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2. [PUBLIC STRIKE SHUTS FRANCE](#)

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3. [Trial to begin for Greek group accused of years of violence](#)

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4. [Terrorism Trial Spells Relief for Greece](#)

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5. [Today in History](#)

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6. [This day in history](#)

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7. [Conference of Irish politicians calls for end to IRA activities With EU-GEN-- Northern Ireland](#)

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8. [World](#)

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9. [Friday, May 19](#)

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10. [World](#)

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11. [Clinton peace centre opening in Northern Ireland overshadowed by renewed riots](#)

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12. [Clinton Visits Amid Irish Clashes](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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Search Type: Natural Language

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13. [Changing times in Northern Ireland](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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Search Type: Natural Language

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14. [Belfast clashes overshadow Clinton visit to new peace center](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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Search Type: Natural Language

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15. [*Fianna Fail a winner in Irish elections*](#)

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16. [*OUR AUNTIE MIMI WAS LIVID WITH JOHN FOR GIVING CASH TO IRA; DARK PAST: THE SPOKESMAN FOR A GENERATION SANG 'GIVE PEACE A CHANCE'. BUT SECRETLY, HE WAS FUNDING TERRORISTS*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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17. [*Popular ex-British politician: Blair's jealous circle sabotaged me*](#)

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Search Type: Natural Language

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18. [*BRITAIN*](#)

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19. [*Blair Accused of Political Sabotage*](#)

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20. [AL-QAIDA SUSPECT ARRESTED IN SPAIN](#)

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Search Type: Natural Language

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21. [Fury over police report](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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22. ['Bloody Sunday' dramatization, Japanese animation 'Spirited Away' share top honor at Berlin festival](#)

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Search Type: Natural Language

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23. [Northern Ireland welcomes Chretien](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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24. [World](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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25. [World](#)

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26. [ON THIS DAY](#)

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27. [BRITISH WOMEN INJURED IN SPANISH CAR BOMB BLAST](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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28. [Gunmen Open Fire in Belfast](#)

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29. [SUB KURSK RISES FROM SEA FLOOR](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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30. [BRITAIN ORDERS RETURN OF N. IRELAND'S POWER; BRITISH HAD TAKEN CONTROL TO BLOCK ELECTION FOR NEW PROTESTANT LEADER](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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31. [WORLD IN BRIEF](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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32. [Saturday, May 19](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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33. [Foreign Briefs](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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34. [BC- AP -Today-In-History-03/01 ; ADVANCE - NOTE FUTURE DATE; Eds: This AP item is moving unedited for those interested. CP's regular Today in History feature will continue to move on Sundays.; INDEX: Education; For release Thursday, March 1](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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35. [To Catholic criticism, police launch new recruitment drive](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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36. [CHARGES LESS FOR PINOCHET](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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Search Type: Natural Language

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37. [Police launch recruitment drive in Northern Ireland , to Catholic criticism](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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38. [Irishman's tale of Jazz-Age America finds troubles in scenes with Satchmo](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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39. [World](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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40. [PEACE PRIZE WINNER AND CHILDREN'S ADVOCATE WILL SPEAK HERE; CRUSADER WANTS YOUNGSTERS TO HAVE VOICE AT U.N.](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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41. [LAST REBELS FLEE RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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42. [Singing of heroes, hearing a false hope](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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43. [IRA given 7 days to confirm it will disarm](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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44. [Thursday, Jan. 27](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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45. [Why not skip green beer and curl up with these movies](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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Search Type: Natural Language

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46. [Cabinet begins work in N. Ireland ; Filling committees tops Assembly agenda](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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47. [Handshake ends Libya 's isolation](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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48. [New Cabinet begins first day of work in Northern Ireland pickup. ADDS byline.](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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49. [*Today in History - March 1*](#)

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

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51. [*Aviation experts study crash scenarios;*](#)

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

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53. [*Mediator has no 'magic wand' for Northern Ireland*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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54. [*Trial of bogus spy accused of conning victims for years grips England*](#)

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55. [*AP News Summary moved on this circuit in expanded form with "I" category*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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56. [*World datelines*](#)

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57. [*NEWS IN BRIEF*](#)

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58. [*Rwandans vote in free, non-partisan ballot*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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59. [*'The General' seamlessly reflects highs, lows of everyone's life*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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60. [*Blair plays cat and mouse with IRA; Prime Minister launches propaganda blitz*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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61. [*Briefly*](#)

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62. [*WORLD DIGEST*](#)

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63. [*From illicit sex to villainy: The evolution of 'bastard': Used by a disgruntled Liberal MP to attack the U.S. this week, the word 'bastard' wasn't always an insult. As Sarah Schmidt writes, it was originally just a legal term used to describe medieval nobles born out of wedlock.*](#)

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64. [*Ireland Police Arrest 6 on Gun Smuggling*](#)

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65. [*Police arrest six on suspicion of IRA gun-smuggling plot from Florida*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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66. [*Today in History - Oct. 23*](#)

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67. [*World datelines*](#)

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68. [Protestant leader hopes Clinton will appeal for IRA disarmament](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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69. [World dateline briefs](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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70. [Manchester set to usher in Games; Host city hoping to shed image, breed reputation as sports town](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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71. [COMMONWEALTH GAMES OUT TO REDEEM BRITISH PRIDE](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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72. [World datelines](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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73. [Sunday, Jan. 27](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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74. [N. Ireland school stand-off spreads](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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75. [Limo chief takes trip to altar](#)

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76. [World datelines](#)

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77. [ZERO TOLERANCE](#)

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78. [The Week](#)

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79. [As decision nears, future of N. Ireland 's unity government hangs on thread](#)

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80. [U.S. Foregoes Deporting 9 IRA Figures](#)

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81. [Bush Adds Hamas, Hezbollah To Terrorist List.](#)

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82. [As decision nears, future of Northern Ireland 's unity government hangs on one or two votes](#)

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83. [Gunmen open fire on cops, Protestant homes, in Northern Ireland](#)

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Search Type: Natural Language

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84. [Future of N. Irish Govt. in Balance](#)

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85. [Gunmen open fire on police and homes as Catholic-Protestant tensions rise in Belfast](#)

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86. [Suspected IRA gunmen open fire on police, Protestant neighborhood as Belfast tensions rise](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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Search Type: Natural Language

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87. [Insider notes from United Press International for 20 August, 2001](#)

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Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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88. [WORLD](#)

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Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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89. [World datelines](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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90. [FASTERS SURVIVED 10 WEEKS ON FLUIDS](#)

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Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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91. [WORLD](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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2004

92. [Saturday, Jan. 27](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

Narrowed by:

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93. [Women potent force in wine world](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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94. [WORLD](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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95. [WORLD IN BRIEF](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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Releases, Newspapers; Timeline: Jan 01, 1999 to Dec 31, 2004

96. [Omagh carnage video played at inquest](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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97. [VIOLENCE IGNITES HER PASSION, DIVIDING HER BELFAST FAMILY](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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Releases, Newspapers; Timeline: Jan 01, 1999 to Dec 31, 2004

98. [Omagh inquest rules out hardliner evidence](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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99. [ORANGE MARCH ENDS QUIETLY](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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100. [NATION](#)

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Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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Today in History for March 1

Associated Press Online

February 28, 2001; Wednesday

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Section: Domestic, non-Washington, general news item

Length: 475 words

Byline: The Associated Press

Body

Today is Thursday, March 1, the 60th day of 2001. There are 305 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Forty years ago, on March 1, 1961, President Kennedy established the Peace Corps.

On this date:

In 1781, the Continental Congress adopted the Articles of Confederation.

In 1790, Congress authorized the first U.S. Census.

In 1845, President Tyler signed a congressional resolution to annex the Republic of Texas.

In 1864, Rebecca Lee became the first black woman to receive an American medical degree, from Boston's New England **Female** Medical College.

In 1867, Nebraska became the 37th state.

In 1872, Congress authorized creation of Yellowstone National Park.

In 1932, the infant son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh was kidnapped from the family home near Hopewell, N.J. Remains identified as those of the baby were found the following May.

In 1954, Puerto Rican nationalists opened fire from the gallery of the U.S. House of Representatives, wounding five congressmen.

In 1981, **Irish Republican Army** member Bobby Sands began a hunger strike at the Maze Prison in Northern Ireland. He died 65 days later.

Ten years ago: President Bush said "we've kicked the Vietnam syndrome once and for all" following the allied victory in the Gulf War. The U.S. embassy in Kuwait officially reopened. Edwin H. Land, inventor of polarizing filters and Polaroid instant photography, died in Cambridge, Mass., at age 81.

Today in History for March 1

Five years ago: President Clinton slapped economic sanctions on Colombia, concluding authorities had not fully cooperated with the U.S. war on drugs. The Food and Drug Administration approved a powerful new AIDS drug, saying ritonavir could prolong the lives of severely ill patients, at least slightly.

One year ago: Candidates in both major parties turned their focus to Super Tuesday, a day after Texas Gov. George W. Bush won primaries in Virginia, North Dakota and Washington state. A gunman in Wilkinsburg, Pa., fatally shot three men and wounded two others. Classes were canceled at Buell Elementary School in Mount Morris Township, Mich., a day after 6-year-old Kayla Rolland was fatally shot by a fellow first-grader.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Robert Clary is 75. Singer Harry Belafonte is 74. Actor Robert Conrad is 66. Author Judith Rossner is 66. Rock singer Mike D'Abo (Manfred Mann) is 57. Sen. John Breaux, D-La., is 57. Rock singer Roger Daltrey is 57. Actor Dirk Benedict is 56. Actor Alan Thicke is 54. Actor-director Ron Howard is 47. Actress Catherine Bach is 47. Country singer Janis Gill (Sweethearts of the Rodeo) is 47. Actor Tim Daly is 45. Singer-musician Jon Carroll is 44. Rock musician Bill Leen is 39. Actor Russell Wong is 38. Actor John David Cullum is 35. Actor Mark-Paul Gosselaar is 27.

Thought for Today: "Words are, of course, the most powerful drug used by mankind." Rudyard Kipling, English author (1865-1936).

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PUBLIC STRIKE SHUTS FRANCE

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (Pennsylvania)

May 14, 2003 Wednesday

SOONER EDITION

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Section: WORLD,; WORLD BRIEFS

Length: 576 words

Body

PARIS -- A widespread public sector strike shut down much of France yesterday, forcing Parisians to take the day off or walk to work and reducing air and train services to the bare minimum.

Despite public support for the walkouts, government leaders vowed not to back down, warning the pension system will go bust within 20 years if not changed.

Teachers, post office workers, and employees of some private sector companies walked off the job. With no delivery service, newspapers, too, fell victim to the "day of action." Transport disruptions were massive.

Indonesia offensive

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia -- Indonesia moved thousands more troops toward Aceh province yesterday, warning that a major military offensive against separatist guerrillas could be days away.

The government had given the Free Aceh Movement until Monday to disarm, drop its long-held claims of independence for the province and accept a regional autonomy package. The rebels ignored the deadline.

Indonesia has 25,000-30,000 troops in the oil- and gas-rich province on the northern tip of Sumatra and more than 6,000 others arrived yesterday.

IRA mole denial

BELFAST, Northern Ireland -- A lawyer representing a senior suspected **Irish Republican Army** figure declared yesterday that his client had never been a British mole at the heart of the outlawed organization.

Alfredo Scappaticci, the alleged former director of the IRA's ruthless internal security unit, fled his Catholic west Belfast home last weekend as several British and Irish newspapers identified him as a long-secret agent codenamed "Stakeknife."

"He is not Stakeknife. He has never been an informer, has never contacted the intelligence services, has never been taken into protective custody and has never received any money from the security services," said Scappaticci's lawyer, Michael Flanigan.

For years, the IRA has been trying to identify and kill a suspected secret agent. Sunday's newspaper reports identified Scappaticci as the agent and accused him of informing on IRA activities since 1978.

PUBLIC STRIKE SHUTS FRANCE

Modernizing Latin

VATICAN CITY -- Some may consider Latin a dead language, but a dictionary of modern Latin published by the Vatican has become a "liber venditissimus" -- a best seller.

The two volumes contain some 15,000 modernized Latin words -- many of them compounds of existing Latin words. Dishwasher is "escariorum lavator" and disco is "orbium phonographicorum theca."

The dictionary is more than a scholarly exercise. The Vatican needs it for encyclicals and other documents.

Stolen art offer

VIENNA, Austria -- Vienna's Art History Museum said yesterday it would consider negotiating with whoever stole a 16th-century, gold-plated sculpture by Florentine master Benvenuto Cellini, a significant Italian Renaissance work valued at \$57 million.

A \$81,200 reward is being offered for information leading to the object's recovery, the museum director said.

Also in the world

Tens of thousands of young women and girls are forced into prostitution by human traffickers each year, U.N. officials said yesterday. Most of these victims end up in Germany, the United States and Italy. Russia, Ukraine and Thailand were identified as the top three starting points for trafficking victims... A gas explosion ripped through a coal mine in eastern China yesterday, killing at least 63 miners and leaving 23 others missing 1,500 feet underground, officials said. The explosion struck the Luling coal mine near the city of Hefei.

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Trial to begin for Greek group accused of years of violence

The Philadelphia Inquirer

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Byline: Derek Gatopoulos ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dateline: ATHENS, Greece

Body

Between allegedly plotting assassinations and bank robberies, Dimitris Koufodinas tended to his beehives at a house near Athens. Having dodged police for 28 years, he spent his last month on the run hiding on a nudist beach.

Today, Koufodinas and 18 others will go on trial in Greece's biggest criminal prosecution in three decades, bringing past and present together: Greece of the 1967-74 military junta, and the democracy - and host of the 2004 Olympic Games - that is the country today.

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Greek authorities had long been under U.S. pressure to act, and more recently received advice from senior British antiterrorism experts experienced in fighting the *Irish Republican Army*.

The group was eventually exposed after a bungled bomb attack last summer left one suspect seriously injured and triggered dozens of raids. It is the first time Greece has arrested and put alleged domestic terrorists on trial since the military dictatorship collapsed in 1974.

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That claim seemed to reflect the group's evolution from Marxist ideology to more contemporary causes.

The onetime revolutionaries, some of them now middle-age and graying, will stand trial behind a bulletproof screen before three judges in a courtroom inside the Korydallos maximum-security prison. The same courtroom was used to try the military dictators whose rule gave birth to November 17.

The defendants, 11 of whom face life imprisonment, are a mixed bunch. The only ***female*** defendant is Angeliki Sotiropoulou, Koufodinas' longtime companion and fellow beekeeper whom he married in prison. Koufodinas, who was 16 when November 17 was founded, is now 45.

The group's alleged leader, Alexandros Giotopoulos, is a white-haired 58-year-old socialite who posed as a math professor and lived in a pink island villa apparently paid for with the loot from bank robberies.

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Terrorism Trial Spells Relief for Greece

AP Online

March 2, 2003 Sunday

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Section: INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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The only **female** defendant is Angeliki Sotiropoulou, Koufodinas' longtime companion and fellow beekeeper whom he married in prison. Koufodinas, who was only 16 when November 17 was founded, is now 45. He hid on a nudist beach near Athens during a nationwide manhunt and eventually turned himself in.

The group's alleged leader, Alexandros Giotopoulos, is a white-haired 58-year-old socialite who posed as a math professor and lived in a pink island villa apparently paid for with the loot from bank robberies.

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Today in History

The Associated Press

February 18, 2003, Tuesday, BC cycle

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Section: Domestic News

Length: 527 words

Byline: By The Associated Press

Body

Today is Saturday, March 1, the 60th day of 2003. There are 305 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 1, 1932, 20-month-old Charles A. Lindbergh Jr., the son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh, was kidnapped from the family home near Hopewell, N.J. (Remains identified as those of the child were found the following May.)

On this date:

In 1781, the Continental Congress adopted the Articles of Confederation.

In 1790, Congress authorized the first U.S. Census.

In 1845, President Tyler signed a congressional resolution to annex the Republic of Texas.

In 1864, Rebecca Lee became the first black woman to receive an American medical degree, from the New England **Female** Medical College in Boston.

In 1867, Nebraska became the 37th state.

In 1872, Congress authorized creation of Yellowstone National Park.

In 1940, "Native Son" by Richard Wright was first published.

In 1954, Puerto Rican nationalists opened fire from the gallery of the U.S. House of Representatives, wounding five congressmen.

In 1961, President Kennedy established the Peace Corps.

In 1981, **Irish Republican Army** member Bobby Sands began a hunger strike at the Maze Prison in Northern Ireland; he died 65 days later.

Ten years ago: Authorities near Waco, Texas, continued negotiating with Branch Davidians holed up in their bullet-scarred compound, a day after a furious gun battle between the Davidians and federal agents that left ten people dead.

Today in History

Five years ago: In Germany, Lower Saxony Governor Gerhard Schroeder won a sweeping re-election that paved the way for his successful campaign to oust Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

One year ago: Space shuttle Columbia blasted into orbit on a mission to renovate the Hubble Space Telescope. NASA said its Mars Odyssey spacecraft had found evidence that vast regions of Mars may abound in water. Under pressure from prosecutors, the Archdiocese of Boston agreed to turn over the names of people allegedly molested by priests. Hindu-Muslim violence continued in western India, with hundreds of deaths reported. Grand American series driver Jeff Clinton was killed during practice in a crash at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Robert Clary is 77. Singer Harry Belafonte is 76. Former U.S. Solicitor General Robert H. Bork is 76. Actor Robert Conrad is 68. Author Judith Rossner is 68. Rock singer Mike D'Abo (Manfred Mann) is 59. Senator John Breaux, D-La., is 59. Rock singer Roger Daltrey is 59. Actor Dirk Benedict is 58. Actor Alan Thicke is 56. Actor-director Ron Howard is 49. Actress Catherine Bach is 49. Country singer Janis Gill (Sweethearts of the Rodeo) is 49. Actor Tim Daly is 47. Singer-musician Jon Carroll is 46. Rock musician Bill Leen is 41. Actor Russell Wong is 40. Actor John David Cullum is 37. Actor George Eads ("CSI") is 36. Actor Mark-Paul Gosselaar is 29. Actor Jensen Ackles ("Dark Angel") is 25. TV host Donovan Patton ("Blue's Clues") is 25. Rock musician Sean Woolstenhulme (Lifehouse) is 22. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sammie is 16.

Thought for Today: "No man ever made a great speech on a mean subject." - Attributed to Eugene V. Debs, American socialist leader (1855-1926).

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This day in history

South China Morning Post (Hong Kong)

July 19, 2000

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Length: 467 words

Body

In Hong Kong

1957: Magistrate T L Yang fined two British soldiers \$ 30 each for failing to pay a \$ 3 fare to a rickshaw puller.

1963: Buckingham Palace announced Sir David Trench had been appointed governor and commander-in-chief of Hong Kong. The former deputy colonial secretary succeeded Sir Robert Black in early 1964.

1967: A New China News Agency (Xinhua) reporter was jailed for two years after being found guilty in a Victoria District Court of unlawful assembly and intimidating assembly. Sit Ping, 32, had refused to answer questions under cross-examination and protested to the judge that "you are holding a trial illegally and insist on being an enemy of the Chinese people to no good consequences".

1971: Former Fanling head professional golf coach Lu Liang-huan carded a final round three-under par 66 to win the French Open by two strokes. Lu, who had finished second at the British Open a week earlier, received HK\$ 39,375.

Around the world

1553: Lady Jane Grey was deposed and Mary Tudor was proclaimed queen of England.

1814: Samuel Colt, US inventor of the revolver that bears his name, was born.

1834: Edgar Degas, French impressionist painter and sculptor best known for his portrayals of theatre life, was born.

1837: English civil engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel's steamship Great Western was launched at Bristol. On this day in 1843 his Great Britain, the first Atlantic liner built of iron, was launched.

1843: Loose, knee-length women's trousers that became known as bloomers were introduced by their American inventor, Amelia Jenks Bloomer.

1877: The first Wimbledon tennis final took place.

1900: The Paris Metro underground rail system opened.

1922: George McGovern, US senator and unsuccessful candidate for president in 1972, was born.

This day in history

1941: British Prime Minister Winston Churchill introduced his "V for Victory" campaign in World War II.

1947: Burmese Premier U Aung San and six other ministers were assassinated.

1965: Syngman Rhee, first president of the Republic of Korea (South Korea), died.

1980: The 22nd Olympics opened in Moscow; more than 40 nations boycotted the games in protest against the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

1989: Communist leader General Wojciech Jaruzelski was elected president of Poland.

1992: A car bomb killed Paolo Borsellino, a leading anti-Mafia judge in Palermo, Sicily.

1996: Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic resigned from public office in an effort to clear the way for post-war elections in Bosnia.

1997: The **Irish Republican Army** announced a ceasefire effective on July 20 in its 28-year campaign to end British rule over Northern Ireland.

1997: Anglo-French entrepreneur Sir James Goldsmith, corporate raider and anti-European crusader, died.

Graphic

On this day in 1964, more than 10,000 people lined the streets of Hong Kong to watch the funeral procession of Lin Dai. The Mandarin actress, who had gassed herself to death, was buried in a copper coffin reported to have cost \$ 35,000. Idolised to this day she starred in films such as Blue And Black, The Last **Women** Of Shang and The Lotus Lamp.

Load-Date: July 21, 2000

Conference of Irish politicians calls for end to IRA activities With EU-GEN-- Northern Ireland

Associated Press International

November 27, 2002 Wednesday

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Section: INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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Byline: SHAWN POGATCHNIK; Associated Press Writer

Dateline: DUBLIN, Ireland

Body

Catholics throughout Ireland agree with Protestant leaders that the ***Irish Republican Army*** should cease all activities, Prime Minister Bertie Ahern declared Wednesday at a forum convened to support Northern Ireland's ailing peace accord.

Addressing the Dublin Castle conference, Ahern told leaders from more than a dozen groups and parties - including the IRA-linked Sinn Fein - it was "not only not true but insulting" to claim, as Sinn Fein often did, that only Protestants wanted the IRA to fade away.

Ahern said he was certain that Catholics and Protestants were equally determined "to see the transition from violence to exclusively peaceful and democratic means being brought to completion - and all paramilitary groups becoming a thing of the past."

Opposition leaders in the Irish Republic blame the IRA for last month's breakdown of the Catholic-Protestant administration in Northern Ireland.

Britain stripped power from Northern Ireland's four-party coalition after police uncovered evidence that the IRA was running a spy ring within government circles. Four people, including Sinn Fein's senior legislative aide, were charged with stealing documents, some of which pointed to IRA intelligence-gathering on potential targets in violation of its 1997 cease-fire.

Pat Rabbitte, leader of Ireland's left-wing Labor Party, said Sinn Fein leaders Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness deserved credit for promoting compromise within the IRA, which had killed 1,800 people since 1970.

"But the peace they helped to build is now in jeopardy. And the republican movement is largely at fault," said Rabbitte, using the blanket term for the IRA and Sinn Fein.

Adams didn't respond to the criticism in his own speech. Instead he praised the IRA cease-fire and accused Britain of doing too little on a series of issues, including British military cutbacks and reform to Northern Ireland's predominantly Protestant police.

Adams appealed to Britain "to break with its partisan past and build a future of equality as required by the agreement."

Conference of Irish politicians calls for end to IRA activities With EU-GEN-- Northern Ireland

In Northern Ireland, meanwhile, detectives interrogated four men and two women arrested Tuesday on suspicion of involvement in a 1999 plot to smuggle firearms from the U.S. state of Florida to the IRA. The IRA was supposed to disarm completely as part of the 1998 peace deal.

Sporadic threats from IRA splinter groups have sapped Protestant willingness to work with Adams and McGuinness, who have told Catholics not to help police catch the dissidents.

Police last Sunday prevented the latest dissident attack, arresting one man and wounding another after they allegedly parked a car bomb outside a government building in central Belfast. British army specialists dismantled the device - two pipe bombs attached to drums of fuel.

The arrested man, 34-year-old Terence McCafferty, was arraigned Wednesday on two charges of possessing a homemade bomb and conspiring to cause an explosion that would be likely to endanger life. His alleged comrade, who hasn't been publicly identified, remained in a Belfast hospital.

Wednesday's Dublin Castle meeting officially revived the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation, which originally promoted monthly multi-party discussions in the mid-1990s at a time when Protestant leaders were refusing to negotiate with Sinn Fein. The forum, founded in October 1994 in the immediate wake of an IRA cease-fire, last met after the IRA abandoned that truce in February 1996 by killing two people with a London truck bomb.

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World

Christian Science Monitor (Boston, MA)

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Byline: Robert Kilborn, Judy Nichols, and Joshua S. Burek

Body

Following through on its threat issued last week, Israel's Shas Party formally resigned from the coalition government, leaving Prime Minister Ehud Barak with a minority in parliament. The move, which under law will not take effect for 48 hours, also was seen as jeopardizing Barak's prospects for concluding a peace deal with Palestinians by September. Aides to Barak said efforts to woo Shas back probably would be futile and they expected he'd try to form a new coalition.

A proposal for a Korea-style summit by Taiwan's new leader with Chinese President Jiang Zemin was largely ignored by the Beijing government. In Taipei, Chen Shui-bian invited Jiang to meet him at a time and place of the latter's choosing to discuss any issue. He also offered to support Beijing's bid to stage the 2008 Olympic Summer Games. But China's Foreign Ministry repeated demands that Chen accept its "one China" principle as a precondition to talks, adding "on this major matter ... we will not give in."

Bomb disposal experts defused an explosive device found outside the residence of Britain's secretary for Northern Ireland, and suspicion for planting it fell on ***Irish Republican Army*** dissidents. Meanwhile, the North's largest pro-British paramilitary group, the Ulster Freedom Fighters, threatened to end its six-year truce - effective immediately - if Catholics did not stop what it called the "ethnic cleansing" of Protestant neighborhoods in the capital, Belfast.

An increase in crude-oil supplies of just under 1 million barrels a day is expected to be OK'd by OPEC members meeting today in Vienna. Such an action, likely to take effect July 1, would be the second time in four months that the cartel has tried to bring down futures prices on world markets, where they have been ranging between \$ 28 and \$ 30 a barrel in recent weeks. Non-OPEC producers Mexico and Norway also are poised to announce increases, analysts said.

New sectarian fighting caused as many as 160 deaths in Indonesia's troubled Molucca islands, reports said. Another 150 people were seriously hurt and an unknown number of ***women*** and children were kidnapped in an attack on a Christian village by Muslim raiders using automatic rifles. A church and 292 houses were set on fire before soldiers dispersed the attackers. The incident was one of the worst in 18 months of religious feuding in the region.

World

Official election results demanded by rioters in Haiti's three largest cities Monday showed the party of former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide won all but one of 17 contested seats in the Senate. But the Elections Council said it wasn't ready to announce results of voting for seats in parliament's lower house. And it postponed another round of balloting scheduled for Sunday. From the US, where he fled to escape a death threat, council chief Leon Manus disputed the vote count, claiming Aristide's Lavalas Family movement had won only seven Senate seats.

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Body

Today is Friday, May 19, the 140th day of 2000. There are 226 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1535 - Jacques Cartier sails from St. Malo on his second voyage to Canada, to explore the St. Lawrence River and discover the future site of Montreal.

1536 - Anne Boleyn, second wife of England's King Henry VIII, is beheaded after she fails to produce a male heir.

1554 - France's King Henry II invades the Netherlands.

1585 - English shipping in Spanish ports is confiscated, serving as declaration of war on England.

1635 - France declares war on Spain.

1649 - England is declared a republic after King Charles I is executed by parliamentarians.

1792 - Russia invades Poland at the behest of Polish conservatives, resulting in the second partition of Poland.

1802 - Napoleon Bonaparte creates the Legion of Honor in France.

1897 - Armistice ends Thiry Days' War, with Greece conceding defeat to newly modernized Turkish army.

1900 - The Tonga Islands in the South Pacific become a British protectorate.

1930 - White women are enfranchised in South Africa.

1973 - Soviet Union and West Germany sign 10-year agreement calling for economic, industrial and technical cooperation.

1981 - Five British soldiers are killed in ambush by Irish Republican Army in Newry, Northern Ireland.

1990 - U.S. Secretary of State James Baker says all major obstacles to U.S.-Soviet nuclear arms agreement have been cleared.

Friday, May 19

1991 - Thousands of protesters wielding pipes battle riot police for more than 12 hours in Kwangju, South Korea, in fiercest fighting in three weeks of anti-government protests.

1992 - Pro-democracy protests break out across Thailand despite a bloody government crackdown on demonstrators in the capital. Hundreds disappear at the hands of soldiers in a month of rioting.

1993 - Colombian jetliner crashes near Medellin, killing 132.

1994 - Kamuzu Banda of Malawi, with 30 years at the helm Africa's longest ruling dictator, concedes defeat to Bakili Muluzi in the country's first multi-party election.

1995 - In Sarajevo, government troops burn Serb houses in the northwest and Serbs destroy a Croatian church to the east.

1996 - French troops move into downtown Bangui, Central African Republic, to help quell an army uprising.

1997 - More than 350 people are killed when a cyclone sweeps coastal Bangladesh.

1998 - Indonesian students storm the Parliament in Jakarta, demanding President Suharto's resignation.

1999 - Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic accepts "principles" of a Kosovo peace plan while NATO jets bomb Belgrade suburbs.

Today's Birthdays:

Nellie Melba, Australian opera singer (1861-1931); Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, the founder of modern Turkey (1881-1938); King Faisal I, first king of independent Iraq (1883-1933); Ho Chi Minh, Vietnamese Communist leader and president of North Vietnam (1890-1969); Pol Pot, Cambodian communist leader (1925 or 1928-1998); Pete Townshend, British rock singer-composer of The Who (1945--); Glenn Close, U.S. actress (1947--); Grace Jones, Jamaican-born singer-actress (1952--).

Thought For Today:

Forgiveness is the fragrance the violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it Mark Twain (1835-1910).

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World

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Body

Thousands of rebel defenders were trying to escape Chechnya's capital under heavy attack by Russian air and ground forces, reports said. But in Moscow, a Kremlin spokesman said fierce fighting continued in the battered city, and there were no signs its estimated 15,000 to 40,000 remaining civilian residents had come out of hiding. Some of the escaping rebels were reported regrouping in a Grozny suburb and heading for strategic bases in Chechnya's southern mountains.

The **Irish Republican Army** remains committed to peace and its guns continue to be silent, a statement delivered to a Dublin radio station said. It came as all sides awaited the public release of a report on the surrender of weapons by the North's independent disarmament commission. The British and Irish Republic governments were meeting in private to study the still-secret document.

"We have no interest in escalation," Prime Minister Ehud Barak said, despite mounting demands that he retaliate for Israel's latest losses in its south Lebanon protection zone. Three more soldiers were killed there Monday by Hizbullah guerrillas, following the assassination of the No. 2 commander of Israel's proxy South Lebanon Army. Barak visited troops along the tense border, but said he wouldn't lose sight of his main goal: peace with Syria and Lebanon. Hizbullah is trained and funded by Iran, but Syria is believed to serve as the conduit for its weapons shipments. One of Barak's campaign pledges in last year's election was to restore quiet to the border.

Despite earning the ire of its European neighbors, Austria was nearing completion of negotiations that would bring ultrarightist leader Joerg Haider and his Freedom Party into a new coalition government. Senior officials and ordinary Austrians alike reacted angrily to a threat by the European Union to isolate the country politically if Haider joined the government. He has been a controversial figure since expressing admiration a decade ago for some Nazi policies during World War II.

A confrontation was shaping up between Indonesia's president and the former armed forces chief he vowed to dismiss from a key Cabinet post. Gen. Wiranto told reporters he would not step down as minister of political and security affairs - at least until after President Abdurrahman Wahid returns from an overseas tour Feb. 13. An official report earlier this week accused Wiranto of crimes against humanity last year in the former province of East Timor. Tensions over the issue have stirred concern of a possible coup, although the capital, Jakarta, was calm.

World

Chartered buses brought hundreds of women to voter-registration centers across Kuwait, but elections officials turned them away, offering only "unofficial" sheets of paper on which they could sign their names. The move was the latest in a campaign to win political rights for females in the oil-rich state, whose National Assembly twice rejected such participation last fall. Feb. 1 was the first day new voters could register for the next parliamentary election.

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Clinton peace centre opening in Northern Ireland overshadowed by renewed riots

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AP

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Before travelling to London for hastily organized talks with Prime Minister Tony Blair, Trimble accused the IRA of fomenting the Belfast rioting and planning to escalate right through the summer."

Don't retaliate. Leave it to the police," he said in an appeal to the area's Protestant rioters.

And he said Sinn Fein leaders Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness must get a grip of the violence."

Adams met with David Ervine, the senior representative of the armed Ulster Volunteer Force, which Sinn Fein accuses of provoking the riots.

It is in everybody's interests to stop the awfulness before it spreads and degenerates," said Ervine, whose group, like the IRA, is supposed to be observing a ceasefire.

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Clinton Visits Amid Irish Clashes

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Changing times in Northern Ireland

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Body

Prime Minister Bertie Ahern vowed Saturday to form a strong, stable government for the next five years after his Fianna Fail party triumphed in a parliamentary election dominated by Ireland's long-thriving economy.

Sinn Fein, the party linked to the ***Irish Republican Army*** in neighboring Northern Ireland, won at least five seats as it remodels itself into a socialist voice. And Michael Noonan, shellshocked leader of the main opposition Fine Gael, resigned as his party absorbed the most grievous defeat in its 70-year history.

Compiled from Times Wires

Noonan said most voters rewarded Ahern for presiding over five years of unprecedented economic expansion in Ireland.

"It's a very, very bad day for Fine Gael. It was beyond our worst expectations and beyond our worst fears," said Noonan, 59.

Noonan said Fine Gael had suffered "a devastating blow in terms of numbers and the quality of the people we lost." While he retained his legislative seat in Limerick, most of Fine Gael's senior spokespeople lost their jobs.

Fianna Fail, basking in the the personal popularity of their leader, appeared close to claiming more than half of Ireland's 166-seat parliament. Ahern said he expected his party to net 80 to 85 seats, well up from 1997's 77-strong bloc.

Elsewhere . . .

THE VATICAN: A wistful, ailing Pope John Paul II celebrated his 82nd birthday Saturday before thousands of cheering youngsters, but could only muster reading a few lines of his speech before deferring to an aide. John Paul looked tired during the brief, public marking of his birthday in a Vatican auditorium, where a youth band played Happy Birthday.

SIERRA LEONE: President Ahmed Tejan Kabbah appeared headed for a landslide victory in Sierra Leone's first election since the end of a brutal civil war, widening his substantial lead by two more districts Saturday. With 12 of 14 districts accounted for, Kabbah had 66 percent of Tuesday's vote in the West African nation while his nearest challenger among eight contenders, Ernest Koroma, held 25 percent.

Fianna Fail a winner in Irish elections

SOUTH KOREA: President Kim Dae-Jung's youngest son was arrested on a charge of taking bribes, dealing another blow to the credibility of his Nobel peace laureate father. Kim Hong-gul, 39, who lives in Los Angeles, is accused of receiving millions of dollars in bribes from a businessman who is now in jail. The scandal is likely to tarnish the legacy of Kim Dae-jung, a former pro-democracy activist who campaigned for the presidency on an anti-corruption platform. Kim Dae-jung, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2000, has not been implicated in any scandal.

SCOTLAND: A disabled ferry with almost 900 people aboard limped into a Norwegian port Saturday after its crew extinguished engine-room fires that had caused it to lose power and drift off the Scottish coast. No serious injuries to passengers or crew were reported.

MOUNT EVEREST: The five Americans who hoped to become the first all-woman team to climb Mount Everest were forced to turn back just short of the summit. Health problems and weather forced the women to turn around early Saturday, just 285 feet from the summit.

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Body

JOHN LENNON was carpeted over his decision to donate money to the IRA ... by his beloved Auntie Mimi.

Mimi, who brought up the Liverpool rock star, was livid when she discovered he had been giving funds to a terrorist organisation.

And, in a furious trans-Atlantic telephone call, she demanded: "What the hell do you think you are doing?"

Lennon made his donations around the time the Irish Republican Army split into the official and the provisional IRA in 1970.

His cousin Stan Parkes, who yesterday revealed the truth behind the IRA rumours, said that John did it because of naivete and a misguided sense of loyalty to Ireland - not because he supported the terrifying organisation it was to become.

The revelations came as a United States federal judge ordered the FBI to release notes from a telephone conversation and two letters about John Lennon which may lead to the release of other secret documents about him and the Beatles.

The faded pieces of paper could prove once and for all that Lennon was hounded by government agencies on both sides of the Atlantic.

But the further, far-reaching implications could be the rift the release of other papers will cause between British and American intelligence networks.

Yesterday, Stan revealed the truth about John's donations to the IRA which, until now, have always remained a closely-guarded family secret.

Stan, 67, said: "We knew about these donations to the IRA years ago. I don't know exactly how much he gave, though.

"When he first went out to America, he was naive and gullible and got himself involved with some right characters. He was really taken in by some of them. He got into a few different stupid things.

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"He did give money to terrorist organisations, but he regretted it afterwards."

Lennon did not openly confess to the family about his IRA donations.

Stan said: "He didn't tell us as a family what he had done, but Aunt Mimi found out."

John was raised by his Aunt Mimi and he was devoted to her.

Stan revealed: "She got on the phone to him and gave him a right talking to."

John's Liverpool upbringing saw him surrounded by republican sympathisers and, when Bloody Sunday happened in 1972, it reinforced his own belief in republicanism.

At the time, he stated quite openly: "If I had to choose sides between the British army and the IRA, I'm on the side of the IRA."

He dedicated his song, The Luck of the Irish, to the victims of Bloody Sunday.

But Stan said: "I think it all backfired on him. We didn't really know all he was up to, but I know he also funded an American terrorist.

"He was trailed by MI5 and the FBI. Nixon wanted him kicked out. He fought very hard to get his American citizenship."

Stan continued: "Nixon said if John ever left the country, he wouldn't be allowed back in. That's why he could never come back to Britain until he got his citizenship."

For that reason, John was unable to come back to Britain to be with Stan - who was more like a brother than a cousin to the rock star - when his baby died from a heart defect.

Instead, he had to rely on letters to tell Stan how sorry he was about the tragedy.

The terrorist links, coupled with his opposition to the Vietnam war, made him a target of FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover.

Both Hoover and Nixon believed he and his "weird" wife Yoko were poisoning the minds of America's youth.

They planned to have him deported from the United States.

He was tailed by the FBI, who tried to pin a narcotics charge on him and, in 1973, he was ordered to leave the country.

His 1968 conviction for possession of cannabis in Britain was not in his favour, but it later emerged the drug had been planted by police.

Stan said: "He went on a bender while he was out there. He was into drugs and women, but he was really paranoid about being tracked down and followed by the security forces.

"He was afraid of being kicked out of America. He must have been getting a bit worried, because he sent back home for his old school tie and his old school blazer and anything to do with his family that would show he came from a good background.

"He had returned his MBE to the Queen, but he even asked for it back. He was a hypocrite in that sense.

"He discovered it was all very well being a maverick, but it can backfire on you.

"He never got back his MBE, though. He had blotted his copybook. But he had an American son and I think that's what eventually got him his citizenship."

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John was often portrayed as a hard man, but Stan said: "He was a big softie. He just hid behind that image. When he was with the family, he was just one of us and he liked that."

The FBI has 28 days to appeal the judge's ruling to release the Lennon papers, but it is understood that now the dam has been burst, there will be no hope of stemming the flow of information.

The argument by the FBI has always been that the information the papers contain belongs to a foreign power.

The truth is that the information is a summation of documents kept by MI5.

The evidence placed before the judge, Brian Robbins, indicated that John and his wife, Yoko, were being spied on by the FBI under the orders of J. Edgar Hoover and President Richard Nixon.

But other evidence before him showed Lennon was being investigated by M15 before he moved to America.

Former MI5 officer David Shayler is understood to have signed an affidavit in which he claims to have seen files on Lennon.

The former spy said that, contained in a secret file on Lennon - then considered to be the spokesman for a generation - was a claim that he donated vast sums to left-wing groups such as the Workers' Revolutionary Party and the **Irish Republican Army**.

The release of the documents was prompted by author and historian Jon Wiener, who filed a legal request in 1983 to obtain all US government documents on the former Beatle.

Wiener said: "We don't think national security is really at stake here. We think this is 30-year-old trivial information about the activities of a dead rock star."

He added he found it "disappointing that Tony Blair's government, with its commitment to freedom of information", continues to block the release of the 30-year-old documents.

MI5 is understood to be fuming at the Los Angeles court decision, because they believe it will ultimately lead to the release of the papers they have wanted to keep secret for so long.

And it has reinforced their suspicions that any confidential information passed to America will sooner or later be made public.

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Popular ex-British politician: Blair's jealous circle sabotaged me

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One of Britain's most popular former politicians says a standing ovation was the beginning of the end of her career.

Mo Mowlam - who served as Northern Ireland secretary during Prime Minister Tony Blair's first term - believes her boss and those around him pushed her out of office because they were jealous of voters' goodwill toward her, she writes in a forthcoming memoir, excerpted Monday by the tabloid Daily Mail.

Mowlam writes that her relationship with Blair soured after a crowd at the Labor Party's 1998 convention rose to its feet cheering when he mentioned her name during a speech.

She says those around Blair began trying to undermine her soon after by criticizing her to reporters and going around her on important issues.

"Looking back, I think this was the point when my relationship with Tony began to get rocky," she writes in her memoir "Momentum," to be published next month.

She eventually was moved to a lower-profile job and says she later quit the government and politics partly because Blair's advisers were spreading rumors that her battle with a brain tumor had left her intellectually unfit.

"I still can't bring myself to think Tony Blair okayed it all," she writes. "I like to think it was the arrogant young set in Downing Street (Blair's office) and those at Labor Party headquarters ... who like talking to journalists and want to sound important."

Until leaving public life last year, the 52-year-old Mowlam was one of Britain's most popular politicians, admired for her willingness to speak frankly, her bravery in fighting the brain tumor and her role in Northern Ireland's peace process.

Observers of the 22 months of negotiations that produced Northern Ireland's 1998 Good Friday peace agreement cited Mowlam's approachability. Although some Protestant politicians objected to her informality, her tenure appeared to encourage the *Irish Republican Army*-tied Sinn Fein Party to participate in the peace process.

Mowlam, first elected to Parliament in 1987, writes that she began to feel isolated by colleagues after Blair's conference speech and recalls that newspapers soon started reporting that Blair confidante Peter Mandelson was interested in her job.

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"It gradually became clear to me that I was being treated as a girlie - a popular **female** commodity who would be useful with the voters," she writes.

"I was no longer a comrade-in-arms fighting for the same causes. In fact, I was beginning to feel more like a bag of potatoes that they just wanted to dump somewhere so that Peter Mandelson could go to Northern Ireland."

Mandelson replaced her in 1999.

A spokeswoman for Blair declined to comment on the excerpts.

In response to similar comments Mowlam made in a recent television interview, the prime minister's office said, "It is very sad that she wishes to continue making these claims about a government of which she was a member and for which the prime minister believes she did a very good job."

Mowlam says in her memoir that the campaign against her intensified after she refused Blair's request to run for London mayor.

She also accused Blair of being too controlling, not trusting those around him and dismissing views differing from his own.

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Body

Two relics used by Britain's most famous South Pole explorers were withdrawn from sale at Christie's auction house and sold privately to the National Maritime Museum, after historians protested. The museum bought a silk sled flag flown by Capt. Robert Scott at the South Pole in 1912, and a liquid boat compass Sir Ernest Shackleton used in a daring rescue mission during the winter of 1915-16.

Northern Ireland

ULSTER CONFLICT HURTS CHILDREN Some 190 children have been hospitalized after being beaten by guerrilla groups in Northern Ireland since the signing of last year's peace accord, says the Times of London. Figures from the Northern Ireland Civil Rights Bureau showed some 4,000 children under the age of 18 had been affected by **Irish Republican Army** and pro-British loyalist violence.

United States President Bill Clinton, asserting executive privilege, refused yesterday to give information subpoenaed by Congress about his offer of clemency to 16 radical Puerto Rican nationalists. His decision infuriated House Republicans, who wanted to know why he made the decision which has entangled his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton - a likely candidate for the U.S. Senate from New York, where many Puerto Ricans live.

FOOD-BORNE DISEASE KILLS An estimated 325,000 Americans are hospitalized every year because of food-borne disease and 5,000 people die from the germs transmitted on everything from undercooked meat to unwashed vegetables, health officials reported yesterday.

BRITAIN

A survey released by the U.S. Centres for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta estimates 76 million Americans develop acute gastro-intestinal illness each year due to microbes in food.

SENATORS OVERRIDE VETO An anti-abortion bill, which opponents claim could make women who undergo the procedure guilty of a felony, was passed by the Missouri legislature yesterday when state Senators overrode Gov. Mel Carnahan's veto by more than the two-thirds majority needed to pass the "Infant's Protection Act." The bill makes it a felony to kill a born or partially born baby.

South Africa A black officer went on a shooting rampage at a military base yesterday, killing six white soldiers of the First South Africa Infantry Battalion and a white civilian before he was gunned down by colleagues.

Five other white soldiers were injured, one critically, and were being treated in hospital.

Thailand Canadian passports were among fake documents seized when Thai police arrested a suspected leader of an international forgery gang. The fakes were so shoddy, travellers using them would not get very far, said a Canadian foreign affairs spokesperson.

An Algerian, Lahoula Ahmed, 48, was arrested Monday in Bangkok. Equipment for making the phony documents was found in Ahmed's apartment.

Venezuela The country's Constitutional Assembly yesterday approved a timetable to accelerate political reforms in the world's third largest oil exporter, aiming to have a new constitution in place by December. The Assembly, elected July 25, is the centrepiece of President Hugo Chavez's "peaceful revolution" to clean up corrupt government institutions.

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Blair Accused of Political Sabotage

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Body

One of Britain's most popular former politicians says a standing ovation was the beginning of the end of her career.

Mo Mowlam - who served as Northern Ireland secretary during Prime Minister Tony Blair's first term - believes her boss and those around him pushed her out of office because they were jealous of voters' goodwill toward her, she writes in a forthcoming memoir, excerpted Monday by the tabloid Daily Mail.

Mowlam writes that her relationship with Blair soured after a crowd at the Labor Party's 1998 convention rose to its feet cheering when he mentioned her name during a speech.

She says those around Blair began trying to undermine her soon after by criticizing her to reporters and going around her on important issues.

"Looking back, I think this was the point when my relationship with Tony began to get rocky," she writes in her memoir "Momentum," to be published next month.

She eventually was moved to a lower-profile job and says she later quit the government and politics partly because Blair's advisers were spreading rumors that her battle with a brain tumor had left her intellectually unfit.

"I still can't bring myself to think Tony Blair okayed it all," she writes. "I like to think it was the arrogant young set in Downing Street (Blair's office) and those at Labor Party headquarters ... who like talking to journalists and want to sound important."

Until leaving public life last year, the 52-year-old Mowlam was one of Britain's most popular politicians, admired for her willingness to speak frankly, her bravery in fighting the brain tumor and her role in Northern Ireland's peace process.

Observers of the 22 months of negotiations that produced Northern Ireland's 1998 Good Friday peace agreement cited Mowlam's approachability. Although some Protestant politicians objected to her informality, her tenure appeared to encourage the ***Irish Republican Army***-tied Sinn Fein Party to participate in the peace process.

Mowlam, first elected to Parliament in 1987, writes that she began to feel isolated by colleagues after Blair's conference speech and recalls that newspapers soon started reporting that Blair confidante Peter Mandelson was interested in her job.

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"It gradually became clear to me that I was being treated as a girlie - a popular **female** commodity who would be useful with the voters," she writes.

"I was no longer a comrade-in-arms fighting for the same causes. In fact, I was beginning to feel more like a bag of potatoes that they just wanted to dump somewhere so that Peter Mandelson could go to Northern Ireland."

Mandelson replaced her in 1999.

A spokeswoman for Blair declined to comment on the excerpts.

In response to similar comments Mowlam made in a recent television interview, the prime minister's office said, "It is very sad that she wishes to continue making these claims about a government of which she was a member and for which the prime minister believes she did a very good job."

Mowlam says in her memoir that the campaign against her intensified after she refused Blair's request to run for London mayor.

She also accused Blair of being too controlling, not trusting those around him and dismissing views differing from his own.

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AL-QAIDA SUSPECT ARRESTED IN SPAIN

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Body

MADRID, Spain -- Spanish police yesterday arrested a man suspected of being a member of the Islamic extremist group al-Qaida in Madrid.

An Interior Ministry statement said Muhammed Galeb Kalaje Zouayd allegedly helped finance the al-Qaida network in several countries using funds from Spain. The money, which came mainly from property development and sales, was funneled to Muslim militants in the United States, Saudi Arabia, Belgium, China, Turkey, Jordan, Syria and Palestinian territories, the statement said.

Chirac: No TV Le Pen debate

RENNES, France -- President Jacques Chirac yesterday ruled out a television debate with his extreme right election rival Jean-Marie Le Pen, saying he would have nothing to do with a man who peddled hatred.

Le Pen, the shock qualifier for the May 5 runoff in France's presidential election, challenged Chirac to face him on TV in the traditional campaign showdown after surging into second place in the first round of voting Sunday.

Adams won't attend hearing

BELFAST, Northern Ireland -- Irish nationalist Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams said yesterday that he would not attend a U.S. congressional hearing into alleged links between his party's **Irish Republican Army** ally and Colombian FARC guerrillas.

Last year three suspected IRA men were arrested in Colombia. They were charged with training FARC rebels.

Adams said he had received legal advice that the U.S. hearing and his attendance at it could prejudice the men's trial. He said he was also concerned the issue was being used to undermine Sinn Fein's contribution to Northern Ireland's peace process to end three decades of Protestant-Roman Catholic conflict.

3 cloned pregnancies

ROME -- An Italian fertility specialist who has said he intends to create the world's first human clone told a television show today that three **women** were pregnant in the world at the moment.

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The doctor, Severino Antinori, said two of the three pregnancies were developing in Russia and one in an "Islamic state" and that they were six to nine weeks along. The Italian doctor denied he was directly involved in any of the pregnancies.

Virus strikes Greek schools

ATHENS, Greece -- The Greek health ministry yesterday ordered all schools and universities closed through the end of the week, after 13 more people appeared to be suffering from an unidentified virus that has claimed three lives.

The new cases announced yesterday brought to 32 the number of people believed afflicted since officials began keeping count on April 18.

All 13 people were reported suffering from inflammation of the heart, known as myocarditis. Other symptoms include high fever, muscle pain and respiratory problems.

One suspect is the common Coxsackie virus. In 1997, the Coxsackie virus was responsible for killing 30 children in Malaysia over the course of three months.

Also in the world

Jorge Remes Lenicov, Argentina's economy minister, resigned yesterday after Congress delayed the embattled government's unpopular plans to avert a banking collapse by giving depositors bonds instead of cash . . . Labor opponents of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said yesterday they would go ahead with a traditional workers' march on May 1 despite the recent political violence and killings that accompanied a short-lived coup against the left-wing leader . . . Ghanaian authorities said yesterday that they had recovered the bodies of 50 people, most of them students, from the waters of Lake Volta where their boat capsized Thursday near Amevilokope, a small island 190 miles northeast of the capital Accra.

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Fury over police report

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Byline: GABI HINSLIFF

Body

NORTHERN Ireland is braced for a row today over a radical shake-up of policing which critics fear gives in to terrorists.

Former Hong Kong governor Christopher Patten's report on the Royal Ulster Constabulary is expected to propose almost halving its manpower, plus sweeping changes to its name, crest, uniform and oath.

The British flag could cease to fly over police stations, while Unionists fear plans to downgrade Special Branch -- the counter-terrorism arm -- by merging it with the CID.

The report comes at an already fragile time for the peace process and UK Unionist MP Robert McCartney warned of a "violent explosion" among loyalists if it hands new powers to nationalists.

Ulster Unionists condemned an "insult" to officers killed on duty.

But senior RUC sources said they were ready to change if it would end the troubles, but fear making sacrifices in vain. One long-serving senior RUC officer added: "We have had more than 300 killed and many more left without legs or arms.

"To the families, the RUC crest on the gravestone can mean a lot.

"The dangers they face mean that nobody would do it purely for the love of a flag or a uniform or a badge.

"But the RUC, while there have been problems in the past, has done a bloody good job here and officers will feel they should not be singled out as the cause of a problem they are simply trying to contain."

The looming row overshadowed US mediator George Mitchell's attempt to restart the peace process. He is holding off until next week.

Although Mr Patten will recommend recruiting more Catholics -- nine in 10 officers are Protestant -- Ulster Unionist veteran William Ross said it was IRA intimidation, not prejudice, that kept them out.

He said: "Catholics who joined the force were murdered in quite large numbers by terrorists because they claimed they were traitors to the nationalist cause."

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THE NEW-LOOK FORCE

Patten's reforms are likely to:

- * Rename force the Northern Ireland Police Service.
- * Abolish symbol of crown on Irish harp.
- * Prohibit display of British flag outside police stations.
- * Gradually cut current staff of 13,000 to 7500.
- * Create civilian agency to oversee recruitment of new officers, with special emphasis on more Catholics and **women**.
- * Recruit new 3000-strong police reserve based on Northern Ireland's local council areas, so predominantly Catholic areas such as west Belfast and Londonderry would have own police pools.
- * Require officers to declare membership of sectarian fraternities or political parties.
- * Replace government-appointed Police Authority that oversees policies and budget with new civilian-led body drawn partly from local parties, including **Irish Republican Army**-allied Sinn Fein.
- * Ask Gaelic Athletic Association, which promotes native Irish sports, to drop its ban on police participation.
- * Boost co-operation with Irish Republic's police force, the Garda Siochana, with formal job-swapping between both forces.
- * Combine two key anti-terrorist units within police: Criminal Investigations Division, which interrogates suspects, and Special Branch, which co-ordinates intelligence gathering and informer networks.

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'Bloody Sunday' dramatization, Japanese animation 'Spirited Away' share top honor at Berlin festival

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Body

British director Paul Greengrass' dramatization of the most infamous incident in Northern Ireland's troubles, "Bloody Sunday," shared the Berlin film festival's top Golden Bear award Sunday with "Spirited Away," an animated adventure from Japan's Hayao Miyazaki.

A 10-member international jury headed by "Monsoon Wedding" director Mira Nair cited "Bloody Sunday" for its "extraordinary authenticity" and Miyazaki's film for combining a strong Japanese identity with universal qualities.

Three U.S. entrants in the 23-strong competition at the "Berlinale" gained only one major award - the best actress prize, given to Halle Berry for her role in Marc Forster's "Monster's Ball" as an alcoholic left to raise her son after her husband is executed. Berry starred alongside Billy Bob Thornton.

New festival director Dieter Kosslick hoped this year's 52nd annual festival would give a fresh push to German talent, with four films from German directors competing. The Silver Bear runner-up award went to German director Andreas Dresen's "Halbe Treppe" ("Grill Point"), following two couples living on the German-Polish border whose drab lives are shaken up by an affair.

Presenting "Bloody Sunday" in Berlin, Greengrass expressed hope that his vivid dramatization of the bitterly disputed events of Jan. 30, 1972, when British paratroopers killed 13 demonstrators at a march in Londonderry protesting the internment without trial of **Irish Republican Army** suspects, would help reconciliation after three decades of conflict.

Moving relentlessly between march organizers, British soldiers and protesters, it focuses on idealistic march leader and lawmaker Ivan Cooper, and 17-year-old Gerry Donaghy, one of the protesters who was killed.

Drawing from experiences of former members of the British army who served in Northern Ireland as well as Londonderry civilians, "the idea behind this film was that we would all come together to relive this terrible and traumatic day, tell the truth about it and, in a spirit of reconciliation, move on," Greengrass said.

His film contrasts with animated co-winner "Spirited Away," in which 10-year-old Chihiro, traveling through a tunnel, suddenly finds herself in a fantastic world of goblins, ogres and gods who heal all kinds of ailments.

'Bloody Sunday' dramatization, Japanese animation 'Spirited Away' share top honor at Berlin festival

Chihiro's presence in the parallel world is tolerated only on condition that she work for a witch and give up her name. She gradually finds her place, but is horrified to find that her parents have joined her there and been turned into pigs.

Director Miyazaki is best known for his 1997 hit "Princess Mononoke."

A strong French presence in Berlin was rewarded with the best actor prize for Jacques Gamblin, for his appearance in French director Bertrand Tavernier's "Laisser-Passer" ("Safe Conduct.")

Otar Iosseliani took the best director award for his "Lundi Matin," the story of a small-town French factory worker who yearns to break out of his daily routine.

A prize for best individual artistic contribution went to the all-female cast - including Catherine Deneuve, Isabelle Huppert and Fanny Ardant - of "8 Femmes," director Francois Ozon's musical murder mystery set in the 1950s.

"Beneath Clouds," a rural tale of love, racial tension and the search for identity from Australian director Ivan Sen, was named best debut movie.

Last year's Golden Bear went to "Intimacy," French director Patrice Chereau's English-language drama of love and obsession set in London.

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Northern Ireland welcomes Chretien

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Body

Canada was lauded for its contribution to the search for peace in Northern Ireland on Sunday, with Britain's Northern Ireland secretary and local political leaders taking the opportunity of Prime Minister Jean Chretien's brief visit to praise Canadian assistance.

Economic contributions through the International Fund for Ireland as well as assistance in the peace process by retired Canadian Gen. John de Chastelain and others is making a real difference, Mo Mowlam told the prime minister.

"Many people have helped from other countries . . .," Mowlam said. "Some have done it quieter than others. Some have done it more practical way than others."

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However, the Northern Ireland secretary said there was no doubt "the help that Canada has given for the International Fund for Ireland has made a big difference . . . (one) that helps on the ground."

"In practical, day-to-day ways it has helped build a peace in Northern Ireland," she said.

The fund runs a number of programs, including one which sends young people from Northern Ireland to Canada to get job experience.

Bronagh Lawson, 32, told Chretien that the program changed her future. She had been about to leave Northern Ireland in despair over the conflict, she said. But her time in Canada showed her that people can make changes that influence a society.

"That's what you can get from Canada."

Chretien's one-day visit -- he left for the Irish Republic at the end of the day -- was welcomed by many of the politicians he met as helpful to the search for peace.

"I think his imprimatur at this stage of the conflict is very important, because we're about to go into a crisis period next week, once again, about the formation of the executive," said Monica McWilliams of the Women's Coalition.

Northern Ireland welcomes Chretien

Those same leaders filled Chretien in on the current stalemate that is threatening the peace process, leading him to urge them to come to grips with the fact that all sides will have to compromise to push the process to the next stage.

Despite the months-long deadlock over decommissioning that has left the Good Friday peace deal in limbo, Chretien said he could read positive signs in what he was told by party leaders such as Sinn Fein's Gerry Adams, McWilliams and by Northern Ireland's first minister-designate, David Trimble.

"I saw a great determination to make it work," Chretien said.

"Of course, it's very complicated, it's very emotional, there's a lot of history behind that. But they seem to be, most of them, looking forward rather than looking backward."

The British government has set June 30 as a deadline for the resolution of the impasse which has resulted from Trimble's refusal to form an executive until the **Irish Republican Army** begins to give up its huge cache of weapons.

Graphic

ASSOCIATED PRESS; Prime Minister Jean Chretien (left) meets with Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams at Hillsborough Castle in Belfast, Northern Ireland, on Sunday.

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Body

In a last-ditch effort to salvage the Good Friday peace accords, British Prime Minister Tony Blair and his Irish Republic counterpart, Bertie Ahern, opened a three-day conference in Belfast with Northern Ireland's Protestant and Catholic leaders. Following months of unsuccessful efforts to convince the Protestant Ulster Unionist Party to allow Sinn Fein, the political ally of the **Irish Republican Army**, to join a coalition government, Blair set tomorrow as the "absolute" deadline for resolution. He is pushing for a gradual IRA disarmament by May 2000, but Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams has thus far refused to sign on. Analysts say the urgent negotiations are fraught with the danger of possible violence, since the Protestant Orange Order begins its annual marching season Sunday.

A massive UN effort to repatriate hundreds of thousands of Kosovo refugees officially began as buses carried about 380 ethnic Albanians from Macedonia to Pristina, the capital. The UN High Commissioner for Refugees estimates that more than 415,000 refugees - mostly ethnic Albanians - have already returned home on their own in the past two weeks. Organized repatriation is beginning with Kosovo's larger cities, which international peacekeepers have declared secure. About 400,000 Kosovars remain outside the country, mostly in Albania and Macedonia.

The first group of Kosovo Liberation Army soldiers surrendered their weapons to international peacekeepers. Complying with the terms of a June 21 agreement, KLA rebels may only bear arms in designated areas, and arsenals must be supervised by NATO-led forces.

In a surprise move - and after earlier indications to the contrary - Israeli Prime Minister-elect Ehud Barak rejected the hard-line Likud group of his predecessor as a coalition partner. Negotiations with Likud representatives reportedly broke down yesterday amid "mutual recriminations" and the latter walked out after Barak refused to compromise on peace issues. Since his May 17 defeat of Benjamin Netanyahu, Barak has pledged to resume peace talks with Israel's neighbors, in contrast to Netanyahu's cold-shoulder approach.

Tensions in disputed Kashmir escalated again as India reportedly violated Pakistan's airspace. The Islamabad government said an Indian MiG-27 and MiG-21 were shot down on the Pakistani side of the border. This follows reports that Pakistan's prime minister recently sent an envoy to India to quell tensions. In their most serious standoff over Kashmir in 30 years, the nuclear rivals have continuously exchanged artillery fire since May 26.

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Sweden announced it will compensate victims of a mass-sterilization campaign, targeted at those deemed "inferior" or of "poor or mixed racial quality." The move follows the uncovering of evidence two years ago by an investigative reporter that almost 63,000 people - primarily ***females*** - were subjected to Nazi-style forced sterilization between 1936 and 1976 because of their social or racial status. The revelation came as a blow to Swedes, who consider their nation to be egalitarian. Compensation has been set at \$ 20,780 each and may be claimed starting Thursday.

Graphic

PHOTO: Indian Muslims wave posters with anti-Pakistani slogans in New Delhi. BY JAYANTA SHAW/REUTERS

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Body

The reelection prospects of Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu appeared in serious jeopardy as all three minor challengers quit the race. Former Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai reversed his earlier stand and withdrew yesterday, following the pullout of Arab contender Azmi Bishara. Ultranationalist candidate Benny Begin, son of the late Prime Minister Menachim Begin, then announced his withdrawal, leaving voters today with a choice between Netan-yahu and Labor Party leader Ehud Barak. Barak widened his lead in late opinion polls, and analysts said Netanyahu's main hope was for a runoff June 1.

Angered at their own inability to pass impeachment articles against President Yeltsin, Communist members of Russia's parliament were planning their strategy for Wednesday, when debate opens on the confirmation of his new nominee for prime minister. The only one of five articles that came close to passage - for Yeltsin's role in the 1994-96 war against Chechnya - still fell 17 votes short. Prime Minister-Designate Sergei Stepashin was paying courtesy calls on parliamentary leaders, although his prospects for confirmation were considered poor.

NATO expects to find compelling evidence of ethnic cleansing in Kosovo once refugees are escorted back home, Secretary-General Javier Solana said. Citing the virtual absence of Albanian men between 30 and 60 among Kosovo refugees, Solana said "probably we'll see dramatic facts we don't even believe." Meanwhile, British Defense Minister John Spellar said it was likely that Albanians were used as "human shields" last week when about 80 civilians died in a NATO airstrike at the military post of Korisa.

An "absolute" deadline of June 30 for the formation of Northern Ireland's overdue Protestant-Catholic administration was set by British Prime Minister Tony Blair. Establishment of the government was to have been completed last November. But it has stalled as the province's First Minister-Designate, David Trimble, demands that the **Irish Republican Army** disarm completely before its political ally, Sinn Fein, can fill two posts in his administration.

Rebels fighting to topple self-proclaimed Congo President Laurent Kabila were to hold crisis meetings after the second of their two foreign allies attended a new round of peace talks in Libya. Rwanda was a partner to the conference mediated by Libyan leader Quaddafi, although no new deals were announced. The rebels' other ally, Uganda, OK'd a cessation of hostilities last month in talks also brokered by Quaddafi.

Women stood on the verge of political equality in Kuwait, whose Cabinet unexpectedly granted them the right to

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vote and seek elective office. But the decision won't take effect in time for July's elections, and must be ratified by the newly elected members of parliament. If approved, women would be eligible to participate in their first elections in 2003. Only Oman and Qatar among Persian Gulf Islamic states allow women to participate in elective politics.

Graphic

PHOTO: Only women and children are visible as a group of Kosovo refugees cross into Macedonia. BY JOHN MCCONNICO/AP

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Body

1551

Papal legate Francis Xavier and his fellow Jesuits return from Japan after becoming the first missionaries to have attempted baptisms in an eastern country.

1783

Francois de Rozier and Marquis d'Arlandes lift off from Paris in a hot-air balloon and stay airborne for 25 minutes, covering more than 3km.

1910

Russian author Leo Tolstoy dies. On his deathbed, he says: "There are millions of people suffering in the world. Why are so many of you looking after me?"

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1920

The **Irish Republican Army** shoots dead 14 British agents in what becomes known as Bloody Sunday.

1975

Vietnamese governments in Hanoi and Saigon agree on a speedy merger to unify the nation under communist rule.

1985

US President Ronald Reagan and his Soviet counterpart Mikhail Gorbachev agree to reduce their nuclear arsenals by half.

1993

Farmers inspect damage caused by violent thunderstorms that ripped through northeastern NSW the previous night. Winds gusting up to 150km/h destroyed many grain crops.

WE SAID

Daily Telegraph Mirror, November 21, 1991

ON THIS DAY

President Bill Clinton commits the USA to a stronger alliance with Australia while acting as a watchdog for peace and a champion of trade in the Asia-Pacific region. In a historic speech to the joint Houses of Parliament in Canberra Mr Clinton reassures Prime Minister John Howard he would not turn his back on Australia in favour of Europe and was greeted with applause.

Daily Telegraph, November 21, 1996

Income tax is to be slashed by 30 per cent and another seven major taxes abolished under the a revolutionary coalition package. The document labelled Fightback is leaked a day early by the ALP and outlines the largest personal income tax cuts in the country's history -- worth \$13 billion. It means a worker on \$30,000 a year will save \$30 a week in personal income tax.

LIVING IN 1933

1 In The Wake Of The Bounty, directed by Charles Chauvel and starring Errol Flynn in his first acting role, opened at the Prince Edward Theatre in Sydney. The film tells the story of the Bounty mutineers and includes footage of life on Pitcairn Island. Flynn was paid pound stg. 10 a week for his part as Fletcher Christian.

2 The Olympic Tyre and Rubber Company is formed by Frank Beaurepaire, who represented Australia in three Olympics.

3 Frank Donnellan threw a boomerang 140 yards (128m), setting the record for the longest recorded throw.

4 Vegemite, which was first sold 10 years ago, is fast becoming Australia's mostloved food. Sisters at baby health centres are recommending Vegemite for both nursing mothers and children.

5 The first electromatic traffic signals are installed at the corner of Kent and Market Sts, Sydney.

6 The Australian Women's Weekly, a magazine designed to look at women in a modern context, is launched across Australia. The publication was founded by 26yearold Frank Packer and E.G.Theodore, a former federal treasurer and deputy prime minister.

DIANE ARMSTRONG

The names of the parents of Diane Armstrong, author of The Voyage of Their Life The Story of the SS Derna and Its Passengers (History, Tuesday, November 20), should have read Bronia and Henek Boguslawski. The book is published by Flamingo/HarperCollins. RRP hb \$54.95; pb \$29.95.

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BRITISH WOMEN INJURED IN SPANISH CAR BOMB BLAST

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Byline: Chris Brown In Madrid Firemen (above) crowd around the remains of a car bomb which exploded in Madrid yesterday injuring at least 60 people and damaging parked cars around it while (left) an injured passer-by is escorted away to a waiting ambulance by a paramedic. The latest terrorist outrage to hit the; Spanish capital is being blamed on ETA, the Basque separatist group

Body

A British woman was in hospital last night after being caught up a bomb blast that ripped through the morning rush hour in Madrid.

Basque terrorists have been blamed for the car bomb which exploded, injuring nearly 100 people, around 9am yesterday.

A spokesman for the British Embassy in Madrid would not give details of the seriousness of her injuries but said she had been detained in the city's La Paz hospital.

The spokesman added: 'Family members are with her and have requested that no other details are released at this stage.

'The family have also declined consular assistance. She was the only British civilian injured in the blast.'

Within an hour of the explosion, police arrested a man and woman suspected of carrying out the attack.

The blast mangled more than a dozen cars and shattered windows along the street.

Ninety nine victims were treated for injuries, almost all for cuts and shock. But, by midday, only four people remained in hospital, including a woman and her three-year-old child. Their lives were not in danger.

The bomb exploded on Corazon de Maria street, one of the busiest areas in the Spanish capital.

Interior Minister Mariano Rajoy said the bombers' target appeared to be Juan Junquera, secretary general of the government's scientific policy department, whose official car was passing by when the bomb detonated.

Junquera, a former interior and defence ministry official, was slightly injured.

The two suspects were identified as Aitor Garcia Aliaga, a longtime suspected Eta member, and Ana Belen Egues Gurruchaga, a former town councillor for Herri Batasuna, a political party closely linked to Eta.

BRITISH WOMEN INJURED IN SPANISH CAR BOMB BLAST

Rajoy said when they were detained, they were carrying explosives, two 9mm Parabellum handguns - Eta favourites - wigs and false identification cards.

The Madrid command cell is believed to be responsible for five car bombs in recent months in which two people died.

The attack was the first blamed on ETA since the **Irish Republican Army** (IRA) began to disarm last month as part of Northern Ireland's peace process, prompting Spanish politicians to call on ETA to follow suit.

But ETA, seeking a Basque state in northern Spain and southwestern France, has stuck to its demand for self-determination. ETA has killed around 800 people since 1968, 35 of them since it ended a 14-month ceasefire in December 1999.

Spanish security forces have cracked down on ETA recently, helped by police in France, where ETA members often hide out.

Officials hope tougher anti-terrorism measures planned by the European Union after the September 11 attacks on the United States will put further pressure on ETA and its supporters.

Spanish police arrested 13 members of a group that supports ETA prisoners last week, 11 of whom have been charged with terrorism offences.

A pro-independence political party widely linked to ETA saw its share of the vote fall to ten per cent in a Basque regional election in May, a sign of rejection of ETA's violent campaign.

However, about half of Basque voters support parties which favour self-determination or outright independence

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Gunmen Open Fire in Belfast

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Byline: SHAWN POGATCHNIK; Associated Press Writer

Dateline: BELFAST, Northern Ireland

Body

Gunmen opened fire on police and Protestant homes from a Catholic neighborhood Monday, and residents said their homes were attacked with homemade grenades as sectarian passions flared in north Belfast.

There were no reports of injuries in the exchange - the latest in months of violence that the police commander responsible for suppressing Catholic-Protestant clashes in the most polarized pockets of north Belfast said was the worst he had seen in 20 years.

Police said eight assault-rifle rounds were fired from Hallidays Road, a Catholic neighborhood beside Duncairn Gardens, where militant Protestants live. Police said they suspected members of the **Irish Republican Army**.

Later, police reported another burst of about 25 bullets fired from the Catholic side toward the Protestant houses. They were also investigating reports that three pipe bombs or grenades had detonated in the back yards of Catholic homes.

The violence followed rioting Sunday night by rival mobs in the no man's land between the two districts. Gunmen police suspect were members of the Ulster Defense Association, an outlawed Protestant group, opened fire from Duncairn Gardens on Catholic crowds. A Catholic woman said she was shot in the leg, but she was not hospitalized.

Police on Monday recovered the remains of five exploded pipe bombs and three explosive devices that did not detonate. Another outlawed Protestant group, the Red Hand Defenders, claimed responsibility for setting off the devices. The Red Hand Defenders is a cover name for members of the UDA who don't want to stick to their group's 1994 cease-fire.

Catholics in Hallidays Road insisted that the UDA had started the latest spasm of violence. They said a 200-strong Protestant mob had smashed windows in their homes Sunday, and they accused police of doing little or nothing to stop them.

But police said they were being targeted by both sides. And Protestant homes were also attacked Sunday night in the nearby Crumlin Road district. Around 100 Protestants, mostly **women**, blocked the road Monday to protest what they said were recurring attacks on their homes by stone-throwing Catholic youths, but police blocked them from marching toward Catholic homes in Ardoyne, north Belfast's premier power base for the IRA.

Gunmen Open Fire in Belfast

Both sides of the community blame each other for starting and stoking sporadic rioting that began in June. Tensions have risen because of ongoing Protestant efforts to block Catholics from the front door of a Catholic elementary school, as well as July's traditional Protestant parades.

This week's violence coincides with a rising political crisis over the refusal of the IRA, the UDA and other outlawed groups to disarm in line with the province's 1998 peace accord. The issue threatens to topple Northern Ireland's Catholic-Protestant government within weeks.

Assistant Chief Constable Alan McQuillan, who coordinates police deployments in north Belfast, said the last four months of violence in north Belfast "is far worse than anything we have seen for many, many years."

He said some of the unrest in the area this summer was the worst in Belfast since unrest involving an IRA-led prison protest left 10 prisoners dead and more than 100 other people dead in 1981.

More than 300 police and dozens of civilians were injured in riots this summer. Two Protestant teen-agers were killed - one run over by an enraged Catholic motorist, the other shot when anti-Catholic extremists fired at a crowd of people they presumed were all Catholics.

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SUB KURSK RISES FROM SEA FLOOR

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Body

MURMANSK, Russia -- Salvage teams today started lifting the wreck of the Kursk nuclear submarine from the Arctic seabed, where it has lain ever since it sank last year with 118 crew members on board.

"The Kursk has risen from the ocean floor. It started rising at 3.45 a.m.," said Larissa van Seumeren, spokeswoman for the Dutch company Mammoet contracted by Moscow to lift the Kursk. "The vessel is completely loose now and free from mud," she added.

Argentina-Brazil summit

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina -- Argentina's President Fernando de la Rúa, battling to rescue the recession-hit economy amid a slump in local financial markets and debt-fault fears, will meet neighboring Brazil's leader today to discuss economic and trade issues.

De la Rúa and Economy Minister Domingo Cavallo will travel to Brazil to meet President Fernando Henrique Cardoso amid increasing economic tension between the two nations, the biggest economies in Mercosur, the world's third-largest trade bloc. Argentina has been worried over the nearly 30 percent slide in the value of Brazil's real currency that has contributed to Argentina's three-year-long economic slump by making its exports more expensive.

Kicking out Sinn Fein

BELFAST -- Northern Ireland's leading Protestant politician planned to go ahead today with a motion demanding that the IRA's political ally Sinn Fein be kicked out of the province's coalition government.

Ulster Unionist Party chief David Trimble said he realized the action "will have consequences," however the province's assembly votes, but he insisted **Irish Republican Army** guerrillas must take steps towards giving up their weapons if the landmark 1998 Good Friday Agreement is to be salvaged.

Pope beatifies 7

VATICAN CITY -- Pope John Paul beatified seven people yesterday, elevating three **women** and four men to one step from sainthood, including one man hanged by the Nazis.

The beatification of German Nicholas Gross was one of the most controversial in recent times because his son has opposed the Church's decision to lift his father towards sainthood.

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Gross, 46 years old when executed in 1945, was a journalist who denounced the Nazis. He was the only lay person to be beatified yesterday. His son, Alexander Gross, has been a vocal opponent of his father's beatification, accusing the German Church of failing to take an active role in the fight against Nazism.

4,000 Aussies in nude photo

MELBOURNE, Australia -- Thousands of Australians stripped naked in a chilly drizzle yesterday for the latest in an American photographer's "Nude Adrift" series.

Some 4,000 people gathered at Yarra River's Princes Bridge and adjoining Alexandra Gardens in Australia's second-largest city for the shoot, part of Melbourne's 2001 Fringe Festival.

Since 1992, Spencer Tunick of New York has been taking photographs of hundreds of naked people against industrial or urban backdrops from London to Jerusalem. The project has gotten him arrested seven times in the United States.

Also in the world

Italians endorsed a reform shifting power from the central government to the regions yesterday, early results showed, in the country's first constitutional referendum in over a half-century . . . The proposal was backed by 66.7 percent of voters, while 33.3 percent rejected it . . . Former Russian President Boris Yeltsin made a rare public appearance in Moscow at the final of the country's most prestigious tennis tournament yesterday, and was praised by both players and the public. He looked frail but smiled broadly.

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**BRITAIN ORDERS RETURN OF N. IRELAND'S POWER;
BRITISH HAD TAKEN CONTROL TO BLOCK ELECTION FOR NEW
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Body

Britain ordered power to be handed back to Northern Ireland's Protestant-Catholic government at midnight Saturday, and plotted a longer-term effort to restore faith in the region's shaky peace accord of 1998.

John Reid, Britain's Northern Ireland secretary, signed the order authorizing the transfer of authority back to local control after meeting Saturday with Irish Foreign Minister Brian Cowen.

Britain decided to take direct control of Northern Ireland for 24 hours, a maneuver to head off an election for a new Protestant leader. That position had been held by Ulster Unionist chief David Trimble. He quit six weeks ago in a dispute over the refusal of the **Irish Republican Army** to begin disarming.

The move by Britain gives feuding Protestant and Catholic politicians another six weeks to try to settle their differences over guerrilla disarmament.

Reid used a legal loophole in the Good Friday peace accord of 1998. It allows him to suspend the assembly temporarily and gives him another chance to search for the solution that he said on Friday was "tantalizingly close."

A start to IRA disarmament is a key goal that Britain and Ireland have set in their latest joint plans, unveiled last month and still awaiting acceptance by local parties. Cowen said the two governments have "put forward proposals that indicate the route map for the full implementation of the agreement. We have a common mind and a common commitment to make this process work."

But reminders of the province's bloody past and polarized present were on public display Saturday.

Emotions ran high in Omagh, a religiously mixed town west of Belfast where IRA dissidents committed the deadliest terrorist strike in Northern Ireland history, a car bombing in 1998, killing 29 people and wounding more than 300.

Most of the fatalities were **women** or children. They included an English boy, three generations of one family, and two Spanish tourists.

Relatives of the dead gathered Saturday to publicize their unprecedented lawsuit against those accused of being behind the attack.

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"Hopefully, this will send a strong signal to those who go out and plant bombs," said Michael Gallagher, standing on the spot where he lost his only son, 19-year-old Aidan, in the blast.

The victims' relatives and their lawyers declined to say what damages they would seek in court.

While the Omagh gathering united Catholics and Protestants, rival communities in north Belfast maintained a tense standoff related to traditional summertime Protestant parades.

One of the province's pro-British Protestant fraternal groups, the Apprentice Boys of Derry, staged hundreds of parades Saturday across Northern Ireland. A few threatened to stir up sectarian conflict with nearby Catholic areas, particularly in Ardoyne, a Catholic enclave of north Belfast that suffered rioting in June and July.

Riot police, enforcing the ruling of a government-appointed Parades Commission, prevented a small group of Apprentice Boys from marching on a main road beside Ardoyne. They refused to let the marchers travel the route even by bus.

The marchers insisted they would stand their ground until other Protestants finished their marches in the evening.

Graphic

PHOTO; THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Photo - A British soldier walks between sections of a roadblock erected to prevent a march by the Apprentice Boys of Derry in the Ardoyne area of Belfast, Northern Ireland, on Saturday. Local Protestants brought chairs and umbrellas for the Apprentice Boys as rain began to fall.

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WORLD IN BRIEF

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IRA, disarmament panel held talks

The **Irish Republican Army** and a disarmament commission confirmed today that they have met four times since March, but both sides declined to say whether their talks were making progress.

The outlawed IRA publicly pledged in May 2000 to work with the commission to put its stockpiled weapons "completely and verifiably beyond use," a euphemism for their destruction or removal to monitored sites.

That commitment persuaded Protestant politicians to resume governing Northern Ireland alongside the IRA-linked Sinn Fein party, a key goal of the province's 1998 peace accord, but their unlikely coalition is fraying once again over the unresolved disarmament issue.

From our news services

In today's statement, the IRA said its negotiator had met four times with the commission's leader, retired Canadian Gen. John de Chastelain, or his aides since their discussions began March 8. The commission's Belfast office confirmed this in a statement but declined further comment.

THE AMERICAS: Powerful politician resigns Senate seat

One of Brazil's most powerful politicians resigned his Senate seat Wednesday, criticizing the government's economic policies and pledging to return to public office. Sen. Antonio Carlos Magalhaes' resignation comes a week after the Senate Ethics Committee recommended the chamber consider expelling him and another senator for allegedly violating the secrecy of an impeachment vote last June.

ASIA: Militants allowed to escape from shrine

Suspected Islamic militants, who killed two members of the government security force and later holed up in a Kashmir mosque for nearly 20 hours, were given safe passage out of the shrine today, officials said. The decision to offer a safe passage to the militants came after officials decided against a sustained operation on the mosque, said a senior police official on condition of anonymity. The army lifted a security cordon they had formed around the mosque and let the militants escape under the cover of darkness, police said.

WORLD IN BRIEF

Female aid workers told to stop driving

Afghanistan's Taliban militia has ordered all **female** aid workers in the war-ravaged Central Asian country to refrain from driving, saying it is "against Afghan traditions." A letter from the ministry that oversees religious police asks the Foreign Ministry to "inform relevant foreign aid agencies that in the future foreign **women** do not drive cars." A copy of the letter, from the Ministry for Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice, was seen by the Associated Press today.

Three Falun Gong deaths reported

Two more members of the outlawed Falun Gong spiritual movement have died in Chinese labor camps, and another follower committed suicide, police and government officials said today. Gao Xiufeng died in a labor camp in the northern province of Heilongjiang after going on a hunger strike, a police officer said.

MIDDLE EAST: Iran test-fires guided missile

Iran successfully tested its first solid-fueled surface-to-surface missile, state-run Tehran radio reported today. The guided Fateh-110 missile was developed at the government-owned Aerospace Industries, the radio said. The broadcast did not give the missile's range, say when the test took place or provide further details. Defense Ministry officials were not available today for comment.

Tentative pact reached on Iraq

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 administration official said Wednesday. Iraq's oil-for-food program is due to expire Sunday.

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Saturday, May 19

Associated Press International

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Today is Saturday, May 19, the 139th day of 2001. There are 226 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1535 - Jacques Cartier sails from St. Malo on his second voyage to Canada, to explore the St. Lawrence River and discover the future site of Montreal.

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1536 - Anne Boleyn, second wife of England's King Henry VIII, is beheaded after she fails to produce a male heir.

1554 - France's King Henry II invades the Netherlands.

1585 - English shipping in Spanish ports is confiscated, serving as declaration of war on England.

1635 - France declares war on Spain.

1649 - England is declared a republic after King Charles I is executed by parliamentarians.

1792 - Russia invades Poland at the behest of Polish conservatives, resulting in the second partition of Poland.

1802 - Napoleon Bonaparte creates the Legion of Honor in France.

1897 - Armistice ends Thirty Days' War, with Greece conceding defeat to newly modernized Turkish army.

1900 - The Tonga Islands in the South Pacific become a British protectorate.

1930 - White women are enfranchised in South Africa.

1973 - Soviet Union and West Germany sign 10-year agreement calling for economic, industrial and technical cooperation.

1981 - Five British soldiers are killed in ambush by Irish Republican Army in Newry, Northern Ireland.

1990 - U.S. Secretary of State James Baker says all major obstacles to U.S.-Soviet nuclear arms agreement have been cleared.

Saturday, May 19

1991 - Thousands of protesters wielding pipes battle riot police for more than 12 hours in Kwangju, South Korea, in fiercest fighting in three weeks of anti-government protests.

1992 - Pro-democracy protests break out across Thailand despite a bloody government crackdown on demonstrators in the capital. Hundreds disappear at the hands of soldiers in a month of rioting.

1993 - Colombian jetliner crashes near Medellin, killing 132.

1994 - Kamuzu Banda of Malawi, with 30 years at the helm Africa's longest ruling dictator, concedes defeat to Bakili Muluzi in the country's first multi-party election.

1995 - In Sarajevo, government troops burn Serb houses in the northwest and Serbs destroy a Croatian church to the east.

1996 - French troops move into downtown Bangui, Central African Republic, to help quell an army uprising.

1997 - More than 350 people are killed when a cyclone sweeps coastal Bangladesh.

1998 - Indonesian students storm the Parliament in Jakarta, demanding President Suharto's resignation.

1999 - Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic accepts "principles" of a Kosovo peace plan while NATO jets bomb Belgrade suburbs.

2000 - Masked men storm Fiji's parliament and seize the island's prime minister, his Cabinet ministers and lawmakers of the ruling coalition. The coup leader claims the coalition discriminated against ethnic Fijians.

Today's Birthdays:

Nellie Melba, Australian opera singer (1861-1931); Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, the founder of modern Turkey (1881-1938); King Faisal I, first king of independent Iraq (1883-1933); Ho Chi Minh, Vietnamese Communist leader and president of North Vietnam (1890-1969); Pol Pot, Cambodian communist leader (1925 or 1928-1998); Pete Townshend, British rock singer-composer of The Who (1945--); Glenn Close, U.S. actress (1947--); Grace Jones, Jamaican-born singer-actress (1952--).

Thought For Today:

Forgiveness is the fragrance the violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it Mark Twain (1835-1910).

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China, U.S. announce WTO agreement

China and the United States announced an agreement Saturday on farm subsidies and other issues blocking Beijing's bid to join the World Trade Organization.

The agreement clears the way for Washington to support Beijing's bid at a meeting of WTO members June 28.

Officials released no details of the deal, but confirmed that Chinese Trade Minister Shi Guangsheng and U.S. Trade Representative Robert Zoellick discussed farm subsidies, services such as distribution to retailers, and import-export rights.

Election fallout 'wounds' N. Ireland peace deal

BELFAST, Northern Ireland - Northern Ireland's elections to British Parliament this week rewarded hard-liners - and have put the peace agreement on course for another crisis.

The extremes of Protestant and Catholic opinion both scored record gains at the expense of their moderate rivals. Friday's results heightened tension that could provoke the collapse of a year-old joint Catholic-Protestant government, centerpiece of the 1998 pact.

The coalition's embattled leader, David Trimble, has vowed to resign his post and grind the power-sharing experiment to a halt unless the ***Irish Republican Army*** finally starts to disarm before July 1.

"The agreement has been wounded. It hangs by a thread," said Paul Bew, professor of Irish politics at Queen's University in Belfast. "Trimble has been bruised, but he has not been destroyed. He is still politically alive."

Insurgency spreads closer to Macedonia's capital

ARACINOVO - Ethnic Albanian militants seized control of a suburb within shooting distance of Macedonia's capital Saturday, sending scores of frightened civilians fleeing amid fears that the insurgency could engulf Skopje.

Police blocked roads around Aracinovo to try contain the rebels, and the interior minister said his forces were waiting for a government order to start retaking the mostly ethnic Albanian suburb just 4 miles outside the capital.

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He said an estimated 1,000 rebels, armed with light artillery and machine guns "control all strategic points" in the suburb.

But he said rebels have threatened to target Skopje's airport, located near Aracinovo, if attacked. Air traffic continued normally Saturday.

A rebel commander in Aracinovo told The Associated Press by telephone that his men did not plan to attack the Macedonian military.

Unnerved by a rebel presence so close to the capital, virtually all Slavic residents have left the town, along with most of the ethnic Albanian women and children, Boskovski said. Some 500 ethnic Albanians from the wider Skopje area crossed into neighboring Kosovo on Saturday.

Blair shakes up his staff

LONDON - Prime Minister Tony Blair retreated to his country estate Chequers Saturday to continue planning a second-term shake-up that started with the surprise ouster of his foreign secretary.

While government ministers met with Queen Elizabeth II and a relaxed-looking Blair left London, something resembling open warfare was breaking out in the Conservative Party shattered by Blair's overwhelming victory.

Public name-calling began after leader William Hague, repudiated by the Blair landslide, announced plans to resign his post as soon as a replacement could be found.

It wasn't all smiles in the triumphant Labor Party either. Former Foreign Secretary Robin Cook was reassigned to lead the House of Commons. He was replaced at the Foreign Office by former Home Secretary Jack Straw, who was replaced by former Education Minister David Blunkett. Blair also promoted four women into his second-term cabinet.

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, March 1, the 60th day of 2001. There are 305 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: -BODY-

Forty years ago, on March 1, 1961, President Kennedy established the Peace Corps.

On this date:

In 1781, the Continental Congress adopted the Articles of Confederation.

In 1790, Congress authorized the first U.S. Census.

In 1845, President Tyler signed a congressional resolution to annex the Republic of Texas.

In 1864, Rebecca Lee became the first black woman to receive an American medical degree, from Boston's New England **Female** Medical College.

In 1867, Nebraska became the 37th state.

In 1872, Congress authorized creation of Yellowstone National Park.

In 1932, the infant son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh was kidnapped from the family home near Hopewell, N.J. Remains identified as those of the baby were found the following May.

In 1954, Puerto Rican nationalists opened fire from the gallery of the U.S. House of Representatives, wounding five congressmen.

In 1981, **Irish Republican Army** member Bobby Sands began a hunger strike at the Maze Prison in Northern Ireland. He died 65 days later.

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Ten years ago: President Bush said "we've kicked the Vietnam syndrome once and for all" following the allied victory in the Gulf War. The U.S. embassy in Kuwait officially reopened. Edwin H. Land, inventor of polarizing filters and Polaroid instant photography, died in Cambridge, Mass., at age 81.

Five years ago: President Clinton slapped economic sanctions on Colombia, concluding authorities had not fully cooperated with the U.S. war on drugs. The Food and Drug Administration approved a powerful new AIDS drug, saying ritonavir could prolong the lives of severely ill patients, at least slightly.

One year ago: Candidates in both major parties turned their focus to Super Tuesday, a day after Texas Gov. George W. Bush won primaries in Virginia, North Dakota and Washington state. A gunman in Wilkinsburg, Pa., fatally shot three men and wounded two others. Classes were canceled at Buell Elementary School in Mount Morris Township, Mich., a day after 6-year-old Kayla Rolland was fatally shot by a fellow first-grader.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Robert Clary is 75. Singer Harry Belafonte is 74. Actor Robert Conrad is 66. Author Judith Rossner is 66. Rock singer Mike D'Abo (Manfred Mann) is 57. Sen. John Breaux, D-La., is 57. Rock singer Roger Daltrey is 57. Actor Dirk Benedict is 56. Actor Alan Thicke is 54. Actor-director Ron Howard is 47. Actress Catherine Bach is 47. Country singer Janis Gill (Sweethearts of the Rodeo) is 47. Actor Tim Daly is 45. Singer-musician Jon Carroll is 44. Rock musician Bill Leen is 39. Actor Russell Wong is 38. Actor John David Cullum is 35. Actor Mark-Paul Gosselaar is 27.

Thought for Today: "Words are, of course, the most powerful drug used by mankind." - Rudyard Kipling, English author (1865-1936). End Adv for Thursday, March 1

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To Catholic criticism, police launch new recruitment drive

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Body

Northern Ireland's police launched a high-profile recruitment drive Friday, angering Catholics who reject British plans for reforming the overwhelmingly Protestant force.

A four-week television, newspaper, billboard and Internet campaign seeking 240 recruits half of whom would be Catholic _ began under the slogan, "Towards a true reflection of the whole community."

The TV ads showed a range of young people, among them women and ethnic minorities, seeing reflections of themselves in police uniforms.

The real recruits are supposed to form the vanguard of a new Police Service of Northern Ireland, as the 1998 Belfast peace accord proposed.

The force, now scheduled to be formed next spring, would include most members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, Northern Ireland's terrorism-hardened force, which is nearly nine-tenths Protestant and loathed by many Catholics.

"I am committed to change. I want a better future for us all. I want inclusivity," said the police commander, Chief Constable Sir Ronnie Flanagan, as he welcomed the drive being run by an independent selection-and-recruitment agency called Consensia.

Consensia's director, Philip Heaton, said nearly 1,000 calls from potential applicants came in the first hour that toll-free phone lines were opened in Northern Ireland and the neighboring Republic of Ireland, which is predominantly Catholic.

"The response has been staggering, and it's coming from all over," said Heaton, whose organization will be putting candidates through written and oral tests starting in April. Salaries start at 19,000 pounds (dlsr 27,500).

His recruiters aren't allowed to ask about religious affiliation. That task is handled by a second agency, which would keep the data confidential until a pool of the best applicants is identified.

But the two major Catholic-supported parties said they wouldn't encourage their followers to apply, arguing that the proposed changes in uniform, organization and personnel didn't go far enough.

To Catholic criticism, police launch new recruitment drive

The major Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, has grudgingly accepted the proposals, but the Catholic bloc has refused to take seats on a proposed civilian board overseeing the changes. Negotiations over the issue have ground on for months and continued Friday.

Sinn Fein, the party linked to the **Irish Republican Army**, accused Flanagan of behaving illegally by seeking recruits when the whole subject was still subject to dispute.

"What he's doing today is against the expressed wishes of the nationalist community," said Sinn Fein spokesman Alex Maskey. "The new police board should have been consulted."

While securing Sinn Fein support was always going to be difficult the IRA killed nearly 300 officers from 1970 to 1997, when it called a cease-fire more moderate Catholics from the Social Democratic and Labor Party have also resisted British pressure to join the Police Board.

The party's policing spokesman, Alex Attwood, said his supporters wanted to support a new police force and hoped that negotiations would soon achieve the changes they sought.

"The prize of policing with consent can be realized in the course of the next hours, days and weeks. But we must get it right," Attwood said.

Several hundred middle-aged Protestant officers have taken generous early-retirement packages in recent months. Police numbers are to be cut from the present 11,000 to 7,500, with a target of increasing Catholic representation from 8 percent to 30 percent within the next decade.

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On the Net:

The Consensia Partnership <http://www.selectnipolice.org>

Royal Ulster Constabulary <http://www.ruc.police.uk>

Sinn Fein <http://www.sinnfein.org>

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CHARGES LESS FOR PINOCHET

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SANTIAGO, Chile -- A three-member appeals court yesterday reduced charges against former Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet from murder and kidnapping to covering up those crimes.

The court kept alive the prosecution of the former strongman, albeit on lesser charges. But the reduced charges angered families of Pinochet's victims, who have tried for years to bring him to justice.

In a 2-1 split, the judges said prosecuting Judge Juan Guzman had not produced enough evidence to prove that Pinochet ordered the murders of 57 people and the kidnappings and presumed deaths of 18 others. The appellate judges did find sufficient evidence that Pinochet covered up the deaths that occurred in the weeks after he seized power Sept. 11, 1973, in a coup backed by the Nixon administration.

"For us, we are very happy the process against him continues. Pinochet is a criminal," said Carmen Hertz, one of the attorneys seeking to prosecute Pinochet for the so-called Caravan of Death. That's the name given to roving death squads that wiped out leftists and perceived political opponents as Pinochet tightened his grip on Chile.

IRA resumes talks

LONDON -- The ***Irish Republican Army*** said yesterday that it would resume talks with the commission supervising the turnover of guerrilla weaponry, a move that its political wing, Sinn Fein, said was aimed at "creating space" in negotiations to keep the shaky power-sharing provincial government from collapsing.

The IRA ended contact with the disarmament panel headed by Gen. John de Chastelain of Canada last June, saying that Britain had reneged on agreements to step up the removal of troops and border watchtowers and to create a police service acceptable to Catholics to replace the predominantly Protestant Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Indonesia attacks

PALANGKARAYA, Indonesia -- A peace mission by Indonesia's head of state ended in bloodshed yesterday when police and native Dayaks clashed on Borneo, where hundreds had been slaughtered in ethnic violence.

Hospital officials said at least one man was killed and four wounded when officers fired warning shots to disperse a rock-throwing mob just minutes after President Abdurrahman Wahid left the region.

CHARGES LESS FOR PINOCHET

Unconfirmed television reports said as many as four died in the fighting outside the office of the provincial governor.

Statues attacked again

KABUL, Afghanistan -- The demolition of two ancient monumental statues of Buddha was to resume with the end of the Muslim festival of Eid al-Adha last night, the Taliban's foreign minister said. The demolition was suspended during the three-day Muslim holiday.

"The destruction of the statues will start again today," Wakil Ahmed Muttawakil told The Associated Press by telephone from Kandahar, headquarters of the hard-line Islamic militia.

More foot-and-mouth

LONDON -- Confirmed foot-and-mouth cases in Britain topped 100 yesterday, and the country's chief veterinarian warned the crisis was far from over.

Britain has imposed draconian measures in a bid to stop the spread of the highly infectious livestock disease, closing rural footpaths, discouraging travel in the countryside and canceling sporting events.

Also in the world

The Canadian navy chose International Women's Day to announce yesterday that it would allow women to serve aboard submarines, making all of Canada's military open to females. Vice Adm. Greg Maddison said the decision was made because the navy's new Victoria-class submarines offer more privacy than the previous, smaller vessels.

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Police launch recruitment drive in Northern Ireland, to Catholic criticism

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The force would include most members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, Northern Ireland's terrorism-hardened force, which is nearly nine-tenths Protestant and loathed by many Catholics.

"I am committed to change. I want a better future for us all. I want inclusivity," the police commander, Chief Constable Sir Ronnie Flanagan, said as he welcomed the drive run by Consensia, an independent agency handling recruitment.

Nearly 1,000 potential applicants called during the first hour that toll-free phone lines were open in Northern Ireland and in the neighboring Republic of Ireland, which is predominantly Catholic, said Philip Heaton, director of the Consensia.

"The response has been staggering, and it's coming from all over," Heaton said.

Written and oral tests will begin in April. Salaries begin at \$27,500.

His recruiters aren't allowed to ask about religious affiliation. That task is handled by a second agency, which would keep the data confidential until a pool of the best applicants is identified.

But the two major Catholic-supported parties said they wouldn't encourage their followers to apply, arguing that the proposed changes in uniform, organization and personnel didn't go far enough.

Police launch recruitment drive in Northern Ireland , to Catholic criticism

The major Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, has grudgingly accepted the proposals, but the Catholic bloc has refused to join a proposed civilian board overseeing the changes. Negotiations over the issue have ground on for months and continued Friday.

Sinn Fein, the party linked to the **Irish Republican Army**, accused Flanagan of illegally seeking recruits while the whole subject was still subject to dispute.

"What he's doing today is against the expressed wishes of the nationalist community," said Sinn Fein spokesman Alex Maskey. "The new police board should have been consulted."

While securing Sinn Fein support was always going to be difficult - the IRA killed nearly 300 officers from 1970 to 1997, when it called a cease-fire - more moderate Catholics from the Social Democratic and Labor Party have also resisted British pressure to join the Police Board.

"The prize of policing with consent can be realized in the course of the next hours, days and weeks. But we must get it right," said Alex Attwood, the party's policing spokesman.

Several hundred Protestant officers have accepted early-retirement packages. The force is to be cut from the present 11,000 to 7,500, with a target of increasing Catholic representation from 8 percent to 30 percent within the next decade.

On the Net:

The Consensia Partnership: <http://www.selectnipolice.org>

Royal Ulster Constabulary: <http://www.ruc.police.uk>

Sinn Fein: <http://www.sinnfein.org>

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Irishman's tale of Jazz-Age America finds troubles in scenes with Satchmo

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Body

"Oh, Play That Thing" A novel by Roddy Doyle Published by Viking, 378 pages, \$24.95

Irishman Roddy Doyle is an uncommonly gifted writer. His exuberant novels depend in part on his wizardry with words, but he also creates memorable characters such as the soul music-besotted young men in "The Commitments" and the Irish father who bonds with his unmarried pregnant daughter in "The Snapper" -- characters sufficiently robust that they more than survived transplantation into internationally successful movies.

Doyle's "A Star Called Henry," his 1999 saga of an untamable Dublin street kid who becomes a killer in the 1916 Irish Revolution, was an absolute marvel in combining grit with almost hallucinatory moments of mythic magic realism. It is only in that context that Doyle's new book, "Oh, Play That Thing," the sequel to "A Star Called Henry," is disappointing.

At the end of "A Star Called Henry," the 20-year-old rogue named Henry Smart was under a death sentence from the ***Irish Republican Army***. As Doyle told the story, the Irish revolution became co-opted by martinets and greed heads and began eating its own, as revolutions so often do.

Two years later, in "Oh, Play That Thing," Henry bribes and silver-tongues his way past immigration and enters Prohibition-era New York. The city seems like the Promised Land to a born hustler like Henry, but he soon discovers that most of the turf he covets (like the sandwich-board advertising business in the immigrant turmoil of the Lower East Side) is controlled by a few powerful gangsters.

Doyle paints a believable portrait of the dangerous, bustling, money-mad Big Apple, although occasionally his prose works so hard at depicting the boogie-woogie of lower Broadway that it forsakes narrative and even comprehensibility.

Then, with gunmen on his trail, Henry flees New York much as he fled Dublin. He ends up in Jazz-Age Chicago. This is where the real troubles begin, not just for Henry but for Doyle's book.

Henry befriends the young Louis Armstrong and becomes Armstrong's "white man" -- his sturdy presence means Armstrong doesn't have to explain why he is in places where African-Americans usually aren't welcome. At one point in the late 1920s, Armstrong is down on his luck -- as the real Armstrong was -- and Satchmo accompanies Henry on some burglaries.

Irishman's tale of Jazz-Age America finds troubles in scenes with Satchmo

Doyle clearly admires Louis Armstrong deeply, and the great trumpeter was far from a saint in his younger days, but these burglary scenes just seem silly and hard to swallow. Indeed, Doyle's version of Armstrong is so one-dimensional that sometimes it's hard to tell from the dialogue who is speaking, Louis or Henry. It's as if Armstrong is mainly a foil for Henry and a device for Doyle to comment on the deplorable history of race in America.

Despite some compelling scenes, and an intriguingly sexy ***female*** character molded on evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson, the book is too often undone by the wooden portrayal of Armstrong. And if Doyle's going to have a character present during Armstrong's 1928 recording session for "West End Blues," one of the landmarks of jazz history, at least he should tell us in some detail what it, and Armstrong's immortal trumpet cadenza, were like.

Words seldom fail Roddy Doyle, but they do so at just the wrong times in "Oh, Play That Thing."

Notes

Harper Barnes is the author of "Blue Monday," a novel set among jazz musicians and gangsters in Kansas City in the 1930s.

Graphic

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PHOTO - book cover, "Oh, Play That Thing"

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Body

Rock-throwing Lebanese were returning to work after a weekend of violent protests at the border with Israel injured at least three people. Soldiers again were enforcing a policy requiring visitors to obtain special permits for travel to the area vacated last week by Israeli troops and their Lebanese proxy militia. And Hizbullah guerrillas set up roadblocks to keep the curious away. Meanwhile, to speed UN verification that it has fully withdrawn from the former protection zone, Israel blew up a border outpost. But a court in Tel Aviv put off until mid-July a decision on whether to free two Lebanese prisoners whose release Hizbullah has demanded as a condition for ending hostilities against Israel.

The self-rule coalition government of Northern Ireland is to resume operation again today after the province's largest Protestant movement OK'd the renewing of cooperation with Catholics. But as leaders from both sides held preparatory talks in Belfast, there were warnings that "this is our last chance" to make the power-sharing system work. The Ulster Unionist Party vote Saturday to resume participation was by a narrow 459-to-403 margin, and analysts said leader David Trimble needs early proof that the outlawed ***Irish Republican Army*** is delivering on a promise to put its weapons "beyond use." The Protestant-Catholic coalition ran Northern Ireland for only 72 days before it was suspended in February. (Story, page 7; editorial, page 10.)

A new five-year term for controversial Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori appeared virtually certain as ballot-counting from Sunday's runoff election passed the halfway point. He had 50.3 percent of the vote, to 16.2 percent for challenger Alejandro Toledo, who boycotted the election and called for his supporters to do the same. Reports said the remaining 33 percent of the ballots were spoiled or left blank, and an estimated 17 percent of voters did not go to the polls. Toledo dismissed the early returns as a "farce," and international monitors called the election undemocratic.

Saying he hopes to bring "peace and stability" to Fiji, its military chief declared martial law. Commodore Frank Bainimarama claimed power from President Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara after followers of rebel coup leader George Speight ransacked a TV station and allegedly killed a policeman. Negotiations to free hostages held by Speight broke down after he refused to drop his demands for constitutional changes that would favor indigenous Fijians over ethnic Indians.

Poland's prime minister tried to save a fragile majority coalition by rejecting resignations from key Cabinet ministers. Five Freedom Union (UF) members quit the Solidarity-led government, citing Jerzy Buzek's inability to win support

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for economic reforms deemed crucial for Poland's planned entry into the European Union by 2003. Market-oriented UF leaders say they'll resume the tenuous alliance if Buzek resigns, a move he has considered.

Female activists literally jumped for joy in Kuwait, where an administrative judge ruled they could take their case for full political rights to the sheikhdom's highest court. The move is the farthest **women** have progressed in their 40-year campaign for the right to vote and seek elective office. Last May, Emir Sheikh Jaber al-Ahman al-Sabah granted them political equality, but parliament overturned his decree in November. Kuwaitis may not appeal directly to the high court.

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**PEACE PRIZE WINNER AND CHILDREN'S ADVOCATE WILL SPEAK HERE;
CRUSADER WANTS YOUNGSTERS TO HAVE VOICE AT U.N.**

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Body

Children need a regular forum at the United Nations to argue effectively for an end to war and child abuse of all kinds, says a Nobel laureate who is to speak tonight at the University of Missouri at St. Louis.

"We will never be able to end abuse unless the children have a voice at the highest levels of government in the world," said Betty Williams, originally of Belfast, Northern Ireland. "There can be nothing more powerful than for a child to face the (U.N.) delegates and tell them the truth, that they don't want war."

Williams, 56, shared the 1976 Nobel Peace Prize with Mairead Corrigan-Maguire, with whom she founded the Community of Peace People in Belfast. Williams was inspired to oppose the violence in Northern Ireland after she watched a car driven by a fatally wounded **Irish Republican Army** member crash onto a sidewalk at high speed and kill three children.

Williams said she heard an exchange of shots moments before the out-of-control car came into view. Corrigan-Maguire was an aunt to the three children. The **women**, both Catholic, met at the funeral.

Williams left their organization in 1981. Since then, she has been visiting trouble spots in the world and lobbying for ways to protect families, especially children, from warfare.

In 1997, Williams founded the World Centers of Compassion for Children. She is a teacher in the **women's** studies and peace studies departments at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Fla.

Williams will speak at 8 tonight in the J.C. Penney Auditorium at UMSL. On Monday, she spoke to students at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville.

In a telephone interview Monday before that speech, Williams said she is working against all forms of abuse against children, ranging from warfare to the loneliness of growing up with too much television and not enough parental care. She spoke fondly of her own childhood in Belfast, before conflict erupted between pro-British Protestants and Catholics who want a unified Ireland.

"TV didn't rule the room," Williams said. "We did all kinds of stuff. Children played more than they do now."

Although she and other Nobel laureates make headlines by opposing cruelty against children in places such as China, Myanmar (formerly Burma) and Bosnia, she said Americans have plenty to be ashamed of.

PEACE PRIZE WINNER AND CHILDREN'S ADVOCATE WILL SPEAK HERE; CRUSADER WANTS
YOUNGSTERS TO HAVE VOICE AT U.N.

"You have war zones in America, with 12 million hungry children," Williams said. "I see children in great pain, subjected to things that shouldn't happen to anyone, let alone the littlest of our people."

Williams gave speeches in St. Louis in 1995 and 1983.

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If you go

What: Betty Williams, who shared the 1976 Nobel Peace Prize with Mairead Corrigan-Maguire for their work against violence in Northern Ireland, speaks about children's rights.

When: 8 tonight.

Where: J.C. Penney Auditorium at the University of Missouri at St. Louis.

Cost: The event is free and open to the public. Tickets are required and may be obtained by calling 314-516-5291.

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PHOTO Photo headshot - (Betty) Williams, Will speak tonight

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LAST REBELS FLEE RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE

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Body

GEKHI, Russia - Federal troops have seized the last rebel stronghold in Grozny, acting President Vladimir Putin said Sunday, pronouncing an end to Russia's months-long drive to take the Chechen capital.

Russian forces, meanwhile, tried to head off rebels heading south to their mountain strongholds, shelling villages where rebels had taken shelter. Russian planes and helicopter gunships blasted militant positions in the Vedeno and Argun gorges, key rebel routes toward the mountains.

It was unclear how many rebels remained in Grozny, where they have taken refuge in the shattered remains of buildings and moved freely through underground pipes. About 3,000 broke out of the capital last week, rebels said, and the military reported that small groups were still putting up stiff resistance to Russian troops all week, including Sunday.

Speeding train derails, killing 9

BRUEHL, Germany

- An overnight express train filled with Alpine ski vacationers was racing far over the posted speed limit when it derailed Sunday south of Cologne, killing at least nine passengers and injuring almost 100, authorities said.

The sleeper train heading from Amsterdam to Basel, Switzerland, derailed shortly after midnight at a switch, said German railways spokesman Manfred Ziegerath.

Granitzka said the nine-car train, carrying about 300 people from as far away as Mexico and Japan, was traveling 76 mph in a 25 mph zone when it hit the switch and derailed.

Mexico arrests 632 student strikers

MEXICO CITY

- In a surprisingly smooth conclusion to the 9 1/2 -month occupation of Latin America's largest university, police raided the main campus Sunday and arrested 632 striking students.

The raid ended an exasperating ordeal in which Mexican authorities from President Ernesto Zedillo on down seemed unable to wrest the country's most important academic institution from a tiny band of radical students.

LAST REBELS FLEE RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE

Armed only with batons and shields, about 2,400 federal police marched into an all-night meeting of the student strike council at 6:45 a.m. and rounded up about 430 students, including the eight top strike leaders.

The 291-day strike at the 260,000-student National Autonomous University of Mexico began in April to protest plans to raise annual tuition, which had been just a few cents, to the equivalent of \$ 140.

Finland elects woman president

HELSINKI, Finland

- Finns elected their first **female** president on Sunday after a tight runoff race that focused more on personalities than issues.

With 99.9 percent of the vote counted, Tarja Halonen had 51.6 percent to former Prime Minister Esko Aho's 48.4 percent.

Halonen, who was foreign minister, takes office March 1 for a six-year term.

IRA suspected in hotel bombing

BELFAST, Northern Ireland

- Suspected **Irish Republican Army** dissidents detonated a bomb outside a rural hotel late Sunday, minutes after police evacuated people from the area. Nobody was reported wounded.

The attack on the Mahon's Hotel in Irvinestown, a predominantly Protestant town about 90 miles west of Belfast, was the first such attack in Northern Ireland since 1998.

EgyptAir pilot seeks asylum

CAIRO, Egypt

- EgyptAir said Sunday it has suspended a pilot who is seeking asylum in Britain and reportedly claiming to possess information about the Oct. 31 crash of Flight 990 off the coast of Massachusetts last year.

Hamdi Hanafi Taha was suspended as of Friday - the day he flew a plane to London's Heathrow Airport and asked for asylum - for failing to follow procedures, said the airline's head of operations, Capt. Hassan Misharfa.

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Singing of heroes, hearing a false hope

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Body

For the Cause of Liberty

By Terry Golway

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Ireland's ancient wounds leave no scars because they're always fresh. *New York Observer* columnist Terry Golway lifts the bandages in *For the Cause of Liberty*.

Despite the millennial subtitle, *A Thousand Years of Ireland's Heroes*, Golway's history of Irish-English relations really begins in 1550 with the birth of Hugh O'Neill, a Gaelic chieftain who was welcomed into the Tudor nobility but conspired to drive out the newly Protestant English.

Like so many Irishmen to follow, O'Neill terrified the crown and had victory in reach. And like his successors, O'Neill ended in exile, broken in battle and abandoned by allies.

Unlike most of Ireland's heroes, O'Neill was Catholic. From Jonathan Swift to Wolfe Tone to Robert Emmet to Charles Parnell, Protestants led the fight for Irish liberty.

It's a lesson Irishmen often forget.

When I was at Trinity College-Dublin 10 years ago, a student nationalist leader refused to acknowledge that Irishmen could be Protestant. Asked about heroes such as Tone and Emmet, he shrugged.

Singing of heroes, hearing a false hope

At certain pubs in Dublin, you couldn't get service if you expressed the wrong sentiments about the Protestants and Catholics in the North.

But Golway doesn't confuse "Catholic" and "Irish." He shows that Catholic and Protestant united throughout history to oppose English oppression.

Those heroes often were women, a point Golway drives home, citing, among others:

- * Mary Ann McCracken, who readied Ulster for rebellion in 1798.

- * Fanny and Anna Parnell, who founded the Ladies Land League to fight for tenants' rights and kept the pressure on landlords in 1881 while their brother, Charles, was in jail.

- * Maud Gonne, who inspired an Irish cultural renaissance by enchanting first W.B. Yeats and then, as an actress, the entire nation.

- * Bernadette Devlin, the only Catholic on this list, who led a student civil rights group in the North and, at age 21 in 1969, became the youngest woman elected to Parliament.

A landlord's daughter who became a revolutionary, Countess Constance Markievicz, is at the heart of the book's strongest section, 96 pages from Charles Parnell's death in 1891 to the Irish Civil War's end in 1923.

Golway's technique of telling history through the lives of a few heroes creates a choppy narrative in other periods, particularly when the villains are the English bureaucracy and the Irish tendency toward infighting. But the early 20th century is thick enough with great Irishmen and vicious defenders of the crown to produce thrilling reading.

Less thrilling is Golway's rush to find reconciliation at the end of the century. His stories of leaders can't explain the division in the North or the move toward peace. Golway ignores events such as Bloody Sunday and fails to acknowledge the psychological success of the **Irish Republican Army**'s bombings in England.

Closing at a triumphant moment, the opening of Northern Ireland's all-party assembly in November, he concludes that peace is the final victor. Golway can't be blamed for not knowing that the government would crumble in the endless dispute over IRA arms.

Singing of heroes, hearing a false hope

But perhaps he would have predicted the trouble if he'd looked
past the leaders and tried to see the conflict through Irish eyes
in a Dublin pub or on a college campus.

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IRA given 7 days to confirm it will disarm

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Body

Britain announced Friday that it will strip authority from Northern Ireland's power-sharing Cabinet in just seven days if the **Irish Republican Army** doesn't confirm it will disarm.

The timing, revealed for the first time by Northern Ireland Secretary Peter Mandelson, means the Cabinet would be rendered powerless the day before Northern Ireland's major Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, plans to vote on whether to remain in the four-party administration.

Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams angrily accused Mandelson of undermining his efforts to win a shift in the IRA's position.

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Indonesia power struggle

now "critical," official says

JAKARTA, Indonesia - Indonesia's powerful security minister ignored for a third time the president's demand that he resign, while the army chief of staff denied Friday that soldiers would overthrow the democratically elected government.

The army chief, Gen. Tyasno Sudarto, however, warned the situation was "now becoming dangerous."

President Abdurrahman Wahid is engaged in a bitter power struggle with Gen. Wiranto, a former military commander accused by government investigators of allowing pro-Indonesia militias to devastate East Timor after its August vote for independence.

Impasse on Kohl scandal,

Christian Democrats say

BONN, Germany - Germany's scandal-plagued Christian Democrats said Friday they had reached an impasse in identifying the sources of millions in covert campaign donations, even while tracing more money solicited by Helmut Kohl than the ex-chancellor had acknowledged.

IRA given 7 days to confirm it will disarm

But in an impassioned television interview, Kohl denied any knowledge of the party holding alleged secret accounts abroad and said he had done all he could - short of breaking his word to unnamed donors - to help the party untangle the scandal.

Party leaders said interviews with key players who set up a network of secret accounts failed to establish who gave Kohl the \$ 1-million he said he received between 1993 and 1998.

Kohl admitted for the first time that he received funds from 1989 to 1992. Kohl said they were relatively small amounts and he could not remember the donors, party officials told a news conference.

Prime minister announces

early elections in Greece

Prime Minister Costas Simitis called for early elections in an attempt to win a fresh mandate to negotiate Greece's entry to the European Monetary Union this year. The announcement of the April 9 vote, five months earlier than scheduled, puts an end to speculation and nervous trading on the Athens stock market.

Chinese military warns

U.S. on Taiwan bill

BEIJING - Angry with the U.S. Congress for voting to strengthen military ties with Taiwan, the Chinese armed forces on Friday warned Washington not to confuse China with Yugoslavia and Taiwan with Kosovo. A commentary in the newspaper of the People's Liberation Army said the House's approval of the bill sends "an extremely dangerous signal."

The bill "has exposed a plot by some American forces to use military force to thwart China's ambitions for unification," the Liberation Army Daily said. "This doubtlessly is playing with fire."

Osaka police ban

driving with big shoes

It is now illegal to wear platform shoes while driving in Osaka, Japan's second largest city. The Osaka police said thick soled shoes, which have become the latest fashion among young Japanese women, are a safety hazard.

The crackdown comes after a young woman wearing six-inch platform boots crashed into a pole, killing a friend riding in the passenger seat last November.

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Body

Today is Thursday, Jan. 27, the 27th day of 2000. There are 339 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1340 - Edward III of England declares himself king of France, a claim that leads to the Hundred Years' War. The kings of England call themselves kings of France until 1801.

1695 - Mustafa II succeeds as Sultan of Turkey on death of Ahmad II.

1822 - Greek independence is formally proclaimed.

1865 - Treaty between Spain and Peru virtually recognizes Peru's independence.

1914 - Haiti's President Oreste abdicates during revolt, and U.S. Marines land to preserve order.

1943 - U.S. bombers stage first all-U.S. air raid on Germany in World War II, a daylight attack on Wilhelmshaven; Germany begins civil conscription of women.

1944 - The German and Finnish siege of Leningrad, now St. Petersburg, is lifted. At least 650,000 people died during the 872-day siege.

1964 - France establishes diplomatic relations with China.

1967 - Three U.S. Apollo astronauts die in flash fire aboard space capsule; United States, Soviet Union and 60 other nations sign treaty to limit military activities in outer space.

1973 - Accords are signed in Paris, providing for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Vietnam, leading to the collapse of South Vietnam in 1975.

1981 - Indonesia's Tampo Mas II passenger ship catches fire and sinks in Java Sea, killing 580 people.

1991 - President Mohamed Siad Barre of Somalia flees the capital, Mogadishu, as a coalition of rebels seize power. The country plunges into virtual anarchy.

1991 - Allied aircraft bomb Iraq's second city, Basra.

Thursday, Jan. 27

1992 - Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's government survives no-confidence motions in parliament.

1993 - Police in New Delhi lob tear gas shells to disperse rioting mobs of Hindus and Muslims who attack a mosque and a temple and burn down dozens of shops.

1994 - Terrorists strike three times in Northern Ireland, killing the first two victims of the new year and wounding two others.

1995 - Burmese soldiers win a key battle against one of the world's oldest insurgencies, capturing the base of Burma's largest Karen rebel army in the Burmese jungle.

1996 - Niger's first democratically elected president, Mahamane Ousmane, is ousted in a coup and army Col. Barre Mainassara Ibrahim takes over as head of state.

1997 - The people of Chechnya go to the polls to elect Aslan Maskhadov for president, only months after Russian forces turned most of the capital to rubble.

1998 - Bowing to the wish of the pope, the Catholic Church in Germany stops issuing certificates allowing abortion.

1999 - Eamon Collins a former ***Irish Republican Army*** intelligence officer and author of an expose of life inside the IRA is found dead near the Northern Ireland town of Newry.

Today's Birthdays:

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Austrian composer (1756-1791); Edouard Lalo, French composer (1823-1892); Lewis Carroll, real name Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, English mathematician and writer (1832-1898); Jerome Kern, U.S. composer (1885-1945); Canadian novelist Mordecai Richler (1931--).

Thought For Today:

If we die, we want people to accept it ... We are in a risky business and we hope that if anything happens to us, it will not delay the program. The conquest of space is worth the risk of life Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom (1926-1967).

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Why not skip green beer and curl up with these movies

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Body

Today is St. Patrick's Day. As you can probably tell from my name, my ancestors came from Ireland.

My mom's side of the family was Heinz 57, but my dad's was 100 percent Irish. Maybe that's why I've always had a soft spot for Irish films. Or maybe it's because the Irish know how to tell a story.

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In the past decade or so, the Irish film industry has been thriving.

So, instead of going out and drinking green beer today, why not check out an Irish movie. I've selected a few that I think are the best and give a well-rounded look at Irish life today and in the past. There's nary a leprechaun or shamrock to be found in the bunch.

"This is My Father" (1998). James Caan plays an American teacher who discovers, after finding old photographs in his mother's belongings, that he was never told the truth about his father. He travels to Ireland, and the film flashes back to discover what really happened when his parents fell in love 50 years earlier. This small film is profoundly moving, and Aidan Quinn is wonderful as the father who is too kind for his own good.

"Magdalene Sisters" (2002). This harrowing movie about women who were imprisoned by the Catholic Church and forced to work in laundries for such crimes as getting pregnant, flirting and being raped, is based on an ugly and long-running reality in Ireland. This movie is angry but also quite moving as it explores how the powerful Catholic Church distorted its faith and ruined lives.

"The Secret of Roan Inish" (1994). Ten-year-old Fiona visits her grandparents in a small fishing village and discovers the myth of the selkie, a seal that becomes human. The myth becomes real as Fiona begins to wonder if her dead brother is actually living with the seals. John Sayles directed this charming yet haunting film.

"Waking Ned Devine" (1998). When Ned Devine dies of shock after discovering he's won a huge lottery, his friends decide that Ned would have wanted them to have his money, so they pretend he's still alive. Of course, things get complicated when the lottery commissioner arrives. This comedy oozes charm.

"Michael Collins" (1996). Liam Neeson stars as Collins, who worked with the Irish Republican Army to gain independence for Ireland and brokered the controversial decision to keep Northern Ireland in British hands, which led to civil war and Collins' own death. A bit lumbering, but it does offer an interesting history lesson.

Why not skip green beer and curl up with these movies

"The Commitments" (1991). A kid brings a bunch of losers together to form a band and bring soul music back to Ireland. (As he'll tell anyone who'll listen, the Irish are the blacks of Europe.) It's gritty, hilarious and it's got a kickin' soundtrack.

This was the first of a trilogy of films based on the work of writer Roddy Doyle. "The Snapper" is about a young woman who gets pregnant and has to deal with her loud and pushy family. "The Van" is about two men who buy a fish and chips van. All explore working-class life in Ireland, and all star the terrific Colm Meaney.

"My Left Foot" (1989). Daniel Day Lewis is extraordinary as Christy Brown, who is born with cerebral palsy into a poor Irish family. His mother, played by Brenda Fricker, sees that he's got the soul of an artist and makes sure her cantankerous son has the chance to live a full life.

Jane Holahan is a New Era staff writer. Her column appears every Wednesday.

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**Cabinet begins work in N. Ireland;
Filling committees tops Assembly agenda**

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Body

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

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

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

JOURNAL

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

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

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

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Sinn Fein's Martin McGuinness pauses before being elected Education Minister. / PETER MORRISON / Associated Press

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Handshake ends Libya's isolation

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Body

Moammar Gadhafi and British Prime Minister Tony Blair sealed Libya's return to the world community with a historic handshake yesterday and an agreement to fight Al Qaeda together.

The two men smiled and shook hands then settled into low chairs inside Libyan leader Gadhafi's ornate tent in the desert.

After 90 minutes of talks, Blair said Libya's rejection of banned weapons and rapprochement with the West could act as a template for other Arab countries to turn their backs on Islamic extremism.

"We are showing by our engagement with Libya today that it is possible for countries in the Arab world to work with the United States and the U.K. to defeat the common enemy of extremist fanatical terrorism driven by Al Qaeda," he told reporters. "It is a very, very important signal for the whole of the Arab world."

Blair said Britain would offer a "new military relationship" to a country long a pariah - a country that once armed Britain's foe, the ***Irish Republican Army***.

He is the first British leader to visit Libya since Winston Churchill did so in 1943 during World War II and the first British PM to meet Gadhafi since the Libyan seized power 35 years ago.

Business interests, meanwhile, were running ahead of the diplomats. Blair said BAE Systems, a British defence contractor, would announce a major deal in Libya shortly.

Royal Dutch/Shell Group said yesterday it had signed a preliminary agreement to develop gas resources in Libya. A Blair spokesperson said that initial deal is worth \$200 million (U.S.), and potentially as much as \$1 billion.

Blair's aides said Libya could expect co-operation with its defence needs and Britain would, in time, push for lifting a European Union arms embargo. Also, Libyan officers may be invited to train in Britain as Gadhafi, then a junior army officer, did in 1966. After their meeting, Blair praised Libya's progress in dismantling its chemical, nuclear and biological programs, saying it "gives us real hope we can build a new relationship with it for the modern world."

Gadhafi did not speak with reporters after the meeting but his foreign minister, Abdel-Rahman Shalqam, said Libya and Britain have important roles to play in Africa: "We have the same obligations."

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Shalqam said Libya had warned of the dangers of Al Qaeda in the 1980s and 1990s "when Europe and even America were supporting these people" who fought the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan.

"For us, they (Al Qaeda) are the real obstacle against our progress," he said. "They are against our security. They are against women. They are against the new culture ... against political moderation, against any change in the region."

Gadhafi once supplied shiploads of weapons to the IRA in the 1980s. And, in 1984, a shot from a window of the Libyan embassy in London killed British police officer Yvonne Fletcher. Relations hit bottom after Libya was implicated in the 1988 bombing of a Pam Am jet over Lockerbie, Scotland, that killed 270 people. Ties were restored in 1999 after Libya accepted responsibility for Fletcher's shooting and Lockerbie and agreed to pay compensation, a move that resulted in the lifting of United Nations sanctions.

REUTERS,

Graphic

STEFAN ROUSSEAU AP British Prime Minister Tony Blair shakes hands with Libyan leader Col. Moammar Gadhafi in a tent outside Tripoli yesterday. Britain, in agreeing to let bygones be bygones, is even willing to help its former foe build up its defence against the Islamic extremism of Al Qaeda.

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**New Cabinet begins first day of work in Northern Ireland pickup. ADDS
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Byline: By SHAWN POGATCHNIK, Associated Press Writer

Dateline: BELFAST, Northern Ireland

Body

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

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

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

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

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

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Today in History - March 1

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Today is Monday, March 1, the 61st day of 2004. There are 305 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on March 1, 1954, Puerto Rican nationalists opened fire from the gallery of the U.S. House of Representatives, wounding five congressmen.

On this date:

In 1781, the Continental Congress adopted the Articles of Confederation.

In 1790, Congress authorized the first U.S. Census.

In 1864, Rebecca Lee became the first black woman to receive an American medical degree, from the New England **Female** Medical College in Boston.

In 1867, Nebraska became the 37th state.

In 1872, Congress authorized creation of Yellowstone National Park.

In 1904, bandleader Glenn Miller was born in Clarinda, Iowa.

In 1932, 20-month-old Charles A. Lindbergh Jr., the son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh, was kidnapped from the family home near Hopewell, N.J. (Remains identified as those of the child were found the following May.)

In 1961, President Kennedy established the Peace Corps.

In 1974, seven people, including former Nixon White House aides H.R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman, former Attorney General John Mitchell and former assistant Attorney General Robert Mardian, were indicted on charges of conspiring to obstruct justice in connection with the Watergate break-in. (These four defendants were convicted the following January, although Mardian's conviction was later reversed.)

In 1981, **Irish Republican Army** member Bobby Sands began a hunger strike at the Maze Prison in Northern Ireland; he died 65 days later.

Today in History - March 1

Ten years ago: Falling four votes shy of a two-thirds majority, the Senate rejected a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution. A Lebanese immigrant opened fire on a van of Hasidic students on New York's Brooklyn Bridge, killing one of them. At the 36th annual Grammy Awards, Whitney Houston won best **female** pop vocalist and record of the year for "I Will Always Love You"; "The Bodyguard" won album of the year.

Five years ago: The General Accounting Office released an audit of the Internal Revenue Service that found chronic problems in the agency's record-keeping. An attack by Rwandan Hutu rebels in a Ugandan national park left eight foreign tourists, including two Americans, and a park guard dead.

One year ago: Suspected Sept 11 mastermind Khalid Shaikh Mohammed was captured by CIA and Pakistani agents. Iraq began complying with orders from U.N. weapons inspectors to destroy its Al Samoud Two missiles. The United Arab Emirates called for Saddam Hussein to step down, the first Arab country to do so publicly. Turkey's parliament dealt a stunning blow to U.S. war planning by failing to approve a bill allowing in American combat troops to open a northern front against Iraq.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Robert Clary is 78. Singer Harry Belafonte is 77. Former U.S. Solicitor General Robert H. Bork is 77. Actor Robert Conrad is 69. Rock singer Mike D'Abo (Manfred Mann) is 60. Sen. John Breaux, D-La., is 60. Rock singer Roger Daltrey is 60. Actor Dirk Benedict is 59. Actor Alan Thicke is 57. Actor-director Ron Howard is 50. Actress Catherine Bach is 50. Country singer Janis Gill (aka Janis Oliver Cummins) (Sweethearts of the Rodeo) is 50. Actor Tim Daly is 48. Singer-musician Jon Carroll is 47. Rock musician Bill Leen is 42. Actor Russell Wong is 41. Actor John David Cullum is 38. Actor George Eads is 37. Actor Mark-Paul Gosselaar is 30. Actor Jensen Ackles is 26. TV host Donovan Patton is 26. Rock musician Sean Woolstenhulme (Lifehouse) is 23. Rhythm and blues singer Sammie is 17.

Thought for Today: "If you are able to state a problem, it can be solved." - Edwin H. Land, American inventor (born 1909, died on this date in 1991).

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Unionists soften stance on IRA

In the latest sign of a possible breakthrough in Northern Ireland's peace talks, the province's main Protestant party today softened its position on IRA disarmament.

Until now, Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble has said that the outlawed **Irish Republican Army** must promise to disarm before he would accept the IRA-linked Sinn Fein party as government colleagues.

But today, he said that if the IRA provides "a genuine and meaningful response" to Northern Ireland's disarmament commission, "the way will then be clear for the establishment of the political institutions envisaged" in 1998's Good Friday peace accord.

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Sinn Fein responded with its own statement, calling disarmament "an essential part of the peace process" and pledging to help remove "the gun forever from the politics of our country."

ASIA: Indonesia could see another referendum

Less than three months after East Timor voted for independence, the new president of Indonesia has said another troubled province could hold a referendum by the middle of next year on its ties to the nation. "The plan now is to have the referendum on Aceh six months after the ending of the current situation, and that is in one month, so all in all, seven months," President Abdurrahman Wahid said today on a visit to Tokyo.

Afghan woman's execution a first

Thousands of people watched as a woman, cowering in the center of a sports stadium, was shot and killed today in the first public execution of a woman in Kabul, Afghanistan, since the Taliban religious army took control three years ago. The woman, a mother of seven children, was found guilty of beating her husband to death with a steel hammer as he slept. Two **female** police officers held her arms and walked her into the stadium, where she was ordered to sit before a Taliban soldier shot her.

EUROPE: Bosnia's leaders pledge end to ethnic strife

The three presidents of Bosnia --- a Muslim, a Croat and a Serb --- agreed Monday on a declaration to pick up the pace of the peace process. In the document, agreed to on the eve of their first joint appearance before the U.N.

WORLD IN BRIEF

Security Council, Croat Ante Jelavic, Muslim Alija Izetbegovic and Bosnian Serb Zivko Radisic pledge to end ethnic strife and work more closely together. Meanwhile Monday, the United Nations says it failed to help save thousands of Bosnian Muslims from a Serb mass murder in 1995 because of errors, misjudgment and "an inability to recognize the scope of the evil confronting us."

No one injured in attacks in Greece

In attacks possibly linked to President Clinton's scheduled visit Friday, a firebomb exploded today at a Greek National Bank branch in suburban Athens and arsonists set fire to a local Communist Party office, police said. The incidents caused damage but no injuries. Leftist groups have been blamed for several attacks apparently linked to the visit.

'Wearing down the rebels' is Russia's tactic

Russian jets bombed roads and mountain passes in an effort to cut off rebels in Chechnya, and a top Russian commander said today the military would rely on artillery attacks rather than storming the towns. "There will be no stormings," said Maj. Gen. Vladimir Shamanov. "The troops will be using the tactics of wearing down the rebels' resistance with artillery. We are in no hurry."

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Aviation experts study crash scenarios;

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NEWPORT, R.I. - The mystery of what caused the crash of EgyptAir Flight 990 deepened Thursday after an initial examination of the flight data recorder indicated everything was normal until the autopilot disengaged and the plane suddenly descended.

Puzzled aviation experts said the Boeing 767 could have experienced a rapid decompression, forcing the pilot to make an emergency maneuver to get the plane to an altitude where passengers could breathe.

Other scenarios being considered by investigators include terrorism, sabotage, hijacking or a problem with a passenger or crew member on the New York-to-Cairo flight.

High seas on Thursday halted the search for the plane's other "black box," the cockpit voice recorder. Lady Bird faints, listed in fair condition

AUSTIN, Texas - Former first lady Lady Bird Johnson was admitted to a hospital in fair condition Thursday after fainting at her home.

Liz Carpenter, her former White House spokeswoman, said Johnson, 86, "has periodic fainting spells" and was transported to Seton Medical Center.

Johnson was awake and alert and will stay overnight for observation, hospital spokeswoman Stephanie Elsea said.

Lady Bird, the nation's oldest living former first lady, was married to former President Lyndon B. Johnson for almost 39 years. They were in the White House from 1963 to 1969. He died in 1973. Gingrich's wife asks court for sanctions

MARIETTA, Ga. - Attorneys for Newt Gingrich's wife asked a judge Thursday to impose sanctions against the former House speaker for refusing to answer questions stemming from the couple's divorce fight.

Marianne Gingrich's attorney John Mayoue said the conduct of Gingrich and his legal team is "illogical and irresponsible" and should be punished.

Aviation experts study crash scenarios;

Gingrich did not attend the hearing. He filed for divorce in July, saying the couple's 18-year marriage was "irrevocably broken." Gingrich's attorneys have admitted he had a relationship with Callista Bisek, a 33-year-old congressional aide, but declined to categorize it as an affair. 3,000-year-old tomb uncovered in Peru

LIMA, Peru - Archaeologists have uncovered the tomb of an Indian military chief who lived 1,000 years before Christ in Peru's northern Andes, El Comercio reported Thursday.

Italian archaeologist Mario Polia discovered the tomb of the Huayakuntur Indian in the Ayabaca province, near the border with Ecuador, 500 northeast of the capital, Lima.

The chieftain's excavated skeletal remains were found laid out on a stone altar grasping a seashell, and a stone hatchet within reach, Polia told El Comercio.

With him were two women, accompanied by five warrior guards, and two human sacrifices, all in fetal positions. The paper published photographs of the skeletal remains surrounded by ceremonial pottery. Ulster Unionists vote against IRA plan

BELFAST, Northern Ireland - Northern Ireland's major British Protestant party narrowly voted Thursday against a compromise plan designed to make the Good Friday peace accord work.

The Ulster Unionists' secret 14-13 vote marked a severe setback at a critical moment for Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble, who has spent 10 weeks trying to resolve his party's confrontation with the IRA-linked Sinn Fein party.

The rejected draft proposals, mediated by American diplomat George Mitchell, hinged on a conciliatory but noncommittal statement offered by the Irish Republican Army.

Talks among Mitchell, Trimble and Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams resumed after the vote.

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Body

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat signed a hard-fought new agreement early Sunday, a breakthrough that sets the stage for final talks on the shape of Palestine and for a lasting regional peace. "The people of the Middle East are ready for the dawn of a new era," Barak said after the signing. Arafat said the accord allowed the two sides "to present to our people a new hope to preserve the peace of the brave." The land-for-security deal opens the way to negotiations on a final agreement, including settling the tangled questions of Jerusalem's status and the borders of a Palestinian state. (ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS)

DILI, Indonesia (AP)

Pro-Indonesia militiamen attacked U.N. personnel in East Timor on Saturday, wounding one and prompting the evacuation of U.N. staff just hours after residents overwhelmingly voted for independence. Gunfire in the provincial capital of Dili continued well into Sunday morning. The number of casualties from the shootings was unknown. One U.S. police adviser, whose name was not disclosed, was shot in the abdomen by men in Indonesian police uniforms during an ambush near the town of Liquica, diplomats and U.N. workers said on customary condition of anonymity. U.N. officials said he was not in serious condition and would be flown to Australia, 370 miles (600 kilometers) to the southeast. (INDONESIA-EAST TIMOR)

NEW DELHI, India (AP)

India deployed one million police and soldiers Saturday to provide security for the world's largest election, capping a campaign marred by militant threats and personal attacks. By the time the five-phase, staggered voting ends Oct. 3, some 600 million people will have been able to cast ballots for the federal legislature, which must convene by Oct. 21. Voting is staggered to help maintain security. On Sunday, more than 160 million voters are eligible to elect 145 legislators, more than a quarter of India's lower house of Parliament, or Lok Sabha. Of the 1,068 candidates in Sunday's race, only 69 are women. (INDIA-ELECTIONS)

PONTECAGNANO, Italy (AP)

After a stretch of vacation and time to relax in his papal retreat, Pope John Paul II resumed his travels Saturday, starting a period of pilgrimages that he hopes will include Iraq and other points in the Middle East. Stepping gingerly and using a cane, the 79-year-old John Paul flew in an Italian air force helicopter to this town near the southern port of Salerno to inaugurate a seminary named after him. (POPE-TRAVELS)

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

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The two parties essential to making Northern Ireland's peace accord work said Saturday they will participate in the coming week's initiative to keep the 17-month-old deal from unraveling. The Ulster Unionists, who represent this British province's Protestant majority, and Sinn Fein, the **Irish Republican Army**-linked party that represents many Catholics, blamed each other for bringing the accord to the brink of collapse. And each party called on former U.S. Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, who oversaw negotiations that produced the agreement on Good Friday 1998, to take its side when he launches the salvage operation Monday.(NORTHERN IRELAND)

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Mediator has no 'magic wand' for Northern Ireland

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Dateline: BELFAST

Body

U.S. mediator George Mitchell returned to the quagmire of Northern Irish politics Monday, saying he had no magic wand but insisting the problems plaguing the peace process could be solved.

Mitchell has been called in by Britain and Ireland to try and revive peace efforts after they reached deadlock two months ago over the disarmament of Roman Catholic and Protestant guerrillas.

The former U.S. senator, who helped mediate last year's peace accord for the British province, held a day of meetings with the main rival parties at the start of a review to try and agree a timetable for disarmament and the appointment of a power-sharing provincial executive.

Reuters

"Neither I nor anyone else has a magic wand that will wave away these problems. But I believe it can be done. Whether it is done is up to the political leaders," Mitchell said.

Women met the politicians with chants of "What do we want? The executive! When do we want it? Now!" reflecting opinion polls showing majority support among the population for the peace deal.

At the heart of the problem is an ambiguity in the peace deal about disarmament which set May 2000 as the deadline but gave no starting date for the process.

There was no sign of an easing of the mutual suspicion that clouds hopes of implementing the April 1998 peace pact.

The province's main Protestant leader, David Trimble, still insists Sinn Fein should be barred from government until its **Irish Republican Army** guerrilla allies disarm. The IRA is as attached to its weapons as ever.

"We can't form a government at gunpoint, which is what we're being asked to do," Trimble's colleague Reg Empey said.

Sinn Fein official Pat Doherty said the review could be successful but it should conclude that the executive be set up immediately.

"The primacy of politics must be proven," he said, signalling republicans still believe political progress is the key to any move on IRA arms, rather than the other way round. Mitchell is due to meet smaller parties today and the British and Irish governments Wednesday.

Mediator has no 'magic wand' for Northern Ireland

Monday he also met the other two parties with seats on the planned executive -- the moderate SDLP, the main Roman Catholic party, which supports the peace deal, and Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionists, who fiercely oppose it.

Under the accord political institutions for the province are to be set up for the first time on the basis of a consensus between Protestants who generally want to stay British and Roman Catholics who tend to look to the Irish republic.

Mitchell stressed his review would focus strictly on devolving power and achieving disarmament by May 2000.

The planned cabinet was stillborn in July when Trimble's party demanded prior IRA disarmament and boycotted moves to set up the executive.

Protestant anger is running high over a recent British government ruling that the IRA truce is intact, despite reports linking the group to a killing and a U.S. gun-running plot.

Sinn Fein insists it is committed to peace and abiding by the accord's demand it strive for disarmament.

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Trial of bogus spy accused of conning victims for years grips England

Associated Press International

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Dateline: LONDON

Body

An alleged con man accused of duping five Britons and an American in 665,000-pound (US\$1.2-million) in scams and holding some of his victims as virtual hostages for up to 10 years has gone on trial in a closely watched case in England.

Allegedly posing as a British undercover spy fighting a cell of IRA terrorists, Robert Hendy-Freegard, 32 - a car salesman and a bartender - is accused of duping some of his victims and their relatives out of their life savings.

He also allegedly lured one of his **female** victims - a college student - into a demeaning relationship that left her with two children.

The "consummate confidence trickster" forced his victims to live clandestine and secretive lives in miserable conditions for years, prosecutor Godfrey Carey told Blackfriars Crown Court in London in his opening remarks.

During the first two days of testimony Monday and Tuesday, in a trial that could last several months, the court appeared to be an odd mix of the old and new.

In keeping with tradition, the judge and lawyers wore black robes and white wigs. But as the jury of 12 Britons and several rows of journalists watched in the modern, brightly lit court room, the witnesses testified from behind tall screens so they would not have to see their alleged tormentor, who watched through glass windows from a room at the back.

On Tuesday, Hendy-Freegard, an average-looking man with short black hair showed little emotion.

The 21 charges he faces include kidnapping, assault and battery, threats to kill, and theft. The crimes, which allegedly began in 1993, did not become known until one of the victims, London legal adviser Caroline Cowper, filed a police report against him in 2002, lawyers said.

Hendy-Freegard, a resident of Worksop in central England, was arrested at Heathrow Airport in May 2003 and has pleaded innocent.

His alleged victims also include three former college students, John Atkinson, Sarah Smith and Maria Hendy; a married woman he met in a car salesroom, Elizabeth Richardson; and American-born child psychologist Kimberly Adams.

Trial of bogus spy accused of conning victims for years grips England

Carey said Hendy-Freegard, who got engaged to several of his victims, presented himself as everything from an undercover British agent to a son helping his sick mother fight liver cancer.

The opening testimony focused on Atkinson, Smith and Hendy, three former students at Harper Adams Agricultural College in Newport, western England, whom Hendy-Freegard allegedly persuaded to join what he called his undercover investigation as a British agent into an active **Irish Republican Army** cell at the school.

Later, he convinced them that the IRA had found out and they would have to drop out of school and travel the country living in hiding with him, Carey said.

In the end, the former students spent up to 10 years living under his orders, using aliases, working jobs, and living on next to nothing as he took their pay and persuaded them and their families to invest into bogus business deals, Carey said.

"I was curious, scared, paranoid about what was going on," Atkinson testified Tuesday, recalling when he first underwent Hendy-Freegard's training as an agent, including being beaten while blindfolded. "We got involved in something that was way over our heads," Atkinson said.

Altogether, Hendy-Freegard is accused of stealing 605,893 pounds (US\$1.1 million) and obtaining 60,309 pounds (US\$111,500) from his six victims.

Adams, the American child psychologist, believed Hendy-Freegard was a British operative when she became engaged to him, Carey told the court. Eventually, he conned her family out of thousands of pounds (dollars) and threatened to kill her and her son, Carey said.

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Body

British paratroopers fired on a carload of ethnic Albanian revelers celebrating Kosovo's independence Saturday, killing two and wounding two others. One of the wounded claimed he and his companions were simply celebrating and had made no threat against the British troops before they opened fire. British authorities defended the soldiers, saying they believed their lives were at risk. The shooting could raise tensions between NATO and the ethnic Albanian community at a time when peacekeepers are struggling to restore order in the province. Meanwhile, British war crimes investigators said they found 12 bodies in the Kosovo village of Bela Crkva, including children as young as 4, apparently shot by Serb forces, the Foreign Office said. (YUGOSLAVIA-KOSOVO)

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan Pakistan's Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif left for Washington early Sunday to meet with U.S. President Bill Clinton to discuss the escalating Kashmir dispute, the state-run news agency said. Before agreeing to the meeting, Clinton conferred by telephone with Indian Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee who raised no objections, a White House official said. He said Clinton does not intend to use the meeting with Sharif as an attempt to mediate the conflict. "We believe this has to be resolved through bilateral dialogue," he said. (PAKISTAN-US).

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

British Prime Minister Tony Blair's take-it-or-leave-it plan to save Northern Ireland's peace accord provoked fierce criticism Saturday from the Ulster Unionists. After five days of intense but inconclusive negotiations, Blair and Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern challenged the Ulster Unionists to accept the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party as government partners July 15 without a guarantee in return that the **Irish Republican Army** would disarm. Meanwhile, more than 2,000 police and British soldiers were deployed in and around the hard-line Protestant town of Portadown this weekend to prevent the province's major Protestant brotherhood, the Orange Order, from parading Sunday into the main Catholic section of town. Confrontations over the two groups' competing rights in Portadown have triggered widespread violence in the past. (NORTHERN-IRELAND)

LUSAKA, Zambia (AP)

Officials of rival forces fighting in the Congo met Saturday with Zambian mediators amid hopes that concessions by the warring sides could lead to a breakthrough cease-fire to end the 11-month civil war. The conflict has drawn in troops from five other countries, threatening stability in Central Africa. "I'm almost bursting with excitement, but that is as far as I can go. I will remain confident a cease-fire will be signed very soon," chief mediator Zambian President Frederick Chiluba said. Regional ministers have been in Lusaka for a week trying to inch forward in the talks. In Geneva, the United Nations refugee agency said humanitarian groups were struggling to assist thousands of people fleeing fresh fighting in Congo's southern Kivu province. (CONGO)

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KUWAIT (AP)

Supporters of efforts to grant Kuwaiti women voting rights got a big boost in Saturday's election when liberal candidates more than tripled their numbers in the Persian Gulf's only parliament. Liberal or liberal-leaning candidates secured 14 spots in the 50-seat National Assembly up from four in the parliament dissolved in May. Pro-Islamist candidates won 20 seats, pro-government politicians, 12, and independents four in results tallied Sunday. (KUWAIT-ELECTIONS)

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Body

Azerbaijan

BAKU -- President-elect Ilham Aliyev blamed the opposition for riots after his election to succeed his ailing 80-year-old father and said Saturday its leaders could face legal action. In his first public appearance since Wednesday's vote, Aliyev said the unrest that tore through Baku gave the impression that disorder reigns in the oil-rich former Soviet republic.

Britain

LONDON -- John Hawkesworth, the producer of the British television series "Upstairs Downstairs," has died at the age of 82. Hawkesworth, who lived in Knossington, near Leicester in central England, died Sept. 30 after a short illness, according to a death notice in The Times newspaper.

Iran

TEHRAN -- Six Islamic vigilantes were sentenced to death Saturday for killing five people for allegedly having illicit sexual relationships. Judge Abdolreza Parvizi told The Associated Press he ordered the six men to be hanged in public for the 2002 deaths of three men and two women in the city of Kerman.

Japan

TOKYO -- A recommendation by a government panel not to fund an advanced physics research facility has drawn an angry outburst from a Japanese Nobel laureate and left the project's fate in doubt, media reports said Saturday.

Kazakhstan

BAIKONUR -- A Russian rocket blasted off Saturday carrying a three-man replacement crew bound for the international space station. The crew consists of an American, a Russian and a Spaniard, marking the second time a Soyuz capsule has carried a U.S. astronaut to the space station since the Columbia disintegrated in February.

Lebanon

BEIRUT -- Lebanese security forces have arrested a Yemeni man suspected of belonging to al-Qaida and masterminding bombings of Western targets in Lebanon, security officials said Saturday. Moammar Abdullah al-Awamah, 29, was arrested Monday in south Lebanon, the officials said.

World datelines

Northern Ireland

BELFAST -- The leader of Northern Ireland's major Protestant party appealed Saturday for the **Irish Republican Army** to accept the 1998 peace accord as a "full and final" settlement. Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble said British Protestants should resume work in a power-sharing government with the IRA-linked Sinn Fein party, but only if the IRA commits to ceasing all hostile activity and disarming fully.

Romania

BUCHAREST -- Few Romanians voted Saturday on a new constitution guaranteeing private property rights and allowing foreigners to own land -- measures the government says will help efforts to join the European Union.

Russia

MOSCOW -- Federal prosecutors widened their probe of Russia's largest oil producer, Yukos, with the filing of tax evasion charges against a top company official, the Interfax news agency reported. The Prosecutor General's Office charged Vasily Shakhnovsky with evading taxes amounting to 29 million rubles between 1998-2000, a spokeswoman for the prosecutor's office said Friday.

South Korea

SEOUL -- North Korea said Saturday it is not interested in talks on its nuclear weapons program unless the United States will discuss a nonaggression treaty, the North's state-run radio said. The United States, China, Japan, Russia and North and the two Koreas met in Beijing in August to discuss ways to end the nuclear crisis.

Spain

MADRID -- Manuel Vazquez Montalban, one of Spain's best-known authors and the creator of the Barcelona-based detective Pepe Carvalho, died early Saturday. He was 64. Vazquez Montalban died during a stopover at Bangkok international airport, Thai officials said.

Swaziland

MANZINI -- Wrapped in blankets against an unseasonable chill, Swazis chose a new parliament in one of the world's last absolute monarchies Saturday while pro-democracy groups denounced the vote as a sham.

Turkey

ISTANBUL -- Turkey's prime minister said Saturday that his country would scrap plans to send troops to Iraq if Iraqis continue to oppose the deployment. Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's government supports sending peacekeepers to Iraq, as requested by the United States, and parliament approved a deployment last week.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

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Body

IN THE NATION The No. 1 graduate at the Naval Academy this year was a woman, as were Nos. 2, 4, 6 and 9. Half of the top 10 Naval Academy graduates were women, who made up only 15 percent of the Class of 1999, which graduated yesterday. Overall, it was the best showing yet for women at the academy.

Authorities are looking into allegations that executives of a worldwide charity hauled home boxes of food, clothing and household goods donated for needy children. After a four-month investigation, WTVF-TV in Nashville broadcast video of Feed the Children executives, their assistants and their relatives using dollies to wheel boxes - several at a time - from a warehouse to their cars.

The most seriously injured victim of last week's shootings at Heritage High School says she bears no ill will toward the youth who shot six of his schoolmates. "I forgive him," Stephanie Laster, 15, said after being released from Hughes Spalding Hospital in Atlanta on Tuesday. T.J. Solomon, also 15, was charged in last Thursday's shooting. Stephanie, who was shot in the abdomen, was the last of the injured to be released.

A week after the Nebraska Legislature became the first in the nation to approve a stay on executions, Gov. Mike Johanns vetoed the two-year moratorium measure yesterday. Calling the moratorium "poor public policy," Johanns said the measure would allow death-row prisoners to "advance further unnecessary criminal appeals."

IN THE WORLD Colombia's defense minister resigned yesterday after criticizing the government for giving Marxist rebels control over a swath of territory the size of Connecticut and New Jersey combined as part of the country's fragile peace process. Rodrigo Lloreda denounced the territorial handover to the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia and said he had serious doubts about the rebels' interest in ending the fighting.

Northern Ireland's Protestant leader David Trimble, whose backing of any peace deal is critical, said yesterday that he could lose his Ulster Unionist Party's support if he backed away from insisting that the Irish Republican Army disarm. Trimble has been under British pressure to allow a peace deal to proceed without seeing paramilitary groups starting to disarm.

The former military commander of the Khmer Rouge claims Pol Pot was executed, contradicting earlier reports that the former guerrilla leader died of natural causes or killed himself last year. Ta Mok said Pol Pot was ordered killed,

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according to Ta Mok's lawyer, Benson Samay, in an interview published yesterday. Who allegedly gave the order was not disclosed.

The centrist Congress Party of Nepal emerged as the winner in voting for a new parliament, claiming 110 of 205 seats, the Independent Election Commission said yesterday. The Communist Unified Marxist-Leninist Party, which was the major partner in the departing coalition government that failed to fix Nepal's battered economy, won 68 seats.

China is planning its first manned space launch to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the founding of the communist republic in October, state media reported yesterday in Beijing. "This feat would make China the world's third great space nation behind the United States and Russia," the Weekly Digest quoted officials as saying.

A plan to keep Russia's Mir space station aloft fell apart yesterday when officials acknowledged that British businessman Peter Llewellyn was not going to come up with the necessary funds. The Russian government has said it will abandon Mir in August unless private investors are found.

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Rwandans vote in free, non-partisan ballot

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Body

Despite torrents of rain, millions of Rwandans voted for local leaders Monday in the country's first free, non-partisan elections since brutal ethnic killings five years ago that left a half-million people dead.

The government hopes the vote will foster grass-roots democracy and reconciliation among the majority Hutus and minority Tutsis, as well as shift attention from ethnicity toward rebuilding the country.

Wine helps block Iranian's

visit to France

PARIS - Iran's President Mohammad Khatami has put off an expected visit to France next month because the French refuse to cede to Iranian demands that wine be banned from the table, a source familiar with the discussions said Monday.

Compiled from Times WiresWORLD BRIEFS

The Iranian government insists that women of host countries be dressed modestly during visits by Iranian officials and that no alcohol be served.

India clears roads so aid

can reach quake victims

BIYASI, India - Hundreds of work crews cleared roads to stranded mountain towns Monday and military helicopters evacuated the injured after a powerful earthquake jolted northern India, killing at least 87 people.

The quake, with a magnitude of 6.8 and lasting nearly 40 seconds, was the strongest this century in the earthquake-prone Himalayan foothills, India's seismological department said.

IRA points out sites where

9 victims are buried

Rwandans vote in free, non-partisan ballot

BELFAST, Northern Ireland - The **Irish Republican Army**, seeking to deflect attention from incessant demands to start disarming, announced Monday it has identified the burial spots of nine victims and said it was "sorry that this has taken so long."

The British and Irish prime ministers, Tony Blair and Bertie Ahern, welcomed the IRA gesture but said it was unlikely to alter the main problem threatening Northern Ireland's peace accord: when, or if, the IRA will start destroying its stockpiles of weaponry.

Firefighters, police enter

burned tunnel

CHAMONIX, France - Firefighters and police gingerly entered the Mont Blanc tunnel on Monday, searching through the wreckage of charred cars and trucks to try to identify the remains of dozens of victims.

At least 40 people died in the blaze that broke out Wednesday. Only five have been identified, and rescue workers say the death toll in the blaze could be higher.

Pinochet's fate back

in British official's hands

LONDON - Britain's High Court on Monday put the fate of Gen. Augusto Pinochet, former Chilean dictator, back in the hands of Jack Straw, the government's top law enforcement official.

A three-judge panel gave Straw, Britain's home secretary, until April 15 to issue a fresh ruling on whether to allow Spain to seek Pinochet's extradition, following the House of Lords' decision last week to drastically reduce the charges facing the 83-year-old general.

Chernobyl reactor, nuclear plant shut down

KIEV, Ukraine - Workers cut power at the Chernobyl nuclear plant's only working reactor Monday, while another nuclear plant underwent an emergency shutdown, officials said.

No radiation leaks were reported after output at Chernobyl's reactor was cut in half due to a generator problem, the plant's press service said.

The northwestern Rivne nuclear plant's reactor No. 3 was completely shut down early Monday by its automatic safety system.

Plant experts were investigating the cause of the malfunction, which did not result in a radiation leak, said the state nuclear energy agency, Energoatom.

Graphic

BLACK AND WHITE MAP; Map locating the site of the earthquake in India.

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'The General' seamlessly reflects highs, lows of everyone's life

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Body

"The General"

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Screenplay by John Boorman; based on the book "The General" by Paul Williams. Produced and directed by John Boorman. A Sony Pictures Classics release. Rated R (violence, language). Running time: 129 minutes. At the Music Box Theatre, Chicago.

Cast:

Martin Cahill Brendan Gleeson

Noel Curley Adrian Dunbar

Gary Sean McGinley

Frances Maria Doyle Kennedy

Inspector Ned Kenny Jon Voight

In "The General" director John Boorman ("Deliverance") introduces us to Martin Cahill, an Irish gangster who masterminds major heists, flouts authority, and sleeps with both his wife and her sister.

But the naughty child in each of us loves him from the start.

Boorman's black-and-white film flows seamlessly through Cahill's life, showing us his first forays into crime as well as his final thefts before his murder in 1994. We see that Cahill's "us-against-them" attitude toward the police developed in his childhood, but Boorman fails to explain why. He simply tells it like it happened, and the story is an engaging one - alternately humorous and sobering.

Most of "The General" is set in the 1980s during Cahill's heyday and follows the ever-running cat-and-mouse game between Cahill (played by Brendan Gleeson) and the cops. We cannot help but laugh when Cahill's underlings agree to rob a bank and return to "The General," as Cahill is known, the 80,000 pounds he had just deposited. The joke gets even funnier when we realize how Cahill planned the heist, which takes place across the street from the police station.

'The General' seamlessly reflects highs, lows of everyone's life

Highly intelligent but paranoid, Cahill has an uncanny ability to anticipate the police's strategies. His ability to foil them every time drives inspector Ned Kenny (played by Jon Voight) crazy.

The moments Cahill and Inspector Kenny share reveal both sides' frustration.

After Cahill pulls off his biggest heist - millions of dollars in art - he heads to the police station and spends the night sleeping on a hallway bench. When Kenny arrives at work the next morning, he has heard about the robbery and knows Cahill spent the night there so he would have an alibi.

Kenny just can't prove it.

Meanwhile, Cahill's fierce identification with his roots in a poor Dublin neighborhood feeds his contempt for the government, the Church and the **Irish Republican Army**. Though he has values, condemning alcohol, drugs and womanizing, Cahill's own crimes - save for nailing one of his men to a pool table - do not nag at his conscience.

Gleeson skillfully captures the nuances of this complex man, who tenderly steals the watch off a sleeping woman's wrist yet shoots one of his own men in the kneecap.

Gleeson also conveys how Cahill is able to love his wife, Frances (Maria Doyle Kennedy), yet want her younger sister, Tina (Angeline Ball).

The menage a trois provides an interesting setup. Cahill has fathered children with both **women**, and the sisters are aware of the situation. At one point, Frances tells her husband that Tina misses him and wants Cahill to visit her. When Cahill confesses he's been thinking the same thing, Frances is brought to tears. Their tryst leads to another pregnancy.

The relationships between Cahill and his **women**, Cahill and his men, and Cahill and the police reflect the kinds of highs and lows in all our lives. Anyone who appreciates subtlety will not come away disappointed.

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**Blair plays cat and mouse with IRA;
Prime Minister launches propaganda blitz**

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Body

PRIME Minister Tony Blair claimed yesterday that a Northern Ireland deal was close - and then put fresh hurdles in its way.

He called reporters into Downing Street to launch a propaganda blitz against the ***Irish Republican Army***, trying to pin the blame on the organisation for problems in the Northern Ireland peace process.

And Mr Blair refused to give a clear guarantee that the scheduled Northern Ireland elections on May 29 would go ahead.

The Prime Minister alleged that the IRA was refusing to give clear promises that violence was over.

Sinn Fein MLA Gerry Kelly insisted later that a statement passed to London and Dublin by the IRA had been absolutely clear about its future.

"The statement is clear and unambiguous, " the North Belfast MLA said, insisting that the demands being made of the IRA were unreasonable.

"The two governments are saying otherwise. I don't know if that circle can be squared.

"To be honest, I think that both governments are being unreasonable.

"The question that people have got to be asking over here is: If the two governments are saying that the IRA wants the process to work, then why are we not moving forward?

"And the answer has to be that the Ulster Unionists are not prepared to move this process forward.

"They have used their veto yet again in this process. They are the ones who have pulled down the institutions four times - or, at least, the British government did at their behest - and we have that situation again."

In his Downing Street statement, which raised the stakes in Northern Ireland's stalled peace process, Mr Blair asked three questions.

Blair plays cat and mouse with IRA; Prime Minister launches propaganda blitz

"When the IRA say that their strategies and disciplines will not be inconsistent with the Good Friday Agreement, does that mean an end to all activities inconsistent with the Good Friday Agreement, including targeting, procurement of weapons, so-called punishment beatings and so forth?

"Second, when they say that they are committed to putting arms beyond use through the decommissioning commission, does that mean all arms so that the process is complete?

"And, third, when they say that they support the Good Friday Agreement and want it to work, does that mean that, if the two governments and the other parties fulfil their obligations under the Good Friday Agreement and the joint declaration, does that mean the complete and final closure of the conflict?"

The cross-community Women's Coalition hit out at the British and Irish governments for the way they were trying to secure a deal.

South Belfast MLA Monica McWilliams said: "The questions that the Prime Minister is asking are fair enough, but I have to say that we are extremely angry with the way that the British and Irish governments are trying to close this deal with the IRA.

"What the Prime Minister is doing is negotiating by proxy through the press over the heads of those parties who collectively negotiated the Good Friday Agreement five years ago.

"We know we are not central to this process, but we also have a stake in it and should have a say."

Mr Blair and Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern had planned to release proposals on the future implementation of the Good Friday Agreement at Hillsborough Castle on April 10.

Both leaders postponed their trip to Northern Ireland, alleging that a statement from the IRA had not been sufficiently clear to secure Ulster Unionist support for a restoration of the power-sharing assembly and executive.

Graphic

Prime Minister Tony Blair and North Belfast Sinn Fein MLA Gerry Kelly - two very different interpretations of the IRA statement

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Briefly

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Body

ONTARIO

Four teenagers killed in crash

TRENT HILLS, Ont. -- Four teenagers were killed yesterday morning and one survived after their car struck a pole and rolled several times into a ditch in this eastern Ontario town.

Provincial police were called to the scene -- just east of the town of Campbellford -- around 2:20 a.m.

Two passengers had been thrown from the vehicle and police found another three people inside the car.

Randy Rogers, 17, of Hastings, Ont., was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Jessica Palzek, 15, of Mississauga, as well as driver Andrew Milano, 18, Phillip Cunningham, 17, and 18-year-old Matthew Thibert -- all of Campbellford, -- were pronounced dead on the scene.

The Hamilton Spectator

Ontario Provincial Police Senior Constable James N. Stone said it was still too early to tell if alcohol or speed was a factor in the accident adding the cause remains "undetermined."

CANADA

Manley gets a spruce up

OTTAWA -- John Manley spent more than \$600,000 to spruce up his new deputy prime minister's office.

Documents obtained by the Ottawa Sun under Access to Information show the finance minister spent \$388,240 on computer, video, digital and telecommunications equipment and \$205,899 on other equipment and furniture.

Other costs in the \$619,405 tally related to moving expenses, building repairs and computer consultants.

They don't include spending for Manley's finance portfolio, which he assumed last June. He was named deputy prime minister in January 2002.

Walter Robinson, federal director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, called the total "exorbitant."

He said the sum raises concerns about "a new concentration of power" in the deputy prime minister's office.

Briefly

Tony Macerollo, Manley's chief of staff, said his boss's breadth of duties required a larger space and staff than his predecessor, Herb Gray.

Four killed in Cape Breton

SYDNEY RIVER, N.S. -- Four people were killed and another injured when two vehicles collided on a Cape Breton highway early yesterday.

The four victims -- all in their 20s and from Nova Scotia -- died in the accident on Highway 125 near Sydney River, N.S., said RCMP. Their names weren't released.

The two men and two women were in a car with New Brunswick plates travelling east when their vehicle collided with a van.

The van's driver, a 61-year-old man, was taken to hospital with undetermined injuries.

WORLD

Attack on Afghan leaders

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan -- Opponents of the Afghan government continued their attacks over the weekend.

In the Pakistani border town of Chaman, gunmen fired on the motorcade of the brother of the Kandahar governor, wounding him and killing another relative.

In Kabul, the Afghan capital, a suspected land mine explosion last night blew a crater in a street about three kilometres from the centre of the city. It caused no injuries and little damage.

On Saturday, a car packed with explosives blew up in eastern Afghanistan, killing the driver and three other people. The car blast, just east of the town of Khost, killed two unidentified Pakistanis and one man from Yemen.

Khial Baz, a regional commander, said the fourth man was Bacha Malkhui, a former intelligence officer for the deposed Taliban government. The car exploded outside Malkhui's house, suggesting the blast was premature. "They were planning some kind of terrorist attack, but we don't know what their target was," Baz said. The car, a taxi, had driven across the border from Pakistan, he said.

IRA hesitates on peace

LONDON -- The Irish Republican Army, under pressure to disarm to save the Northern Ireland peace process, submitted a confidential statement to the British and Irish governments last night outlining what it might do to break the stalemate.

In a brief message to the media, the IRA said the statement would address its six-year-old ceasefire, its future intentions, and its attitude toward weapons.

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INDIA

Bomb aboard train kills 10, injures 65

A bomb exploded on a passenger train Thursday at a station in Bombay, killing at least 10 people and wounding 65.

Eight of those killed were women. The explosive went off between the women's first-class compartment and the general compartment, officials said.

Bombay Police Commissioner Ranjit Sharma said 15 of those injured were in serious condition. The blast blew off part of the roof of the train car, causing panic in the station crowded with commuters heading home from India's financial hub.

Hardline Islamic groups have carried out at least two crude bomb attacks in the past four months in Bombay, police said. Thursday's blast was bigger than those.

NORTHERN IRELAND

British Army defuses bomb near courthouse

The British army on Thursday defused a bomb left in van parked outside Belfast's main courthouse.

The Real IRA, a dissident Irish Republican Army faction, claimed responsibility for the incident. The thwarted attack was timed to coincide with meetings in Washington between President George W. Bush and many of Northern Ireland's senior politicians, the group said.

Police said three men commandeered the van at gunpoint in a Catholic part of north Belfast, loaded it with three pipe bombs attached to about 12.5 gallons of gasoline, and left it outside the courthouse.

COLOMBIA

Soldiers kill 11 in hunt for 3 being held captive

Troops searching for three Americans captured by Colombian rebels last month have killed 11 guerrillas during the hunt, a U.S. official says.

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Authorities acknowledge that they know very little about the status of the men kidnapped when their U.S. government plane went down in the mountainous jungles of southern Colombia. A fourth American and a Colombian soldier were killed near the scene.

U.S. troops are assisting in the search for the Americans, but officials say they are not involved in combat roles. "Ninety-nine percent of this effort is being done by the Colombian army," Curt Struble, acting U.S. assistant secretary of state for the Western Hemisphere, said in Bogota Wednesday. The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, has admitted capturing the men.

VATICAN CITY

Thieves removed hand from statue, officials say

A hand clutching the symbolic keys to heaven was cut from a 13th-century marble statue of St. Peter, which stands at the entrance to the grottoes under St. Peter's Basilica where the saint was buried.

Officials said Thursday the hand vanished a few days ago. They said they first suspected vandals but now believe the hand was stolen. Italian and Vatican police were investigating.

The statue is believed to have been sculpted by Arnolfo di Cambio, who also did the bronze statue of St. Peter upstairs in the basilica. Tourists can take a tour of the grottoes, which include an ancient necropolis.

CHINA

Treasures were looted at ancient burial sites

Before authorities stumbled on ancient burial sites in western China, farmers looted the tombs of jades, bronzes and other treasures, a local official and the state-run press said Thursday.

Villagers unearthed about 50 tombs in Bieli, a town in Sichuan province. A local museum director said they were believed to date to the Eastern Han dynasty some 20 centuries ago, the state-run Xinhua News Agency reported.

By the time authorities found the tombs two months ago, only bottles and less valuable objects remained. Authorities have since retrieved coins and other treasures from farmers' homes. They're continuing to look for other items that may have been sold outside the area, authorities said.

Notes

WORLD; WORLD FOCUS

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From illicit sex to villainy: The evolution of 'bastard': Used by a disgruntled Liberal MP to attack the U.S. this week, the word 'bastard' wasn't always an insult. As Sarah Schmidt writes, it was originally just a legal term used to describe medieval nobles born out of wedlock.

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Body

Bastards, it seems, have been around for centuries.

Liberal MP Carolyn Parrish's verbal attack this week against those damn Americans -- she said she hated the "bastards" -- comes not long after a newspaper in the United States used the same word to blast the perpetrators of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"Bastards!" screamed the headline in the San Francisco Examiner on Sept. 11, 2001, special edition.
CanWest News Service

The Examiner wasn't the first newspaper to use the word in a front-page headline. In 1979, the Daily Mirror referred in a headline to members of the ***Irish Republican Army*** as "murdering bastards," after Lord Louis Mountbatten was killed by a bomb while sailing near his home in Ireland. For both papers, "bastards" seemed to best describe the enemy.

Like Ms. Parrish, a Liberal MP from Mississauga, Ont., these headline writers are also part of a long, sordid history of the word stretching back to the 12th century.

"Bastard" derives from the Old French word *fiels de bast*, a legal term to describe a member of the nobility who was born out of wedlock.

Mule drivers often used the *bast*, or a packsaddle, as a bed at inns, suggesting illicit sexual encounters.

"Although the word comes from and has this connotation of a kind of unsavoury lower-class sex, it's a technical term for those of the nobility. Originally, only a member of nobility who was born out of wedlock was called a *fiels de bast*," says Murray McGillivray, a professor of Old and Middle English at the University of Calgary.

"It wasn't an insult to say they were the bastard son of Prince Henry. It was a precise definition of their legal status. Bastard sons had certain rights under the law and depending on a jurisdiction in Medieval Europe, they could inherit the kingdom."

Over time, people began to use "bastard" to describe all illegitimate births, says Mr. McGillivray.

From illicit sex to villainy: The evolution of 'bastard': Used by a disgruntled Liberal MP to attack the U.S. this week, the word 'bastard' wasn't always an ins....

By the end of the Middle Ages, the term was used even more freely to describe products that weren't quite authentic, such as bastard wine. And there were common references in medieval literature, including Chaucer's classics.

A spurious person could also be called a bastard, a usage incorporated into the writings of William Shakespeare.

"When we get to Shakespeare, the word has generally become a term of abuse, as well as a technical term," says Mr. McGillivray.

Edmund, the bastard son of Gloucester in King Lear, is perhaps Shakespeare's best-known bastard, says Jack Chambers, a linguistics professor at the University of Toronto. "When he says 'God, stand up for the bastards,' he's referring to himself both literally as a child born out of wedlock and as a villain."

The word "bastard" was a grave insult throughout the Victorian period, largely because of its sexual connotation, says Mr. McGillivray.

"As the 20th-century wore on, those sexual taboos were removed. ... It's no longer a word that has to be abbreviated or spelled out in asterisks in newspapers."

Today, "bastard" is favoured by women to attack men, says Ian Lancashire, an English professor at the University of Toronto. "Men use it more in a jocular way with old chums."

Graphic

Colour Photo: Born in 1027, William the Conqueror was the illegitimate child of the Duke of Normandy. In medieval Europe, bastard children had legal rights, and could, like William, inherit kingdoms.; Colour Photo: Liberal MP Carolyn Parrish angrily said this week she hates American 'bastards.'; Colour Photo: The San Francisco Examiner screamed the same word in a headline after the Sept. 11, 2001, attack.

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Ireland Police Arrest 6 on Gun Smuggling

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Body

Northern Ireland police arrested six people on Tuesday suspected of involvement in a 3-year-old plot to smuggle firearms from Florida to the outlawed **Irish Republican Army**.

The four men and two **women** arrested in Belfast and the Catholic village of Dunloy were being interrogated on suspicion of involvement in the "illegal importation of firearms by republican terrorists," a police statement said.

Detectives said those arrested were suspected of helping to finance the purchase of scores of handguns and other firearms in Florida gun stores in 1999 and 2000. They said the six - who under British anti-terror laws could be interrogated for up to a week - weren't suspected of helping to smuggle any recent supplies.

In 2000, an FBI sting led to the convictions of four people in Florida for allegedly shipping weapons, mostly handguns, in boxes disguised as toy trucks and other children's presents. Police say the IRA since has used some of those guns in attacks, particularly in so-called "punishment" shootings within the IRA's Catholic power bases, in apparent violation of the group's 1997 cease-fire.

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Police arrest six on suspicion of IRA gun-smuggling plot from Florida

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Northern Ireland police arrested six people suspected of involvement in a 3-year-old plot to smuggle firearms from the U.S. state of Florida to the outlawed **Irish Republican Army**.

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Today in History - Oct. 23

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Today is Wednesday, Oct. 23, the 296th day of 2002. There are 69 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 23, 1983, 241 U.S. Marines and sailors in Lebanon were killed in a suicide truck-bombing at Beirut International Airport; a near-simultaneous attack on French forces killed 58 paratroopers.

On this date:

In 1864, forces led by Union Gen. Samuel R. Curtis defeated Confederate Gen. Sterling Price's army in Missouri.

In 1915, 25,000 women marched in New York City, demanding the right to vote.

In 1942, during WWII, Britain launched a major offensive against Axis forces at El Alamein in Egypt.

In 1944, the WWII Battle of Leyte Gulf began.

In 1946, the United Nations General Assembly convened in New York for the first time, at an auditorium in Flushing Meadow.

In 1956, an anti-Stalinist revolt that was subsequently crushed by Soviet troops began in Hungary.

In 1972, the musical "Pippin" opened on Broadway.

In 1973, President Nixon agreed to turn White House tape recordings requested by the Watergate special prosecutor over to Judge John J. Sirica.

In 1980, the resignation of Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin was announced.

In 1987, the U.S. Senate rejected, 58-42, the Supreme Court nomination of Robert H. Bork.

Ten years ago: President Bush announced that Vietnam had agreed to turn over all materials in its possession related to U.S. personnel in the Vietnam War. Japanese Emperor Akihito began a visit to China, the first by a Japanese monarch. A French court convicted three former health officials of charges they knowingly allowed blood tainted with the AIDS virus to be used in transfusions.

Today in History - Oct. 23

Five years ago: British au pair Louise Woodward, charged with murdering a baby in her care, testified at her trial in Cambridge, Mass., that she'd never hurt 8-month-old Matthew Eappen, saying, "I love kids." The International Whaling Commission opened the way for an American Indian tribe, the Makah, to resume traditional whale hunts for the first time in seven decades. The Florida Marlins beat the Cleveland Indians, 8-7, in game five of the World Series.

One year ago: The nation's anthrax scare hit the White House with the discovery of a small concentration of spores at an offsite mail processing center. President Bush announced he had authorized money for improved post office security following the deaths of two postal workers from inhalation anthrax. The **Irish Republican Army** announced that it had begun to disarm for the first time. A relieved NASA team celebrated as the 2001 Mars Odyssey slipped into orbit around the Red Planet, two years after back-to-back failures by Mars missions.

Today's Birthdays: Former "Tonight Show" host Johnny Carson is 77. Movie director Philip Kaufman is 66. Soccer great Pele is 62. Author Michael Crichton is 60. Rhythm-and-blues singer Barbara Ann Hawkins (The Dixie Cups) is 59. Actor Michael Rupert is 51. Movie director Ang Lee is 48. Jazz singer Dianne Reeves is 46. Country singer Dwight Yoakam is 46. Movie director Sam Raimi is 43. Parodist "Weird Al" Yankovic is 43. Rhythm-and-blues singer David Thomas (Take 6) is 36. Rock musician Brian Nevin (Big Head Todd and the Monsters) is 36. Country singer-musician Junior Bryant (Ricochet) is 34. Actor Ryan Reynolds is 26.

Thought for Today: "I have three phobias which, could I mute them, would make my life as slick as a sonnet, but as dull as ditch water: I hate to go to bed, I hate to get up, and I hate to be alone." - Tallulah Bankhead, American actress (1903-1968).

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Body

Afghanistan

KABUL -- Security forces in Afghanistan's capital Saturday seized seven rockets aimed at the city, state television reported.

Colombia

BOGOTA -- Colombia's new national police chief promised to root out corrupt officers, expressing concern that an unfolding scandal could jeopardize U.S. anti-drug aid to the world's largest cocaine producer.

Dominican Republic

SANTO DOMINGO -- A Frenchwoman attempting to break the world freediving record died Saturday shortly after plunging into the sea near La Romana. Audrey Mestre, attached to a pulley and weighted sled, was pulled up by divers nine minutes after she sank below the surface without oxygen. Medics tried to resuscitate her at a beach hotel, but she was declared dead shortly after the effort.

France

PARIS -- Several thousand anti-war activists chanted "no blood for oil" as they marched through Paris on Saturday to protest possible military action against Iraq.

Germany

MUNICH -- Thousands of leftist demonstrators prevented a group of neo-Nazis from marching through downtown Munich Saturday to protest an exhibition of Nazi-era crimes by the German army.

Ireland

DUBLIN -- Police arrested six men Saturday, including at least three suspected **Irish Republican Army** members, after seizing a van filled with masks, gloves and other suspicious equipment.

Ivory Coast

DIDIEVI -- Men, **women** and children -- stumbling along on foot or squeezed into rickety cars and trucks -- are fleeing by the thousands from a bloody rebellion and the ethnic hatreds unleashed by the fighting.

World datelines

Kenya

NAIROBI -- President Daniel arap Moi decided to hold a low-key Moi Day last week, his final one as president of Kenya. In the past, he has staged a giant festival in a downtown stadium, extolling his accession to power nearly a quarter-century ago. This year, he kept largely to himself, avoiding the hecklers he would inevitably encounter.

Pakistan

ISLAMABAD -- European observers sharply criticized President Pervez Musharraf's government Saturday for a range of flaws in last week's general election and questioned whether the military will allow real civilian rule in Pakistan.

Philippines

MANILA -- Fierce clashes between Philippine marines and Abu Sayyaf rebels on the southern island of Jolo left at least 11 soldiers dead and 26 others wounded, military officials said Saturday.

Russia

VLADIKAVKAZ -- A deadly explosion that ripped through a police station in the Chechen capital Grozny might have been set off by officers who were about to be fired, an official said Saturday.

Serbia

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia -- Serbia will vote Sunday for a new president, faced with a choice between rival reformers who united to topple Slobodan Milosevic -- one a conservative nationalist, the other a pro-Western liberal.

South Korea

SEOUL -- North Korea accused President Bush's special envoy of making "threatening remarks" when he visited Pyongyang to resume security talks in early October. Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly visited North Korea on Oct. 3-5 and demanded that the communist state address global concerns about its nuclear and other weapons programs.

Ukraine

KIEV -- Tens of thousands of protesters laid out charges against Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma at a "people's tribunal," and opposition lawmakers said prosecutors promised to review their complaints.

Vatican City

VATICAN CITY -- Pope John Paul II proposed that the Roman Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church create a joint institution to try to improve relations and help heal the 1,000-year schism between the churches.

Yemen

AL MUKALLA -- Dutch divers examined a French tanker damaged in a suspected terror attack while investigators from the United States, Yemen and France went aboard the vessel to search for clues.

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Protestant leader hopes Clinton will appeal for IRA disarmament

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Body

The Protestant leader of Northern Ireland's fraying coalition government asked Saturday for U.S. President Bill Clinton to appeal for *Irish Republican Army* disarmament during his upcoming visit to Belfast.

Ulster Unionist Party leader David Trimble, who oversees the four-party administration at the heart of Northern Ireland's 1998 peace accord, warned that the IRA's continued refusal to start scrapping its weapons stockpiles was imperiling the coalition's survival.

The administration, which includes the IRA-linked Sinn Fein party, has already collapsed once this year when the IRA failed to start disarming. Trimble in May persuaded a narrow majority of his Protestant supporters to resume power-sharing after the IRA issued an unprecedented promise to disarm as the 1998 accord envisioned.

Since then, however, the IRA has emphasized it would do so only if Britain accelerates its troop withdrawals and toughens its plans for reforming the province's mostly Protestant police force. Trimble in turn has come under mounting pressure to withdraw his party, the province's largest, from the administration.

Trimble, speaking in a Belfast British Broadcasting Corp. radio interview, said IRA and Sinn Fein leaders "know they're in the wrong. They know the problem stems from their failure to keep their promises."

"Keeping their promises will not be easy for them. I know that," he continued. "But they've got to keep their promises, otherwise ... the process will be in danger."

He said Clinton, who is scheduled to arrive in Belfast late Tuesday and meet local politicians Wednesday, had provided Sinn Fein special visas, fund-raising privileges and other benefits and could now expect a favor in return.

"He has, undoubtedly, influence with republicans. They do owe him," Trimble said, adding that the U.S. president should "use that influence to persuade them to keep their promises."

Trimble spoke as the first victim from renewed Belfast violence was buried.

Trevor Kell, a 35-year-old Protestant, was fatally shot through the head as he sat in his taxi next to a hard-line Catholic neighborhood late Tuesday. He had started working as a cabbie only three days before.

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The IRA and three smaller anti-British factions all denied involvement in the killing but only after members of an outlawed pro-British group, the Ulster Defense Association, shot to death a Catholic man and critically wounded another in separate attacks Wednesday.

Police on Saturday arrested a Protestant man on suspicion of involvement in Wednesday's shooting of Paul Scullion. The 24-year-old Catholic survived despite being shot several times in the stomach while sitting in a parked car near the scene of Kell's death.

Detectives say ballistic tests indicate that the gun used to kill Kell was also used by the IRA in June 1997 to kill two policemen, shortly before the group called a cease-fire. They caution that dissidents opposed to the truce could have stolen the gun.

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They live only a few hundred yards (meters) apart, these two hospitable and soft-spoken women with hair almost the identical shade of red. But they doubt they will ever meet.

Their working-class neighborhoods one Roman Catholic, one Protestant, both relentlessly grim despite gaily colored Christmas decorations adorning the low-slung buildings are separated by a high wall of solid brick, corrugated metal and wire mesh.

And neither woman would even think of visiting the other side.

"Peace lines," these barriers are called. They're a legacy of three decades of bitter sectarian conflict that has claimed hundreds of lives. More than a half dozen 6 miles (10 kilometers) of the fortified walls snake across Belfast's cityscape, cutting through backyards, slicing residential streets, dividing desolate no man's lands.

Both sides say the walls provide a much-needed buffer between neighborhoods that have again and again been flashpoints for fighting. But they also serve as an emblem of a psychological divide: the mistrust that persists despite Northern Ireland's hard-won progress toward peace.

The province's landmark 1998 peace accord to be commemorated in a visit this week by U.S. President Bill Clinton, who worked tirelessly to bring the two sides together is largely holding, but old hostilities die hard, and setbacks have mounted in recent months.

Paramilitary groups, including the Irish Republican Army, are supposed to be gradually disarming, but the IRA accuses Britain of lagging on promised troop withdrawals and police reforms.

And sectarian violence still flares despite the cease-fires. On Wednesday, a Catholic construction worker was shot dead and a Catholic taxi driver seriously wounded less than 24 hours after a Protestant cabbie was slain. No group claimed responsibility for any of the shootings.

On opposite sides of the "peace lines," even a dramatic ebb in the overall level of violence can take a long time to translate into life's daily realities.

Laura McAnoy, a 40-year-old Catholic mother of five, should know. Her back garden directly abuts a "peace line" that separates her neighborhood, known as the Falls, from the Protestant area called the Shankill, each named for the main road running through it.

"Well, it's really more of a battle line, isn't it?" McAnoy says.

The glass in her back windows is bulletproof, and heavy metal grills cover the upstairs windows. The back wall is scorched black where firebombs have sailed over the barrier, and small stones litter the tiny yard.

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On the Shankill side, 43-year-old Elizabeth Weir opens her door reluctantly to a stranger but is soon offering tea and recalling her childhood, when children played stickball in the street that now dead-ends where the fortified wall cuts across it.

"We'd just play together, all of us," she says, shaking her head in wonder. "It's hard to imagine now."

Weir crosses the "peace line" for one reason only: to go to Belfast's best hospital, the Royal Victoria, on Falls Road. Even though it would be only a short walk from her home, she takes a taxi trembling hard, she says, as soon as it passes through the wall's metal gates.

Like so many zones of conflict, Belfast's scale is startlingly small, its geography intimate. Much of the worst violence of recent years has taken place within a few square miles (kilometers). Traveling by car, a trip of only minutes can take you from a staunchly Protestant stronghold into a Catholic enclave and back again.

These days, less and less of Belfast lives the strictly segregated lives that McAnoy and Weir do.

In well-to-do outlying areas, Catholics and Protestants live peacefully side-by-side, united by a solid suburban concern for keeping up property values. Several religiously integrated schools have opened in recent years, although they draw only about 4 percent of the city's pupils, most of them from middle-class homes.

In the rebuilt city center, repeatedly ravaged in the past by car bombs, Protestant and Catholic shoppers mingle in the busy weeks before Christmas.

"It's money, you know that's what brings people together," says jewelry seller Peter Robinson, who remembers a car bomb going off almost at the spot where his vending stall now stands. "Making money, spending money everyone's got that in common."

It is the disadvantaged neighborhoods that tend to be the hard-line ones, the ones that need dividing. Joblessness and crime are rampant in the Falls and Shankill, where walls are dotted with slogans and initials of paramilitary groups or daubed with murals of gunmen.

Laura McAnoy's husband spent seven years in prison for involvement with a Catholic nationalist group. Released in July, he has been unemployed since then.

"When he was away, my little boys would say how they wanted to be just like him, and play at fighting with guns or being in jail," she says. "I couldn't stop them. It didn't seem right."

Over on the Shankill side, Elizabeth Weir says she hopes the barriers stay up forever.

"All I know is that I can't imagine this ever being one neighborhood again," she says.

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Brazil

SAO PAULO, Brazil -- Jailed Mexican pop diva Gloria Trevi, wanted in her homeland on charges of kidnapping and corruption of minors, was questioned about the 1999 death of her newborn daughter, federal police said Saturday.

Colombia

BOGOTA -- Hundreds of soldiers attacked a right-wing paramilitary force in central Colombia, killing and capturing dozens of fighters.

Congo

KIGALI, Rwanda -- U.N. observers have discovered a grave containing the hacked bodies of 38 women and children outside a northeastern Congolese town, a U.N. spokesman said.

England

LONDON -- Police investigating the disappearance of two 10-year-old girls in a rural village have found no evidence they used Internet chat rooms before they went missing.

Indonesia

JAKARTA -- In a major expansion of democracy, Indonesia's top legislature amended the constitution Saturday to require direct presidential elections and end reserved parliament seats for the military.

Italy

ROME -- A top Italian anti-terrorism official is under investigation for allegedly failing to provide sufficient protection for a government adviser who was slain by leftist extremists.

Jordan

AMMAN -- Jordan recalled its ambassador to Qatar in a diplomatic row over a program on the Qatar-based Al-Jazeera satellite channel that the government said was insulting to the royal family, the official news agency reported.

World dateline briefs

Mali

BAMAKO -- The Constitutional Court in this West African nation reversed the outcome of last month's parliamentary elections, giving an opposition alliance a comfortable lead. The Constitutional Court annulled tens of thousands of votes, saying voter cards had been falsified, results manipulated and more ballots counted than there were voters.

Niger

NIAMEY -- Government troops have recaptured the last army garrison seized by renegade soldiers when they launched a revolt last week in this Sahara Desert nation, the Defense Ministry said.

Northern Ireland

LONDONDERRY -- Catholic hard-liners allowed a Protestant group to mount traditionally divisive parades across Northern Ireland Saturday, including one past an **Irish Republican Army** stronghold in Belfast where hundreds of police and British soldiers kept the peace.

Pakistan

ISLAMABAD -- Pakistan's military government said Saturday that former prime minister Benazir Bhutto will face corruption charges if she returns for parliamentary elections Oct. 10. Bhutto, who has lived in London and the United Arab Emirates since 1999, has hinted she will come back to Pakistan to contest the elections.

KARACHI -- A three-day international technology exhibition attended by 300 foreign and local companies began Saturday under tight security in this volatile southern port city.

Puerto Rico

CAGUAS -- Search teams were losing hope Saturday of finding the two remaining bodies of American servicemen killed when their plane slammed into a forested area during a training mission, an official said.

Russia

MOSCOW -- A ban on imports of U.S. poultry could be reimposed next month, as the two sides have failed to reach a compromise on a dispute arising after Moscow voiced concerns over sanitary conditions at American processing plants.

SHIROKAYA BALKAS -- Divers searched for bodies off Black Sea coast, where beaches were littered with fallen trees, smashed vehicles and other debris after flooding that has taken at least 44 lives in Russia.

Sudan

KHARTOUM -- President Omar el-Bashir lifted a ban on political parties he imposed after taking power in a 1989 coup but made no mention of reinstating the multiparty parliament.

Turkey

ISTANBUL -- The architect of Turkey's economic recovery program, Kemal Dervis, resigned from the doomed governing coalition, saying he will use his reputation as the country's savior to rally the fractured political center into a single, consolidated, Westward-looking party in time for November elections.

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Manchester set to usher in Games; Host city hoping to shed image, breed reputation as sports town

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The opening ceremonies of the 17th Commonwealth Games will be a chance for host city Manchester to shed its image as down-on-its-luck industrial city and breed a reputation as a sophisticated sports town that knows how to have a good time.

Over 5,000 athletes from 72 Commonwealth countries will march into the new 38,000-seat City of Manchester Stadium on Thursday night to usher in the 17th Commonwealth Games.

Olympic gold medal wrestler Daniel Igali will be the frontman and flag carrier for Canada's 281 athletes, who hope to surpass the 100-medal mark at these Games.

While Mancunians are proud of their city's industrial heritage and storied past, they want to show their northern English city can do more than work.

Canadian Press

"We have a sense of humour, we have a bit of an attitude," said Sue Woodward, creative director of the Games, at a news conference Wednesday. "We like to think we are absolutely the party capital of Britain, if not western Europe."

Despite the organizing committee's best efforts to keep it quiet, the British press ferreted out that six-year-old Kirsty Howard of Manchester, who suffers from a terminal heart condition, will hand over to the Queen Thursday the Golden Jubilee baton that has travelled to all Commonwealth countries, including Canada.

These Games are considered the centrepiece of the celebrations marking the 50th anniversary of the Queen's reign. She and the Duke of Edinburgh will take part in the opening ceremonies and will be among an expected 200 heads of government and royalty to be in attendance along with British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

The Daily Mail speculated that Manchester United soccer star David Beckham would have Howard's role, but he may still have a part to play in Thursday's ceremonies.

Organizers offered a glimpse of Thursday night's lineup, which appears to have a nightclub theme along with a pyrotechnic show and hundreds of children from Manchester schools chosen to perform.

Manchester set to usher in Games; Host city hoping to shed image, breed reputation as sports town

Medals will be determined even before the opening ceremonies at 8 p.m., local time. Canadian divers are expected to win a medal or two in the men's and **women's** one-metre springboard in the late afternoon and they will have to hustle to get to the stadium from the aquatic centre.

"We'll get there somehow, even if it is late," said Montreal diver Alex Despatie. "We just hope we can get there for the big show."

The opening ceremonies are expected to be a sellout and Mancunians have been advised to allow for at least two hours to get to the stadium and get through security.

Since the terrorist attacks in the U.S. on Sept. 11, large scale sporting events have been subject to massive security measures and these Games are no different, though the streets are not overrun by police here.

Manchester was the victim of an **Irish Republican Army** bombing six years ago in which no one was killed, but about 200 were injured.

The Games' security contingent includes specialists from 29 police forces, with firearms and explosives teams, underwater searchers, aerial search teams and criminal intelligence officers.

Sniffer dogs have been employed at all venues, the athletes' village and city hotels.

Multi-sport Games and the days leading into them often breed doping controversies and political intrigue in addition to stellar athletic performances.

Two members of the Scottish weightlifting team withdrew Wednesday amidst doping allegations. Scottish lawn bowler Willie Wood, who will become the first man to compete in seven Commonwealth Games, and his teammates staged a walkout of a reception hosted by Prince Edwards because Wood was passed over to carry the flag at the opening ceremonies.

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COMMONWEALTH GAMES OUT TO REDEEM BRITISH PRIDE

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Body

There is some nervousness here about the XVII Commonwealth Games, but mostly there's bravura and the hope that this city, lately in decline but now on the up again, will redeem Britain for greater things.

But first Manchester: the gleaming new City of Manchester Stadium is a phoenix arising from the dust of derelict buildings that once sheltered junkies, and over a car park once used by women of easy virtue.

The sun on the morning of the launch day by the Queen Thursday showed some reluctance to come out and play, and the sky also threatened to even rain on the flags of 72 countries that would march into the evening glitter of the stadium.

There was still, in the back of the minds of the organisers that this one has to succeed, not because 72 million pound sterling has already been spent on it by the nation, not to mention the 172 million pound sterling cost of the new venues paid for by lottery funding, but because this Commonwealth Games was now in the penumbra of two shadows -- Manchester's two failed bids for the Olympics in 1996 and 2000, and the nation's failure to stage the world's athletics championships last year.

Commonwealth-Opening

Manchester, after Kuala Lumpur in 1998, indeed has a hard act to follow. Some of the sporting venues here are not of Malaysian magnitude.

There are problems with hotels here too: the near four-star tariffs imposed by the booking agency for what is, in reality, a traveller's inn to start with, and the eccentric tendency to name at least 10 hotels with the same name and scattering them all over the map of Greater Manchester, confusing even local taxi drivers.

So Manchester is trying to redeem the nation and itself by making a good show now for the Olympics in 2012. So the Commonwealth Games is not after all unlike other games because it is less about competition but more about a family of nations.

It is about competition. It is about civic -- indeed national -- pride and redemption.

Even now they are making comparisons with the past, even now the northerners are baying at critics from the south-east who said when Manchester was making the bid that it would all end in tears.

And it is about risks.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES OUT TO REDEEM BRITISH PRIDE

Manchester city centre was devastated by an **Irish Republican Army** (IRA) bomb not too long ago, but urban renewal has now put it all in the past tense.

But there are still those who cast doubt about the security at the Games, like those journalists from the Daily Express newspaper who screamed in bold headline of their front page on Wednesday that they had breached security measures at the main stadium.

And on the morning of the launch, another embarrassment, when a local evening newspaper announced that schoolteachers had been recruited at the last minute to help with security at the Games.

What, inexperienced teachers to do the professional job of screening visitors at this world event?

No worries said the Games organisers, they have enough volunteers and they do have the necessary training.

Fearing security breaches, letter boxes around the city have also been sealed. There are more Games here, and there are less. It depends on what you are using for comparison. Athletics have been one of the earliest to show a series of downs.

On Wednesday it was confirmed that lack of competitors have forced the organisers to cancel some heats and qualifying rounds, and many ticket buyers had to be refunded, some say to the tune of 100,000 pound sterling.

Some events that have suffered this 'shortage' are the 3,000-metre steeplechase, the **women's** 10,000 metres, and the men's pole vault.

It is, as they say, all in the game.

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Body

Bolivia

LA PAZ -- A crowded bus plunged into a ravine off an Andean road near La Paz, killing 19 and injuring 15, police said Friday. Police said the bus fell some 650 feet Thursday night and 10 bodies had been recovered by midmorning.

Colombia

BOGOTA -- Colombia's brutal right-wing paramilitary organization has splintered after an internal dispute over individual units' involvement in drug trafficking, the group's founder said.

Germany

BERLIN -- A German ship trapped by ice near Antarctica for more than a month was reached Friday by an Argentine icebreaker and will head for safer waters as soon as weather allows, the ship's owners said.

Greece

ATHENS -- Police charged a suspected leader of the elusive November 17 terrorist group with multiple counts of murder Friday, saying he had taken part in 13 killings -- including those of two American military officers and a British brigadier.

India

AHMADABAD -- The top elected official of a western state that has been wracked by months of religious violence resigned Friday and dissolved the legislature in a first step toward seeking a new mandate in early elections in October.

Iraq

BAGHDAD -- U.S. and British warplanes destroyed a military communications facility in southern Iraq, the U.S. military said Friday. Iraq said the missile strike killed five people, including a couple and their children.

Ireland

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DUBLIN -- A monument honoring dead **Irish Republican Army** members will be moved from a border crossroads where the outlawed group once killed two Protestants, IRA supporters said Friday in another gesture to families of their victims.

Italy

ROME -- Pope John Paul II, in a telegram sent Friday to Rome's chief rabbi, deplored the desecration of Jewish graves in a Rome cemetery as the latest "detestable" episode of violence against Jews in Europe.

Kenya

NAIROBI -- Kenyan police fired tear gas to disperse university students protesting in downtown Nairobi on Friday in a second day of rioting over the shooting death of a student.

Netherlands

ROTTERDAM -- A suspect wanted in a plot to blow up the U.S. Embassy in Paris has been extradited from Canada and ordered held in a Dutch jail for investigation, prosecutors said Friday.

Nigeria

ABITEYE -- Unarmed **women** occupying at least four ChevronTexaco flowstations in southeastern Nigeria took two oil workers hostage Friday in a bid to force company officials to come to them for negotiations.

Russia

MOSCOW -- French President Jacques Chirac offered Russia backing Friday in its dispute with the European Union over the Baltic enclave of Kaliningrad, while President Vladimir Putin warned against building new walls in Europe by isolating the region.

MOSCOW -- A 6-year-old American girl was kidnapped from a Moscow apartment on Friday in what relatives said was an apparent custody dispute.

Spain

MADRID -- Spain's top anti-terrorism judge ordered four Syrian-born al-Qaida suspects held in pretrial custody Friday, including one who filmed videos that may have served as reconnaissance footage for the Sept. 11 hijackers.

Turkey

ANKARA -- Former Foreign Minister Ismail Cem said Friday his new party, formed by government defectors who lost faith in the ailing prime minister's ability to lead, will take a leading role in pushing Turkey closer to the West.

Uganda

RUTOTO -- Hundreds of mourners gathered at the roadside Friday where a fuel truck and a bus collided, killing more than 60 people in a fiery explosion in western Uganda.

Yugoslavia

BELGRADE -- The chief U.N. war crimes prosecutor urged Yugoslavia on Friday to cooperate better with The Hague tribunal and arrest fugitive suspects such as Bosnian Serb commander Ratko Mladic.

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Sunday, Jan. 27

Associated Press International

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Body

Today is Sunday, Jan. 27, the 27th day of 2002. There are 338 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1340 - Edward III of England declares himself king of France, a claim that leads to the Hundred Years' War. The kings of England call themselves kings of France until 1801.

1695 - Mustafa II succeeds as Sultan of Turkey on death of Ahmad II.

1822 - Greek independence is formally proclaimed.

1865 - Treaty between Spain and Peru virtually recognizes Peru's independence.

1914 - Haiti's President Oreste abdicates during revolt, and U.S. Marines land to preserve order.

1943 - U.S. bombers stage first all-U.S. air raid on Germany in World War II, a daylight attack on Wilhelmshaven; Germany begins civil conscription of women.

1944 - The German and Finnish siege of Leningrad, now St. Petersburg, is lifted. At least 650,000 people died during the 872-day siege.

1964 - France establishes diplomatic relations with China.

1967 - Three U.S. Apollo astronauts die in flash fire aboard space capsule; United States, Soviet Union and 60 other nations sign treaty to limit military activities in outer space.

1973 - Accords are signed in Paris, providing for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Vietnam, leading to the collapse of South Vietnam in 1975.

1981 - Indonesia's Tampo Mas II passenger ship catches fire and sinks in Java Sea, killing 580 people.

1991 - President Mohamed Siad Barre of Somalia flees the capital, Mogadishu, as a coalition of rebels seize power. The country plunges into virtual anarchy.

1991 - Allied aircraft bomb Iraq's second city, Basra.

Sunday, Jan. 27

1992 - Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's government survives no-confidence motions in parliament.

1993 - Police in New Delhi lob tear gas shells to disperse rioting mobs of Hindus and Muslims who attack a mosque and a temple and burn down dozens of shops.

1994 - Terrorists strike three times in Northern Ireland, killing the first two victims of the new year and wounding two others.

1995 - Burmese soldiers win a key battle against one of the world's oldest insurgencies, capturing the base of Burma's largest Karen rebel army in the Burmese jungle.

1996 - Niger's first democratically elected president, Mahamane Ousmane, is ousted in a coup and army Col. Barre Mainassara Ibrahim takes over as head of state.

1997 - The people of Chechnya go to the polls to elect Aslan Maskhadov for president, only months after Russian forces turned most of the capital to rubble.

1998 - Bowing to the wish of the pope, the Catholic Church in Germany stops issuing certificates allowing abortion.

1999 - Eamon Collins a former ***Irish Republican Army*** intelligence officer and author of an expose of life inside the IRA is found dead near the Northern Ireland town of Newry.

2000 - Human rights officials announce that they have unearthed the remains of 50 people at a clandestine cemetery in Zacualpa, a village 40 miles (64 kilometers) northwest of Guatemala City. The victims, including two children, were apparent casualties of Guatemala's 36-year civil war.

2001 - Police fire tear gas and warning shots as thousands of rock-throwing students in Jakarta storm the gates of Indonesia's parliament in the largest protest yet against the country's president.

Today's Birthdays:

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Austrian composer (1756-1791); Edouard Lalo, French composer (1823-1892); Lewis Carroll, real name Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, English mathematician and writer (1832-1898); Jerome Kern, U.S. composer (1885-1945); Canadian novelist Mordecai Richler (1931--).

Thought For Today:

If we die, we want people to accept it ... We are in a risky business and we hope that if anything happens to us, it will not delay the program. The conquest of space is worth the risk of life - Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom (1926-1967).

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N. Ireland school stand-off spreads

United Press International
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Body

A sectarian stand-off targeting schools widened Thursday after Protestant pupils needed protection from Catholic protesters.

An earlier Protestant action against a Catholic girls school erupted in a riot Wednesday and caused at least 52 casualties, 48 among police and four among civilians who received gunshot injuries.

Police drove Protestant pupils from two schools in north Belfast in the back of Land Rovers after parents and school administrators expressed fears for the children's safety amid Catholic protests in the area.

The Catholic action appeared to be in retaliation for hostile Protestant reception given to primary school children at a nationalist school Wednesday, which triggered a major riot that continued through Wednesday evening. Protestants hurled abuse at the children and blocked the school exit and attacked police officers who tried to disperse them.

Although the riot subsided overnight, a Catholic secondary school was attacked in a Protestant area Thursday morning.

Later, several hundred Catholics gathered in streets near the Boys Model School in Ballysillan and the Girls Model School on the Oldpark Road, prompting police to take the students in their vehicles to safer locations where they were met by their parents.

Witnesses said an armed gang smashed up to 20 cars parked in the grounds of Our Lady of Mercy Secondary School in Ballysillan.

The escalating crisis over the two communities venting their anger on the children showed no sign of abating despite hours of talks among community leaders.

There were indications Thursday that teachers were planning to join and in some areas had threatened to go on strike. Several schools said they would remain closed on Friday.

Assistant chief constable Alan McQuillan told news media the riot on Wednesday started after a confrontation between two women outside the Holy Cross girls primary school.

In the hours of rioting which followed, more than 136 petrol bombs, acid bombs and bricks were thrown as gangs of youths and police fought pitched battles. However, only three people were arrested, one of whom appeared in court on Thursday.

N. Ireland school stand-off spreads

As the police tried to arrest someone, McQuillan said, the situation soon turned ugly and officers had to draw their weapons to keep the loyalist and nationalist crowds back.

He said the disturbances were "sustained and heavily orchestrated" and that although the trouble was spontaneous, members of paramilitary groups appeared to be involved in the riot.

Police sources said men with mobile phones appeared to be directing the violence. In one area affected by the riot, police discovered a stockpile of petrol bombs and a container of petrol.

Wednesday's riot, described as "serious" by a police spokesman, was the latest flare-up in a festering stand-off between the Catholics and Protestants that resulted last year in school children being targeted in sporadic incidents.

The Protestants had been holding protests outside the school for about 12 weeks last year, hurling abuse and shouting at children as they arrived or tried to leave the premises. Security forces set up a security cordon to enable children to attend classes, until mediation by community leaders in December led to a suspension of the protests.

It was not immediately clear what caused the latest resumption of protests, but community leaders condemned the riot and called it the latest setback to Northern Ireland's peace process.

British Northern Ireland Secretary John Reid, the senior minister in charge of the province, said he "utterly condemned" the violence and joined other political leaders in appeals for calm.

Analysts said Northern Ireland's peace stalemate had been eased somewhat after the **Irish Republican Army** announced plans for a decommissioning of its weapons. But they said the riots could rekindle discontent over the slow progress on paramilitary disarmament, one of the key terms for Catholic-Protestant reconciliation under the 1998 Good Friday Agreement. Content: 12004000 16008000 11012000

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Limo chief takes trip to altar

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Body

B.J. Hampton, a former manager of a Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee and now owner of an Atlanta limo service, is getting married Sunday.

Hampton, 50, is marrying A.J. Cooper, 50, a former two-term mayor (1972-80) of Prichard, Ala. Hampton once managed soul singer Solomon Burke, 61, who became a Hall of Famer this year.
AJC

Hampton said her career as owner of the Atlanta Livery Co. always came first until she "ran into a 6-foot-5 brick wall" that was Cooper.

The couple will marry at 11:30 a.m. at the Ritz-Carlton Buckhead with about 100 guests attending.

For the first few months, it'll be long-distance love, until Cooper --- living in Washington --- passes the Georgia Bar exam.

The first-time bride says she isn't wearing white. She wants her outfit to be a surprise for her new husband. She is offering a hint, however. Her outfit, she says, will be in keeping with the holiday season.

Sexy and talented

Last month, he won People magazine's "sexiest news correspondent" award. This month, CNN's Nic Robertson snagged the Alfred I. duPont-Columbia Award. The documentary "Northern Ireland: Dying for Peace" was chosen from more than 600 entries for the 2002 Silver Baton Award, honoring outstanding television and radio news.

Robertson's access to former *Irish Republican Army* commander Martin McGuinness helped CNN break its breaking news mold, the judges said. "Robertson creates a primer on the bloody conflict between Catholics and Protestants and brings the story back into view at a critical moment in the peace effort," judges wrote.

Loyal, to a point

Jackson resident Teresa Cooper tried to persuade her peers of "Survivor: Africa" to vote someone other than her friend off the show.

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When that didn't work, the mother and flight attendant gave Frank Garrison a tearful boot. Her bio says she considers herself loyal.

Next week, we'll find out if she manages to rally the show's remaining women into a male-exiling unit.

CBS will reveal the \$1 million survivor in a two-hour season finale Jan. 10. The show will start with the four final players and end with the final tribal council, which determines the game's final two players.

The winner will be chosen by the jury, which is made up of seven people voted out of the tribe.

Splitting up

Cinematographer Janusz Kaminski has filed for divorce from homegrown Georgian Holly Hunter. The New York Daily News reports that her husband cited "irreconcilable differences" in papers filed in Los Angeles Superior Court. The two wed in 1995 and announced their legal separation last month. Hunter won a best actress Oscar for her role in "The Piano."

Celebrity birthdays

Actor Hector Elizondo is 65. TV anchor Diane Sawyer is 56. Singers Robin and Maurice Gibb of the Bee Gees are 52. Actress BernNadette Stanis ("Good Times") is 48. Rapper Luther Campbell is 41. Actor Ralph Fiennes is 39. Actress Heather Donahue ("The Blair Witch Project") is 27. Guitarist Rick Nielsen of Cheap Trick is 55. Contributing: News services. If you have a tip, call 404-526-2749. Or fax 404-526-5509.

Correction

A Dec. 22 Peach Buzz item in the Living section incorrectly called B.J. Hampton the owner of an Atlanta limo service. Hampton is general manager of the Atlanta Delivery Company. The owner is Frank Monteith.

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Graphic

Photo:

Holly Hunter's husband has filed for divorce from the actress, a native of Conyers.

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Body

Argentina

BUENOS AIRES/WASHINGTON -- Argentina's Economy Minister Domingo Cavallo, on a make-or-break mission to save his country from financial collapse, said he had "positive" talks with the IMF on Friday but was not immediately able to secure badly needed cash.

Canada

TORONTO -- The strike at Canada's public broadcaster forced cancellation Friday of local newscasts and filled the airwaves with reruns. The strike by 1,600 television and radio technicians at the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. also threatened to disrupt Saturday's "Hockey Night in Canada" telecasts from Toronto and Vancouver.

China

BEIJING -- Shanghai's mayor, considered an internationally minded reformist, has resigned after being named to a Communist Party-related post in Beijing, official Chinese media reported Friday. It was not immediately clear whether the move was a promotion.

Cuba

HAVANA -- A group of Cuban economists led by one of the best-known opponents to President Fidel Castro's government on Friday launched a Web site they said was the first to be run by dissidents from within the Caribbean island.

Germany

BERLIN -- German prosecutors said Friday they have filed charges against a group of five suspected Islamic extremists who were arrested for planning to bomb bustling New Year's celebrations in the French city of Strasbourg a year ago.

BERLIN -- Industrial output in Germany suffered an unexpectedly sharp drop in October, the government said Friday, highlighting the risk that Europe's largest economy has slid into recession.

Guatemala

World datelines

GUATEMALA CITY -- Amnesty International expressed concern Friday over Guatemalan President Alfonso Portillo's appointment of a security chief who has been accused of human rights violations during the country's civil war.

Guinea-Bissau

BISSAU -- Guinea-Bissau President Kumba Yalla fired his prime minister Friday after what government officials say was a failed coup attempt in the tiny West African state.

Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE -- Armed men identifying themselves as police officers kidnapped two children of the owner of a chain of lottery outlets Friday from a home in Port-au-Prince, Radio Metropole reported.

Ireland

DUBLIN -- Twin brothers accused of making bomb components for **Irish Republican Army** dissidents pleaded guilty Friday to illegally possessing explosive substances.

Italy

ROME -- Italy's air transport workers on Friday called a 24-hour strike for Dec. 17, their third in under two months to demand government help for the ailing sector after the September attacks on the United States.

Mexico

MONTERREY -- Hundreds of Mexican truckers briefly blocked two bridges linking Mexico and the United States for a third day on Friday to protest U.S. refusal to allow some Mexican drivers into the country.

New Zealand

WELLINGTON -- A powerful earthquake shook much of southern New Zealand early Saturday, but police said there were no immediate reports of injuries or damage.

Norway

OSLO -- Nobel laureates marking the 100th anniversary of the prize denounced terrorism on Friday, but many said it could be better fought by eliminating poverty and weapons of mass destruction, rather than by military strikes.

Turkey

ANKARA -- Turkey's prime minister scrambled to defend his anti-corruption efforts Friday, after a television station filmed two government officials taking bribes from an undercover reporter and broadcast the images live on a popular nightly news program.

ISTANBUL -- **Women** working at state offices throughout Turkey wore trousers to work Friday to protest a law that requires **female** civil servants to wear skirts.

United Nations

U.S. foundations announced Friday a \$100 million project to study and treat mothers passing the AIDS virus to their unborn children or to infants through breast feeding, mainly in Africa.

Venezuela

CARACAS -- Riot police armed with shotguns separated shouting supporters and opponents of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez on Friday as several hundred opponents tried to march to the presidential palace to demand his resignation.

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Body

GUN CONTROL

AT a time when the nation is spending billions and skirting normal law enforcement procedures to increase domestic security, it makes less sense than ever to allow the sale of military-style weapons.

President George W. Bush should extend the federal ban that expires in 2004. It was a good idea before Sept. 11. It is non-negotiable now.

Last week the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear a challenge to New Jersey's law banning many kinds of assault weapons and large capacity ammunition clips. That doesn't necessarily mean that the court agrees with the law, but it does mean that these laws are safe from constitutional challenge for the time being. Pro-gun enthusiasts' misguided insistence on allowing any kind of firearm to be sold and stockpiled by anyone should finally be met with zero tolerance.

The suit the court refused to hear was brought by the Coalition of New Jersey Sportsmen, Illinois-based gun manufacturers Springfield Inc. and Armalite Inc., and several gun owners, including a director of the National Rifle Association, Robert Viden Jr. To say that hunters do not shoot ducks or deer with rapid-fire military-style assault rifles is to state the obvious. The objection to the New Jersey law was that it was too vaguely worded, because it bans 37 gun models by name and others that are "substantially identical." But without this phrase, tiny modifications could easily turn illegal weapons into legal ones.

Banning military-style weapons is a first step. Closing the gunshow loophole is equally urgent, and a mild restriction compared to measures being discussed to defend against further terrorist attacks. Authorities are swiftly moving to tap more phones and crack down on visas. The people who inspect airplane luggage will have to be U.S. citizens and undergo criminal background checks. But there are no records of sale and no background checks of people who purchase firearms from unlicensed dealers -- at gun shows, on the Internet and at flea markets. Such buyers are not even required to show identification, much less prove citizenship or legal alien status.

There is bipartisan support for two Senate measures that would close this loophole. Republicans may embrace the move in an effort to close the gender gap and attract women voters. One of the sponsors, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., says he expects to push for such a change after the Christmas recess, possibly as part of a homeland security bill. "I believe the terrorists are exploiting a loophole in our laws so they don't have to have a background check," he told The New York Times.

The gun lobby has criticized such efforts as taking advantage of fearful citizens reeling from attacks that had nothing to do with guns. But Mr. McCain is hardly a hysterical gun control advocate. Terrorists already have

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purchased military weapons in the United States in at least two instances that authorities were able to track down. Earlier this year, Ali Boumelhem, a member of the terrorist group Hezbollah, was convicted of conspiring to smuggle weapons to Lebanon. He had bought assault weapons, shotguns, ammunition and flash suppressers at a gun show. In Florida, ***Irish Republican Army*** terrorist Conor Claxton testified last year that he bought a variety of weapons at gun shows and through newspaper ads. "We have nothing like this at home," he told one reporter in amazement.

The public can no longer afford to sit back and allow the NRA to cloak the likes of Boumelhem and Claxton in the American flag. The right to bear arms does not require the United States to be the no-hassle shopping mall of terrorists and other violent criminals.

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The Week

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Body

The Good

Britain tears down fortified watchtowers as the **Irish Republican Army** (IRA) hands over weapons in a historic decision to start disarming.

Firefighters are the most trusted profession, according to the latest Reader's Digest survey. Politicians, car salesmen and journalists are the three least-trusted professions.

The Silver Ferns square the netball series with Australia with a 58-47 win in the second test in Invercargill.

Air New Zealand lightens its payload by jettisoning half its top executive team. The airline also says it will further cut international services.

Twelve hundred people who see a special preview of The Lord of the Rings at Wellington's Embassy Theatre say the movie is fantastic.

The first New Zealand Fashion Week is declared a success by Wellington designers.

He's put up with as much rubbish in his party as I've put up with mine. And crawled to the top.

New Zealand Labour Party leader Helen Clark reflects on why she feels an affinity with Liberal Party leader John Howard.

I haven't had anybody jump off anything.

Police negotiator Donna White on her track record.

The bad

More than 350 mostly Iraqi asylum seekers die when their boat sinks off the coast of Indonesia. Australian political leaders have been criticised for using the tragedy to their advantage during a federal election campaign.

Friends and family of murdered Upper Hutt woman Tracey Maria Patmore clap and cheer as a life prison sentence is imposed on her former partner, Richard Wayne Gorrie. Ms Patmore was stabbed at least 31 times while she and her four children picnicked at Kaitoke Regional Park earlier this year.

About 2000 Washington postal workers are tested for anthrax, which has killed two of their colleagues.

The Week

Terrorist Osama bin Laden bought anthrax spores by mail at least three years ago, a British newspaper says. Bin Laden paid \$ 8600 to buy the bacteria through an Indonesian Islamic separatist group.

At least 10 people die when two trucks crash head-on in Switzerland's Gotthard Tunnel, causing an inferno in the world's second-longest road tunnel.

I'm a boy racer at heart, but I was behaving myself.

Only hours after declaring war on hooning boy racers, Auckland's new mayor, John Banks, is pulled over for speeding on his new Jet Ski.

The weird

Former Rolling Stone Bill Wyman becomes the first British rocker of his generation to qualify for a senior citizen's bus pass. The other Stones aren't far behind him.

Parents across the United States are holding chicken pox parties because they don't trust new vaccinations for children. They invite healthy children to play with infected ones in the hope the youngsters catch the disease and gain immunity.

The spectacle of 20 Pacific rim leaders dressed in traditional silk jackets at the Apec summit last week in Shanghai sets off a fashion craze in China.

A New Jersey woman caused a fire by microwaving letters to kill any possible anthrax contamination.

Romanian doctors have found a missing sewing needle inside a female patient after she complained of sharp pains when sitting down.

People don't seem to have been as alert as they should have been.

Prime Minister Helen Clark on Beehive security after a protester climbs to the fourth floor of the building.

He is a figment of his own imagination. He's a legend in his own mind. He has a sense of entitlement.

The prosecutor in the road rage case against football star OJ Simpson questions why the defendant continues to change his story. Simpson is found not guilty.

CAPTION:

Peace in our time: the demolition begins in Ireland

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As decision nears, future of N. Ireland's unity government hangs on thread

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Body

BELFAST (AP) _ Efforts to sustain Northern Ireland's Catholic-Protestant government went down to the wire Thursday, as a few Protestant lawmakers wielded the power to decide whether the coalition at the heart of the peace process survives.

Former government leader David Trimble appealed for all his Ulster Unionist Party lawmakers to back his re-election in a long-postponed vote expected Friday. Trimble's victory or defeat in the 108-seat legislature could depend on a single vote.

AP

Two Ulster Unionists critical of the peace process warned they could vote against their party leader, denying him the required majority of Protestant support. This would force Britain to suspend or dissolve the leaderless government, throwing wider peacemaking efforts into disarray just a week after a breakthrough on **Irish Republican Army** disarmament.

It's just too close to call," said Robin Wilson, who directs the Democratic Dialogue political think tank.

An opinion poll published Thursday showed public support for Trimble. About 56 per cent of Roman Catholics and 52 per cent of Protestants polled said they wanted lawmakers to reinstall Trimble as first minister, the top post in the four-party government. The poll published in the Belfast Telegraph newspaper had an error margin of three percentage points.

Trimble resigned in July to protest the IRA's refusal to disarm as the 1998 peace accord envisioned.

Britain had twice used legal manoeuvres to postpone the make-or-break vote to fill Trimble's post, knowing that Protestants would reject any candidate unless the IRA moved.

Last week, disarmament officials announced that the IRA had disposed of an unspecified amount of its weaponry in a secret ceremony. Trimble welcomed the move and pledged to resume work in a 12-member cabinet that includes two members of Sinn Fein, the IRA-linked party.

But Protestants remain suspicious of the Sinn Fein-IRA movement. To win re-election, Trimble must receive a majority of votes from the British Protestant and Irish Catholic sides of the three-year-old legislature, bedrock of the peace accord.

As decision nears, future of N. Ireland 's unity government hangs on thread

While sufficient Catholic support is guaranteed, the arithmetic in the 58-member Protestant bloc appears nail-bitingly close.

Twenty-eight Protestants led by Democratic Unionist Party leader Ian Paisley said they would vote no, while 28 others were likely to vote yes.

But two Ulster Unionists, Pauline Armitage and Peter Weir, said they could side with the no" camp against their party leader. Armitage said Thursday she definitely would not vote for Trimble, while Weir declined comment. Trimble would lose if both abstained and the Protestant vote split 28-28.

Trimble has to win. A tie is a loss," Wilson said.

Britain could postpone the vote by temporarily stripping power from local hands. Twice before this manoeuvre has allowed a six-week delay in the deadline to fill Trimble's post.

A tiny feminist party, the Women's Coalition, mounted a last-minute effort to transfer one of its two lawmakers into the Protestant voting bloc to give Trimble the margin of victory he needs.

But the Democratic Unionists said the legislature's rules require a 30-day notice for lawmakers to shift allegiances, and vowed to sue if Britain permitted the change.

The Democratic Unionists and Sinn Fein want Britain to dissolve the legislature and call a new election if Trimble loses. Both parties expect to outpoll their moderate rivals in the next election.

That could make any future power-sharing government impossible because the Democratic Unionists refuse to co-operate with Sinn Fein.

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U.S. Foregoes Deporting 9 IRA Figures

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Body

Trying to prop up the shaky Northern Ireland peace process in advance of President Clinton's trip there, the administration dropped efforts Monday to deport nine men whose convictions for **Irish Republican Army** paramilitary actions should have barred them from ever entering the United States.

"While in no way approving or condoning their past criminal acts," Clinton said, "I believe that removing the threat of deportation for these individuals will contribute to the peace process in Northern Ireland."

Hours before Clinton left for his third visit to Ireland and Northern Ireland on Monday night, Attorney General Janet Reno announced the decision. She acted at the request of Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and national security advisor Sandy Berger to "promote the process of reconciliation ... in Northern Ireland."

Irish Foreign Minister Brian Cowen praised the move as a step to "help those involved to lead more normal lives in the country they have lived in for a long time now."

Reno dropped pending but suspended deportation proceedings against six men and announced that the Immigration and Naturalization Service also would forego deportation proceedings against three others.

All nine had finished serving sentences ranging from 3 to 14 years, in Britain for crimes including murder and attempted murder, bombing and weapons offenses, before they came to the United States. But they illegally concealed those convictions to gain entry to this country, according to a federal law enforcement official who requested anonymity.

"The British and Irish governments have been consulted, and this action parallels their efforts to reintegrate former paramilitary prisoners into society," Reno said. All prisoners in Northern Ireland with similar convictions were released from prison as of July 30, according to a senior administration official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Clinton was traveling Tuesday night for a three-day visit to Ireland, Northern Ireland and Britain to get a first-hand update on the peace accord he helped negotiate. During his trip, he planned to meet with Prime Ministers Tony Blair of Britain and Bertie Ahern of Ireland, as well as David Trimble, first minister in the new Northern Ireland government, and Seamus Mallon, deputy leader of the province's moderate Roman Catholic Social Democratic and Labor Party.

U.S. Foregoes Deporting 9 IRA Figures

When Clinton arrives in Dublin on Tuesday and later in Belfast, he'll find that the joint Catholic-Protestant Northern Ireland government produced by the Good Friday Accord of 1998 is buckling under mounting mistrust. And the IRA, fearful of exacerbating a split in its ranks, is refusing to deliver a promised start to disarmament.

The senior administration official said there had been no specific requests from the IRA or the IRA-associated Sinn Fein party on behalf of the nine men nor had there been any promises a specific response in Northern Ireland. However, he acknowledged that the action was aimed at helping persuade skeptics on the Catholic side to keep with the peace process.

This official said the nine posed no threat to the United States. All nine have work permits. Several have married American women and have children who are U.S. citizens. They live in Massachusetts, Missouri, New Jersey and New York. Families, friends and some members of Congress have mounted appeals on their behalf.

Reno gave the nine "deferred action" status which allows them to live and work here indefinitely, but which can be revoked any time by the attorney general and does not give them any claim on permanent legal residence.

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The Wall Street Journal (11/5, Hamburger) reports, "The Bush administration, expanding efforts to cut off funding to terrorist groups, has added the anti-Israeli groups Hamas and Hezbollah to the list of organizations facing stiff U.S. financial sanctions. The administration stressed that the expanded international terrorist list goes well beyond organizations that may be linked to Islamic militant Osama bin Laden. The list was expanded Friday to include 22 organizations, including three Colombian groups, a Basque separatist organization and the Real **Irish Republican Army**. . The U.S. had moved previously against domestic assets held by Hamas, Hezbollah and other groups included on Friday's list. But adding those groups to that list toughens the financial sanctions against them and provides more tools to freeze accounts overseas. . A senior Arab diplomat in Washington who asked not to be identified warned that adding Hamas and Hezbollah to the terrorist sanction list 'is not going to be looked at by the Arab world positively at all.' The diplomat said adding the two groups to the list easily could become an issue in the Middle East peace process."

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In north Belfast this summer, more than 300 officers and several dozen residents have been injured in riots. Two Protestant teen-agers have been slain: One fatally run over by an enraged Catholic motorist, another killed when anti-Catholic extremists fired at a crowd that they mistakenly presumed were all Catholics.

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Niall Connolly, one of three **Irish Republican Army** experts in explosives arrested in Colombia on Aug. 13, is the IRA's representative to Latin America, according to Cuban authorities, and has lived for a long time in Havana. Connolly, a.k.a. David Bracken, organized the upcoming visit to Cuba by Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams. Well, the Irish are a peripatetic race, scattered across the globe by politics and wanderlust. Many are choosing to combine their vacations with work, especially members of the IRA. While the Irishmen were on vacation, as they insisted they were, in Colombia, three more of the lads were busy shopping for supplies in Piastany, Slovakia. These three were detained on July 5 on an international warrant. They are currently in the Leopoldov maximum-security prison fighting extradition. What they were shopping for was Semtex. The high-power plastic explosive, the munition of choice for terrorists around the world, is manufactured in those parts. Shadowy eastern European dealers are willing to provide tons of the stuff for the right price. According to British police estimates, the IRA owns a ton of Semtex as well as 900 assault rifles, machineguns, rocket launchers, sniper rifles, pistols, and flamethrowers. And they love every bit of it, which is why they are so reluctant to give up "not an ounce, not a bullet," as the Belfast graffiti puts it.

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Democrats considering a run at the presidential nomination are focused on foreign policy during the recess. Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., who is interested but thought unlikely to challenge Gore in a primary, traveled to Mexico, Colombia and Costa Rica for a series of meetings, including one with Mexico's President Vicente Fox. Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., traveled to the Middle East to meet with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and other high-ranking Israeli, Palestinian and Egyptian officials. Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del., traveled to China for a meeting with Chinese President Jiang Zemin and also went to Korea. And where does President Bush go for the summer? Texas.

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Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee says he would prefer to speak in Hindi rather than in English as it would amount to committing an atrocity on the language. "I am told not to oppose English but also not to speak the language as I will end up committing an atrocity on the language," the prime minister told the National Forum for **Women's** Rights. Setting aside the prepared English text of a speech, the prime minister spoke extempore in Hindi. He provoked peals of laughter when he explained why and went on to tell a joke. "During the Quit India[independence]movement, one of the British officers said they were leaving India not because of struggle by Indians but because they could not tolerate the way English was spoken!" he said. "However, our English is also

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good and the country is proud of it. We are very fast in learning a language. That's why our people are doing so well in the area of technology whereas China has to send their people abroad to learn the language," Vajpayee boasted.

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Tony and Cherie Blair begin a 10-day stay in France Monday where they will put up at a house owned by a friend in Saint-Martin d'Oydes. The Blairs have been visiting the village of 188 people, near Pamier in the southwest department of the Ariege, for the past six years. The Labor Party leader and his wife and kids were expected to arrive at an airport near the medieval walled city of Carcassonne aboard a flight of Ryanair, the low-fare Irish carrier. Blair picked Ryanair, despite the hostility of British unions to the company, because no low-fare British line flies so close to his holiday spot.

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CARIBBEAN

CUBA

Castro, Cubans mark anniversary of revolution

Fidel Castro led more than a million of his compatriots on a march Thursday to celebrate the start of the Cuban revolution, walking about 1 1/2 miles in a display of vigor after his fainting spell last month.

Wearing his olive green uniform and a less typical pair of white sneakers, Castro marched for about 20 minutes, completing not quite half of the 3 1/2-mile parade route. State television estimated the number of participants at 1.2 million.

Marchers protested the long-standing U.S. embargo and other U.S. policies toward Cuba, and demanded the release of five Cuban agents convicted earlier this year in Miami on espionage charges.

JAMAICA

Gang clashes kill four this week, police say

Clashes among rival gangs in Jamaica's capital killed four people this week, police said, in an apparent resurgence of the politically charged violence that claimed dozens of lives in recent weeks.

Among those killed in the last two days was a man shot in the back late Wednesday on the streets of the Denham Town neighborhood, the scene of some of the most intense gang fighting, police said in a written statement. It was unclear how the others died.

The fighting appeared to be a continuation of a monthlong feud between gangs that control communities with clashing political loyalties in West Kingston - a poor area bordering the commercial center. The deaths bring to 69 the number of people killed in gang battles since May.

EUROPE

NORTHERN IRELAND

Protestants ask party to oppose compromise

WORLD

Efforts to preserve Northern Ireland's peace accord and its joint Catholic-Protestant government suffered another blow Thursday when influential Protestant politicians appealed to their party to withdraw support.

Jeffrey Donaldson and David Burnside, two lawmakers from the Ulster Unionists, said it should reject efforts by the British and Irish governments to draft a compromise plan that would inspire ***Irish Republican Army*** disarmament.

Ulster Unionists are Northern Ireland's major Protestant party. Their leader, David Trimble, triggered the deepening political crisis by resigning this month as leader of Northern Ireland's four-party coalition government. Trimble's move could force its total collapse before Aug. 12, the deadline for his post to be filled.

ITALY

Bulldozers try to stop progress of volcano's lava

With a wall of lava ominously inching toward a tourist center at the base of Mount Etna on Thursday, Italy sent army bulldozers up the mountain to build an earth embankment and stave off Europe's most active volcano.

The bulldozers were sent after a lava flow destroyed three central pylons of Mount Etna's ski lift overnight. The army support was meant to reinforce the exhausted workers using backhoes to build protection around the base station, Rifugio Sapienza, and the nearby base of the ski lift.

But the lava appeared to be speeding up, putting pressure on the lava wall and dimming hopes of saving Rifugio Sapienza.

ASIA

IRAN

Suspect says he killed prostitutes for his faith

A suspect in the killings of 19 prostitutes said Thursday that he killed to protect his religion and would have continued if he hadn't been caught.

"I killed the ***women*** for the sake of God, and for the protection of my religion because they were prostitutes and (were) corrupting other people," Saeed Hanaei told reporters at the site of one of the murders in Mashad.

Hanaei, 39, is a construction worker. He was identified by police as the main suspect Thursday. Police had taken 500 prostitutes off the streets in a bid to protect them.

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Afghanistan

KABUL -- Afghanistan's Taliban militia has ordered all female aid workers in the war-ravaged Central Asian country to refrain from driving, saying it is "against Afghan traditions."

Britain

LONDON -- British Prime Minister Tony Blair appeared to be cruising toward election victory as the last week of campaigning opened with a poll indicating his approach to the European single currency was gaining ground.

Canary Islands

PUERTO DEL ROSARIO -- Helicopters, police boats and divers searched for 15 Africans missing after their overcrowded boat sank as they tried to sneak into Spain.

Chad

N'DJAMENA -- Chad released leading opposition figures after striking a deal to minimize trouble at the burial of an activist killed by police after President Idriss Deby's re-election.

China

BEIJING -- Two more members of the outlawed Falun Gong spiritual movement have died in Chinese labor camps, and another follower committed suicide, police and government officials said.

BEIJING -- Police in southern China have arrested a man who fled five years ago after authorities linked him to a dynamite explosion that killed 122 people.

India

SRINAGAR -- Suspected Islamic militants, who killed two members of the government security force and later holed up in a Kashmir mosque for nearly 20 hours, were given safe passage out of the shrine, officials said.

Indonesia

World datelines

JAKARTA -- A summit of developing nations, meeting under the shadow of Indonesia's escalating political crisis, appeared to reach few tangible solutions on how to bridge the digital divide between rich and poor countries.

Iran

TEHRAN -- Iran's powerful Muslim clerics aired opposing views on whether to jump on reformist president Mohammad Khatami's re-election bandwagon amid reports of low-level campaign violence.

TEHRAN -- Iran successfully tested its first solid-fueled surface-to-surface missile, state-run Tehran radio reported.

Ireland

DUBLIN -- The ***Irish Republican Army*** and a disarmament commission confirmed that they have met four times since March, but both sides declined to say whether their talks were making progress.

Israel

JERUSALEM -- An Israeli court sentenced Palestinian bus driver Khalil Abu Elba to eight life sentences for killing eight people by deliberately ramming his bus into a crowded bus stop in February.

Italy

ROME -- Pierferdinando Casini was elected as the new speaker of the Italian lower house Chamber of Deputies.

Japan

TOKYO -- Non-smokers at Japan's Health Ministry can finally breathe more easily -- the ministry is limiting smoking to special areas for the first time ever.

Kenya

NAIROBI -- Three men accused of murdering a former Rwandan minister were acquitted by a Kenyan court.

Pakistan

HYDERABAD -- Fear of violence kept voters, candidates and officials away from polling stations in the Pakistani city of Hyderabad, threatening the credibility of the ruling military's plans to devolve power.

South Africa

PRETORIA -- A huge bust of former apartheid leader J.G. Strijdom was smashed in Pretoria, the 40th anniversary of South Africa's withdrawal from the Commonwealth to pursue policies of racial segregation.

Switzerland

GENEVA -- Items belonging to Zaire's late dictator Mobutu Sese Seko netted \$100,600 at auction, Swiss newspapers said.

Taiwan

TAIPEI -- Taiwan's foreign minister has cut short an overseas trip to fly to Macedonia in a last-ditch effort to rescue diplomatic ties with its war-torn European ally, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said.

Yugoslavia

BELGRADE -- The former head of Yugoslavia's state-run news agency, Tanjug, has been detained after failing to respond to a lawsuit filed against him, Tanjug reported.

World datelines

Zimbabwe

HARARE -- Zimbabwe's ruling party has filed an application to the High Court to challenge the victory of the main opposition Movement for Democratic Change in a key mayoral election, officials said.

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FASTERS SURVIVED 10 WEEKS ON FLUIDS

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How many days can you live on just fluids without eating anything? Has anybody ever actually killed themselves on a hunger strike?

Hunger strikes are not an uncommon form of protest. Fasts to the death are a relatively rare and particularly horrifying extreme.

In a mass hunger strike that held the world in shock for months, 11 Irish nationalists starved to death in a Northern Ireland prison in 1981 in a bid to obtain political prisoner status.

Margaret Thatcher's British government treated **Irish Republican Army** provisionals convicted of attacks on soldiers, assassinations and bombings as ordinary criminals.

Almost 100 inmates in the Maze prison outside Belfast volunteered to take only water and fruit juices. Protesters fasted as long as 10 weeks before lapsing into comas.

Their leader and first to die, Bobby Sands, who'd been elected to Parliament as a Sinn Fein candidate during his ordeal, succumbed on the 66th day, April 5. Others were removed from the fast by despairing families when they lost consciousness, and later began eating on their own.

In the end, authorities tacitly recognized the Maze inmates as political prisoners.

TO THE REAR In the navy, one of the titles is rear admiral. What is the significance of the word rear?

In traditional naval and military parlance, rear refers to the hindmost portion of a fleet or army. The rank of rear admiral goes back to the 1500s, according to quotations in the Oxford English Dictionary.

In the Royal Navy's past, a rear admiral would be in command of the third division of a fleet.

In the 20th century navy, duties differ from navy to navy.

"But a rear admiral could be the commander of a sea-going task force, if it were large enough . . . or be in a staff job (ashore)," said historian Steve Harris of the Directory of History and Heritage at national defence headquarters in Ottawa.

The rank is below that of vice-admiral and equivalent to a major general in the army. The naval rank of admiral corresponds to full general and vice-admiral to a lieutenant-general.

FASTERS SURVIVED 10 WEEKS ON FLUIDS

Rear for hind traces to the Latin retro, behind. Rear, as in raise, is from Old Norse reisa.

WEST WINGERS What does a White House intern do? Are there equivalent jobs in Canada?

An office intern, whether in the U.S. or Canada, is simply a young person, often a recent graduate, gaining practical experience under supervision. The pay is at the trainee end of an office's scale, but it's the experience, contacts and foot-in-the-door that count. In the White House's West Wing, interns are directed in general office and communications tasks in non-sensitive areas.

FIELD OF DREAMS What is the translation of Paris' Champs-Elysees?

Elysian Fields comes from Elysium, the paradise in Greek mythology where dead heroes were sent. L'avenue des Champs-Elysees was laid out in the 1600s in picturesque fields that were then on the outskirts of Paris.

CALENDAR Events: British admiral John Byng executed by firing squad for neglect of duty in abortive action in the Mediterranean, 1757; Sikhs surrender to British in India, ending Second Sikh War,

1849; Saskatchewan women get the vote, 1916; Russian revolutionaries arrest Czar Nicholas II, 1917.

Birthdates: Austrian composer Johann Strauss (the Elder), 1804; Thomas Willson, carbide inventor, near Woodstock, Ont., 1860; Casey Jones, U.S. rail engineer immortalized in song, 1864; Russian author Maxim Gorky, whose name was taken by his hometown, 1868; German-American physicist Albert Einstein, revolutionized science, 1879; U.S. cartoonist Hank Ketcham, creator of Dennis the Menace, 1920; Prince Albert, heir to Monaco's throne, 1958.

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Body

EUROPE

BRITAIN

IRA splinter group is suspected in bomb blast

British police suspect a dissident Irish guerrilla group called the Real IRA was responsible for a car bomb blast outside one of the BBC's main London offices early on Sunday.

Scotland Yard said the bomb exploded as police tried to carry out a controlled explosion on a suspect vehicle parked outside Television Centre in west London.

One man, a London Underground employee, received slight injuries.

The main ***Irish Republican Army*** (IRA) has maintained a ceasefire in its campaign for Northern Irish independence from London since the 1998 Good Friday peace accord. But breakaway factions, including the Real IRA, are still active.

Police blame the Real IRA for a bomb detonated last June on London's Hammersmith Bridge.

GERMANY

Thousands rally against right-wing extremism

Thousands of people across Germany rallied against intolerance and far-right extremism Saturday.

In Dortmund, demonstrators formed a human "band of solidarity" as neo-Nazis staged their own march just blocks away.

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The protests came a day after the government released figures that show a nearly 60 percent surge nationwide in violent crimes with a far-right, anti-Semitic or anti-foreigner motivation - the highest level since World War II.

Germany's interior minister has promised to extinguish the far right, but Jewish leaders accuse the government of failing to recognize the seriousness of the problem.

BOSNIA

Police raids on brothels target forced prostitution

Hundreds of police officers raided brothels throughout Bosnia on Saturday, arresting 223 people in a crackdown on prostitution and human trafficking.

Stefo Lehman, a spokesman for the United Nations in Sarajevo, said 177 women - most of them from Romania, Moldova, Ukraine and the Russian Federation - were detained on suspicion of prostitution.

Many came to Bosnia believing they would be working as waitresses, only to have their passports taken away. They were being held until their legal status could be determined, said Jacques Paul Klein, head of the United Nations in Bosnia.

The others detained were suspected brothel owners, their employees and clients, he said.

ASIA

JAPAN

U.S. suspends search for 9 missing in sub collision

The U.S. Coast Guard has suspended its search for nine people lost at sea when their Japanese fishing vessel was rammed and sunk by a surfacing Navy submarine.

In Tokyo, officials said they had no comment on the Coast Guard's decision. The U.S. Navy is scheduled to open its hearings into the accident Monday at Pearl Harbor.

Four commercial fishing students, two teachers and three crewmen of the Ehime Maru have been missing since Feb. 9 and presumed dead. The Japanese trawler sank minutes after being hit.

MIDDLE EAST

SAUDI ARABIA

2 million Muslims begin trek outside Mecca

More than 2 million Muslims on Saturday began trekking to a desert plain outside Mecca for the hajj, an annual pilgrimage that fulfills one of the most sacred duties of the Islamic faith.

The hajj chant of "Here I am, oh Almighty, here I am," reverberated across Mecca as pilgrims from around the world made their way to the plain of Mina, three miles north of the holy city.

Many trudged on foot while others were packed into cars, buses and trucks, some even clinging to the roofs of vehicles.

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With temperatures hovering around 93 degrees, Saudi authorities prepared to distribute millions of water bottles free of charge.

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Today is Saturday, Jan. 27, the 27th day of 2001. There are 338 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1340 - Edward III of England declares himself king of France, a claim that leads to the Hundred Years' War. The kings of England call themselves kings of France until 1801.

1695 - Mustafa II succeeds as Sultan of Turkey on death of Ahmad II.

1822 - Greek independence is formally proclaimed.

1865 - Treaty between Spain and Peru virtually recognizes Peru's independence.

1914 - Haiti's President Oreste abdicates during revolt, and U.S. Marines land to preserve order.

1943 - U.S. bombers stage first all-U.S. air raid on Germany in World War II, a daylight attack on Wilhelmshaven; Germany begins civil conscription of women.

1944 - The German and Finnish siege of Leningrad, now St. Petersburg, is lifted. At least 650,000 people died during the 872-day siege.

1964 - France establishes diplomatic relations with China.

1967 - Three U.S. Apollo astronauts die in flash fire aboard space capsule; United States, Soviet Union and 60 other nations sign treaty to limit military activities in outer space.

1973 - Accords are signed in Paris, providing for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Vietnam, leading to the collapse of South Vietnam in 1975.

1981 - Indonesia's Tampo Mas II passenger ship catches fire and sinks in Java Sea, killing 580 people.

1991 - President Mohamed Siad Barre of Somalia flees the capital, Mogadishu, as a coalition of rebels seize power. The country plunges into virtual anarchy.

1991 - Allied aircraft bomb Iraq's second city, Basra.

Saturday, Jan. 27

1992 - Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's government survives no-confidence motions in parliament.

1993 - Police in New Delhi lob tear gas shells to disperse rioting mobs of Hindus and Muslims who attack a mosque and a temple and burn down dozens of shops.

1994 - Terrorists strike three times in Northern Ireland, killing the first two victims of the new year and wounding two others.

1995 - Burmese soldiers win a key battle against one of the world's oldest insurgencies, capturing the base of Burma's largest Karen rebel army in the Burmese jungle.

1996 - Niger's first democratically elected president, Mahamane Ousmane, is ousted in a coup and army Col. Barre Mainassara Ibrahim takes over as head of state.

1997 - The people of Chechnya go to the polls to elect Aslan Maskhadov for president, only months after Russian forces turned most of the capital to rubble.

1998 - Bowing to the wish of the pope, the Catholic Church in Germany stops issuing certificates allowing abortion.

1999 - Eamon Collins a former ***Irish Republican Army*** intelligence officer and author of an expose of life inside the IRA is found dead near the Northern Ireland town of Newry.

2000 - Human rights officials announce that they have unearthed the remains of 50 people at a clandestine cemetery in Zacualpa, a village 40 miles northwest of Guatemala City. The victims, including two children, were apparent victims of Guatemala's 36-year civil war.

Today's Birthdays:

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Austrian composer (1756-1791); Edouard Lalo, French composer (1823-1892); Lewis Carroll, real name Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, English mathematician and writer (1832-1898); Jerome Kern, U.S. composer (1885-1945); Canadian novelist Mordecai Richler (1931--).

Thought For Today:

If we die, we want people to accept it ... We are in a risky business and we hope that if anything happens to us, it will not delay the program. The conquest of space is worth the risk of life Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom (1926-1967).

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Women potent force in wine world

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OTTAWA -- Not long ago, dinner etiquette called for a guy to study a restaurant wine list, as if it held all the complexity of a stock trend website. He ordered the wine. She smiled. The business of wining and dining ensued.

Today, more women are wine savvy. Often they're choosing wine at the dinner table -- even at posh hangouts such as Ottawa's Beckta Dining and Wine.

"Belinda Stronach was in the other night," says owner Steve Beckta. "She was the one to grab the wine list and choose the wine -- even though she was with a very senior male Conservative party strategist." The wine? A Napa Valley Shafer Cabernet, a "fabulous wine," recalls Beckta who worked in New York as a sommelier before he returned to Ottawa to open his own restaurant.

"Restaurateurs are getting more savvy in saying (to their staff): 'Put the (wine) list down in the middle of the table or give both people a list,'" adds Leslie Sbrocco, author of Wine for Women: A Guide to Buying, Pairing and Sharing Wine and a wine expert on the cooking show Seasonings on PBS TV.

Stephanie Monnin is one of few female sommeliers in Ottawa. Monnin is the maitre d'hotel and sommelier at the deluxe Cafe Henry Burger in Gatineau, Que.

In Monnin's view as a sommelier, it's essential to ask diners who is selecting and tasting the wine. "Everywhere I dine -- they don't know I'm a sommelier, obviously -- I would say 80 per cent of the serving staff would ask (if the woman would like to choose the wine) now."

Not only are women ordering wine, they're buying it.

Chris Layton at the Liquor Control Board of Ontario attributes women's interest in wine to several factors. One is the obvious focus on the domestic arts, inspired by Martha Stewart and Nigella Lawson, among others.

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

Extremists in Russia's breakaway Chechnya region increasingly have adopted the tactics of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida and other Middle Eastern terrorism groups, said Rohan Gunaratna, a Singapore-based counterterrorism

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expert. Soft targets such as hospitals, theatres and concerts, have been a Chechen hallmark since the start of the conflict a decade ago.

"They have blown up mosques, attacked transportation infrastructure, destroyed planes and now conducted a mass hostage-taking," he said.

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

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

In the 1970s, the ***Irish Republican Army*** pioneered the use of car bombs in Britain and Northern Ireland. A decade later, pro-Iranian Lebanese Shiite Muslim militant groups used kidnappings to maximum effect, holding dozens of foreigners in captivity for years.

In the 1990s, embassies, government buildings and crowded subways became targets.

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

Terry Nichols conspired with bomber Timothy McVeigh to blow up the Oklahoma City federal building in 1995, killing 168 people. Three years later, al-Qaida bombed U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, killing 231.

Then came the spectacular Sept. 11, 2001 attacks that killed more than 2,700 people in hijacked-plane strikes against the World Trade Centre and the Pentagon.

Israel has been bloodied by scores of such attacks mounted by Palestinian suicide bombers, including a 2001 attack at a seaside disco in Tel Aviv that killed 21, mostly teenagers, and restaurant bombings that killed 29 in Netanya in 2002 and 19 in Haifa last year.

Graphic

Colour Photo: Stephanie Monnin is a maitre d and sommelier at Cafe Henry Burger in Gatineau, Que.

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Body

EUROPE

BRITAIN

British, Irish leaders try to lift N. Ireland talks

The British and Irish prime ministers launched a new effort Tuesday to keep Northern Ireland's faltering peace accord on track.

After two hours of talks in London, Tony Blair and Bertie Ahern said they would embark on a program of intensive contacts with all parties before meeting later in the week at an informal meeting of European Union leaders in Biarritz, France.

Their initiative was seen as a sign of their deepening concern over implementation of the 1998 Good Friday accord, which has become bogged down in disagreements over Britain's planned reforms to Northern Ireland's predominantly Protestant police force and the **Irish Republican Army**'s failure to allow fresh inspections of its arms caches.

GREECE

Another victim of crash of ferry is found

Coast guard officers said Tuesday that they have found the body of another Greek ferry disaster victim, bringing the death toll in last month's wreck to at least 80.

The victim was identified as Akis Skantera, 30, an Albanian. His body was found washed up on a remote beach on the Aegean Sea island of Mykonos, 25 miles from the accident site.

WORLD

The 34-year-old Express Samina ferry sank on Sept. 26 with more than 500 people aboard after hitting well-marked rocks off the island of Paros. Only one more woman is officially listed as missing, but there are fears that additional people could have been aboard the vessel when it sank.

MIDDLE EAST

IRAQ

Allies, Iraq disagree on target of bomb strike

U.S. and British planes bombed a target in southern Iraq on Tuesday, but officials from the two sides disagreed about what was hit.

An Iraqi military spokesman said the planes struck "civil and service installations," the official Iraqi News Agency reported. But the U.S. Central Command said the planes attacked a "surface-to-air missile support facility" after coming under fire earlier Tuesday.

U.S. and British planes enforce no-fly zones over north and south Iraq to protect groups opposed to the Baghdad government.

ASIA

SRI LANKA

First woman premier, 84, dies of heart attack

Sirimavo Bandaranaike, the world's first ***female*** prime minister and the matriarch of Sri Lankan politics, died Tuesday of a heart attack only minutes after voting in the country's parliamentary elections. She was 84.

Tens of thousands of Sri Lankans lighted oil lamps, prayed in Buddhist temples and put up white flags in their homes to mourn the death of the former leader, known affectionately as "Mrs. B."

Mrs. Bandaranaike first became prime minister in 1960 - six years before Indira Gandhi rose to power in India. After decades in politics, she regained the office for a third time in 1994. She retired in August to let her daughter, current President Chandrika Kumaratunga, appoint a hard-liner ahead of parliamentary elections to help with the government's 17-year fight against Tamil separatists.

AFRICA

ZIMBABWE

Leader pardons many who committed political crimes

President Robert Mugabe, whose party has been blamed for months of election-related violence, has pardoned offenders for thousands of politically motivated crimes, the Justice Ministry disclosed Tuesday.

The ministry said most of those who could have faced prosecution for political crimes committed between Jan. 1 and July 31 of this year would be pardoned. A few offenders who had been convicted and imprisoned would be set free, it said.

WORLD

At least 32 people were killed and more than 10,000 were left homeless in violence surrounding a February constitutional referendum and June parliamentary elections. Most of the dead were opposition supporters.

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War crimes suspect dies in arrest attempt

Awar crimes suspect in Bosnia, wanted for alleged rape and torture, killed himself and wounded four German soldiers with a hand grenade while resisting arrest by NATO troops, NATO said Friday.

It was the first time soldiers of the NATO-led peace force suffered casualties making arrests on behalf of the U.N. war crimes tribunal, said Paul Risley, a spokesman for the tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands.

Janko Janjic, a Serb who had vowed not to be taken alive, threw the grenade he habitually carried as the troops used explosives to blast open the door of his brother's home in a midnight raid in the Serb-held town of Foca, 25 miles southeast of Sarajevo.

AJC

AFRICA: Ugandan outbreak could be Ebola virus

At least 30 people in northern Uganda have died in recent weeks of a hemorrhagic fever that authorities believe may be caused by the Ebola or Marburg virus. Blood samples from victims of the outbreak, which has produced telltale bleeding from every bodily orifice in many patients, are being flown to high-security laboratories in South Africa and at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. Tests may identify the fever's cause by early next week.

ASIA: Sri Lanka signals hard line on civil war

Sri Lankan President Chandrika Kumaratunga swore in a hard-line prime minister who believes the government should keep waging war against Tamil rebels. Kumaratunga swore in Ratnasiri Wickremanayaka, 67, who also was prime minister in the last government.

EUROPE: Russia cracks down on Chechen rebels

Russian troops raised checkpoints across Chechnya after a bomb blast that killed at least 10 people and injured 16 in the region's capital, Grozny. Russian soldiers searched homes for explosives and weapons.

French police clash with Basque nationalists

French riot police used tear gas to break up a march of Basque nationalists trying to get close to a meeting of European Union leaders. About 44 protesters were detained in Bayonne and nearby Biarritz, where the European Union is holding a two-day summit. Some of the 4,000 protesters overturned cars and threw stones at police after their march had been stopped. One policeman was slightly injured.

WORLD IN BRIEF

N. Ireland Protestants may oust moderate

Northern Ireland's major Protestant party announced plans for a special conference that could force out its pragmatic leader, who has been crucial to the survival of the province's power-sharing government. With fears rising that the Belfast peace accord could again unravel, many members of the Ulster Unionist Party want leader David Trimble to withdraw from the Protestant-Catholic administration because of the **Irish Republican Army's** apparent unwillingness to disarm.

Ailing suspect faces trial in Holocaust case

A judge in Vilnius, Lithuania, ordered that a 93-year-old man be tried on genocide charges, though he suffers from Alzheimer's and other debilitating illnesses and will not be present in the courtroom. Kazys Gimzauskas is accused of sending scores of Jews to their deaths when he was a police official during the 1941-44 German occupation of Lithuania. Gimzauskas has denied taking part in the Holocaust. He immigrated to the United States in 1956 and lived in St. Petersburg, Fla. He was sent back to Lithuania in 1994.

THE AMERICAS: 11 people abducted, slain in Colombia

Eleven villagers --- seven men and four **women** --- were found shot to death along a dirt road in Colombia, a day after being kidnapped by a right-wing paramilitary group. Paramilitary fighters who abducted the group accused them of collaborating with leftist guerrillas.

Graphic

Photo

Forbidden flower?

Queen Elizabeth II holds a bouquet presented to her Thursday in Manchester, England. A marijuana activist said he handed it to her and that it contained an illegal marijuana plant. Police were investigating. She had already donated the bouquet to charity. / PHIL NOBLE / Associated Press

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Omagh carnage video played at inquest

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Body

Amateur video footage depicting the horror of a bomb explosion in the center of Omagh two years ago was shown Thursday at a coroner's court holding an inquest into the carnage.]

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The inquest is taking place at Omagh's main leisure center, converted into a high-tech courtroom seating 280 people to accommodate the relatives and survivors of the bombing. The venue was used as an emergency incident center in the aftermath of the bomb.

The blast ripped through the busy main street of Omagh, a mainly agricultural community 70 miles (110 km) west of Belfast, on Aug. 15, 1998. Two visiting Spaniards, a teacher and a 12-year-old pupil were among men, women and children killed in the attack.

As the court watched three different amateur videotapes, a number of relatives of the dead and other victims of the explosion walked out, visibly distressed. The footage featured unedited images of dead and wounded amid the smoke, dust and rubble in the aftermath of the blast, the blaring of shop alarms and cries of the wounded.

Police were busy clearing the street of people when the bomb exploded about half an hour after the first of three warning telephone calls were received.

Coroner John Leckey sat grim-faced throughout the viewing and later adjourned the inquest for an extended lunchbreak to allow the courtroom audience to recover from what he called "these dreadful scenes."

The Omagh bombing was the worst single terrorist attack in 30 years of sectarian violence in Northern Ireland. Security forces believe the bomb attack was carried out by the dissident republican group, the Real IRA, a small splinter group from the powerful Irish Republican Army. The Real IRA is among a handful of dissident factions on both sides of the religious divide which continue to oppose the peace process. The group has been blamed for a series of recent cease-fire violations.

Despite a series of arrests and a prolonged and costly investigation, including police interviews with about 3,000 people, only one man has been charged. Colm Murphy is awaiting trial in the Irish Republic for conspiracy to cause an explosion.

More than 150 witnesses have been called to help piece together events on the day of the attack.

Omagh carnage video played at inquest

In an opening statement Wednesday, Leckey warned relatives they faced a difficult time ahead as the hearing "will be a harrowing time for their families and, inevitably, it will resurrect many sad and unpleasant memories."

He said, "Over 300 people were injured, some very seriously. The horrific nature of the atrocity left many people deeply traumatized and some still require professional help.

"I understand that for some the mental scars will never heal. The true number of casualties-and the word casualties deserves to have a generous interpretation -- from the Omagh bomb explosion is, without doubt, far in excess of the number killed and injured and the exact number may never be known," he added.

Many of those who attended the inquest last visited the leisure center two years ago, when many of the dead and injured were brought there. The first week of the hearing is expected to concentrate on the events leading up to the bombing.

In other developments, the political representatives of loyalist paramilitaries in Northern Ireland postponed a meeting called to resolve a feud between the rival groups. The Ulster Volunteer Force and Ulster Freedom Fighters have been involved in a violent dispute for more than two weeks.

Police Thursday reported they found an arms cache, including a machinegun, assault rifle and bullets, which they believe to be linked to intimidation of rival loyalists.

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VIOLENCE IGNITES HER PASSION, DIVIDING HER BELFAST FAMILY

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Body

When the McPhelimys - mother, father and four kids - move into a new house in an "estate" (i.e., housing development) in West Belfast, they thought they'd left the Troubles behind. But in Titanic Town, a powerful family saga set against the backdrop of rumbling British Army personnel carriers and the IRA guerilla warfare of early-1970s Northern Ireland, the troubles are just beginning.

Adapted from the autobiographical novel by Mary Costello and seen through the eyes of the 16-year-old McPhelimy daughter, Annie (Nuala O'Neill), Titanic Town is about a woman who has had enough. Bernie McPhelimy (Julie Walters, in the best film role she's had since her first, in Educating Rita) is a good Catholic housewife just trying to raise her family the best she knows how - even if that means stepping around the camouflaged sharpshooter in her garden, or tolerating the military raids down her block in the middle of the night.

But when a good friend is shot dead on a city street in broad daylight - by an **Irish Republican Army** sniper, it turns out - Bernie begins speaking her mind. The British government's aggressive campaign, which in effect harasses innocent citizens, is wrong, she says. But so are the policies of the IRA, whose terrorist tactics have resulted in the deaths of **women** and children. When Bernie goes on radio and television stating her case, she becomes a celebrity - but she also alienates her predominantly Catholic neighbors, and, more significant, the IRA, which sees her as a traitor to the cause.

More important, Bernie's rising stature in the media - she is seen meeting with Northern Ireland's secretary of state, and taken on a clandestine visit to a council of IRA big shots - takes its toll on family life. Husband Aidan (Ciaran Hinds), unemployed and suffering from an ulcer, gazes on disapprovingly at his spouse's new-found activism. And Annie, who begins a secret romance with a medical student, Dino (Ciaran McMenamin), just sees the "overweening vanity" of a simple woman thrust into the limelight, being manipulated from all sides, and making a wreck of her home in the process.

Titanic Town is a film about the power and possibility of change, and also about how people struggle to find a balance between their responsibilities to their loved ones and the passions and ideals they hold deeply in their hearts. Without condescension or affect, Walters imbues her character with a keen sense of this dilemma, and she does it with humor and conviction. O'Neill's performance as the teenager on the brink of womanhood is poignant

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and true, and the rage and loathing in this long-burning religious and political conflict is brought to the screen by director Roger Michell (Notting Hill) with gripping realism. Titanic Town is a small but meaningful, moving film.

Titanic Town ***

Produced by George Faber and Charles Pattinson, directed by Roger Michell, written by Anne Devlin, photography by John Daly, distributed by the Shooting Gallery.

Running time: 1 hour, 41 mins.

Bernie McPhelimy..... Julie Walters

Aidan McPhelimy..... Ciaran Hinds

Annie McPhelimy..... Nuala O'Neill

Dino..... Ciaran McMenamin

Deirdre..... Aingeal Grehan

Parent's guide: No MPAA rating (violence, profanity, the Troubles of Northern Ireland)

Playing at: Loews Cherry Hill Theatre

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Julie Walters, best known for her role in "Educating Rita," plays a Northern Ireland mother who is thrust into the spotlight when she speaks out against the tactics of both the IRA and the British in "Titanic Town." (MILLY DONAGHY)

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Omagh inquest rules out hardliner evidence

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Body

[An inquest into a bombing carnage in Omagh two years ago Friday ruled against calling a hardline republican lobby group to give evidence.

The group, 32 County Sovereignty Committee, has been linked to paramilitary dissidents blamed for the August 1998 bombing, which killed 31 people and injured more than 300 others.

The attack was linked to an ***Irish Republican Army*** dissident faction, the Real IRA, which continues to oppose the 1998 Good Friday Agreement, the basis for Northern Ireland's Catholic-Protestant power sharing administration.

The Omagh bombing was the worst single terrorist attack in 30 years of sectarian violence in Northern Ireland.

Coroner John Leckey told the court he decided not to call the lobby group's chairman, Francis Mackey, to the hearing because there no evidence that he was "inextricably linked to the Real IRA" as widely believed.

Relatives of some of the people killed in the bombing on Aug. 15 August 1998, had asked the coroner to call Mackey to the hearing.

Leckey said he carefully considered an application from Michael Gallagher, whose son Aidan died in the explosion. But, he said, "This is speculation. Without an evidential basis there is nothing before me which leads me to conclude that Mr Mackey needs to be called to give evidence." Gallagher also made an application to call Colm Murphy, the only man charged in connection with the bombing, to the hearing.

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On the third day of the hearing Friday, the inquest saw photographic evidence from the aftermath of the bomb. The families of victims were warned that some of the images might be distressing and many left the court room.

The inquest also heard more recordings of details of the bomb being relayed to a police control room. One recording included the sound of the explosion and the voice of a police officer saying, "This has exploded. We need help at the bottom of the town."

Unlike inquests in England and Wales, coroner's courts in Northern Ireland are not required to reach verdicts apportioning blame, but instead make "findings". The findings are confined to the facts surrounding violent, sudden or unexplained death.

The inquest, which is expected to last a month, was adjourned to Monday.

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ORANGE MARCH ENDS QUIETLY

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Protestant leaders call for more protests today
after parade route blocked to Catholic street

SHOWING THEIR COLOURS: Masked Protestant loyalists erect a unionist flag at a barbed-wire fence in Portadown yesterday. It was set up by police to prevent the Orangemen from marching down the nearby Catholic Garvaghy Road.

Olivia Ward

EUROPEAN BUREAU

PORTADOWN, Northern Ireland - The drums were defiant, the speeches flamboyant and the crowd wildly cheering.

But the several thousand Protestant Orangemen and women gathered near the stone church of Drumcree yesterday for the province's most volatile parade had a forlorn air that was matched by the persistent rain that drove many of them from the soaking fields, ending the event peacefully.

The marchers were barred from continuing through the Catholic Garvaghy Road, and blocked by police barriers and razor wire.

The unexpectedly quiet finale was merely a breathing space for Northern Ireland's strife-weary people, as local Orange leaders called for province-wide protests that they hope will paralyze the province late today.

Strife began before midnight yesterday, when police moved through barriers set up to keep marchers from parading down the Catholic Garvaghy Road, and arrested a Protestant protester.

Police vehicles were driven back by an angry crowd, and two army helicopters rushed several dozen troops to the scene.

Police fear the week ahead could see escalating violence if the protests spread.

"I didn't call for violence last week, I called for protest," said Portadown's Orange leader Harold Gracey. But he added that an unpopular British tax was repealed after street protests. "I would say to our people: 'Continue.' "

ORANGE MARCH ENDS QUIETLY

After a week of violence by supporters of the Portadown Orangemen - including car hijackings and burnings, fights and gasoline bombings - Protestant religious leaders and politicians have tried to isolate the hardline faction.

But their cause has galvanized Protestants embittered by the failure of the **Irish Republican Army** to disarm before its political wing Sinn Fein entered a new power-sharing government.

They insist that their civil liberties have been ignored, and victims of IRA terrorism abandoned.

"What we're seeing here is a repetition of 1974," said Canadian observer Sid Ryan, general vice-president of the Canadian Union of Public Employees. "At that time, protests went across the province and made it ungovernable, shutting down airports and train stations until the structure of the government collapsed."

A general strike, backed by loyalist paramilitaries, took place in Northern Ireland in 1974, ending a brief experiment in home rule by a Protestant and Catholic government.

For many of the damp and depressed Orange supporters at Drumcree yesterday, it had welcome echoes of an age when Protestants were a force to be reckoned with.

'I would say to our people: Continue.'

Harold Gracey

Their anger has been building during a three-year ban on their traditional marching route through the resistant nationalist community of the Garvaghy Road, who see the parade as a flexing of sectarian muscle.

Garvaghy residents have called for talks with the Orangemen to resolve the issue, but they have refused dialogue with residents' leader Breandan MacCoinnnaith.

Yesterday afternoon, as bedraggled Orange marchers in bright orange "collarettes," dark suits and bowler hats, approached Drumcree Church, they were barred from walking further by hundreds of armed police and security forces, armoured vehicles, concrete-reinforced steel gates, razor wire and hastily-dug ditches.

Earlier, the parade wound uneventfully from the town centre through the bitterly sectarian streets of Portadown while marchers waved banners and played songs commemorating the deaths of Northern Ireland soldiers in World War I.

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DETROIT

Power outage blacks out portions of downtown

A power outage blacked out municipal buildings and traffic lights in part of downtown Detroit Tuesday afternoon, trapping people in elevators and on elevated trains and turning some intersections into traffic free-for-alls at rush hour.

Mayor Dennis Archer said a cable burned out in one of the Public Lighting Department's power stations, causing the outage at 12:45 p.m. Power was being brought back up through the evening and was expected to be completely restored before dawn, the mayor said.

The blackout affected city- and county-owned buildings as well as traffic and street lights. Residential and nonpublic customers did not lose power. Fire officials rescued those caught on the People Mover elevated rail system by opening emergency doors. The police department was operating on backup generators, and the 911 emergency system was not affected.

CINCINNATI

Man in '63 murder won't be tried as a juvenile

A 52-year-old businessman accused of murdering his girlfriend when he was 15 lost a bid Tuesday to be tried as a juvenile.

The ruling by Judge Patrick Dinkelacker means Michael Wehrung could get life in prison if convicted in the beating death in 1963 of Patricia Ann Rebholz, 15.

If the case had remained in juvenile court, Wehrung could have avoided any punishment, because the law does not allow the state to confine juveniles after they turn 21. The trial is set for Oct. 10. Wehrung, vice president of a suburban Cincinnati roofing company, is free on bail.

NATION

LENEXA, Kan.

Man in Internet sex case is charged in 5 murders

A man was charged Tuesday with the murders of five women whose bodies were found in barrels on his property and in a storage locker, and prosecutors plan to seek the death penalty.

John Edward Robinson, 56, already was in jail on \$ 5 million bail on c harges of aggravated sexual battery and theft involving two women he allegedly met over the Internet for sadomasochistic sex.

Robinson's lawyer has said his client is not guilty. Investigators have said Robinson trolled the Internet for sex under the name "slavemaster" and may have met victims that way. Five women have been found bludgeoned to death and stuffed in barrels on Robinson's property in Kansas and in a storage locker he rented in Missouri.

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EAST

WASHINGTON

Senate eyes tougher drunken-driving laws

Renewing a battle they lost two years ago, senators are backing legislation that would set a tougher national standard for drunken driving.

Under the provision included in transportation spending bill approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee Tuesday, 0.08 percent blood alcohol content would become the nationwide standard for legal drunkenness. States that fail to adopt that standard would forfeit a share of their highway trust fund money.

The provision is not contained in the \$ 15.7 billion House bill that passed last month.

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SOUTH

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.

3 in weapons case get serious charges dropped

Three men were convicted Tuesday of shipping weapons to Ireland but were acquitted of the most serious charges against them.

Conor Claxton, Martin Mullan and Anthony Smyth were acquitted on charges of shipping weapons to terrorists and conspiracy to maim or murder persons in a foreign country.

Claxton, 27, a Northern Ireland resident; Mullan, 30, a Philadelphia handyman; and Smyth, 43, a car salesman in Weston, Fla., a suburb of Fort Lauderdale were arrested in July. All are Roman Catholic natives of Northern Ireland. They were accused of buying guns and ammunition in Florida and then mailing them to Ireland for the **Irish Republican Army**, which has waged a long battle against the British government in Northern Ireland.

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