignities by junior officers.

And in 1993, Russia's ousted vice president, Alekandr Rutskoi, and the speaker of the parliament, Ruslan Khasbulatov, were charged with ordering mass disorders in the bloody street fighting between supporters and opponents of President Boris Yeltsin that left almost 200 people dead.

In 1994, Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide returned to Haiti three years after being driven into exile by a military coup.

In 1995, Iranian-backed guerillas killed six Israeli soldiers in Israel's security zone along the border with Lebanon.

In 1998, talks that would lead to an agreement to revive the stalled Middle East peace process began at the Wye Conference Center in Queenstown, Md.

In 1999, the Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to the international group Doctors Without Borders (Medecins Sans Frontieres).

In 2001, a package containing a substance believed to be anthrax was opened in the personal office of Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle.

In 2002, the Washington area sniper claimed his ninth fatality, a <u>female</u> FBI analyst, as the massive manhunt continued with authorities on the lookout for two vehicles that could be linked to the two-week rash of apparently random shootings.

Also in 2002, former ImClone Chief Executive Officer Samuel Waksal pleaded guilty to insider trading as part of an ongoing investigation into the trading of shares from his biotech company, which also involved home decor diva and Waksal friend Martha Stewart.

And, in 2002, the Dow Jones industrials, which hit a five-year low only four trading days earlier, rebounded strongly and by this date had reached 8,255.68, more than 900 points above that low.

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A thought for the day: Sir Arthur Conan Doyle wrote, "Mediocrity knows nothing higher than itself, but talent instantly recognizes genius."

Today is Thursday, Oct. 16, the 289th day of 2003 with 76 to follow.

The moon is waxing. The morning stars are Mercury, Jupiter and Saturn. The evening stars are Mars, Venus, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto.

Those born on this day are under the sign of Virgo. They include lexicographer Noah Webster in 1758; Irish author and dramatist Oscar Wilde in 1854; David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, in 1886; playwright Eugene O'Neill in 1888; Irish revolutionist Michael Collins in 1890; Supreme Court Justice William Orville Douglas in 1898; German novelist Gunter Grass in 1927 (age 76); actor Barry Corbin ("Northern Exposure") in 1940 (age 63); actresses Linda Darnell in 1921, Angela Lansbury in 1925 (age 78) and Suzanne Somers in 1946 (age 57); Grateful Dead co-founder Bob Weir in 1947 (age 56); actor Tim Robbins in 1958 (age 45); basketball player Manute Bol in 1962 (age 41); and actress Kellie Martin in 1975 (age 28).

On this date in history:

In 1701, Yale University was founded.

In 1793, French Queen Marie Antoinette was beheaded.

In 1859, abolitionist John Brown led an abortive raid on the federal arsenal at Harper's Ferry, Va. He was convicted of treason and hanged.

In 1868, America's first department store, ZCMI, opened in Salt Lake City.

In 1916, the nation's first birth control clinic was opened in Brooklyn, N.Y., by Margaret Sanger and two other **women**.

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In 1964, China detonated its first atomic bomb.

In 1972, a light plane carrying House Democratic leader Hale Boggs of Louisiana and three other men was reported missing in Alaska. The plane was never found.

In 1984, black Anglican Bishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa won the Nobel Peace Prize for his struggle against apartheid.

In 1989, the New York stock market bounced back from staggering losses, with the Dow gaining more than 88 points after a 190-point plunge on Friday the 13th.

In 1991, George Hennard killed 22 people and then took his own life after driving his pickup truck through the front window of Luby's Cafeteria in Killeen, Texas. It was the worst mass shooting in U.S. history.

In 1992, Attorney General Barr appointed an independent counsel to investigate congressional charges of administration wrongdoing in the case of an Iraqi loan by an Atlanta bank.

In 1994, German Chancellor Helmut Kohl retained his office in parliamentary elections -- but just barely.

In 1995, hundreds of thousands of black men from across the nation gathered at the Mall in Washington, D.C, to take part in the "Million Man March."

In 1996, during the second presidential debate, President Clinton was asked if Bob Dole was too old to be president. Clinton replied, "It's the age of his ideas that I question."

In 1998, Protestant David Trimble and Roman Catholic John Hume, both political leaders in Northern Ireland, were named as co-winners of the 1998 Nobel Peace Prize for their work toward bringing peace to Ulster.

In 2002, President Bush signed into law the joint congressional resolution authorizing him to use military force if necessary to rid Iraq of its suspected weapons of mass destruction. The adminstration hoped the United Nations would take a similar step.

A thought for the day: Irish author and dramatist Oscar Wilde's dying words were said to have been, "This wallpaper is killing me; one of us has got to go."

Today is Friday, Oct. 17, the 290th day of 2003 with 75 to follow.

The moon is waning. The morning stars are Mercury, Jupiter and Saturn. The evening stars are Mars, Venus, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto.

Those born on this day are under the sign of Libra. They include Jupiter Hammon, America's first published black poet, in 1711; actress Irene Ryan in 1903; big band trombonist and wide-eyed comic Jerry Colonna, best remembered as a featured comedian on Bob Hope shows, in 1905; playwright Arthur Miller in 1915 (age 88); actress Rita Hayworth in 1918; actor Tom Poston in 1927 (age 76); actor Montgomery Clift in 1920; newspaper columnist Jimmy Breslin in 1930 (age 73); daredevil Robert "Evel" Knievel in 1938 (age 5) actors Michael McKean in 1940 (age 63), and Margot Kidder and George Wendt, both in 1948 (age 55); and former astronaut Mae Jemison, the first African-American woman in space, in 1956 (age 47); rapper Eminem in 1972 (age 31).

On this date in history:

In 1777, at one of the turning points of the American Revolution, British Gen. John Burgoyne surrendered to American Gen. Horatio Gates at Saratoga, N.Y.

In 1945, Juan Peron became dictator of Argentina. He remained in power for 11 years before being overthrown.

In 1967, the rock musical "Hair" opened at the Public Theater in New York City.

In 1973, the Arab-dominated Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, commonly known as OPEC, said it would cut oil exports to the United States and other nations that provided military aid to Israel in the Yom Kippur War of October 1973. A full oil embargo hit the U.S. in December causing a serious energy crisis.

1973, In 1979, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, a Roman Catholic nun who cared for the sick and poor, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

In 1986, Congress passed a landmark immigration bill, the first U.S. immigration law authorizing penalties for employers who hire illegal aliens.

In 1989, the most powerful California earthquake since the legendary temblor of 1906 struck the San Francisco Bay Area at evening rush hour, just before scheduled start of Game Three of the World Series in San Francisco between the Giants and the Oakland A's. At least 67 people were killed or eventually died of injuries.

In 1990, U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said military force would be a legitimate response to the Iraqi occupation of Kuwait if sanctions did not work.

In 1992, the Justice Department said it would investigate the case of a prison inmate who said he was silenced during the 1988 presidential campaign after claiming he once sold marijuana to Dan Quayle, the Republican candidate for vice president.

In 1994, North Korea agreed to freeze its nuclear weapons program and allow international inspections of its facilities.

In 1996, O.J. Simpson, who had been acquitted in a highly publicized trial of murdering his estranged wife and her friend, went on trial in civil court in a suit brought by the victims' families, alleging responsibility for the deaths.

In 1998, by request of Spanish authorities, British police arrested former Chilean dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet for questioning about "crimes of genocide and terrorism that include murder."

In 2000, Vice President Gore and his Republican challenger, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, met in St. Louis for the third and final of their presidential debates.

In 2001 the anthrax scare continued as Congress began closing down for security sweeps after 321 staffers and police tested positive for exposure to anshtas. Investigations also othe House and its offices closed

A thought for the day: Russian novelist Fyodor Dostoyevsky wrote, "With love one can live even without happiness."

Today is Saturday, Oct. 18, the 291st day of 2003 with 74 to follow.

The moon is waning, in its final quarter. The morning stars are Mercury, Jupiter and Saturn. The evening stars are Mars, Venus, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto.

Those born on this day are under the sign of Libra. They include novelist Fannie Hurst in 1889; former Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau in 1919; former Republican Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina, in 1921 (age 82); Greek actress Melina Mercouri in 1925; rock 'n' roll legend Chuck Berry in 1926 (age 77); actors George C. Scott in 1927 and Peter Boyle in 1933 (age 70); Lee Harvey Oswald, assumed assassin of President John F. Kennedy, in 1939; former pro football star and coach Mike Ditka in 1939 (age 64); actor Joe Morton in 1947 (age 56); actress Pam Dawber in 1951 (age 52); actor Jean-Claude Van Damme in 1960 (age 43); and jazz musician Wynton Marsalis and actress Erin Moran ("Happy Days"), both in 1961 (age 42).

On this date in history:

In 1776, the border between Maryland and Pennsylvania was finally settled. Dubbed the "Mason-Dixon" line, it became the unofficial boundary between North and South.

In 1898, the United States took control of Puerto Rico only one year after Spain had granted self-rule to the Caribbean nation.

In 1922, the British Broadcasting Corporation, the BBC, was established.

In 1931, Thomas Alva Edison, one of the most prolific inventors in history, died in West Orange, N.J., at the age of 84.

In 1959, the Soviet Union announced an unmanned space vehicle had taken the first pictures of the far side of the moon.

In 1974, the jury in the Watergate cover-up trial heard a tape recording in which President Nixon told aide John Dean to try to stop the Watergate burglary investigation before it implicated White House personnel.

In 1984, President Reagan ordered an investigation of a CIA handbook for Nicaraguan rebels that suggested assassination as a political tactic.

In 1990, Iraq, pinched by economic sanctions, offered to sell oil to anyone at half the going price.

In 1991, Israel and the Soviet Union agreed to renew full diplomatic relations for first time since 1967.

Also in 1991, the United States and Soviet Union formally invited Israeli and Arab leaders to a conference in Madrid, Spain, to initiate direct bilateral peace talks.

In 1992, numerous civilians were killed or wounded when Serbian forces unleashed a citywide artillery barrage on Sarajevo, Bosnia-Hercegovina.

In 1993, a Los Angeles jury acquitted two black defendants of most charges in the beating of white truck driver Reginald Denny during the 1992 riots.

In 1996, the Democratic National Committee halted fundraising efforts by finance vice-chairman John Huang and returned a contribution from a South Korean business group. Huang also solicited contributions from wealthy Indonesians, one of whom reportedly bragged about his influence in Washington.

In 2001, as anthrax incidents continued, FBI Director Robert Mueller announced a reward of up to \$1 million for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for sending anthrax-laden mail, which he called a terrorist act.

In 2002, North Korea revealed it was working on a secret nuclear weapons program and U.S. intelligence officials concluded that Pakistan was a major supplier of critical equipment for it.

Also in 2002, Continental Airlines fired a pilot who federal officials say tested positive for alcohol after he was removed from a flight awaiting takeoff in Houston.

A thought for the day: French author George Sand (Mme. Amandine Aurore Lucile Dudevant) said, "Simplicity is the essence of the great, the true, and the beautiful in art."

Today is Sunday, Oct. 19, the 292nd day of 2003 with 73 to follow.

The moon is waning, in its last quarter. The morning stars are Mercury, Jupiter and Saturn. The evening stars are Mars, Venus, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto.

Those born on this day are under the sign of Libra. They include English physician and scholar Sir Thomas Browne in 1605; abolitionist Cassius Marcellus Clay in 1810; historian and city planner Lewis Mumford in 1895; actress LaWanda Page ("Sanford and Son") in 1920 (age 83); newspaper columnist Jack Anderson in 1922 (age 81); English spy novelist John Le Carre, whose real name is David Cornwell, in 1931 (age 72); pop artist Peter Max in 1937 (age 66); actor John Lithgow and feminist Patricia Ireland, both in 1945 (age 58); former heavyweight boxing champion Evander Holyfield in 1962 (age 41) and Amy Carter, daughter of former President Carter, in 1967 (age 36).

On this date in history:

In 1781, Britain's Lord Cornwallis surrendered with more than 7,000 troops to Gen. George Washington at Yorktown, Va., effectively ending the American War of Independence.

In 1812, Napoleon's beaten French army began its long, disastrous retreat from Moscow.

In 1982, carmaker John DeLorean was arrested in Los Angeles and charged in a \$24 million cocaine scheme aimed at salvaging his bankrupt sports car company. He was tried and acquitted.

In 1987, the New York stock market suffered its biggest ever setback, with the bellwether Dow Jones Industrial Average nose-diving 508 points in one session.

In 1990, the Soviet Parliament approved a compromise plan for a cautious move toward market economy.

In 1992, President Bush, Democrat Bill Clinton and independent Ross Perot faced off in East Lansing, Mich., for their third and final debate of the presidential campaign.

In 1993, a United Nations oil and arms embargo against Haiti was reinstated in an effort to return the exiled Jean-Bertrand Aristide as president of Haiti.

Also in 1993, former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto was re-elected prime minister.

In 1994, more than 20 people were killed in the terrorist bombing of a bus in Tel Aviv, Israel. Islamic militants claimed responsibility.

In 2000, independent counsel Robert Ray released his final report about the White House travel office scandal dubbed "Travel-gate." In it, he said First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton gave "factually false" sworn testimony but that, as had been reported earlier, there was not enough evidence to bring criminal charges.

In 2002, after four days of inactivity, the Washington area sniper reappeared and shot and seriously wounded a man in a restaurant parking lot, triggering a massive response from police forces already on high alert.

A thought for the day: Greek playwright Euripides wrote, "Do not consider painful what is good for you."

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Alabama

ALABAMA SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL -- Montgomery. Through July 20. Shakespeare and the fellow who memorably ran him through a Hollywood blender are going head to head here on many days: "Romeo and Juliet" occupies the Festival Stage, while the Octagon Stage is home to "Arcadia" by Tom Stoppard, who co-wrote the Oscar-winning film "Shakespeare in Love." The repertory already includes "Noises Off" and "Two Gentlemen of Verona," but the most intriguing selection could be the one that opens on June 17. It's "lago," a world premiere by James McLure that is described as having been inspired by the love of Laurence Olivier and Vivien Leigh. A sixth play, "Othello," joins the mix on June 24. (800) 841-4273, www.asf.net

California

AHMANSON THEATER -- Los Angeles. What are we to make of the fact that Lily Tomlin has now been on her "Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe" for 18 years? Apparently she has yet to find any because she'll be bringing the quest to the Ahmanson May 13-July 6. Ms. Tomlin's one-woman show, written by Jane Wagner, remains as likable as it was when it first appeared in 1985, and if it seems less fresh today, that is largely because in the intervening years so many others have imitated the format of interlocking vignettes. Also scheduled: "42nd Street," July 9-Aug. 31. (213) 628-2772, www.taperahmanson.com

AMERICAN CONSERVATORY THEATER -- San Francisco. The phrase "from the sublime to the ridiculous" comes to mind. Carey Perloff, the theater's artistic director, directs Chekhov's "Three Sisters," a subtle masterpiece, Thursday-June 8. Then, June 24-July 27, it's the inspired bathroom humor of "Urinetown." At the satellite Zeum Theater June 19-29, Constance Congdon's "Moontel Six" arrives, described thusly in the theater's publicity: "the story of a colony of genetically altered teens who leave the shelter of an abandoned motel on the moon in search of a home of their own." Whew. (415) 749-2228, www.act-sf.org

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BERKELEY REPERTORY THEATER -- Sarah Jones has performed her one-woman show, "Surface Transit," at the New York Hip-Hop Theater Festival in the East Village and elsewhere, and now it has found its way to Berkeley. Her eight characters with their brassy language and bits of political commentary, hold forth through May 18 on the Thrust Stage. And "The Guys," about a fire captain trying to cope with the loss of his men after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, is scheduled for May 16-July 5 at the Roda Theater. (510) 647-2949, www.berkeleyrep.org

GLOBE THEATER -- San Diego. When "Pentecost," David Edgar's play about art and other heady subjects, had its American premiere at the Yale Repertory Theater in New Haven in 1995, Mark Lamos was an hour's drive north at Hartford Stage. The two connect May 25-July 5 as Mr. Lamos directs "Pentecost" on the Old Globe Theater stage. For a more summery experience, there's "Rounding Third," a play about coaching Little League by Richard Dresser, June 1-July 13 on the Cassius Carter stage. (619) 239-2255, www.theglobetheatres.org

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE -- "Uncle Vanya" gets a Tony Award-winning niece: Amanda Plummer plays the role of Sonya, May 30-June 29, in a new adaptation of the Chekhov play by Emily Mann, artistic director of the McCarter Theater in Princeton, N.J. That is followed, June 10-July 13, by a world premiere, "Fraulein Else," adapted by Francesca Faridany from a 1924 novella by Arthur Schnitzler (yeah, the "Eyes Wide Shut" guy). A country doctor brings an unconscious woman into his home in "The Country" by Martin Crimp, July 29-Aug. 31. Des McAnuff directs a world premiere by Tom Donaghy called "Eden Lane," Aug. 12-Sept. 14. (858) 550-1010, www.lajollaplayhouse.com

MARK TAPER FORUM -- Los Angeles. The comic troupe Culture Clash likes to draw its unusual inspirations from local history and does so again with "Chavez Ravine," about a plot of land that in 1949 was a candidate for a public housing complex. By the time the pushing and pulling was done, the Dodgers had a baseball stadium. It's a world premiere, May 29-July 6. Then comes "Gem of the Ocean" by August Wilson, fresh from its world premiere at the Goodman in Chicago. (213) 628-2772, www.taperahmanson.com

SAN FRANCISCO FRINGE FESTIVAL -- You know the drill: anything and everything you can imagine, Sept. 3-14. Tickets can be purchased only at the performances. (415) 931-1094, www.sffringe.org

Connecticut

EUGENE O'NEILL THEATER CENTER -- Waterford. Readings, readings, readings. And puppets. The O'Neill Puppetry Conference is June 2-15 and features work by Philip Huber and Paul Zaloom. The Playwrights Conference gives staged readings of new plays July 4-20, and the Music Theater Conference does the same for musicals Aug. 2-10. (860) 443-5378, www.theoneill.org

GOODSPEED OPERA HOUSE; NORMA TERRIS THEATER -- Those visiting the Norma Terris Theater in Chester, the Goodspeed satellite devoted to new musicals, should prepare for eardrum overload: one show offers a faux Tammy Wynette, and another the real Linda Eder. "Stand by Your Man: The Tammy Wynette Story," about the country singer: May 15-June 8. Aug. 14-Sept. 7: Ms. Eder stars in "Camille Claudel," about the sculptor who became Rodin's mistress, with music by Ms. Eder's husband, Frank Wildhorn ("Jekyll and Hyde"). At the main opera house in East Haddam, where Goodspeed is celebrating its 40th-anniversary season, "Me and My Girl" is now being revisited through July 5, with "Very Good Eddie" to follow, July 11-Oct. 4. (860) 873-8668, www.goodspeed.org

HOLE IN THE WALL THEATER -- New Britain. Intractable social problems seem to be the order of the day here: it's "The Colored Museum," George C. Wolfe's satire about race, May 30-June 28, and "The Hostage," about a British soldier held captive by a former commander for the *Irish Republican Army*, Aug. 1-30. (860) 229-3049, www.hitw.org

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF ARTS & IDEAS -- New Haven. June 12-28. The story of Salome has been given many treatments, but the one offered at this festival, June 17-22, is a bit different: Oscar Wilde's version of the story, augmented with dance and music, has been pared to five characters, and all will be played by one actress. Also of interest is the return of the Broomhill Opera version of "The Mysteries" with a South African cast: a retelling of the medieval brand of biblical stories known as mystery cycles, June 25-28. (888) 278-4332, www.artidea.org

WESTPORT COUNTRY PLAYHOUSE -- The playhouse landed a big name last year for its "Our Town," a salad dressing maker by the name of Paul Newman, and it has another big name lined up for the summer: Richard Dreyfuss is to star in Arthur Miller's "All My Sons," Aug. 6-23. Also scheduled: Noel Coward's "Hay Fever," June 4-21; a new play, "The Good German" by David Wiltse, directed by James Naughton, June 25-July 12; and "The Old Settler," July 16-Aug. 2. The main stage season closes with an interesting wrinkle, too: a musical version of "The Streets of New York," the first play ever presented by the playhouse (in 1931), Aug. 27-Sept. 13. On Friday afternoons the Kids' Playhouse offers an assortment of shows for children. (203) 227-4177, www.westportplayhouse.org

District of Columbia

FORD'S THEATER -- In 1776 Washington meant only a general, not a capital city, but "1776: The Musical" seems as if it belongs in this historic theater anyway. It's there through June 8, with a "highly skilled and ably drilled cast of 25," to quote The Washington Post's review. Who knew the founding fathers could sing? Sherman Edwards's songs are catchy, corny, witty wonders. (800) 955-5566, www.fordstheatre.org

KENNEDY CENTER -- They can leave the initials "R.S.C." on the dressing room doors all summer. The Royal Shakespeare Company is installed in the Eisenhower Theater through May 18 with "As You Like It." Then the Reduced Shakespeare Company takes over the Terrace Theater, June 10-Aug. 1, with one of its seriously abridged, severely mauled versions of the classics, this one called "All the Great Books." (800) 444-1324, www.kennedy-center.org

Georgia

GEORGIA SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL -- Atlanta. June 11-Aug. 10. Can't anyone just have a simple courtship that leads to a stable, uneventful marriage? You may not think so if you take in the repertory here, which is full of romance, betrayal and trickery: "Much Ado About Nothing," June 11-Aug. 10; "The School for Wives," June 26-Aug. 8; and "The Tale of Cymbeline," July 10-Aug. 10. (404) 264-0020, www.gashakespeare.org

NATIONAL BLACK ARTS FESTIVAL -- Atlanta. July 18-27. The centennial of "The Souls of Black Folk," W. E. B. Du Bois's landmark examination of the effects of slavery on black Americans, has been getting a lot of attention and will get more at this festival through various commemorations and interpretations. Roger Guenveur Smith, who is known for channeling Huey Newton, is scheduled for a new solo work. The Freddie Hendricks Youth Ensemble, young people with singing, dancing and acting talent, is offering a show called "Urban Soup," and Theatrical Outfit will stage "The Island" by Athol Fugard. (404) 730-7315, www.nbaf.org

Illinois

GOODMAN THEATER -- Chicago. Talk about a high-profile couple of months. Many, if not all, eyes will be on the Goodman June 20 when Stephen Sondheim's long-simmering new musical, "Bounce," goes public. The book is by John Weidman, the direction is by Harold Prince and the anticipation is high. Already running, through May 24, is the world premiere of "Gem of the Ocean," August Wilson's latest in his cycle of plays looking at the black experience in the 20th century. Marion McClinton is directing. From the Goodman, the play moves to the Mark Taper Forum in Los Angeles. (312) 443-3800, www.goodman-theatre.org

STEPPENWOLF THEATER -- Chicago. The Midwest gets a look at Tony Kushner's "Homebody/Kabul" about an Englishwoman in Afghanistan, July 10-Aug. 31, on the main stage. But before that rather weighty work, Richard Greenberg, whose "Take Me Out" is now running on Broadway, is represented through June 15 with "The Violet Hour," which centers on a mysterious machine that emits news about the future. (312) 335-1650, www.steppenwolf.org

Indiana

LINCOLN AMPHITHEATER -- Evansville. June 27-Aug. 16. The title of "Young Abe Lincoln" is self-explanatory. The title of "Fiddler on the Roof" isn't, but you probably know the story anyway. That's the eclectic pairing running in repertory at this outdoor theater at the University of Southern Indiana. (800) 264-4223, www.usi.edu/lincoln

Kentucky

MY OLD KENTUCKY HOME STATE PARK AMPHITHEATER -- Bardstown. June 7-Aug. 23. Things don't get much more family friendly than this: "Stephen Foster: The Musical" alternates with "The Music Man" in an outdoor setting. Those who leave the theater feeling as if they need some of the sentimental goo scared out of them might consider returning in late September, when a pre-Halloween haunted something-or-other opens that's called simply, "Psycho-Path." (800) 626-1563, www.stephenfoster.com

Maine

OGUNQUIT PLAYHOUSE -- June 23-Aug. 30. Set-up line for some kind of joke: "Evita, Patsy Cline and Little Orphan Annie walk into a bar . . ." Could happen, in a manner of speaking, this summer in Ogunquit, where "Evita" (July 21-Aug. 2), "Always . . .Patsy Cline" (Aug. 4-16) and "Annie" (Aug. 18-30) close out the summer. Preceding them are "Ain't Misbehavin' " (June 23-July 5) and "The Tale of the Allergist's Wife" (July 7-19). (207) 646-5511,

www.ogunquitplayhouse.org

Massachusetts

BERKSHIRE THEATER FESTIVAL -- Stockbridge. There's much of interest here, including Richard Chamberlain in the American premiere of "The Stillborn Lover" by Timothy Findley. The play, July 9-26, involves an ambassador, a dead male prostitute, treachery and love. The festival's schedule couldn't be more varied, with "Tommy" (July 17-Aug 2), "Assassins" (Aug 7-29), "Peter Pan" (Aug. 13-29), and plays about Nijinsky and John and Abigail Adams, among others. (413) 298-5576, www.berkshiretheatre.org

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COLLEGE LIGHT OPERA COMPANY -- Falmouth. June 24-Aug. 23. Gamblers and demon barbers come later, but the wide-ranging season begins with the very model of a modern major general and friends: it's Gilbert and Sullivan's "Pirates of Penzance," paired with the never disappointing "Trial by Jury," June 24-28. "Sweeney Todd" follows, July 1-5 ("rated PG-13 due to its theme of cannibalism," the Web site warns), and then "The Desert Song" July 8-12. "Crazy for You," the hodge-podge of Gershwin music with lots of dancing, comes in July 15-19; then "Where's Charley?" July 22-26; "Me and My Girl" July 29-Aug. 2; "Carnival" Aug. 5-9; and "The Gondoliers" Aug. 12-16. That great old crap game floats by to close the summer, "Guys and Dolls," Aug. 19-23. (508) 548-0668, www.collegelightopera.com

PAYOMET PERFORMING ARTS CENTER -- Truro. Laughs shouldn't be hard to find here. Among the offerings are "An Evening With Jimmy Tingle," the comedian, June 13-28, followed by the always hilarious "Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)," July 3-20. Then John Guare's satire of psychoanalysis, "Bosoms and Neglect," gets a revisiting Aug. 14-31. (508) 487-2300, www.ppactruro.org

SHAKESPEARE AND COMPANY -- Lenox. It seems odd that this troupe has never produced a full "King Lear," but that changes July 18. Tina Packer directs the show, which runs through Aug. 30. Also of interest is "The Fly-Bottle," a new play by David Egan that considers the much debated tiff between the philosophers Karl Popper and Ludwig Wittgenstein (subject of a 2001 book called "Wittgenstein's Poker," after the object with which he is supposed to have threatened Popper at a 1946 meeting). Mr. Egan's play opens the season May 16 and runs through Aug. 24. Five other shows are also on the schedule. (413) 637-3353, www.shakespeare.org

WELLFLEET HARBOR ACTORS THEATER -- Elevating the sex industry to mainstream stages and bookshelves seems to be trendy these days, and Wellfleet is doing its part with "Live Girls," a world premiere July 10-26. The play, by Victoria Stewart, is billed as "an exploration of race, sex and ethics when the worlds of pornography and reality-based art intersect." Also: "The Unexpected Man," May 21-June 7; "The Art Room," June 12-July 5; "Jewbano," June 30-Aug. 26; and "Proof," July 31-Aug. 30. (508) 349-6835, www.what.org

WILLIAMSTOWN THEATER FESTIVAL -- June 25-Aug. 24. Who knows if any sociologists have studied the matter, but it seems likely that there is a fair amount of overlap between the tennis tournament crowd and the theater festival crowd. If so, A. R. Gurney may reap the benefits when his "Big Bill," about the tennis player William Tilden, has its premiere, July 2-13, on the Nikos Stage. The festival has a fair amount of star power in store as well, including a "Threepenny Opera" on the Main Stage, June 25-July 6, which is to star Betty Buckley as Pirate Jenny and, from "Law and Order," Jesse L. Martin as MacHeath. Also on the Main Stage will be "Landscape of the Body," July 9-20; "Under Milk Wood," July 23-Aug. 3; "Travesties," Aug. 6-17; and "An Enemy of the People" with Mandy Patinkin, Aug. 20-24. (413) 597-3399, www.wtfestival.org

New York City

LINCOLN CENTER FESTIVAL -- July 8-27. Those who can't get enough of "The Orphan of Zhao," a 13th-century Chinese drama, will be well served at this festival. Chen Shi-Zheng directs an adaptation with Western actors, July 18-27, and also directs his own adaptation, performed in Mandarin with English supertitles, July 23-27. Two musical theater works from Korea are planned, "Pansori," July 16-20, and "Daedong Gut," July 15. Israel's Itim Theater, in collaboration with the Cameri Theater of Tel Aviv, presents "Mythos," an interpretation of "The Oresteia," July 8-13. But the most interesting offering may turn out to be a site-specific work called "The Angel Project" by Deborah Warner, who directed a "Medea" that drew raves on Broadway last year. The work, already seen in London and at the Perth International Arts Festival, will use various locations in Manhattan as stages. (212) 875-5766,

www.lincolncenter.org

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NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL FRINGE FESTIVAL -- Aug. 8-24. The success of the 1999 Fringe show "Urinetown" cost this festival some of its ragged nonchalance, but there are still plenty of participants who are not self-consciously angling for the big (or at least bigger) time. (212) 420-8877, www.fringenyc.org

NEW YORK SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL -- June 24-Aug. 10. Liev Schreiber. "Henry V." Delacorte Theater, Central Park. Free. What's not to like? (212) 539-8750, www.publictheater.org

New York State

CHAUTAUQUA INSTITUTION -- Gotta love a season that combines theoretical mathematics and baseball. David Auburn's brainy but accessible "Proof" opens the summer, July 5-12, followed by "Love's Labors Lost," July 19-26. Then comes the baseball: Lee Blessing's "Cobb," Aug. 2-9. "A Flea in Her Ear" ends things Aug. 14-16. (716) 357-6250, www.chautauqua-inst.org

HANGAR THEATER -- Ithaca. Talk about the language of theater. "Topdog/Underdog," with Suzan-Lori Parks's battling African-American brothers, starts the season, June 4-14; the Irish village of "Stones in His Pockets" closes it, Aug. 13-30. In between is poor Henry Higgins and "My Fair Lady," July 10-26. Also scheduled: "The Chalk Circle," June 18-July 5, and a new play called "Fixed" by Scott Organ, July 30-Aug. 9. (800) 284-8422, www.hangartheatre.org

POWERHOUSE THEATER -- Vassar College at Poughkeepsie. A world premiere entitled "Last Chance for a Slow Dance" by Zach Helm begins the main stage season, June 25-July 5, followed by "In Case You Forget" by Ben Snyder, July 9-19. At the Susan Stein Shiva Theater, it's "The Crazy Girl" by Frank Pugliese, June 27-29; "Good Life" by John Corwin, July 4-6; "Exposed" by Beth Henley, July 18-20; and "The New Americans" by Cindy Lou Johnson, Aug. 1-3. Readings and some free outdoor Shakespeare are also offered. (845) 437-7235, www.vassar.edu /powerhouse

Ohio

SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN AMPHITHEATER -- Chillicothe. June 13-Aug. 30. The extravaganza called "Tecumseh!" about the Shawnee leader has been drawing crowds here for 30 years, many of them repeat visitors, and it's no wonder. As The Plain Dealer of Cleveland once put it, "Not many stages offer 10 horses galloping across a natural amphitheater of trees and rocks, or a real pond where canoes get paddled into the action." (866) 775-0700, www.tecumsehdrama.com

Oregon

OREGON SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL -- Ashland. The most intriguing element of the ambitious season here (which began in February and continues through November) is the world premiere of a two-play cycle by David Edgar (who is also represented with "Pentecost" at the Globe in San Diego). One play, "Daughters of the Revolution," is running at the Bowmer Theater through July 13, and the other, "Mothers Against," is at the New Theater through June 27. Together Mr. Edgar, who is British, calls them "Continental Divide," and they focus on the same American gubernatorial election. The repertory at the Bowmer also includes four other shows. Among the highlights at the New Theater is "Lorca in a Green Dress," a world premiere by Nilo Cruz, opening July 8. (541) 482-4331, www.osfashland.org

Rhode Island

THEATER BY-THE-SEA -- Matunuck. Reliable and predictable stuff here, but perhaps an ocean breeze will liven things up by jumbling scripts and scores -- imagine how nicely Patsy Cline's "Crazy" or "I Fall to Pieces" would fit into "Chicago." Anyway, it's "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," June 3-22; "Chicago," June 24-July 19; "The Secret Garden," July 22-Aug. 16; and "Always . . . Patsy Cline," Aug. 19-Sept. 7. (401) 782-8587, www.theatrebythesea.com

South Carolina

SPOLETO FESTIVAL -- Charleston. May 22-June 8. The American premiere of "Pride and Prejudice" from the Gate Theater in Dublin should be the highlight of the theater side of this festival, though there's something to be said for horses in love. They'll turn up in "The Battle of Stalingrad" from the master puppeteer Rezo Gabriadze and the Tbilisi Municipal Theater Studio in the Republic of Georgia. A one-man play called "Cul-de-Sac" and Circus Flora are also scheduled. (843) 579-3100, www.spoletousa.org

Vermont

DORSET THEATER FESTIVAL -- June 12-Sept. 21. Two of the great figures in British murder and mayhem are scheduled here; let's hope Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy get out of town before they turn up. The season opens, June 12-21, with "Little *Women*," then things turn homicidal: "Sherlock Holmes and the Curse of the Sign of Four" is booked for June 26-July 12, followed by Agatha Christie's "Appointment With Death" July 17-Aug. 9. Larry Shue provides some comic relief with "The Foreigner," Aug. 14-Sept. 6. The closer should be interesting: Chekhov's "Cherry Orchard" gets a Vermont setting in "The Orchard," an American adaptation of the classic by John Nassivera, Sept. 11-21. (802) 867-2223, www.dorsettheatrefestival.com

Virginia

WOLF TRAP -- Vienna. The setting is lovely, the sense of theatrical risk nonexistent: "Pirates of Penzance," June 6 and 7; "Riverdance," June 24-29; "The Sound of Music," July 15-20; and "Thoroughly Modern Millie," Aug. 26-31. (703) 218-6500, www.wolftrap.org

Canada

SHAW FESTIVAL -- Niagara-on-the-Lake. Through Nov. 30. There are a few days in July at this ambitious festival where in the space of a few hours you might take in Chekhov's "Three Sisters" and then see how a much later playwright, Brian Friel, imagined what would happen if one of its characters (Andrei Prozorov, the spineless brother) met up with Sonya Serebriakova from "Uncle Vanya." Mr. Friel's fantasy, "Afterplay," runs in repertory July 11 to Sept. 20 at the Court House Theater; "Three Sisters" is at the Festival Theater now through Aug. 2. The Festival Theater also has "The Coronation Voyage," June 24-Nov. 1, and "The Royal Family," Aug. 8-Nov. 23. At the Court House, there is also Shaw's "Widowers' Houses," May 15-Oct. 4; "Diana of Dobson's," June 3-Oct. 4; and "The Plough and the Stars," June 20-Oct. 5. And how's this for contrasting titles at the Royal George Theater: "Blood Relations," about Lizzie Borden, now through Nov. 30, and "Happy End," a Brecht-Weill musical, Aug. 5-Oct. 31. Also at the Royal George: "On the 20th Century," now through Nov. 2. (800) 511-7429, www.shawfest.com

STRATFORD FESTIVAL -- Ontario. Through Nov. 9. Those partial to male vs. <u>female</u> clashes of wills should not be disappointed here: repertory offerings at the Festival Theater include "The Taming of the Shrew," opening May 26, and "The King and I," opening May 27, while the bill at the Tom Patterson Theater includes "Antony and Cleopatra,"

opening Aug. 28 (all preceded by several weeks of preview performances). Also scheduled for this elaborate event, which is emphasizing Greek plays this year, are "The Adventures of Pericles" (opening May 31) and "Love's Labors Lost" (Aug. 20) at the Festival Theater; "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" (May 30), "Gigi" (May 29) and "Present Laughter" (June 26) at the Avon; "No Exit" (June 24), "The Birds" (June 25), "Troilus and Cressida" (Aug. 13) and "Quiet in the Land" (Aug. 20) at the Tom Patterson; and "Agamemnon" (June 27), "Electra" (June 28), "The Flies" (June 28) and "The Swanne: Princess Charlotte" (Sept. 3) at the Studio. Not to mention Festival Fringe, with lectures, tours, concerts and such. (800) 567-1600, www.stratfordfestival.ca

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Graphic

Photos: Tribal leaders confront the American Army in "Tecumseh!," a historical extravaganza performed at the Sugarloaf Mountain Amphitheater near Chillicothe, Ohio. (Warren Motts); Seana McKenna and Graham Abbey in the "The Taming of the Shrew" at Stratford, Ontario. (Michael Cooper); Participants in the O'Neill Puppetry Conference in Waterford, Conn. (Richard Termine)(pg. 30); Maria Dizzia and Noel Velez in "Romeo and Juliet" at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival. (Phil Scarsbrook)(pg. 31); Steven Skybell and Amanda Plummer in "Uncle Vanya" at the McCarter Theater. The production travels to the La Jolla Playhouse. (T. Charles Erickson)(pg. 29) Drawing (Juliette Borda)

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Body

WORLD AT 0000 GMT:

NEW:

EUROPE-EURO-DOLLAR PARITY. New currency tumbles to less than a dollar.

MOZAMBIQUE-ELECTION. Elections held Friday and Saturday.

SWEDEN-REBEL LEADER. Aceh leader wants independence referendum.

NAMIBIA-ELECTIONS. Early results show president retaining power.

US-REPUBLICAN-DEBATE. Republican presidential contenders debate.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

BELFAST, Northern Ireland With Protestants and Catholics sitting together in Northern Ireland's first homegrown government in 25 years, the 1998 peace agreement is rolling. NORTHERN IRELAND. Expected by 0200 GMT. By Shawn Pogatchnik. LAB101-111, XBFT101-106.

SEATTLE World trade delegates seek to salvage something from a protest-marred week and struggle for a compromise over deep differences so that they can launch a new round of market-opening negotiations. WORLD TRADE. Recap expected by 0200 GMT. By Martin Crutsinger. WASET101, JG102, XWX204, and other photos.

WITH:

WORLD TRADE-LABOR. Delegates from developing countries are seething over U.S. President Bill Clinton's views on strengthening worker rights. Expected by 0200 GMT.

WORLD TRADE-SUGAR BLUES. Forget the throngs of protesters in Seattle's streets. One of the biggest obstacles to free-market global trade pacts may turn out to be people like Rick Dorn. Expected by 0300 GMT.

LONDON Europe's fledgling single currency, the euro, tumbles to below dirs 1 for the first time, less than a year after it was launched amid fears that it might become so strong that it would hurt the economies of both the United States and Europe. EUROPE-EURO-DOLLAR PARITY. Lead has moved. By Bruce Stanley.

BOTKYRKA, Sweden The exiled leader of a rebel movement on the Indonesian island of Aceh is calling on the United Nations to hold a referendum similar to the one that led to East Timor's independence. SWEDEN-REBEL LEADER. Expected by 0200 GMT. By Kim Gamel. STO101-104.

GROZNY, Russia The Russian military now concedes 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. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Lead expected by 1100 GMT. By Ruslan Musayev. MOSB101-108, 113.

MAPUTO, Mozambique Voters in Mozambique on Friday open two days of polling in the country's second democratic election, a close contest between the ruling party and the group that fought a bloody two-decade war to unseat the ruling party. MOZAMBIQUE-ELECTION. Expected by 1230 GMT. By Andrew Selsky.

WINDHOEK, Namibia Early election returns indicate President Sam Nujoma and his South West African People's Organization are likely to retain their decade-long hold on power in Namibia. NAMIBIA-ELECTIONS. Lead has moved. By Mike Cohen. WIN102.

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire In his debate debut, Gov. George W. Bush faces his rivals for the Republican presidential nomination, promoting a new tax cut proposal calculated to claim an initiative in the 90-minute, televised forum. US-REPUBLICAN DEBATE. Expected by 0100 GMT; debate is scheduled for 0100-0230 GMT. By Walter R Mears. AP Photos planned.

BERLIN In a growing scandal centered on former chancellor Helmut Kohl, German lawmakers open a probe into secret payments and suspicions of graft that could permanently tarnish the legacy of the man who oversaw Germany's reunification. GERMANY-KOHL. Lead has moved. By Tony Czuczka. AP Photos XBER107, FRA111-117,119.

PASADENA, California After two NASA missions to Mars over the past six years ended in sudden failure, the stakes are especially high Friday for the Mars Polar Lander, and the list of things that can go wrong is long. US-MARS LANDER. Has moved; landing scheduled for 2000 GMT. By Matthew Fordahl. AP Photos planned.

WILHELMSBURG, Austria An explosion believed caused by natural gas devastates a three-story apartment building, and rescuers search through the night for dozens of victims believed buried in the ruins. AUSTRIA-EXPLOSION. Lead has moved. By Melissa Eddy. XVIE101-104, ZIE7,8,10.

LOOKING AHEAD: Later Friday (0130 GMT Saturday), the first direct flight between New York and Havana since the 1960s departs New York. On Saturday, Belgian Crown Prince Philippe is to wed aristocrat Mathilde d'Udekem d'Acoz in Belgium; Bethlehem 2000 celebrations inaugurated in Palestinian areas.

FEATURES:

CAIRO, Egypt The Problems of the Year 2000, as the Y2K bug is known in Egypt, seem a light year away for the men puffing on water pipes in a small cafe in a Cairo slum. FEA-EGYPT-Y2K. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Scheherezade Faramarzi. AP Photos CAI102.

ROME In just three weeks, it's ready-or-not here they come, and Rome is still not fully ready for the tens of millions of pilgrims who will start pouring into the capital to celebrate the last Christmas of the millennium. FEA-ITALY-MILLENIUM. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Frances D'Emilio.

JERUSALEM While the vast majority of young Israeli men still do three years of compulsory service, a growing number seek to avoid the draft. Many of those reluctant to serve have shied from the arduous road to conscientious objector status and sought discharges for psychological reasons. FEA-ISRAEL-ARMY OBJECTORS. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Dina Kraft. AP Photo NY316

HANOI, Vietnam When Hanoi played host recently to its first educational fair for American colleges and universities, the turnout overwhelmed organizers. The avid interest in an education from a former wartime enemy reflects

Vietnam's continuing economic and social rebirth. FEA-VIETNAM-LOOKING WEST. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Tini Tran. AP Photo NY315

DIPALPUR, Pakistan More than 100 children huddle under a small bit of shade in a dusty field alongside a highway. Most stare blankly into space or at the cars whizzing past. Not an ideal setting for learning, but in rural Pakistan it is the best the government has to offer. FEA-PAKISTAN-MASS EDUCATION. Expected by 0300 GMT. By John McConnico. AP Photos NY300-308

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WORLD AT 1100 GMT:

NEW:

WORLD TRADE-DOWNTOWN. Downtown Seattle, decked for Christmas, now reeling from protest damages.

YUGOSLAVIA-DRAFT DODGERS. Tens of thousands Yugoslav draft dodgers still hide.

BRAZIL-UNTOUCHABLES. Drug probe unveils crime network.

BELGIUM-ROYAL WEDDING. Hundreds of thousands expected for royal wedding.

GERMANY-KOHL. Parliament to open probe of Kohl party finances.

EUROPE-CENTRAL BANK. European Central Bank meets to finetune its money supply policy.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

SEATTLE U.S. President Bill Clinton wants worker rights and environmental safeguards to be included in global trade talks, but he's getting a chilly reception from Third World nations as trade officials get down to serious negotiations after two days of street protests. WORLD TRADE. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Dirk Beveridge. AP Photos SEC147, AWH501.

ALSO:

CLINTON-WORLD TRADE. Clinton to sign child labor treaty at world trade talks. Will be UPDATED with treaty signing scheduled for 1700 GMT.

ANALYSIS-WORLD TRADE-EMBARRASSMENT. A salute to trade's benefits embarrasses President Clinton and the United States. Has moved.

WORLD TRADE-SCENE. Seattle 'war zone' filled with riot police, pockets of protest. Has moved.

WORLD TRADE-DOWNTOWN. Downtown Seattle, decked for Christmas, now reeling from protest damages. Expected by 1200 GMT.

WORLD TRADE-POLICE STRATEGY. Seattle police say gentle tactics didn't work with protesters. Has moved.

NEW ZEALAND-WTO; MALAYSIA-WTO.

DUBLIN, Ireland The governments of Britain and Ireland finally sign the Good Friday accord into law Thursday as old antagonists in Northern Ireland prepare to govern their bloodied land in partnership. NORTHERN IRELAND. Has moved. Will be led with first Cabinet meeting in Belfast scheduled for 1600 GMT. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photos XBFT101-102,XDUB101-102,LON104.

ALSO MOVED:

IRELAND-CONSTITUTION. Key change to Ireland's 1937 constitution.

SYDNEY, Australia A commuter train packed with about 1,000 passengers rams into a smaller train carrying tourists across Australia on Thursday. Up to 12 people are feared killed and more than 50 are injured. AUSTRALIA-TRAIN CRASH. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Rohan Sullivan. AP Photos SYD201-202; AP Graphic.

ALSO MOVED:

AUSTRALIA-TRAIN CRASH-BLUE MOUNTAINS. Scene of crash is a tranquil tourist spot, an hour from Sydney.

GROZNY, Russia Russian and Chechen forces battle Thursday for control of a town just east of Grozny, and the Russian military acknowledges that the militants are well-entrenched in the Chechen capital. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Has moved. By Ruslan Musayev. AP Photos MOSB101-104.

MOSCOW A U.S. diplomat who was briefly detained in Moscow on espionage charges has been ordered to leave Russia and won't be allowed to return, a Foreign Ministry official says Thursday. RUSSIA-US-ESPIONAGE. Has moved.

ALSO MOVED:

RUSSIA-ECONOMY. Russia to miss latest debt payment to London Club of commercial creditors.

BERLIN The European Central Bank meets Thursday to finetune its money supply policy, as the euro plunges to new lows and teeters on the edge of one-for-one parity with the U.S. dollar. EUROPE-CENTRAL BANK. Expected by 1600 GMT. By Hans Greimel.

BERLIN Parliament is expected to open an investigation Thursday into secret party accounts run by former chancellor Helmut Kohl, which have touched off a political storm in Germany. GERMANY-KOHL. Developing. Parliament voted expected around 1400 GMT. By Tony Czuczka.

JAYAPURA, Indonesia Dozens of people are injured Thursday when Indonesian security forces at a remote mining town fire on about 2,000 demonstrators who were demanding independence for Irian Jaya province, human rights activists claim. INDONESIA-IRIAN JAYA. Has moved.

ALSO MOVED:

INDONESIA-ACEH. Military renews calls for martial rule for Aceh province. AP Photo JAK101.

NABLUS, West Bank A Palestinian lawmaker who was shot and wounded by three masked men after signing an anti-corruption manifesto said Thursday that at least one of his assailants was a member of the Palestinian security forces. PALESTINIAN-CORRUPTION. Expected by 1400 GMT.

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico Using ground-piercing radar, shovels and sieves, Mexican and U.S. officials have slowly unearthed what appear to be the remains of six people on a desert ranch near the U.S. border. MEXICO-GRAVES. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Pauline Arrillaga. AP Photos JUA110-112.

ALSO MOVED:

MEXICO-THE MISSING. Relatives of the missing closely watch searches in northern Mexico. AP Photos JUA105-108.

BRUSSELS, Belgium U.S. Defense Secretary William Cohen hopes to ease the concerns of the European allies Thursday about American preparations for a new national missile defense system - something that has the Russians worried too at a meeting Thursday of NATO defense ministers. NATO. Developing from meeting that started at 0830 GMT. By Jeffrey Ulbrich.

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia Tens of thousands of draft dodgers are still in hiding almost six months after NATO stopped pounding their country. YUGOSLAVIA-DRAFT DODGERS. Has moved. By Aleksandar Vasovic.

BRASILIA, Brazil They're called "The Untouchables." The Congressional Panel of Inquiry into drug trafficking has made a name for itself with an unprecedented probe into organized crime _ and an ability to put high-ranking police officers and politicians in jail. BRAZIL-UNTOUCHABLES. Has moved. By Any Cabrera. AP Photos NY112-113.

DES MOINES, Iowa The Republican presidential candidates meet Thursday for a high-stakes debate, the first that all six candidates, including front-runner Texas Gov. George W. Bush, will attend. US-REPUBLICAN DEBATE. Has moved. Debate scheduled for 0100-0230 GMT Thursday. By Ron Fournier.

BRUSSELS, Belgium The royal wedding of Crown Prince Philippe to Mathilde d'Udekem d'Acoz is expected to draw hundreds of thousands to the Belgian capital Saturday for what is seen as a national celebration. BELGIUM-ROYAL WEDDING. Has moved. By Constant Brand. AP Photos BRU104-105 of Dec. 1.

LOOKING AHEAD: Later the European Central Bank holds its bimonthly meeting.

OTHER FEATURES MOVED:

FEA-THAILAND-SKYTRAIN. After decades of traffic jams, Bangkok to launch modern skytrain. AP Photos NY107-108.

FEA-JAPAN-KINDERGARTEN KILLING. Kindergarten killing: Tale of pressure and jealousy grips Japan. AP Photo NY191.

FEA-SKOREA-REBOUNDING ECONOMY. South Korea's economy bouncing back from deep recession. AP Photo NY193.

SCI-US-SPACE EXPLORATION. U.S. space official predicts permanent robotic outposts in space.

SCI-US-FAST PHOTOS. Air Force advances high-speed digital photography with civilian spinoffs. AP Photo NY458.

MED-US-SWEAT SALVATION. New treatment uses botulism toxin to control excessive sweating. AP Photo NY451.

SCI-SCIENCE BRIEFS.

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U.S. President Bill Clinton wants worker rights and environmental safeguards to be included in global trade talks, but he's getting a chilly reception from Third World nations as trade officials get down to serious negotiations after two days of street protests. With a Friday deadline for wrapping up the World Trade Organization meeting, the commerce minister of Thailand, who takes over the top WTO post in 2002, warned Wednesday that Clinton's tough stance on worker rights could jeopardize efforts to launch a new round of trade talks. It could even prompt some trade ministers from developing countries "to walk away from any agreement on a new round," Supachai warned, responding to an interview Clinton gave to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. Clinton was quoted as saying a new trade deal should contain provisions on worker rights, and countries that don't go along should face sanctions. WORLD TRADE.

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP)

Predicting an era of unbreakable peace, the governments of Britain and Ireland finally signed the Good Friday accord into law Thursday as old antagonists in Northern Ireland prepared to govern their bloodied land in

partnership. In a day for the history books, senior British and Irish officials signed documents confirming the accord, Ireland formally amended its constitution to drop a contentious territorial claim on Northern Ireland, and a new Protestant-Catholic power-sharing government prepared for its first meeting in Belfast. The <u>Irish Republican Army</u> has promised to appoint a senior representative Thursday to a Belfast-based commission charged with securing the disarmament of all outlawed groups by May. NORTHERN IRELAND.

SYDNEY, Australia (AP)

Rescue workers searching for bodies picked through the tangled wreckage of two trains that collided in mountains outside Sydney on Thursday, killing at least six passengers and injuring more than 50. The commuter train rounded a blind corner outside Sydney during the morning rush and slammed into the back of the transcontinental Indian Pacific, carrying 159 passengers, many of them elderly tourists, state rail authorities said. The front of the commuter train, with about 1,000 passengers aboard, was mangled and carved open by the impact. All the dead were in the first car of that train. By early evening the bodies of two <u>women</u> had been recovered. Rail authorities said the two-level commuter train may have been traveling at up to 80 kph (50 mph) when it crashed near Glenbrook, a small town at the base of the Blue Mountains, 56 kilometers (35 miles) west of Sydney. AUSTRALIA-TRAIN CRASH.

GROZNY, Russia (AP)

Russian and Chechen forces battled Thursday for control of a town just east of Grozny, and the Russian military acknowledged that the militants were well-entrenched in the Chechen capital. The two sides have been clashing daily in Argun, five kilometers (three miles) east of the capital, and the Russians unleashed airstrikes and artillery fire Thursday morning at rebel positions in a wooded area adjacent to the town, the military said. As with earlier operations, the Russians have been bombarding the militants from afar in the expectation that the rebels will retreat without a full-scale infantry battle. The strategy has worked well for the Russians, and they are on the outskirts of Grozny on the north, east and west. But the rebel fighters have resisted much more fiercely in recent days as the fighting has approached the capital. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA.

JAYAPURA, Indonesia (AP)

Indonesian security forces fired on about 2,000 demonstrators demanding independence for Irian Jaya on Thursday, wounding dozens of people, human rights activists claimed. But a police general denied that officers shot into the crowd or that anybody had been wounded by gunfire. He did say that some people could have been injured in the panic that followed. Separatist sentiment has been growing in several parts of Indonesia as the sprawling Southeast Asian nation goes through a troubled transition to democracy after years of military-backed authoritarian rule. Separatists were heartened by East Timor's recent success in breaking away from Indonesia. The army has long been accused of human rights abuses in Irian Jaya as well as in Aceh province, in Indonesia's far northwest, where another

ndependence campaign is gathering strength. INDONESIA-IRIAN JAYA.

WORLD SPORTS AT 1400 GMT

TENNIS:

NICE, France Australian captain John Newcombe said he woke up Thursday believing it was "destiny" for his team to beat France in the the Davis Cup and win the title for a 27th time.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Davis-France-Australia. UPDATE expected by 1600 GMT.

By Andreas Evagora.

SOCCER:

SOFIA, Bulgaria English leader Leeds travels to Sofia to face Spartak Moscow in a UEFA Cup match snow out a week ago in Moscow.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Spartak-Leeds. Expected by 2000 GMT.

BERGAMO, Italy Serie B club Atalanta looks to upend reigning Serie A titlist AC Milan on Thursday night as Italian Cup third-round, first-leg action wraps up.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Italian Cup. Expected by 2200 GMT.

SEOUL, South Korea German soccer great Franz Beckenbauer urged South Korea on Thursday to support his country's bid to host 2006 World Cup finals.

Slug Sports-Soccer-World Cup-Germany. Has moved.

ROME In what is shaping up as the most exciting Serie A title race in decades, particularly for Italy's capital, three clubs are tied for first place and another two teams are just two points behind.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Italian Preview. Expected by 1500 GMT.

By Howard Fendrich.

LONDON Manchester United goalie Mark Bosnich may have finally silenced his critics after single handedly saving the Reds 1-0 win in the Toyota Cup.

Slug Sports-Soccer-British Preview. Expected by 1400 GMT.

By Stephen Wade.

ALSO:

MADRID, Spain Sports-Soccer-Spanish Preview. Expected by 1700 GMT.

SAILING:

AUCKLAND, New Zealand Pacesetter Prada achieves instant success with its second yacht Thursday when it beats New York Yacht Club's Young America by 23 seconds in the opening race of the America's Cup challenger series third round-robin.

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

GOLF:

SUN CITY, South Africa The 12-man field tees off in the Nedbank Million Dollar Golf Challenge Thursday, with Ernie Els the favorite.

Slug Sports-Golf-Million Dollar. Expected by 1400 GMT.

By Mike Green.

ALSO:

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey Sports-Ice Hockey-NHL Roundup. Has moved.

PHOENIX Sports-Basketball-NBA Roundup. Has moved

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WORLD SPORTS AT 0000 GMT

TENNIS:

NICE, France John Newcombe wakes up believing he is destined to lead Australia to its 27th Davis Cup title with a victory over France in this weekend's centenary final.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Davis Cup Final. RECAP expected by 0100 GMT.

By Andreas Evagora.

LONDON John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors win their second matches of the ATP's Senior Honda Challenge to set up a head-to-head Friday.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Honda Challenge. Has moved.

SOCCER:

SOFIA, Bulgaria The opening exchange of a psychological war between Spartak Moscow and Leeds United is decided by a Brazilian when Luis de Silva Robson fires the Russian champion's winner in a 2-1 UEFA Cup victory over the English league leader in Sofia.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Spartak-Leeds.

LONDON Manchester United goalkeeper Mark Bosnich may have finally silenced his critics.

Slug Sports-Soccer-British Preview. Has moved.

By Stephen Wade.

BERGAMO, Italy Journeyman striker Marco Nappi scores twice in the closing minutes as Serie B club Atalanta of Bergamo rallies to stun AC Milan 3-2 in an Italian Cup match marred by a stream of objects tossed on to the field by spectators.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Italian Cup. Has moved.

ROME In what is shaping up as the most exciting Serie A title race in decades, particularly for Italy's capital, three clubs are tied for first place and another two teams are just two points behind.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Italian Preview. Has moved.

By Howard Fendrich.

MADRID, Spain Money can bring one power and fame in soccer _ as in most other endeavors. It just can't guarantee it. Sometimes desire works just as well. Rayo Vallecano rode it to the top of the Primera Division earlier this year, now Deportivo La Coruna and Celta are following its lead.

Sports-Soccer-Spanish Preview. Has moved.

By Jo Tuckman.

GOLF:

SUN CITY, South Africa Paul Lawrie eagles the par-5 ninth and adds six birdies en route to a first-round, 7-under-par 65 and a one-stroke lead at the Million Dollar Challenge.

Slug Sports-Golf-Million Dollar. Has moved.

By Mike Green.

BRISBANE, Australia Australian Grand Dodd takes a one-shot lead in Friday's second round of the ANZ Players Championship golf tournament at Royal Queensland.

Slug Sports-Golf-ANZ Players Championship. Expected by 1100GMT.

ALSO:

TARPON SPRINGS, Florida Sports-Golf-JC Penney Classic. Expcetde by 0300 GMT.

CYCLING:

PARIS American cyclist Lance Armstrong is voted Cyclist of the Year in poll of international sports journalists in French cycling magazine Velo.

Slug Sports-Cycling-Armstrong-Poll. Has moved.

RUGBY:

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates New Zealand, defending champions Fiji, Australia and South Africa advance to the quarter-finals of the Dubai International Rugby Sevens tournament.

Slug Sports-Rugby-Dubai Sevens. Has moved.

SAILING:

AUCKLAND, New Zealand America True faces Dennis Conner's Stars and Stripes in one of Friday's races in the third round-robin of the America's Cup challenger series.

Slug Sports-Sailing-America's Cup. Expected by 0600GMT.

ALSO:

JACKSONVILLE, Florida Sports-Football-NFL-Roundup. Expected by 0500 GMT.

UNDATED Sports-Basketball-NBA Roundup. Expected by 0500 GMT.

UNDATED Sports-Ice Hockey-NHL Roundup. Expected by 0500 GMT.

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Body

US Recalls Defective Warfare Suits

WASHINGTON (AP)

The Pentagon has alerted U.S. facilities around the world that hundreds of thousands of protective suits meant to shield GIs from gas and germ attack may have holes and other critical defects, according to military officials and documents. The Pentagon learned about the flaws five years ago but did not consider the problems crucial and needed the gear for U.S. peacekeeping troops in Bosnia, criminal investigators say. On Feb. 9, the Pentagon cautioned commanders not to use any of the 778,000 suits except in training. The suits, not all of which are defective, cost the government almost \$49 million.

Bush Cites Bob Jones 'Regret'

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)

In a letter to Cardinal John O'Connor, the leader of New York's Catholics, Gov. George W. Bush says his campaign appearance at a South Carolina school with anti-Catholic views was a "missed opportunity causing needless offense, which I deeply regret." Bush has come under steady criticism for his Feb. 2 visit to Bob Jones University, a Christian school whose founder has criticized the Pope and labeled the Catholic church a "Satanic cult." Bush's opponents have assailed him for not using the appearance to speak out against the policies of the school, which also bans interracial dating.

Study Says Youth Imprisonment Doubles

WASHINGTON (AP)

The number of criminals under 18 serving time in adult prisons more than doubled between 1985 and 1997 as states prosecuted steadily more young people as adults, a new Justice Department report shows. By 1997, 7,400 youths 17 or younger were committed to adult prisons on conviction in either juvenile or adult courts. That's more than twice the 3,400 young people sent to the nation's state prisons in 1985. The study comes amid debate over the merits of meting out adult time for crimes committed by youth.

Juror: Diallo Verdict Was Clear

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)

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CHICAGO (AP)

Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan today reaffirmed his pledge to reconcile his breakaway movement with orthodox Muslims, trying to fulfill the expectations of millions of mainstream worshippers. Farrakhan used the occasion of the Nation's most important annual gathering, Saviour's Day, to embrace W. Deen Mohammed, the leader of the orthodox Muslim American Society and the son of the late Elijah Muhammad. The speech was regarded as one that could make or break Farrakhan's fledgling vow to reconcile with other orthodox Muslims.

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MESA, Ariz. (AP)

Sammy Sosa bounced into the Chicago Cubs' spring training complex today with an energetic "Miss me, baby?" to anyone within earshot, smiling for cameras and hugging and slapping teammates. More than a week later than most of the regulars, Sosa pronounced himself healthy after a bout with the flu, offered assurances he's "still hungry" after two straight years of 60-plus homers and said he's ready to steal more bases if that's what new manager Don Baylor wants.

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CHIRI-YURT, Russia (AP)

Russian forces have encircled the last major stronghold held by Chechnya's rebels but face intense and bloody fighting to overcome their heavy defenses, Russian officials said today. An estimated 2,700 rebels are concentrated around the village of Shatoi, the last section of Chechnya where rebels have a strong presence. Alvaro Gil-Robles, the Council of Europe human rights commissioner, today visited refugee camps in Ingushetia, the Russian republic neighboring Chechnya. He will visit Grozny tomorrow.

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Boeing Engineers Undeterred

SEATTLE (AP)

Boeing engineers returned to the picket lines today, one day after contract negotiations between the company and their union broke down. No further talks were scheduled, and engineers and technical workers promised to keep picketing until a new contract agreement is reached. At least 17,000 workers remained on strike over the weekend. They walked off the job Feb. 9.

Report: News Corp. and Yahoo! Talk

NEW YORK (AP)

Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. has held talks with Yahoo! that could lead to a broad alliance between the old and new media companies, according to a report to be published tomorrow in The New Yorker magazine. While nothing has been finalized, the report said the two companies were discussing a wide-ranging alliance under which News Corp. would provide access to Yahoo! Web sites through its global satellite systems and allow Yahoo! to use News Corp.'s news and entertainment products, such as Fox News Channel and the London Times, as a "major source" of content for its sites, the report said.

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TIJUANA, Mexico (AP)

Assailants shot and killed Tijuana's police chief today, pumping more than 100 shots into his car as he drove along a busy highway. Alfredo de la Torre, in charge of the police force in this violent border town since 1998, was pronounced dead at the scene, said Enrique Tellaeche, a spokesman for the Baja California state attorney general's office in Tijuana. Dozens of investigators combed the city and interviewed witnesses, but no one had been arrested. The city, home to the busiest border crossing on Earth, is one of the main ports of entry for drugs heading into the United States.

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The number of criminals under 18 serving time in adult prisons more than doubled between 1985 and 1997 as states prosecuted more young people as adults, a new Justice Department report shows. By 1997, 7,400 youths 17 or younger were committed to adult prisons on conviction in either juvenile or adult courts. That's more than twice the 3,400 young people sent to the nation's state prisons in 1985. The study comes amid debate over the merits of meting out adult time for crimes committed by youth.

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Some once-powerful dictators and strongmen are finding the world an increasingly inhospitable refuge. Vladimiro Montesinos, Peru's shadowy former intelligence chief who was hiding in Venezuela, has now been led from a plane in handcuffs in Lima to face charges of murder, torture, extortion and trafficking in arms and drugs. Yugoslavia has initiated a legal process to send Slobodan Milosevic, its former president, to the war crimes tribunal in The Hague, where he will probably land next month. Gen. Augusto Pinochet of Chile may escape trial on charges of covering up dozens of murders and forced disappearances on the grounds that he is mentally unfit. But after his arrest in London in 1998 and his indictment in Chile, he is a discredited, ridiculed, broken man.

Among the many things these three men shared was the belief that they were immune to prosecution. This belief has now been shattered.

Their colleagues had better be taking note. A few years ago, dictators and strongmen who wielded absolute power in their nations never had to think about facing trial. Today leaders who commit the most serious crimes must worry that someday, somewhere, they will be held accountable.

The reckoning could come abroad or at home. Mr. Montesinos will be tried in Peru, Mr. Milosevic by an international war crimes court. General Pinochet was arrested in a foreign land under laws that allow any nation to prosecute crimes against humanity, no matter where they occur - an act that facilitated his indictment and arrest at home. The same notion of accountability lay behind the conviction of four Rwandans, two of them nuns, in a Belgian court earlier this month for their role in abetting genocide in their home country ...

In Peru, the government plans to repatriate the millions of dollars - perhaps a quarter-billion dollars - that Mr. Montesinos has stashed abroad. If Mr. Montesinos is cooperative, the evidence he supplies during his interrogation may help persuade Japan to send former President Alberto Fujimori back to Peru to face appropriate charges. Mr. Montesinos could also shed some light on his long relationship with Washington, a subject of considerable interest in Peru and the United States. His arrest could eventually prove cautionary not only for powerful criminals, but for the nations that do business with them.

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Chicago Tribune

When it was founded 14 years ago, ACT-UP, an activist AIDS group known for its in-your-face tactics and fiery rhetoric, picked a blunt slogan: SILENCEDEATH.

As the UN holds an extraordinary three-day session, ending Wednesday, to map out a worldwide strategy for dealing with the AIDS epidemic, participants would do well to keep ACT-UP's war cry in mind. Indeed, 20 years -- and 22 million deaths -- after the AIDS epidemic began, it is disheartening to find some UN members still refusing to talk forthrightly about AIDS, what causes it and how it can be prevented.

And if they can't even talk about it openly, how are these countries or the UN ever going to devise an effective battle plan against the disease?

The most immediate goal of the UN conferees is to raise \$7 billion to \$10 billion a year to fund prevention and treatment campaigns against AIDS, which is ravaging the developing world, especially sub-Saharan Africa. The U.S. has pledged \$200 million to start, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation another \$100 million.

More money will be raised from governments and foundations. And with the commitment of some drug companies to reduce prices for medications, the AIDS death rate in the developing world is likely to decrease, just as it has in richer countries.

But only prevention will ultimately control AIDS, which now spreads at the rate of 5 million new cases a year. Those efforts, however, still bog down in the disease's connection to sex and drug addiction, topics that unnerve some people, religious leaders and public officials included.

This reticence -- even in the face of a plague of biblical proportions -- has prompted several Muslim UN members to object to any mention of homosexuals, prostitutes or drug addicts in the general statement of populations most affected by the disease. One representative described them as committing "acts not fit for wholesome societies." The Vatican, a UN observer, also has opposed UN promotion of condoms to prevent AIDS, advocating sexual abstinence instead.

"It's telling that 20 years into this epidemic, we can't even name the vulnerable groups and do something for them," said Joanne Csete, a public health expert with Human Rights Watch.

Even some African leaders are in denial, including South African President Thabo Mbeki, who at times has questioned whether there's a link between HIV infection and AIDS.

Think of the numbers again: About 22 million people already dead, many of them children; an estimated 36 million more infected, over half of them <u>women</u>, particularly teenage girls in Africa infected by older men; 5 million more people getting infected yearly, mostly in poor countries where the availability of treatment is limited.

"We cannot deal with AIDS by making moral judgments, or refusing to face unpleasant facts ... ," said UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan at the opening of the conference. "We can only do it by speaking clearly and openly, both about the ways that people become infected, and about what they can do to avoid infection."

Or as ACT-UP would say, SILENCEDEATH.

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Los Angeles Times

The way is now clear for former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic to be tried before an international court for crimes against humanity. His trial would be the most significant since the surviving leaders of Nazi Germany faced justice in Nuremberg in 1945.

Milosevic and as many as 15 confederates are expected to be transferred soon to The Hague, where a U.N. tribunal has indicted them all on charges of genocide and complicity in atrocities in Kosovo, the autonomous

Yugoslavian province against whose Albanian majority the central Serbian government waged a brutal war of "ethnic cleansing" in 1998-99. Milosevic would be the first former head of state brought before the tribunal.

Milosevic has been jailed in Belgrade since April on unrelated domestic charges of corruption and abuse of power. Public opinion among Yugoslavia's Serbs, which once strongly opposed transferring any indicted officials to The Hague, has shifted, especially since Serbian authorities linked Milosevic to mass graves believed to hold as many as 1,000 victims from Kosovo.

But it was the pressing need for foreign aid, debt relief and investment that seems to have finally prompted Yugoslavia's multiparty Cabinet to authorize the transfer of war crimes suspects. On Friday, at a scheduled donors conference in Brussels, Yugoslavia will appeal for at least \$1.2 billion in aid and cancellation of much of its \$12-billion foreign debt.

Secretary of State Colin L. Powell announced in April that the United States was ready to help out, but the State Department said Monday that Washington wants more details on Milosevic's transfer to The Hague before deciding whether it will attend the Brussels meeting.

Help for Yugoslavia, including support for private investments, will encourage Balkan stability and European security. Washington should be generous. But even more important is assuring that Milosevic and his henchman are called to account, first because their many alleged atrocities demand it, but no less to reassert, as at Nuremberg, the principle that national leaders responsible for crimes against humanity cannot hope to remain immune from international justice.

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Washington Post

Last year three-quarters of the House and Senate voted to lower barriers to textile imports from Africa and the Caribbean. President Clinton signed the bill into law, and poor countries in both regions looked forward to a fairer chance to export their way out of poverty. But Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), who has been critical of foreign aid on the ground that poor countries should be self-reliant, opposes this effort to make self-reliance practicable. He is holding up four Treasury Department nominees, including the deputy secretary; his price for their release is that the administration support an amendment to the law that dilutes it.

It is understandable that Mr. Helms should be sensitive to the textile industry, which accounts for about 135,000 jobs in North Carolina. The senator is especially concerned about more than 70 dyeing and finishing plants in his state, which stand to lose business if Caribbean countries are allowed to dye U.S.-made fabric, sew it into clothing and send it back to the United States duty-free. Sen. Helms wants the administration to require that the dyeing be done in the United States, thus restricting the Caribbeans to sewing. If he didn't worry about job losses among home-state textile workers, he wouldn't be doing his job as a senator, he says.

Being a senator, however, should also entail considering two other types of constituents, even though they may lobby less assiduously. The first is consumers, who stand to benefit from cheaper clothing; in the case of poorer Americans, this may make an appreciable difference to family budgets. The second constituency is exporters, who depend on the maintenance of a free-trading system. If the United States insists on protecting its textile workers to the detriment of the world's poorest countries, it will not have much credibility when it demands open markets for the businesses in Raleigh-Durham's high-tech triangle. And the high-tech sector offers better jobs than textile plants, many of which are probably doomed even without the Africa-Caribbean law.

Mr. Helms presumably weighed these considerations before voting on the measure last year, and nonetheless decided to side with the protectionists. He lost that vote. Now he should accept that the majority has spoken. His tactic of holding up Treasury nominees to retrospectively get his way betrays contempt for the needs of the Bush administration, for the ability of the U.S. government to function at home and overseas, and for the will of Congress. Showing respect for the institutions of government is another thing that being a senator entails.

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Baltimore Sun

Sinn Fein, the political alter-ego of the "military" IRA, overtook the Social Democratic and Labor Party (SDLP) in the June 7 election to become the pre-eminent political voice of the Catholic nationalist minority of Northern Ireland.

Was this a reward for coming into constitutional politics, or for intransigence against the disarmament that was promised?

Post-election polls suggest that most Sinn Fein supporters want the IRA to disarm. This it has refused to do.

The Good Friday agreement requires parties to use their influence to persuade affiliated paramilitaries to disarm. Given the interlocking leadership of Sinn Fein and the IRA, this ambiguity was taken by others to mean the IRA must disarm, and by the IRA to mean it need not.

David Trimble, embattled Unionist first minister of the provincial government, plans to resign effective July 1 if the IRA does not begin acts of "decommissioning weapons." The institution could probably carry on without him until Aug. 12, then collapse.

The people of Northern Ireland - and the British and Irish governments - have had too many benefits from the accord to allow this to happen. Finally, if belatedly, the Irish government and the SDLP have put public pressure on the IRA to begin destroying weapons.

If it were just about Mr. Trimble, his bluff could be called. But the moderate larger half of the Protestant unionist majority opposes being governed by a Sinn Fein that remains, through the IRA, armed and menacing. Mr. Trimble speaks for them.

Small wonder John Hume of the SDLP, chief architect of the agreement, and Bertie Ahern, prime minister of the Irish Republic, both called on the IRA to begin decommissioning now.

With the Protestant marching season under way, "loyalist" paramilitaries have fomented more violence. The British rightly jailed a leader of the Ulster Defense Association, Gary Smith. Vigilance is still needed against the "Real IRA," a terrorist offshoot.

But the gains of the past year, including a stronger economy, can last only if the IRA stays in from the cold and subscribes fully to electoral politics.

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Christian Science Monitor

In the weeks ahead, President Bush will need some bucking up on his commitment to open trade. Lately, many nations of the world have been treating such trade without what Mr. Bush calls the necessary "moral imperative."

China and Japan, for instance, have descended into a bitter dispute over low-priced Chinese farm exports, like shiitake mushrooms. And the European Union has initially rejected a merger of two American companies, General Electric Co. and Honeywell International Inc., in a serious difference with the United States over antitrust policy.

And the EU may impose \$4 billion in sanctions against the US after a ruling last week by the World Trade Organization against US tax supports for US exports. Any such sanctions, warned Trade Representative Robert Zoellick in rare ballistic language, would be like using a "nuclear weapon" on the global trading system.

And those are just the skirmishes.

A larger trade battle is now being waged in Congress, which appears ready to slap labor and environmental restrictions on the president's ability to negotiate open-trade deals. Such restrictions run the risk of scaring off

nations that need a more-open American market for their exports in order to provide jobs for their poor (that's the moral imperative part).

And without that presidential authority to negotiate deals under strong US leadership, the next round of talks aimed at expanding global trade will falter again, as it did in Seattle two years ago. The WTO's 140 members hope to launch the new round of trade in November.

Bush himself raised concerns about his commitment to open trade last week by seeking a probe on whether steel imports unfairly hurt US steelmakers.

It's not easy for leaders to stand for open trade, especially when roving bands of antiglobalization protesters threaten to disrupt trade meetings.

Bush himself largely defines his foreign and trade policy as that of narrowly seeking US interests. In the short-term, open trade does often hurt many US interests - job losses, etc. But over time, the US economy adjusts and then benefits in growth, technology, and low inflation.

The president also sees open trade as uplifting the poor and promoting political freedom. Those more universal goals should not be lost as nations make a difficult transition from their protectionist past.

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Hampton Roads Virginian-Pilot

President George W. Bush is attempting to persuade skeptical foreign heads of state and many skeptical Americans of the merits of a multibillion-dollar missile defense against "roque" states.

But hostile nations aren't the only concern. The Associated Press reported that Islamic militant Osama bin Laden's Afghanistan-based group virtually boasts, in a recruitment videotape, that its followers bombed the Norfolk-based destroyer Cole in Yemen's Aden harbor. That's a chilling reminder that terrorists sheltered by unfriendly nations can inflict much death and destruction.

In fact, shadowy terrorist cells can be just as dangerous as some nations. And terrorists don't always use explosions to do their bidding; the 1995 sarin nerve gas attack in Tokyo's subway system killed 10 people and sickened others. Missile defense systems would be limited, to say the least, in their effectiveness against the multitude of terrorist threats.

To date, no ballistic missiles or nuclear explosives have been used in terrorist attacks, such as on New York City's World Trade Center, the U.S. Marine barracks in Lebanon, the military apartment compound in Saudi Arabia and the U.S. Embassy in Kenya. A small boat packed with non-nuclear explosives blasted a hole in the Cole, killing 17 crew members, wounding 39 others and nearly sinking the warship.

Timothy McVeigh, a home-grown villain, committed the most murderous terrorist act yet on U.S. soil by exploding the truck bomb that shattered the Okla- homa City federal building, killing 168 men, <u>women</u> and children.

There may well be more truck-bomb attacks by America's paranoids and Islamic militants and other terrorists who regard themselves as holy warriors. It is also a possibility that terrorists one day will trigger a nuclear explosion destroying a major city, port or military installation.

Surely Osama bin Laden fantasizes a nuclear strike. He has the money and the organization to sponsor one or more against the United States, Israel or other countries. Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein also has what's needed to commit nuclear terrorism. Material and information required for assembly of nuclear bombs are available.

Intelligence agencies worldwide monitor terrorist threats. But terrorists have advantages because of the abundance of vulnerable targets and the ability to choose where, how and when to attack.

On the other hand, intercontinental-ballistic-missile launch sites are easier to find and destroy before becoming operational. And a fired missile's origin can be pinpointed swiftly and the attacking "rogue" state blown to Kingdom Come by a retaliatory nuclear strike.

Terrorist plots are often broken up and the plotters arrested. But not often enough, as the lengthening list of terrorist bombings mournfully confirms. It is realistic for Americans and others to expect the worse while bin Laden and other terrorists plot. It is not so realistic to believe that a hugely expensive, unreliable missile defense system would be the best application of resources against the terrorist threat.

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Fort Worth Star Telegram

Recent unrest in Northern Ireland highlights the power of individual choices.

Question: What's the difference between a Molotov cocktail and Northern Ireland's politics?

Answer: The Molotov cocktail is less likely to blow up in your face.

Unfortunately for peace prospects in the United Kingdom's province, there are always an obliging few happy to provide the bottles, petrol and rag wicks - literal and otherwise.

Last week, Belfast saw violence involving stones, pipe bombs and hundreds of rioting Protestants and Roman Catholics. This week, Ulster may see First Minister David Trimble fulfill a promise to quit the power-sharing provincial government because of the *Irish Republican Army*'s refusal to move satisfactorily on disarmament.

"It's all about territory and who should be allowed to move this way or that way," a Presbyterian clergyman told The Associated Press in the wake of the Belfast disturbances. "The only solution is to live together, but try telling that to people in this environment."

And indeed, as long as it's "all about territory," the rocks and the bombs and the bullets will continue to fly.

Territory is something that gets defended, or trespassed upon, or seized. It's mine, not yours. It's been ours for centuries, and it's going to stay that way, and we're going to rub your noses in it. (Or: It's been yours for mere centuries, and it's not going to stay that way -- even if we have to lop off your noses to get it back.)

On the other hand, people who have decided to live together in some kind of harmony - even the most minimal kind - don't have "territory." The operative term is ours, not mine or yours.

The David Trimbles and the Gerry Adamses and the Ian Paisleys have the power and the bully pulpits (political and religious), and history will judge them for the mercy, wisdom and justice that they demonstrate - or don't. But the ordinary people have power, too.

They can decide which of their leaders to elect or pressure. They can turn their backs on violence, bigotry and the perpetrators of such. They don't have to go to church with their neighbors, but they can at least not throw rocks at them.

The inhabitants of Ulster can have peace, or they can have territory. But they can't have both.

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Kansas City Star

Only a decade or so ago, Japan was considered by some to be an economic model for the United States. The nation's export success was envied and feared. Critics of America's free-market bias urged a closer partnership between government and major industries. America, they said, should develop something along the lines of Japan's "guided" economy.

Yet with the exception of export power houses such as the automobile or consumer electronics industries, a fair chunk of Japan's economy has never been highly efficient. This is mainly because government regulations protect sectors such as agriculture and small enterprises from real competition.

Until Japan unravels the system that favors producers over consumers, it will find it difficult to recover the economic buoyancy it lost a decade ago.

For now, the reform plan made public last week by Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi is a step in the right direction. He would eliminate the "overhang" of bad debt that has crippled Japan's banking system. He would curb the government's tendency to squander capital on stimulus packages, which have so far consumed more than \$1 trillion. And he would break up the system of Postal Savings accounts -- controlled by the government -- which prevent much of Japan's vast pool of savings from being invested in productive ventures.

The leading symptom of Japan's malaise is deflation, a problem not seen in the developed world since the 1930s. Prices are declining at a rate of 2 percent or 3 percent a year, and the economy remains stagnant. Consumers see their best investment opportunity as cash, which appreciates in real value as prices steadily fall.

Once the mass of bad debt is cut down to size, Tokyo must break this vicious cycle by rapidly increasing the money supply. An end to deflation would spur consumption.

The larger challenge, however, will be demolishing the ingrained culture of producer-protection -- a goal that may require a fundamental political realignment.

Japan is the world's No. 2 economy, and its continued stagnation is a drag not only on U.S. economic performance but on the global economy in general. Koizumi has taken on a major challenge, and he deserves every hope of success.

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Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

On Friday, the World Bank and the European Commission will meet in Brussels to discuss how best to help Yugoslavia revive its economy - devastated by 10 years of war, sanctions and the hubris of the infamous Slobodan Milosevic. Any doubt that the post-Milosevic Yugoslavia has earned that help should have been dispelled over the weekend.

Milosevic has been in prison since April 1 on suspicion of corruption and abuse of power, and on Saturday, the government in Belgrade opened the way to send him to The Hague for trial before a special U.N. tribunal, which has charged him with crimes against humanity. It did so by issuing a federal decree ordering all state bodies in Yugoslavia to cooperate with the U.N. tribunal. On Monday, the government followed up with a request that a Yugoslav court begin extradition proceedings against Milosevic.

Yugoslavs are beginning to understand that the man they once hailed as a patriot was instead a mass murderer who led his country to ruin and disgrace. The Yugoslav police and the press are beginning to report accounts of the atrocities committed in his name; as a consequence, opposition to his extradition has softened.

The 1992-'95 war of "ethnic cleansing" in Bosnia, the barbaric attack on Kosovo in the spring of 1999, the 78-day NATO air campaign against Serbia, the economic sanctions and Milosevic's botched domestic policies have made Yugoslavia one of the beggars of Eastern Europe.

The government will seek at least \$1.2 billion in aid commitments at Friday's meeting, including \$100 million from the United States. Belgrade also wants Washington's support for private investment in Yugoslavia and cancellation of \$8 billion of its \$12 billion in foreign debt.

These are large requests. But history proves that the stability of Eastern Europe, the welfare of its people and the national interests of the U.S. will not be served if Yugoslavia is impoverished, isolated and divided by national

rivalries. In fact, for much of the 20th century, the Balkans were a hotbed of war and revolution. The U.S. and other peacekeepers in the region will be able to return home only when Yugoslavia is politically stable and reasonably prosperous. Without help, the restoration of the economy could take many years.

The leaders of the new Yugoslavia have demonstrated their commitment to rehabilitating their country's economy and extraditing Milosevic to The Hague to answer for his crimes. They have earned some help.

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San Francisco Chronicle

Two decades after scientists first described HIV/AIDS, the global epidemic has killed 22 million victims, left 13 million orphans and infected an estimated 36 million people. Yet, denial remains the greatest obstacle to containing history's largest pandemic.

The truth is, hardly any nation wants to admit that its citizens have AIDS. Ask the several dozen government leaders who are attending the first U.N. General Assembly Special Session on HIV/AIDS in New York.

Japan and China, for example, have long denied the looming health crisis that threatens their populations. Some Muslim countries, for their part, view homosexuality as a sin punishable by death. They are offended by the proposed U.N. pledge of commitment, which promises to help "men who have sex with men, sex workers and injecting drug users and their sexual partners."

Still other governments object to the pledge's commitment to help prostitutes, prisoners or political refugees. They refuse to admit that their economies thrive on sex tourism, that sex occurs among prisoners or that their refugee camps are plagued by rape.

In addition, many countries are unwilling to challenge the subordinate status of their <u>women</u>, which makes it difficult, often impossible, for wives to flee the threat of heterosexual infection.

To his credit, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan has launched a massive global effort and established an international health fund to combat AIDS. So far, however, the fund has received only \$528 million, far less than the annual \$10 billion that Annan seeks to prevent and treat this catastrophic epidemic.

To its shame, the Bush administration has pledged a meager \$200 million to the global health fund. Rep. Barbara Lee, D-Oakland, a member of the U.S. delegation to the U.N. conference, is now seeking to boost this contribution to at least \$1 billion.

At the conference, participants will squabble over many issues, including who should control the global health fund and whether treatment or prevention should receive greater resources.

But none of this matters if the world's leaders refuse to confront the shame and stigma attached to HIV/AIDS. In some parts of Africa, families expel infected relatives. Closer to home, public health officials daily fight with communities who are unwilling to acknowledge the extent of their AIDS epidemic.

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ALKHAN-YURT, Russia (AP)

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Report Says IRA Hasn't Disarmed

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

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Leading Indicators Suggest Growth

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A key gauge of U.S. economic activity rose a sturdy 0.4 percent in December, suggesting that the nation's record expansion will continue well into Year 2000. The Conference Board said today its Index of Leading Economic Indicators increased to 108.7, yet another record level, in December from 108.3 the month before.

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Misdemeanor Charges in Phills Wreck

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)

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VIENNA, Austria (AP)

Facing European sanctions and worldwide scorn, Austria's president on Wednesday delayed approving a new government that includes Joerg Haider's rightists until leaders of the coalition pledge to respect democratic values. The outrage over the coalition between Haider's Freedom Party and the center-right Austrian People's Party was debated in world capitals. Haider won international notoriety about 10 years ago by praising Adolf Hitler's "orderly" employment policies. He has since sought repeatedly to distance himself from those statements.

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Teeing up for an election-year fight, the Senate approved a Republican bill today that would boost the minimum wage by \$1 an hour over three years, a period of time President Clinton and Democrats say is too long to wait. With many Republicans eager to avoid repeated campaign-season attacks on the widely popular issue, some increase in the current \$5.15 hourly minimum seems likely to become law before Election Day. But with the White House and Democrats also objecting to the measure's \$18 billion in tax cuts over five years mostly for small business owners it is unclear what the final version will look like.

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NEW YORK (AP)

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Muslims Prepare Mosque Construction

NAZARETH, Israel (AP)

Thousands of triumphant Muslims on Tuesday unveiled a cornerstone for a mosque next to a major Christian shrine in the heart of Jesus' boyhood town a ceremony that set off bitter recriminations between the Vatican and Israel. The Vatican said Israel, by allowing the mosque to be built, was "laying the foundation" for division. Israel hinted that the Holy See's protests were motivated in part by anti-Semitism. Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority backed the churches. In Tuesday's ceremony, hundreds of Islamic activists shook their fists and chanted, "With our blood and spirit, we will redeem you, Shihab el-Din," a reference to the 12th century anti-Crusader cleric they believe to be buried at the site.

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NEW YORK (AP)

Media mogul Rupert Murdoch said Tuesday that General Electric Co. has offered to sell NBC television to Time Warner Inc. for \$25 billion, but both NBC and Time Warner denied any talks. In a live interview on Fox News Channel, which is owned by News Corp., commentator Neil Cavuto asked Murdoch if he was interested in buying NBC if General Electric decided to unload some of its broadcast and cable operations in advance of Chairman Jack Welch's departure this April. Murdoch said yes, but that no offer had been made. NBC and Time Warner tersely denied any discussions. "We don't usually comment on the musings of other people, but in this case, this is a flatout denial," said NBC spokeswoman Kassie Canter.

Tokyo Stocks Rise

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Tokyo's main stock index hit a 27-month high Wednesday morning amid optimism over Japan's economy. The Nikkei Stock Average gained 150.54 points to 18,972.66 points at the end of the morning session. In New York on Tuesday, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 93.89 points to 10,995.63.

Suns Defeat Raptors 94-93

PHOENIX (AP)

Jason Kidd had 15 assists and 16 points, including two free throws with 1.3 seconds left that gave the Phoenix Suns a 94-93 victory over the Toronto Raptors on Tuesday night. With Toronto leading by a point, Doug Christie missed two free throws with 5.1 seconds left. Cliff Robinson grabbed the rebound off the second miss and Phoenix called time with 4.8 seconds remaining to set up the final play. Kidd was fouled by Antonio Davis while taking a hook shot in the lane, and made both free throws for the winning margin.

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Women's Groups To Lobby WTO

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<u>Women</u>'s groups are joining forces to lobby the World Trade Organization on the importance of equality in global trade. Discrimination against <u>women</u> and the social expectations of their roles in the family continue to inhibit <u>women</u>'s ability to enter fully into the new global market, said Maria Riley of the global <u>women</u>'s project at the Washington-based Center of Concern. "We want the World Trade Organization to recognize these realities and to ensure that <u>women</u> do not continue to carry the disproportionate burden of poverty and exclusion in a world that's becoming more economically interconnected," she said.

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LOS ANGELES (AP)

Derek Anderson scored 17 of his 23 points in the first quarter against the banged-up New York Knicks, and the Los Angeles Clippers held on to win 100-95 Tuesday night after nearly blowing a 28-point lead. Lamar Odom, who entered the game leading all rookies with a 19.4 scoring average, added 24 points for the Clippers. He also made a spectacular block on Latrell Sprewell's fast-break layup with 19 seconds left in the third quarter. Sprewell had 32 points, his highest-scoring game since joining New York last season. The loss was their sixth in the last eight games.

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Class-Action Lawsuits Target HMOs

LOS ANGELES (AP)

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Papal Speech Touts Women's Rights

VATICAN CITY (AP)

Pope John Paul II today condemned sex tourism, prostitution and other practices that demean <u>women</u>. The 79-year-old pontiff's theme was the rights of <u>women</u>, and he urged his listeners to use the coming Holy Year to redouble their efforts to ensure those rights.

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)

Louisville quarterback Chris Redman, who passed for 29 touchdowns and more than two miles of offense this season, today won the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award. Redman, the nation's top senior collegiate quarterback, led the Cardinals to a 7-4 record. Other finalists were Joe Hamilton of Georgia Tech, Tennessee's Tee Martin, Chad Pennington of Marshall and Tim Rattay of Louisiana Tech.

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ASEAN Officials OK Code of Conduct

MANILA, Philippines (AP)

Southeast Asian officials agreed today on a draft "code of conduct" aimed at cooling territorial disputes in the South China Sea, one of the region's most serious security threats. As the senior ASEAN officials began the day's deliberations, police and firemen used high-pressure water hoses to disperse protesters who were saying ASEAN's free-trade policy would expose Southeast Asian countries to competition from large multinational companies and result in massive layoffs and business closures.

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BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP)

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Developing Nations Mull Governance

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP)

Leaders and ministers from 71 developing countries meeting here this week generally agree on the dangers of globalization, drug trafficking and money laundering. The idea that some of their governments are a danger to their own people is proving more controversial. Discord set in when a South African delegate to the summit of African, Caribbean and Pacific nations proposed adopting a covenant of "good governance" a euphemism for fighting corruption.

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Carolina To Meet Purdue for Maui Title

LAHAINA, Hawaii (AP)

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BANGKOK, Thailand Twin 12-year-old boys leading the fringe Myanmar rebel group God's Army reportedly are on the run through the jungle Thursday after Myamnar governent troops seize their headquarters. THAILAND-GOD'S ARMY. Lead has moved. By Patrick McDowell. AP Photos BK104-105.

ALSO MOVED:

THAILAND-REBEL LEADER. Leader of Karen rebels is demoted Thursday amid crisis.

THAILAND-HOSPITAL SIEGE. Bomb threats Thursday rattle siege town.

MOSCOW Acting President Vladimir Putin on Thursday announces a big jump in defense spending to equip the Russian military with new weapons and revive the ailing defense industry. RUSSIA-MILITARY. Lead has moved. By Barry Renfrew. AP Photo MOSB104, AP Graphic GROZNY FIGHTING.

ALSO MOVED:

RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Chechen snipers in high-rise buildings and trenches hold off Russian troops trying Thursday to advance on the center of Grozny. MOSB101-102,105.

BERLIN Germany remembers the 6 million Jews who perished under Nazi rule with a symbolic groundbreaking Thursday for a national Holocaust memorial in Berlin. GERMANY-HOLOCAUST DAY. Lead has moved. By Tony Czuczka. AP Photos XBER102-103, BER103, MUN103,106.

ALSO MOVED:

SWEDEN-HOLOCAUST CONFERENCE. Neo-Nazis should be kept from using the Internet to spread racist propaganda, delegates say Thursday. STO109.

POLAND-AUSCHWITZ ANNIVERSARY. Survivors recount death camp horrors. AUS150-151.

VITINA, Yugoslavia Kosovo Albanians accuse U.S. troops of beatings, inappropriate body searches of <u>women</u> and daily harassment in this Serb town. The Army says some of the allegations are true. KOSOVO-UGLY AMERICANS. Expected by 2000 GMT. By Melissa Eddy. AP Photo XVK101.

VAVUNIYA, Sri Lanka A powerful parcel bomb explodes in the city's main post office in a northern garrison town Thursday, killing at least 11 people, including soldiers sending money home, witnesses and the military say. SRI LANKA-EXPLOSION. Lead has moved. By Thampu Vivekarasa.

VIENNA, Austria Faced with an international outcry over the prospect of a far-right party in government, Austria's president says Thursday that he will wait until next week before deciding whether to ask the two conservative groups to try forming a new coalition. AUSTRIA-GOVERNMENT. Lead has moved. By Robert H. Reid. AP Photo VIE101.

BERLIN Germany's governing coalition rejects former chancellor Helmut Kohl's request to testify to a parliament investigating committee as soon as possible. GERMANY-KOHL SCANDAL. Has moved. By Burt Herman.

WASHINGTON President Bill Clinton, in his final State of the Union address Thursday, is expected to propose a large tax cut and encourage Russia and China to join the ranks of stable, prosperous democratic nations. US-STATE OF THE UNION. Lead has moved; speech set for 0200 GMT Friday. By Anne Gearan. AP Photos planned.

JAKARTA, Indonesia An outbreak of fighting between Christians and Muslims in eastern Indonesia has killed 65 people in the past three days, the region's military commander says Thursday. INDONESIA-VIOLENCE. Lead has moved.

ALSO MOVED:

INDONESIA-EAST TIMOR. Gen. Wiranto is implicated in last year's killings in East Timor, a human rights investigator says Thursday.

MONTREAL An Algerian reportedly detained in Senegal on suspicion of planning a bomb attack was under investigation in Canada before he fled the country, an intelligence spokesman says Thursday. US-BORDER ARRESTS-BIN LADEN. Lead has moved. By Tom Cohen.

LONDON A new drug many hoped would be a powerful alternative to aspirin for preventing heart attacks turns out to be no better than the old standby. MED-BRITAIN-HEART PILL. Has moved; embargoed until 0001 GMT Friday. By Emma Ross.

FEATURES MOVED: Science and Technology

SCI-US-TALL TROUBLES. AP Photos NY315, NY317 and CAVIS316; AP Graphic TALLEST TREE.

SCI-US-WEARABLE COMPUTERS. AP Photo NY359.

SCI-US-DIGITAL DISSECTIONS, AP Photos WX107-108.

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WORLD AT 0000 GMT:

NEW:

CUBAN BOY-LAWSUIT. Elian's father says Miami relatives offered him milions to move to Florida from Cuba.

NORTHERN IRELAND. Gerry Adams warns the IRA is unlikely to start disarming soon.

US-CANADA-GENE TALKS. U.S., Europe at odds as talks on genetically modified organisms enter final day.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

ALKHAN-KALA, Russia Chechen snipers in high-rise buildings and trenches fire on Russian troops trying to advance on the center of Grozny. Has moved; new story expected by 1000 GMT. By Lyoma Turpalov. AP Photos MOSB101-103, 105-107, 116-118, 120-121; NAZ101-108.

WITH:

BRUSSELS, Belgium Russia escapes a Council of Europe suspension for its conduct in Chechnya, but international pressure grows on Moscow to settle the conflict. COUNCIL OF EUROPE-RUSSIA. Recap moving by 0200 GMT. By Paul Ames.

Also moved: US-Russia, Russia-UN.

WASHINGTON President Bill Clinton, in his final State of the Union address Thursday, is expected to propose a large tax cut and encourage Russia and China to join the ranks of stable, prosperous democratic nations. US-STATE OF THE UNION. Developing from speech set for 0200 GMT Friday. By Anne Gearan. AP Photos planned.

MIAMI Elian Gonzalez's father tells U.S. immigration officials that his Miami relatives offered him millions of dollars, a house and a car to join the 6-year-old boy in the United States, according to court papers filed Thursday. CUBAN BOY-LAWSUIT. Has moved. By Alex Veiga. AP Photos available.

VIENNA, Austria Austria's president is waiting until next week before asking two conservative groups to form a new government that could include the party of a political leader best known for statements sympathetic to aspects of the Nazi regime. AUSTRIA-GOVERNMENT. Recap moving by 0200 GMT. By Robert H. Reid. AP Photos VIE101, 120-121, 123.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland Warning that the <u>Irish Republican Army</u> is unlikely to start disarming soon, Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams appealed Thursday for Protestant politicians to be patient and not pull the plug on Northern Ireland's power-sharing government. NORTHERN IRELAND. Has moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik.

DAVOS, Switzerland Facing a threat of demonstrations by opponents of megabusiness, world corporate and government leaders have begun an annual Alpine retreat with a caution that they need to allay "massive discontent" around the world. WORLD FORUM. Moving after 0730 GMTt opening session. By Alexander G. Higgins. AP Photos DAV101-102,105-111.

MONTREAL The United States remained at odds with European and developing nations Thursday as talks aimed at regulating international trade in genetically modified products entered its final full day. US-CANADA-GENE TALKS. Has moved. By Matt Crenson. AP Photo MTO109

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FEATURES: Arts and Entertainment

HANOI, Vietnam Shot in southern Vietnam, "Three Seasons" is the odds-on Oscar favorite for foreign film this year. Despite the outside acclaim, Vietnam's movie industry appears to be fighting a losing battle against the pervasive presence of videos and television. ARTS-VIETNAM-FILM INDUSTRY. To move as wire time permits. By Tini Tran. AP Photo NY196

NEW YORK Having completed her 31-city "Divine Miss Millennium Tour" in Las Vegas, Bette Midler is now starring in "Isn't She Great?" It is a new film biography of Jacqueline Susann, the writer of such potboilers as "Valley of the Dolls" and "Once Is Not Enough." ARTS-US-BETTE MIDLER. To move as wire time permits. By Douglas J. Rowe. AP Photo NY328

NEW YORK Opera star Jessye Norman first became a musical icon in France. Her following was so over-the-top that Jean-Jacques Beineix's film, "Diva," was based on one of her obsessive fans. Now, her first solo recording in three years is of French music and surprise! it's not classical. ARTS-US-JESSYE NORMAN. To move as wire time permits. By Verena Dobnik. AP Photo NY320

Also Moving:

ARTS-Taiwan-Saving Opera AP Photo NY197

ARTS-Britain-V.S. Naipaul AP Photos NY300

ARTS-US-James Coburn AP Photo NY326

ARTS-US-Museum Matchmaker AP Photo NY408

ARTS-US-Mr. Death AP Photo NY325

ARTS-US-Rock 'n' Roll Author AP Photo NY318

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ARTS-US-Nicole Farhi

ARTS-US-Telemarketer Revenge

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WORLD AT 0700 GMT:

NEW:

THAILAND-HOSPITAL SIEGE. Bomb threats rattle Thai town.

THAILAND-REBEL LEADER. Karen resistance leader demoted.

PAKSITAN-SHARIF TRIAL. Trial continues for Nawaz Sharif.

MALAYSIA-ANWAR TRIAL. Lawyers call witnesses.

TAIWAN-ELECTIONS. Candidate backs president's stance.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

BANGKOK, Thailand Bomb threats rattle a Thai town Thursday, two days after commandos killed 10 Myanmar insurgents who took hundreds hostage in a hospital there. THAILAND-HOSPITAL SIEGE. Has moved. By Busaba Sivasomboon.

BANGKOK, Thailand The short but spectacular career of a radical Myanmar student rebel group has taken a calamitous fall with the bloody failure of its takeover of a hospital in neighboring Thailand. MYANMAR-REBELS. Has moved. By Grant Peck. BK101.

Also:

THAILAND-REBEL LEADER. Karen resistance leader demoted.

KARACHI, Pakistan The criminal trial of deposed prime minister Nawaz Sharif resumes a day after a former colleague took the witness stand to say he was ordered to divert a passenger plane with the army chief aboard to a Gulf nation. PAKISTAN-SHARIF TRIAL. Expected by 0800 GMT.

UNITED NATIONS Hans Blix wins the unanimous backing of the divided Security Council to be the next chief U.N. weapons inspector in Iraq. But he may not be able to count on such unwavering support in the future. UN-IRAQ. Has moved. By Nicole Winfield. NY192,XUN101-103.

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia Lawyers for jailed politician Anwar Ibrahim say they will call to the stand some of his former government colleagues to support Anwar's alibi that he did not commit sodomy against his former driver. MALAYSIA-ANWAR TRIAL. Has moved. By Alvin Ung.

TAIPEI, Taiwan The ruling Nationalist Party's presidential candidate says he backs the president's new stance on Taiwan-China relations, countering claims he was distancing himself from the controversial policy. TAIWAN-ELECTIONS. Has moved.

GROZNY, Russia Rebels using grenade-launchers and sniper rifles attack Russian troops from all sides to thwart their advance on a key square in central Grozny. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Has moved. By Yuri Bagrov. NAZ101-105, MOSB101-103,107,109, 121-123.

WITH:

ROSTOV-ON-DON, Russia Every day or two a military transport plane arrives carrying the bodies of soldiers killed in Chechnya. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA-CASUALTIES. Has moved. By Sergei Venyavsky. MOSB117-118.

MIAMI The Cuban grandmothers of Elian Gonzalez arrive for a government-ordered meeting with the 6-year-old boy whose odyssey to the United States has sparked an international conflict. US-CUBAN BOY. Has moved. By Alex Veiga. MH101-110, FLWL101.

ANKARA, Turkey For almost a decade, Islamic militants terrorized Kurds in southeastern Turkey, executing their enemies with a single shot to the head or a swing of a long blade called the "sword of Islam." TURKEY-ISLAMIC TERROR. Has moved. By Selcan Hacaoglu. NY190.

BEIJING Trying to tighten its hold on the fast-moving Internet, China is ordering companies to register software used to transmit sensitive data and threatening punishment for letting government secrets slip onto the Web. CHINA-INTERNET. Has moved. By Charles Hutzler.

AISO MOVED:

US-CHINA. U.S. defense secretary meets with senior Chinese general to discuss aftermath of the mistaken U.S. bombing of China's embassy in Yugoslavia last May.

WASHINGTON President Bill Clinton grabs the spotlight with a State of the Union address intended to promote the last year of his presidency and political ambitions of vice president Al Gore. US-STATE OF THE UNION. Setup has moved. Speech at 0200 GMT Friday. By Terence Hunt. AP Photo WX103.

KIGALI, Rwanda With Congolese President Laurent Kabila in New York telling world leaders he still wants peace, rebels accuse his army of launching massive military strikes in northwestern Congo. CONGO-FIGHTING. Has moved. By Hrvoje Hranjski.

BERLIN With the symbolic groundbreaking for a national Holocaust memorial in Berlin, Germany marks an annual day of remembrance Thursday for 6 million Jews who perished under Nazi rule. GERMANY-HOLOCAUST DAY. Has moved. Parliament to meet at 0800 GMT. By Tony Czuczka.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden Passing along the memory of the Holocaust is the best way to prevent genocide in the face of rising neo-Nazism and ethnic conflict, world leaders and activists say. SWEDEN-HOLOCAUST CONFERENCE. Has moved. By Kim Gamel.

VIENNA, Austria Critics from Israel and across Europe are warning the Austrians against allowing a far-rightwing party to share power as coalition talks continue. AUSTRIA-GOVERNMENT. Has moved. By Robert H. Reid.

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WORLD AT 1100 GMT:

NEW:

SRI LANKA-EXPLOSION. Parcel bomb kills 11.

THAILAND-GOD'S ARMY. Base reportedly overrun.

INDONESIA-VIOLENCE. Five killed in fresh fighting.

AUSTRALIA-LATVIA-WAR CRIMES. Extradition discussed.

SYRIAN-JEWS. Jews struggle to find revival in peace.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

VAVUNIYA, Sri Lanka At least 11 people, including soldiers sending money home, are killed by a parcel bomb in the main post office of this northern town, the military and witnesses say. SRI LANKA-EXPLOSION. Has moved.

BANGKOK, Thailand The remote jungle headquarters of a Myanmar rebel group led by twin 12-year-old boys is overrun by Myanmar government troops Thursday after a week of attacks, dissident and Thai military sources say. THAILAND-GOD'S ARMY. Has moved. By Thaksina Khaikaew. BK104-105.

ALSO MOVED:

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THAILAND-REBEL LEADER. Karen resistance leader demoted.

MYANMAR-SHAN REBELS. Shan says it wants peace.

SLEPTSOVSKAYA, Russia Russian rockets scream into Chechnya's capital of Grozny on Thursday while Russian troops struggle through snowy, sniper-filled streets toward a strategic square. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Has moved. By Nick Wadhams. NAZ101-104, MOSB101-105.

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia Three suspected separatists are killed by police in western Aceh province, while two villagers die in continuing Muslim-Christian violence in eastern Indonesia, police say. INDONESIA-VIOLENCE. Has moved.

MIAMI With about 200 chanting, flag-waving, demonstrators nearby, Elian Gonzalez visited with his grandmothers for the first time since he was plucked from the ocean, floating toward the United States. US-CUBAN BOY. Has moved. By Madeline Baro Diaz. MH101-120, FLW101-104, FLMIH101-105, XLM101-106, ACAP203-204, WX105.

CANBERRA, Australia Australia and Latvia are discussing an extradition treaty, the justice minister says, that could pave the way for an Australian-born person in Latvia to be sent there for trial on World War II atrocity charges. AUSTRALIA-LATVIA-WAR CRIMES. Has moved.

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DAMASCUS, Syria When he walks home through the quiet, narrow streets of the Jewish Quarter, Salim Hamadani thinks a lot about the old days Jewish weddings, family holiday gatherings, day trips with neighbors he's known since childhood. SYRIAN JEWS. Has moved. By Susan Sevareid. AP Photos NY111-112.

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WASHINGTON However Vice President Al Gore feels about abortion rights now and there's little doubt he backs them he saw the issue differently in the past. He seemed to forget that in the latest Democratic debate. US-DEBATE-TRUTH SQUAD. Has moved. By Calvin Woodward. AP Photos.

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UN-CONGO. Congo talks wind down without new agreement.

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WORLD SPORTS AT 1400 GMT

TENNIS:

MELBOURNE, Australia Andre Agassi hammers winners through the few openings left him by Pete Sampras Thursday night, winning 6-4, 3-6, 6-7 (0), 7-6 (5), 6-1 to advance to the title match at the Australian Open, his fourth consecutive Grand Slam tournament final.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Australian Open. Has moved.

By Phil Brown.

MELBOURNE, Australia No. 1 seeded Martina Hingis says center court at Melbourne Park is like her home. She's won the last three Australian Open titles on it and hasn't lost a match there since 1996, winning 27 matches in succession.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Australian Open-Women. Has moved.

By John Pye.

ALSO:

MELBOURNE, Australia Sports-Tennis-Australian Open-Tickets. Has moved.

MELBOURNE, Australia Sports-Tennis-Australian Open-Notebook. Has moved.

MELBOURNE, Australia Sports-Tennis-Australian Open-Capriati. By Christopher Torchia. Has moved.

SCRANTON, Pennsylvania Don Budge, who swept all four major tennis tournaments in 1938 to become the sport's first "Grand Slam" winner, died of cardiac arrest. He was 84.

Slug BC-Sports-Tennis-Obit-Budge. Has moved.

By Dan Robrish.

SOCCER:

ACCRA, Ghana South Africa can book a place in the quarterfinals of the African Nations Cup with a victory against the Democratic Republic of Congo, while co-host Ghana will be under pressure to beat its tiny neighbour Togo.

Slug Sports-Soccer-African Cup. Expected by 2100 GMT.

By Andreas Evagora.

MILAN, Italy Roberto Baggio appears set to get a rare start Thursday night as Internazionale of Milan takes on rival AC Milan in the Italian Cup quarterfinals.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Italian Cup. Expected by 2230 GMT.

ROME Watch out, Juventus. Cagliari is getting accustomed to the role of spoiler.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Italian Preview. Expected by 1500 GMT.

By Howard Fendrich.

MADRID, Spain Defending champion FC Barcelona has a chance to climb at the top of the first division with a victory Saturday over cross-town rival Espanyol.

Slug: BC-Sports-Soccer-Spanish Preview. Expected by 1500 GMT.

By Mar Roman

LONDON The fifth round of the F.A. Cup with league-leader Leeds at Aston Villa. In a key Premier League game, Manchester is home to Middlesbrough on Saturday with 60,000 fans expected.

Slug Sports-Soccer-British Preview. Expected by 1500 GMT.

By Stephen Wade.

BOXING:

MANCHESTER, England After spending 10 days charming the British public, Mike Tyson meets their heavyweight champion for the first time Thursday and warns: "There's gonna be a war on Saturday."

Slug Sports-Boxing-Tyson-England. Expected by 1500 GMT.

By Robert Millward

SKIING:

SALT LAKE CITY Next month's <u>women</u>'s World Cup speed races on the mountain where the Olympics are to be held in two years have been canceled for lack of snow.

Slug BC-Sports-Skiing-World Cup Canceled. Has moved.

By Tim Korte.

SAILING:

AUCKLAND, New Zealand AmericaOne beats Prada of Italy by 1 minute, 33 seconds Thursday to even the best-of-9 America's Cup challenger finals at one race apiece.

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

By Howard Ulman.

GOLF:

PERTH, Australia Australians Geoff Ogilvy, Chris Gray and Wayne Smith take a one-stroke lead into Friday's second round of the Heineken Classic golf tournament, a joint Australasian-European PGA tour event.

Slug Sports-Golf-Heineken Open. Has moved.

ALSO:

MILWAUKEE BC-Sports-Basketball-NBA Roundup. Has moved.

SUNRISE, Florida BC-Sports-Ice Hockey-NHL Roundup. Has moved.

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WORLD SPORTS AT 0000 GMT

TENNIS:

MELBOURNE, Australia Defending champion Yevgeny Kafelnikov plays Sweden's Magnus Norman on Friday for the right to meet No. 1 Andre Agassi in the final of the Australian Open.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Australian Open. Match not expected to start before 0400 GMT.

By Steve Wilstein.

SOCCER:

ACCRA, Ghana South Africa becomes the first team to book a place in the quarter finals of the African Nations Cup with a 1-0 win against Congo.

Slug Sports-Soccer-African Cup. Has moved.

By Andreas Evagora.

ROME Roberto Baggio scores one minute after AC Milan had taken the lead, giving Internazionale of Milan a 1-1 draw that's enough to oust its rival from the Italian Cup quarterfinals on a 4-3 aggregate.

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MADRID, Spain The slump of November and December is over. With events such as Rivaldo honored as FIFA Player of the Year, the momentum is starting to shift back to FC Barcelona's favor.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Spanish Preview. Has moved.

By Mar Roman.

LONDON With attendance figures for this year's F.A. Cup among the lowest in memory, the irony of Manchester United's record-breaking attendance this weekend is lost on nobody.

Slug Sports-Soccer-British Preview. Has moved.

By Stephen Wade.

SAILING:

AUCKLAND, New Zealand AmericaOne tries to take a 2-1 lead over Prada of Italy in the best-of-9 challenger finals after a convincing comeback victory in which it overcame a ripped sail.

Slug Sports-Sailing-America's Cup. Race scheduled to begin at 0015 GMT.

By Howard Ulman.

BOXING:

MANCHESTER, England If Julius Francis contributes as little in the ring as he did at his head to head news conference with Saturday's opponent Mike Tyson, the fight won't last more than 30 seconds.

Slug Sports-Boxing-Tyson-Francis. RECAP expected by 0100 GMT.

By Stephen Wade.

CRICKET:

PERTH, Australia India, needing a win to stay in the hunt for a finals spot, plays Pakistan in a limited-overs tri-series match Friday at the WACA.

Slug Sports-Cricket-India-Pakistan. Expected by 1400 GMT.

GOLF:

PERTH, Australia Australians Geoff Ogilvy, Chris Gray and Wayne Smith take a one-stroke lead into Friday's second round of the Heineken Classic golf tournament, a joint Australasian-European PGA tour event.

Slug Sports-Golf-Heineken Open. Expected by 1300 GMT.

ALSO:

SCOTTSDALE Arizona Sports-Golf-Phoenix Open. By Mel Reisner. Expected by 0100 GMT.

ALSO:

UNDATED Sports-Basketball-NBA Roundup. Expected by 0600 GMT.

UNDATED Sports-Ice Hockey-NHL Roundup. Expected by 0600 GMT.

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JAPAN-INDONESIA. Indonesia's president says Aceh province could hold referendum on independence in seven months.

HURRICANE LENNY. Lenny strengthens, could threaten Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

ISTANBUL, Turkey Once the seat of formidable empires, this ancient capital has seen its share of invasions and violence. But these days the people of Istanbul are confronting a terrible new fear: Earthquakes. TURKEY-FEARFUL ISTANBUL. Has moved. By Seth Sutel.

ALSO:

CLINTON-TURKEY. Clinton tours quake area on Tuesday. Developing from Clinton visit to shelter beginning about 0830 GMT. Clinton addresses Turkish Business Council at 1200 GMT.

TURKEY-QUAKE. With survivors' chances diminishing, some teams leave, others turn to relief. Has moved; developments will be expedited. AP Photos XSL101-106; XJD101-107.

TURKEY-QUAKE BOX; TURKEY-QUAKE-COMPARISON.

HAVANA Spanish King Juan Carlos toasts his host President Fidel Castro on the eve of Tuesday's Ibero-American summit, wishing prosperity for the Cuban people but reminding the communist leader of the importance of human rights. IBERO-AMERICAN SUMMIT. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Anita Snow. AP Photo HAV134.

ALSO MOVED:

CASTRO THE HOST. Cuban president becomes the consummate host during Latin summit. AP Photos HAVG101-107,202.

IBERO-SUMMIT-BASEBALL. Venezuelan president boasts of wicked curve ball.

SHANGHAI, China The breakthrough U.S.-China trade deal creates numerous winners and losers as it pushes China's protected, state-dominated economy toward a freer market. CHINA TRADE-WINNERS-LOSERS. Has moved. By Joe McDonald. AP Photos BEJ101-119; XIN101-103. AP Graphic CHINA TRADE.

ALSO MOVED:

US-CHINA TRADE. Trade deal praised by business, criticized by unions.

CHINA-US-TRADE. In trade deal, US, China change landscape for foreign firms, Chinese consumers.

UN-WTO-CHINA. U.N. chief, in Beijing, hopes trade deal with lead to negotiations with EU and other countries.

MOSCOW Russian warplanes and artillery batter targets across Chechnya, underlining President Boris Yeltsin resistance to Western pressure to end the war. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Jim Heintz. MOSB101-102,107-108,113.

ALSO MOVED:

RUSSIA-ISLAM-CHECHNYA. Muslim radical warns of suicide bombings.

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US-VALUJET CRASH. Jury selection begins in trial against contractor.

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BELFAST, Northern Ireland Raising hopes of a breakthrough, American mediator George Mitchell says he's "increasingly confident" that Protestant and Catholic politicians will finally agree to govern Northern Ireland together. NORTHERN IRELAND. Has moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photos XBFT101-107, LON106.

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BONN, Germany Talks resume Tuesday on compensation for former Nazi laborers but the sides are farther apart than ever. GERMANY-NAZI LABOR. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Burt Herman. AP Photos BER106,107.

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FRANCE-HOLOCAUST REPARATIONS. France unveils legal framework for Holocaust reparations. AP Photo PAR105.

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UNITED NATIONS In a new U.S.-brokered accord, the three presidents of Bosnia a Muslim, a Croat, and a Serb have taken another step toward fulfilling the goal of the 1995 Dayton peace accord: a united, multi-ethnic, democratic country. UN-BOSNIA DECLARATION. Has moved. By Edith M. Lederer.

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UN-SREBRENICA-MASSACRES. In a self-critical report, the United Nations admits it failed to prevent the Serb massacre of thousands of Muslims in the Bosnian enclave of Srebrenica because of errors, misjudgment and "an inability to recognize the scope of the evil confronting us."

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti Hurricane Lenny loses some strength as it heads for a direct hit on southwest Puerto Rico. The storm also threatens Haiti and the Dominican Republic with heavy rain, an ominous forecast for a region already saturated by water. HURRICANE LENNY. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Michael Norton. AP Graphic HURRICANE LENNY.

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UNDATED Star gazers are headed to the Mediterranean, Middle East and North Africa for a meteor shower that could provide a repeat of the now-famous 1966 Leonids meteor storm. SCI-CELESTIAL LIGHTSHOW. Has moved. By Joseph B. Verrengia.

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IZMIT, Turkey U.S. President Bill Clinton picks his way past mud puddles at a temporary encampment Tuesday to see firsthand how thousands of homeless survivors of an August earthquake are making do, and promises continued U.S. aid. CLINTON-TURKEY. Developing. Clinton addresses Turkish Business Council at 1200 GMT. By Robert Burns. AP Photo IST101.

ALSO MOVED:

TURKEY-FEARFUL ISTANBUL. The people of Istanbul are confronting a terrible new fear: earthquakes.

TURKEY-QUAKE BOX.

RUSSIA-YELTSIN. Kremlin confirms that Yeltsin will travel to summit in Turkey.

GROZNY, Russia Russian jets bomb roads and mountain passes in an effort to cut off Chechen rebels' retreat routes, and a top Russian commander says Tuesday the military would rely on artillery attacks rather than storming the towns held by militants. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Lyoma Turpalov. AP Photos MOSB101-102.

HAVANA Spanish King Juan Carlos toasts his host President Fidel Castro on the eve of Tuesday's Ibero-American summit, wishing prosperity for the Cuban people but reminding the communist leader of the importance of human rights. IBERO-AMERICAN SUMMIT. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Anita Snow. AP Photos MAD101-103.

ALSO MOVED:

CASTRO THE HOST. Cuban president becomes the consummate host during Latin summit.

IBERO-SUMMIT-BASEBALL. Venezuelan president boasts of wicked curve ball.

WASHINGTON President Bill Clinton is pledging an all-out effort to win congressional approval of a major marketopening trade agreement with China. Judging from the strong negative reaction from U.S. labor groups, he will have to make good on that promise. US-CHINA TRADE. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Martin Crutsinger.

ALSO MOVED:

CHINA TRADE-WINNERS-LOSERS. Trade pact promises China lower prices but could mean more lost jobs. AP Graphic CHINA TRADE.

CHINA-BANNED SECT. Trying to catch the attention of visiting U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, members of the banned sect Falun Gong protest in Tiananmen Square before police intervene. AP Photos BEJ101-107.

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BULOVIT, Yugoslavia The remote mountaintop house seemed abandoned at first, until NATO peacekeepers saw one child, then another, and another. There were 10 in all orphans struggling to survive the aftermath of Kosovo's war, alone at the top of an inaccessible ridge and among the hundreds of thousands of people bracing for winter in Kosovo. KOSOVO-MOUNTAIN WINTER. Has moved. By Danica Kirka.

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LONDON Paving the way for what could become one of the largest corporate takeover battles in history, the chief executive of Vodafone AirTouch PLC says Tuesday that the British company will make a fresh buyout offer for Mannesmann AG later this week. EUROPE-TELECOM-TAKEOVER. Has moved. By Bruce Stanley.

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Northern Ireland's main Protestant party softened its position on IRA disarmament Tuesday, paving the way for the formation of the province's long-delayed government. In a significant departure, Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble moved away from his previous line that the outlawed *Irish Republican Army* must first promise to disarm before he would accept the IRA-linked Sinn Fein party as government colleagues. If the IRA provided "a genuine and meaningful response" to Northern Ireland's disarmament commission, Trimble said, "the way will then be clear for the establishment of the political institutions envisaged" in the Good Friday peace accord of 1998. Trimble's statement was written well in advance as part of a chain of interlocking gestures designed by American mediator George Mitchell to break the past year's deadlock in making the Good Friday accord work. The IRA is expected to issue a policy statement within days confirming its appointment of a senior representative to the commission. (NORTHERN IRELAND)

DUZCE, Turkey (AP)

With some rescue teams already gone and others numbering their days here, hopes of finding any more survivors from Turkey's quake are fading and thoughts are turning to helping the newly homeless face winter's sweeping rains and bitter chill. Friday night's 7.2-magnitude killed at least 547 people, the government said Tuesday morning. Thousands were left homeless in temperatures that plunge to below freezing each evening. Meanwhile, in Izmit, U.S. President Bill Clinton picked his way past mud puddles at a temporary encampment Tuesday to see firsthand how thousands of homeless survivors of an August earthquake are doing and to promise help. Some 9,000 people are living two families to a tent on former farm fields now reinforced with paving stones. Most came from nearby towns destroyed or heavily damaged in the 7.4-magnitude quake Aug. 17 that killed an estimated 17,000. Clinton said the United States is sending 500 more tents to help house the homeless from last week's deadly quake. (TURKEY-QUAKE, CLINTON-TURKEY)

BEIJING (AP)

Trying to catch visiting U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan's attention, 20 members of the banned sect Falun Gong unfurled a banner in Tiananmen Square on Tuesday and stood meditating before Chinese police grabbed, kicked and pushed them into a van. Annan was preparing to meet Chinese Foreign Minister Tang Jiaxuan at the time. The U.N. chief, who had expressed concern about the crackdown on Falun Gong, said Tang gave him a full explanation of the government's view and that he now better understood "some of the issues involved." But the Hong Kong-

based Information Center of Human Rights and Democratic Movement in China said Tuesday that three people who organized a signature drive appealing to the United Nations disappeared and may have been detained. It also said authorities in the southwestern city of Chongqing on Monday sentenced four Falun Gong practitioners to labor camps without trial. Another two practitioners were detained Tuesday afternoon while doing exercises in Tiananmen Square, the Information Center said. (CHINA-BANNED SECT)

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)

More than 8,000 East Timorese refugees have returned home from West Timor in the past few days, taking advantage of a lull in militia activity, a U.N. spokesman said Tuesday. But the pro-Indonesia militias are still active, U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees spokesman Yusuf Hassan said, and threatened to kill an official from the agency. East Timorese voted overwhelmingly on Aug. 30 for independence from Indonesia, which invaded the former Portuguese colony in 1975. Pro-Jakarta militias burned and looted much of the half-island territory in response, sending thousands fleeing and prompting the international community to send in peacekeepers. Meanwhile, a United Nations council on Monday endorsed a call for an international commission to gather information on possible human rights violations in East Timor. The commission of inquiry could be the first step toward establishment of a U.N. war crimes tribunal for East Timor. Details of the investigation must be worked out by U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan. (INDONESIA-REFUGEES, UN-EAST TIMOR)

WASHINGTON (AP)

An EgyptAir Flight 990 crew member's statement, heard on the cockpit voice recorder, is making investigators consider turning the crash probe over to the FBI as a possible criminal matter. A federal law enforcement official told The Associated Press that the question of whether to open a criminal investigation was raised because "one view is that a crew member is heard on the cockpit tape to say something religious in nature." The official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, added: "There is no desire for the FBI to rush into this." CBS News reported, meanwhile, that the system recorded what sounded like the cockpit door opening and a voice saying something to the effect of "what's going on?" The EgyptAir Boeing 767 crashed into the Atlantic Ocean early on Oct. 31 about 40 minutes after takeoff from New York City, killing all 217 aboard. Investigators are still examining contents of the "black box," retrieved Saturday.

US-EGYPTAIR CRASH)

WORLD SPORTS AT 1330 GMT

SOCCER:

LONDON England, Denmark and Slovenia lead going into the second legs of their playoffs and look to clinch spots in next summer's Euro 2000 Championship. Ireland and Turkey contest the other spot in Bursa, Turkey, after a 1-1 draw in the first leg.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Euro 2000 Preview. Expected by 1600 GMT.

By Stephen Wade.

MADRID, Spain An exhibition match Wednesday in Seville between the national teams of Spain and Argentina pits two teams in drastically different moods.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Spain-Argentina. Has moved.

By Daniel Woolls.

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina Boca is back in the hunt for a third straight championship, largely thanks to Martin Palermo's 14 goals in 14 games.

Slug Sports-Soccer-SAmerican Roundup. Has moved.

By Kevin Gray.

AUCKLAND, New Zealand Ghana thumps Thailand 7-1 Tuesday to finish top of Group B at the under-17 world soccer championship while Mexico gains the second playoff spot by upsetting Spain 1-0.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Under-17 World Championship. Has moved.

MELBOURNE, Australia Celtic striker Mark Viduka is confident of taking the field for Australia in its second international friendly against a young Brazil team on Wednesday.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Australia-Brazil. Has moved.

ALSO MOVED:

LONDON Sports-Wembly Stadium.

OLYMPICS:

SYDNEY, Australia United States drug czar Barry McCaffrey says he has accepted an offer to discuss the International Olympic Committee's new anti-doping agency with IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch.

Slug Sports-Australia-Anti-Doping Summit. Has moved.

By Mike Corder

TENNIS:

PATTAYA, Bangkok Fourth-seeded Anne Kremer of Luxembourg knocks home-crowd favorite Tamarine Tanasugarn out of the dlrs 112,500 Volvo *Women*'s Open in a hard-fought first-round match, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Volvo Women's Open. Expected by 1500 GMT.

NEW YORK Mary Pierce walks off the Madison Square Garden court with a come-from-behind victory over a shell-shocked Anna Kournikova.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Chase Championships. Has moved.

By Bob Greene

CRICKET:

HOBART, Australia Pakistan's new-ball bowlers Wasim Akram and Shoaib Akhtar and Australian spinner Shane Warne dismiss their various ailments and declare themselves fit to play the second test starting Thursday.

Slug Sports-Cricket-Australia-Pakistan. Has moved.

MELBOURNE, Australia Australia will host international cricket indoors for the first time next year in a three-match series against South Africa.

Slug Sports-Cricket-Australia-South Africa-Indoor Series. Has moved.

ATHLETICS:

TORONTO Ben Johnson has tested positive again for a banned diuretic, but the sprinter's agent, who paid for the latest test, says the former world record-holder is taking the banned substance for medical reasons.

Slug Sports-Athletics-Johnson-Drugs. Has moved.

SAILING:

AUCKLAND, New Zealand Italy's Prada team continues its dominance of the challenger series for sailing's America's Cup, pushing second-place Young America into a race-losing mistake.

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

BOXING:

NEWARK, New Jersey The head of the IBF pleads innocent to bribery charges and both the organization and the promoters for Lennox Lewis later say the issue over the sanctioning fee for the undisputed heavyweight champion had been settled.

Slug Sports-Boxing Indictments. Has moved.

By Jeffrey Gold.

ALSO MOVED:

TOKYO Sports-Volleyball-Women's World Cup.

TORONTO Sports-Basketball-NBA Roundup.

CHICAGO Sports-Ice Hockey-NHL Roundup.

FUKUOKA, Japan Sports-Sumo Roundup.

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AUCKLAND, New Zealand World soccer powers Brazil and Germany meet in the final Group C match of the under-17 world championship Wednesday, with three other matches also having a bearing on quarterfinal qualification.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Under-17 World Championship. Expected by 0900 GMT.

MELBOURNE, Australia Young Brazil is expected to make up to seven changes as it goes into the second leg of its series against Australia's senior team with a two-goal cushion.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Australia-Brazil. Expected by 1100 GMT.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil Flamengo officially rescinds star striker Romario's contract for sneaking out of training camp to go to a nightclub.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Romario. Has moved.

LONDON In Ukraine and Turkey, the playoffs Wednesday to reach the finals of the European 2000 Championship are being called the matches of the century.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Euro 2000 Preview. Has moved.

By Stephen Wade.

LONDON What if England blows the 2-0 lead it holds over Scotland going into Wednesday's decisive second leg of their European 2000 playoff?

Slug Sports-Soccer-England-Scotland. Has moved.

ALSO MOVED:

MEXICO CITY Sports-Soccer-Mexico-Amputation.

CRICKET:

HOBART, Tasmania Bowling spearheads Shoaib Akhtar of Pakistan and Shane Warne of Australia are expected back on the training field Wednesday following injury and illness as the teams prepare for Thursday's second test.

Slug Sports-Cricket-Australia-Pakistan. Expected by 0800 GMT.

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.

OLYMPICS:

SYDNEY, Australia Governments of 26 nations resolve to pressure the International Olympic Committee for a greater say in the running of its new anti-doping agency at the end of a three-day summit.

Slug Sports-Australia-Anti-Doping Summit. Expected by 0200 GMT.

By Tony Harper.

INDIANAPOLIS Bela Karolyi, the coach who helped Nadia Comaneci, Mary Lou Retton and Kerri Strug win gold medals, is taking charge of the U.S. **women**'s gymnastics program less than a year before the Olympics.

Slug Sports-Olympics-Gymnastics-Karolyi. Recap upcoming.

TENNIS:

NEW YORK U.S. Open champion Serena Williams hurts her back during practice and withdraws from the Chase Championships.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Chase Championships. Has moved. Recap expected by 0400 GMT with late matches.

By Bob Greene.

ATHLETICS:

TORONTO Ben Johnson tests positive for a banned substance used to mask performance-enhancing drugs, the third time the banned sprinter has failed a drug test.

Slug Sports-Athletics-Johnson-Drugs. 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. Expected by 0100 GMT.

By Doug Ferguson.

SAILING:

AUCKLAND, New Zealand Dennis Conner's Stars and Stripes takes on AmericaOne Wednesday in the challenger series for sailing's America's Cup.

Slug Sports-Sailing-America's Cup. Expected by 0500GMT.

BASEBALL:

NEW YORK Pedro Martinez of the Boston Red Sox is the unanimous winner of the American League Cy Young Award. He is the third pitcher in history to win the Cy Young in both leagues.

Slug Sports-Baseball-Martinez Award. Has moved.

By Ronald Blum.

WITH:

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic Sports-Dominican-Cy Young-Martinez. Expected by 0100 GMT.

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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.

IRVING, Texas Sports-Football-Cowboys-Irvin. Has moved.

BAL HARBOUR, Florida Sports-Horse Racing-Obit-Hoffman. Has moved.

NEW YORK Sports-Soccer-US MLS Awards. Has moved.

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IVORY COAST-DIVISIONS. Ivory Coast not as multicultural as it once was.

ATHLETE OF CENTURY AWARDS. Pele, Ali win honors.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

ISTANBUL, Turkey Heads of state sign a treaty slashing the numbers of warplanes, tanks and other heavy non-nuclear weapons in Europe. EUROPE-SUMMIT. Recap expected by 0300 GMT. By Robert Burns. AP Photos IST101-106, XIST101-120, XWH101-104.

ATHENS, Greece Hundreds of anti-American protesters battle baton-wielding riot police and set stores and banks ablaze as the U.S. president rides through Athens in a tight security cocoon and proclaims a "profound and enduring friendship" with Greece. CLINTON-GREECE. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Terence Hunt. ATH112,122, 127-129, XWH201-202.

ALSO:

ITALY-FLORENCE MEETING. Florence scrubs and polishes ahead of visit by Clinton and other world leaders. Expected by 0300 GMT.

WASHINGTON The U.S. National Transportation Safety Board chairman says some speculation about the possible causes of the fatal EgyptAir crash is "flat wrong." But he says the crash "might be the result of a deliberate act." US-EGYPTAIR CRASH. Expected by 0200 GMT; will stand as RECAP to US-Egyptair-Recovery. By Anne Gearan. WX104,108-109.

TOKYO A bizzare custody battle has deepened fears that Japanese cults may once again be on the rise. JAPAN-CULT FEARS. Expected by 0200 GMT. By Eric Talmadge. TOK105-106.

BANGKOK, Thailand Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai is playing down tensions with Myanmar ahead of an informal summit next week of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. THAILAND-MYANMAR DISPUTE. Expected 0500 GMT. By Micool Brooke.

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast Ivory Coast has long been a model of West African stability that opened its doors to migrant workers and war refugees from neighboring states, but the country is no longer the multicultural paradise it once seemed. IVORY COAST-DIVISIONS. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Glenn McKenzie. NY107-109.

UNITED NATIONS The U.N. Security Council approves a two-week stop-gap extension of its humanitarian program for Iraq as it struggles to break months of deadlock on a new comprehensive Iraq policy. UN-IRAQ. Recap expected by 0200 GMT. By Edith M. Lederer. NYR102, 104-105.

SIMI VALLEY, California George W. Bush cautions against abandoning America's allies and ideals through protectionism and isolationism. US-BUSH-FOREIGN POLICY. Has moved. By Glen Johnson. XSMI101.

WITH:

US-WHERE THEY STAND-FOREIGN. Where U.S. presidential candidates stand on foreign policy issues.

SERNOVODSK, Russia Fog grounds Russian warplanes but doesn't give Chechnya a respite from war as Russian ground forces backed by helicopters press their offensive on the rebel republic. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Lead expected by 1000 GMT. By Yuri Bagrov. MOSB101-107.

KARACHI, Pakistan Former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, in his first public appearance since being ousted in a coup, defends himself during a court proceeding, saying "democracy has been hijacked" by the military takeover. PAKISTAN-SHARIF. Lead has moved. By S.M. Quereshi. KAR101-106, 109.

VAVUNIYA, Sri Lanka Air force jets bomb Tamil Tiger rebels fighting an artillery battle with troops close to this garrison town, killing at least three people, a military official and residents say. SRI LANKA-REBELS. Lead expected by 1000 GMT.

LA PAZ, Bolivia Latin American generals whose top priority once was battling communism are discussing new roles for their armies: defending democracy, fighting poverty and eradicating the scourge of drug smuggling. LATIN AMERICA'S ARMIES. Has moved. By Peter McFarren. LPZ102.

ALSO MOVED:

US-SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS. Army Secretary Louis Caldera says Friday he wants the U.S. school for Latin American soldiers to drop classes on commando tactics, add classes on democracy.

VIENNA, Austria Soccer idol Pele and former world Championship boxer Muhammad Ali are among the winners of "World Sports Awards of the Century" chosen by an international jury. ATHLETE OF CENTURY AWARDS. Expected by 0200 GMT; has moved on sports lines with an "s" category code. By Marcia Hill. VIE125-137.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Sunday, U.S. President Bill Clinton visits Bulgaria. On Monday, Israeli and Palestinian negotiators meet in Ramallah, West Bank, for a fifth round of talks on a final peace treaty

FEATURES

TOKYO Japan is experimenting with British-style "question time" in which the prime minister has to answer direct questions from the opposition without the help of bureaucrats something unprecedented in a century of Japanese politics. FEA-JAPAN-QUESTION TIME. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Joseph Coleman. AP Photo TOK104.

LONDON A towering Holmes statue was unveiled this fall near 221b Baker St. the detective's fabled home offering a new mecca for fans and a boost to the cottage industry that has made a killing off their idol. FEA-SHERLOCK HOLMES. Expected by 0200 GMT. By Caroline Byrne. AP Photos LON108-110.

Travel Features also moving:

OKAVANGO DELTA, Botswana Botswana teems with hundreds of species of animals and other wildlife. But out here, says one safari guide, "you might see only four or five other safari vehicles a day, compared to the dozens you would encounter on safaris in other African countries." TRAV-BOTSWANA SAFARIS. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Rick Sammon. AP Photos NY400-403.

With: TRAV-BOTSWANA SAFARIS-TIPS.

MANTECAL, Venezuela Many ecologists consider Venezuela's Los Llanos, or Great Plains, to be one of South America's most spectacular wildlife attractions. To add to the experience, you can stay on huge ranches such and go on safari-like expeditions. TRAV-VENEZUELA'S LLANOS. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Bart Jones. AP Photo NY408

With: TRAV-VENEZUELA'S LLANOS-TIPS.

SEATTLE Any visit to Seattle is not complete without checking out Pike Place Market. The oldest continually operated farmers' market in the United States lights up with produce and the popular 'flying' fish tossed by seafood vendors to the snapping of tourists' cameras. TRAV-US-PIKE PLACE. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Shana McNally. AP Photos NY410-411.

GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan A 24-foot (7.3-meter) bronze horse that recently became a fixture here is identical to the horse unveiled recently in Milan on the 500th anniversary of the destruction of a much smaller clay horse sculpted by Leonardo da Vinci. TRAV-US-LEONARDO'S HORSE. Expected by 0300 GMT. By Lisa Singhania. AP Photos NY411-414.

Also Moving:

TRAV-TRAVEL BRIEFS

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WORLD AT 1100 GMT:

NEW:

EUROPE-TELECOM-TAKEOVER. Vodafone Airtouch announces hostile takeover bid for Mannesmann.

GREECE-CLINTON. Protesters vow to defy police restrictions during Clinton visit.

PAKISTAN-SHARIF. Sharif ordered held in police custody, will be formally charged.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

ISTANBUL, Turkey Heads of state on Friday sign a 30-nation treaty halving the numbers of heavy non-nuclear weapons in what Turkey's president calls "the most comprehensive arms control treaty in Europe." EUROPE-SUMMIT. Lead has moved. By Robert Burns. AP Photos XWH309, ANT101, XIST140.

ATHENS, Greece Left-wing protest groups vow to defy sweeping police restrictions when U.S. President Bill Clinton visits Athens Friday. CLINTON-GREECE. Lead has moved. Clinton scheduled to arrive at 16:30 GMT. By Derek Gatopoulos. AP Photos XWH101-102.

ALSO MOVED:

TURKEY-CASPIAN-PIPELINE. Clinton says oil deal is insurance for world energy supply.

EUROPE-SUMMIT-NATO. NATO chief hails OSCE charter.

KARACHI, Pakistan In his first appearance since being ousted, Premier Nawaz Sharif is placed in police custody Friday and a court says he will be formally charged with treason and hijacking. PAKISTAN-SHARIF. Lead has moved. By S.M. Quereshi. AP Photos KAR101, 103-104.

LONDON Vodafone AirTouch PLC announces plans Friday to launch a hostile dlrs 127 billion offer for Germany's Mannesmann AG in the biggest takeover bid in history. EUROPE-TELECOM-TAKEOVER. Developing. By Bruce Stanley.

MOSCOW Russian forces often fire on a busy highway used by fleeing Chechen refugees and troops have demanded bribes to allow civilians out of the war zone, a human rights group says. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Has moved. By Greg Myre. AP Photos MOSB101-106.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland George Mitchell wraps up a compromise that he predicts will finally spur the formation of a Protestant-Catholic government for Northern Ireland. NORTHERN IRELAND. Lead has moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photos LON115, XBFT101-109, and Graphic.

ALSO MOVED:

CLINTON-NORTHERN IRELAND. U.S. President Bill Clinton hails a plan to break a deadlock in the Northern Ireland peace process.

NIRELAND-TRIMBLE. Ulster Unionist leader aggresively sells Belfast deal.

CAIRO, Egypt Egyptian airline pilots, rejecting suggestions that a co-pilot sent EgyptAir Flight 990 into a suicidal dive, are calling for an end to media speculation on what brought down the jet. EGYPT-EGYPTAIR CRASH. Has moved. By Vijay Joshi. AP Photos CAI101-104, 106-107.

ALSO MOVED:

US-EGYPTAIR-RECOVERY. A salvage vessel and its underwater robot return to the crash site of EgyptAir Flight 990 Friday to resume the search for wreckage and human remains.

COLLEGE STATION, Texas A towering pyramid of logs erected for a celebratory bonfire crashes down, crushing at least 11 students to death and injuring 28 more. US-STUDENTS CRUSHED. Lead upcoming. By Michael Graczyk. AP Photos TXCOL107, TXCOL125.

THE VALLEY, Anguilla Slowed to a dangerous, unnerving crawl, Hurricane Lenny pounds the Dutch, French and British islands of the northeastern Caribbean. HURRICANE LENNY. Lead has moved. By Wycliffe Richardson. AP Photos. AP Photos SJU101-105; AP Graphic HURRICANE LENNY.

LUMBINI, Nepal Hundreds of ash-smeared Hindu priests and saffron-robed Buddhist monks gather at the birth place of Buddha Friday to discuss the challenge posed to their religions by the pope's appeal to spread Christianity in Asia. NEPAL-ASIAN RELIGION. Has moved. By Hema Shukla.

KAYNASLI, Turkey Nazmi Aydogan believes his family was lucky enough to survive two killer earthquakes. But he does not want to risk a third so he's heading for a home outside the fault zone.TURKEY-QUAKE. Lead has moved. By Selcan Hacaoglu. AP Photos IST105-106.

JAKARTA, Indonesia President Abdurrahman Wahid is using a combination of criticism and humor to sell his plan to hold a referendum on the future of strife-torn Aceh province. INDONESIA-ACEH. Lead has moved. By Geoff Spencer. AP Photos JAK103-109.

HAVANA Wild cheers and throbbing salsa music greet Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez as he leads a team of old-timers against a Cuban squad managed by Fidel Castro. CUBA-BASEBALL SUMMIT. Has moved with 'i' and 's' category coding. By John Rice. AP Photos HAV101-104; HAVX101.

ALSO MOVED: CUBA-OPPOSITION. Opposition group asks leaders to call for political opening in Cuba.

SIMI VALLEY, California Presidential hopeful George W. Bush outlines his foreign policy principles in a speech Friday at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. BUSH-FOREIGN POLICY. Lead upcoming. Speech scheduled for 19:00 GMT. By Glen Johnson.

HONG KONG Hong Kong's monetary chief, who replaced the face of Queen Elizabeth II with a tropical flower on new coins, says he now finds them "repulsive," and begs forgiveness from the people who have to use them every day. HONG KONG-UGLY COINS. Expectable by 0700 GMT. By Priscilla Cheung. AP Photo HK101.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Saturday, U.S. President Bill Clinton travels to Athens for a visit that was delayed by violent anti-American protests.

FEATURES:

FEA-ISRAEL-TRACKING JESUS. Israel and Jordan design new "He was here" sites in hopes of attracting more millennium pilgrims. Has moved. NY111-112; APGraphic JESUS FOOTSTEPS

ALSO MOVED:

FEA-PANAMA'S CANAL.

FEA-HONG KONG PRESS.

ARTS-GREECE-ARCHAEOLOGY ROAD.

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Heads of state on Friday signed a treaty halving the numbers of warplanes, tanks and other heavy non-nuclear weapons in much of Europe. But U.S. President Bill Clinton said Senate ratification depends on a Russian pullback from Chechnya. Clinton was the second leader to sign the 30-nation Conventional Force Europe document a modification of a pact first agreed on nine years ago, when the continent was still divided into the Soviet bloc and rival Western nations. The signing took place within the framework of the 54-nation two-day summit of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, which ends Friday. Separately, all 54 leaders adopted two key OSCE documents. (EUROPE-SUMMIT)

MOSCOW (AP)

Russian forces are firing on a busy highway used by refugees fleeing Chechnya, and troops have demanded bribes to allow civilians out of the war zone, Human Rights Watch in New York said. One vehicle was hit by a shell, killing seven, including two <u>women</u> and four children, Kharon Askhabov told Human Rights Watch. When refugees reach the Chechen border, soldiers sometimes demand money, the group said. Despite mounting criticism in the West, Russia has not scaled back its military operation in Chechnya, carrying out 60 air raids on Thursday in spite of foggy weather. However, bad weather and poor visibility forced the Russians to ground their war planes on Friday, the military said. (RUSSIA-CHECHNYA)

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

Ulster Unionist Party leader David Trimble, the Protestant politician at the center of efforts to make last year's peace accord work, on Friday began aggressively selling a compromise deal. Trimble, the Nobel Peace Prize winner who blocked a new Protestant-Catholic government for Northern Ireland for a year in forlorn hope that the outlawed IRA would first start to disarm, launched his new-message campaign with a go-for-broke air of optimism. He stressed that the package mediated by American diplomat George Mitchell if strongly endorsed next week by his party's ruling 800-member council would deliver the goal of *Irish Republican Army* disarmament. The compromise, he said, "offers the best way to strengthen the union, because it will create stability within Northern Ireland." As part of the deal hammered out over the past three months, Ulster Unionists would first have to accept the right of the IRA-linked Sinn Fein party to take part in Northern Ireland's new administration. (NIRELAND-TRIMBLE)

KARACHI Pakistan (AP)

Since being thrown out of power by the army more than a month ago, ex-prime minister Nawaz Sharif on Friday said he has been held in the hills outside the federal capital of Islamabad, pleading with his captors to tell him why he was being detained, according to one of his lawyers. Sharif was ordered held in police custody Friday after an anti-terrorist court delayed formally charging him with kidnapping and hijacking, public prosecutor Feroz Mahmood Bhatti said. Sharif, who left the courthouse in an armored personnel carrier surrounded by paramilitary Rangers, was to have been charged with the offenses, which carry the death penalty or life in prison. But Bhatti said the judge ordered him held until charges are filed Nov. 26. Sharif faces charges in connection with an Oct. 12 incident in which the aircraft returning army chief Gen. Pervez Musharraf to Pakistan was refused landing rights in Karachi. It eventually landed after the army took control but with barely 7 minutes of fuel remaining. (PAKISTAN-SHARIF)

LONDON (AP)

Vodafone AirTouch PLC announced Friday that it plans to launch a 79 billion pound (dlrs 127 billion) hostile offer for Germany's Mannesmann AG, in what will be the biggest corporate takeover bid in history. Having failed to win over Mannesmann's board with a friendly offer, the British company has decided to approach the target's shareholders directly. Vodafone, the world's No. 1 mobile phone business, is offering 53.7 of its own shares for each Mannesmann share, valuing the deal at 240 euros (dlrs 250) per share based on Thursday's closing stock price. The offer represents an 18 percent premium over Vodafone's initial bid of 203 euros (dlrs 211) per share. The German engineering and telecommunications group rebuffed that friendly all-stock offer on Sunday. (EUROPE-TELECOM-TAKEOVER)

WORLD SPORTS AT 1330 GMT

GOLF:

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia Spain's Miguel Angel Martin and Santiago Luna take a one-stroke lead over Americans Tiger Woods and Mark O'Meara into the third round of golf's World Cup on Saturday.

Slug Sports-Golf-World Cup. Leaders tee off at 0130 GMT Saturday.

By Phil Brown.

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia The World Cup of Golf will become the fourth event of the World Golf Championships next year, offering bigger prizes and a new format and most likely a stronger field, officials said Friday.

Slug Sports-Golf-World Cup-Future. Has moved.

By Phil Brown.

SOCCER:

LONDON The English Football Association is unconcerned about reports that coach Kevin Keegan and several players stayed up late drinking beer and watching the Lennox Lewis-Evander Holyfield world heavyweight title fight three days before the crunch Euro 2000 playoff game against Scotland.

Slug Sports-Soccer-England-Keegan. Has moved.

VIENNA, Austria More than 90 sports heroes are attending a gala at the Vienna State Opera where they will be honored.

Slug: Sports-Athletes of Century Awards. By Marcia Hill. Expected by 2130 GMT.

AUCKLAND, New Zealand Mexico's under-17 soccer coach Jose Luis Real says rain is his biggest concern ahead of the world championship quarterfinal against the United States on Saturday.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Under-17-World Championship. Has moved.

PARIS Paris Saint-Germain, home to Bastia, and champion Bordeaux, hosting Saint-Etienne, look to close the gap on the top three clubs in the first division.

Slug Sports-Soccer-French Roundup. Expected by 2100 GMT.

ATHLETICS:

MONTE CARLO, Monaco Track leaders meet Friday with a ruling on the controversial doping cases of Linford Christie and Javier Sotomayor top of the agenda.

Slug Sports-Athletics-IAAF. Expected by 1900 GMT.

By Andreas Evagora.

OLYMPICS:

SYDNEY, Australia Sydney Olympics organizers say their ambitious sponsorship drive has stalled and admit they will struggle to reach their target.

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

By Tony Harper.

TENNIS:

NEW YORK Martina Hingis and Venus Williams figured they would meet in the semifinals of the season-ending Chase Championships.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Chase Championships. Has moved.

By Bob Greene.

ALSO:

NEW YORK Sports-Tennis-Chase-Williams. By Melissa Murphy.

HARTFORD, Connecticut Mahesh Bhupathi and Leander Paes of India, the world's top-ranked doubles team, win their second match, defeating Ellis Ferreira, of South Africa, and American Rick Leach, 6-4, 6-4, at the Phoenix ATP Tour World Doubles Championship.

Slug Sports-Tennis-ATP World Doubles. Has moved.

AUTO RACING:

MOTEGI, Japan Mike Wallace outraces Brendan Gaughan and Austin Cameron to win the pole position for the Coca-Cola 500, the NASCAR Winston West Series' 14th and final event of the year.

Slug Sports-Auto Racing-NASCAR-Coca-Cola 500. Has moved.

By K.P. Hong.

FIELD HOCKEY:

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia Reigning champion South Korea pumped in three goals in the second half to overcome Bangladesh's stubborn defense for a 4-0 win in its first outing of the Asia Cup men's field hockey tournament Friday.

Slug Sport-Field Hockey-Asia Cup. Has moved.

By Mandy Mann.

CRICKET:

HOBART, Australia A career-best 6-46 by offspinner Saqlain Mushtaq triggers a sensational Australian batting collapse and turns the second cricket test on its head on day two.

Slug Sports-Cricket-Australia-Pakistan. Has moved.

By Ihithisham Kamardeen.

BASEBALL:

HAVANA Wild cheers and throbbing salsa music greeted Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez as he leads a team of old-timers against a Cuban squad managed by Fidel Castro.

Slug Sports-Baseball Summit. Has moved.

By John Rice.

BOXING:

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey Michael Grant and Andrew Golota could wind up fighting for a shot at heavyweight titles held by different champions.

Slug Sports-Boxing-Grant-Golota. Has moved.

By Ed Schuyler Jr.

FIGURE SKATING:

PARIS World champion Alexei Yagudin faces American champion Michael Weiss in the men's event at the Lalique Trophy meeting in the best matchup of the competition.

Slug Sports-Figure Skating-Lalique Expected by 1800 GMT.

By Salvatore Zanca.

ALSO:

Sports-Ice Hockey-NHL Roundup. Has moved.

Sports-Basketball-NBA Capsules. Has moved.

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WORLD SPORTS AT 0000 GMT

SOCCER:

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil Brazilians pause to remember Pele's 1000th goal scored 30 years ago on Nov. 19, 1969. He is the only player to ever reach that mark.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Pele-1000 Goals. Has moved.

AUCKLAND, New Zealand The United States meets Mexico and Ghana plays Uruguay in the first two quarterfinals of the under-17 world soccer championship Saturday.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Under-17-World Championship. Expected by 1000.

BERLIN Brazilian striker Ailton leads Werder Bremen to a 3-1 victory over Eintracht Frankfurt and into fifth place as the Bundesliga resumes after a two-week break.

Slug Sports-Soccer-German Roundup. Has moved.

PARIS Paris Saint-Germain, home to Bastia, and champion Bordeaux, hosting Saint-Etienne, look to close the gap on the top three clubs in the first division.

Slug Sports-Soccer-French Roundup. Has moved.

ALSO MOVED:

FLORENCE, Italy Sports-Soccer-Mijatovic.

MILAN, Italy Sports-Soccer-Cordoba.

DERBY, England Sports-Soccer-Derby-Hendry.

BOSTON

BC-Sports-Soccer-MLS Cup.

BOSTON Sports-Soccer-MLS-MVP.

ATHLETES OF CENTURY AWARDS:

VIENNA, Austria Soccer idol Pele and former World Championship boxer Muhammad Ali are among the winners of "World Sports Awards of the Century" chosen by a top-level international jury.

Slug Sports-Athletes of Century Awards. Has moved.

By Marcia Hill.

WITH:

VIENNA Sports-Athlete of Century Awards-List. Has moved.

CRICKET:

HOBART, Australia Pakistan's batsmen will aim to pile the pressure on Australia on day three Saturday after offspinner Saglain Mushtag took six wickets to turn the second test on its head.

Slug Sports-Cricket-Australia-Pakistan. Expected by 0900 GMT.

By Ihithisham Kamardeen.

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad India A labors all day against steady home team bowling to post 179 for five on the opening day of the four-day A team Test against West Indies A.

Slug Sports-Cricket-West Indies-India. Has moved.

By Craig Cozier.

ATHLETICS:

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TENNIS:

NEW YORK Lindsay Davenport plays Anke Huber and tries to join Martina Hingis and Venus Williams in the Chase Championships semifinals. Nathalie Tauziat vs. Dominique Van Roost in other quarterfinal.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Chase Championships. Expected by 0400 GMT.

By Bob Greene.

PATTAYA, Thailand Top seed Silvia Talaja of Croatia crushes eighth-seeded Nicole Pratt of Australia in a 6-0, 6-2 rout and gaines a semifinal berth in the Volvo *Women*'s Open.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Volvo Women's Open. Has moved.

ALSO:

HARTFORD, Connecticut Slug Sports-Tennis-ATP World Doubles.

Expected by 0200 GMT.

BOXING:

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey Michael Grant, undefeated and looking for a shot at Lennox Lewis, fights Andrew Golota in a heavyweight bout Saturday night.

Slug Sports-Boxing-Grant-Golota. Has moved.

By Ed Schuyler Jr.

FIELD HOCKEY:

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia Sohail Abbas slams in seven goals to fashion title contender Pakistan's runaway 15-0 victory over Sri Lanka at the Asia Cup men's hockey tournament.

Slug Sport-Field Hockey-Asia Cup. Has moved.

By Mandy Mann.

SAILING:

AUCKLAND, New Zealand New York's Young America is stripped of a point Saturday in the challenger series for sailing's America's Cup after officials found the team made a false claim about damage to its boat.

Slug Sports-Sailing-America's Cup. Expected by 0300 GMT.

FIGURE SKATING:

PARIS World champions Alexei Yagudin and Maria Butyrskaya take the lead in their short programs the Lalique Trophy competition while French couples lead the other events.

Slug Sports-Figure Skating-Lalique. Has moved.

By Salvatore Zanca.

SKIING:

COPPER MOUNTAIN, Colorado France's Regine Cavagnoud races to a narrow victory over Italy's Karen Putzer in a **women**'s World Cup giant slalom.

Slug Sports-Skiing-World Cup-Women's Giant Slalom. Has moved.

By John Mossman.

MOTORCYLE RACING:

MACAU Thirty-nine riders compete Saturday in the 33rd Motorcyle Grand Prix in Macau.

Slug Sports-Motorcyle Racing-Macau Grand Prix. Expected by 1000 GMT.

By Marcos Calo Medina.

AUTO RACING:

MOTEGI, Japan Mike Wallace starts from pole position and points leader Sean Woodside from 18th in Saturday's Coca-Cola 500, the NASCAR Winston West Series' 14th and final race of the year.

Slug Sports_Auto Racing-NASCAR-Coca-Cola 500. Expected by 1100 GMT.

By K.P. Hong.

BASKETBALL:

OAKLAND, California Nearly two years after he choked coach P.J. Carlesimo at practice, an embittered Latrell Sprewell returns to Oakland for the first time to play the Golden State Warriors Saturday night.

Slug Sports-Basketball-NBA-Sprewell Returns. Expected by 0200 GMT.

By Dennis Georgatos.

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.

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Body

DUE TO THE LENGTH OF THIS ARTICLE IT HAS BEEN SPLIT INTO TWO PARTS FOR THE BEGINNING OF THIS ARTICLE REFER TO PART ONE

Each Olympic Games is remembered in tiny,crucial instants. Here, Olympic historian Harry Gordon uses his 50 years of Games' reporting to select the top 100 fractions of a second that stand out in time

ON TRACK TO A FIELD OF GOLD

* 1988

IN a moment that brings tears to a nation, Sohn Keechung, who won the marathon under Japanese colours in 1936, bears the torch at the Seoul opening ceremony. He is 76, and bounds around the track as if rejoicing that South Korea is now independent. When another Korean wins the marathon in 1992, returns to Seoul and places the medal around Sohn's neck, he says: "Now I can die without regrets." *

* 1968

THE Tanzanian John Akhwari enters the stadium in the marathon three-and-a-half hours after Mamo Wolde (Ethiopia) has won the race. He is bloodied, bandaged, and limping badly after a fall. Asked why he did not quit because of his obvious pain, he replied: "My country did not send me 7000 miles away to start the race. They sent me 7000 miles to finish it."

CONTRIBUTOR

*1952

AUSTRALIA is leading in the sprint relay in Helsinki, apparently set for victory. It has already broken the world record in a heat. At the last change Marjorie Jackson, the finest sprinter in the world, takes the baton from Winsome Cripps, well ahead of the rest.

Suddenly the baton is in the air, knocked from Jackson's grasp by Cripps' knee. A gold medal is lost.

* 1988

GREG LOUGANIS gashes his head badly on the springboard during a preliminary round in Seoul, but recovers to win both springboard and platform diving gold medals -both for the second time in a row.

* 1984

MOROCCO's Nawal El Moutawakel becomes the first woman from an Islamic nation ever to win an Olympic medal when she leads from start to finish to take the gold in the 400m hurdles. The event is broadcast live in Casablanca at 2am and, as she runs her victory lap bearing a huge Moroccon flag, citizens are dancing in the streets of that city.

* 1956

TEAMS mingle for the first time in the closing ceremony of the 1956 Olympic Games, after organisers adopt a suggestion from a young Chinese boy, John Ian Wing, aimed at making the ceremony more informal. This puts the seal on what becomes known as the Friendly Games, particularly after athletes and spectators join in singing Will Ye No' Come Back Again? *

* 1968

AUSTRALIA'S Ron Clarke lies, apparently close to death, on the arena in Mexico City after running out of oxygen in the last stage of the 10,000m event at the highaltitude Games. No resuscitation equipment is available.

He is covered by a blanket, and team doctor Brian Corrigan kneels beside him, administering oxygen. After 60 litres of oxygen and an anxious hour, Clarke recovers consciousness.

* 1908

LIEUTENANT Wyndham Halswelle, a veteran of the Boer War, runs in the final of the London 400m against three Americans, who use aggressive team tactics. Each time he tries to get past one by running on the outside, he is physically blocked. British officials yell "foul" and "no race", and finally break the tape before the American John Carpenter reaches it. Carpenter is disqualified, and a re-run is ordered without him, with strings to divide the lanes. The other two Americans refuse to run, and Halswelle wins gold by running the final on his own. He is so disgusted he quits sport and returns to his regiment. He dies in France in 1915.

* 1936

ELEANOR HOLM, the finest backstroker in the world and defending Olympic champion, is the life of many parties as the SS Manhattan carries the 1936 United States team to Berlin. She has a taste for champagne, and has some after every workout on the ship. On the eve of the Games, Olympic president Avery Brundage has Holm removed from the team, making her the only athlete to become a celebrity by not competing. Fellow athletes petition for her reinstatement without success.

Says Holm: "He has not only lost a certain gold for me, but for the US."

* 1988

GRANT DAVIES (left), an Australian lifesaver, becomes a gold medalist for 11 minutes after he is named winner of the 1000m singles kayak event. He signs the gold medal register and is about to take part in the medal ceremony when he is told the jury has decided that America's Greg Barton won by 0.0005 sec, less than a centimetre.

Davies tell the world media: "If that's the biggest disappointment of my life, I've got no problems."

* 1976

UNBELIEVABLY, Raelene Boyle is disqualified after making two false starts as she lines up at the start of a semifinal of her big race, the 200m. She is one of the most experienced runners in the world, and well fancied to win the gold medal. She remains convinced, to this day, that the first false start was a mistake on the starter's part, and the

second a misunderstanding. It is her second time of agony: four years before she has been beaten twice into second place by an East German, later shown to have been helped by drugs.

** 1992

GREECE'S Voula Patoulidou, whose previous best form is not briliant, is delighted to have reached the final of the 100m hurdles.

In a tight finish she believes she has won bronze, and is again delighted.

Then she learns she has won gold. It is the track surprise of the Games. She is the first Greek woman to win a medal in any sport, and the first Greek of either sex to win a gold medal in track and field since 1912.

* 1924

TOM ADRIAN, (top right), coach of Andrew "Boy" Charlton (seated below), dives from the Ormonde, the vessel taking the Australians to the 1924 Games in Paris, in an apparent suicide attempt. Adrian has been damaged by awful experiences in World War I. Charlton has to be restrained from diving into the Indian Ocean after him. The liner makes a wide circle, rescues Adrian, but damages a propeller and reaches Toulon late. Adrian is confined to locked quarters, and returns later to Australia in custody.

* 1996

AN unsteady Muhammad Ali ignites the flame that will burn throughout the Atlanta Olympics and celebrate the 100th birthday of the Olympic movement. This event is the highlight of an opening ceremony that -unlike much that happens during these Games -reflects credit on the organisers.

* 1984

IN the first-ever 3000m event for **women**, in Los Angeles, South African Zola Budd, running for Britain, is booed unfairly after she collides accidentally with the American champion Mary Decker. She apologises later, but Decker refuses to speak to her. On the testimony of two track officials, Budd is disqualified, but after watching videotapes a jury votes unanimously to reinstate her.

Controversy rages across the Atlantic, with the British press supporting Budd and US newspapers taking Decker's side.

* 1936

THE Korean Sohn Kee-chung, having set an Olympic record in the Berlin marathon, endured the humiliation of having the Japanese anthem played in his honour. Japan had occupied Korea and its athletes forced to run as Japanese. Sohn says his country is a victim of Japanese imperialism. Both he and the third placegetter, also a Korean, bow their heads during the Japanese anthem. A Seoul newspaper publishes a picture of him, with the Japanese flag on his tracksuit painted out. The editors are jailed.

* 1952

RUSSELL MOCKRIDGE and Lionel Cox, who had never ridden a tandem together until a couple of days before this event -Cox had never even been on a tandem bicycle -win the tandem cycling gold medal at the Helsinki Games. On the same day Mockridge wins gold in the time trial, and Cox wins silver in the sprint.

* 1956

SHIRLEY STRICKLAND, who has been advised by her coach to retire after the birth of a baby between Olympics, becomes the first Australian woman to collect gold at successive Olympics when she wins the 80m hurdle. She finishes her career with seven track and field gold medals -a record later equalled by Irina Szewinska (Poland), and Merlene Ottey (Jamaica).

* 1912

CECIL HEALY, of Australia, the fastest qualifier for the final of the 100m freestyle, argues to the jury that the semifinals should be reswum because the crack American team did not show up in time for them. The jury finally relents, and Duke Kahanamoku becomes the fastest qualifier, then goes on to defeat Healy into second place in the final. Healy (later killed in action on the Somme), who should have been the gold medalist, is denied that honour by his own sense of chivalry.

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RAISING THE BAR TO PERFECTION

* 1988

DEBBIE FLINTOFF-KING stages one of the most courageous finishes ever to claw her way back and win the 400m hurdles in Seoul, after having been seemingly beaten by a Russian at the last hurdle. The win represents a triumph of the will: she has been coping with grief since the sudden death of her sister on the eve of her trip to Seoul.

1908

THE American flag-bearer Ralph Rose refuses to lower the Stars and Stripes as the US contingent marches past the royal box at the London opening ceremony. Martin Sheridan, the eminent discus thrower and shot putter, tells press later: "This flag dips to no earthly king." That tradition of refusing to lower the standard has endured.

* 1988

FOR 30 metres after the start of the 100m men's backstroke swimming in Seoul, the first three competitors are all underwater. When the last of them pops up, after 35m, he is in front of the field. The race is won by Japan's Daichi Suzuki, who has been practising the submerged start daily for seven years.

Immediately after the games, the International Swimming Federation bans the submarine start, ruling that disqualification will occur after 10 metres underwater.

The distance is later extended to 15 metres.

* 1960

DAZED and exhausted after the 800m in Rome, New Zealander Peter Snell asks a Belgian rival, Roger Moens, who won. "You did," says Moens. Snell does not take a victory lap, preferring to find a place to cheer his teammate, Murray Halberg, to victory in the next event, the 5000m. Four years later Snell defends his title successfully, and wins another gold medal in the 1500m.

* 1928

BETTY ROBINSON, of the USA, becomes the first <u>female</u> track and field gold medallist in Olympic history when she wins the 100m in Amsterdam. She is 16. Later she is injured in a plane crash, but returns to win her second gold in the sprint relay in Berlin in 1936.

* 1924

PAAVO NURMI, the Finnish runner, attempts a seemingly impossible double. He becomes the first person ever to contest the 1500m and 5000m races, which are just over an hour apart. He wins both, and in later Games another three gold medals. In 1928, at his last Games -with his gold medal tally nine -he falls head over heels at the first water jump in a heat of the 3000m steeplechase, and is fished out by a French rival.

He repays the kindness by pacing the Frenchman, and finishes with a silver medal.

* 1980

AUSTRALIA'S Michelle Ford breaks the East German stranglehold on <u>women</u>'s freestyle events at the Moscow Olympics by winning the 800m. East Germans finish second and third.

* 1948

AS she awaits the result of a tight finish in the 80m hurdles, Fanny Blankers-Koen hears the band strike up God Save the King, and concludes that she has been beaten. She is consoled to hear later that the band was playing to mark the arrival at the stadium of the royal family, and that she has in fact won her second gold medal. Blankers-Koen, a Dutchwoman who left her two children in Amsterdam, goes on to win four gold medals -although she has to be talked out of going home to her children by her husband (and coach) after the second. When she does return, the people of Amsterdam give her a huge reception and a bicycle "so that she won't have to run so much". *

* 1980

THE East German twins Bernd and Jorg Landvoigt stand atop the victory dais to receive their second successive gold medals in the coxless pairs. Beside them, receiving silver, are another pair of twins, Yuri and Nikolai Pimenov, of Russia.

* 1968

AUSTRALIA'S Mike Wenden beats two of the greatest swimmers the world has seen -America's Mark Spitz and Don Schollander -in the 100m and 200m freestyle. So exhausted is he after the 200 that he loses consciousness and sinks. He is fished out by team-mate Bob Windle. He feels better later when he sees Schollander prostrate on the floor, receiving oxygen.

* 1956

AMERICA's Charlie Dumas fights out an extraordinary finish in gathering darkness in the high jump against Australia's "Chilla" Porter. Dumas, who has recently become the first person ever to clear seven feet, wins the gold with his final attempt at 2.12 metres.

* 1984

AS he crosses the finish line and becomes the first repeat winner of the 1500m, Britain's Sebastian Coe signals defiantly towards journalists from his homeland and shouts: "Who says I'm finished?" Coe has been criticised often by British newspapers, particularly after defeats by his arch-rival Steve Ovett. Ovett beat him into second place in the 800m in 1980, and Coe has had to settle for silver again in the same event in 1984.

Although he is defending champion in the 1500m, he has been written off completely following back injuries, an attack of glandular fever and the rise of a new British champion, Stephen Cram. Coe kicks hard in the straight to beat Cram.

* 1932

MILDRED "BABE" DIDRICKSON, called the world's finest <u>female</u> athlete of the first half of the century, is a champion in five events but is restricted by Olympic rules to competing in three. She wins gold in the javelin and 80m hurdles, then ties with Jean Shiley for gold in the high jump.

In a bizarre decision, the judges rule in favour of Shiley, giving Didrickson second place, on the basis that she used the western roll style -with head over the bar before the body. They claim it's illegal. As she says: "It's crazy.

I jumped that way through the contest. If my last jump was illegal I should have been disqualified from the start."

A WEEK after he has swum in the 400m freestyle, Australia's Brad Cooper learns that he has won the gold medal. Rick DeMont, of the US, who won the race from him by .01 of a second, has been found to have taken ephedrine, a banned substance, to cope with his asthma. Cooper becomes Australia's only male goldmedal swimmer at the Munich Games.

* 1972

ON the eve of the Winter Games in Sapporo, the Austrian skier Karl Schranz offends IOC boss Avery Brundage in a media interview and is banned from competition. Schranz, who has won every honour in alpine skiing except an Olympic gold medal, flies home to Vienna, to be met by 100,000 fans and given a tickertape parade. It is the largest demonstration in Austria since World War II.

* 1992

THE Estonian flag is raised at the Olympics for the first time in 56 years after Erika Salumae wins the 1000m cycling sprint. Unfortunately, it is raised upside down.

The winner is too happy to care. "Next time," she says, "they will get it right." *

*1996

CARL LEWIS soars through the Atlanta air to defeat the world record-holder, Mike Powell, in the long jump and record two amazing feats. He has joined the great Paavo Nurmi on a record nine gold medals, and matched the feat of discus thrower Al Oerter by winning the same event four times in a row. His inspiration, he says, has always been Jesse Owens.

* 1956

JON HENRICKS begins the Australian swimming charge at the Melbourne Olympics by winning the first swimming gold: the final of the 100m freestyle. It is a charge that will culminate in Australia winning every freestyle event, men's and **women**'s, at the Games.

* 1920

ITALY'S Ugo Frigerio, the greatest walker in the world, approaches the conductor of the band in the middle of the Antwerp stadium before the start of the 3000m walk.

He hands him a sheet of music, and requests that he play it throughout the race. Accompanied by the music, Frigerio leads for the entire race -pausing only once to admonish the conductor for not playing the correct tempo.

* 1976

UNTIL now, no gymnast has ever won a perfect score of 10 in competition. When Nadia Comaneci, 14 years old, wins her first event, the uneven bar, the scoreboard is unprepared for such an event. It flashes the figure 1. The public address system advises the crowd that she has in fact scored a 10. She does it seven times that week in Montreal to win three golds, one silver and one bronze. She is Romania's first Olympic gold medallist in gymnastics.

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A LEAP OF FRIENDSHIP

1988

BEN JOHNSON accepts the gold medal for winning the 100m in Seoul, and Canadian newspapers call him "a national treasure". His urine sample later reveals that he has been taking steroids, and the gold medal is awarded to the second place-getter, Carl Lewis.

Johnson denies that he has taken drugs, claims he was the victim of sabotage -but later (in 1989) admits to having taken steroids and lied to the public.

* 1956

MURRAY ROSE, of Australia, defeats his friend Tsuyoshi Yamanaka, of Japan, in the 1500m freestyle. The pair will become closer friends as costudents at the University of Southern California. This Australian-Japan battle takes place on December 7 1956, exactly 15 years to the day since the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour. Rose also wins gold in the 400m freestyle and the 4 x 200m relay, to become the youngest triple gold medal winner in Olympic swimming history.

* 1936

AUSTRALIA'S Jack Metcalfe, world record-holder in the triple jump, gives advice on technique to two Japanese rivals at the Berlin Games. They finish first and second, with Metcalfe third. Afterwards German officials who witnessed the episode report Metcalfe to his team manager for having helped members of a rival team. Says the manager, Harry Alderson: "It gives me almost as much pleasure as if Metcalfe had won gold." *

1964

DAWN FRASER carries the Australian flag in the closing ceremony at the 1964 Olympics, hobbling on one ankle she has hurt in a flag-stealing escapade the night before. It is the farewell to a magnificent career, culminating in a fourth gold medal and an unprecedented three straight in the 100m freestyle. Later she is suspended from all forms of competitive swimming for 10 years on unspecified charges related to matters of discipline. The ban is subsequently reduced to four years, but the effect is the same. She has been retired.

* 1936

AT the Nazi Olympics in Berlin, the German team sets a world record in its semi-final of the <u>women</u>'s sprint relay, and is a clear favourite to win. At the final changeover, the last German is 10m ahead, and victory is a formality. Then the last runner, Ilse Forffeldt unaccountably loses the baton. Helen Stephens, of the US, races to the finish to win the gold medal. Adolf Hitler sends the German <u>women</u> flowers in consolation.

* 1924

IN the Chariots of Fire Olympics in Paris, Eric Liddell, son of a Scottish missionary, decides not to contest the 100m (in which he has won the British championship) because it is to be run on a Sunday. He runs instead in the 400m, and wins in Olympic record time.

His team-mate Harold Abrahams wins the 100m.

* 1972

EIGHT Palestinian terrorists break into the Olympic Village in Munich, kill two Israeli athletes and take another nine hostage. They demand the release of 200 prisoners in Israeli jails and safe passage from Germany. After West German sharpshooters open fire at a military airport, a battle ensues. All nine hostages are killed, as well as five terrorists and a policeman.

* 1972

SHANE GOULD, who has recently broken every significant world freestyle record from 100m to 1500m is greeted in Munich by American swimmers in T-shirts bearing the words, "All that glitters is not Gould". When she wins the 200m freestyle she becomes the only Australian ever to have won three individual gold medals at a single Olympics.

* 1996

KERRI STRUG, 18, a member of the US gymnastic team, sprains an ankle and vaults through the pain -wobbling, hopping, smiling, saluting the judges -in a bid to ensure that America defeats Russia for the first time in the **women**'s event. She believes (wrongly, it turns out) that the US needs a good jump from her to guarantee victory. She is carried to the victory dais in the arms of her coach.

* 1968

IN the giant slalom at Grenoble, Austria's Karl Schranz is skiing hard in dense fog when he brakes suddenly at the 21st gate, claiming a mysterious stranger in black has crossed the course. He asks for a re-run, and is given one. He makes an almost perfect run, and is declared the unofficial winner over Jean-Claude Killy, of France. Two hours later Schranz is disqualified for having missed two gates before his encounter with the mysterious interloper. Killy is awarded his third gold medal of the Gamnes.

* 1988

VLADIMIR SALNIKOV, of Russia, wins his fourth gold medal in the 1500m freestyle. He has won three at the 1980 Moscow Olympics, and until 1986 has won 61 consecutive finals over 1500m. The tit-for-tat 1984 boycott has robbed him of his chance to win back-toback 1500m gold, and he has lost form since 1986. As the Games begin, Time magazine says of Salnikov: "His day has passed." He overcomes the odds, and becomes only the third swimmer to gain gold medals eight years apart. The others: Dawn Fraser and Duke Kahanamoku.

* 1952

MARJORIE JACKSON becomes Australia's first Olympic champion on the track since Edwin Flack in 1896 when she wins the 100m in Helsinki. In her home town of Lithgow, which built her a cinder tack on which to train during the bleak winter nights, the occasion is celebrated by a minute of sheer noise from church bells to fire engine sirens. Newspaper headlines proclaim: "Marjie, it's you." Two days later she takes her new sweetheart, cyclist Peter Nelson, to watch her run again in the 200m -and win. Later they will wed.

* 1972

FOUR cyclists from the <u>Irish Republican Army</u> gatecrash the 182.4km road race outside Munich, joining the race in an obscure protest. One tries to run Irish Olympian Noel Taggart into a ditch. The quartet are arrested, but later released by police.

* 1912

FANNY DURACK becomes the first <u>female</u> Olympic swimming gold medalist when she wins the 100m freestyle at the Stockholm Games. She and team-mate Mina Wylie have overcome huge prejudice and prudery to win their way to the Games, much of it from swimming officials who feel it is immoral for <u>women</u> to swim in front of men. They have both had to pay their own fares.

Durack betters the world record each time she swims, in the heat, semi-final and final. The Australians plead vainly to be allowed to swim in the only other **women**'s race, the relay -two legs apiece.

* 1984

JAYNE TORVILLE and Christopher Dean are comfortably in front after the first two phases of the ice dancing at the Sarajevo Winter Games. If they opt to play it safe in the final "free dance" (worth 50 per cent of the ultimate score), victory is assured. They don't.

They skate to Ravel's Bolero, and bring ice dancing to a new peak. All nine judges award them a perfect six a mark unlikely to be reached again -and the gold medal.

* 1936

IN the darkness, with just a few lights illuminating the pole vault area, two close friends from Japan, Shuhei Nishida and Sueo Oe, are contesting the vault final against the American Earl Meadows. Meadows wins, and the Japanese jump for the minor placings until darkness causes the competition to be abandoned.

Without explanation, the judges award the silver to Nishida, the bronze to Oe. Both are unhappy, and they make a pact to split their medals in half and join them -half silver, half bronze. The trophies become known as the Medals of Eternal Friendship. Oe is later killed in World War II. His medal remains on display at the national stadium in Tokyo.

* 1936

JESSE OWENS, whose four gold medals at the Berlin Olympics embarrass Adolf Hitler's claims about the superiority of the Aryan race, is almost disqualified from the long jump after overstepping the take-off board.

His German rival, Lutz Long, above left, reminds Owens the qualification distance is shorter than he was jumping, and advises him to jump from well behind the board. Owens does, and goes on to win. They become lifelong friends.

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Minsk, Belarus Opposition demonstration on eve of parliamentary elections.

Dhaka, Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina leaves for first visit to United States by Bangladeshi leader. Stopping in London first. Reaches Washington Oct. 16.

Sunday, October 15:

Minsk, Belarus Parliamentary elections.

Beirut, Lebanon President Emile Lahoud begins consultations with new parliament before naming prime minister to form Cabinet.

Doha, Qatar Doha Islamic Trade Fair.

Alexandria, Egypt Conference on developing communications in Arab world. Through Oct. 19.

Villahermosa, Mexico Gubernatorial election in Tabasco state that long-governing Institutional Revolutionary Party hopes will end string of electoral defeats.

Monday, October 16:

Geneva Governments open negotiations on international treaty to cut cigarette-related deaths.

Moscow Top U.S. and Russian arms negotiators discuss nuclear weapons cutbacks and missile defense systems. Through Oct. 18.

Rome Queen Elizabeth II and Duke of Edinburgh arrive for visit, during which they will meet with Pope John Paul II and Italian leaders. Through Oct 19.

Moscow Spanish Foreign Minister Josep Pique arrives for talks. Through Oct. 17.

Miyazaki, Japan Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum holds conference on liberalization of transport business and promoting safe and environmentally friendly transportation. Through Oct. 20.

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Geneva U.N. Human Rights Commission holds special session to examine Israeli-Palestinian clashes in West Bank and Gaza. Through Oct. 20.

Cairo, Egypt Land Center for Human Rights holds forum on democracy.

Frankfurt, Germany Frankfurt Book Fair opens. Through Oct. 23.

Frankfurt, Germany Former leftist terrorist Hans-Joachim Klein goes on trial on murder and attempted murder charges in 1975 OPEC terror attack.

Moscow U.S. Undersecretary of State Thomas Pickering meets Russian officials to discuss Afghan role in international terrorism.

Bombay, India Workshop on sea piracy held by ASEAN Regional Forum. Through Oct. 19.

Tokyo World Bank holds meeting of Indonesia's international aid donors. Through Oct. 18.

Wednesday, October 18:

Kome, Chad Work begins on 1,050-kilometer (650-mile) pipeline to carry oil from southern Chad to Kribi on Atlantic coast of Cameroon.

Cairo, Egypt First of three stages of parliamentary voting.

Moscow American businessman Edmond Pope goes to trial on espionage charges.

Bombay, India Two-day workshop on sea piracy, a program of the ASEAN Regional Forum. Through Oct. 19.

Colombo, Sri Lanka New Parliament convenes.

Thursday, October 19:

Cairo, Egypt Arab League foreign ministers meet to discuss Mideast unrest. Through Oct. 22.

Paris European Central Bank's directors meet to discuss interest rates.

Friday, October 20:

Khartoum, Sudan UNICEF head Carol Bellamy begins tour of Sudan.

Osaka, Japan High Court begins hearing appeals by former Green Cross Corp. executives sentenced to jail terms on charges of professional negligence in sale of HIV-tainted blood products.

Saturday, October 21:

Bilbao, Spain Rally against armed Basque group ETA, called by moderate nationalist party often criticized for links to ETA's political wing.

Sunday, October 22:

No major events added.

WORLD AT 0600 GMT:

NEW:

WORLD MARKETS. Asian stocks tumble in wake of Wall Street's decline.

KOREAS-CLINTON. Possibility of Clinton visit to North Korea raises eyebrows.

US-SHIP ATTACK-SUSPECTS. Suspicion centers on bin Laden, two groups in Yemen.

SRI LANKA-ELECTION. President secures support to form coalition government.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip Israeli combat helicopters blast Palestinian command centers early Friday as world leaders make frantic pleas to both sides to put an end to the worst violence in the West Bank and Gaza Strip in decades. In Jerusalem, Israeli forces are on high alert, bracing for a Palestinian "day of rage." Developing. By Ibrahim Hazboun. AP Photos; AP Graphic ISRAEL RAMALLAH.

WITH:

MIDEAST-PEACE UNRAVELS. Dramatic events unfolding within just a few hours knock down the last pillars of Israeli-Palestinian peacemaking. Moved.

ISRAEL-POLITICS. Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak urges the hawkish opposition Likud party to join his shaky coalition and holds late-night talks with Likud leader Ariel Sharon. Moved.

STREETS OF RAMALLAH. A wrong turn. An infuriated Palestinian mob. The bloodied bodies of two Israelis dumped into the street as Palestinians cheered. Moved. LON116, RON122.

MIDEAST-AMERICAN BOGEYMAN. The violent Palestinian-Israeli clashes of the past two weeks have stoked anti-U.S. sentiments. Moved.

WASHINGTON The crippled warship USS Cole lists but is still afloat in a Yemeni port as investigators try to find who planned its apparent bombing and the Navy breaks the sad news to families of sailors dead, missing or injured. "We will find out who is responsible and hold them accountable," President Bill Clinton declares. US-SHIP ATTACK. Lead expected by 0700 GMT. By Pauline Jelinek. AP Photos; AP Graphics.

WITH:

YEMEN-ATTACK WITNESS. A shockingly loud bang drew Shaher Mohammed Saeed to his office windows at the state radio and television building overlooking Yemen's Aden port. Moved.

US-SHIP ATTACK-SUSPECTS. Suspicion immediately centers on Osama bin Laden and the terrorism network he operates out of Afghanistan. Expected by 0700 GMT.

OSLO, Norway There is something strange about the Nobel Peace Prize being announced Friday in Oslo: the absence of heated speculation. Guessing has been focused on South Korean President Kim Dae-jung, the United Nations or Finland's former President Martti Ahtisaari. NORWAY-NOBEL-PEACE. Moved; announcement scheduled for 0900 GMT Friday. By Doug Mellgren.

WITH:

NOBEL-LITERATURE. Gao Xingjian burned his early writings to save himself from communist zealots, was denounced by his own wife, and eventually went into exile. Now, he has become the first Chinese to win the Nobel Prize for Literature. Moved. PAR126,129; AP Graphic NOBEL LITERATURE.

SEOUL, South Korea The possibility that U.S. President Bill Clinton might visit communist North Korea invites as much suspicion about his motives as hopes for a lasting peace between two old foes. With only a few months left in office, Clinton faces accusations that such a hasty trip would betray an attempt to secure, or salvage, his legacy now that his Mideast peace efforts are in a shambles. KOREAS-CLINTON. Expected by 0800 GMT. By Christopher Torchia.

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia In abandoning power, Slobodan Milosevic left behind a a long trail of massive human rights violations a daunting legacy that President Vojislav Kostunica has pledged to confront. YUGOSLAVIA-BACK TO JUSTICE. Moved. By Misha Savic. BEL112.

WITH:

YUGOSLAVIA. Kostunica has met with a senior U.S. envoy the first high-level contact between the two governments since Belgrade broke relations with the United States. Moved. BEL101-102.

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka President Chandrika Kumaratunga's party secures enough support Friday to form a new government, the first step to implementing a peace plan to end the country's 17-year civil war. SRI LANKA-ELECTION. Moved. By Dilshika Jayamaha. COL101.

QUITO, Ecuador Colombian rebels seize a helicopter from an oil field in the Amazon jungle and kidnap 10 foreigners, flying them into Colombian territory, military officials said. ECUADOR-KIDNAPPING. Recap moved. By Gonzalo Solano. QTO101.

MEXICO CITY Whom are Mexicans to believe? An ex-president whose administration is best remembered for corruption, greed and lies? Or the brother doing time for murder while fighting charges of illegal enrichment? For many, the answer is simple: neither. MEXICO-SALINAS VS. SALINAS. Moved. By Lisa J. Adams. NY113.

UNITED NATIONS Indonesia rejects Nobel Peace laureate Jose Ramos-Horta's call for an international war crimes tribunal for East Timor, saying it wants to bring those responsible for last year's deadly rampage to justice and doesn't need outside help. UN-EAST TIMOR. Recap moved. By Edith M. Lederer.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE:

HONG KONG Jittery traders throw Asian stocks into a tailspin Friday, but most markets quickly bottom out and show partial recoveries as they react to Wall Street's plunge, Middle East turmoil and surging oil prices. WORLD MARKETS. Developing. By Dirk Beveridge. TOK111;TPE101.

HONG KONG Internet and telecom group Pacific Century CyberWorks Ltd. and Australian phone giant Telstra Corp. on Friday sign a U.S. dlrs 3.55 billion joint venture giving Telstra a big Asian mobile phone presence as CyberWorks gets cash to cut its huge debts. HONG KONG-CYBERWORKS-TELSTRA. Moved. By Margaret Wong.

CARACAS, Venezuela Thousands of Venezuelan oil workers stay away from their jobs for a second day after government efforts to reach an accord on increased pay failed. VENEZUELA-OIL STRIKE. Moved. By Fabiola Sanchez.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Sunday, Belarus holds parliamentary elections. On Monday, U.S. and Russian negotiators meet in Moscow to disuss nuclear weapons cutbacks and missile defense systems.

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NORWAY-NOBEL-PEACE. South Korean president Kim Dae-jung wins the Nobel Peace Prize.

WAR CRIMES-ARREST. Report: Peacekeepers wounded during arrest attempt in Bosnia.

YEMEN-EXPLOSION. Explosion at British Embassy in Yemen shatters windows, nobody hurt.

EU SUMMIT. European leaders gather amid Yugoslav upheaval, Mideast storm clouds.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

JERUSALEM World leaders issue urgent pleas for a halt to some of the worst violence in Palestinian areas in decades, while Israeli police impose tight security Friday around the Jerusalem mosque that has been a flashpoint for previous clashes. ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Developing. By Greg Myre. AP Photos; AP Graphic ISRAEL RAMALLAH.

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OSLO, Norway South Korean President Kim Dae-jung wins the Nobel Peace Prize on Friday for his work toward reconciliation with North Korea. South and North Korea, foes on the battlefield a half-century ago, have warmed to each other more in the last few months than in more than a generation. NORWAY-NOBEL-PEACE. Moved. By Doug Mellgren. NY107-108.

WITH:

SKOREA-NOBEL REACTION. South Koreans overjoyed with Kim's Nobel Peace Prize. Upcoming. AP Photos.

ALSO MOVED:

KOREAS-CLINTON. The prospect that U.S. President Bill Clinton might visit North Korea heightens hopes for a solution to one of the world's most intractable conflicts. SEL101.

US-NORTH KOREA. The visit of a senior North Korean could offer peace and stability with a long reviled adversary.

THE HAGUE, Netherlands A war crimes suspect kills himself and wounds four NATO troops while he tries to evade arrest in Bosnia, NATO and the war crimes tribunal say Friday. The suspect, Janko Janjic, threw a hand grenade during the arrest and died shortly afterward, the German defense minister says. WAR CRIMES-ARREST. Moved.

SAN'A, Yemen An explosion Friday at the British Embassy in the Yemeni capital shatters windows at the embassy and neighboring buildings but nobody is injured, witnesses and embassy officials say. YEMEN-EXPLOSION. Moved.

ALSO:

US-SHIP ATTACK. The crippled warship USS Cole lists but is still afloat in a Yemeni port as investigators try to find who planned its apparent bombing. Moved. AP Photos; AP Graphics.

US-SHIP ATTACK-SUSPECTS. Suspicion immediately centers on Osama bin Laden and the terrorism network he operates out of Afghanistan. Moved.

BIARRITZ, France With the Middle East exploding, Yugoslavia still in upheaval and oil prices going through the roof, European Union leaders have plenty to talk about as they open their two-day summit in this Atlantic resort Friday. EU SUMMIT. Moved. By Jeffrey Ulbrich. AP Photos planned.

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HONG KONG Asian shares fall hard then bounce part of the way back Friday, and big European markets slip during the morning in reaction to Wall Street's plunge, Middle East turmoil and surging oil prices. WORLD MARKETS. Moved. By Dirk Beveridge. TOK111,114-115;TPE101;SEL105.

HONG KONG Internet and telecom group Pacific Century CyberWorks Ltd. and Australian phone giant Telstra Corp. on Friday sign a U.S. dlrs 3.55 billion joint venture giving Telstra a big Asian mobile phone presence as CyberWorks gets cash to cut its huge debts. HONG KONG-CYBERWORKS-TELSTRA. Moved. By Margaret Wong.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Sunday, Belarus holds parliamentary elections. On Monday, U.S. and Russian negotiators meet in Moscow to disuss nuclear weapons cutbacks and missile defense systems.

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WORLD SPORTS AT 1300 GMT:

SOCCER:

TRIPOLI, Lebanon China, with a new coach and big ambitions, takes on South Korea, one of the favorites at the Asian Cup, while Kuwait plays Indonesia.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Asian Cup. China-South Korea match kicks off at 1400 GMT, Kuwait-Indonesia at 1630. Roundup expected by 1930 GMT.

By Nesha Starcevic.

LONDON Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger has ruled himself out as a candidate for coach of the England national team, while Roy Hodgson says he would be interested in the job.

Slug Sports-Soccer-England Coach. Has moved.

ALSO:

HELSINKI, Finland Sports-Soccer-Finland-England. Has moved.

TENNIS:

ZURICH, Switzerland In an all-American clash, second-ranked Lindsay Davenport takes on Chanda Rubin in the quarterfinals of the Swisscom Challenge tennis tournament. Another American, Jennifer Capriati takes on Russian glamour star Anna Kournikova.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Swisscom. First lead expected by 2030 GMT.

By Erica Bulman.

TOKYO Gustavo Kuerten and Mark Philippoussis are both eliminated in quarterfinal matches Friday at the Japan Open tennis tournament, while Amy Frazier earns a return ticket to the **women**'s final.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Japan Open. Has moved.

By Gary Schaefer.

ALSO:

VIENNA, Austria Sports-Tennis-CA Trophy. Expected by 2000 GMT.

CRICKET:

NAIROBI, Kenya An unbeaten 141 by captain Saurav Ganguly and a Rahul Dravid half century helped India to 295 for six in its ICC Knockout Trophy semifinal against South Africa on Friday.

Slug Sports-Cricket-India-South Africa. Has moved; WILL be UPDATED with South African innings.

AUTO RACING:

SURFERS PARADISE, Australia Gil de Ferran stakes his claim for clinching the CART FedEx series championship on the weekend by taking the provisional pole for Sunday's Honda Indy 300.

Slug Sports-Auto Racing-Gold Coast Indy. Has moved.

By Dennis Passa.

MOTORCYCLE RACING:

NOTEGI, Japan Italian Max Biaggi, a Yamaha rider, is fastest in the opening 500cc qualifying session at the Pacific Grand Prix of Japan, the penultimate event in this year's 16 world championship series.

Slug Sports-Motorcycle Racing-Pacific GP. Has moved.

By K.P. Hong.

GOLF:

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland Defending titlist Spain comes from behind to edge Zimbabwe 2-1 at the Alfred Dunhill Cup while Sweden crushes China 3-0 to make it two wins in a row.

Slug Sports-Golf-Dunhill Cup. Has moved, will be updated by 1500 GMT.

By Robert Millward

VALLEJO, California Annika Sorenstam, still marting from a controversial decision in the Solheim Cup last weekend, holes a 35-foot (10-meter) birdie chip on the 15th hole en route to a 3-under 69 and a share of the first-round lead in the Samsung World Championship.

Slug Sports-Golf-LPGA World Championship. Has moved.

By Greg Beacham.

ALSO:

LAS VEGAS Sports-Golf-Vegas Classic. By Tim Dahlberg. Has moved.

BASEBALL:

ST. LOUIS The New York Mets are headed home, maybe for the rest of the year. The Mets beat the St. Louis Cardinals 6-5 to take a 2-0 lead in the National League Championship Series.

Slug Sports-Baseball-NL Playoffs. Has moved.

By Ben Walker.

ALSO:

FORLI, Italy Sports-Cycling-Pantani. Has moved.

SPRINGFIELD, Massachusetts Sports-Basketball-US-Hall of Fame. Has moved. By Jeff Donn. To be updated after news conference at 1430 GMT.

GREENSBORO, North Carolina Sports-Football-Female Kicker. Has moved.

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

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WORLD AT 1700 GMT:

NEW:

MIDEAST. Israel, Palestinians move toward weekend peace summit.

YEMEN-US-SHIP ATTACK. Investigators search for clues in deadly blast.

RISKY YEMEN. A long history of violence plagues impoverished nation.

MEDIA WARS. For Israelis and Palestinians, airwaves are another battleground.

NOBEL PEACE. South Korean president wins Peace Prize.

CHINA. China embarks on Herculean task counting its teeming masses.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

JERUSALEM Stepping back from the brink of armed conflict, Israel and the Palestinians try to negotiate the terms of a U.S.-led Mideast peace summit, with the aim of convening it this weekend in Egypt. Several Israeli-Palestinian gun battles erupt in the West Bank, but tensions ease considerably after the most intense violence in decades. ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Has moved. By Karin Laub. AP Photos XGAZ105-106, JRL103-105, 108, PDJ101-103, GAZ104, 6, 9.

JERUSALEM It was no coincidence that when Israel rocketed Palestinian government buildings for the first time, Palestinian broadcast installations were prime targets. Yasser Arafat's government says it's simply keeping its people informed and getting the Palestinian message out to the world. But as far as Israel is concerned, the official Voice of Palestine is as much a weapon as an assault rifle, serving up a nonstop diet of nationalistic songs and tributes to what it calls the glorious martyrs of Palestine. MIDEAST-MEDIA WARS. Has moved. By Laura King.

With:

ISRAEL-STAINED PEACE. The slaying of two Israeli reserve soldiers has horrified Israelis and hardened the hearts of many to compromise with the Palestinians. "We cannot make peace with the children of Satan," the brother of one of the victims, Russian immigrant Vadim Najitz, says in his eulogy. Expected by 1730 GMT. By Louis Meixler. AP Photos JRL101-102, 112.

EU-SUMMIT. European Union leaders meet with former Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres to try to arrange a weekend summit with Israelis and Palestinians over escalating violence in the Middle East. Has moved but will be led. By Raf Casert. AP Photos BIA101-102.

ADEN, Yemen The USS Cole listed Friday behind a security cordon that included a U.S. anti-terrorism team and Yemeni soldiers on trucks mounted with antiaircraft guns, as elsewhere business went on as usual in Yemen's busy Aden harbor. YEMEN-US SHIP ATTACK. Has moved. Will update. By Salah Nasrawi. AP Photos XADEN101-109.

WithL

US-NAVY-SHIP ATTACK. The chief of the Navy says he no longer doubts that the enormous blast that ripped through a U.S. warship in an Arabian Peninsula port was a deliberate act of terrorism. Determining the size and type of explosive used in the attack must await more analysis, Adm. Vernon Clark says in an interview with The Associated Press. Has moved. By Robert Burns.

ADEN, Yemen No one ever mistook Yemen for a safe place, not with the regular kidnappings of foreigners, a spate of bombings that targeted the U.S. Embassy and a heavily armed population in the streets of its cities and villages. But the U.S. government wanted to improve ties with the impoverished country, so regularly sent its sailors through Yemen's Red Sea port of Aden. RISKY YEMEN. Expected by 1800 GMT. By Brian Murphy. AP Photos.

SEOUL, South Korea During four decades as an opposition leader, South Korean President Kim Dae-jung was jailed, sentenced to death and, he says, the target of four assassination attempts. On Friday, 76-year-old Kim won the Nobel Peace Prize for his strides in easing the Cold War-era conflict on the Korean peninsula. The news brings rejoicing in South Korea, but the state-controlled media in communist North Korea is silent. KOREAS-NOBEL PEACE. Expected by 1800 GMT. By Christopher Torchia. AP Photos SEL104, 105, 107, 110, NY107,108, 192.

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia President Vojislav Kostunica's allies seek agreement from supporters of Slobodan Milosevic for early elections in Serbia in hopes of extending their control over Yugoslavia's main republic. The new Yugoslav leader prepares to meet European Union leaders in France, his first foreign trip since taking office one week ago. YUGOSLAVIA. Lead expected by 1800 GMT. By Jovana Gec. AP Photos BEL102.

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands A war crimes suspect wanted for rape and torturing <u>women</u> during the Bosnian war killed himself and wounded four German soldiers with a hand grenade while resisting arrest by NATO troops. WAR CRIMES-ARREST. Has moved. By Arthur Max.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland Northern Ireland's major Protestant party sets a date for the potential ouster of its pragmatic leader, who is crucial to the survival of the province's power-sharing government. With fears rising that the Belfast peace accord could unravel once again, many members of the Ulster Unionist Party want to withdraw from the joint Protestant-Catholic administration because of the <u>Irish Republican Army</u>'s unwillingness to disarm. Tensions rise with a fatal shooting in Catholic west Belfast, the IRA's heartland. NORTHERN IRELAND. Has moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik.

BEIJING It will be a snapshot of China from the snowy mountains of Tibet to its teeming cities, a Herculean effort to answer a question of global ramifications: How many Chinese are there, exactly? China's fifth national census, already underway in remotest areas of the country, is a statistician's dream. Six million census-takers, delving into issues as personal as whether families cook with gas and have flush toilets, will be knocking on 350 million doors. CHINA-COUNTING THE MULTITUDES. Has moved. By John Leicester. AP Photos.

VILLAHERMOSA, Mexico Tabasco's race for governor is less about who will be elected to run the oil-rich Gulf of Mexico state, and more about who will lead the nation's fractured ruling party. MEXICO-ELECTION. Expected by 1800 GMT. By Traci Carl.

WITH:

MEXICO-FLOODING. Expected by 1900 GMT. By Traci Carl.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE:

NEW YORK U.S. stocks rose Friday despite a reemergence of inflationary concerns, as bargain hunters scoured the markets following Thursday's massive selloff in blue-chip stocks. In midday trading on Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 153.53 at 10,188.11. US-Stocks. Has moved.

BRUSSELS, Belgium European Commission announces clearance for the dlrs 30 billion media deal between France's Vivendi SA's and Canada's Seagram Co. EU-Seagram-Vivendi. Lead has moved, but will be updated. Has moved.

BIARRITZ, France The European Union opted Friday to take the diplomatic route to lower oil prices rather than trying to rein in the runaway market by dipping into the strategic reserves of member countries. EU Summit-Oil. Has moved.

WASHINGTON U.S. wholesale prices shot up 0.9 percent in September, the sharpest increase in seven months, led by big jumps in the cost of gasoline and heating oil. US-Economy. Has moved. By Jeannine Aversa.

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Saturday, October 14:

New Delhi, India New Shahi Imam of Jam Masjid mosque to be installed at ceremony attended by prominent Muslim leaders of Islamic countries.

Minsk, Belarus Opposition demonstration on eve of parliamentary elections.

Dhaka, Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina leaves for first visit to United States by Bangladeshi leader. Stopping in London first. Reaches Washington Oct. 16.

Sunday, October 15:

Minsk, Belarus Parliamentary elections.

Beirut, Lebanon President Emile Lahoud begins consultations with new parliament before naming prime minister to form Cabinet.

Doha, Qatar Doha Islamic Trade Fair.

Alexandria, Egypt Conference on developing communications in Arab world. Through Oct. 19.

Villahermosa, Mexico Gubernatorial election in Tabasco state that long-governing Institutional Revolutionary Party hopes will end string of electoral defeats.

Monday, October 16:

Geneva Governments open negotiations on international treaty to cut cigarette-related deaths.

Moscow Top U.S. and Russian arms negotiators discuss nuclear weapons cutbacks and missile defense systems. Through Oct. 18.

Rome Queen Elizabeth II and Duke of Edinburgh arrive for visit, during which they will meet with Pope John Paul II and Italian leaders. Through Oct 19.

Moscow Spanish Foreign Minister Josep Pique arrives for talks. Through Oct. 17.

Miyazaki, Japan Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum holds conference on liberalization of transport business and promoting safe and environmentally friendly transportation. Through Oct. 20.

Washington The U.N. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean releases report on economic problems and prospects in Cuba.

Washington The U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization releases report on "The State of Food Insecurity in the World."

Tuesday, October 17:

Geneva U.N. Human Rights Commission holds special session to examine Israeli-Palestinian clashes in West Bank and Gaza. Through Oct. 20.

Cairo, Egypt Land Center for Human Rights holds forum on democracy.

Frankfurt, Germany Frankfurt Book Fair opens. Through Oct. 23.

Frankfurt, Germany Former leftist terrorist Hans-Joachim Klein goes on trial on murder and attempted murder charges in 1975 OPEC terror attack.

Moscow U.S. Undersecretary of State Thomas Pickering meets Russian officials to discuss Afghan role in international terrorism.

Bombay, India Workshop on sea piracy held by ASEAN Regional Forum. Through Oct. 19.

Tokyo World Bank holds meeting of Indonesia's international aid donors. Through Oct. 18.

Washington U.S. President Bill Clinton scheduled to meet the prime minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina.

Camp Zeist, Netherlands Hearings scheduled to resume for two alleged Libyan intelligence agents charged in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over the Scottish village of Lockerbie.

Wednesday, October 18:

Kome, Chad Work begins on 1,050-kilometer (650-mile) pipeline to carry oil from southern Chad to Kribi on Atlantic coast of Cameroon.

Cairo, Egypt First of three stages of parliamentary voting.

Moscow American businessman Edmond Pope goes to trial on espionage charges.

Bombay, India Two-day workshop on sea piracy, a program of the ASEAN Regional Forum. Through Oct. 19.

Colombo, Sri Lanka New Parliament convenes.

Thursday, October 19:

Cairo, Egypt Arab League foreign ministers meet to discuss Mideast unrest. Through Oct. 22.

Paris European Central Bank's directors meet to discuss interest rates.

Friday, October 20:

Khartoum, Sudan UNICEF head Carol Bellamy begins tour of Sudan.

Osaka, Japan High Court begins hearing appeals by former Green Cross Corp. executives sentenced to jail terms on charges of professional negligence in sale of HIV-tainted blood products.

Saturday, October 21:

Bilbao, Spain Rally against armed Basque group ETA, called by moderate nationalist party often criticized for links to ETA's political wing.

Sunday, October 22:

No major events added.

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Body

THURMONT, Maryland Plunging into talks immediately upon returning to Camp David, President Bill Clinton is weighing whether there was potential for a peace accord to be struck at the Mideast summit. Clinton arrived back at the presidential retreat Sunday evening after a quick four-day trip to Japan for an economic summit. After a briefing by his own team, he went into separate talks with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher told reporters. (MIDEAST SUMMIT)

BELFAST, Northern Ireland One of Northern Ireland's most notorious terrorists walked free from prison Monday as part of the British government's commitments under the province's 1998 peace accord. Michael Stone, a pro-British paramilitary member who carried out a solo gun-and-grenade attack on an *Irish Republican Army* funeral in Catholic west Belfast in 1988, left the Maze prison after serving 11 years of a life sentence for killing six people. Stone who killed three Catholics at the funeral and three others in unrelated sectarian attacks was one of about 80 prisoners scheduled to be released this week in what is one of the most controversial planks of the Good Friday accord. (NORTHERN IRELAND)

NAGO, Okinawa Leaders of the world's most powerful economies pledged Sunday to help poor countries reduce their debts and improve their education, health care and computer technology, but proposed little real money for the initiatives. Some analysts wonder whether the Group of Eight the United States, Canada, England, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and Russia still matters. (G-8 SUMMIT)

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast In a vote highlighting ethnic divisions while testing the ruling junta's resolve to return the nation to civilian rule, Ivorians turned out Sunday to decide whether to approve a new constitution. The referendum comes at a critical juncture for Ivory Coast, once among Africa's most stable nations, as it faces increasing military unrest, a battered economy and fears that things could get even worse. While there were no immediate turnout estimates, long lines, some with well over 200 people, snaked through some Abidjan neighborhoods. There were organizational problems, and the military junta that runs this West African nation said voting would continue Monday at some stations. (IVORY COAST-REFERENDUM)

MANILA, Philippines Riot police used truncheons and water cannons Monday to break up anti-government protests by several thousand people ahead of Philippine President Joseph Estrada's annual state-of-the-nation address. About 15,000 police officers were deployed to prevent the protesters from disrupting the speech, in which Estrada defended his government's massive military campaign against Muslim separatist rebels in the southern Mindanao region. (PHILIPPINES-POLITICS)

WORLD SPORTS AT 1400 GMT:

GOLF:

STOCKHOLM, Sweden Jesper Parnevik, who edged Tiger Woods on his home course last year, meets Ryder Cup teammate Sergio Garcia in one of Monday's matches at the SAS Invitational Match Play tournament between the Nordic All Stars and the Rest of the World being played simultaneously in the four Nordic capitals on opening day.

Slug Sports-Golf-SAS Invitational. Expected by 2030 GMT.

By Stephan Nasstrom.

SOCCER:

LEEDS, England A jury is discharged after failing to reach a verdict in the trial of a policeman accused of manslaughter in the Hillsborough soccer disaster.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Hillsborough Trial. Has moved.

MILAN, Italy Brazil's sidelined superstar Ronaldo said he would be better off playing for Rio de Janeiro's Flamengo before returning to the rugged competition of Italy's Serie A.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Ronaldo-Flamengo Loan. Has moved.

TENNIS:

KITZBUEHEL, Austria Home-crowd favorite Markus Hipfl plays Emilio Alvarez of Spain and Herman Gumy of Argentina faces Brazil's Andre Sa in the first round of the dlrs 700,000 Generali Open Monday, as seeded players receive a bye into the second round.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Generali Open. Expected by 1800 GMT.

ALSO:

San Marino, Italy San Marino Open

Portschach, Austria Tennis Festival

OLYMPICS:

LONDON Cathy Freeman, the two-time reigning 400-meter world champion and Australia's best chance for gold on the track at the Sydney Olympics, is determined to keep her season's winning streak in act ahead of the games.

Slug Sports-Olympics-Freeman. Expected by 1700 GMT.

By Erica Bulman

SACRAMENTO, California In the end, Michael Johnson and Maurice Greene talked a lot better than they ran. The great race was a fiasco for the ages. Neither won. Neither even crossed the finish line. First Johnson, then Greene pulled up with leg injuries.

Slug Sports-Track-US Olympic Trials. Lead has moved. By Bob Baum.

ATHENS, Greece International Olympic Committee President Juan Antonio Samaranch on Monday gave olive branches to Greece's prime minister and the head of the beleaguered 2004 Olympic committee, saying the two were finally working together to host a successful games.

Slug Sports-Olympics-Athens 2004. Has moved.

ALSO:

SYDNEY, Australia Sports-Olympics-Sydney-Fanmail. Has moved.

CRICKET:

LONDON England selectors Monday named rookie opener Marcus Trescothick and recalled batsman Graham Thorpe in a 13-man squad for next week's third test against the West Indies at Old Trafford.

Slug Sports-Cricket-England-Test Squad. Has moved.

SYDNEY, Australia Former Indian cricket captain Mohammed Azharuddin became a multimillionaire due to match-fixing, Australian Broadcasting Corp. TV reported Monday.

Slug Sports-Cricket-Match-Fixing-Azharuddin.

ALSO:

UNDATED Sports-Baseball-AL Roundup. Has moved.

UNDATED Sports-Baseball-NL-Roundup. Has moved.

RIBEIRAO PRETO, Brazil Sports-Basketball-U21-Copa America. Has moved.

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WORLD AT 1700 GMT:

NEW:

TIMOR-DEAD SOLDIER. First U.N. peacekeeper in East Timor killed in clash.

FRANCE-YAHOO'S NAZI DILEMMA. Paris judge tries to block access to online Nazi paraphernalia.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

THURMONT, Maryland _President Bill Clinton takes personal charge of negotiations on all details of a potential agreement between Israel and the Palestinians and will remain at Camp David as long as there is "a realistic chance" of an accord, his spokesman says Monday. MIDEAST SUMMIT. Lead Upcoming. By Barry Schweid. AP Photo TJM102.

MIDEAST SUMMIT-ARABS. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak shuttles throughout the Arab world with talks on Mideast peace in Saudi Arabia, Syria and Jordan.

ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Palestinian officials are grim about the prospect of a deal at Camp David, while a poll of Israelis finds less than half are ready for any far-reaching compromises. AP Photos JRL101-102, 114, 116.

PHILADELPHIA George W. Bush zeros in on choosing his running mate, with an announcement expected as early as Tuesday. Signs point to Dick Cheney as his top choice, although Bush aides suggest Monday the Texas governor may make a "surprise pick." US-PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN. Lead Upcoming. By Ron Fournier. AP Photo DNJ101.

FRANKFURT Europe's biggest telecom company, Deutsche Telekom AG, takes its first step Monday into the U.S. market, betting that American consumers will snap up more advanced cell phone technology and that U.S. regulators will relax about the government-owned company's plans for a trans-Atlantic takeover. DEUTSCHE TELEKOM-VOICESTREAM. Lead has moved. By Hans Greimel. AP Photos BON102, HAN108.

ALSO:

EUROPE-AIR SHOW. Emirates Airlines placed a dlrs 1.5 billion order Monday for Airbus Industrie's planned A3XX super jumbo jet, in the first firm deal for what would be the world's largest passenger plane. AP Photos NY131, LMN102.

BANGKOK, Thailand A soldier from New Zealand is shot and killed Monday during a clash with armed men, becoming the first U.N. peacekeeper to be killed in East Timor. TIMOR-DEAD SOLDIER. Lead has moved. By Grant Peck.

PARIS In France, it's illegal to sell Nazi battle flags, SS daggers and canisters that held Zyklon B, the deadly gas used in death camps. But U.S.-based Yahoo! Inc. offers more than 1,000 such objects for sale on its Web auction site and a French judge wants it stopped. FRANCE-YAHOO'S NAZI DILEMMA. Expected by 2000 GMT. By Angela Doland. AP Photo NY132.

WASHINGTON Your brain is like a muscle: Use it or lose it. That's the growing conclusion of research showing fogged memories and slowing wit are not an inevitable consequence of getting old _ and that there are both mental and physical steps people can take to protect their brains. MED-HEALTHY BRAINS. Expected by 2000 GMT. By Lauran Neergaard.

SANTIAGO, Chile The Puma pounced in October 1973, its rotors thumping as the military helicopter swooped down on cities in northern Chile in the aftermath of a bloody coup led by Gen. Augusto Pinochet. Their mission, say investigators: to shoot, slash and stab to death 72 imprisoned political opponents. The so-called Caravan of Death endures for many as the single most notorious abuse of Pinochet's 19-year regime. CHILE-CARAVAN OF DEATH. By Bill Cormier. AP Photos NY191-192.

GNJILANE, Yugoslavia A statement by a U.S. soldier read in a Kosovo court on Monday says he fired several rounds at a shed where an ethnic Albanian was killed in a shootout in Kosovo. The information might clear a Serb man and his son, accused of murdering Afrim Gagica. KOSOVO-US TROOPS. Has moved. By Alison Mutler. AP Photos XVK101-102.

ALSO MOVED:

YUGOSLAVIA-PARLIAMENT. Yugoslavia's federal Parliament passes new election laws Monday allowing Slobodan Milosevic two more chances to run for president. AP Photos BEL103-104.

WASHINGTON Congress hits an election-year wall on major high-tech visa and immigration legistalation, angering both wealthy Silicon Valley sources of political money and economically pinched minorities. Legislation is stalled on Democrats' desire to make it easier for some Central Americans and longtime illegal aliens to gain citizenship. US-IMMIGRATION POLITICS. Expected by 2200 GMT. By Jim Abrams.

GENEVA Dozens of civic and religious leaders representing the ordinary people of Colombia join government and rebel representatives for peace talks Monday aimed at ending Latin America's longest-running war. SWITZERLAND-COLOMBIA PEACE. Lead has moved. By Alexander G. Higgins. AP Photos GEV102, GE103.

NAZRAN, Russia In a rare daylight attack Monday indicating a growing boldness by Chechen rebels, a Russian convoy is ambushed in the republic's capital and news reports say at least three soldiers are killed and 17 wounded RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Has moved. By Yuri Bagrov. AP Graphic RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. AP Photo NAZ101.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland One of Northern Ireland's most notorious terrorists walks free from prison Monday as part of the British government's commitments under the province's 1998 peace accord. NORTHERN IRELAND. Has moved. AP Photos XBFT102-103.

CAPE TOWN, South Africa Public anger and despair at the environmental damage caused by an oil spill off the coast of Cape Town has been tempered by how well the disaster has been handled. Of some 43,000 penguins

affected by the spill, less than 1,000 have died. SOUTH AFRICA-PENGUIN RESCUE. Expected by 1900 GMT. By Mike Cohen.

MEXICO The former president's brother has written a book that gives a lurid portrait of the behavior that helped lead Mexicans to end the 71-year reign of the Institutional Revolutionary Party. MEXICO-MISTRESS. Expected by 1900 GMT. By Mark Stevenson. AP Photo NY193.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Tuesday in Moscow, Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz arrives for official visit, including talks on cooperation in oil industry.

FEATURES MOVED:

FEA-TAIWAN-UGLY TAIPEI. AP Photo TPE101.

FEA-VIETNAM-HEPATITIS EPIDEMIC. AP Photo NY360-362.

FEA-HONG KONG-CANTONESE OPERA. AP Photos NY303-309.

FEA-MEXICO-TEQUILA SHORTAGE. AP Photos NY318-321.

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Moscow Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz arrives for visit, including talks on cooperation in oil industry. Through July 26.

Washington Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve, testifies before the House Banking Committee on monetary policy.

Washington Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on the national missile defense system, with Defense Secretary William Cohen.

Washington House International Relations Committee hearing on an International Criminal Court proposal.

Geneva Representatives of Colombia's government and rebel leaders in town to consider how to further peace process. Through July 25.

Bangkok, Thailand Association of Southeast Asian Nations' annual foreign ministers meeting. Through July 29.

Wednesday, July 26:

Lima, Peru Opposition forces plan to begin three-day protest in effort to disrupt President Alberto Fujimori's inauguration July 28.

Moscow Zvezda space module docks with the Zarya and Unity components of the International Space Station. Through July 28.

Moscow Upper house of Russia's parliament, Federation Council, votes on presidential package to curtail governors' powers and new tax code.

Moscow Consultations between six Black Sea nations on forming joint military force.

Moscow President Askar Akayev of Kyrgyzstan arrives for visit. Through July 29.

Thursday, July 27:

Beirut, Lebanon Lebanese Prime Minister Salim Hoss holds conference to drum up aid for rebuilding southern Lebanon. Forty Arab and other countries and nine international funds and development agencies invited to participate

Friday, July 28:

Camp Zeist, Netherlands Lockerbie bombing trial adjourns until Aug. 22.

Washington Joseph Pastrana, president of the Philippines, speaks at the National Press Club.

Saturday, July 29:

Amsterdam, Netherlands Worldwide conference of evangelical Christian preachers, sponsored by Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Around 10,000 participants expected. Through Aug. 6.

Sunday, July 30:

Caracas, Venezuela national elections.

Cairo, Egypt Verdict expected in military court trial of prominent lawyer and 19 other members of Egypt's biggest Islamic group, the banned Muslim Brotherhood.

WORLD AT 0000 GMT:

NEW:

FIJI-BRAIN DRAIN. Educated Fijians want to flee their chaotic country.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

THURMONT, Maryland Enmeshed in the tough details, President Bill Clinton will extend the Mideast summit talks as long as there is "a realistic chance" he can hammer out a peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinians, his spokesman says. MIDEAST SUMMIT. Lead expected by 0900 GMT. By Barry Schweid. AP Photos WX114-115; AP Graphic PALESTINIAN CAMPS.

WITH:

ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Should the Camp David summit fail, the Palestinians plan to declare a state in less than two months that would include lands still controlled by Israel, a senior PLO official says. JRL101-102, 114,116.

PHILADELPHIA Texas Gov. George W. Bush selects former Defense Secretary Dick Cheney to be his Republican presidential running mate, a highly placed Republican source says. Cheney has told associates he would accept it. US-PRESIDENTIAL ROUNDUP. Recap expected by 0300 GMT. By Ron Fournier.

TOKYO More than 1,000 people attend the funeral of the late Empress Dowager Nagako, a witness to the country's century of militaristic expansion, devastating defeat and rise to economic superpower. JAPAN-EMPRESS DOWAGER. Expected by 0700 GMT. By Scott Stoddard. AP Photos.

SUVA, Fiji A school teacher, the head of Fiji rugby's referees organization and proud father of three, Sakiusa Vukinamualevu is among Fiji's best and brightest. But Vukinamualevu is among thousands of Fijians queuing up to leave because of the political, economic and social instability caused by a coup that has scrapped democracy in favor of race-based rule. FIJI-BRAIN DRAIN. Expected by 0500 GMT. By Rohan Sullivan.

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast A vote highlighting Ivory Coast's ethnic and political tensions ends with returns from two-thirds of the voting districts showing a massive "yes" to a new constitution. IVORY COAST-REFERENDUM. Has moved; full results expected Tuesday. By Amba Dadson. NY109.

SANTIAGO, Chile The Puma pounced in October 1973, its rotors thumping as the military helicopter swooped down on cities in northern Chile in the aftermath of a bloody coup led by Gen. Augusto Pinochet. It disgorged military men at each stop. Their mission, investigators say, was to kill political opponents. The so-called Caravan of Death endures for many as the single most notorious abuse of Pinochet's 17-year regime. CHILE-CARAVAN OF DEATH. Has moved. By Bill Cormier. AP Photos NY191-192.

PARIS In France, it's illegal to sell Nazi battle flags, SS daggers and canisters that held Zyklon B, the deadly gas used in death camps. But U.S.-based Yahoo! Inc. offers more than 1,000 such objects for sale on its Web auction site and a French judge wants it stopped. FRANCE-YAHOO'S NAZI DILEMMA. Moved. By Angela Doland. NY132.

GENEVA Dozens of civic and religious leaders representing the ordinary people of Colombia join government and rebel representatives for peace talks Monday aimed at ending Latin America's longest-running war. SWITZERLAND-COLOMBIA-PEACE TALKS. Lead has moved. By Alexander G. Higgins. AP Photos GEV102, GE103.

BOCINJA, Bosnia-Herzegovina Police have begun evicting foreign Islamic fighters who came to Bosnia to battle during the 1992-95 war then stayed on, occupying vacant Serb-owned homes in a small village. BOSNIA-EVICTIONS. Has moved.

FRANKFURT, Germany Europe's biggest telecommunication company, Deutsche Telekom AG, has taken its first step into the U.S. market with its planned dlrs 46 billion acquisition of VoiceStream Wireless Corp., the eighth-largest wireless carrier in the United States. DEUTSCHE TELEKOM-VOICESTREAM. Lead has moved. By Hans Greimel. AP Photos BON102, HAN108.

WASHINGTON Your brain is like a muscle: Use it or lose it. That's the growing conclusion of research showing fogged memories and slowing wit are not an inevitable consequence of getting old _ and that there are both mental and physical steps people can take to protect their brains. MED-HEALTHY BRAINS. Expected by 2000 GMT. By Lauran Neergaard.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Wednesday in Moscow, the upper house of Russia's parliament votes on a presidential package to curtail governors' powers and to implement new tax code. In Peru, opposition forces plan to begin three-day protest to disrupt President Alberto Fujimori's inauguration July 28.

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SEOUL, South Korea It sounds like another best-selling thriller novel: A peasant's runaway son builds a multibillion-dollar conglomerate. As government regulators seek to break up his empire, two ambitious sons squabble over their aging father's vast property. In fact, it's the real-life saga of Hyundai, South Korea's largest business group, in a gripping clash with the new global economy. FEA-SKOREA-HYUNDAI DRAMA. AP Photos NY194-195. By Sang-Hun Choe.

TOKYO It was with great fanfare about the Internet age that Japanese automaker Mazda Motor Corp. opened a special Web page with a plan to sell 200 Demio hatchback compacts. Five months later, the site had sold just 50 of the models. FEA-JAPAN-AUTOS ON NET. By Yuri Kageyama. AP Photo NY196

OSLO, Norway From humble offices above a car dealership, privately owned Opera Software's Internet browser has grown into the world's third-largest. It's admittedly like a gnat among bulls compared to the leading browser, Microsoft's Internet Explorer, and No. 2 Netscape. FEA-NORWAY-WEB OPERA STAR. By Doug Mellgren. AP Photo NY197

WESTLAKE VILLAGE, California Offering free Internet access to anyone willing to surrender personal information and submit to a constant barrage of on-screen ads, NetZero Inc. has in less than two years attracted more than 4 million registered users. But serious questions are being raised about businesses predicated on giving away Internet access alone. FEA-US-FREE INTERNET SHAKEOUT. By Michael White. AP Photo NY133, AP Graphic FREE ISPS.

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WORLD SPORTS AT 0000 GMT:

GOLF:

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky Tiger Woods begins his crack at a second career Grand Slam next month on a course he has never played. And that might be reason alone for some shred of hope for everyone else in the field.

Slug Sports-Golf-Woods. Has moved.

By Chris Duncan.

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland British Open organizers say they would review measures to control crowds and stop streakers after a series of incidents at the Old Course.

Slug Sports-Golf-British Open-Crowd Control. Has moved.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden First Tiger Woods, then Sergio Garcia. It's tough beating Jesper Parnevik on the course outside the Swedish capital where he honed his game as a youngster and still plays when he's home.

Slug Sports-Golf-SAS Invitational. Has moved.

By Stephan Nasstrom.

GURNEE, Illinois It's an intriguing idea, putting Karrie Webb in a room with Tiger Woods and letting them compare notes. Then again, the two of them are so far and away better than everybody they play against, it wouldn't be fair to let them swap strategy.

Slug Sports-Golf-US Women's Open. Has moved.

By Nancy Armour.

CHICAGO Elite athletes call it the zone an altered state of being that enables them to focus so deeply on performing that their actions become almost automatic, and success is nearly guaranteed.

Slug Sports-Golf-Golf and Brain. Has moved.

By Lindsey Tanner.

CRICKET:

SYDNEY, Australia Former Indian cricket captain Mohammed Azharuddin became a multimillionaire due to match-fixing, Australian Broadcasting Corp. TV reports.

Slug Sports-Cricket-Match-Fixing-Azharuddin. Has moved.

LONDON England selectors name rookie opener Marcus Trescothick and recall batsman Graham Thorpe in a 13-man squad for next week's third test against the West Indies at Old Trafford.

Slug Sports-Cricket-England-Test Squad. Has moved.

By Ihithisham Kamardeen.

TENNIS:

LOS ANGELES Top-seeded Andre Agassi, injured in an automobile accident earlier this month, withdraws from the Mercedes Benz Cup, citing a lower back strain.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Mercedes Benz Cup. Has moved.

ALSO:

SAN MARINO, San Marino Sports-Tennis-San Marino. Has moved.

KITZBUEHEL, Austria Sports-Tennis-Generali Open. Has moved.

MAHWAH, New Jersey Sports-Tennis-A-and-P Classic Results. Has moved.

KITZBUEHEL, Austria Sports-Tennis-Generali Open. Has moved.

AUTO RACING:

LONDON Formula One driver Jacques Villeneuve extends his contract with BAR Honda for another three years, British American Racing says.

Slug Sports-Auto Racing-Villeneuve-Bar Honda. Has moved.

ATHLETICS:

LONDON British sprinter Doug Walker launches a court case challenging the International Amateur Athletic Federation's right to suspend him from competition for a positive drug test.

Slug Sports-Track-Doping-Walker. Has moved.

SACRAMENTO, California Michael Johnson says he's finished with the 200 meters. The Olympic gold medalist and world record-holder at the distance won't run that race again because of the "silly" trash-talking by Maurice Greene leading up to the 200 final at the U.S. Olympic trials.

Slug Sports-Track-Michael Johnson-200. Has moved.

ALSO:

SACRAMENTO, California Sports-Track-US Olympic Trials. Has moved.

SOCCER:

MADRID, Spain Portuguese winger Luis Figo announces he will wear the white jersey of Real Madrid after ditching FC Barcelona in history's most expensive soccer transfer.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Figo-Real Madrid. Has moved.

By Richard Brand.

ALSO:

LIVERPOOL, England Sports-Soccer-Liverpool-Ziege. Has moved.

MILAN, Italy Sports-Soccer-Ronaldo-Flamengo Loan. Has moved.

BOXING:

NEW YORK Eric Harding has only six knockouts in 20 pro fights, but don't try to convince Roy Jones Jr. that Harding can't punch with power.

Slug Sports-Boxing-Jones-Harding. Has moved.

By Ed Schuyler Jr.

ALSO:

UNDATED Sports-Baseball-AL Roundup. Expected by 0700 GMT

UNDATED Sports-Baseball-NL-Roundup. Expected by 0700 GMT.

PIRAEUS, Greece Sports-Volleyball-Olympic Qualifying. Has moved.

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PHILADELPHIA (AP)

Texas Gov. George W. Bush selected former Defense Secretary Dick Cheney to be his Republican vice presidential running mate and plans to offer him the job Monday night, said a highly place Republican source. Cheney has told associates he would accept it. "It's done," said a senior Republican official familiar with the deliberations. Cheney, who served as defense secretary during the 1991 Persian Gulf War, is a veteran Washington insider and Bush family ally who would bring the ticket a wealth of foreign policy experience and stature traits that Bush, a two-term Texas governor, lacks himself. He had been the leading candidate since Friday, and was the only prospect under serious consideration after Bush emerged from seclusion from a weekend at his Texas ranch. Former Missouri Sen. John Danforth had remained a possibility, but his prospects faded throughout the weekend as Bush mulled his options. (US-PRESIDENTIAL ROUNDUP)

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP)

A vote highlighting Ivory Coast's ethnic and political tensions ended Monday with returns from two-thirds of the voting districts showing a massive "yes" to a new constitution. The referendum, which began Sunday and was forced into a second day because of organizational problems, had been widely expected to approve the new draft constitution after all political parties backed it. However, some voters, particularly those in the North or residents with immigrant backgrounds, opposed the document believing it would legally entrench growing anti-foreign and north-south enmities. The referendum comes at a critical juncture for Ivory Coast. Once among Africa's most stable nations, the country faces increasing military unrest, a battered economy and fears that things could get worse. The referendum is billed as the first step toward returning the West African country to civilian rule, culminating in presidential elections Sept. 17. But junta leader Gen. Robert Guei, a former army chief, is widely believed to be planning to run. (IVORY COAST-REFERENDUM)

PARIS (AP)

In France, it is illegal to sell swastika-emblazoned battle flags, SS daggers, and replica canisters of Zyklon B, the lethal gas that poured into the terrifying "shower rooms" at Nazi death camps. But U.S.-based Yahoo! Inc. offers more than 1,000 such Nazi objects for sale through its Web auction site. The memorabilia are available to anyone in the world including the French with a credit card and a click of the mouse. The collision of the Internet's global,

borderless nature with local laws is a conflict being played out increasingly and often, as in a Paris courtroom on Monday, pits national laws and sensibilities against the practices of U.S.-based companies. In Monday's three-hour hearing, Yahoo! defended itself against two anti-racism groups who sued to try to force the Silicon Valley company owner of the Internet's most-visited Web pages to prevent Nazi memorabilia and other content deemed racist from being seen in France. Impossible, an expert witness called by Yahoo! testified, arguing in essence that there is no France on the Internet that it would be technically impossible to keep French cybernauts off the disputed Web sites. Prosecutor Bernard Fos asked the judge to order a team of experts to examine the technological possibilities of "filter systems" that would screen out French users. (FRANCE-YAHOO'S NAZI DILEMMA)

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP)

Two months after Israel withdrew its troops from southern Lebanon, the United Nations and Lebanon have begun to prepare for the deployment on Wednesday of U.N. peacekeepers along the Lebanese-Israeli border. Lebanese and U.N. officers flew along the frontier for one last mission, at the request of Lebanon, which wanted to verify that Israel's incursions into its territory have ended. A meeting also was scheduled for later Monday evening to discuss the deployment of troops of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, known as UNIFIL. At U.N. headquarters in New York, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan told the Security Council in a letter late Monday that deployment would take place Wednesday "and is to be immediately followed by the deployment of the composite Lebanese unit." He told ambassadors that all Israeli violations of the line of withdrawal had been removed and that both Lebanese President Emile Lahoud and Prime Minister Salim Hoss had agreed Monday to full U.N. deployment to the border. (LEBANON-ISRAEL)

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