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12. [Hillary Clinton Urges Ireland Peace](#)

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13. [POLICE RAID IRA STRONGHOLDS, ARREST SIX; THEY ARE SEARCHING FOR STOLEN DOCUMENTS](#)

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17. [World](#)

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18. [Real IRA supporters say fund-raising ban won't deter them](#)

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21. [Wife of paramilitary commander thrown out of assembly hall](#)

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23. [Clinton seeks to boost peace in Northern Ireland](#)

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25. [Police killing of suspected IRA terrorist was lawful, jury rules](#)

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26. [--Sixth NewsWatch--](#)

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27. [IRA Suspect's Death Ruled Lawful](#)

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30. [IN BRIEF LANDSLIDE: '50 DEAD'](#)

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31. [Buy food, not arms, Nobel winner says in Minneapolis](#)

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32. [MITCHELL TRIES TO BREAK NORTHERN IRELAND DEADLOCK](#)

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33. [Thrill Investing: Learn as You Go](#)

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34. [Mitchell targets loyalist paramilitaries](#)

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35. [\*Happy being sad\*](#)

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36. [\*Truth and fiction overlap for Snyder\*](#)

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37. [\*Prep-Today in History\*](#)

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38. [\*Mrs. Clinton puts focus of her visit on women and children\*](#)

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39. [Clinton: N. Ireland women won't be deterred on peace](#)

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41. [Blair's Gaddafi meeting a political gamble](#)

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42. [Clinton Seeks N. Ireland Peace](#)

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43. [Irish stew: Decommissioning is still the key to resuming power-sharing](#)

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45. [Historic day as enemies join unprecedented Belfast government](#)

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46. ['PEACE WALL' IN BELFAST KEEPS COMBATANTS APART](#)

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47. [Clinton's subdued farewell to Irish](#)

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52. [Exact tip yields three bodies of mob slaying victims](#)

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53. [Leader of Ireland 's opposition Labor Party resigns over disappointing election results](#)

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54. [Irish Opposition Leader Resigns](#)

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56. [DOOM AND GLOOM](#)

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57. [BRITAIN MAPS OUT PLANS TO HANDOVER POWER TO N.IRELAND POLITICIANS](#)

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58. [Seven arrested in plot to ship weapons to Ireland](#)

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59. [7 Arrested in Irish Weapons Plot](#)

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61. [Congressman's tribute to IRA is 'terrible' read](#)

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62. [Police raid IRA properties in search of stolen anti-terrorist documents](#)

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63. [Police Arrest 6 in IRA Power Bases](#)

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64. [\*Norris McWhirter, 78, created Guinness Book\*](#)

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

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66. [\*LETTERS TO THE EDITOR\*](#)

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67. [\*Colombian rebels admit to kidnapping three Germans one month ago\*](#)

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68. [\*UK in post-poll shock; Still no effective opposition party\*](#)

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73. [News briefs Small missile hits British spy service](#)

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76. [FEATURE: New addition to Dublin's skyline](#)

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77. [Suspected killer of Dutch filmmaker linked to Islamic extremist network](#)

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78. [Today in History - Nov. 8](#)

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82. [Protestant leader gambles on IRA deal; David Trimble believes he can convince his party to abandon its 'no guns, no government' policy.](#)

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83. [Parliament of no past pardons](#)**Client/Matter:** -None-**Search Terms:** "Irish Republican Army"**Search Type:** Natural Language**Narrowed by:****Content Type**

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85. [IRA gangs back on the streets](#)**Client/Matter:** -None-**Search Terms:** "Irish Republican Army"**Search Type:** Natural Language**Narrowed by:****Content Type**

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86. [LITTLE TERRORS; 'MEAN GIRLS' WADES INTO THE DANGEROUS WATERS OF HIGH SCHOOL CLIQUES](#)**Client/Matter:** -None-**Search Terms:** "Irish Republican Army"**Search Type:** Natural Language**Narrowed by:****Content Type**

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87. [Police arrest six in IRA power bases in search for stolen anti-terrorist documents](#)**Client/Matter:** -None-**Search Terms:** "Irish Republican Army"

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88. [CON WANTED IN 2 STATES \\* Colorado police say the man has bilked vulnerable women out of thousands of dollars](#)

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89. [Wednesday, May 19](#)

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90. [Suspected IRA dissident found guilty of conspiracy in Northern Ireland 's bloodiest bombing](#)

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91. [Irish businessman guilty of role in 1998 car bombing](#)

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92. [Belfast hit by another night of rioting](#)

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94. [World](#)

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95. [Today in History - Nov. 28](#)

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96. [WORLD DIGEST](#)

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97. [TV previews SATURDAY](#)

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98. [NEWS FEATURE: Rapper Eminem's invite divides Australians](#)

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99. [Weary and Wary, Both Sides in Ulster Appear Skeptical](#)

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100. [Northern Ireland Cops Seek Recruits](#)

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**AM-Ireland-Primer ; With BELFAST AM-Ireland-Strained-Peace, Bgt; INDEX:  
International, Politics, Justice, Religion**

The Canadian Press (CP)

April 20, 2000 Thursday

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**Section:** FOREIGN GENERAL NEWS

**Length:** 354 words

## **Body**

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HL:Peace and politics: Who's who in Northern Ireland

BELFAST (CP) - A look at who's who in Northern Ireland politics: Alliance party: Along with the **Women's** Coalition, it is the only non-sectarian party in Northern Ireland. It attracts support from Catholics and Protestants and favours a continuing British presence in Northern Ireland. It has six seats in the Northern Ireland Assembly.

-BODY- Democratic Unionist party: A right-wing party that supports union with Britain. Its opposition to the Good Friday Agreement hasn't wavered and it believes Sinn Fein should not be allowed to sit in the assembly because of its links with the **Irish Republican Army**. The party holds 20 seats in the assembly. The Progressive Unionist party: A left-wing party with two seats in the assembly that supports union with Britain. It favours the Good Friday Agreement. Sinn Fein: It advocates a united Ireland free from British rule. The main player on the republican side, it has 18 seats in the assembly. It supports the Good Friday Agreement, but says it cannot guarantee the IRA will turn in its guns in order to get the deal reinstated. The Social Democratic and Labour party: It supports the reunification of Ireland through democratic means and signed on to the Good Friday Agreement. The party's support comes mainly from Catholics and it has resisted alliances with Sinn Fein. It has 24 seats in the assembly. The Ulster Unionist party: It has close links with the Orange Order, supports the Good Friday Agreement as long as the IRA gives up its guns, and is the largest party in the assembly with 28 seats. The party supports union with Britain. It was the threat by party leader David Trimble to pull out of the new government over disarmament that led to the suspension of the Good Friday Agreement. **Women's** Coalition: It has two seats in the assembly and promotes issues of concern to **women**. It is non-sectarian and supports the Good Friday Agreement. Other parties: Northern Ireland Unionist party has three seats; United Unionist Assembly party has three seats; UK Unionist party has one seat; there is one Independent Unionist.

**Load-Date:** October 11, 2002

## **Clinton adviser backs stalled Good Friday Agreement**

Deutsche Presse-Agentur

March 8, 2000, Wednesday, BC Cycle 13:56 Central European Time

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**Section:** International News

**Length:** 368 words

**Dateline:** London

### **Body**

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United States President Bill Clinton's adviser on Northern Ireland has told the province's political parties the best way forward for the peace process is through the Good Friday Agreement.

Jim Steinberg said after two days of talks in Belfast with politicians and the British and Irish governments he believed there was a commitment to find a way out of the decommissioning and devolution crisis.

"I think there is a strong sense of commitment to continue to work to make the Good Friday Agreement a reality and we are going to do all we can to help that effort."

Steinberg, who met the Ulster Unionists and the Democratic Unionists, who are opposed to the Good Friday Agreement, in Belfast before returning to Washington, said the US' role in the peace process would continue to be "supportive" of the work going on in Northern Ireland to resolve the political situation.

The British and Irish governments are currently holding a series of meetings with the province's political parties at Stormont to put the peace process back on track.

Northern Ireland Secretary Peter Mandelson and Irish Foreign Minister Brian Cowen met the **Women's** Coalition and the largely Catholic Social Democratic and Labour Party, and are due to see the rest of the parties and hold a collective round-table meeting at the end of their discussions.

Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble said they were looking to Sinn Fein to come forward with ideas on how they could "repair the damage caused by their (republicans') failure" to honour commitments made on decommissioning at the time devolution took place.

However, Democratic Unionist deputy leader Peter Robinson said after his party's talks with Steinberg that there could be no place for a process which allowed "the representatives of unrepentant armed terrorists" in government.

SDLP leader John Hume described his talks with the two governments as "constructive" and welcomed their decision to hold a round-table meeting of the pro-Good Friday Agreement parties.

The peace process ground to a standstill in mid-February, when London resumed direct rule over the province over the Catholic **Irish Republican Army's** refusal to hand in their arms. dpa rpm eg

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## Clinton adviser backs stalled Good Friday Agreement

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## **Killers walk Belfast's streets: Cheers greet Loyalist, IRA convicts on early releases**

The Ottawa Citizen

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**Section:** World; B1 / Front

**Length:** 842 words

**Byline:** Christopher Walker

**Dateline:** BELFAST

### **Body**

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BELFAST -- Eighty-six convicted terrorists walked free from jail yesterday to cheers and champagne from their supporters in Northern Ireland's terrorist organizations.

The prisoners tasted freedom, and sparkling wine, thanks to the early release provisions of the Good Friday agreement. Among those walking free from the Maze yesterday was James McArdle, the IRA bomber sentenced to 25 years for the attack that killed two news agents in London's Docklands in February 1996.

Mr. McArdle, who has served just two years in prison, was granted early release after Peter Mandelson, Britain's Northern Ireland secretary, acceded to Sinn Fein pressure and asked the Queen to sign a royal warrant of mercy. Like other freed IRA killers, Mr. McArdle made his exit in a convoy of honking cars toward Belfast.

The releases came on the same day as a large shipment of arms and explosives bound for breakaway IRA terrorists was uncovered by police in Croatia. The discovery was made about 10 days ago in the Adriatic port of Split but was only confirmed yesterday after the police arrested a man. Last night the man, a member of the dissident Continuity IRA, was being questioned under the Offences Against the State Act.

A police spokesman in Dublin said that the cache consisted of anti-tank rockets, sub-machine guns, commercial explosive and detonator cord. It is understood that the arms shipment was discovered after a police investigation which involved tracking known dissident IRA men across Europe to the Balkans, in the wake of the seizure of explosives in the Irish Republic last year.

There was little sign of contrition for past violence or remorse for continued punishment beatings among the hundreds of relatives, republican and loyalist, who congregated in the car park of the Maze, to give the released prisoners a hero's welcome.

In triumphal scenes rarely witnessed even in Northern Ireland, women supporters of the IRA convicts showered the ex-prisoners with confetti, threw party streamers and popped champagne corks as they blinked into the light through the forbidding grey front gate of the Maze prison.

Collette McCann, cousin of Neil McKay, the IRA killer convicted of "ruthless and vicious activities" in 1993, including the murder of Ulster Defence Regiment Lance Corporal Roy Butler in front of his wife and daughter, was dressed as for a wedding.

## Killers walk Belfast's streets: Cheers greet Loyalist, IRA convicts on early releases

She carried a bunch of chrysanthemums and a bottle of champagne. "We are here to give Neil a proper welcome," she said. "He was sentenced to six life sentences by one of your courts, but he only had to serve just eight years. That is something to celebrate."

Ms. McCann, sister of Joe McCann, Official IRA gunman killed by British paratroopers in Belfast in 1972, added as **women** all around her nodded defiant agreement: "The war is not over. They are coming out to fight for freedom again."

As the children of some of the IRA convicts waved the republican tricolours, Jim McVeigh, the Provisional IRA's Maze commanding officer, told reporters that his men left "unbowed and unbroken." He added that the Provisional IRA contingent of 46 men released from the Maze, including Sean Kelly, whose fish-shop bomb in 1993 killed nine people -- among them a pregnant woman and a young girl -- would continue to pursue their goal of a united socialist Ireland.

One resident from a nearby house complained: "It is more like the World Cup than the letting out of many of the wickedest men in the country."

### Among Those Set Free

Michael Caraher: Convicted of being 'trigger man' in an ***Irish Republican Army*** sniper team that shot the last British soldier killed in Northern Ireland in February 1997. Sentenced to a total of 105 years; served 16 months.

Tarlac Connolly: Catholic paramilitary member convicted of killing three police officers and, inadvertently, a Catholic nun by planting a bomb in a culvert in 1990. Was serving life.

Norman Coopey: Protestant convicted of clubbing a 16-year-old Catholic schoolboy to death in July 1997. Sentenced to life only 18 months ago.

Leslie Henry: Protestant paramilitary member convicted of kicking to death a police officer. Sentenced to life in December 1998.

Sean Kelly: IRA member convicted of killing nine people by bombing a Protestant fish shop in east Belfast in 1993. Sentenced to nine life sentences; served seven years and nine months.

Torrens Knight: Member of Protestant group Ulster Freedom Fighters. Convicted of 11 murders -- including seven people killed in retaliation for Kelly's 1993 bomb attack. Knight and his accomplices entered a Catholic pub on Halloween, said 'Trick or treat' and opened fire.

James McArdle: IRA member. Convicted of planting a bomb in London's Docklands in 1996, killing two and injuring 40. Sentenced to 25 years; served about two.

Ryan Robley: Member of Protestant Loyalist Volunteer Force, convicted of killing two best friends -- one Protestant, one Catholic -- in March 1998, a month before the peace accord was reached. Sentenced to life.

## Graphic

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CP Color Photo: Peter Morrison, The Associated Press / Loyalists gather outside the Maze prison near Belfast to await the release of Ulster Freedom Fighters.; Color Photo: Peter Morrison, The Associated Press / ***Irish Republican Army*** member Sean Kelly gets a warm welcome from his girlfriend on his release from the Maze prison. Mr. Kelly was convicted in a bomb attack that killed nine people.; Color Photo: Ferran Paredes, Reuters / Ireland's Prime Minister Bertie Ahern, Northern Ireland First Minister David Trimble, and Ulster Unionist Deputy

Killers walk Belfast's streets: Cheers greet Loyalist, IRA convicts on early releases

leader John Taylor meet at Dublin's Government Buildings.; Color Photo: Paul McErlane, Reuters / Michael Caraher; Color Photo: Paul McErlane, Reuters / Unidentified man.

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*From IRA to Cabinet;  
Education, health go to Sinn Fein*

The Advertiser

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**Section:** FOREIGN; Pg. 39

**Length:** 372 words

**Byline:** By BRUCE WILSON in Belfast

## **Body**

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THE man once believed to be chief-of-staff of the *Irish Republican Army*, Martin McGuinness, yesterday became the new minister for education in a devolved Ulster Government.

But in a bitter debate that saw Mr McGuinness's Sinn Fein party leader, Gerry Adams, shed the jacket of his suit and roll up his sleeves in the sombre assembly hall of Stormont Castle, it was clear that Unionist hardliners had found no room in their hearts for forgiveness.

One of them, Cedric Wilson, made a plea for his colleagues to reject Sinn Fein, begging them to recall it was the IRA that led to the sight of "pregnant women with their stomachs lying open" in the streets of Ulster. The assembly did not flinch at this grisly reminder.

Instead, it elected a new Cabinet for Northern Ireland that also included Mr McGuinness's colleague, Dublin-born Ms Barbre du Brun, as health minister putting both the leading social security portfolios in the hands of Sinn Fein.

"Fitting to give them health," said one old Unionist cynic later. "They've got enough blood on their hands." Mr Adams, in the end, decided not to risk taking a portfolio himself and instead nominated his two colleagues.

He will remain as Sinn Fein leader in the devolved assembly.

Giving education to Mr McGuinness predictably outraged the Democratic Unionist leader, the Rev Ian Paisley. Mr McGuinness said immediately after his nomination and confirmation by the assembly that he had no plans to change the present education system.

"Parents have the right to have their children brought up in the schools they choose," he said.

Ulster is expected to become self-governing again on Thursday for the first time since 1972, when the Northern Ireland Parliament formed in 1921 was disbanded because of the Troubles that broke out in 1969. London imposed "direct rule" to try to control a civil war that has claimed more than 3500 lives. The previous Parliament was almost entirely Protestant.

For a time yesterday it seemed the appointment of the new executive would be stalled with Mr Paisley committing himself to using every possible obstacle.

From IRA to Cabinet; Education, health go to Sinn Fein

He speaks for many distrustful Unionists who worry the IRA's political wing has been admitted to government without surrendering any weapons.

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## *Superb performances enhance powerful 'Bloody Sunday'*

Deseret News (Salt Lake City)

November 22, 2002, Friday

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**Section:** WEEKEND;

**Length:** 424 words

**Byline:** By Jeff ViceDeseret News movie critic

### **Body**

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BLOODY SUNDAY --\*\*\* -- James Nesbitt, Tim Pigott-Smith, Nicholas Farrell, Kathy Kiera Clarke, Gerald McSorley, Declan Duddy, Allan Gildea, Mary Moulds; rated R (violence, profanity, gore, vulgarity, brief sex, brief nudity); Tower Theatre.

It's a shame that participants in the continuing Middle East conflict will probably never get to see "Bloody Sunday." Though the film -- a "dramatic re-creation" of the ill-fated Derry civil-rights march in 1972 -- is set in a country far from modern Middle East bloodshed, it offers an important lesson about how a supposedly simple disagreement can get so far out of hand that lives are lost.

"Bloody Sunday" is an extremely powerful film, although it contains so much conjecture that audience members may be unsure about what is true and what has been dramatized. Also, by shooting things in a pseudo-documentary style, the filmmakers have opened themselves to attack from those with opposing viewpoints.

Any complaints about unfair treatment toward the British side of things can be easily dismissed, however -- not only does history now seem to side against them in this dispute, the material is a lot more balanced and even-handed than the film's detractors might have you believe.

"Bloody Sunday" explores the much-disputed events of Jan. 30, 1972, from several perspectives -- perhaps most significantly from the vantage point of Ivan Cooper (James Nesbitt), a civil-rights leader who has sided against the Protestant-led government in spite of his religious beliefs.

So Cooper and others have planned what is supposed to be a "peaceful" rally, and they march through the streets of the Irish city. Unfortunately, despite their best intentions, there are outside forces, including the British Army and the **Irish Republican Army**, working to ensure that it becomes a melee.

The film's obvious point of view is that this one event may have been the root cause of Ireland's 25-year cycle of escalating bloodshed. And at times, things appear to be so realistic that you have to remind yourself it's just a film.

There are several superb performances, especially that by Nesbitt, whose depiction of Cooper emerges as possibly the most tragic character. (The U2 anthem that was written about the tragedy closes the film on an entirely appropriate note.)

"Bloody Sunday" is rated R for graphic violence (rioting, gunfire and beatings), occasional use of strong sex-related profanity and some crude slang terms, gore, brief sexual contact and brief **female** nudity. Running time: 107 minutes.

Superb performances enhance powerful 'Bloody Sunday'

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## ULSTER PEACEMAKER MITCHELL IS HAILED IN QUEENS

Daily News (New York)

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**Section:** NEWS;

**Length:** 380 words

**Byline:** By DICK SHERIDAN DAILY NEWS STAFF WRITER

### **Body**

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On the day Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland sat down to jointly govern themselves for the first time ever, the man who coaxed them to the peace table was greeted in Queens with a standing ovation.

George Mitchell, the former U.S. Senate majority leader who devoted five years to midwifing the peace process, was the star of a Queens College panel discussion on Northern Ireland.

The panel began hours after the history-making debut of the joint government in Belfast, an event many Irish thought would never happen in their lifetimes.

When introduced on the Flushing campus, the audience of 600 academics, politicians, Irish and Irish-Americans rose spontaneously to applaud Mitchell.

Mitchell said his role is at an end. "Let's let them work it out as best they can," he said. "I think it's very important that the political leaders of Northern Ireland, having achieved self-governance, now also achieve the capacity to deal with their problems directly among themselves."

The former Maine senator deflected praise from himself and singled out others, like Monica McWilliams, leader of the Northern Ireland Women's Coalition, and politicians linked to pro-British paramilitary organizations.

"The negotiations could not have gone on without the active support and participation of these persons," Mitchell said.

David Ervine of the Progressive Unionist Party, which has links with loyalist guerrillas, said that peace became possible because of "people of my age who got tired of war and saw that it was unwinnable. They were looking at having to send their own children out into it."

Audience member Brendan Fay was amazed by what happened in Belfast.

"I never thought I would live to see this," said Fay, who is originally from Drogheda, Ireland, and now lives in Astoria. "When I left Ireland in the 1980s, there was very little hope for peace. This is all very emotional."

Mitchell was originally scheduled to be joined by David Trimble, first minister of the new government, and Martin McGuinness, chief negotiator for Sinn Fein, the political wing of the Irish Republican Army.



## ULSTER PEACEMAKER MITCHELL IS HAILED IN QUEENS

"If he had not done his job so well," said Irish Ambassador Sean O'Huiginn, "everyone from Northern Ireland would have been here talking about history. Instead, they are back there making history."

### Graphic

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George Mitchell

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## *Jury finds whistleblowing British agent guilty of revealing secrets*

Deutsche Presse-Agentur

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**Dateline:** London

### **Body**

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A London jury Monday found David Shayler, a former intelligence officer, guilty under the Official Secrets Act, with the likely consequence that Shayler, who returned from exile in France in a blaze of publicity two years ago, will face a prison sentence.

The former MI5 agent was released on bail until Tuesday afternoon, when sentence is expected.

He viewed his actions in revealing information as exposing the illegal actions of the British intelligence community and said he was fighting for the truth to be told.

Shayler, 36, was found guilty of all three charges at the Old Bailey of disclosing information, documents and information from telephone taps. The prosecution said he had potentially placed the lives of secret agents at risk.

Shayler copied 28 files, some marked "Top Secret" on seven topics, including several on Libyan links with the **Irish Republican Army**, before leaving MI5 in October 1996.

Shayler defended himself during the trial but was told to sit in the dock for the first time to hear the verdict of the jury of five **women** and seven men.

Prosecutor Nigel Sweeney said disclosure of even one piece of classified information could facilitate the identification of British agents.

But Shayler told the court: "It should be a fundamental principle of a fair society that people are allowed to expose the wrongdoing of the security services, particularly when they are a threat to our liberty.

"I was seeking to expose the truth," he said.

Shayler was behind front-page revelations in 1997 about MI5's files on senior Labour politicians, and followed those up by exposing a number of State secrets which he felt showed law-breaking and incompetence in the security services.

He said agents had tapped leading Labour Party politician Peter Mandelson's phone and had kept a file on the current foreign secretary, Jack Straw. Former prime minister Ted Heath was also spied on, according to Shayler.

He said MI5 suspected John Lennon of funding IRA terrorism.

## Jury finds whistleblowing British agent guilty of revealing secrets

In 1998, while he was held for four months in Paris as Britain tried to arrange for him to be extradited to face charges, he said MI6, the foreign intelligence service, had attempted to kill Colonel Moamer Gaddafi by paying an Arab agent to place a bomb under a motorcade in 1996.

The French refused to extradite Shayler, but he returned voluntarily in August 2000 to face trial on condition the prosecution would not oppose bail. dpa rpm ms

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## *Mitchell expands Ulster peace talks*

United Press International

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**Section:** International

**Length:** 414 words

**Dateline:** LONDON, Oct. 20

### **Body**

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Northern Ireland's peace negotiator George Mitchell, the former U.S. senator who brokered last year's Good Friday agreement, Wednesday expanded the talks going on at the residence of American Ambassador Philip Lader by inviting the leaders of smaller parties, diplomats said. Mitchell said earlier that negotiations on clinching a power sharing deal between Northern Ireland's Catholic and Protestant communities were in a crucial stage this week. But neither Mitchell nor any of the leaders divulged details of the discussions. On Monday and Tuesday, Mitchell chaired intensive discussions between Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble and Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams on the key issues eluding resolution, including the decommissioning of weapons by Sinn Fein's paramilitary wing, the ***Irish Republican Army***. Unionist insistence on an IRA disarmament before a power-sharing deal scuttled an Anglo-Irish initiative in July, after which the two countries invited Mitchell back into the process. The unionists are still refusing to share power with Sinn Fein unless the IRA surrenders its weapon stockpiles. Sinn Fein says IRA decommissioning is not a precondition in the agreement. Irish sources said the talks Wednesday were joined by the representatives of the Alliance Party, ***Women's*** Coalition and the loyalist Progressive Unionist and Ulster Democratic parties, all of which support implementation of the Good Friday agreement. Mitchell moved the talks venue from Belfast to London in a declared attempt to focus attention on breaking the impasse and shield the day-to-day proceedings from speculative coverage by sectarian media in Northern Ireland.

A delegation from the pro-agreement pressure group People Moving On joined reporters and camera crews waiting outside Lader's residence for news of any progress in the talks. The group was formed recently by people from across the community divide and picketed the multiparty talks in Belfast and London. It has also launched a billboard campaign calling for peace across Northern Ireland. Meta Auden, a spokesperson for the group, told the British Broadcasting Corp. the campaigners wanted to "encourage the politicians inside to implement the agreement that the majority of people in Northern Ireland had voted for." Meanwhile, Adams has scheduled a fund-raising visit to New York, but will return on Friday for the resumption of the talks. ---

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## DOOM & GLOOM

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#### FAITH FREES ALLEGED KILLER

AN INMATE and former mental patient in Montana accused of butchering a 10-year-old boy and feeding him to neighbours is unlikely to face charges because the alleged victim's mother believes her son is alive.

Zachary Ramsay's mother, Rachel Howard, said she did not believe Nathaniel Bar-Jonah had killed her son in 1996.

Searches of Bar-Jonah's house turned up lists of children's names, including Zachary, and encrypted letters in which he wrote about "little boy stew" and "little boy pot pies".

#### FARMER FACES 15 MURDER CHARGES

FOUR more first-degree murder charges were filed in provincial court near Vancouver today against Robert William Pickton, as part of the largest case of a suspected serial killer in Canadian history.

Pickton, a 52-year-old pig farmer known as Farmer Willy, now faces 15 murder charges involving women who vanished from Vancouver's seedy Downtown Eastside. About 63 women have vanished from the area over 20 years.

#### MOTHER JAILED FOR BABY KILLINGS

A SWEDISH mother was sentenced to three years' jail today for strangling her two new-born babies to death and then keeping their bodies in her freezer.

The killings were uncovered earlier this year when police found the frozen corpse of one of the newborns in a wooded area outside Stockholm.

Police raided the apartment of Helena Pettersson, 31, and uncovered a second dead newborn in the freezer.

#### TOLL MOUNTS FROM HOME DISASTER

MOUNTAIN homes in a neighbourhood of the northern Syrian city of Aleppo collapsed before dawn today when caves beneath gave way, killing 28 people and injuring 22.

The death toll was expected to rise as some residents spoke of loved ones and neighbours who are still missing and believed to be trapped under the rubble.

## DOOM & GLOOM

It was not clear how many houses collapsed in the district of al-Sawdah Hill in Aleppo, about 300km north of Damascus.

### IRA GANG KNEECAPS BUS DRIVER

THE **Irish Republican Army** shot a Catholic bus driver in the knees, police said today, as Protestants warned continued IRA violence would spell the end of Northern Ireland's coalition government.

Police said IRA outlaws tried to pull Danny McBrearty from behind the wheel of his bus on Sunday.

When he resisted they beat him with a hammer and shot him in both legs.

McBrearty said he and his nephew last year fought an IRA gang after a pub brawl.

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## WORLD DIGEST

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#### NORTHERN IRELAND

Prime ministers unveil new peace proposal

The British and Irish prime ministers unveiled a sweeping new Northern Ireland peace plan Wednesday that offered solutions to issues that have bedeviled negotiations for a decade.

But the leaders' optimism was offset by statements from the two key parties in the conflict -- the British Protestants of the Democratic Unionists, and the Irish Catholics of Sinn Fein -- that they could not fully support the plan.

Each blamed the other for being unreasonable on the key stumbling block: whether the **Irish Republican Army** should allow disarmament officials to photograph the destruction of the outlawed group's weapons stockpiles.

#### CANADA

Baby elephant dies after mother's rejection

A 3-week-old baby elephant that had been rejected by its mother has died at the Calgary Zoo, officials said Wednesday.

Zookeepers and veterinarians had been providing round-the-clock care to the unnamed Asian elephant, which died after slipping into a coma Tuesday. Zoo officials had feared the **female** calf would die after its mother, a 14-year-old elephant named Maharani, abandoned it and refused to nurse when the infant was born Nov. 16.

#### ITALY

Pope blesses shoppers and tourists in Rome

Waving from his white popemobile, Pope John Paul II blessed shoppers and tourists at the foot of the Spanish Steps on Wednesday as he began his busy holiday schedule with a traditional visit to the popular square in the heart of Rome.

Dec. 8 is the church and Italian national holiday of the Immaculate Conception, which marks the Roman Catholic belief that the mother of Jesus was conceived without original sin.

## WORLD DIGEST

## ISRAEL

## Army is investigating Palestinian boy's death

The Israeli army confirmed Wednesday it had investigated the death of a 16-year-old Palestinian boy who was accidentally killed by Israeli machine gun fire while working in a Gaza Strip field with his father.

The shots were reportedly fired by a tank accompanying army recruits who had finished training and were marching back to their unit in Gaza. In dangerous areas, weapons fire is sometimes used to protect such army marches, said an army spokesman. He said officials had not yet made a decision in the case.

## VENEZUELA

## Vendors and police clash in capital

Police and national guard troops fired tear gas and plastic bullets at crowds of angry street vendors in the capital, Caracas, on Wednesday as officers tried to remove merchants from zones where they are barred from selling their wares.

The violence injured 25 people, including one police officer. Twelve people were injured by gunshots, police said. Interior Minister Jesse Chacon announced last month that authorities would not tolerate street vendors outside banks, historic sites and subway entrances.

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## World Briefing

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### EUROPE

**NORTHERN IRELAND: ADAMS TELLS OF CAR BUG** -- Gerry Adams, the head of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the **Irish Republican Army**, accused the British intelligence services of planting a listening and tracking device in his car during recent negotiations on a Northern Ireland settlement. Mr. Adams said he had protested to the British and Irish governments, which co-sponsored the talks. "I think this is a hugely serious breach of faith," he said, and called on Prime Minister Tony Blair to find out who was responsible. Alan Cowell (NYT)

**NORTHERN IRELAND: PROTESTANT DISARMAMENT** -- The Ulster Freedom Fighters, the biggest Protestant paramilitary group, said it would send representatives to the group overseeing disarmament under the accord giving the province self-government. But it said it would consider disarming only when the **Irish Republican Army** had "already begun to decommission its arsenal of weaponry." An I.R.A. representative has already met with the disarmament group. Alan Cowell (NYT)

**TURKEY: FINED OVER KURDS** -- The European Court of Human Rights ruled that Turkey had unfairly banned a pro-Kurd political party in 1993, and ordered the government to pay \$4,685 to the party's founder and president. Lawyers said the party, Freedom and Democracy, supported separatism. Stephen Kinzer (NYT)

**FRANCE: EQUALITY FOR WOMEN** -- The cabinet approved a bill to put women on the same election footing as men by encouraging parties to field more female candidates. The bill, which fulfills a Socialist election pledge, avoided setting quotas for women in government but proposed cutting state funding to parties that put forward more male candidates. It could become law in time for local elections in 2001. (Reuters)

**NETHERLANDS: LOCKERBIE TRIAL POSTPONED** -- Defense lawyers for two Libyans accused of the bombing of a Pan Am flight over Lockerbie, Scotland, sued successfully to have the trial postponed from Feb. 2 to May 3, but lost another motion seeking to drop conspiracy to murder charges from the case. (Reuters)

## World Briefing

## MIDDLE EAST

IRAN: DISSIDENT TO APPEAL -- A compromise over the jailing of Abdullah Nouri, a popular reform politician, seemed closer after he and the tribunal that convicted him of anti-Islamic activities agreed to an early appeal. The court had earlier denied the 50-year-old cleric the right to appeal, and he had said he preferred to serve his five-year sentence. Mr. Nouri's lawyer said the cleric would enter his candidacy for elections in February, which his conviction appeared intended to block. A successful appeal would allow him to lead the reform movement in the polls. John F. Burns (NYT)

EGYPT: DOUBTS ON MILLENNIUM PARTY -- Egypt is reconsidering a plan to commemorate the new year by lowering an artificial gold capstone atop the largest of the Great Pyramids. Archaeological officials raised concerns that the plan, which calls for a helicopter to hover over the 5,000-year-old pyramids, could damage them. Douglas Jehl (NYT)

## THE AMERICAS

MEXICO: MORE REPORTS OF DISAPPEARANCES -- The families of 18 people who vanished in and around Ciudad Juarez since 1996 and whose disappearances had not been previously reported have contacted an association of relatives of the disappeared in the nine days since F.B.I. experts and Mexican investigators began digging up clandestine grave sites there. Association leaders said they now count 215 missing people. Sam Dillon (NYT)

## ASIA

INDIA: RADIATION LEAK -- The government admitted to Parliament that radioactive heavy water leaked into a lake from an atomic power plant at Kota in Rajasthan last May, but said there was no danger to the public because the cumulative radiation level for the year was still well below the safety limit set by the Atomic Energy Regulation Board. Celia W. Dugger (NYT)

INDONESIA: ATROCITIES REPORTED -- The leader of a United Nations human rights investigation in East Timor, Sonia Picado of Costa Rica, said in Jakarta that a pattern of atrocities seems to have been committed by pro-Indonesia militia groups but that the Human Rights Commission in Geneva would have to decide whether to recommend an international war crimes tribunal. Indonesia has said it will not turn over high-ranking officers for trial. But Parliament demanded that officers stand trial for abuses in Aceh, where an independence movement has suffered military abuses. Barbara Crossette (NYT)

PAKISTAN: AFGHAN BANKS SHUT -- Despite its friendly relations with the Taliban militia in Afghanistan, the Pakistani government ordered the closure of two Afghan banks in Peshawar in order to comply with United Nations sanctions imposed on Afghanistan because of the Taliban's refusal to turn over the suspected terrorist Osama bin Laden for trial in the United States. Celia W. Dugger (NYT)

## AFRICA

IVORY COAST: WARRANT FOR EX-PREMIER -- A government-controlled court has ruled that Alassane D. Ouattara, left, a former prime minister who plans to contest next October's presidential election, would be arrested if he returned to the Ivory Coast. The government says Mr. Ouattara, who has been in Paris since September, is not an Ivoirian citizen and forged documents intended to prove that he is. Norimitsu Onishi (NYT)

SUDAN, UGANDA: PEACE PACT -- Sudan and Uganda, neighbors and longtime enemies, signed an accord not to support rebel groups working to overthrow each other's government. The deal, brokered in Kenya by former President Jimmy Carter, aims at better relations between the two nations and a restoration of diplomatic ties, which were broken in 1995. Ian Fisher (NYT)

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## **Hillary Clinton Urges Ireland Peace**

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U.S. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton called on Northern Ireland's women Thursday to make the killing earlier this year of a Roman Catholic lawyer "a final rebuke" to anyone trying to derail the peace process.

Mrs. Clinton said the people who planted a bomb in the car of lawyer Rosemary Nelson, who represented many Catholic clients, must not be allowed to quiet the voices of those pursuing peace.

"Women will not be deterred," Mrs. Clinton told about 400 female activists, community workers and politicians at a conference called "Vital Voices: Women in Democracy."

Mrs. Nelson's March 15 murder "must stand as a final rebuke to all who have tried to derail the peace process," said the first lady, also a lawyer.

Referring to the peace agreement reached in April 1998, Mrs. Clinton praised the province for "the way people have pulled together to make peace real and in our times."

"We look at what you are doing here in Northern Ireland ... to send a message to people around the world of what can be done," she said.

David Trimble, the designated leader of Northern Ireland's new government, also praised the work of the province's women, saying it was their "courage and commitment" that helped "maintain the fabric of civil society through many dark days over the last 30 years."

Though the peace accord spelled out the formation of the Protestant-Catholic coalition government, it has been delayed by a dispute over the Irish Republican Army's refusal to start handing over its weapons.

Mrs. Clinton has used her two-day visit to Northern Ireland, her second in eight months, to focus attention on the critical role of women and children in building a lasting peace.

On Wednesday, she met with female members of the Northern Ireland's new assembly another outgrowth of the accord and helped launch a playground designed to cross the sectarian divide by encouraging Protestant and Catholic children to get to know each other on neutral ground.

## Hillary Clinton Urges Ireland Peace

Mrs. Clinton was scheduled to fly to London later Thursday to address a conference about human rights for children. She also planned to visit Macedonian camps for Kosovo refugees on Friday before returning home to Washington.

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## **POLICE RAID IRA STRONGHOLDS, ARREST SIX; THEY ARE SEARCHING FOR STOLEN DOCUMENTS**

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Police and soldiers raided several ***Irish Republican Army*** properties and arrested six people Saturday, including a prominent IRA member and a civilian police employee, in the search for stolen anti-terrorist documents.

The IRA-linked party, Sinn Fein, accused British intelligence of trying to deflect blame for the March 17 break-in at a Belfast office of Special Branch, the police's intelligence-gathering arm.

That break-in - one of the most embarrassing security lapses in Northern Irish history - involved several men walking past a checkpoint at the Castlereagh barracks in east Belfast, getting through code-locked doors, tying up the lone Special Branch officer on duty, rifling through files for more than an hour, then walking back out undetected.

Among those arrested Saturday, police said, were a civilian employee at the base and Bobby Storey, a well-known Belfast IRA figure. Two other men and two **women** were arrested.

Police have identified Storey as a member of the IRA's internal security unit responsible for identifying and executing police informers. The IRA has sought to identify an agent known only by the codename Steak-knife, which Special Branch has used for years to keep tabs on IRA activities.

Earlier this week the police commander, Chief Constable Ronnie Flanagan, said it was likely that the raiders had intimate knowledge of the base's layout. That raised already widespread suspicions of an "inside job" involving anti-terrorist intelligence officers from the police or army.

Police have confirmed documents were stolen but have declined to say what they contained.

Police backed by soldiers mounted Saturday's swoops in Catholic parts of Belfast and Londonderry, the second-largest city. Sinn Fein said an office used by paroled IRA prisoners was among the properties raided.

Sinn Fein official Alex Maskey, a friend of Storey, said the idea that the IRA was involved in the Castlereagh raid was "ridiculous and insulting."

Maskey noted that Sinn Fein was staging its biggest rallies of the year on Sunday. The arrests, he said, would anger supporters at a time when the party hoped to keep them behind the province's 1998 peace accord.

## POLICE RAID IRA STRONGHOLDS, ARREST SIX; THEY ARE SEARCHING FOR STOLEN DOCUMENTS

Street riots erupted in one militant Catholic district Saturday when youths and men threw dozens of gasoline bombs at police armored cars in north Belfast. Sinn Fein accused Protestants of triggering the clashes by erecting flags in honor of the major outlawed Protestant group, the Ulster Defense Association.

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Daily Poll:

yesterday's Question: Team Canada wore its vintage 'mustard' jerseys in Tuesday's 2-1 win over the United States. Are the sweaters hot or not?

36 % Hot - 64 % Not

663 respondents

Today's Question: An educational think-tank says Ontario should institute universal preschool. Do you agree?

Online Extras

The following stories are available exclusively online for seven-day subscribers. Here's a taste of what you'll find today -- to read full stories, check out: [www.ottawacitizen.com](http://www.ottawacitizen.com)

Northern Ireland Talks Hinge on Ira Arms

Ten years after the ***Irish Republican Army***'s ceasefire, talks resumed this week to revive a Catholic-Protestant administration, an elusive goal in Northern Ireland's hard-fought peace process. But Rev. Ian Paisley, the Protestant firebrand whose assent to power-sharing has become essential, said his Democratic Unionist Party won't even talk to Sinn Fein until the IRA fully disarms and disbands.

Read the full story by Shawn Pogatchnik.

Seeking End to Terror

The war on terror might be won, depending on one's definition of winning. Victory might mean fewer terror attacks, or smaller death tolls. But almost no one foresees a complete end to terror tactics. President George W. Bush ignited a controversy this week by saying he doesn't think the war is winnable; then he reversed himself. The truth is more nuanced, experts say.

Read the full story by Pauline Jelinek.



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### Britain Slaps Orders on Petty Criminals

The British government's latest weapon against petty crime, vandalism and hooliganism is the anti-social behaviour order. Prime Minister Tony Blair this week hailed the growing use of these orders, which have banned thousands of people, some as young as 10 years old, from associating with certain people or engaging in activities like shouting, swearing, spray-painting and playing loud music. Breaching an order can be punishable by up to five years in prison.

Read the full story by Jill Lawless.

### Focus on Bryant's Victim Deters Others

As NBA star Kobe Bryant was accused of assaulting a 19-year-old hotel employee, victims' advocates worried the intense media focus on the accuser would frighten other women away from reporting assaults. Long before the charges were thrown out, the case had a chilling effect on other women.

Read the full story by P. Solomon Banda.

### Putin Policy Fails to Curb Chechen Rebels

Russian President Vladimir Putin's rise was powered by a pledge to defeat Chechen separatists. Yet the rebels are still killing Russian soldiers and spilling civilian blood as well. The options on both sides seem limited.

Read the full story by Jim Heintz.

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## ***Nobel Winner Says Peace Is For the Strong ; Crusader Says Give Peace a Chance***

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Asked why she works for peace, Betty Williams said, "It's like eating Quaker Oats. It's the right thing to do."

It is not, however, the easy thing to do, the Nobel Peace Prize winner told an audience of 750 on Tuesday at the YWCA's 13th annual awards and fund-raising luncheon. Williams was the keynote speaker for the event to honor six winners of the YWCA Outstanding Achievement Award.

"Peace work is the weapon of the strong," she said, calling upon those present to "be renewed" in such strength, especially in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on America.

Before rushing to retaliate, she said, Americans should know that there are women and children in Afghanistan who will die for no reason.

"In Northern Ireland, 1 percent of the population held the rest hostage," said Williams. "The same thing is happening in Afghanistan. We shouldn't make the innocent suffer for what the guilty have done."

Williams received the Nobel Prize in 1976 along with Mairead Maguire, for leading a massive grass-roots movement against the violence then sweeping Northern Ireland.

The Belfast housewife was moved to action after watching an Irish Republican Army gunman, who was shot fleeing from British soldiers, smash his car into a family, killing three children.

Williams and Maguire, the aunt of the dead children, founded the Community of Peace People and began calling friends and family to organize a rally.

Around 10,000 people, Protestants walking alongside Catholics, showed up for the first of 12 marches, said Williams.

Today Williams travels to trouble spots around the world advocating peace and the safety of children. She rubs shoulders with the likes of former President Bill Clinton and South African Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who she calls "my little spiritual bubble."

Recalling her first reaction to the terrorist attacks on America was "Nuke'em," she said, "non-violence doesn't come easy to me. I have to do it second by second, minute by minute, hour by hour and day by day."

## Nobel Winner Says Peace Is For the Strong ; Crusader Says Give Peace a Chance

Anger and fear are natural reactions to violence, she said. "It's what you do with that anger that's important."

For the record, the six Outstanding Achievement Award winners were: Roberta Adams, pediatrician; Debra Daniels, social worker; Helen Papanikolas, educator; Jill Jones, architect; Khando Chazotsang, health care administrator and Corrine Hill, teacher.

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Williams; Jump Page B3: Adams, Daniels, Papanikolas, Jones, Chazotsang, Hill

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Today is August 27th.

Today's highlight in history: -BODY-

On this date in 1758, Fort Frontenac -- now Kingston, Ontario -- was captured and destroyed by the British. The site of the present city was picked by LaSalle in 1673, and the explorer was named commandant of the French camp. Later, the site was occupied by United Empire Loyalists from New York state and renamed Kingston. It later became the chief naval base of Ontario.

Also on this date:

In 551 B-C, Chinese philosopher Confucius was born.

In 1612, landing in his ship "The Discovery," Captain Thomas Button became the first European to winter in Manitoba.

In 1859, Edwin Drake struck the world's first successful oil well as a depth of 21 metres near Titusville, Pennsylvania.

In 1883, 36-thousand people died when the volcanic island of Krakatoa (krak-ah-TOH'-ah) in the Dutch East Indies, blew up. Most of the deaths were due to huge tidal waves set off by the explosion -- the largest in recorded history.

In 1945, Allied troops began landing in Japan following the surrender of the Japanese government.

In 1973, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that native women who marry non-natives lose Indian status. A law reversing the ruling took effect in 1985.

Also in 1973, the largest hailstone documented in Canada fell at Cedoux, Saskatchewan. It weighed 290 grams and measured 114 millimetres in diameter -- almost three times the size of a golf ball.

In 1975, Haile Selassie (HY'-lee sah-LAHS'-ee), the last emperor of Ethiopia's three-thousand-year-old monarchy, died in Addis Ababa at the of 83. He had been overthrown in a military coup the previous year.

## Prep-Today in History

In 1979, the Earl Mountbatten of Burma was murdered by the **Irish Republican Army** when his boat was blown up off the Irish coast. Mountbatten was a top British commander in the Second World War and a main architect of independence for India and Pakistan in 1947.

In 1980, the Ottawa Journal and Winnipeg Tribune stopped publishing, prompting a federal royal commission into newspaper ownership.

In 1992, the Supreme Court of Canada quashed Ernst Zundel's conviction for spreading false news about the Holocaust. The court ruled 4-3 that Zundel's right to freedom of expression was violated.

Today's birthdays 2001: Former Newfoundland premier Brian Peckford is 59. Actor Paul Reubens (Pee Wee Herman) is 48.

Thought for today: "To err is human -- but it feels divine." -- American actress Mae West (1892-1980). ---

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China: 70 Falun Gong removed from Hong Kong

Up to 70 Falun Gong members were deported during the largest security operation in recent memory to ensure a protest-free visit by Chinese President Jiang Zemin.

More than 3,000 police swamped the convention centre where an economic forum attended by the Chinese leader was held. Mr. Jiang, meanwhile, said Hong Kong is freer than ever and only unpopular fringe groups are "creating tension."

United States: Giuliani, wife feud over girlfriend's visits

The estranged wife of New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani is asking a judge to prevent her husband from inviting his girlfriend to their official residence. Donna Hanover wants a temporary restraining order to stop Judith Nathan visiting Gracie Mansion, where Ms. Hanover lives with the couple's children. Mr. Giuliani said last year he was separating from his wife after admitting to a relationship with Ms. Nathan. Ms. Hanover refuses to leave the mayoral residence until a divorce settlement is reached. Mr. Giuliani often appears in public with Ms. Nathan.

The Ottawa Citizen

Egypt: Mosques told to keep noise down

Egypt is cracking down on noisy mosques that misuse loudspeakers. Noise inspectors will be listening for mosques that use microphones outside the call for prayer, although Friday sermons will still be broadcast.

"The loudspeaker is for informing people of the call to prayer. It is not for reading prayers and the Koran (in between calls to prayer)," Ministry of Religious Endowments spokesman Adel Megahed said.

Britain: Ulster leader sets IRA disarmament deadline

David Trimble, the Protestant leader of Northern Ireland's power-sharing government, says he will resign if the **Irish Republican Army** doesn't begin to disarm by July 1.

Mr. Trimble's ultimatum sets him on another dangerous collision course with the IRA and its allied Sinn Fein party, a junior member of the four-party government he heads. His resignation would precipitate either the suspension or the collapse of the coalition, the centrepiece of the 1998 peace accord.

## World

Britain: Famed 'Beast of Barnet' finally captured

A lynx sitting on a London garden fence was caught yesterday after a dramatic operation involving police, vets, zookeepers and the RSPCA.

The **female** Eurasian lynx, four times the size of a domestic cat, was stalked through the back gardens and streets of north London for six hours before being sedated. The cat jumped over a 1.8-metre fence. The capture follows 10 years of sightings of a "puma-like creature" in south Hertfordshire and the fringes of north London. The animal was nicknamed the Beast of Barnet.

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## *Real IRA supporters say fund-raising ban won't deter them*

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Supporters of the breakaway Real ***Irish Republican Army*** said Thursday they won't be deterred in U.S. fund-raising efforts by the Bush administration's recent crackdown on their activities.

From their bases in Ireland and New York City, the hard-liners decried Wednesday's surprise State Department decision to designate the so-called Real IRA a terrorist organization under U.S. law and ban fund-raising by the group and its supporting organizations.

The Real IRA is made up of dissidents from the IRA, disillusioned by the movement's 1997 cease-fire that paved the way for a power-sharing government in Northern Ireland. The group's most notorious act was a 1998 car bombing in the town of Omagh that killed 29 people, mostly ***women*** and children, and wounded more than 300.

"Someone should have learned a long time ago that when you try to use repression against Irish republicans, it backfires," said Martin Galvin, a New York lawyer who is a prominent U.S. supporter of the 32-County Sovereignty Movement, widely considered the political face of the Real IRA.

"This just means we'll have to work harder," agreed Marian Price, a Belfast-based leader of another support group, called the Irish Republican Prisoners Welfare Association. The group says it exists only to provide money to families of about 40 IRA dissidents imprisoned in Irish and British jails.

Both support groups remain legal in Britain and Ireland, although the two countries outlawed the Real IRA soon after it began planting bombs in Northern Ireland in 1998 in hopes of undermining the province's peace accord.

Throughout the worst of the original IRA's three-decade campaign in Northern Ireland and Britain, U.S. authorities allowed its two affiliated groups - Irish Northern Aid and Green Cross prisoners aid - to operate legally.

Price - once jailed for her role in an IRA unit that planted the group's first car bombs in London in 1973 - said her group struggled to pay less than \$70 a week to families of the 39 prisoners.

"This is stooping to a new low, penalizing an organization that is looking after the wives and children of republican prisoners," said Price, who predicted U.S. donors would still keep sending money to Ireland.

In Belfast, Sinn Fein party leader Gerry Adams said that Real IRA supporters were politically irrelevant, and the U.S. action was unnecessary.



Real IRA supporters say fund-raising ban won't deter them

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Voters in Northern Ireland have dealt a crippling blow to a peace agreement calling for power-sharing between Protestants and Catholics.

Results of the Northern Ireland Assembly election have given control of the Protestant side of the house to the Democratic Unionists.

That party rejects the Good Friday peace accord as a package of concessions to the **Irish Republican Army**.  
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The Democratic Unionists say they won't even talk to leaders of Catholic-backed Sinn Fein, much less form a government with them. (AP)

(Brazil-Prison Rebellion)

Two inmates are dead and three guards are hostages in a prison rebellion in southern Brazil.

The rebellion broke out today when two inmates doing renovation work at the high security prison used pickaxes to overwhelm three nearby prison guards.

Two inmates were killed when the rebelling prisoners slammed them against walls and beat them with the pickaxes.

Police are negotiating with the prisoners to release the hostages and stop the violence. (AP)

(Ecuador-Lions Shot)

Two lions were shot dead after escaping from a circus in Ecuador.

The lions -- one male and one **female** -- roamed the streets of an Andean town south of Quito after escaping today.

One of the lions struck a boy, slightly wounding him, before both cats settled down in a grassy park.

That's where police shot the lions repeatedly.

The police chief says tranquilizer darts weren't available and they had to "sacrifice the animals to protect the people." (AP)

(Japan-HIV Nursery)

--International NewsWatch--

A private nursery school in Japan has rejected a child because one of its parents is H-I-V-positive.

The nursery justified its decision because of the "social prejudice" the child might face.

The child is H-I-V-negative.

Japan's Justice Ministry is now looking into the case.

(Kyodo)

(Germany-Interview Abuse)

Newspaper readers in Germany were treated to a front-page interview with a top politician -- with all of his answers scratched out.

It was done in protest of an increasingly abused German tradition of allowing politicians to review -- or even alter -- quotes before they are printed.

Nine major German newspaper exposed the long-standing practice on Friday.

They're hoping to start public debate about what one newspaper says is "deception of the reader." (AP)

(ODDITY-SKorea-Feuding Fasts)

First it was the hunger strike.

Then came the hunger strike against the hunger strike.

The opposition leader and a pro-government supporter in South Korea are in the midst of duelling hunger strikes.

At issue is a dispute over the president (Roh Moo-hyun) and corruption allegations against his former aides.

It's a standoff that has paralyzed parliament and derailed deliberation on hundreds of bills. (AP)

(International NewsWatch by Neena Chowdhury)

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## *There's no going back - Clinton plea for Irish peace*

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Mr Clinton was accompanied on the trip by his daughter Chelsea and wife Hillary, who addresses 40 Irish politicians at a women-only reception yesterday.

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## *Wife of paramilitary commander thrown out of assembly hall*

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The wife of a pro-British paramilitary leader sent back to jail recently in an attempt to calm a violent Protestant feud was thrown out of Northern Ireland's assembly building Monday for disrupting proceedings.

Speaker Lord Alderdice was forced to suspend the first sitting after the summer vacation when Gina Adair and a group of **women** shouted abuse from the public gallery at members of the Progressive Unionist Party.

The PUP is the political wing of the outlawed, pro-British Ulster Volunteer Force, which is involved a bitter feud with her husband Johnny "Mad Dog" Adair's Ulster Freedom Fighters. Adair is a UFF local commander in the hardline Shankill Road area of Belfast.

Adair, who was freed early from the prison under the terms of Northern Ireland's 1998 peace accord, was re-arrested two weeks ago after three Belfast men died when the monthslong feud erupted afresh.

Northern Ireland Secretary Peter Mandelson, Britain's senior official in the province, ordered the arrest believing it would help calm the situation.

Adair's wife has demanded he be freed immediately and on Saturday led a protest outside the London office of Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Earlier Monday, Billy Hutchinson, a PUP lawmaker in the new power-sharing assembly set up under the 1998 accord, was arrested for refusing to let police search him as he got into a car that had avoided a British army roadblock. He was released shortly afterward without charge.

The simmering confrontation between the UVF and UFF has little to do with political principles and plenty to do with the lucrative rackets that both operate in competition with each other.

The gangs share the same overall goal of keeping Northern Ireland as a Protestant-majority state linked with Britain. But ever since the ***Irish Republican Army*** called an open-ended cease-fire in 1994, the Protestant groups have lacked a unifying enemy.

After calling their own joint truce, they turned their energies full time to their long-established rackets: drug trafficking, cigarette and alcohol smuggling, counterfeiting, video and CD piracy, and extortion.

On Friday, in an attempt to resolve the feud, PUP lawmakers met members of the UFF's political wing, the Ulster Democratic Party. No results were announced.

Wife of paramilitary commander thrown out of assembly hall

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Magic for Harry's creator

J.K. Rowling has given birth to a boy, the second child for the Harry Potter author.

David Gordon Rowling Murray was born yesterday at the Royal Infirmary in Edinburgh, Scotland and both mother and baby were doing well.

The author, 37, has a daughter Jessica from her previous marriage. She wed Dr Neil Murray in December 2001. They live in Scotland.

Storm tragedy

At least 110 people drowned after an overloaded ferry sank in Lake Tanganyika off the shores of Burundi.

More than 40 people were rescued after the ferry sank in a storm near Nyanza Lac, 110km southwest of Bujumbura.

Doing what comes naturally

LOVE was in the air at the San Diego Zoo on the weekend.

Gao Gao, an 11-year-old male giant panda who recently arrived from China, mated three times with Bai Yun, the zoo's resident female panda.

Researchers were optimistic that the panda mating -- a first in San Diego Zoo history -- may yield a cub.

End to sticky fingers

BRITISH frozen confection lovers will be pleased to try a new icy pole that doesn't drip all over the place.

Scientists have developed a formula so that when the snack is removed from the freezer and begins to defrost, it turns slowly into a fruit jelly.

As a result, it maintains its shape around the stick.

More mourning on West Bank



## QUICK NEWS

A PALESTINIAN teenager was shot dead yesterday during a clash with Israeli soldiers on the West Bank as troops searched houses on a routine sweep for militants. Three other youths were wounded.

## Whaler snubs prohibition

NORWAY, the only nation that hunts whales commercially, gave the green light yesterday for whale meat exports to Denmark's Faroe Islands, expanding trade despite an international ban.

Norwegian whalers, who have government permission to kill 711 minke whales this year, began exporting whale products to Iceland last year and hope to expand into the huge Japanese market.

## Oil producer's African retreat

OIL giant Shell evacuated four Nigerian oil facilities yesterday, joining ChevronTexaco in a huge pullout from the Niger delta where ethnic violence has killed scores and razed villages.

Ijaw activists, meanwhile, accused Nigeria's military of attacking and firing indiscriminately on residents in three villages, killing 10 people. Military officials denied the allegations.

## IRA armoury uproar

NORTHERN Ireland's major Protestant leader demanded an explanation yesterday for an **Irish Republican Army** weapons store in Belfast.

Detectives charged two men in connection with Saturday's discovery of a weapons cache in the Lower Ormeau, a hard-line Catholic district in south-central Belfast. The weapons included an assault rifle, six handguns, ammunition and bomb components. Police described them as ready for use.

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## *Clinton seeks to boost peace in Northern Ireland*

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Later, the Clintons went shopping, drawing curious onlookers out in the driving rain. Dublin housewife Angela Smith greeted the president as he entered a store. "We said 'Happy Christmas' and we wished him good luck with the peace," she said.

The Clintons then stopped at a pub on the outskirts of the city, where the president sampled some beer and shook hands with the crowd. After the pub stop, Clinton headed back to Phoenix Park where he spoke briefly about 225 people at a reception at U.S. Ambassador Michael Sullivan's home.

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## *Police killing of suspected IRA terrorist was lawful, jury rules*

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During the hearing, the police officer who fired the fatal shot told the jury that he believed his life had been in danger. The officer, who gave evidence behind a screen to protect his identity, said he had pushed open the door to room 303 of the Glenthorne Road Hotel and had seen someone standing in front of him, a man who he believed was holding a gun.

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(Chemical Truck-Blockade) (Audio: 062)

Some tense moments in North Sydney, Nova Scotia after a chemical scare.

Barricades were put up last night when fumes were discovered coming from a tractor-trailer.

-BODY- It turns out the incident involved a spill, rather than a full blown leak of hazardous product, and the all clear was sounded this morning.

The truck was carrying 26 tonnes of sodium hydrosulphite, bound for Corner Brook, Newfoundland.

It's fumes can be toxic. (6) (Northern Ireland) (Audio: 057)

The leader of Northern Ireland's major Protestant party says the **Irish Republican Army** must say how and when it will disarm.

Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble says that's the only way Northern Ireland's local government stands any chance of regaining the power Britain stripped away yesterday.

Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams says Britain's decision has angered Catholics.

He says his party's executive will meet in a week's time to discuss whether to rejoin negotiations. (6) (Rock-Liberal-Health)

They say the federal government's silence is deafening.

Alberta's Liberals are duking it out with Ralph Klein's Tory government over privatized health care.

And they want federal Health Minister Allan Rock to take a stand.

The federal health minister says he'll wait and see the shape of Alberta's legislation on private health care before determining whether it's acceptable. (6) (Alaska Airlines-Crash)

Checks on more than 12-hundred jetliners have turned up some problems.

At least five M-D-80 and M-D-90 planes have been found with a problem similar to the one suspected in the Alaska Airlines crash.

--Sixth NewsWatch--

Air Canada's 17 D-C-9's are getting the once over.

No word of any problems cropping up. (6) (Shuttle)

The pilot of the space shuttle "Endeavour" says "so far everything has gone just fine."

The shuttle is on a mission to map the Earth's surface using radar imagery.

The astronauts hope to map more than 70 per cent of Earth's terrain by the end of the eleven-day flight. (6)  
(Cocaine Wigs)

Two North Carolina women are in jail after trying to make it across the U-S-Mexican border with two-and-a-half kilos of cocaine stuffed under their wigs.

A Texas border patrol spokesman says something about the hair just wasn't right.

It made border crossing guards suspicious.

He says each woman had three bags of cocaine tucked under her wig. (6) ---

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3 boys latest victims in Kashmir

Three schoolboys mistook a live grenade for a cricket ball, hitting it and blowing themselves up Tuesday. The incident raised the death toll to at least 50 in the latest surge of bloodshed over the contested state of Kashmir.

Violence over the past four days set off a row between the government of Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and the newly elected state government of Kashmir, which recently released several Islamic militants from jails.

Freeing the prisoners was part of the new regime's promise to bring a "healing touch" to the embattled Himalayan region.

7 French arrests linked to shoe-bombing plot

PARIS - French police on Tuesday detained seven suspected Islamic militants with possible ties to the so-called "shoe bomber" - the third anti-terrorism sweep in France in four days.

Police have arrested 18 people since Saturday, including an Islamic militant who escaped from a Dutch jail. The interior minister described the arrest of another suspect as "very important" for the fight against terrorism.

The push by anti-terrorism investigators comes amid mounting fears of terror attacks in western Europe. In the latest word of caution, Defense Minister Michele Alliot-Marie said in an interview published Tuesday that France "is among the countries most threatened."

Police arrest 6 on suspicion of gun-running

DUBLIN, Ireland - 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.

Former theater hostages sue Moscow over siege

## Foreign Briefs

MOSCOW - Two former hostages and the father of a third have filed the first lawsuit seeking damages from the Moscow government over last month's theater siege, their lawyer said Tuesday.

In a related development, Russian authorities detained two more people on suspicion of involvement in the siege, in which 41 Chechen rebels and 129 hostages died.

Muslim official urges newspaper writer's death

LAGOS, Nigeria - The deputy governor of a largely Islamic state in northern Nigeria has called on Muslims to kill the Nigerian woman who wrote a newspaper article about the Miss World beauty pageant that sparked deadly religious riots.

"Just like the blasphemous Indian writer Salman Rushdie, the blood of Isioma Daniel can be shed," Zamfara Deputy Governor Mahamoud Shinkafi told a gathering of Muslim groups in the state capital, Gusau, on Monday.

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#### Soldiers' rebellion strikes Ivory Coast

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast - Soldiers rampaged in the streets of Ivory Coast's commercial capital on Thursday, shooting wildly into the air, stealing cars and looting stores in an apparent protest over money and perks.

Residents dashed for cover as soldiers zoomed through Abidjan in stolen luxury sedans and four-wheel drive vehicles, firing automatic weapons and shouting obscenities. Stores closed throughout the city and barricades went up in some neighborhoods.

Daniel Kadja, a presidential affairs ministry official, played down the rebellion, saying there was "no need to panic."

The violence eased somewhat late Thursday night. A presidential official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that negotiations were under way with leaders of the uprising.

The soldiers did not announce a reason for the uprising, but individuals among them complained about unpaid salaries, poor living conditions and insufficient perks such as housing subsidies.

#### U.S. Army officer found guilty of misconduct

BERLIN - The U.S. Army dropped the most serious charges against a top enlisted man accused of sexually assaulting a **female** subordinate but found him guilty of misconduct, the Army announced Thursday.

Command Sgt. Major Riley Miller "knowingly fraternized" with his military driver, the Army 5th Corps announced in Heidelberg. Other charges ranging from forcible sodomy to kidnapping were dropped.

Miller was not court-martialed, but was instead given a less-serious administrative punishment. He was issued a formal letter of reprimand and fined \$ 3,704, the maximum allowed under the administrative punishment.

#### D'Alema government wins second vote of confidence

ROME - Italian Premier Massimo D'Alema won a vote of confidence in the lower house Thursday, completing the parliamentary approval of his new center-left government.

The vote in the Chamber of Deputies was 310 in favor, 287 against and 18 abstentions. He won by a wider margin than anticipated.



## Foreign Briefs

139 N. Ireland prisoners go home for the holidays

BELFAST, Northern Ireland - Every convicted terrorist imprisoned in Northern Ireland went home for the holidays Thursday, thanks to the British government's latest initiative to support the Belfast peace accord.

The 139 prisoners walked free from the Maze Prison southwest of Belfast to the cheers and tears of their waiting friends and relatives. The prisoners include members of the **Irish Republican Army** and the province's outlawed pro-British groups, the Ulster Defense Association and Ulster Volunteer Force.

British authorities expect them all to return voluntarily to the prison by Jan. 4 to finish out their sentences.

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## **IN BRIEF LANDSLIDE: '50 DEAD'**

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PADANG, Sunday: Up to 50 people were feared dead as the search for victims of a landslide in the Indonesian province of West Sumatra was halted yesterday with 21 bodies found, an official said.

The landslide swamped about 24 homes at the foot of the Lantiak hill in South Padang on Thursday morning after several days of heavy rain.

Ferry disaster DHAKA: Nearly 50 people were feared drowned after a ferry sank in a river in southern Bangladesh, officials said. Rescuers have found 25 bodies, including six **women** and three children, and a similar number of people are missing after the ferry with about 200 passengers on board sank in the Meghna River in Bhola the region's deputy commissioner Mohammad Moizuddin said.

Pole killed PRISTINA, Yugoslavia: A Polish peacekeeping soldier has been killed and four others injured by an accidental bomb explosion in Kosovo, a spokesman for the international peacekeeping force said. The accident happened at the southern village of Djeneral Jankovic, near the border with Macedonia.

Pinochet lawsuit SANTIAGO: Relatives of two people who allegedly died after being tortured during the military rule here had filed a lawsuit against former dictator Augusto Pinochet, a lawyer, Julia Urquieta, announced. He said the suit was the 53rd filed in Chile against Pinochet, who is being held under house arrest in Britain. Mr Urquieta said the suit claimed Hernan Sarmiento and Aroldo Laurie died in 1974 after being tortured by soldiers or police officers.

Targets flagged BELFAST: Sinn Fein, the political wing of the **Irish Republican Army**, is calling for the removal of the British flag and pictures of Queen Elizabeth II from administrative buildings in Northern Ireland, according to leaked details of its program.

Chapel blessed VATICAN CITY: Pope John Paul II has blessed the Vatican's Sistine Chapel after a 20-year renovation that rid its Renaissance wall paintings of more than 400 years of soot and grime.

Hyena victims ADDIS ABABA: Hyenas fleeing a deadly fight with a pride of lions in eastern Ethiopia killed and ate a mother and her child, the official ENA agency reported. Two lions and 30 hyenas were killed during a fight between the prides of lion and hyena last Sunday in Asibuli, about 500km east of the capital, Abdi Gisale, a local official, said. The defeated hyena pride ate up a mother and child while fleeing the fight in a peasant locality known as the official said.

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## **Buy food, not arms, Nobel winner says in Minneapolis**

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Leaders of government who feel that defense spending is more important than feeding the hungry and keeping children safe are "working at the wrong end of the donkey," Nobel laureate Betty Williams told a Minneapolis audience Thursday.

Williams, 57, who shared the 1977 Peace Prize for her work in Northern Ireland, spoke to about 250 at the Westminster Town Hall Forum.

An economist has estimated that if 1 percent of the military budgets of the world was devoted to feeding the hungry, world hunger could be eliminated within two years, she said. That was one of several examples Williams cited of what she calls "working at the wrong end of the donkey."

Williams was what she calls "a simple housewife" in Belfast in 1976 when an **Irish Republican Army** guerrilla, fleeing a shootout with British troops, died at the wheel of his car and careened into three small children, killing them. Williams, a Catholic, and Mairead Corrigan, a Protestant and an aunt of the three children, organized a series of demonstrations dominated by **women** to demand an end to Northern Ireland's violence. Within days, 10,000 **women** demonstrated at the spot where the children died. Larger demonstrations followed across the province and in England.

Williams and Corrigan, who shared the Peace Prize, later were estranged but have reconciled. Corrigan still works in Northern Ireland, but Williams moved to the United States. She recently settled in Palm Beach, Fla., where she runs an organization called the World Centers of Compassion for Children. Her goal, she said, is to give a voice to the voiceless children who are drawn into wars and other forms of suffering.

"To call the death of children 'accidents of war' and to get children caught up in war is not acceptable to me," Williams said. "For years, we've been guilty of sending our sons to join armies, and we've been guilty of thinking that our heroes were men with guns. But for me, the hero is the guy who worries whether his neighbor down the street has a loaf of bread to eat."

She has drafted a "Declaration of the rights of the world's children," which she read Thursday.

At a luncheon after the talk, leaders of three local organizations \_ Catholic Charities, the Harriet Tubman Center and Habitat for Humanity \_ related Williams' global view to the suffering of children in the Twin Cities and what their organizations are trying to do about it.

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## **MITCHELL TRIES TO BREAK NORTHERN IRELAND DEADLOCK**

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BELFAST - U.S. mediator George Mitchell returned to the quagmire of northern Irish politics yesterday 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 the Irish republic to try to revive the peace process after it 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 to agree on a timetable for disarmament and the appointment of a power-sharing provincial executive.

"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 told reporters.

**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 told Sky News.

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

## MITCHELL TRIES TO BREAK NORTHERN IRELAND DEADLOCK

"The primacy of politics must be proven," he said, signaling that republicans still believed political progress was 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 tomorrow.

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

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## ***Thrill Investing: Learn as You Go***

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A RELATIVE newcomer to investing in stocks, Mary Duncan gives lie to the widely held notion that women are risk-averse investors. As a professor at San Diego State University in California, specializing in the Irish Republican Army and terrorism, Ms. Duncan seems to like risk and to have an entrepreneurial bent. In 1996, she co-founded the Shakespeare & Co. English-language book store in Moscow, a profitable venture that has endured boom and bust in Russia. It took four years to get it up and running.

"People said we were fools to do it," Ms. Duncan recalled, "so we thumbed our nose at them and opened on April Fool's Day."

Security, Ms. Duncan said, is not her priority. Stimulation is. With early retirement looming in 2001 and providing her with more than 100 percent of her current salary for the foreseeable future, she said the stock market was not so much an area in which she nurtures her savings as a new adventure. She said she hopes to learn a lot and perhaps convert her winnings into a quality Paris apartment.

"I got involved because I really need to be intellectually challenged," she said. "I knew nothing about the stock market until last year except buy low and sell high. About all I knew was about the Dow Jones."

But knowing nothing, she added, was more of a challenge than a barrier. "I am a risk-taker," she said. "When I worked on my dissertation on the Irish Republican Army, I didn't learn about it by reading in the library. I went to live with IRA families." As an investor, she preferred to jump in and swim, learning the rules along the way. To begin her journey, she called on a few friends who had reputations for making good investments. "I believe in talking to experts," she said. "Not someone who is going to personally benefit from what I will do with my money. I wanted someone with my friendship and personal interest at heart. Of course, not everyone is as privileged as I am. But my advice is not to go to anyone who will make money from their recommendations."

One source was a wealthy but conservative friend with a large portfolio. He said he would recommend some good mutual funds. But Ms. Duncan declined the recommendations because, she said, the funds were not sufficiently interesting for her taste.

A second friend - a recently retired economics professor - was doing well in the market. He suggested some low-priced stocks trading on the OTC Bulletin Board, the U.S. over-the-counter market, which is an arena that reflects the kind of no-holds-barred capitalism that Ms. Duncan was accustomed to working with in Russia.



## Thrill Investing: Learn as You Go

On his recommendation, she bought shares in e.Digital Corp., whose MicroOS software is a flash-memory file-management system that helps people download audiovisual data from the Internet to portable players. If the system succeeds, it will be a way for record companies to deliver music to users who now use illegal systems or opt for obscure labels that provide digital entertainment.

"I bought it totally blind," said Ms. Duncan, who got her original stake of 10,000 shares at 27 cents each. Several days later, she bought 10,000 more at 30 cents. At the time, she added, she "didn't even know how to look up a stock price." Since then, she has learned to use Yahoo's financial Web site and also uses a site called Raging Bull that carries news about the bulletin board stocks she tends to buy.

By summer, e.Digital stock had gone to \$2 per share, and Ms Duncan sold 3,000 shares to finance closing costs for an ocean-side condominium in La Jolla, California. She bought the 3,000 shares back several months later at the same price. Today, her 20,000 shares are worth about \$200,000, with an original cost base of less than \$6,000.

Besides the profit, Ms. Duncan got the stimulation she sought. In January, e.Digital soared, one day hitting \$24. "I was making \$20,000 and \$40,000 a day," she recalled. "I was looking up the price in a cybercafe in Paris and I was hyperventilating."

The shares have since fallen to \$10, and the company is in the process of applying for a Nasdaq listing, a step up from the Bulletin Board system. Robert Putnam, an e.Digital vice president, said he hoped this would attract institutional investors.

Like many other Internet-related concerns, e.Digital does not have any earnings to show, and its sales for the nine months through Dec. 31 were \$306,584, but the stock market values it at more than \$1 billion.

Ms. Duncan said she was planning to hold the stock to escape short-term U. S. capital-gains tax if she sells at a profit within a year of purchase and because her adviser said the shares have the potential for further gains.

Not all the stocks she owns are in wild and woolly bulletin-board territory. In March, she bought 1,000 shares of the New York Stock Exchange-listed Lanier Worldwide Inc. at \$3.10.

"It hasn't been a disaster," she said, "but it has been my worst investment." The stock has since dropped to as low as \$1.90 and was at \$2 on Thursday.

Lanier, which was spun off from Harris Corp. in November, is in the document-processing business. It has a voice-recognition technology aimed at doctors and lawyers, which allows them to work without a personal computer, dictating and printing documents from small devices. For the first quarter of this year, Lanier reported a loss, Ms. Duncan said, in part because it was selling old inventory at highly discounted prices. Web sites: E.DIGITAL: [www.edig.com](http://www.edig.com) LANIER WORLDWIDE: [www.lanier.com](http://www.lanier.com) OTC BULLETIN BOARD: [www.otcbb.com](http://www.otcbb.com) RAGING BULL: [www.ragingbull.com](http://www.ragingbull.com) (Not to be reproduced without the permission of the author.)

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## **Mitchell targets loyalist paramilitaries**

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Northern Ireland peace negotiator George Mitchell, the former U.S. senator who brokered last year's Good Friday agreement, is meeting with Protestant political parties linked to paramilitary groups blamed for the killing of Catholics. Today's meetings are part of the ongoing effort to overcome the deadlock on paramilitary decommissioning that has postponed the new cross-border, power-sharing government. Mitchell was brought in after months of fruitless wheel-spinning in negotiations led by British Prime Minister Tony Blair and his Irish counterpart Bertie Ahern. Monday, he met with the leaders of the four major political parties and urged them to grasp the opportunity for peace, warning, "There is a chance, the best in many years, to set Northern Ireland on the path to enduring peace and political stability." He said he would focus on an independently supervised surrender of weapons by both Catholic and Protestant groups, including the **Irish Republican Army**, and on securing a shared administration in Belfast. In today's round, Mitchell explored loyalist links between the Progressive Unionist Party and two armed groups notorious for their anti-Catholic violence, the Ulster Volunteer Force and the Red Hand Commando. He also set talks with the Ulster Democratic Party, which is linked to the Ulster Defense Association paramilitary group. Mitchell's emphasis on decommissioning drew arch comments from Unionist Party leader Robert McCartney, who said the American negotiator's effort was doomed. McCartney said in comments broadcast by the British Broadcasting Corporation, "Mitchell, having facilitated Sinn Fein/IRA's entry into negotiations without decommissioning, having facilitated Sinn Fein's entry into the Agreement without decommissioning, is now here to facilitate Sinn Fein into government without decommissioning."

Mitchell also scheduled talks with the pro-Britain Northern Ireland **Women's** Coalition and three smaller parties opposed to the Good Friday Agreement, the U.K. Unionists, Northern Ireland Unionist and United Unionist Assembly Parties. Mitchell's initiative coincides with the publication this week of a report on the future policing of Northern Ireland by Chris Patten, the former governor of Hong Kong. Unionists have denounced leaked reports that Patten wants the Royal Ulster Constabulary restructured and halved because of its alleged sympathies with the Protestant community. Prime Minister Tony Blair told the British Broadcasting Corporation over the weekend the peace process was beset by a fundamental problem of trust but that it is not unraveling. ---

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## *Happy being sad*

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BRIAN Kennedy is happy being a musical everyman, someone who includes catchy popular ballads as well as classic Irish songs in his repertoire.

"I am not a pop idol artist, but I have a very loyal following," says the 38-year-old Irishman with an angelic voice.

Kennedy, who has collaborated or toured with Ray Charles, Sinéad O'Connor, Van Morrison, Ronan Keating and Tina Turner, says his diverse fanbase takes in "80-year-old women, 12-year-old girls, fathers and sons, and couples".

As well as covering modern standards such as Morrison's Crazy Love and producing his own popular songs such as Get On With Your Short Life, he gives spine-tingling renditions of classics such as Danny Boy, Carrickfergus and the Isle of Innisfree.

Kennedy got to know the songs when hosting a TV special on Irish music. This led to his recording an album, and his versions became more and more requested.

The singer, who is visiting Victoria this week, admits he's been captivated by the old songs.

"I have fallen in love with them, there's no doubt about that. And I have to be that way inclined if I am going to get up there night after night and sing them. I have to believe in them.

"Hopefully, there's an honest approach and a naivety because I never grew up with this stuff.

"There must be a history and a sadness wrapped up in those songs that is just overpowering. When I'm singing, they take me over."

For Kennedy, growing up in turbulent west Belfast in the early '80s was as far from the postcard ideal of Ireland as you can get. With his parents and five siblings he lived in Beechmount, beside staunchly republican Falls Rd, the scene of deadly clashes between Irish Republican Army guerillas and the British Army.

He moved to London to escape the bullets and develop his career as a writer/singer, but has used his experiences as a terrified youth as a backdrop for his fictional novel The Arrival of Fergal Flynn.

The central character, a gay youth, struggles to find acceptance, relying on his classical voice and relationship with a priest as a way to escape the madness.

## Happy being sad

Kennedy, a homosexual who believes he is a good role model for gays battling prejudice in Northern Ireland, says his book is not an autobiography.

"It's definitely a fictional account of this young man's life. But of course there are strong resonances with me. You can't write about west Belfast without it being somewhat factual and I bring my own experience of it."

Kennedy has been encouraged by reaction to his book and is working on a sequel, planning to continue to combine singing and writing novels.

BRIAN KENNEDY

Where: National Theatre, St Kilda, tomorrow; Palais, Hepburn Springs, Friday

Tickets: \$60

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## *Truth and fiction overlap for Snyder*

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A leaked report that faults British detectives for failing to pass on warnings that could have thwarted Northern Ireland's deadliest terror attack left author Don J. Snyder pondering the overlap between truth and fiction.

Snyder was drawn to the town of Omagh in the aftermath of the Aug. 15, 1998, car bomb planted by *Irish Republican Army* dissidents that killed 29 people and injured 330 others. He spent 11 days there and came away with the germ of a novel, *Night Crossing*, which was published last year.

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The story focuses on a pregnant woman from the Boston suburbs whose marriage is falling apart and who, by chance, turned up in Omagh on the day of the tragedy.

She meets a British officer who deliberately suppressed a warning from the IRA about the time and place of the blast.

Instead of being moved to the courthouse steps where they would have been safe, the victims -- many of them *women* and children -- remained near the spot where the bomb went off.

The motive for that decision was the belief that the high toll of dead and injured would stir public outrage against the IRA, forcing it to agree to disarm and thus advance the peace process. That, said Snyder, is exactly what happened.

"I was trying to explain how good men, trying to bring an end to decades of bloodshed, could do such a horrible thing," Snyder said.

"They believed that the end justifies the means."

One British editor dismissed the plot as outlandish and Snyder said his publisher was unable to find a buyer for the British rights.

Although Snyder set his novel in Omagh, he chose not to use the names of real people or even of town streets. The lone exception was that of a young mother, pregnant with twins, who died in the blast, along with her three-year-old daughter.

"I kept Avril Monaghan's name because I didn't want the event to be written off completely as fiction," the author said. "I felt that having her name there would always nail it down as reality."

## Truth and fiction overlap for Snyder

Snyder said he hopes that the people whose lives were shattered by the bombing will not go unremembered.

"As you walk around that town, you see people with one ear, or with a foot blown off," he said.

Snyder was deeply touched by the initial reports of the Omagh bombing and was particularly saddened by the death of Monaghan and her children, including the unborn twins.

He felt a link because he was a twin whose mother had died just days after she gave birth to him and his brother.

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BASED ON A LEAK: Don Snyder, author of Night Crossing.

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## *Prep-Today in History*

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Today is August 27th.

Today's highlight in history:

On this date in 1758, Fort Frontenac -- now Kingston, Ontario -- was captured and destroyed by the British. The site of the present city was picked by LaSalle in 1673, and the explorer was named commandant of the French camp. Later, the site was occupied by United Empire Loyalists from New York state and renamed Kingston. It later became the chief naval base of Ontario.

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Also on this date:

In 551 B-C, Chinese philosopher Confucius was born.

In 1612, landing in his ship "The Discovery," Captain Thomas Button became the first European to winter in Manitoba.

In 1883, 36-thousand people died when the volcanic island of Krakatoa (krak-ah-TOH'-ah) in the Dutch East Indies blew up. Most of the deaths were due to huge tidal waves set off by the explosion -- the largest in recorded history.

In 1896, the shortest war in recorded history ended with a British victory over Zanzibar. The British fleet bombarded Sultan Sa'id Khalid's palace for 38 minutes until he surrendered.

In 1917, Canada's Military Service Act was passed, putting conscription into effect.

In 1939, the world's first jet-propelled plane, the Heinkel H-E-178, made its first flight in Marienehe, in northern Germany.

In 1945, Allied troops began landing in Japan following the surrender of the Japanese government.

In 1973, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that native women who marry non-natives lose Indian status. A law reversing the ruling took effect in 1985.

Also in 1973, the largest hailstone documented in Canada fell at Cedoux, Saskatchewan. It weighed 290 grams and measured 114 millimetres in diameter -- almost three times the size of a golf ball.

## Prep-Today in History

In 1975, Haile Selassie (HY'-lee sah-LAHS'-ee), the last emperor of Ethiopia's three-thousand-year-old monarchy, died in Addis Ababa at 83. He was overthrown in a military coup the previous year.

In 1979, the Earl Mountbatten of Burma was murdered by the **Irish Republican Army** when his boat was blown up near his summer home in Ireland. He was 79. Mountbatten was a top British commander in the Second World War and a main architect of independence for India and Pakistan in 1947. He was also an uncle of Prince Philip.

In 1980, the Ottawa Journal and Winnipeg Tribune stopped publishing, prompting a federal royal commission into newspaper ownership.

In 1992, the Supreme Court of Canada quashed Ernst Zundel's conviction for spreading false news about the Holocaust. The court ruled 4-3 that Zundel's right to freedom of expression was violated.

Today's birthdays:

Former Newfoundland and Labrador premier Brian Peckford is 62.

Actress Barbara Bach is 57.

Actor Paul Reubens (Pee Wee Herman) is 51.

Actress Alexa Vega is 16.

Thought for today: "To err is human -- but it feels divine." -- American actress Mae West (1892-1980).

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## *Mrs. Clinton puts focus of her visit on women and children*

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First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton appealed to Northern Ireland's women today to make the killing earlier this year of a Roman Catholic lawyer "a final rebuke" to anyone trying to derail the peace process.

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Referring to the peace agreement reached in April 1998, Mrs. Clinton praised the province for "the way people have pulled together to make peace real and in our times."

"We look at what you are doing here in Northern Ireland ... to send a message to people around the world of what can be done," she said.

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During a London visit today, Mrs. Clinton said that modern society must do better at listening to young people. She cited last month's school shootings in Littleton, Colo., saying everything pales in comparison to the need to keep children safe.

Mrs. Clinton puts focus of her visit on women and children

On Wednesday, she met with **female** members of the Northern Ireland's new assembly - another outgrowth of the accord - and helped launch a playground designed to cross the sectarian divide by encouraging Protestant and Catholic children to get to know each other on neutral ground.

Mrs. Clinton was scheduled to fly to London later today to address a conference about human rights for children. She also planned to visit Macedonian camps for Kosovo refugees on Friday before returning home to Washington.

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**Clinton: N. Ireland women won't be deterred on peace**

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A schoolboy in Belfast, Northern Ireland, shows Hillary Rodham Clinton a model of a playground for Protestant and Catholic children to play safely together. / JOHN COGILL / Associated Press

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#### CHINA

BEIJING -- Police arrested a farmer for blowing up a bus and killing 19 passengers in a robbery attempt, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

#### VIETNAM

HANOI -- Longtime rivals Vietnam and China plan to resume direct postal service after a nearly 20-year break.

#### LESOTHO

MASERU -- Former Prime Minister Ntsu Mokhehle, considered the most influential politician in modern Lesotho, has died after falling ill during celebrations to mark his 80th birthday.

#### NETHERLANDS

AMSTERDAM -- The Anne Frank House, the canal home-turned-museum where the young Jewish diarist and her family hid from the Nazis, drew a record 822,712 visitors in 1998.

#### ESTONIA

TALLINN -- The government sacked about 300 policemen, most of them ethnic Russians, because they cannot speak Estonian and are not citizens, according to the Baltic News Service.

#### PHILIPPINES

MANILA -- Hundreds of angry Filipinos marched to the Supreme Court demanding that it overturn its decision to postpone the execution of convicted child rapist Leo Echegaray.

#### EGYPT

CAIRO -- Prime Minister Kamal Ganzouri in published remarks called the regime of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein untrustworthy.

#### IRAN

TEHRAN -- Moderates backing President Mohammad Khatami demanded reform of the security services after revelations that secret police death squads were involved in the murders of dissidents.

## Datelines

## DENMARK

COPENHAGEN -- Reader's Digest magazine named Danish physician Inge Genefke its 1998 "European of the Year" for her work with torture victims.

## ANGOLA

VATICAN CITY -- The Vatican said three Roman Catholic clerics had been murdered in the southern African state of Angola.

## SOUTH AFRICA

PRETORIA -- British Prime Minister Tony Blair signed a major economic agreement with South African Deputy President Thabo Mbeki and warmly praised the man expected to take over from Nelson Mandela.

## IRELAND

DUBLIN -- The **Irish Republican Army** reaffirmed its commitment to Northern Ireland's peace process in a New Year's message but warned of "growing frustration" at the pace of implementing it.

## SUDAN

KHARTOUM -- Foreign Minister Mustafa Osman Ismail denied that the country would enforce a new rule requiring **women** visitors to wear Islamic attire.

## HONDURAS

TEGUCIGALPA -- Swedish Foreign Aid Minister Pierre Schori appealed for more international aid to help Honduras recover from Hurricane Mitch, saying the country's villages looked worse than war-torn Sarajevo.

## INDONESIA

JAKARTA -- Police fired plastic bullets at hundreds of stone-throwing youths in a Jakarta neighborhood. Three rioters and one policeman were injured. There was no political motive behind the clash.

## SOUTH KOREA

SEOUL -- Six people, including three family members of a South Korean prisoner of war, arrived in Seoul after escaping hunger-stricken North Korea.

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TONY Blair welcomed one-time pariah Muammar Gaddafi back into the world community yesterday by becoming the first British Prime Minister in 60 years to visit Libya.

The British Prime Minister went almost directly from mourning the victims of the Madrid terrorist attack to the capital of the nation that admits it was responsible for the 1988 Lockerbie atrocity that killed 270 people.

Libya called al-Qaida a "real obstacle" to progress as Mr Blair paid the landmark visit to Colonel Gaddafi yesterday.

"We have an alliance against this movement," Libyan Foreign Minister Mohamed Abderrhmane Chalgam told reporters travelling with Mr Blair, without elaborating.

"For us they are a real obstacle against our progress, against our security, against women . . . against any change in our region."

Experts say Colonel Gaddafi has not had a hand in major terror attacks in recent years and has probably never had links to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network.

But Mr Chalgam's comments will be well received by Washington and London as they prosecute their "war on terror". Mr Blair was scheduled to meet Colonel Gaddafi last night.

Mr Blair's visit is a considered but potentially dangerous political leap, one apparently designed to encourage rogue states to join the international war on terrorism and the campaign against weapons of mass destruction.

But there was an underlying and more pragmatic purpose. Government sources confirmed that there were potential commercial deals with Libya in the pipeline that included access to the nation's oil resources and a military deal with British Aerospace.

Britain has four special grudges against Libya that made Mr Blair's visit politically risky. The bombing of Pan Am flight 103 over the Scottish town of Lockerbie as it flew from London to New York, is the worst.

Colonel Gaddafi is also known to have supplied arms to the Irish Republican Army in its civil war against Britain in Ulster while openly speaking out in favour of the IRA.

In 1984, Yvonne Fletcher, a police constable, was shot dead outside the Libyan embassy in London during a siege against armed men.

## Blair's Gaddafi meeting a political gamble

Libya has never clarified who shot her.

And, Britain - along with much of the world - has been dismayed for years about the support Colonel Gaddafi has given for the regime of President Robert Mugabe in Zimbabwe.

Mr Blair yesterday highlighted the purpose of the visit when he praised Colonel Gaddafi's "courage" in renouncing Libya's program of developing weapons of mass destruction.

"Let us offer to the states that want to renounce terrorism and the development of weapons of mass destruction our hand in partnership to achieve it," Mr Blair said. "That is not forgetting the pain of the past. But it does mean recognising it is time to move on."

The last British prime minister to visit was Winston Churchill.

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Neither Ahern nor Clinton disclosed specifics of their meeting, but the American president talked about how the people in Ireland and Northern Ireland have been making cross-border contacts under the peace process.

Reminded that he will leave the White House in a few short weeks, Clinton said the next president probably would want to put in place his own team on Northern Ireland.

But he added: "If I can be a resource, I will. If I can help the Irish, of course I will."

After an overnight flight, Clinton, first lady and Sen.-elect Hillary Rodham Clinton and their daughter, Chelsea, were greeted at Dublin International Airport by Ahern. In his first official stop, Clinton conferred with Irish President Mary McAleese at her home in Dublin's 1,750-acre Phoenix Park. Afterward, Clinton and his family and McAleese and hers strolled across the lush green lawn.

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Clinton told reporters at the White House Monday that policing and disarmament are "the two things that could still threaten the progress that we're making."

"Both issues ... reflect kind of the lingering demons of the past, and we just have to get over there and try to purge a few more," he said. "I hope I can make a contribution."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Before traveling to Dundalk, the Clintons went shopping, drawing out curious onlookers in a driving rain. Dublin housewife Angela Smith greeted the president. "We said 'Happy Christmas' and we wished him good luck with the peace," she said.

The president sampled beer at a pub on the outskirts of the city and shook hands with the crowd.

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

The Clintons were invited to tea with Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday.

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## *Irish stew: Decommissioning is still the key to resuming power-sharing*

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Often in the recent history of Northern Ireland, political developments have been best described as two steps forward, one step back. Last week's election for the province's assembly seems to mark three steps back and no steps forward, with the chances of restoring devolved government to Ulster looking bleak. Yet the peace process embodied in the 1998 Good Friday agreement remains the only show in town - whatever the rejectionists say.

The election results were certainly depressing for those who hoped to see a new type of politics in Northern Ireland. Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionists, opposed to the Good Friday agreement, won the most first preference votes and the most seats in the assembly. Sinn Féin was the largest party among nationalists, with a quarter of the electorate giving the political wing of the *Irish Republican Army* their first preference votes.

David Trimble's Ulster Unionists fell into third place, encouraging his opponents inside the party to call for a leadership contest that would end the dialogue with nationalism. The Social Democratic and Labour Party - the moderate nationalists who courageously brought republicanism in from the cold - slipped into fourth place. Finally, the centrist Alliance Party lost votes, while the Northern Ireland *Women's* Coalition won no seats.

An early recall of the assembly looks unlikely, since the power-sharing formula that chooses its executive requires majorities among both unionist and nationalist members. No such majority exists on the unionist side after the election - indeed, the process had to be fiddled last time even when the UUP was the largest party.

Nor is there much hope of an early breakthrough in talks between the parties and the British and Irish governments that would allow the restoration of devolved government. Creating the trust necessary for unionists and nationalists to work together in the power-sharing executive requires the acts of completion in disarming the IRA that have yet to be made.

Republicans in private accept the war is over, but have failed to keep their part of the bargain in the Good Friday agreement. Gerry Adams, Sinn Féin's president, made encouraging overtures to the unionists in October on the day when the peace process was supposed to resume. But the opacity of that day's decommissioning act made it impossible for Mr Trimble to reciprocate. Instead, the ground was cut from under his feet, and election victory handed to Mr Paisley.

An opinion poll in the Belfast Telegraph recently showed overwhelming support among supporters of all four main parties for resuming the power-sharing arrangements if the IRA completed its decommissioning in a verifiable manner. But only 35 per cent of unionist voters support resumption if the IRA makes no move. The key to resuming the forward march of the peace process is clear, but it is in the hands of the republican movement.

Irish stew: Decommissioning is still the key to resuming power-sharing

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## *Prep-Today in History*

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Today is August 27th.

Today's highlight in history:

On this date in 1758, Fort Frontenac -- now Kingston, Ontario -- was captured and destroyed by the British. The site of the present city was picked by LaSalle in 1673, and the explorer was named commandant of the French camp. Later, the site was occupied by United Empire Loyalists from New York state and renamed Kingston. It later became the chief naval base of Ontario.

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Also on this date:

In 551 B-C, Chinese philosopher Confucius was born.

In 1612, landing in his ship "The Discovery," Captain Thomas Button became the first European to winter in Manitoba.

In 1883, 36-thousand people died when the volcanic island of Krakatoa (krak-ah-TOH'-ah) in the Dutch East Indies, blew up. Most of the deaths were due to huge tidal waves set off by the explosion -- the largest in recorded history.

In 1896, the shortest war in recorded history ended with a British victory over Zanzibar. The British fleet bombarded Sultan Sa'id Khalid's palace for 38 minutes until he surrendered.

In 1917, Canada's Military Service Act was passed, putting conscription into effect.

In 1939, the world's first jet-propelled plane, the Heinkel H-E-178, made its first flight in Marienehe, in northern Germany.

In 1945, Allied troops began landing in Japan following the surrender of the Japanese government.

In 1973, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that native women who marry non-natives lose Indian status. A law reversing the ruling took effect in 1985.

Also in 1973, the largest hailstone documented in Canada fell at Cedoux, Saskatchewan. It weighed 290 grams and measured 114 millimetres in diameter -- almost three times the size of a golf ball.

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In 1975, Haile Selassie (HY'-lee sah-LAHS'-ee), the last emperor of Ethiopia's three-thousand-year-old monarchy, died in Addis Ababa at 83. He was overthrown in a military coup the previous year.

In 1979, the Earl Mountbatten of Burma was murdered by the **Irish Republican Army** when his boat was blown up near his summer home in Ireland. He was 79. Mountbatten was a top British commander in the Second World War and a main architect of independence for India and Pakistan in 1947. He was also an uncle of Prince Philip.

In 1980, the Ottawa Journal and Winnipeg Tribune stopped publishing, prompting a federal royal commission into newspaper ownership.

In 1992, the Supreme Court of Canada quashed Ernst Zundel's conviction for spreading false news about the Holocaust. The court ruled 4-3 that Zundel's right to freedom of expression was violated.

Today's birthdays 2003:

Former Newfoundland and Labrador premier Brian Peckford is 61.

Actress Barbara Bach is 56.

Actor Paul Reubens (Pee Wee Herman) is 50.

Actress Alexa Vega is 15.

Thought for today: "To err is human -- but it feels divine." -- American actress Mae West (1892-1980).

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## **Historic day as enemies join unprecedented Belfast government**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## Historic day as enemies join unprecedented Belfast government

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

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

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

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

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

nionists' compromise-minded leaders of the day.

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"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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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.

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From the opposite end of the political spectrum, the hard-line Protestants of the Democratic Unionist Party, who long railed against the Good Friday agreement, issued upbeat press 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 press releases issued from Belfast in Gaelic.

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

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On his first full day as education minister, he promised to be fair to both sides, saying, "The reality is that the community I come from has been discriminated against for many years and the last thing we want to do ... is turn round and treat other sections of our community in the way that we were treated."

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The IRA statement mirrored Sinn Fein's own earlier criticisms of the Ulster Unionists.

Britain's minister responsible for Northern Ireland, Peter Mandelson, said the public would be "very unforgiving, very frustrated indeed" toward any party or paramilitary group that jeopardized the Cabinet.

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

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

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

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Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern, speaking in Dublin, said the IRA statement reflected "surprise and concern" at Ulster Unionist policy, but was "not at all bad" because it confirmed the IRA would still discuss disarmament.

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## **'PEACE WALL' IN BELFAST KEEPS COMBATANTS APART**

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BELFAST, Northern Ireland -- They live only a few hundred yards 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 miles 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 President 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 daily life.

Like so many zones of conflict, Belfast's scale is startlingly small, its geography intimate. Traveling by car, a trip of only minutes can take you from a staunchly Protestant stronghold into a Catholic enclave and back again.

## 'PEACE WALL' IN BELFAST KEEPS COMBATANTS APART

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PETER DEJONG/The Associated Press \* Separating adversaries: Belfast's 18th "Peace Wall," the biggest and most solid yet, the construction of which began on the day the IRA cease-fire started 15 months ago, runs along a ridge in the city in this file photo, dividing Catholic and Protestant communities. Both sides say the walls provide a much-needed buffer between neighborhoods that have again and again been flash points 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.

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## *Clinton's subdued farewell to Irish*

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DESPITE the respect bordering on adoration often given to him, Bill Clinton's farewell to Ireland as President of the United States was not one of his better days.

He seemed pleased to get out of town when he did.

It started badly when he learned his deputy Al Gore was not going to succeed him, and despite some intensive meetings with Belfast's political heavy hitters, Mr Clinton failed to advance the peace process.

In the end, his national security spokesman, P.J. Crowley, was forced to admit: "Today was not about breakthroughs."

Yet Mr Clinton had clung to his belief that he could somehow turn around the stalled Good Friday agreement he had helped design. So did most of Ulster, and that is the tragedy.

More than 6000 people queued for hours through tight security to hear Mr Clinton in a new cultural and sports centre called Odyssey that is supposed to symbolise the new Belfast -- bright and modern and hopeful.

Another 1000, mainly women, went at short notice to the beautiful old Opera House to hear Hillary Clinton underline the role women have taken and can continue to take in peace.

Of the two, Mrs Clinton was the more impressive.

Her husband had been ambushed when he arrived at Stormont, the Victorian gothic headquarters of Ulster's government, by angry and almost unintelligible members of Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionist Party.

Try as he could, Mr Clinton could not shake them off, and he heard them out -- they were led by Mr Paisley's son -- with his face grim and unsmiling.

Later, another Protestant Loyalist voice heckled him in the Odyssey centre, forcing Mr Clinton to pause and say: "I'll ignore him if you will."

But the heckler continued.

### Clinton's subdued farewell to Irish

In effect, no ground was gained on the major questions facing those trying to advance the cause of peace: decommissioning of weapons by the **Irish Republican Army**, restructuring the Royal Ulster Constabulary to weaken the Protestant domination of it, and reducing the British Army force in Ulster.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who flanked Mr Clinton all day, said there already had been significant reductions in army numbers, now the lowest for three years.

But republicans pointed out this was still 13,000 -- or more than a full infantry division.

Mr Clinton continued to pursue a single theme: that there can be no turning back from the Good Friday accords he played such a large part in creating five years ago.

He flew into London to stay with Mr Blair in his country mansion a disappointed man.

Perhaps his meeting later today with the Queen will cheer him up.

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## WORLD HEADLINES

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19 people killed in plane crash

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico

- A twin-engine passenger plane crashed on a domestic flight from the southern Mexican state of Chiapas, killing all 19 people aboard, authorities said Sunday.

AeroCaribe flight 7831, carrying 17 passengers and two crew members, crashed Saturday evening after it left the Chiapas state capital of Tuxtla Gutierrez on a short flight to Villahermosa, capital of the neighboring Gulf coast state of Tabasco.

Plane burst into flames killing 13

BOGOTA, Colombia

- A twin-engine plane crashed Sunday on a farm and burst into flames

shortly after taking off south of the capital, killing at least 13 people, authorities said. One of the aircraft's engines apparently caught fire in flight.

Rebels sign deal releasing captives

SUVA, Fiji

- Rebels who have held Fiji's government hostage for 52 days got much of what they were looking for Sunday, signing a deal to release their captives in return for destruction of the country's multiracial democracy.

The agreement between the rebels and Fiji's military government calls for the captives to be freed Thursday, ending this Pacific island nation's long hostage crisis.

President defends AIDS policy

DURBAN, South Africa

- President Thabo Mbeki defended his government's AIDS policies Sunday by telling thousands of AIDS experts from around the world that he is simply looking for an African solution to the scourge that is ravaging the continent.

## WORLD HEADLINES

Mbeki has endured a hail of criticism since he convened a panel of scientists to investigate whether the HIV virus causes AIDS - a fact long-accepted by most AIDS experts - and refused to provide medicine to pregnant women to reduce risks for mother-to-child transmission of the disease.

Seventy percent of the 34 million people infected with HIV live in sub-Saharan Africa, where more than 2 million people died of AIDS last year.

British army repels marchers

PORTADOWN, Northern Ireland

- Offering bitter words but no violence, an estimated 3,000 Protestant hard-liners marched Sunday to a British army barricade that prevented them from parading through the main Catholic district of this fiercely Protestant town.

Compounding intercommunal tensions, a car bomb planted by Irish Republican Army dissidents detonated in front of a police station in Stewartstown, 10 miles north of Portadown.

Oil company plans to increase export

KUWAIT

- Kuwait will work to raise its export capacity to 3 million barrels a day over the next three years, the director of the Kuwait Oil Co. said Sunday. Abdullah al-Toura told reporters a \$ 650 million project to expand production was approved Saturday by the Kuwait Petroleum Corp., the umbrella company for all state-owned oil operations.

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## **WORLD & NATIONAL REPORT RETIREE KILLS 2, INJURES 1 IN SPAT OVER BAD L LANGUAGE**

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A retired country-and-Western singer, accused of using vulgar language in his suburban Detroit senior citizens' apartment building, yesterday gunned down two residents and critically wounded another.

Enraged by the allegations and eviction threats, a man identified by NBC News as Kenneth Miller, 56, fetched a gun and killed the two women, then holed up in a 14th-floor apartment.

Miller occasionally fired rifle blasts out the window during a three-hour standoff before cops broke down the door and arrested him.

The trouble started when Miller was summoned to a noon meeting of administrators at the Lincoln Park Senior Citizens Tower to discuss the complaints.

At the meeting, he "was very dissatisfied and making threats. . . . He kept saying he wouldn't have this character assassination and that he would take care of it," said Phyllis McLenon, deputy director of the Lincoln Park Housing Commission.

He returned about 10 minutes later with a rifle, she said.

Miller allegedly shot and killed a woman who had just arrived with her husband to drop off baked goods for residents. He blasted a second woman in a building office and wounded a third before heading upstairs. Dave Goldiner with News Wire ServicesMORE NEWS  
Columbine lawsuit

GOLDEN, Colo. - The parents of a slain Columbine High School student sued the sheriff and several deputies yesterday, alleging they ignored warnings about the teenage killers that could have prevented the massacre.

Michael and Vonda Shoels' lawsuit was the first of several expected to be filed by tomorrow, the one-year anniversary of the attack that left 15 dead, including Isaiah Shoels and the two student shooters. The victims' families have one year to sue under the statute of limitations. Nearly two dozen notices of intent to sue the sheriff's office have been filed. Lebanon retreat

BEIRUT - Lebanon signaled its possible acceptance of Israel's planned withdrawal from southern Lebanon yesterday, after weeks of expressing suspicion over Israeli intentions to end its 18-year occupation.

## WORLD & NATIONAL REPORT RETIREE KILLS 2, INJURES 1 IN SPAT OVER BAD L ANGUAGE

Lebanese Prime Minister Salim Hoss declared the planned withdrawal "a resounding victory for Lebanon and its heroic resistance" and a "crushing defeat" of Israel. In a departure from previous statements, Hoss did not criticize Israeli intentions or mention conditions for a withdrawal.

Blair in N. Ireland

BELFAST - Prime Minister Tony Blair met with Northern Ireland political leaders and the Irish prime minister yesterday in a new effort to salvage the province's faltering peace accord.

He said he did not expect any breakthroughs in the complex issues, but he hoped to work out a plan that would lead to restoration of powers to the Protestant-Catholic cabinet suspended in February because of a deadlock over **Irish Republican Army** weapons.

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## NEWSMAKERS

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The British beat

Yoko Ono is denying reports that late hubby John Lennon helped to bankroll the ***Irish Republican Army***. She says Lennon gave only to "children, orphans, women in need" ... Welsh singer Charlotte Church, 14, faces a breach-of-contract suit from Jonathan Shalit, fired as her manager last month. He got 20 percent of her take, which last year ran to \$ 10 mil ... Not only did Fergie (dba the Duchess of York) throw a 40th birthday party for her ex, Prince Andrew, she also invited five of his old girlfriends, including the notorious Koo Stark. All five showed ... These are trying times for the Spice Girls. The suddenly thin Posh Spice (Victoria Beckham) has finally been persuaded to seek medical help. A British tab says Scary Spice (Mel Gulzar) has an ugly feud going with Sporty Spice (Melanie Chisholm) - so ugly that it threatens the group's future. The same tab, the Sunday Report, says the former Ginger Spice (Geri Halliwell) is "living in fear of a crazed stalker" ...

Again? Again. Alas.

Donny and Marie Osmond will be hosts of the Miss America Pageant in October, their second such gig. Says he: "The thrill of hosting a live event for a global audience is tremendously exciting." Says she: "You can't help but get caught up in the excitement." Say we: Try us!

Relationships

TV's Mackenzie Phillips ("So Weird") has filed for divorce from husband of two years, Michael Barakan, citing "irreconcilable differences." Phillips, 40, is famed for being drug-rehabbed seven times ... Over the weekend, comic David Brenner made marriage the finale of his Las Vegas act. Brenner, 55, married 30ish girlfriend Elizabeth Slater on the stage of the Venetian Resort as his live TV special came to a close Saturday night. The union is the first for both ... Actress Sharon Stone and hubby Phil Bronstein - he's the top editor at the San Francisco Examiner - renewed their wedding vows on their second anniversary, which just happened to be Valentine's Day ...

On this day:

On Feb. 23, 1836, in San Antonio, the siege of the Alamo began.

Today's birthdays:

## NEWSMAKERS

Rock's Lasse Johansson 27

Rock's Jeff Beres 29

Tennis' Helena Sukova 35

Singer Howard Jones 45

Actor Peter Fonda 60

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PHOTO (1) Photo headshot - (Yoko) ONO: Denies John helped the IRA

(2) Photo headshot - (David) BRENNER: Show had a wow finish

(3) Photo - (Charlotte) CHURCH: Singer's fired manager sues

(4) Photo - SHARON STONE & HUSBAND (Phil Bronstein): Still happy on a romantic anniversary

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## **TURK TERROR VICTIMS**

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Time Warner

EMI

Time Warner Inc is set to take a majority stake in Britain's EMI Group Plc in a multi-billion-dollar deal to create the world's largest record company, the Sunday Telegraph said.

Time Warner announced a merger with America Online two weeks ago and the EMI deal would, above all, give EMI access to new Internet-based distribution channels for its music.

The report said the deal was to be finished over the weekend and announced before the opening of the London Stock Exchange tomorrow. It said the deal would create a business with sales of more than \$ 8 billion a year.

EMI's artists include the Spice Girls, the Rolling Stones and Robbie Williams, while Warner Music has Cher, Eric Clapton, Phil Collins, Madonna and Fleetwood Mac on its books.

ISTANBUL, Turkey -

Police officers searching for victims of a religious-oriented terrorist group found four more bodies buried beneath a villa in the central Turkish town of Konya.

All 17 victims whose remains have been found so far are believed to have been Kurds from southeastern Turkey. The lone woman among them was reportedly Konca Kuris, a writer who had often portrayed Islam as a permissive religion that demands freedom for women.

An estimated 200 residents of southeastern Turkey, most of them businessmen unsympathetic to the cause of militant Islam, have disappeared since August. Hezbollah - the name means Party of God but is unrelated to the anti-Israeli group Hezbollah based in Lebanon. - is now considered the prime suspect in many of these cases.

Bishop killing arrest - Guatemalan police yesterday arrested a third army officer as part of a widening probe into the 1998 death of a prominent bishop and human rights crusader who was killed after releasing a report on army atrocities.

## TURK TERROR VICTIMS

Bishop Juan Gerardi was killed on April 26, 1998, two days after releasing a landmark report accusing Guatemala's military of extensive atrocities during a 36-year civil war that ended in 1996.

IRA given deadline BELFAST, Northern Ireland -

Pro-British Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble said yesterday the **Irish Republican Army** had nine days to start scrapping its arms or the plug would be pulled on Northern Ireland's new power-sharing government.

Also in the world Poland lashed out at Russia yesterday for expelling nine Polish Embassy employees, "because of activities not in accordance with their diplomatic status," according to the Russian Foreign Ministry - one day after Poland moved to expel nine Russian diplomats on espionage allegations. ... Britain's ruling Labor Party, cheered by animal rights activists for its pledge to ban fox hunting, confirmed a report that it had 75,000 shares in Huntingdon Life Sciences, an animal testing company the Home Office condemned for cruelty in 1997.

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## *Exact tip yields three bodies of mob slaying victims*

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Investigators helped by a pinpoint tip unearthed the skeletal remains of two men and a women thought to be victims of mobsters Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi and fugitive James "Whitey" Bulger.

Authorities believe the woman is Deborah Hussey, Flemmi's 26-year-old stepdaughter, who allegedly was about to expose an affair with him when she disappeared in 1984, The Boston Globe reported today. Flemmi was the common-law husband of Hussey's mother.

The investigators knew exactly where to look on Friday and came upon the grave almost immediately. U.S. Attorney Donald Stern called the discovery an important step toward unraveling the tangled history of Boston's underworld.

"Some people may view this as a bit of Boston history that ought not be revisited," he said. "I feel the opposite."

Investigators found weapons Thursday during a search at Flemmi's mother's home in South Boston, according to news reports. Stern would not say whether that was related to the search for the bodies.

Flemmi, who was jailed in 1995 on federal racketeering charges, worked as an FBI informant for decades while conducting mob business.

Flemmi, Bulger and their FBI handler were charged in December in another federal racketeering indictment. It alleges that former Agent John J. Connolly Jr. protected Flemmi and Bulger from prosecution and tipped them to the earlier indictment. Bulger has not been captured.

The search began Thursday afternoon, after the investigators were tipped to the location. The Boston Herald reported the source was Kevin Weeks, a former associate of Bulger who was arrested on racketeering charges in November. Stern would not comment on the source.

The Boston Globe reported that officials were searching for the bodies of Arthur "Bucky" Barrett and John McIntyre.

The newspaper said Barrett was one of six men who stole \$1.5 million in a 1980 bank robbery. He disappeared in 1983. Bulger and Flemmi are suspected of killing Barrett and stealing his share, the Globe reported.

McIntyre disappeared in 1984 after Bulger and Flemmi learned that he was assisting federal agents investigating a botched plot to provide guns to the Irish Republican Army, the Globe said.

## Exact tip yields three bodies of mob slaying victims

Flemmi is also a suspect in the 1981 disappearance of his girlfriend.

The 1995 indictment charges Flemmi with killing four men in the 1960s. The bodies of two victims - brothers Walter and Edward Bennett - have never been found.

Walter Bennett's daughter, Susan, visited the scene Friday, hoping to learn something about her father's fate.

"I don't even know why I came down here," she said. "I don't usually come to these. Something just feels funny about this one."

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## **Leader of Ireland's opposition Labor Party resigns over disappointing election results**

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Labor chief Ruairi Quinn became the second opposition party leader to quit since the May 17 triumph of Prime Minister Bertie Ahern, whose ruling Fianna Fail party extended its dominance of No. 2 Fine Gael and No. 3 Labor. Fine Gael leader Michael Noonan resigned earlier.

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Quinn had been party leader since 1997. He succeeded Dick Spring, who in 1992 led Labor to its greatest electoral triumph in Irish history. Labor won 33 seats and a pivotal role in two coalition governments.

In hope of returning Labor to its glory days, Quinn emphasized moderate views and willingness to form coalitions with either Fianna Fail or Fine Gael. Quinn's pragmatism rankled the more socialist wing of his party, which rejected Fianna Fail on ethical grounds.

Quinn also tried to expand Labor's base by absorbing into its ranks a small socialist party called Democratic Left. But their 1998 merger appeared costly; while the two parties' combined 1997 share of the vote had been 12.9 percent, their unified share under the Labor banner in 2002 shrank to 10.8 percent.

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**NEIGHBORHOOD REPORT: NEW YORK UP CLOSE;**  
**Those Sultry Come-Ons at Hair Salons**

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Who are those sultry women and arrogant men pictured in hair salon windows all over the city? During the last few years, these illustrations of attractive people have proliferated in New York, so much so that in some salon-rich areas, like Avenue U in southern Brooklyn, they now appear every few blocks.

The illustrations are silk-screened window decals up to five feet high. Each is signed "Grafia" -- not a European artist, but a company in Irvine, Calif. Its founder, Tony Matthews, a self-taught artist who used to paint window signs for sex shops in his native London, said he favored women with "big eyes and luscious lips." He uses the same approach on the moms and dads on the decals in the groupings with children labeled Family Haircutting.

"New York is a big market" for Grafia, said Mr. Matthews, who also sells his illustrations to dry cleaners and nail salons.

One advantage of the decals, which cost \$69 to \$99, is that they cling to glass without adhesives and can be easily removed. That is a boon in a city where moves and ownership changes are common. Also, the decals do not count as signs, and so are useful in areas where signs are restricted by city rules, said Paul Wein, a spokesman for the Department of Buildings.

The Grafia pictures evolved from grimmer business. In the 1970's, when London was terrorized by bombings attributed to the Irish Republican Army, Mr. Matthews and a partner developed a transparent window decal designed to prevent glass from shattering. Called Cling Shield, it was installed in most of the city's courts and many restaurants, he said.

"We did Heathrow and Buckingham Palace," Mr. Matthews said in a Cockney accent. "I sat on the queen's bed."

Mr. Matthews founded Grafia seven years ago. He said it had annual sales of \$2 million, adding that a self-employed salesman, Len Schwartz, has been particularly successful at promoting the decals.

Mr. Schwartz, who said he wished Grafia would update some of the hairdos and produce more pictures of black women, still manages to make a sale to one out of 10 prospects.

## NEIGHBORHOOD REPORT: NEW YORK UP CLOSE; Those Sultry Come-Ons at Hair Salons

But not everyone likes the illustrations, Mr. Schwartz said. One ubiquitous man is controversial. "People will say, 'That guy's a little scary' or 'He looks like a robot.' " Mr. Schwartz has a stock reply: "For \$99, we are not creating the Mona Lisa." MARCIA BIEDERMAN

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### Graphic

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Photo: Hair-salon signs like this cost \$69 to \$99. (Grafia)

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## DOOM AND GLOOM

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#### DEATH THREATS CONDEMNED

A WAVE of death threats fanned fears today across Northern Ireland as outlaws hostile to the province's four-year-old peace deal sought to intimidate doctors and nurses, construction workers and even the Belfast mayor.

In Derry, peace campaigners prayed at the spot where a bomb last Thursday fatally wounded David Caldwell, a Protestant construction worker, in an attack blamed on **Irish Republican Army** dissidents.

Caldwell's relatives condemned threats from an extremist Protestant gang to seek revenge against Catholics.

#### HEAT CLAIMS NINE IN EGYPT

NINE people including a British tourist have died in southern Egypt from sun stroke as temperatures topped 38C.

A British woman, 64, died yesterday while touring the Valley of the Kings on the western side of the River Nile in Luxor, 500km south of Cairo.

Eight Egyptians died in the province of Qena, 450km south of Cairo, last week, where temperatures reached 48C.

#### CAPITAL PUNISHMENT BID

A PROSECUTOR said today he would seek the death penalty for a southern California factory worker charged with kidnapping and murdering five-year-old Samantha Runnion.

Orange County District-Attorney Tony Rackauckas said he saw no reason to spare 27-year-old Alejandro Avila's life if he was convicted of abducting, molesting and killing Samantha.

#### VAN CRASH WOMAN DIES

A WOMAN struck by a van in the US last week an incident that ended with the two men inside the vehicle being beaten to death died today.

Shani Lawrence, 26, was sitting on a porch when the van left the road and struck her and two others last Tuesday. The other **women** survived.

The driver, Jack Moore, 62, who authorities said was drunk, and his passenger, Anthony Stuckey, 49, were attacked and killed. Seven men have been charged with murder.

## DOOM AND GLOOM

### REBELS KILL REFUGEES

REBELS attacked a UN refugee camp in northern Uganda today, killing at least 17 people and prompting thousands to flee.

Troops of the Lord's Resistance Army, which is fighting a guerrilla war against the government in northern Uganda, attacked Achol-Pii refugee camp just after dawn.

### HAIL TO A POOR VINTAGE

MANY vintners in northern Italy have kissed their sunkissed grapes goodbye after hailstones the size of tennis balls pummelled the region during an intense summer storm.

"So many months of work were destroyed in a few hours," Giancarlo Panarella, the director of Agrotec, an agricultural technology association, in Viterbo, near Rome, said today.

### BABY HIPPO BITTEN TO DEATH

HIPPOS attacked and bit a baby hippo to death at Bangkok Zoo today just hours after it was born.

A jealous sibling is suspected to be the killer.

Mother and baby had been separated from five other adult hippos for safety reasons, but someone let the other hippos back in, a zoo vet said.

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## **BRITAIN MAPS OUT PLANS TO HANDOVER POWER TO N.IRELAND POLITICIANS**

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BRITAIN MAPPED OUT PLANS SATURDAY TO PUSH FORWARD THE NORTHERN IRELAND PEACE PROCESS BY HANDING OVER POWER TO THE PROVINCE'S POLITICIANS AS EARLY AS NEXT MONTH.

BRITISH SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND PETER MANDELSON OUTLINED THE PLANS WHICH COULD TRANSFER THE POWER FROM LONDON TO A LOCALLY ELECTED ASSEMBLY, SAYING IT WAS A TIME OF THE "GREATEST HOPE" FOR THE PROVINCE.

SPEAKING IN BELFAST DURING THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE WOMEN'S COALITION PARTY IN NORTHERN IRELAND, MANDELSON GAVE THE FORMAL OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO THE REPORT PUBLISHED BY FORMER U.S. SENATOR GEORGE MITCHELL THIS WEEK, A RESULT OF MITCHELL'S 10-WEEK REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GOOD FRIDAY AGREEMENT.

ULSTER UNIONIST PARTY LEADER DAVID TRIMBLE AGREED THURSDAY TO A DEAL ON SETTING UP A POWER-SHARING GOVERNMENT, FOLLOWED BY A STATEMENT FROM THE IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY (IRA) ON THE SAME DAY.

THE IRA, A PARAMILITARY ORGANIZATION, IS EXPECTED TO APPOINT AN INTERMEDIARY TO TALK TO THE INTERNATIONAL BODY WHICH WAS SET UP TO SUPERVISE THE DISARMAMENT.

HOWEVER, TRIMBLE HAS ISSUED A STERN WARNING TO SINN FEIN, THE POLITICAL WING OF THE IRA, NOT TO TRY AND DOUBLE-CROSS HIM OVER THE DECOMMISSIONING OF IRA WEAPONS.

HE SAID IF THERE WAS ANY INDICATION THAT SINN FEIN WOULD NOT LIVE UP TO ITS COMMITMENTS, HE MIGHT CANCEL A CRUCIAL MEETING NEXT WEEK OF HIS PARTY'S DECISION- MAKING COUNCIL.

HIS WARNING FOLLOWED A REPORT FROM THE UNITED STATES WHICH SUGGESTED THAT PAT DOHERTY, A LEADING REPUBLICAN, HAD CAST DOUBT ON THE POSSIBILITY OF EVENTUAL IRA DISARMAMENT.

BUT SINN FEIN STRESSED IN A STATEMENT THAT IT HAD NOT DEVIATED FROM THE PARTY'S POSITION ON DECOMMISSIONING.

THE MEETING OF THE ULSTER UNIONIST COUNCIL WILL BE VITAL IN PAVING THE WAY TOWARDS A DEVOLVED ADMINISTRATION IN NORTHERN IRELAND, WITH THE UNIONISTS AND NATIONALISTS SHARING POWER FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A GENERATION.

## BRITAIN MAPS OUT PLANS TO HANDOVER POWER TO N.IRELAND POLITICIANS

MANDELSON SAID HE WOULD CONVENE A MEETING OF THE NORTHERN IRISH ASSEMBLY AT STORMONT, BELFAST, ON NOVEMBER 29 TO BEGIN NOMINATING MINISTERS TO AN EXECUTIVE.

ONCE MINISTERS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED, THE DEVOLUTION ORDER WILL BE LAID BEFORE THE PARLIAMENT ON NOVEMBER 30 WITH DEVOLUTION TAKING PLACE TWO DAYS LATER ON DECEMBER 2.

MANDELSON'S SPEECH WAS CONSIDERED AS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CAMPAIGN TO BOLSTER TRIMBLE'S POSITION.

IT WILL BE THE FIRST TIME FOR NORTHERN IRELAND TO HAVE ITS OWN GOVERNMENT SINCE DIRECT RULE FROM LONDON WAS IMPOSED IN 1972 AT THE HEIGHT OF THE PROTESTANT-CATHOLIC "TROUBLES".

THE GOVERNMENT OF NORTHERN IRELAND WILL SIMULTANEOUSLY TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE "GOOD FRIDAY" AGREEMENT, SIGNED 18 MONTHS AGO.

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## **Seven arrested in plot to ship weapons to Ireland**

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### **Body**

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Seven people have been arrested in south Florida, Philadelphia and Ireland on charges they shipped weapons from the United States to Ireland in boxes falsely marked as containing baby clothes and toys.

Two **women** and a man were detained Tuesday by Irish police after police say they found about six handguns in Galway, in western Ireland. Police refused to give their identities.

Under Irish law, they can be held for up to 72 hours before they must be released or charged.

On Monday, three people were arrested in south Florida and a fourth was arrested in Philadelphia.

Anthony Smyth and Siobhan Browne, of Weston, Fla., and Conor Anthony Claxton, of Deerfield Beach, Fla., were charged with violating the Arms Export Control Act by allegedly exporting weapons without a license, mailing concealable firearms without a license and conspiracy.

In Philadelphia, Martin Mullan faces the same charges.

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## **7 Arrested in Irish Weapons Plot**

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### **Body**

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Seven people have been arrested in south Florida, Philadelphia and Ireland on charges they shipped weapons from the United States to Ireland in boxes falsely marked as containing baby clothes and toys.

Two women and a man were detained Tuesday by Irish police after police say they found about six handguns in Galway, in western Ireland. Police refused to give their identities.

Under Irish law, they can be held for up to 72 hours before they must be released or charged.

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## *Top of the News*

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### **Body**

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Montreal

VLT warnings entice gamblers, court told

"Let the game remain a game." Such messages on video lottery terminals are as much enticements as warnings, critics say. They allege that the government has created about 119,000 pathological gamblers with its VLTs, Quebec Superior Court hears this week in a closely watched case. Page A4.  
The Gazette

Students, professors test positive for TB

About 40 students and professors at the Universite de Montreal and McGill University test positive for tuberculosis, as mass testing for the disease continues on campus. Page A6.

Nation

Canadians keep getting wealthier

National wealth - the accumulated value of Canadians' homes, cars, land, business inventories and buildings - increased more slowly last year, but reached record heights, nonetheless, working out to \$112,800 per person. Page A10.

Canada in star search for tribunal candidate

Federal officials are conducting a discreet search for a star Canadian candidate to run in the judicial elections next year for the new International Criminal Court. Prominent names include Supreme Court Justice Louise Arbour and Philippe Kirsch, Canada's ambassador to Sweden. Page A18.

World

12 Palestinians killed by Israelis in Gaza Strip

A sudden eruption of violence yesterday in the Gaza Strip kills 12 Palestinians and injures two Israeli soldiers, as combat shifts from the sullen West Bank to a simmering scrap of land largely controlled by Islamic militants. Page A27.

IRA target list sparks fear in Northern Ireland

## Top of the News

Police in Northern Ireland discover a suspected **Irish Republican Army** list of targets, including British politicians and army bases, the government and police chief reveal. But they say the outlawed group is not preparing to break its ceasefire. Page B9.

## Sports

Outlaw running back could become an AI

Embattled running-back Lawrence Phillips might get the opportunity to resume his football career with the Alouettes. The ex-NFL player has a history of run-ins with the law and must obtain a minister's permit before being allowed into the country. Page D1.

## Business

CIBC unit sued by investors for \$2 million

Three Montreal retirees file lawsuits seeking almost \$2 million in restitution from investment firm CIBC World Markets after losing a large part of their savings in what their lawyer called "fraudulent manoeuvres" by a former broker. Page E1.

Competition Bureau slams Astral deal

Astral Media gets the OK from the CRTC to buy 19 radio stations from Telemedia - but the federal Competition Bureau says it gives the Montreal company too much clout on Quebec's airwaves. Page E3.

## Arts &amp; Entertainment

Tremblay's latest play has hit written all over it

Michel Tremblay's new play L'Etat des Lieux, premiering next week at Theatre du Nouveau Monde, looks like another winner. It's about a Montreal woman who is an international opera star, promising to be another of the playwright's unforgettable **female** characters. Page F1.

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## **Congressman's tribute to IRA is 'terrible' read**

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### **Body**

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AN AMERICAN congressman allied with Sinn Fein has published a novel purporting to describe Britain's "oppression" of Roman Catholics in Northern Ireland. It includes torture, child-killing and the framing of innocent victims by British officials and soldiers.

Terrible Beauty, the first novel written by Peter King, a prominent Republican member of the House of Representatives and friend of Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein leader, has been criticised as thinly veiled propaganda that will do little to help peace in Northern Ireland.

The Washington Post yesterday described the book as "an impassioned tribute to the **Irish Republican Army** - not so much a novel as a tract that will annoy the British and make Irish blood boil".

The heroine of Mr King's novel is Bernadette Hanlon, the wife of an IRA terrorist who is described by the author-politician as a "composite of all the **women** whose husbands are in jail and who do everything for the family and the cause".

The book, published by Roberts Rinehart, describes how Hanlon is transformed from a Belfast housewife into a terrorist in response to a series of fictional atrocities perpetrated by the British, including the killing of a 12-year-old girl by the RUC and the torture of a woman who tries to report a crime.

Hanlon's husband is taken from his home by British soldiers and imprisoned, to suffer "brutal beatings, relentless interrogation, burning cigarettes crushed into skin".

Mr King inherited his views from his father, a policeman and former member of the IRA, and the novel's protagonist presumably echoes his own extreme views when she declares how she "hated the Brits, their guns and their armoured cars, their sneering accents and their leering looks. She knew they didn't belong in Ireland". Hanlon goes on to murder a prominent politician who has become a British informer.

Mr King, who has accused Britain of "state terrorism" in Northern Ireland, was advised on some scenes in the novel by a former member of the IRA living in New York.

The congressman enjoys huge support among Irish New Yorkers. He recently announced that he may challenge Rudolph Giuliani, the city's Mayor, for the Republican nomination in the contest for the Senate seat. Hillary Clinton is also expected to announce her candidacy, and thus could end up with an outspoken Irish republican as a rival.

### Congressman's tribute to IRA is 'terrible' read

While it is certain to anger many in Britain and Northern Ireland, Mr King's novel is unlikely to make it to the bestseller lists: Publishers Weekly concluded that *Terrible Beauty* is also a pretty terrible novel that "founders in melodramatic limbo between political diatribe and political art".

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## **Police raid IRA properties in search of stolen anti-terrorist documents**

The Canadian Press (CP)

March 30, 2002 Saturday

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BELFAST (AP) \_ Police and soldiers raided several **Irish Republican Army** properties and arrested six people Saturday, including a prominent IRA member and a civilian police employee, as the search for stolen anti-terrorist documents took a surprising turn.

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AP

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## Norris McWhirter, 78, created Guinness Book

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### **Body**

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

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

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

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

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

The 2004 edition, nearly 300 pages long, lists world records regarding everything from war, peace and politics to astonishing feats of food consumption.

The book says the world's longest hot dog measured 15 foot 3 inches (4.65 metres) and the most tattooed **women** are Canadian Krystyne Kolorful, whose iridescent bodysuit took 10 years to complete, and American Julia Gnuse. It lists the world's oldest male stripper (an American who began his career at 60), and the oldest woman to make a solo parachute jump (a Briton who jumped at 80).

McWhirter, who was born in London, earned a master's degree from Oxford University in 1948. The following year, he became sports correspondent for London's Observer newspaper, then worked briefly for a tabloid before going into publishing himself.

McWhirter retained his love of athletics and from 1951 worked as a sports commentator for the British Broadcasting Corp., including as a broadcaster of Olympic track and field events from 1952 to 1972.

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

Norris McWhirter, 78, created Guinness Book

Yesterday, Bannister, 75, a close friend of McWhirter, said the man had "kept his courage" through personal tragedies and "never lost his total conviction in the greatness of Britain."

"The two things he attached most importance to were the freedom of the individual and the sovereignty of the United Kingdom," the family said in a statement.

With others, McWhirter produced volumes like The Guinness Book of Amazing Animals (1981) and Guinness: The Stories behind the Records (1982). He appeared regularly on the classic BBC children's show Record Breakers that explained world records.

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

## Graphic

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FIONA HANSON ap Noted British athlete and journalist Norris McWhirter, above, who with twin brother Ross founded the Guinness Book of Records in 1954 as a means of settling disputes over trivia, has died in England after a heart attack.

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## **Today in History - March 1**

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Today is Friday, March 1, the 60th day of 2002. 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: Sen. Brock Adams abandoned his re-election campaign after eight **women** accused him in a Seattle Times report of sexual abuse and harassment.

## Today in History - March 1

Five years ago: Severe storms hit Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee and Mississippi, and spawned tornadoes in Arkansas blamed for two dozen deaths. Rescue teams fought snow, high winds and wild dogs as they tried to bring help to an earthquake-devastated region in northwest Iran, where the death toll was estimated at 3,000.

One year ago: Afghanistan's ruling Taliban, defying international protests, began destroying all statues in the country. Seven foreign oil workers (a Chilean, an Argentine, a New Zealander and four Americans) who were kidnapped the previous October in Ecuador's jungle were freed after a ransom was reportedly paid.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Robert Clary is 76. Singer Harry Belafonte is 75. Former U.S. Solicitor General Robert H. Bork is 75. Actor Robert Conrad is 67. Author Judith Rossner is 67. Rock singer Mike D'Abo (Manfred Mann) is 58. Sen. John Breaux, D-La., is 58. Rock singer Roger Daltrey is 58. Actor Dirk Benedict is 57. Actor Alan Thicke is 55. Actor-director Ron Howard is 48. Actress Catherine Bach is 48. Country singer Janis Gill (Sweethearts of the Rodeo) is 48. Actor Tim Daly is 46. Singer-musician Jon Carroll is 45. Rock musician Bill Leen is 40. Actor Russell Wong is 39. Actor John David Cullum is 36. Actor George Eads ("CSI") is 35. Actor Mark-Paul Gosselaar is 28. Actor Jensen Ackles ("Dark Angel") is 24. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sammie is 15.

Thought for Today: "People are trapped in history and history is trapped in them." - James Baldwin, American author (1924-1987).

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### **Body**

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TWA contract is unjust to workers

Before all the politicians and leaders in labor and business break their arms patting each other on the back over the TWA contract they helped make happen, they might want to take into account part of the equation they have apparently forgotten -- what the workers think about it.

Most of us who turned down the insult the first time did so because we know trash when we see it, not because our union told us to do so. As for this newest insult, it too will be turned down. We have been sold out by our union, our company and the leaders of our community.

Although we are urged to accept this contract "for the good of St. Louis," we who put forth the effort every day to make this "hometown airline" work are still not being paid just scale and benefits, past, present or future.

The employees did not create the problems facing TWA today. In fact, we have survived because of the dedication of over 17,000 employees who have given not only in pay and benefits, but in sweat and tears over what has happened to our proud airline.

Dennis James

St. Peters

The writer is a ramp-service employee with 26 years of service with TWA.

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Killers and victims

A June 21 editorial, "Blood on our hands," stated that allowing the death penalty is forcing people to "play God" and that we don't have any right to make that decision. However, the Bible says, "An eye for an eye."

People complain about the cruel and inhuman punishment of convicted murderers, but didn't these murderers deny others their rights as humans? When you deny someone the right to live, you deny them their humanity. At that point you lose your own right to humanity.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

You may think about murderers pleading for their lives. Unfortunately, you don't think about their victims who pleaded to those same people, fearing the worst and uncertain if they were going to be allowed the chance to live or not.

Daniel Luna-Workman

Hazelwood

Thanks for the fine editorial on the death penalty on June 21.

Clear, to the point, and right on, it exposes the charades we continue in this barbaric matter. Please keep up your struggle to be a voice of sanity on this issue. You've got a lot of us out here rooting for you.

Carla Mae Streeter

St. Louis

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A race for a cause

Congratulations to the Junior League and everyone else who was responsible for the Komen St. Louis Race for the Cure last Saturday. This race was very well organized. Everything went smoothly in spite of the fact that 11,000 people turned out for the race when 5,500 were expected. The event raised \$ 200,000 for the fight against breast cancer.

It was moving to see all of the breast cancer survivors in their pink T-shirts and hats. We found ourselves in tears as the race began, and again at the end when these brave women were handed pink roses by Rams football players. The Post-Dispatch published the female and male winners of the race by age group. How fitting it would be to also see the survivor winners in each age group published.

Jane Schaefer, University City

Vicki Stringer, Clayton

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IRA wrongly blamed

This year, loyalist paramilitaries in the north of Ireland have carried out an average of one attack on innocent Catholics every four days. Catholic homes have been in an effort to drive Catholics out of "mixed" areas.

Media coverage of these events has been stunningly absent. Yet we hear repeatedly that the "stumbling block" to the implementation of the Good Friday Agreement (establishment of the new power sharing government in the north of Ireland) is the unwillingness of the Irish Republican Army to decommission its weapons.

I am flabbergasted that, against the backdrop of loyalist violence, the silent IRA weapons should appear to be the critical issue. Under the agreement voted on and approved by the people of all Ireland, decommissioning was never a precondition to the establishment of the new executive.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Decommissioning was one of nine areas that was to be addressed as the process moved forward. None of the other eight areas, such as the sectarian police force or the lack of civil liberties, has been resolved. Yet they are not held up as obstacles to moving forward. It is clear that IRA decommissioning is yet another stalling tactic by those who do not want change.

If we really want to support change and an end to the conflict, we must understand the true issues and root cause of the problem. Selective reporting only on dramatic deaths or violence by one side does not move us forward.

Matt Morrison

University City

The writer is a former member of the **Irish Republican Army** and was imprisoned from 1975 to 1985 in Northern Ireland for his IRA activities.

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Student athletes

On June 16 you published an unbelievable article on the Columbine High School massacre that appeared to blame the victims. Your idea was that student athletes with their jock culture provoked the killers to shoot them.

A fair article would have noted that, while student athletes are sometimes given special privileges, they always have special responsibilities. High school and college athletes are required to maintain a minimum grade point average. As a group they have better grades and a lower drop-out rate than the general student population.

Athletes are subject to special disciplinary rules. Most coaches will suspend any athlete who gets in trouble with the police or with school authorities.

Above all, athletes have to practice several hours a day while their fellow students are socializing, watching television or earning money.

Many famous Americans benefited from being student athletes, including Dwight D. Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, Ronald Reagan and George Bush. Student athletes are popular because most of America still values teamwork, discipline and community pride.

Kevin Sweeney

Mount Vernon, Ill.

## Graphic

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PHOTO, GRAPHIC (1) Photo from THE ASSOCIATED PRESS - Sultan of Swat Babe Ruth (left) with future President George Bush. In 1948, Bush was captain of Yale's baseball team.

(2) Graphic / Logo - The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Race for the Cure

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## *Colombian rebels admit to kidnapping three Germans one month ago*

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### **Body**

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Leftist Colombian rebels, in a statement released on Thursday, have confirmed they abducted three German men in the country's south one month ago.

The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) said they were assessing what project the men were involved in before deciding their fate. The group made no demands for their release.

The German government had long assumed that development worker Ulrich Kuenzel, his brother Thomas and their mutual friend Reiner Bruchmann were in the hands of the FARC.

The Foreign Department in Berlin on Thursday confirmed the existence of the rebel statement but said its authenticity would be double-checked by Bogota embassy staff.

On Saturday, the department's chief Latin America envoy, Georg Boomgaarden, would again travel to the Colombian capital to work for the release of the hostages.

The European Union has warned that it will only release development aid once the safety of its staff is guaranteed.

The three Germans from the state of Lower Saxony were abducted by armed men on July 18 in the FARC-controlled Cauca region southwest of Bogota.

Kuenzel was working with the Organization for Technical Cooperation, an aid group known by its German acronym GTZ.

Shortly after the kidnapping, an anonymous caller claiming to represent the rebels told regional government officials that FARC had staged the kidnapping.

He demanded an end to the aerial spraying of coca crops with herbicides, a U.S.-backed programme aimed at wiping out the base crop for cocaine.

Known as Plan Colombia, the programme has been criticized because it allegedly harms small-scale farmers who don't grow coca and because it pollutes the environment.

Local officials said at the time the caller could have been an opportunist with no ties to the kidnappers.

FARC, with at least 16,500 male and **female** fighters, is Colombia's oldest and largest rebel group.

Colombian rebels admit to kidnapping three Germans one month ago

It is accused of financing its struggle with protection money from drug runners and kidnappings for ransom, a flourishing industry in the Andean country.

The movement controls an area the size of Switzerland in the country's south and has wide influence in regions that have been all but abandoned by the government.

Peace talks started in 1999 with the government of President Andres Pastrana but they have delivered few concrete results so far.

Relations have been further strained by several other kidnappings, including that of a former governor who was travelling in a clearly marked United Nations vehicle.

Then, this week, police in Bogota arrested three suspected members of the **Irish Republican Army**, Northern Ireland's pro- Catholic guerrilla group, who were allegedly instructing FARC members in bomb-making.

In October, Pastrana faces a difficult choice in dealing with the 40-year-old insurgency:

With less than a year left in office, he must decide whether to again grant official FARC control over the southern demilitarized zone, or to head for confrontation. dpa ro fz

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**UK in post-poll shock;  
Still no effective opposition party**

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## **Body**

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Britain awoke to a strange new political reality, with the Conservative Party in tatters, a dramatic power shift in Northern Ireland and a worrying surge of votes for a far-Right party associated with racism and the neo-Nazis.

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## UK in post-poll shock; Still no effective opposition party

But there is now nobody in the party's leadership who is not tainted by the bloodletting of 1997 and, now, of 2001. Mr Blair paid a generous tribute to his defeated foe, and it was reported Mr Hague gave up the leadership for the love of his wife, Ffion, who was by his side throughout the campaign and who cut a tragic figure yesterday, fighting back tears. Yet, he is only 40, still the youngest of all potential Tory leaders.

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## **Blair's fresh start**

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Mr Blunkett is a more likely future prime minister than anyone else in the Blair line-up.

Jack Straw, who was Home Secretary, becomes Foreign Secretary while Robin Cook, the muttering red-bearded Scot who has not been a success there, was demoted to Leader of the House of Commons.

In promoting six women to Cabinet rank, Mr Blair included the Australian Patricia Hewitt, who gets Trade and Industry and brings her Women portfolio into the Cabinet.

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INDEX: International (Thailand-Airline Explosion)

A U-S government probe into an explosion that destroyed a Thai Airways plane last month says the blast was likely caused by a fuel tank, not a bomb.

Thai authorities initially thought it was caused by a plastic explosive.

-BODY- The Thai government is accepting the U-S findings, but will continue to investigate until the American report is made official.

The Boeing 7-37 blew up March 3rd at Bangkok's international airport, about 30 minutes before the Thai prime minister and other passengers were due to board. (AP) (Australia-Green Convention)

Environmental groups from around the world are drawing up an action plan in Australia.

And, that plan may include boycotts of American energy giants to force the United States to honour the Kyoto agreement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

This weekend's Global Greens 2001 conference in Canberra has attracted 700 delegates from 60 countries.

U-S President George W. Bush said last month he wouldn't implement the Kyoto agreement because it doesn't include major developing nations that emit large quantities of greenhouse gases. (AP) (Taiwan-Lawmaker Suspended)

A politician has been suspended from Taiwan's legislature for punching a **female** colleague.

Lawmakers unanimously agreed to suspend Lo Fu-chu for six months -- the harshest penalty for unruly behaviour by legislators.

Outbreaks of violence among Taiwanese lawmakers are not rare, but people were outraged this time because a woman was punched. (Kyodo) (EU-Eastern Europe)

The European Commission is proposing to deny workers from Eastern Europe the right to settle in the trade bloc for up to seven years after their nations join the union.

The plan was put forth because of heavy pressure from Germany and Austria over fears of cheap labour flooding Western Europe.

--International NewsWatch--

The E-U's enlargement commissioner doesn't expect that to happen, but says he had to consider the possibility of social upheaval.

The commission estimates that admitting 10 Eastern European countries into the E-U could see nearly four (m) million people migrate west. (AP) (Ireland-IRA Britain)

The **Irish Republican Army** is blaming Britain for the problems plaguing Northern Ireland's peace accord.

In its traditional Easter statement, the I-R-A also offered no hints it intends to disarm itself anytime soon.

it says it wants to see permanent peace in Northern Ireland, but Britain must withdraw its troops from the province more quickly and overhaul Ulster's mostly Protestant police force. (AP) (Japan-Biotech Toilets)

A Japanese company will start mass-producing a portable biotech toilet next month.

Sunbio says the toilet contains micro-organisms which will completely decompose human waste in about three hours.

The company says the toilets are particularly useful for the care of the elderly. (Kyodo) ---

(International NewsWatch by Neena Chowdhury)

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RED RABBIT, by Tom Clancy (Michael Joseph, \$29.95)

JACK Ryan, US president, CIA chief, all-round Tom Clancy survivor, really owes his infamous career to an **Irish Republican Army** splinter group that tried to take him out in London all those years ago. For there he is, in Tom Clancy's revisiting of the start of a literary goldmine, as a mere historian and teacher, a former Marine unaware what the publishing industry has in store: such as debriefing a high-level Soviet defector, uncovering Moscow's plot to kill Pope John Paul II, the shifting sands of Middle East tension, the even deadlier quicksand waiting outside the Oval Office. So what do you do when your main man has trouble advancing his career? You take him back in time, but in doing so, does Clancy give him the benefit of hindsight, or is Jack Ryan really just a very far-sighted fellow? Clancy fans will love this . . . others will simply wonder why.

MONEY MONEY MONEY, by Ed McBain (Orion, \$17.95)

EVEN in uncertain times some things remain constant: Ed McBain, for example, and his 87th Precinct series, which really kicked in during the mid-1950s, or his Matthew Hope series, which from 1978 proved a welcome distraction . . . even his Assorted Others file stretching from the 1960s. So here we are, with McBain's 51st walk on the wilder side of the 87th in a series which really isn't about crime at all; rather, the painfully slow evolution of everyday man. For there's a **female** agreeing to run a stash of hot cash south of the border in exchange for a bootload of hard drugs, her body eventually grounding in the 87th Precinct; plus a couple of blondes on the make with more than genteel love on their minds; the long-suffering detective Steve Carella wondering just why he became involved with "the body in the garbage can" case. What McBain does well is the micro-management of police procedure. Which simply means that when his cops talk, they talk like cops, the heavy boys have the one-liners, the blondes act like blondes, and everyone's happy. Perhaps not quite everyone, for there's a body in a bin, remember?

MISTER FABULOUS AND FRIENDS, by Celia Brayfield (Warner, \$22.95)

IS there life after Westwick, that greened, manicured cul de sac of a suburb so beloved of the monied class? Is there life for the likes of Andy, Sam, Mickey, Rhys and George, lawyers, doctors, high-flying corporate types and their baggage of wives and kids and lovers and rock 'n' roll and regrets? For Celia Brayfield, life after Getting Home was never going to be easy, but she still has the likes of Andy and Co on a roll as they ponder whether life really means going out in a blaze of glory, or simply disappearing into the garden shed with what's left of a promising career. Brayfield rarely misses with her finely honed scalpel, and what she leaves of this group of malfunctioning males really isn't worth dumping in a compost bag. Excellent reading.

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## NEW RELEASES ON HOME VIDEO AND DVD

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Bloody Sunday \*\*\*\* (R; 1:40): The story goes like this: On Jan. 30, 1972, 15,000 Catholics chose to march to a predominantly Protestant area of Derry, Northern Ireland.

Waiting for them behind barricades were British special-forces soldiers, seething with anger over the murder of several comrades by a radical wing of the **Irish Republican Army** and scoffing at the announcement that the march was to be strictly nonviolent. Tensions flared, and the soldiers ended up firing into the crowd. Fourteen marchers would die.

Paul Greengrass, the director of "Bloody Sunday," understands he's recounting a complicated tale. The beret-clad British soldiers, although clearly the bad guys of this passionate and compelling documentary-style movie, are shown as human beings. They have reasons, if not sufficient ones, for attacking unarmed and innocent marchers. And they are certainly not the only villains. IRA radicals, at least one with a gun, and drunken teen-age hooligans make it easier for the soldiers to overreact and begin shooting.

Still, Greengrass tells the story in a simple and straightforward way, suiting his handheld, cinema verite camera style to the moment, lingering on a kiss between a Protestant girl and a Catholic boy, zooming along the cobblestones to follow soldiers chasing a demonstrator. At times, the Irish accents can be hard to understand, but the tragedy is so well dramatized that nothing important is lost.

Greengrass introduces us to a dozen or more significant characters. But he wisely focuses on a man in the middle: Ivan Cooper (James Nesbitt), an idealistic Protestant who represents a mostly Catholic district in the British Parliament and who hopes to keep the march nonviolent. The device is effective. By the terrible end, Cooper looks like a prisoner emerging from a concentration camp at the end of a long war, and audiences are likely to feel they were with him the whole time. (Harper Barnes)

#### Other new releases

The Believer \*\*\* 1/2 (R, 1:40) Ryan Gosling gives a mesmerizing performance as a virulently anti-Semitic young American Nazi who was raised as a Jew. A powerful portrait of hatred battling goodness. (HB)

The Crime of Padre Amaro \*\* 1/2 (R; 2:00): An innocent young priest comes to a Mexican town, falls in love with a 16-year-old girl and quickly succumbs to temptation and corruption. This controversial import was up for best foreign language film. (In Spanish with English subtitles.) (HB)

## NEW RELEASES ON HOME VIDEO AND DVD

Real **Women** Have Curves \*\*\* (PG-13; 1:30): Newcomer America Ferrera sparkles as a Mexican-American teen struggling with her body image, her mother and her future in the months after her high-school graduation. (Joe Williams)

Standing in the Shadows of Motown \*\*\* (PG; 1:56): Paul Justman's documentary uses interviews, archival footage, re-enactments and new concert scenes to put the spotlight on the Funk Brothers, the overlooked musicians who provided backup for Smokey, Stevie, Marvin, Diana and other Motown greats. (Daniel Durchholz)

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## News briefs Small missile hits British spy service

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LONDON - Attackers who blasted the headquarters of Britain's intelligence service MI6 may have used a type of rocket launcher readily available to the **Irish Republican Army** and the hardline splinter groups which reject a cease-fire, police said today.

No one was injured and damage was minimal when the building was struck by what police called a "small missile" Wednesday night. But the attack put Londoners on guard against a renewed spate of terrorist attacks and dealt a further blow to the security of the secretive spy agency.

Deputy Assistant Commissioner Alan Fry, head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch, told reporters that the missile may have been fired by a rocket launcher from a range of 200 to 500 yards.

Similar devices had been found in republican arms caches in Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic and may have been used in attacks in Britain, he said, adding that such weapons devices are freely available from Russia and the former Yugoslavia.

Cuban survivors

treated after crash

KEY WEST, Fla. - Amid flashing cameras, they walked or were carried onto U.S. soil from a Coast Guard cutter in the dark of night but showed little emotion after two days at sea.

The remaining eight Cuban survivors of a plane crash in the Gulf of Mexico were treated or evaluated early this morning at a Key West hospital, joining a ninth survivor airlifted there Tuesday night. A tenth person died when the plane went down Tuesday about 50 miles west of Cuba.

The eight survivors - three **women**, two men and three children - were transported to Florida Lower Keys Hospital by ambulance.

A statement from the Cuban government said the pilot apparently first took off in the plane Tuesday from a small airstrip for what appeared to be a routine crop-dusting flight. It said he flew to another airport, picked up a group of people waiting at the end of a runway, then took off again.

Coach accused

of throwing child

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JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - A football coach was charged with aggravated child abuse after he was accused of throwing a 10-year-old player at a Boys & Girls Club, breaking both of the boy's arms.

Ronald Gibson, 34, became aggravated when the boy failed to catch a ball, Police Sgt. Scott McLeod said.

"He picked the child up and literally flung him backwards," McLeod said. "As the child put his arms out to break the fall, he broke two bones in one arm and one bone in the other arm."

Police said they interviewed other children on Gibson's team but heard no other allegations of abuse.

The police report describes Gibson as just over 6 feet tall, weighing 240 pounds and having a muscular build. Arrest records show he was picked up in the past for aggravated battery against his wife.

Gibson was charged Monday.

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## *Time for the readin' of the green*

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With the feast day for the patron saint of Ireland, St. Patrick, around the corner, here's a literary nod to the Emerald Isle and its rich literary tradition.

On St. Patrick's Day, March 17, it seems everybody has some Irish blood. The Irish word breac means something spotted, uneven or speckled, and out of this comes *THE SPECKLED PEOPLE* by Hugo Hamilton (Fourth Estate, \$24.95, 320 pp). This "memoir of a half-Irish childhood" is written through the eyes of a 12-year-old Hamilton who experiences life in Dublin in the 1940s cowering under the eyes of his father, an Irish nationalist. His mother, a soft-spoken German, forces her son to wear jumpers and lederhosen to school during a time when being identified as a German could tag an individual as a Nazi. Young Hugo's struggle to fit in with the other children while attempting to understand his parents' differences make this a valuable, telling account of a conflicted childhood.

1949 by Morgan Llywelyn (Forge, \$25.95, 414 pp) also offers the reader keen observations of Ireland during the middle of the 20th century. 1949 is the third of Llywelyn's trilogy (1916 and 1921 precede it). Protagonist Ursula Halloran is a fiercely independent young woman coming of age in the 1920s, during the Irish civil war. It is a time when married women cannot hold jobs, divorce is illegal, the *Irish Republican Army* has risen up as the strongest band of outlaws and the Great Depression is rocking the world. This is a story about a woman's struggle to raise a child out of wedlock in a country where the Catholic Church is dominant, but it is also a lesson on Ireland's path toward independence.

What's St. Patrick's Day without a little bit of green fairy dust? In *MEETING THE OTHER CROWD: THE FAIRY STORIES OF HIDDEN IRELAND* by Eddie Lenihan (Tarcher/Putnam, \$24.95, 332 pp), we learn about the wee folk among us. Lenihan, a Irish folklorist who has been collecting fairy stories for 30 years, shares his findings in this endearing collection of short stories. We learn of the "parallel world with humans," both in Ireland and the United States. From "Banshee in Manhattan" to "Respecting Ancient Forts," it is clear that Irish history is tethered to the Otherworld.

Another Irish tradition is music, and Danny Boy is the ultimate Irish song. *DANNY BOY: THE LEGEND OF THE BELOVED IRISH BALLAD* by Malachy McCourt (New American Library, \$19.95, 118 pp), is a look at the beloved song's cultural history. McCourt traces the roots of both the lyrics and the tune (which was composed not by an Irishman but by a Brit), and through commentary from dignitaries including Nobel Prize winner Seamus Heaney and writer Thomas Cahil, the reader realizes the song has indeed "a profound effect on people from all corners of the world, a trait it shares with the truest of any work of art."

Time for the readin' of the green

Piper Jones Castillo is assistant to the book editor.

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## Today In History

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Today is Thursday, July 20, the 202nd day of 2000. There are 164 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 20, 1969, Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin became the first men to walk on the moon as they stepped out of their lunar module.

On this date:

In 1810, Colombia declared independence from Spain.

In 1861, the Congress of the Confederate States began holding sessions in Richmond, Va.

In 1871, British Columbia entered Confederation as a Canadian province.

In 1881, Sioux Indian leader Sitting Bull, a fugitive since the Battle of the Little Big Horn, surrendered to federal troops.

In 1942, the first detachment of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps later known as WACs began basic training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa.

In 1944, an attempt by German officials to assassinate Adolf Hitler failed when the bomb planted at the Nazi leader's Rastenburg headquarters only wounded him.

In 1944, President Roosevelt was nominated for an unprecedented fourth term of office at the Democratic convention in Chicago.

In 1951, Jordan's King Abdullah Ibn Hussein was assassinated in Jerusalem.

In 1976, America's Viking 1 robot spacecraft made a successful, first-ever landing on Mars.

In 1982, Irish Republican Army bombs exploded in two London parks, killing eight British soldiers, along with seven horses belonging to the Queen's Household Cavalry.

Ten years ago: Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan, one of the court's most liberal voices, announced he was stepping down. A federal appeals court set aside Oliver North's Iran-Contra convictions, reversing one outright.

## Today In History

Five years ago: Leaders of the University of California voted to drop affirmative action policies on admissions and hiring. Baseball Hall-of-Famers Duke Snider and Willie McCovey pleaded guilty in New York to tax evasion.

One year ago: After 38 years at the bottom of the Atlantic, astronaut Gus Grissom's Liberty Bell 7 Mercury capsule was lifted to the surface.

Today's Birthdays: Actress-singer Sally Ann Howes is 70. Video artist Nam June Paik is 68. Rockabilly singer Sleepy LaBeef is 65. Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski, D-Md., is 64. Actress Diana Rigg is 62. Rock musician John Lodge (The Moody Blues) is 57. Country singer T.G. Shepherd is 56. Singer Kim Carnes is 54. Rock musician Carlos Santana is 53. Rock musician Paul Cook (The Sex Pistols) is 44. Actress Donna Dixon is 43. Country singer Rodney Foster is 41. Actor Frank Whaley is 37. Rock singer Chris Cornell is 36. Rock musician Stone Gossard (Pearl Jam) is 34. Actor Reed Diamond is 33. Actor Simon Rex is 26. Actor Charlie Korsmo is 22.

Thought for Today: "Somehow a bachelor never quite gets over the idea that he is a thing of beauty and a boy forever." \_Helen Rowland, American writer and humorist (1875-1950).

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## **FEATURE: New addition to Dublin's skyline**

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The 120-metre polished metal Spire of Dublin is due to become a new addition to the Irish capital's skyline over the weekend after several long delays caused by legal objections, a steel factory strike and the weather.

High winds delayed completion of the millennium monument this week, almost four years after Dublin City Council launched an international competition for a structure to mark the renovation of the city's main thoroughfare, O'Connell Street.

Judges picked a design by the London-based Ian Ritchie Architects over 205 other entries from North America, Europe and even Iran. Joan O'Connor, the chairperson of the judging panel, said the design had an "elegant and dynamic simplicity".

"The jury felt this brave and uncompromising beacon reflects a confident Ireland in Europe and reaffirms the status of O'Connell Street as Ireland's principal urban thoroughfare, creating a new focus for its surrounding streets and buildings."

Dubliners have not been so kind, quickly nicknaming the monument the Spike, and some claiming the tall needle was a tribute to the inner city's heroin problem.

Residents have been just as quick to mock other pieces of public art. A clock with a countdown to the millennium under the surface of the murky River Liffey was dubbed the Time in the Slime while an unpopular fountain with a languid **female** sculpture representing the river was known as the Floozy in the Jacuzzi.

Dublin has had an unlucky relationship with modern architecture, bearing the scars of several ugly concrete structures from the 1970s and the demolition of a large chunk of the city's stately Georgian buildings by greedy developers in the 1960s.

The country's recent economic boom led to a massive construction programme in the capital to meet a growing demand for housing and office space.

Only in recent years have city planners insisted new buildings follow a strict guideline for city development. They focused on several areas in need of renovation, one of them the burger bar strip of O'Connell Street.

But plans for such a tall modern structure near the historic General Post Office (GPO), the headquarters for martyred rebels of the 1916 Easter Rising, led to several planning objections and a long battle through the courts.

## FEATURE: New addition to Dublin's skyline

The Dublin planners finally triumphed and the official unveiling of the Spire has already been tipped as one of the "must-see" architectural events of the year.

The structure's rolled stainless steel surface has been designed to reflect the light and the surrounding streetscape during the day while at night it will be softly lit with a bright light shining from the tip of the cone.

The column base is made of black Kilkenny marble and the structure - decreasing in diameter from 3 metres to 15 centimetres at its apex - has been designed to sway slightly in the breeze.

Only time will tell if the Spire gains more of a following than its predecessor, the unpopular Nelson's Pillar monument to the British admiral which was blown up by the **Irish Republican Army** (IRA) in 1966. dpa ao ms

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## ***Suspected killer of Dutch filmmaker linked to Islamic extremist network***

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The suspect in the brutal murder of Dutch filmmaker Theo van Gogh has been linked to a network of Islamic extremists who are recruiting members in the Netherlands among disaffected Muslim youths of North African descent, according to authorities here.

The group is said to field between 100 and 200 operatives.

Theo van Gogh, an outspoken critic of the multi-cultural society and the director of a recent short film about Islam and abuse of women, was killed Tuesday in Amsterdam. The suspect, who was arrested shortly after the murder, is a 26-year-old man with dual Moroccan and Dutch nationality.

"Networks with an Islamic terrorist character also extend to the Netherlands. Persons who are in any way involved in these networks mainly focus on recruitment of Muslims for the violent jihad (holy war) and on facilitation of this jihad by providing false documents, accommodation etc.," the Dutch intelligence services AIVD said in a report published last August.

Among the group of 100 to 200 people being closely monitored by Dutch intelligence are many former mujahedeen who fought in Afghanistan and Chechnya that try to convince young north African men to join the jihad.

"Small groups of young Muslims, mainly of north African origin, have appeared susceptible to radical views," the AIVD said.

The youngsters, many of Moroccan descent but born in the Netherlands, feel alienated from Dutch, according to a survey by the authorities.

They cited the example of two young Dutch Muslims from Amsterdam who tried to travel to Chechnya in January 2003 to join Islamic rebels there. One of the young men was arrested earlier this year on suspicion that he was planning a terrorist attack in the Netherlands.

The recent arrests in Spain of eight suspected Islamic extremists thought to have been plotting a bomb attack on the National Court, also revealed that some of the suspects there had ties to the Netherlands.

## Suspected killer of Dutch filmmaker linked to Islamic extremist network

But the AIVD noted that only a few dozen youngsters have been recruited in this country out of a total Muslim population of some 900,000 people.

"We should emphasize that in the Netherlands there is relatively little support for radical forms of Islam, since the vast majority of Muslim residents in this country are adverse to extremism and violence," the intelligence services said.

They noted that some Islamic extremist cells have been set up in the Netherlands, in part because of the country's good infrastructure, which has also attracted drug traffickers.

"The Netherlands has a good infrastructure and an interesting geographic position in Europe," Robert Bas, an investigative journalist for NOS public television who specializes in terrorism, told AFP.

"What's more, the country was not touched by terrorism like France or Belgium and the fight against terrorism really wasn't a priority for many years here," he added.

In the past the **Irish Republican Army** (IRA) also used the Netherlands as a base for the same practical reasons, Bas said.

Since 2003 the AIVD has revamped its priorities and is focusing on Islamic terrorism.

The Justice Ministry has also passed a law making it easier for prosecutors to use intelligence information in cases against suspected terrorists.

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## **Today in History - Nov. 8**

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Today is Friday, Nov. 8, the 312th day of 2002. There are 53 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 8, 1923, Adolf Hitler launched his first attempt at seizing power with a failed coup in Munich, Germany, the "Beer-Hall Putsch."

On this date:

In 1837, Mount Holyoke Seminary, a college exclusively for women, opened in South Hadley, Mass.

In 1889, Montana became the 41st state.

In 1932, New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt defeated incumbent Herbert Hoover for the presidency.

In 1933, President Roosevelt created the Civil Works Administration, designed to create jobs for more than 4 million unemployed.

In 1942, Operation Torch began during World War II as U.S. and British forces landed in French North Africa.

In 1960, Massachusetts Sen. John F. Kennedy defeated Vice President Richard M. Nixon for the presidency.

In 1966, Ronald Reagan was elected governor of California.

In 1987, 11 people were killed when an Irish Republican Army bomb exploded as crowds gathered in Enniskillen, Northern Ireland, for a ceremony honoring Britain's war dead.

In 1988, Vice President George Bush won the presidential election, defeating Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis.

In 1994, midterm elections resulted in Republicans' winning control of the House for the first time in 40 years.

Ten years ago: Volunteers began reading aloud the 58,183 names on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., as part of a tribute marking the tenth anniversary of the monument. Some 350,000 people rallied in Berlin against racist violence.

## Today in History - Nov. 8

Five years ago: Chinese engineers diverted the Yangtze River to make way for the Three Gorges Dam, the most ambitious construction project in modern China's history. Evander Holyfield won the IBF heavyweight title in a fierce fight against Michael Moorer in Las Vegas.

One year ago: In a prime-time address, President Bush called on Americans to defy acts of terror by strengthening their communities, comforting their neighbors and remaining vigilant in the face of further threats. U.S. jets struck Taliban targets across northern Afghanistan and fierce fighting was reported around the Taliban-held city of Mazar-e-Sharif. Tropical Storm Lingling continued to batter the Philippines; the storm left more than 200 dead.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Norman Lloyd is 88. Actress June Havoc is 86. Jazz singer Chris Connor is 75. Singer Patti Page is 75. CBS newsman Morley Safer is 71. Singer Bonnie Bramlett is 58. Singer Bonnie Raitt is 53. TV personality Mary Hart is 52. Playboy Enterprises chairman and chief executive Christie Hefner is 50. Actress Alfre Woodard is 49. Singer-songwriter Rickie Lee Jones is 48. Singer-actor Leif Garrett is 41. Actress Courtney Thorne-Smith is 35. Actress Parker Posey is 34. Rock musician Jimmy Chaney is 33. Actress Roxana Zal is 33. Singer Diana King is 32. Actress Gretchen Mol is 29. Actress Tara Reid is 27. Actress Azura Skye is 21. TV personality Jack Osbourne ("The Osbournes") is 17.

Thought for Today: "Religion is love; in no case is it logic." - Beatrice Potter Webb, English sociologist (1858-1943).

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## Today In History

Associated Press Online

February 29, 2000; Tuesday

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**Byline:** The Associated Press

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Today is Wednesday, March 1, the 61st day of 2000. There are 305 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 1, 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.)

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: The controversial Seabrook, N.H. nuclear power plant won federal permission to go on line after two decades of protests and legal struggles.

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Five years ago: Somalia militiamen loyal to warlord Mohamed Farrah Aidid seized control of the Mogadishu airport after peacekeepers withdrew. At the 37th annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles, Sheryl Crow won record of the year for "All I Wanna Do" while Tony Bennett's "MTV Unplugged" was named best album.

One year ago: The General Accounting Office released an audit of the Internal Revenue Service which 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.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Robert Clary is 74. Singer Harry Belafonte is 73. Former U.S. Solicitor General Robert H. Bork is 73. Actor Robert Conrad is 65. Author Judith Rossner is 65. Rock singer Mike D'Abo (Manfred Mann) is 56. Senator John Breaux (D-La.) is 56. Rock singer Roger Daltrey is 56. Actor Dirk Benedict is 55. Actor Alan Thicke is 53. Actor-director Ron Howard is 46. Actress Catherine Bach is 46. Country singer Janis Gill (Sweethearts of the Rodeo) is 46. Actor Tim Daly is 44. Singer-musician Jon Carroll is 43. Rock musician Bill Leen is 38. Actor Russell Wong is 37. Actor John David Cullum is 34. Actor Mark-Paul Gosselaar is 26.

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

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## *Prep-Today in History*

Broadcast News (BN)

August 27, 2002 Tuesday

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**Section:** GENERAL AND NATIONAL NEWS

**Length:** 495 words

### **Body**

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Today is August 27th.

Today's highlight in history:

On this date in 1758, Fort Frontenac -- now Kingston, Ontario -- was captured and destroyed by the British. The site of the present city was picked by LaSalle in 1673, and the explorer was named commandant of the French camp. Later, the site was occupied by United Empire Loyalists from New York state and renamed Kingston. It later became the chief naval base of Ontario.

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Also on this date:

In 551 B-C, Chinese philosopher Confucius was born.

In 1612, landing in his ship "The Discovery," Captain Thomas Button became the first European to winter in Manitoba.

In 1883, 36-thousand people died when the volcanic island of Krakatoa (krak-ah-TOH'-ah) in the Dutch East Indies, blew up. Most of the deaths were due to huge tidal waves set off by the explosion -- the largest in recorded history.

In 1896, the shortest war in recorded history ended with a British victory over Zanzibar. The British fleet bombarded Sultan Sa'id Khalid's palace for 38 minutes until he surrendered.

In 1917, Canada's Military Service Act was passed, putting conscription into effect.

In 1939, the world's first jet-propelled plane, the Heinkel H-E-178, made its first flight in Marienehe, in northern Germany.

In 1945, Allied troops began landing in Japan following the surrender of the Japanese government.

In 1973, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that native women who marry non-natives lose Indian status. A law reversing the ruling took effect in 1985.

Also in 1973, the largest hailstone documented in Canada fell at Cedoux, Saskatchewan. It weighed 290 grams and measured 114 millimetres in diameter -- almost three times the size of a golf ball.

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In 1975, Haile Selassie (HY'-lee sah-LAHS'-ee), the last emperor of Ethiopia's three-thousand-year-old monarchy, died in Addis Ababa at 83. He was overthrown in a military coup the previous year.

In 1979, the Earl Mountbatten of Burma was murdered by the **Irish Republican Army** when his boat was blown up near his summer home in Ireland. He was 79. Mountbatten was a top British commander in the Second World War and a main architect of independence for India and Pakistan in 1947. He was also an uncle of Prince Philip.

In 1980, the Ottawa Journal and Winnipeg Tribune stopped publishing, prompting a federal royal commission into newspaper ownership.

In 1992, the Supreme Court of Canada quashed Ernst Zundel's conviction for spreading false news about the Holocaust. The court ruled 4-3 that Zundel's right to freedom of expression was violated.

In 2001, the judicial inquiry into the deadly E-coli-tainted water disaster in Walkerton, Ontario wrapped up after 10 months of hearings and testimony from more than 100 witnesses.

Today's birthdays:

Former Newfoundland and Labrador premier Brian Peckford is 60.

Actress Barbara Bach is 55.

Actor Paul Reubens (Pee Wee Herman) is 49.

Actress Alexa Vega is 14.

Thought for today: To err is human -- but it feels divine." -- American actress Mae West (1892-1980).

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## *Today in History - July 19*

Associated Press Online

July 18, 2002 Thursday

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**Section:** DOMESTIC NEWS

**Length:** 506 words

**Byline:** The Associated Press

### **Body**

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Today is Friday, July 19, the 200th day of 2002. There are 165 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 19, 1848, a pioneering women's rights convention convened in Seneca Falls, N.Y.

On this date:

In 1870, the Franco-Prussian war began.

In 1941, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill launched his "V for Victory" campaign in Europe.

In 1943, Allied air forces raided Rome during World War II.

In 1969, Apollo 11 and its astronauts, Neil Armstrong, Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin and Michael Collins, went into orbit around the moon.

In 1975, the Apollo and Soyuz space capsules that were linked in orbit for two days separated.

In 1979, the Nicaraguan capital of Managua fell to Sandinista guerrillas, two days after President Anastasio Somoza had fled the country.

In 1985, Christa McAuliffe of New Hampshire was chosen to be the first schoolteacher to ride aboard the space shuttle. (McAuliffe and six other crew members died when the Challenger exploded shortly after liftoff.)

In 1986, Caroline Kennedy, daughter of President John F. Kennedy, married Edwin A. Schlossberg in Centerville, Mass.

In 1989, 112 people were killed when a United Air Lines DC-10 crashed while making an emergency landing at Sioux City, Iowa; 184 people survived.

In 1996, opening ceremonies were held in Atlanta for the 26th Summer Olympic Games.

Ten years ago: Secretary of State James A. Baker III opened a fresh round of Mideast diplomacy, meeting in Jerusalem with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and other officials.

## Today in History - July 19

Five years ago: The **Irish Republican Army** declared a new cease-fire and opened the way for supporters to join peace talks with Northern Ireland's pro-British Protestants. Eleven armored carriers from NATO gathered in a show of force near the home of ousted Serb leader Radovan Karadzic, Bosnia's top war crimes suspect.

One year ago: Japanese prosecutors charged a U.S. airman with rape in an alleged attack on a woman in Okinawa. (Air Force Staff Sgt. Timothy Woodland was later convicted and sentenced to nearly three years in prison.) Circus animal trainer Gunther Gebel-Williams died in Venice, Florida, at age 66.

Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. George McGovern is 80. Actor Pat Hingle is 78. Actress Helen Gallagher is 76. Country singer Sue Thompson is 76. Country singer George Hamilton IV is 65. Actor Dennis Cole is 62. Singer Vikki Carr is 61. Actor George Dzundza is 57. Rock singer-musician Alan Gorrie (Average White Band) is 56. Rock musician Brian May is 55. Rock musician Bernie Leadon is 55. Actress Beverly Archer is 54. Actor Peter Barton is 46. Rock musician Kevin Haskins (Love and Rockets; Bauhaus) is 42. Movie director Atom Egoyan is 42. Actor Anthony Edwards is 40. Actor Campbell Scott is 40. Country singer Kelly Shiver is 39. Actor Andrew Kavovit ("The David Cassidy Story") is 31. Actress Rachel Miner is 22. Actor Jared Padalecki is 20.

Thought for Today: "No written law has ever been more binding than unwritten custom supported by popular opinion." - Carrie Chapman Catt, American feminist (1859-1947).

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**Protestant leader gambles on IRA deal;**  
**David Trimble believes he can convince his party to abandon its 'no guns,**  
**no government' policy.**

Portland Press Herald (Maine)

November 20, 1999, Saturday,

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**Section:** FRONT,

**Length:** 420 words

**Byline:** Los Angeles Times

**Dateline:** BELFAST, Northern Ireland

## **Body**

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Taking one of the biggest gambles of his political career, Northern Ireland's top Protestant leader launched a campaign Friday to win his party's backing for a compromise deal to implement the stalled Good Friday peace accord.

Ulster Unionist Party chief David Trimble said his party council will vote Nov. 27 on whether to abandon its "no guns, no government" policy and accept the plan thrashed out with U.S. diplomat George Mitchell to set up a power-sharing executive body with the political wing of the **Irish Republican Army** before the guerrilla group begins to disarm.

"There is a mood in the country which realizes that this is the time to break the stalemate, this is the time to get things going," Trimble said. "I am quite sure this party will, as it has in the past, rise to the challenge."

But in an indication of the tough job ahead in the coming week, Trimble's news conference at party headquarters was interrupted by dissenters in his own house.

"The package on offer from the IRA is inadequate," said Jeffrey Donaldson, a member of the British Parliament for the Ulster Unionists, who favor continued alliance with Britain. He said there is no guarantee that the IRA will ever get rid of its guns.

Six of the 10 unionists in Parliament have signed a letter rejecting the compromise. At least half of the 14 UUP party officers expressed their "total opposition" to the deal at a meeting Friday, according to one of the lawmakers, Jim Rogers. And Trimble's own deputy, John Taylor, is among the skeptics.

Trimble is betting he will win the support of the 850-member council, which approved his decision to sign the April 1998 agreement to end a 30-year conflict and share power with the province's Roman Catholics by a 72 percent vote.

But the party council has been unpredictable in the past, and opinion polls give conflicting indications.

Protestant leader gambles on IRA deal; David Trimble believes he can convince his party to abandon its 'no guns, no government' policy.

Political observers estimate that about one-third of the council is for the compromise, a third against and a third undecided. Two-thirds of the council must support the deal for it to pass.

The council is made up of a variety of unionists, including 120 representatives of the conservative Orange Order fraternity, 34 members of the Ulster Unionist **Women's** Council, 34 members of the Young Unionists' Council and 27 members of the Northern Ireland Assembly established by the peace accord.

As leader of Northern Ireland's largest party, Trimble would head a new government.

Mitchell, who brokered the Good Friday accord in 1998, was brought back in September to try to save it.

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David Trimble;

His party is divided on compromise deal

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## *Parliament of no past pardons*

Courier Mail (Queensland, Australia)

December 1, 1999, Wednesday

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**Byline:** Bruce Wilson

### **Body**

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THE man once believed to be chief-of-staff of the ***Irish Republican Army***, Martin McGuinness, yesterday became the new minister for education in a devolved Ulster Government set to be endorsed by the House of Commons in London.

But in a bitter debate that saw Mr McGuinness's Sinn Fein party leader Gerry Adams shed the jacket of his suit and roll up his sleeves in the sombre assembly hall of the Stormont, it was clear that Unionist hardliners had found no room in their hearts for forgiveness.

One of them, Cedric Wilson, made a plea for his colleagues to reject Sinn Fein, begging them to recall that it was the IRA that led to the sight of "pregnant women with their stomachs lying open" in the streets of Ulster.

The assembly did not flinch at this grisly reminder.

Instead, it elected a new cabinet for Northern Ireland which also included Mr McGuinness's colleague, Dublin-born Ms Barbre du Brun, as health minister -- putting both the leading social security portfolios in the hands of Sinn Fein.

"Fitting to give them health," said one old Unionist cynic later. "They've got enough blood on their hands."

Mr Adams, in the end, decided not to risk taking a portfolio himself and instead nominated his two colleagues. He will remain as Sinn Fein leader in the devolved assembly.

Giving education to Mr McGuinness predictably outraged the Democratic Unionist leader, the Reverend Ian Paisley.

"You have seen what the official Unionist parties have done to you," he shouted. "Handed over education of your children to IRA-Sinn Fein and the SDLP."

Mr Paisley conveniently overlooked that most Ulster schools are either parochial or integrated by custom.

The SDLP is the largely Catholic Nationalist group whose leader, the respected Seamus Mallon, became deputy to the Ulster Unionist Party leader, who will be chief minister of the new cabinet, which will be called the Northern Ireland Executive.

Mr Paisley's DUP was accused last night of being opposed not just to "Sinn Fein-IRA" but to all Catholics.

## Parliament of no past pardons

Mr McGuinness said immediately after his nomination and confirmation by the assembly that he had no plans to change the present education system.

For a time yesterday it seemed that the appointment of the new executive would be stalled by the DUP, with Mr Paisley committing himself to using every possible obstacle. He speaks for many distrustful Unionists who worry that the IRA's political wing has been admitted to government without surrendering any weapons.

Mr Paisley opened by opposing Mr Mallon, and he and his henchmen then opposed everything else. He may be a raging old bigot, but unless serious progress on IRA decommissioning is made by February, Mr Paisley's support will become both ominous and potentially ruinous for the peace process.

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## Today in History - June 16

Associated Press Online

June 15, 2002 Saturday

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**Section:** DOMESTIC NEWS

**Length:** 490 words

**Byline:** The Associated Press

### **Body**

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Today is Sunday, June 16, the 167th day of 2002. There are 198 days left in the year. This is Father's Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 16, 1858, in a speech in Springfield, Ill., Senate candidate Abraham Lincoln said the slavery issue had to be resolved, declaring, "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

On this date:

In 1567, Mary, Queen of Scots, was imprisoned in Lochleven Castle in Scotland.

In 1897, the government signed a treaty of annexation with Hawaii.

In 1903, Ford Motor Co. was incorporated.

In 1932, President Hoover and Vice President Charles Curtis were renominated at the Republican national convention in Chicago.

In 1933, the National Industrial Recovery Act became law. (It was later struck down by the Supreme Court.)

In 1955, Pope Pius XII excommunicated Argentine President Juan Domingo Peron - a ban that was lifted eight years later.

In 1961, Soviet ballet dancer Rudolf Nureyev defected to the West while his troupe was in Paris.

In 1963, the world's first **female** space traveler, Valentina Tereshkova, was launched into orbit by the Soviet Union aboard Vostok 6.

In 1977, Soviet Communist Party General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev was named president, becoming the first person to hold both posts simultaneously.

In 1995, Salt Lake City was awarded the 2002 Winter Olympic Games.

Ten years ago: President George H.W. Bush and Russian President Boris Yeltsin capped the first day of their Washington summit by announcing their countries had agreed to slash their long-range nuclear arsenals by two-

## Today in History - June 16

thirds. Former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger was indicted on felony charges in the Iran-Contra affair (however, he was later pardoned by Bush.)

Five years ago: The British government broke off contacts it had just renewed with Sinn Fein after the **Irish Republican Army** killed two Protestant policemen in Lurgan, Northern Ireland.

One year ago: Face to face for the first time, President Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin pledged during a meeting in Slovenia to deepen their nations' bonds and to explore the possibility of compromise on U.S. missile defense plans. City lawmakers elected Klaus Wowereit Berlin's first openly gay mayor.

Today's Birthdays: Author Erich Segal is 65. Author Joyce Carol Oates is 64. Country singer Billy "Crash" Craddock is 63. Songwriter Lamont Dozier is 61. Rhythm-and-blues singer Eddie Levert is 60. Actress Joan Van Ark is 59. Rhythm-and-blues singer James Smith (The Stylistics) is 52. Boxer Roberto Duran is 51. Pop singer Gino Vannelli is 50. Actress Laurie Metcalf is 47. Model-actress Jenny Shimizu is 35. Actor Eddie Cibrian ("Third Watch") is 29. Actress Olivia Hack is 19.

Thought for Today: "We seldom stop to think how many people's lives are entwined with our own. It is a form of selfishness to imagine that every individual can operate on his own or can pull out of the general stream and not be missed." - Ivy Baker Priest, former U.S. treasurer (1905-1975).

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## *IRA gangs back on the streets*

The Australian

August 17, 1999, Tuesday

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**Byline:** CHRISTOPHER WALKER \* Londonderry

### **Body**

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REPUBLICAN paramilitary gangs returned to the streets of Northern Ireland at the weekend for the first time in more than a year, cruelly overshadowing first anniversary memorials for the Omagh bomb outrage and posing a new threat to peace.

As acrid smoke from petrol-bombed property continued to waft through the heart of Londonderry, security sources said Northern Ireland Secretary Mo Mowlam would be told in a meeting with security chiefs that *Irish Republican Army* supporters helped organise the crowds.

There is already heavy Unionist pressure on Dr Mowlam to expel Sinn Fein members from the Northern Ireland Assembly and to halt IRA prisoner releases because of intelligence reports that IRA members were behind a recent plot to smuggle guns from America and the murder in Belfast of Royal Ulster Constabulary informer Charles "Chucky" Bennett.

\* The Times

The sources believe that no other group has the organisation and popular support in Londonderry's Bogside district to amass the material to make hundreds of petrol bombs or to give orders about which targets to hit.

Gregory Campbell, security spokesman for Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionist Party, told the BBC that he had evidence that the Provisional IRA was the prime organiser of the disturbances.

A prime motive for the organisation of the unrest was understood to be an attempt to goad the RUC into excessive and inevitably televised reaction in advance of the explosive report on the force's future by Chris Patten. It is due for publication next month.

At the height of the second and more serious round of disorder on the streets of Londonderry on Saturday night, hours after 10,000 Protestant Apprentice Boys had dispersed, elderly men were heard instructing the masked rioters to use their molotov cocktails against buildings owned by large companies or foreign groups rather than locally owned businesses.

Eight people appeared before a special magistrates court in Limavady Sunday on charges arising from the disturbances.

Many in Northern Ireland questioned whether the province was returning to "the bad old days".

## IRA gangs back on the streets

Just off Belfast's grimy and rainswept lower Ormeau Road the anti-RUC focus of the protests was undisguised. A demonstrator shouted at a knot of police: "See you, you're the past. Your day is over. Ours is coming."

Meanwhile in Omagh, thousands of people, including survivors and relatives of the dead, held a moment's silence during an ecumenical service in the main street where, a year ago, a car bomb killed 13 women, nine children and seven men.

Such was the outrage felt when the bomb went off that politicians on all sides vowed to push ever harder for a settlement bringing lasting peace.

But the peace process remains logjammed after the acrimonious failure of efforts to form a power-sharing government over summer and is on ice until a review in September.

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**LITTLE TERRORS;**  
**'MEAN GIRLS' WADES INTO THE DANGEROUS WATERS OF HIGH SCHOOL**  
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Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (Pennsylvania)

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**Section:** ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT,; ON FILM< MOVIE REVIEW

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**Byline:** BARRY PARIS, PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE

## **Body**

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Multiple choice pop quiz: Which of the following terrorist groups is the most feared and dangerous?

- a) al-Qaida
- b) **Irish Republican Army**
- c) Basque Separatists
- d) Cool-Chick Clique

It's those "Mean Girls" in category (d), of course. Any high school **female** who's not one of them better stay out of their way and pray -- or pay.

The heroine of this smart comedy about getting into -- and getting thrown out of -- the in-crowd is sweet-16-year-old Cady (Lindsay Lohan), hitherto "home-schooled" by her clueless zoologist parents. In darkest Africa. With wild animals.

But orangutans and headhunters are relatively inclusive, and jungle survival was a snap compared to her new unnatural habitat. The Darwinian imperatives are far more beastly and cannibalistic at North Shore High in the Chicago 'burbs, especially for a girl with the dreaded status of "newcomer."

North Shore is tyrannically ruled with a velvet fist by beautiful blonde Regina (Rachel McAdams) and her two slavish henchgirls (Lacey Chabert and Amanda Seyfried). Your life (meaning social life) is entirely in their hands. Their rules dictate your acceptance or rejection. "Joining the math club is social suicide!" they inform Cady.

Unfortunately, that's just what math-whiz Cady wants to do. She also wants Regina's dreamboat ex-boyfriend Aaron (Jonathan Bennett), in violation of another Rule ("Ex-boyfriends are off-limits to friends!").

Sparks fly and war begins. The Weapons of Mass Destruction consist of the girls' tongues. Wanna destroy a rival? Call the girl's home during the school day and, when her mother answers, say, "Hi! This is Planned Parenthood, could you please give Steffie the message that her test results are in? Thank you."

## LITTLE TERRORS; 'MEAN GIRLS' WADES INTO THE DANGEROUS WATERS OF HIGH SCHOOL CLIQUES

Cady decides to study -- and emulate -- Regina's tactics, navigating through these shark-infested adolescent waters with every ingenious form of sabotage she can summon. All's fair in Girl World love and war.

Cady's much-maligned math teacher is played by "Saturday Night Live's" Tina Fey, who also -- guess what? -- wrote the script, based on Rosalino Wiseman's popular nonfiction best seller "Queen Bees & Wannabees: Helping Your Daughter Survive Cliques, Gossip, Boyfriends & Other Realities of Adolescence." It's an intelligent cut above your garden variety teen comedy yarn, with better-than-usual performances from the lovely likes of Lohan ("Freaky Friday," "Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen").

Director Mark S. Waters nicely executes a series of surreal moments in which Cady imagines her pals to be African predators at a water hole, building up to a riotous climax in which the metaphor of these girls as wild animals becomes reality. The mix of humor and poison has a properly instructive moral in the end for every kid who has ever been monsterized by peer-group disapproval.

Yeah, well. Forget about the profound ethical message. Mostly, "Mean Girls" is just a wickedly amusing satire.

'Mean Girls'

Three Stars

Rating: PG-13 for mild sexuality

Starring: Lindsay Lohan, Tina Fey, Rachel McAdams, Jonathan Bennett

Director: Mark S. Waters

## Notes

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WEEKEND MAG Movies are rated on a scale from one (bomb) to four (classic) stars Barry Paris can be reached at 412-263-3859.

## Graphic

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PHOTO: Michael Gibson/Associated Press: Starring in "Mean Girls" are, from left, Lindsay Lohan as Cady, Amanda Seyfried as Karen, Rachel McAdams as Regina and Lacey Chabert as Gretchen.

**Load-Date:** May 1, 2004

## **Police arrest six in IRA power bases in search for stolen anti-terrorist documents**

March 30, 2002, Saturday, BC cycle

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**Section:** International News

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**Byline:** By SHAWN POGATCHNIK, Associated Press Writer

**Dateline:** BELFAST, Northern Ireland

### **Body**

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Police and soldiers raided several **Irish Republican Army** properties and arrested six people Saturday, including a prominent IRA man and a civilian police employee, as the search for stolen anti-terrorist documents took a surprising turn.

The IRA-linked party, Sinn Fein, accused British intelligence of trying to deflect blame for the March 17 break-in at a Belfast office of Special Branch, the police's intelligence-gathering arm.

That break-in - one of the most embarrassing security lapses in Northern Irish history - involved several men walking past a checkpoint at the Castlereagh barracks in east Belfast, getting through code-locked doors, tying up the lone Special Branch officer on duty, rifling through files for more than an hour, then walking back out undetected.

Among those arrested Saturday, police said, were a civilian employee at the base and Bobby Storey, a well-known Belfast IRA figure. Two other men and two **women** were arrested.

Police have identified Storey as a member of the IRA's internal security unit responsible for identifying and executing police informers. The IRA has sought to identify an agent known only by the codename Steak-knife, which Special Branch has used for years to keep tabs on IRA activities.

Earlier this week the police commander, Chief Constable Ronnie Flanagan, said it was likely that the raiders had intimate knowledge of the base's layout. That raised already widespread suspicions of an "inside job" involving anti-terrorist intelligence officers from either the police or army.

Police have confirmed documents were stolen but have declined to say what they contained.

Police backed by soldiers mounted Saturday's swoops in Catholic parts of Belfast and Londonderry, the second-largest city. Sinn Fein said an office used by paroled IRA prisoners was among the properties raided.

Sinn Fein official Alex Maskey, a friend of Storey, said the idea that the IRA was involved in the Castlereagh raid was "ridiculous and insulting to people's intelligence."

"It would seem to suggest that there is panic going on within the security services about this break-in, and I fear that we could be entering a dangerous period," Maskey said.

## Police arrest six in IRA power bases in search for stolen anti-terrorist documents

Maskey noted that Sinn Fein was staging its biggest rallies of the year on Sunday. The arrests, he said, would anger supporters at a time when the party hoped to keep them behind the province's 1998 peace accord.

Street riots erupted in one militant Catholic district Saturday when youths and men threw dozens of gasoline bombs at police armored cars in north Belfast. Sinn Fein accused Protestants from a neighboring district of triggering the clashes by erecting flags in honor of the major outlawed Protestant group, the Ulster Defense Association.

The IRA has been observing a cease-fire since 1997 but dissidents have continued to mount occasional attacks. On Friday a former British soldier spotted a booby-trap bomb beneath his car.

## Graphic

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**CON WANTED IN 2 STATES; \* Colorado police say the man has bilked vulnerable women out of thousands of dollars**

Dayton Daily News (Ohio)

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## **Body**

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GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) - Michael Dean Rockey has been many things to many people.

Police say that in the course of duping vulnerable women out of tens of thousands of dollars, he posed as a Cornell University psychiatrist, a prospective Irish Republican Army member and a British wool-business scion - just to name a few.

FRAUD

Rockey's trail of deception leads from California to New York, "and who knows where in between," said Robert Weiner, a deputy district attorney in this mountain town.

Rockey is supposed to show up in May for trial on charges of bilking a woman out of more than \$ 30,000. He's out on bail, and Weiner doesn't know where Rockey is. California wants him in May, too, for sentencing in another case.

The Glenwood Springs trial will focus on the charges involving Sonya Doyal, a bail bondsman who is married with two children. But the affidavit lists several others whom the 47-year-old Rockey also has allegedly conned out of money.

"He's got a way with women and he's got a way with the talk," Doyal said of Rockey, a tall, bulky man with a perpetually ruddy complexion.

Doyal said she met Rockey in 1992, when she was a jailer in Glenwood Springs and he was held on felony theft and impersonation charges. They exchanged letters during his two years in state prison for those crimes.

She didn't hear from Rockey for a year after his release, but in November 1995 he wrote from California with news: He loved her, he was terminally ill, he had become a Christian and he wanted to go straight.

They arranged to meet, but first he needed a \$ 2,200 loan, he said. Doyal sent him a cashier's check.

That launched a relationship marked by rare meetings at hotels, motels, even a highway exit - and a sheaf of receipts from the Western Union office where Doyal wired Rockey money.

Doyal said she lost friends because she refused to heed their warnings that she was being duped.

CON WANTED IN 2 STATES \* Colorado police say the man has bilked vulnerable women out of thousands of dollars

"I wanted to believe so much that this guy had changed," Doyal said. "He would tell me in letter after letter, 'I'm going to live in the light, I'm going to be a good person.'"

Rockey is charged with three felony theft counts, and faces up to 96 years in prison because of prior convictions in Colorado, Nevada and California.

Rockey was out on \$ 25,000 bail, but that was raised to \$ 250,000 on March 24. A warrant was issued for his arrest until he posts the larger amount, a bid to put him behind bars in Colorado before California sentences him in May on a felony conviction involving a rental car that wasn't returned.

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Today is Wednesday, May 19, the 139th day of 1999. 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.

Wednesday, 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.

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); 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  
as crushed it Mark Twain (1835-1910).

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## ***Suspected IRA dissident found guilty of conspiracy in Northern Ireland's bloodiest bombing***

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## **Belfast hit by another night of rioting**

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British troops and police kept a tense vigil in parts of northern Belfast Friday after a second night of violence that left 31 police officers and three soldiers injured.

Police clashed with rival Catholic and Protestant gangs armed with petrol bombs and missiles. In some of the confrontations, hundreds of nationalist and loyalist youths from the two communities attacked army and police with petrol bombs, fireworks and bottles, a spokesman said.

One of the three soldiers injured in the attack was hit in the face with an acid bomb, police said.

Dozens of cars were burned by rioters and there was extensive damage to other property.

Despite the continuing violence, a Catholic girls primary school that was the target of a Protestant blockade Wednesday reopened under a heavy security guard. The chairman of the board of governors at Holy Cross girls primary school, the Rev. Aidan Troy, told news media the decision to reopen the school had been taken in the "interests of staff and pupils."

He said, "The board has come to the conclusion, hopefully rightly, that the sooner we get the children back into a settled situation the better."

He said he hoped the reopening of the school would have "a calming effect on the whole situation here."

However, he added, it was up to parents to decide if they wanted to send their children to school. There was no immediate confirmation of the parents' response or attendance Friday.

The rioting is 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 staged protests outside the school for about 12 weeks last year, 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.

Assistant chief constable Alan McQuillan told reporters the riot on Wednesday started after a confrontation between two women outside Holy Cross girls primary school.

## Belfast hit by another night of rioting

He said the disturbances were "sustained and heavily orchestrated" and 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.

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 latest riots could rekindle discontent over the slow progress on paramilitary disarmament, one of the key terms for Catholic-Protestant reconciliation under a 1998 Good Friday Agreement.

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Gov. Bush believes ban on abortions unpopular

AUSTIN, Texas - George W. Bush, stepping gingerly into the Republican Party's most fractious debate, said Monday he would back a constitutional amendment to outlaw most abortions if more voters supported it. But he said, "America is not ready to ban abortions." Bush discussed abortion and a wide range of issues in his state Capitol office Monday, as supporters filed papers in Washington forming a campaign committee.

Journalist sentenced

to 18 months for child porn

GREENBELT, Md. - A journalist got 18 months in prison Monday for distributing child pornography online, despite his claim that he was doing research for a story on child molesters. Larry Matthews, a National Public Radio producer who said he was working on a free-lance magazine article, had pleaded guilty in July. Matthews is the first journalist prosecuted for accessing child porn, according to the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press. Matthews' lawyers said they will appeal.

Ireland, Britain sign treaties, but Sinn Fein warns of crisis

DUBLIN, Ireland - The British and Irish governments, determined to drive forward the Belfast peace accord, signed four treaties Monday that foresee an era of unprecedented cooperation. But Sinn Fein party leader Gerry Adams warned that "we are in crisis big-time," noting that Wednesday's intended deadline to form a Protestant-Catholic government for Northern Ireland will be missed because of Protestant demands for **Irish Republican Army** disarmament.

U.S. military in Europe stretched thin

NAPLES, Italy - Stretched from Iraq to the Balkans, the U.S. military based in Europe has lost strength in key areas since the Gulf War and could have trouble in another conflict of that scale, leaders in the armed forces said Monday. Depleted forces include the Navy's 6th Fleet, which in coming weeks stands to have only seven combat vessels on duty in the Mediterranean - a never-before-seen low, Vice Adm. Daniel J. Murphy Jr. told Congress' visiting Subcommittee on Military Readiness.

## NEWS BRIEFS

Cholesterol-lowering drugs

not getting to those in need

NEW ORLEANS - Despite a drumbeat of research and advertising, at least 20million Americans at risk of heart attacks aren't getting cholesterol-lowering drugs that could save their lives. The latest statistics, released Monday at a cardiology conference in New Orleans, underline one of heart experts' biggest frustrations: Even though the benefits of these medicines, called statins, are beyond dispute, they are prescribed to perhaps only one in five of those who could benefit.

U.N., celebrities and activists join forces for Women's day

UNITED NATIONS - Rape, wife-beating, forced prostitution and other violence against women must stop, activists declared Monday as the United Nations linked the world in a live videoconference for International Women's Day. Celebrities like Julie Andrews and Bianca Jagger joined victims, activists and government leaders in focusing a global spotlight Monday on what U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan called "the most shameful human rights violation."

- From wire reports

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US bombing of targets in Afghanistan entered its fourth week with no sign of letup despite growing complaints that civilians were being killed and humanitarian aid facilities were being destroyed. But in a key endorsement of US strategy, German Chancellor Gerhard Schroder told a news conference in neighboring Pakistan that the attacks should continue until the Taliban regime falls. For its part, however, the Taliban announced it had captured and executed Pashtun resistance leader Abdul Haq and said its "real war" against the US had yet to begin because of the latter's "technological superiority." (Stories, pages 1, 2.)

In a series of antigovernment or anti-US actions by Islamic militants in Pakistan:

\* Masked gunmen invaded a Christian church service in Punjab province, killing at least 16 people and wounding five others. Among the dead was the pastor. (Story, page 7.)

\* Ten days of protest rallies and sit-ins aimed at toppling military President Pervez Musharraf were being organized by the the radical Jamaat-e Islami Party. It was not clear when the demonstrations would begin in Islamabad, the capital. They were to follow a protest Friday in Karachi that drew an estimated 50,000 people.

\* Pro-Taliban militants blocked the vital Karakoram highway linking Pakistan to China, vowing to blow up any vehicle attempting to pass.

\* An estimated 5,000 armed volunteers in trucks reached the Afghan border, saying they were awaiting a call from the Taliban to join in repelling American forces.

\* Three people died and 25 others were hurt when a bomb exploded aboard a bus in Quetta, a key city near the Afghan border and the scene of repeated anti-US rioting.

The pullout of Israeli troops from Bethlehem was in doubt after Palestinian gunmen fired into a crowded bus stop in the northern city of Hadera, killing four women and wounding 10 other people. The gunmen then were shot dead by police. The militant Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for the attack. A fifth Israeli died in a similar incident for

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which a group associated with Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement took responsibility. Prior to the attacks, Israeli forces were prepared to leave Bethlehem Sunday night "if quiet prevails," the Defense Ministry said.

Suspicion fell on Islamic militants for a bomb blast that killed at least 11 people and injured dozens of others at a popular restaurant in Zamboanga, the main port city in the southern Philippines. The blast also caused heavy property damage. It came as a team of US military advisers arrived in the city to review the pursuit of Muslim Abu Sayyaf guerrillas by government forces.

Protestant leader David Trimble won the backing of his Ulster Unionist Party for a return to Northern Ireland's power-sharing government. It remained unclear, however, whether he'd resume the post of first minister when the self-rule coalition convenes Friday. Trimble quit in July to protest the lack of disarmament by the **Irish Republican Army**.

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## Today in History - Nov. 28

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Today is Friday, Nov. 28, the 332nd day of 2003. There are 33 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 28, 1943, President Franklin Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin met in Tehran during World War II.

On this date:

In 1520, Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan reached the Pacific Ocean after passing through the South American strait that now bears his name.

In 1919, American-born Lady Astor was elected the first ***female*** member of the British Parliament.

In 1925, the Grand Ole Opry, Nashville's famed home of country music, made its radio debut on station WSM.

In 1942, nearly 500 people died in a fire that destroyed the Cocoanut Grove nightclub in Boston.

In 1958, the African nation of Chad became an autonomous republic within the French community.

In 1963, President Johnson announced that Cape Canaveral would be renamed Cape Kennedy in honor of his assassinated predecessor (however, the name was changed back to Cape Canaveral in 1973).

In 1964, the United States launched the space probe Mariner Four on a course to Mars.

In 1975, President Ford nominated Federal Judge John Paul Stevens to the U.S. Supreme Court seat vacated by William O. Douglas.

In 1990, Margaret Thatcher resigned as prime minister of Britain during an audience with Queen Elizabeth II, who conferred the premiership on John Major.

In 2001, Enron Corp., once the world's largest energy trader, collapsed after would-be rescuer Dynegy Inc. backed out of an \$8.4 billion takeover deal.

## Today in History - Nov. 28

Ten years ago: The British government confirmed reports of contacts with the **Irish Republican Army** that were aimed at ending the violence in British-ruled Northern Ireland. TV personality Garry Moore died on Hilton Head Island, S.C., at age 78.

Five years ago: Some Republicans expressed disappointment and outrage over President Clinton's written responses to 81 questions from the House Judiciary Committee concerning the Monica Lewinsky affair, with one accusing the president of "word games."

One year ago: In twin attacks in Kenya, three suicide bombers killed 14 people at an Israeli-owned hotel, while minutes before, at least two missiles were fired at - but missed - an Israeli jetliner taking off from Mombasa airport.

Today's Birthdays: Recording executive Berry Gordy Jr. is 74. Actress Hope Lange is 72. Former Sen. Gary Hart, D-Colo., is 67. Singer-songwriter Bruce Channel is 63. Singer Randy Newman is 60. Movie director Joe Dante is 57. CBS News correspondent Susan Spencer is 57. "Late Show" orchestra leader Paul Shaffer is 54. Actor Ed Harris is 53. Actress S. Epatha Merkerson is 51. Country singer Kristine Arnold (Sweethearts of the Rodeo) is 47. Actor Judd Nelson is 44. Rock musician Matt Cameron is 41. Comedian Jon Stewart is 41. Actress Garcelle Beauvais-Nilon is 37. TV personality Anna Nicole Smith is 36. Rhythm-and-blues singer Dawn Robinson is 35. Hip-hop musician apl.de.ap (Black Eyed Peas) is 29. Actress Scarlett Pomers ("Reba") is 15.

Thought for Today: "No man can be a patriot on an empty stomach." - William Cowper, English poet (1731-1800).

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## WORLD DIGEST

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#### NORTHERN IRELAND

Many doubt vote will raise chance of power sharing

Voters cast their ballots Wednesday to choose a new Northern Ireland Assembly, but many doubted that the results would breathe new life into the suspended Catholic-Protestant government.

Analysts forecast a surge of Protestant support for the Democratic Unionist Party led by Ian Paisley. The anti-Catholic firebrand vows to block any new power-sharing administration involving Sinn Fein, the party linked to the **Irish Republican Army** and backed by an increasing number of Catholics.

Even the Ulster Unionists, although part of a previous coalition including Sinn Fein, now say they won't repeat the experience unless the IRA renounces violence and fully disarms.

#### GEORGIA

Opposition unites behind young leader of revolt

The young and passionate leader of Georgia's popular revolt became the front-runner for the presidency Wednesday when the opposition united behind him as its sole candidate.

Mikhail Saakashvili, 35, said that presidential and parliamentary elections would be held Jan. 4 and that he would seek to replace the man he helped push from office three days ago, his former mentor, Eduard Shevardnadze.

Saakashvili was supported by the other two leaders of the movement that ousted Shevardnadze, and he said both would have important posts in his administration.

#### TURKEY

Court charges three in suicide bombings

A Turkish court on Wednesday charged at least three suspects, two of them **women**, with involvement in last week's deadly suicide bombings in Istanbul.

The new arraignments bring to at least 18 the number of people charged as accomplices to the two suicide bombers who on Nov. 20 blew up trucks outside the British Consulate and a British-owned bank.

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Six others were charged earlier in the Nov. 15 attacks on two synagogues in Istanbul.

The two days of bombings, carried out by four suicide bombers driving explosive-packed trucks, killed a total of 57 people. Officials have blamed Turkish militants backed by international assistance, possibly from al-Qaida.

## MIDDLE EAST

Palestinians consider loan penalty too little

U.S. plans to penalize Israel for West Bank construction by deducting \$289.5 million from a loan guarantee package will cost Israel only a few million dollars a year, a punishment Palestinians dismissed Wednesday as a cosmetic step with no chance of affecting Israeli policy.

The deduction from \$9 billion in loan guarantees promised over three years was intended to signal Washington's disapproval of Israel's settlement construction and plans to build part of a new security barrier deep inside the West Bank.

Violence surged Wednesday as Israeli troops in the Gaza Strip killed two Palestinians and wounded one. They were apparently planning to set up an ambush on a road used by Jewish settlers, Israeli military sources said. The military initially said all three had been killed.

## RUSSIA

Court backs dancer fired because of her weight

A Russian prima ballerina sacked by Moscow's Bolshoi Theater for being too heavy must be given her job back, a court ruled Wednesday.

The court decided Anastasia Volochkova, one of Russia's top dancers, had been unfairly dismissed and should be reinstated in the theater's troupe with \$6,300 compensation.

But Volochkova, who says she weighs about 110 pounds and stands at 5 feet 7 inches - taller than most ballerinas - said it was far from certain whether the theater would allow her to dance again.

"Let's leave it to the honor and conscience of the people who work at the Bolshoi Theater," she said.

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## TV previews; SATURDAY

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As It Happened:

Shamrock and the Swastika

SBS, 8.30pm

UP As testament to my woeful lack of attention at school, I reacted bemusedly to this documentary's premise that the Nazis aided the ***Irish Republican Army*** up to and during World War II. Silly me. Readers who are equally ignorant of this dark and bizarre moment in history will no doubt be as fascinated as I was with what was a strategically clever move on the part of the German Army.

In the 1930s, the IRA had embarked on a campaign of bank robberies, bombings and assassinations, the outcome being IRA members were incarcerated without trial, so as not to upset the future of the fledgling Irish Free State. Hence the Germans becoming involved, especially since they already had designs on invading England.

Rather than bogging itself down in the actualities of this strange marriage, Shamrock and the Swastika looks at the bigger historical picture of the belief amongst Celts and Germans that they were superior to the British. For years, Ireland had been a popular holiday destination for Germans and the tourists comprehensively photographed the villages and cities they visited. Added to the fact that veteran republicans such as Sean Russell and Frank Ryan had played straight into the hands of their German masters, it was earmarked to work like clockwork. But it didn't.

Amusing anecdotes of German circus performers and boofheaded Luftwaffe pilots failing in their bids to smuggle radio transmitters into Ireland lend it an almost Pythonesque air.

According to Jim

Seven, 7pm

UP Like some porno flick gone straight, James Belushi plays Jim, a hairy-shouldered lunk with a gorgeous young wife, in this series which places more emphasis on the sit than on the com.

The opening gag finds Jim in ***women***'s make-up, looking eerily like his late, great brother's samurai character from Saturday Night Live.

## TV previews SATURDAY

The main theme centres around Jim's brother-in-law needing a thousand-dollar loan toward a mortgage. (It's set in Chicago, obviously; not in Sydney.) Jim and his wife, Cheryl, do have an account set aside for a trip to Italy but the money ain't there.

Tonight's episode is a marked improvement on previous shows and, therefore, worth a look.

Richard Morecroft Goes Wild: Night Stalkers

ABC, 6.30pm

UP This rebadged National Geographic program looks at the nightlife in the Central American jungles of Belize . At sunset, bats of many varieties come swooping out of the caves to feast on everything from fruit to fishes, insects and other bats. Charming little creatures! Or not-so-little, in the case of *Vampyrus spectrum* , which has a wingspan of a metre and is quite fond of a bit of dove or rat for dinner.

But the Good Living Three Bats award goes to the common vampire bat, which quietly snuggles up to sleeping peccaries and sucks the blood from its bristly hide.

The thermal photography of the bat colonies in their caves is dazzling and, I must say, the golden filter is far more pleasant than that hideous green one so favoured by warmongers.

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ILLUS: United against the Poms: A tale of two countries in Shamrock and the Swastika.

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## **NEWS FEATURE: Rapper Eminem's invite divides Australians**

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Australia, the world's sixth oldest democracy, had inauspicious beginnings: it was conceived as a handily distant dump for English criminals.

This partly explains why Australians are so particular about who fronts up to airport immigration counters: being an independent country means being in control of arrivals and departures.

Fly in without a visa and you will be arrested, placed in detention and very likely deported.

The rule applies to everyone. Gerry Adams, elected to a seat in Britain's House of Commons and a guest at the White House in Washington DC, was for two years denied a visa to enter Australia because he was considered not a "person of good character".

Adams, the leader of the ***Irish Republican Army***'s political wing, was eventually let in for a visit in 1999.

It's not only politicians with a shady past who get blacklisted. British historian David Irving, who denies that millions of Jews met their deaths in Nazi Germany, is still waiting for a visa.

Prime Minister John Howard, facing a general election at the end of the year, insists that banning people from Australia's shores is not an assault on the freedom of speech.

"Any government has the right to say to someone who has a record of criminal convictions 'you can't come here'," he said.

U.S. rapper Eminem, who is booked to perform in Sydney and Melbourne later this month, has a sufficiently lengthy criminal record to disqualify himself for entry.

The millionaire pop star, born Marshall Bruce Mathers, has been convicted twice on firearms charges.

Howard is no Eminem fan. He has described the rapper's lyrics as "sickening" and "demeaning to women".

Howard's allies on the conservative side of Australian politics have been even more vocal.

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Said Liberal Party's Peter Slipper, a Member of Parliament: "Anyone who writes lyrics speculating about raping his mother, anyone who writes lyrics talking about having his pregnant girlfriend killed, has to be on the wrong side of mental balance".

Feminists are also openly hostile to Eminem, with Women's Electoral Lobby Group spokesman Lisa Solomon claiming that "he takes every opportunity to vilify women, to suggest that they are only available for rape, to be mutilated".

Howard, a canny politician, knows rap fans are mostly too young to vote.

But there is another consideration, here expressed by Michael Gudinski, the promotor of Eminem's Australian tour: "He's one of the hottest acts in the world. If the Immigration Department was to take a stance against him, we'd look like a laughing stock".

Gudinski, of course, is not disinterested in a verdict expected in the next few days.

Should the government deny Eminem a visa, Gudinski will have to refund the hefty cover price of tens of thousands of concert tickets already sold.

If the tour goes ahead, it will have benefited from hundreds of thousands of dollars of free publicity. dpa sa js

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## *Weary and Wary, Both Sides in Ulster Appear Skeptical*

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Tommy Donley has heard so often about historic agreements and major breakthroughs in this chronically war-weary city that he has all but stopped believing in them.

That is why he is not jumping with excitement at the latest in a long string of developments: the *Irish Republican Army*'s announcement on Wednesday that it has begun to dismantle its arsenal of weapons.

Although politicians from Belfast to Washington have hailed the measure as a brave and crucial step in a peace process that was close to unraveling, Mr. Donley says they have all been down this path before, too many times.

"It's like a big staircase and you've only taken one step and you have a long, long way to go," he said, pausing between customers at the fruit and vegetable store he runs on Shankill Road, a staunchly Protestant enclave in West Belfast. "Peace is not like switching the lights on and off -- one day you have it, the next you don't. If everyone stopped shooting and put all their guns away, you'd still get hatred, you'd still get people saying, 'You're Protestant' or 'You're Catholic.' "

For all the caution expressed by people like Mr. Donley -- and there are many who feel the way he does -- there is no doubt that the long-promised and finally delivered move by the republican group, a mostly Catholic guerrilla force devoted to ending British control of Northern Ireland, has jump-started the sputtering peace process all over again.

The I.R.A.'s action has also moved the process further along. It brought angry Protestants back to the power-sharing government they had earlier quit in protest. That process gained momentum on Saturday when the largest Protestant party here, the Ulster Unionists, backed the bid by their leader, David Trimble, to take back his position as leader of the government next week, The Associated Press reported. The I.R.A. action also prompted the British government to begin scaling down security measures in the province.

As an immediate step, the government began dismantling four heavily defended lookout posts in the republican strongholds of South Armagh and County Londonderry, symbols to Northern Ireland's Catholics of the oppression they say they have suffered for years.

It is measures of this sort that fill people like Timothy Quin, however tentatively, with hope. Mr. Quin is the president of the Northern Ireland Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and he has an obvious stake in presenting Belfast's

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best face to the world. But he says the republican move is an important -- and overdue -- step forward. "There's definitely a strong welcome to what has happened," Mr. Quin said. "If we don't seem euphoric, it's because we simply hoped that this would happen."

But in the Ardoyne neighborhood in North Belfast, the scene of hard-core sectarian hatred in the last several months, a different story emerges. It is in working-class Ardoyne that hundreds of Catholic girls have the misfortune to go to a primary school, Holy Cross, on a Protestant-controlled street. Every school day, Protestant protesters line the road and shout obscenities at Catholic parents taking their daughters to school, and Catholics shout obscenities back. Those confrontations turn violent when night falls.

All last week, despite the grand political statements and gestures, heavily armed police officers in riot gear went as usual to the road to protect the Protestants and Catholics from each other. It was as if there was no progress toward peace at all. "I would like peace for my child's sake, but I feel a wee bit betrayed by the I.R.A.," said Margaret Hughes, a Catholic whose 5-year-old daughter, Nicole, goes to Holy Cross. "I don't think they should decommission at this point, not with what our kids are going through."

Mrs. Hughes, who was waiting at the end of the road for the riot police to tell her it was safe to walk to school, longs to feel hopeful, but says she cannot. "I don't feel optimistic whatsoever because every time they do something, it all falls apart," she said of the politicians. "I just hope it will get better, but I don't think we'll ever be able to walk up that street freely again."

Another Catholic mother, Jeannie Drake, said that in a province that often regards negotiation as capitulation, the Protestants had done nothing but ridicule the republicans' effort to make peace. "They're gloating, saying that we've surrendered," she said.

Mrs. Drake was also struggling to feel optimistic. "Let's hope that the political thing will move forward," she said, "that we can turn this around." But she remembered an earlier historic breakthrough, the peace agreement of 1998, which laid the groundwork for peace and which has not, in her mind, borne out its promise. "I had lots of hope for the future then," she said. "But it's like one step forward, two steps back."

Things were no different on the other side of the police lines, where the Protestants -- men, women and children -- were gathering angrily as the girls walked to school. One by one, they told stories about Catholic violence in the neighborhood, saying that some of the people walking to school were not simply parents, but republican terrorists. One by one, they derided the republican effort to dismantle its arsenal, a process known as decommissioning, as an empty -- and unverifiable -- gesture.

"Decommissioning is a red herring," said Stephen Orr, an unemployed photographer. "It's nonsense. If you have two guns and you put one back, you still have one left."

Another man wagged an angry finger to emphasize his expletive-laced point. "They had 30 years to do this," he said. "Who's seen the arms they have supposedly decommissioned? Nobody's seen them. Nobody's seen a gun handed in. How do we believe them when we've been being lied to by our politicians for 30 years?"

Stuart McCartney, a spokesman for a Protestant group known as the Concerned Residents of Upper Ardoyne, said it was hard to get excited when new developments seemed so often to go nowhere. And, like everyone does on either side of this sectarian divide, he said it was up to the other side to act first. Just putting some arms out of use, he said, was a laughably lightweight gesture.

"The whole world is raving about loads of weapons being destroyed, but the whole world is being naive," he said. "The way the I.R.A. has done this is like saying, 'I owe you \$:200 and here's a tenner.' "

"Here you have Tony Blair saying -- everyone saying -- 'This is fantastic, this is brilliant, whoop-de-doo,' " he added. "But what I want to know is, where's my other \$:190?"

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Photos: A Catholic student at Holy Cross Girls Primary School in the Ardoyne, a Belfast neighborhood, gives a British soldier a piece of candy. The British Army has been viewed as occupiers by the republican community.; A day after the **Irish Republican Army** began giving up their arms, some Protestants in Belfast made their feelings known with a bit of mockery. (Photographs by Martin McCullough for The New York Times)

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## Northern Ireland Cops Seek Recruits

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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 campaign seeking 240 recruits half of whom would be Roman Catholic began under the slogan "Towards a true reflection of the whole community."

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

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 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.

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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.

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On the Net:

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

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