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G-7-YELTSIN CANCELS. Yeltsin's absence will affect G-7 meeting.

UN-BOUTROS-GHALI. U.N. chief to seek second term.

UN-ASIAN ECONOMIES. Growth of Asian Tigers eases slightly.

US-IRAN-LIBYA. Sanctions aim at companies investing in Iran, Libya.

US-PRESIDENTIAL POLLS. Clinton has 20 point lead in new poll.

US-WHITEWATER. Clinton friend linked to crimes.

MEXICO-WANDERING BOY. Boy hitchhikes 2,000 kms searching for mother.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

MOSCOW Russia's Communist candidate loses one of his last potential allies when Vladimir Zhirinovsky says he would not support him. RUSSIA-ELECTIONS. Recap expected by 0200 GMT. By Julia Rubin. AP Photos MOSB105-106.

MOSCOW Some voters look at Boris Yeltsin as the lesser of two evils. Yet many Russians are willing to credit Yeltsin for reforms that opened opportunities for a better life. RUSSIA-YELTSIN'S PEOPLE. By Lynn Berry. Expected by 0200 GMT. AP Photo MOSB101.

WASHINGTON Next week's summit of industrialized nations was intended largely to help Boris Yeltsin win re-election. His decision to stay home will alter the face of the meeting. G-7-YELTSIN CANCELS. Expected by 0200 GMT. By Terrence Hunt. AP Photo MOSB102.

ALSO MOVED: RUSSIA-CHECHNYA, Lebed urges withdrawal of Russian troops from Chechnya. AP Photo MOSB104; RUSSIA-ATTACK, Former head of Kremlin-linked fund shot.

UNITED NATIONS Boutros-Ghali will run for a second term as secretary-general. UN-BOUTROS-GHALI. Recap expected by 0200 GMT. By Louis Meixler. AP Photo planned.

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UNITED NATIONS Asia's boom economies are expected to moderate slightly as some "tigers" put the brakes on expansion, a U.N. study says. UN-ASIAN ECONOMIES. Has moved. By Robert H. Reid.

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BAGHDAD, Iraq The chief U.N. weapons inspector tries to persuade Iraq to allow searches of military bases for material linked to clandestine programs. IRAQ-UN. Has moved. By Waiel Faleh.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland The Irish Republican Army claims responsibility for a truck bomb in England that wounded 200 civilians, as British troops patrol west Belfast in anticipation of an IRA strike. NORTHERN IRELAND. Recap expected by 0300 GMT. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photos LON112,133.

TOKYO Doomsday guru Shoko Asahara is back in court Thursday, this time to answer charges he masterminded the slaying seven years ago of an anti-cult lawyer and his family. JAPAN-DOOMSDAY CULT. By Yuri Kageyama. Recap with start of court session will move after 0100 GMT. AP Photo TOK103.

JERUSALEM Presiding over his first Cabinet meeting, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu establishes national security and economic councils that report directly to him. ISRAEL-POLITICS. Has moved. By Dafna Linzer. AP Photos LON119-124, JRL101, PAR102,103,105, TLV101,102,104.

ALSO MOVED: ARAB SUMMIT, Arab leaders to press Israel on land-for-peace formula. AP Photo CAI103; US-MIDEAST, Lebanese cease-fire talks resume.

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas The Whitewater investigation breaches President Clinton's inner circle: One of his closest friends is linked to criminal activity. US-WHITEWATER. Recap expected by 0200 GMT. By James Jefferson. AP Photo WX109,116, NY139.

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GUADALAJARA, Mexico In his Honduran village they call him "Little Coyote" because of his street smarts and charm. Lacking money, papers or food, a 10-year-old boy used those gifts to venture 2,000 kilometers across two borders trying to find his mother. MEXICO-WANDERING BOY. Expected by 0200 GMT. By Nicolas Ramirez. AP Photos MO4-5.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Friday, a three-day summit of Arab leaders begins in Cairo, Egypt; the European Union summit opens in Florence, Italy.

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RIVERDALE, North Dakota Time is running out on the endangered pallid sturgeon, a fish whose ancestors date back 200 million years. FEATURE-US-PALLID STURGEON. To move as wire time permits. By Bob Moen.

TUCSON, Arizona During rainy seasons, desert washes grow wider and deeper as fast-moving runoff water gobbles up chunks of ground. Now a retired engineering professor is testing a new way to stop the erosion by building a dam made from discarded tires. FEATURE-US-TIRE DAM. To move as wire time permits. By Arthur H. Rotstein. AP Photo NY451.

NEW YORK While Asian nations have the world's lowest incidence of breast cancer, Asian women in the United States have the same risk as white women. FEATURE-US-ASIAN BREAST CANCER. To move as wire time permits. By Eileen Glanton. AP Photo NY452.

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While Protestant and Catholic hard-liners showed strength in this week's election of negotiators to Northern Ireland peace talks, voters also approved some new faces who speak the language of compromise.

The test is whether they will be able to move the stubborn representatives of the old guard, who have presided so unsuccessfully over the past quarter-century of bloodshed and stalemate.

"They're going to have to take us seriously. In fact we think we'll probably hold the balance of power in those talks," said elated newcomer Monica McWilliams, a University of Ulster lecturer who six weeks ago helped found the Women's Coalition newest of 10 victorious parties in Thursday's balloting. The vote count results were announced Friday.

McWilliams will represent her coalition of Protestant and Catholic women in a new 110-member debating forum and, more importantly, in separate negotiations on Northern Ireland's future due to start June 10. The goal will be to strike a compromise between Protestants determined to preserve Northern Ireland's union with Britain, and Catholics who are equally as resolved to break that link and unify the province with the rest of Ireland.

That's a tall order. The start of peace talks already is jeopardized by the Irish Republican Army's resumption of violence against British rule three months ago.

The British and Irish governments agree that the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party should be barred from the talks without a new cease-fire this despite Sinn Fein's surprising surge in support to 116,377 votes, or 15.5 percent, fourth in the poll. Sinn Fein's previous high-water mark was 12.4 percent in 1993.

The moderate Social Democratic and Labor Party, which opposes the IRA but, like Sinn Fein, wants to see British rule ended and Northern Ireland unified with the rest of Ireland, won 21.4 percent of the vote.

"Sinn Fein secured a very strong mandate and the question on everyone's lips is: Do we have a straight road now to talks?" said Barry McElduff, one of 17 Sinn Fein activists elected to the new forum. Sinn Fein, for its part, is refusing to sit in the debating forum because it will have a Protestant majority.

At the opposite end of the scale, the Rev. Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionist Party committed to shunning Sinn Fein and demanding the IRA's surrender increased its Protestant votes to 141,421, or 18.8 percent, for third place. The establishment Ulster Unionist Party saw its support drop to 24.2 percent.

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Unlike the four biggest parties with their six-digit vote figures, McWilliams' coalition managed a humble 7,731 votes, or 1.0 percent. But that was enough in an election plan that rewarded the top 10 parties with seats in the forum.

In the forum, McWilliams will be one of just two Women's Coalition members. But each party will send roughly the same number of representatives into the negotiations and all are supposed to be afforded equal time and respect.

McWilliams' party challenges traditional roles in the British-ruled province: The players on both sides are almost exclusively men, while women have been expected to make the sandwiches and tea at political functions and keep dissenting opinions to themselves.

"We're absolutely delighted that the women of Northern Ireland have finally come out, raised their voices and asked for Protestants and Catholics to sit down and talk about making a new future," said McWilliams, a Catholic.

Her moderate views are being supported from an unlikely quarter: the newly elected representatives of the Protestant community's outlawed paramilitary gangs, who once mercilessly attacked Catholics.

Unlike mainstream Protestant parties, the two so-called "loyalist" parties want to talk to Sinn Fein leaders, their favorite targets for assassination before calling their own truce in 1994. Friday's vote count gave both loyalist groups about 43,000 votes in all, plenty to join the talks.

"We are people who know at first hand the severe penalties of war. We're realists," said David Ervine, who spent six years in prison on an Ulster Volunteer Force arms charge and today leads the UVF's affiliated Progressive Unionist Party.

"No one should be able to turn the peace process on and off like a tap. Everyone needs to be on board the process on a level field. That means no more IRA threats, and no more Paisley threats of civil war either."

The Women's Coalition will be joined in the forum by one other small new peace-oriented party composed of both Catholics and Protestants a group of Labor Party socialists, with 0.9 percent of the votes, as well as the Alliance Party, the only established group to achieve cross-community support but only 6.5 percent of the votes this time.

The new politicians in the middle seem agreed on one point: The IRA must renew its cease-fire for there to be progress. If that happens, they say, pressure will build on Paisley and others on the Protestant side to negotiate with their arch-rivals for the first time in their lives.

"This is our last chance in Northern Ireland," McWilliams said. "People have got to stop making excuses, finding reasons not to talk."

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A bomb tore through a double-decker bus in London's theater district Sunday night, showering the road with metal and glass and leaving injured people bleeding in the street. One person was killed and at least eight people were hurt.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility but suspicion immediately fell on the *Irish Republican Army*, which broke its 17-month cease-fire with a deadly bomb in London's Docklands nine days ago.

Another bomb was defused in London's theater district last week. The IRA said it planted the device.

Police said they received no warning before Sunday's bus explosion at 22:38 GMT on Wellington Street near The Strand. Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch said it was caused by an "improvised high-explosive device," a type of bomb.

Scotland Yard said a body was discovered in the burned-out wreckage of the bus early Monday by anti-terrorist branch officers. "We are not prepared at this stage to speculate whether the body is that of a male or a *female*," a Scotland Yard spokesman said.

Eight people were injured, four seriously, and there were also a number of "walking wounded," police said.

The bus, on a scheduled route, exploded outside the Waldorf Hotel near Covent Garden, an area that would have been filled with theatergoers on any other night. There are no performances Sunday night.

Most of the top deck of the bus was destroyed in the explosion and much of the lower deck was blackened by fire. Sections of the red roof lay in the street. There was little damage to surrounding buildings, including a branch of Citibank.

Witness Anthony Yates, 26, said he believed at least three people were dead, but this could not be confirmed: "I was walking down the road and I saw a big white flash in the sky."

"When the bomb went off, a taxi drove into the bus. ... There's a guy lying outside the bus saying 'my legs, my legs'," he said.

BBC radio reporter Paul Rowan said: "There was metal and glass for around 50 yards (meters) all over the place.

"I saw one woman who looked in a very bad way, she was face down on the road with bad-looking head injuries."

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American tourist Scott Grover, 32, from Boston, said: "We were walking along when we suddenly heard this almighty bang.

"The front of the bus was completely blown away but there didn't seem to be many people in it. ...There was debris everywhere."

Mark Johnson, 25, from Toronto, Canada, was with friends in the Wellington pub on the Strand when they heard the huge bang.

"We were all in a complete state of panic. We were crouching down away from the windows. We ran outside and asked the bar manager to call the police and ambulance.

"We knew immediately what had happened. We were all saying 'oh my god, oh my god'. I don't know where all this hatred comes from."

"Many people rushed to the scene to help the injured," he added.

"I saw one woman who looked severely injured, she was lying in a pool of her own blood there was blood on her head. She was motionless."

Lawyer Raymond Levy was in his car only 30 feet (10 meters) from the blast.

"I thought there was only the bus driver on board and when I got out of the car and got to the bus, he had got out but there were flames everywhere," he said.

"The engine was still running and I was very worried that the petrol would explode," he said.

With the help of a cab driver they undid the hood of the bus and turned the engine off, he said.

"There were a few passers-by around and one woman was in shock and was running down the road screaming," he said.

One person with blood streaming down his face was receiving medical attention on a street corner 25 yards (meters) from the bus.

Five injured men and one woman were admitted to St. Thomas's Hospital. Three with minor injuries were released but three had "significant" head injuries. Spokeswoman Jenny Reid said the woman and two men who were in the bus at the time of the blast were still hospitalized.

Two injured people were taken to University College Hospital. One, a middle-aged man, was in intensive care with chest injuries, in a "serious but stable" condition, a spokesman said.

Several hours before the blast Gerry Adams, leader of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party, made a direct appeal for talks with British Prime Minister John Major.

"At this very dangerous and this very risky phase of our struggle we offer the hand of friendship to John Major. We say to John Major, 'Pull back from the abyss'," Adams told about 1,500 supporters in Catholic west Belfast.

"Don't see our hand of friendship as a sign of weakness," he added. "It is a sign of strength."

Adams maintains that the IRA decision to end its 17-month cease-fire came as a surprise to him. But like the IRA he personally blames Major for not moving the peace process quickly enough.

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"When the bomb went off, a taxi drove into the bus. ... There's a guy lying outside the bus saying 'my legs, my legs'," he said.

BBC radio reporter Paul Rowan said: "There was metal and glass for around 50 yards (meters) all over the place.

"I saw one woman who looked in a very bad way, she was face down on the road with bad-looking head injuries."

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American tourist Scott Grover, 32, from Boston, said: "We were walking along when we suddenly heard this almighty bang.

"The front of the bus was completely blown away but there didn't seem to be many people in it. ...There was debris everywhere."

Mark Johnson, 25, from Toronto, Canada, was with friends in the Wellington pub on the Strand when they heard the huge bang.

"We were all in a complete state of panic. We were crouching down away from the windows. We ran outside and asked the bar manager to call the police and ambulance.

"We knew immediately what had happened. We were all saying 'oh my god, oh my god'. I don't know where all this hatred comes from."

"Many people rushed to the scene to help the injured," he added.

"I saw one woman who looked severely injured, she was lying in a pool of her own blood there was blood on her head. She was motionless."

Lawyer Raymond Levy was in his car only 30 feet (10 meters) from the blast.

"I thought there was only the bus driver on board and when I got out of the car and got to the bus, he had got out but there were flames everywhere," he said.

"The engine was still running and I was very worried that the petrol would explode," he said.

With the help of a cab driver they undid the hood of the bus and turned the engine off, he said.

"There were a few passers-by around and one woman was in shock and was running down the road screaming," he said.

One person with blood streaming down his face was receiving medical attention on a street corner 25 yards (meters) from the bus.

Five injured men and one woman were admitted to St. Thomas's Hospital. Three with minor injuries were released but three had "significant" head injuries. Spokeswoman Jenny Reid said the woman and two men who were in the bus at the time of the blast were still hospitalized.

Two injured people were taken to University College Hospital. One, a middle-aged man, was in intensive care with chest injuries, in a "serious but stable" condition, a spokesman said.

Several hours before the blast Gerry Adams, leader of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party, made a direct appeal for talks with British Prime Minister John Major.

"At this very dangerous and this very risky phase of our struggle we offer the hand of friendship to John Major. We say to John Major, 'Pull back from the abyss'," Adams told about 1,500 supporters in Catholic west Belfast.

"Don't see our hand of friendship as a sign of weakness," he added. "It is a sign of strength."

Adams maintains that the IRA decision to end its 17-month cease-fire came as a surprise to him. But like the IRA he personally blames Major for not moving the peace process quickly enough.

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An hour after the ***Irish Republican Army*** reportedly ended a 1 1/2-year-old truce, a suspected IRA bomb exploded in a London business and media district. It wounded at least 36 people, blew windows out of offices and stunned two nations grown accustomed to peace.

The bomb Friday in an east London underground parking lot partly destroyed a six-story building, damaged a subway station in east London's Docklands area and rattled Britain's tallest high-rise.

It also threw into confusion a 17-month struggle for peace in Northern Ireland. If the IRA is indeed responsible, the bombing could reflect a growing disillusionment that non-violent means could end British rule in Northern Ireland, a goal that 24 years of IRA violence had failed to achieve.

No deaths were reported in the explosion, just after 7 p.m. (1900 GMT). It was heard four miles (six kilometers) away. People with blood streaming from wounds ran from pubs and offices into the streets. Some collapsed onto sidewalks.

"The glass shattered, shelves coming off the wall, radiators coming off the wall," said Lee Hickinbottom, who was in a nearby pub. "***Women*** were screaming. It was quite panic-stricken."

There was no immediate claim of responsibility. But Commander John Grieve, of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist unit, said there were a series of coded warnings an hour before the blast. In the past, the IRA has issued such warnings before bombings.

Gerry Adams, leader of Sinn Fein, the political ally of the IRA, called the White House about an hour before the bomb went off. "He said he was hearing very disturbing news," a senior Clinton administration official said in Washington, speaking on condition of anonymity. But Adams made no mention of a bomb, said another official, who declined to give further details.

In Belfast, the Royal Ulster Constabulary said it would reintroduce heightened security measures, including patrols with machine guns. Within hours of the blast, police and troops were wearing flak jackets.

But there were no reports of violence in the British-ruled province an indication that the bomb may have been a one-shot deal or the work of rebels within IRA ranks.

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Before the bomb, RTE, the Irish national network in Dublin, received a statement with a recognized IRA codeword announcing the end of its cease-fire.

The statement blamed Britain, which, along with Protestant parties in Northern Ireland, has insisted that the IRA turn in some weapons before all-party peace talks start. The demand has stalled the peace process.

"It is with great reluctance that the leadership announces that the complete cessation of military operations will end at 6 p.m. (1800 GMT)," the statement said.

The explosion that followed was the first bombing in the capital since the IRA began a cease-fire on Sept. 1, 1994.

Fire engines and 80 ambulances raced to the area. Alerted police had been clearing out the South Quay subway station when the bomb exploded. Britain's tallest building the 52-story Canary Wharf Tower a quarter-mile (1/2 kilometer) away also was evacuated.

The 36 injured, including five seriously hurt, were taken to two hospitals. Three police officers had minor injuries.

Political leaders in Britain and Ireland, north and south, expressed shock and dismay. Adams turned swiftly on the British.

"An unprecedented opportunity for peace has foundered on the refusal of the British government and the Unionist (Protestant) leaders to enter into dialogue on substantive negotiations," he said in Belfast.

In London, Prime Minister John Major challenged the IRA and Sinn Fein to condemn the bombing. "This atrocity confirms again the urgent need to remove illegal arms from the equation," he said.

He spoke in a late-night call with Irish Prime Minister John Bruton, and his office said both leaders remained "determined to work together towards peace."

In Washington, President Clinton said "the terrorists who perpetrated today's attack cannot be allowed to derail the effort to bring peace to the people of Northern Ireland a peace they overwhelmingly support."

He urged all parties to continue peace efforts. Senior White House officials talked late Friday with key players in the Northern Ireland dispute, including Adams.

The Clinton administration also talked with David Trimble, leader of the Ulster Unionists, Northern Ireland's biggest Protestant party, and John Hume, a prominent Catholic leader.

The cease-fire had ended a 24-year campaign against British rule in Northern Ireland, during which nearly 3,200 people died.

Protestant paramilitaries, which matched the IRA cease-fire, gave no immediate indication whether they will revert to violence.

"The powers-that-be in London were fooled by what was going on," declared hard-line Protestant leader Ian Paisley. "Terrorists are terrorists when they hold on to their weapons."

The IRA last attacked Britain in March 1994, six months before its cease-fire. The outlawed group launched a dozen small rockets at Heathrow Airport west of London, causing massive disruption to international air traffic but no significant damage.

The 1990s also featured some of the IRA's most damaging strikes on the British capital. Truck-bomb attacks on the financial district in 1992 and 1993 killed four people and caused more than dlr 1.5 billion in damage.

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NEW:

RUSSIA-CHECHNYA

ALGERIA-CAR BOMB

SKOREA-JAPAN

TAIWAN-CHINA

MEXICO-OIL PROTEST

CIA-SHEIK

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

LONDON Stunned by a deadly IRA bomb attack in London, British and Irish leaders search Sunday for political initiatives to restore damaged hopes for peace in Northern Ireland. BRITAIN-EXPLOSION. Expected by 1300 GMT. Supersedes Belfast-dated item slugged BC-NORTHERN IRELAND-EXPLOSION.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland After the **Irish Republican Army** bomb attack in London, Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams straddles a shakier fence. NORTHERN IRELAND-GERRY'S DILEMMA. By Shawn Pogatchnik. Has moved.

ALSO MOVED: NIRELAND-DAY AFTER, Steel-gray skies and steel-gray armored vehicles set the mood in Belfast. US-NORTHERN IRELAND, President Clinton says he will do all in his power to ensure peace in Northern Ireland.

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina The top U.S. mediator confronted the gravest challenge yet to Bosnia's peace plan with a vow to insist on full compliance by rival sides. YUGOSLAVIA. Lead expected by 1200 GMT. By Aida Cerkez. AP Photos.

ALSO MOVED: YUGOSLAVIA-BOSNIAN ARMY; YUGOSLAVIA-FORCED LABOR; YUGOSLAVIA-CHRONOLOGY.

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GROZNY, Russia A weeklong demonstration by hundreds of Chechens is over and the square in front of the gutted presidential palace was empty Sunday except for a few Russian troops. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. By Chris Bird. Has moved.

FURUBIRA, Japan Rescuers blast the side of a mountain with dynamite Sunday to reach some 20 people trapped by a huge slab of rock in a collapsed highway tunnel. JAPAN-TUNNEL COLLAPSE. Lead has moved; developments will be expedited. By Braven Smillie. AP Photos.

WITH: JAPAN-TUNNEL-BOX, A list of tunnel accidents and rockslides in Japan; JAPAN-TUNNEL-HOKKAIDO, Collapsed tunnel site is Japan's "last frontier."

TAIPEI, Taiwan President Lee Teng-hui says Sunday that Taiwan does not fear Chinese military exercises and pledged to work for peace with China. TAIWAN-CHINA.

SEOUL, South Korea Civil groups rallying Sunday for a second straight day to condemn Japan's claim to a tiny island near South Korea, burn the Japanese flag and an effigy of Tokyo's foreign minister. SKOREA-JAPAN. Has moved.

ALGIERS, Algeria A powerful car bomb exploded Sunday morning in a residential area of the capital, wounding 40 people in this country torn by an Islamic insurgency. ALGERIA-CAR BOMB. Developing. By Rachid Khiari.

PARIS France is feeling labor pains again and many French are bracing for more paralyzing strikes as powerful union bosses talk tough. FRANCE-LABOR PAINS. Expected by 1700 GMT. By William J. Kole.

RAVINE OF THE VIRGIN, Venezuela Pope John Paul II admonishes Venezuelans to build a "more human" society to overcome widespread misery and economic malaise. VENEZUELA-POPE. Has moved. By Vivian Sequera. AP Photo CAR103.

ALSO MOVED: VENEZUELA-POPE-HEALTH. The pope's Latin America tour is yet another test of the 75-year-old pontiff's ability to rebound from an ever-longer list of physical setbacks.

PHILADELPHIA A chess computer turned retreat into a winning attack to defeat world champion Garry Kasparov in the first of a six-game match. US-COMPUTER CHESS. Has moved. By Maria Panaritis. AP Photo PX101.

INDIANOLA, Iowa Bob Dole denies trying to smear presidential rival Steve Forbes in their race to be the Republican to challenge President Clinton next fall. US-IOWA-REPUBLICANS. By John King. Has moved.

WITH: BC-NEW HAMPSHIRE POLL

LOS ANGELES A former CIA officer who helped a source secure U.S. visas in return for inside information on an Egyptian terror network may have helped suspected terrorists enter the United States, the Los Angeles Times reported. CIA-SHEIK. Has moved.

EL CASTANO, Mexico Authorities tear down blockades at two installations of the government oil monopoly and arrest 19 people protesting environmental damage and corruption. MEXICO-OIL PROTEST. By Trina Kleist. Has moved.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Sunday, French unions stage nationwide demonstrations demanding complete withdrawal of planned social program cuts. In the United States on Monday, the Iowa presidential caucuses are held.

FEATURES:

BANJA LUKA, Bosnia-Herzegovina A Bosnian Serb colonel defies the world to find proof that his comrades are guilty of systematic war crimes. "Let them come," he says. FEATURE-BOSNIA'S GHASTLY PUZZLE. AP Photo TUZ111 of Feb. 9.

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FEATURE-US-UNCONVENTIONAL OPERA, in Houston, a city of oil barons and astronauts and roughnecks in cowboy hats, even the local opera company is unconventional. AP Photos NY457-459.

FEATURE-VALENTINE MUSIC, love and all its various permutations provide lyrical inspiration for most of popular music. So why did the music industry only recently discover Valentine's Day? AP Photo NY462.

FEATURE-US-THE POSTMAN, unlike most foreign films, "The Postman" is enjoying a long and successful run in the United States.

FEATURE-US-JAMAICA KINCAID. Novelist writes of Caribbean childhood. AP Photo NY460

FEATURE-US-ANJELICA HUSTON. Huston goes behind the camera. AP Photo NY464

FEATURE-US-WOMEN ARTISTS. The invisible threads connecting women artists. AP Photo NY461

FEATURE-US-SILLY COMEDIES. Silly movie comedies are taking off. AP Photo NY463

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One year after the ***Irish Republican Army*** declared a halt to its military operations, the guns in Northern Ireland are still silent but a permanent peace between Catholics and Protestants remains as elusive as ever. Temporary peace has brought the war-torn province a deluge of tourists, a \$380 million (240 million pound) "contribution" from the European Union and interest from a range of potential investors worldwide. It has not, however, given the IRA's political wing what it most wanted -- a place in talks on the future of the region. "Everyone knows that peace will only come out of peace talks," said Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams as negotiations bogged down earlier this year. The peace process reached a stalemate over the issue of IRA weapons. The British government is demanding that the IRA surrender its arms before Sinn Fein is allowed to join all-party talks on the future of Northern Ireland. Adams has rejected the demand, saying he has no control over IRA arms. "Sinn Fein is a political party, not an army," he said during a trip to the United States earlier this year. "We have no control over arms." The IRA declared its "total cessation of military operations" on Aug. 31, 1994, in hopes of winning a place at the negotiating table. The move came in response to the Downing Street declaration between Britain and Ireland, which offered the IRA's political wing a chance to participate in all-party talks.

The IRA cease-fire led to a similar action by Loyalist paramilitaries. Within weeks dramatic changes began to occur. The violent underground war between the two sides ended. Heavy security patrols began to disappear from the streets. Life began to return to normal. The peace led to a massive influx of tourists. Thousands of foreigners swamped the scant facilities of Northern Ireland, descending on the region despite being warned that no rooms were available. The Northern Ireland Tourist Board appealed for local families to open their homes for bed and breakfast accommodations. Security gates swung open and business boomed, even in famous republican strongholds where, before the cease-fire, the risk of attack by the IRA was so great British troops had to airlift personnel and equipment in and out by helicopter. Many tourists couldn't resist the terror tours into hot spots where 3,173 men **women** and children have died in a litany of violence since 1969. The peace prompted potential investors from abroad to look at Northern Ireland. Hotel chains, including Holiday Inn, began planning new facilities. Microchip and engineering manufacturers from the United States and the Far East began feasibility studies on opening plants in Northern Ireland. The European Union pledged a \$400 million (240 million pound) peace investment for the region, and officials began planning a multi-million-dollar reconstruction of the bombed center of Belfast, including a futuristic concert hall capable of staging international shows and conferences. But as people began to plan for a more stable future, the peace process slowed over the issue of IRA weapons. With neither side willing to move, the rhetoric became increasingly terse. Adams said the IRA had no intention of handing over its weapons and warned the peace process was in danger. At Easter he rallied supporters, saying, "If the British refuse to listen to reasoned and reasonable argument, then let them listen to the sound of marching feet and angry

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voices." His Unionist opponents condemned him for such talk. "The increase in Sinn Fein threats about a possible return to violence if London doesn't bow to their demands is not conducive to confidence-building," said one Unionist leader. "These are the sort of blackmail tactics which underscore the case for terrorist weapons to be taken out of commission once and for all," he said. "No settlement can ever be copper-fastened otherwise." Tensions sometimes erupted in violence. The British decision to release Pvt. Lee Clegg, sentenced to prison for shooting to death a teenage joyrider at a checkpoint in Northern Ireland, touched off republican street protests and rioting in Belfast. With the process at a standstill on the eve of the first anniversary of the cease-fire, Britain and Ireland have been trying to devise a way out of the cul de sac. A proposal being drafted by top civil servants from both sides is expected to be ready in time for a summit in early September between Prime Minister John Major and his Irish counterpart, John Bruton. But few observers believe the peace process can do more than lurch from crisis to crisis as long as unionists hold out for full-scale talks while the British press for a tangible gesture on the surrender of weapons. Despite the stalemate in the peace process, many people remain hopeful about prospects for the future. "There was a growing realization from the late 1980s that there could be no military victory, that a political solution was the only way forward," said Hugh Annesley, chief constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary. "I am, on balance, optimistic about the future," he said. "I think it would take something quite remarkable to occur for the provisionals (IRA) to go back to violence. If the provisionals do not go back to violence, the loyalists won't."

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Body

Emma Thompson, the free-thinking intellectual who marries into a moneyed family in "Howards End," won the Oscar as best actress Monday night. Marisa Tomei, Joe Pesci's feisty girlfriend in "My Cousin Vinny," was a surprise winner in the supporting category.

"It's overwhelming to see so many faces who have entertained and thrilled me for all my life," said Miss Thompson, a British actress, in her acceptance speech.

Gene Hackman, the sadistic sheriff in "Unforgiven," won as best supporting actor, and Clint Eastwood's brooding Western, also picked up an award for film editing. But the early Oscars were spread over a wide range of movies, with no one picture emerging as a clear favorite up to the final moments when the major awards were announced.

Among the movies competing with "Unforgiven" for best picture was "Howards End," the stately family saga with which it shared a leading nine nominations. That film also won awards for art direction and Ruth Prawer Jhabvala's screenplay adaptation of E.M. Forster's classic novel.

Another best picture nominee, "The Crying Game" won the best original screenplay award for Neil Jordan's sexually provocative story about love and terrorism.

Hackman thanked Eastwood, "who made it all possible for me and everyone else in the film. It was a wonderful experience." It was his second Oscar; he won as best actor for the 1971 film "The French Connection."

In accepting her award, Miss Tomei said: "This is such a great honor to receive this in a year when we recognize and celebrate and honor women." The theme of the 65th Academy Awards, televised live by ABC to a worldwide audience estimated in advance at 1 billion, was "Oscar Salutes Women and the Movies."

Miss Tomei, virtually unknown until "My Cousin Vinny," beat some of the world's most acclaimed actresses, including Judy Davis, who had been favored to win for her role in Woody Allen's "Husbands and Wives."

"Aladdin" Disney's smash animated film, brought the Oscar for best original score to Alan Menken, while he and Tim Rice won the best song award for "A Whole New World." Menken and his late partner, Howard Ashman, had won Oscars two out of the previous three years for Disney's "The Little Mermaid" and "Beauty and the Beast."

The award for best sound went to "The Last of the Mohicans."

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"Bram Stoker's Dracula," directed by Francis Ford Coppola, picked up two awards, for makeup and sound effects editing. The prize for visual effects went to the black comedy "Death Becomes Her."

"Indochine," at \$ 20 million the most expensive French film ever made, was honored as best foreign picture.

Eastwood, a Hollywood icon who had never even been nominated for an Academy Award before this year, had a chance to score an unprecedented triple: as star, director and producer of the best picture.

Many observers, however, believed Al Pacino, the misanthropic blind veteran of "Scent of a Woman," would edge out Eastwood as best actor of 1992. Pacino, one of the industry's most respected performers, has never won an Oscar despite being nominated six times before this year.

Billy Crystal, host of the show for the fourth time, made his usual hilarious entrance, this time riding on a giant-size Oscar statue pulled by Jack Palance. It was Palance who upstaged Crystal last year by performing one-handed pushups after he accepted his supporting actor award for "City Slickers," in which they starred together.

"The Crying Game" attracted the most pre-Oscar discussion because of its graphic style and plot surprises. There had been special interest in whether its cross-dressing co-star Jaye Davidson, a loser in the supporting actor category, would wear a tux or gown for the occasion. Davidson chose an androgynous outfit of a long black frock coat over tight pants and boots, his hair in a bun.

Other movies competing for best film were "Scent of a Woman" and Rob Reiner's military courtroom drama, "A Few Good Men."

Among best actor nominees, only Denzel Washington, star of Spike Lee's epic-length "Malcolm X," had won before. Also in the running were Robert Downey Jr., who played film legend Charlie Chaplin in "Chaplin," and Stephen Rea, the disillusioned **Irish Republican Army** member in "The Crying Game."

Besides Miss Thompson, the woman most often cited as a contender for best actress had been Susan Sarandon, who played the devoted mother of an ailing child in "Lorenzo's Oil." Others nominated were Michelle Pfeiffer, a JFK-obsessed housewife in "Love Field"; Mary McDonnell, the paralyzed soap diva of "Passion Fish," and French star Catherine Deneuve, a plantation owner in "Indochine."

"Unforgiven," which would become just the third Western to win the Oscar for best picture, also received nominations for original screenplay, art direction, cinematography and sound.

Show producer Gil Cates recruited many former Oscar winners as presenters, including Barbra Streisand, Anthony Hopkins, Anjelica Huston, Jack Nicholson, Jane Fonda, Liza Minnelli, Kathy Bates, Jodie Foster, Whoopi Goldberg and Geena Davis.

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WORLD AT 0000 GMT

NEW:

NIRELAND-WHOSE FAULT. Why the IRA cease-fire collapsed.

BRITAIN-TANKER. Ship runs aground for second time in two days.

BRITAIN-ROYALS. Britons believe days of monarchy coming to an end.

TURKEY-POLITICS. Muslim and center-right parties may form government.

YUGOSLAVIA-FOREST PEOPLE. Bosnians return from makeshift camp in forest.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina NATO troops begin seizing or destroying tanks and artillery that violate Bosnia's peace accord, while Serbs flee Sarajevo, skeptical about the peace plan. YUGOSLAVIA. Recap expected by 0200 GMT. By Liam McDowall. AP Photos SAR101-102.

ROME After a long day of talks to buttress Bosnian peace, mediators and Balkan leaders discuss the progress they have made toward avoiding a breakdown of the agreement that ended nearly four years of war. YUGOSLAVIA-SUMMIT. Upcoming. Lead expected after 1400 GMT news conference. AP Photos ROM101-103,105,107.

ALSO: YUGOSLAVIA-FOREST PEOPLE, Bosnians who built a village of shacks in the forest to escape war return home. Expected by 0300. YUGOSLAVIA-CROAT PROTEST, Hundreds of Croats demand separate region outside of Muslim jurisdiction in central Bosnia. Has moved. YUGOSLAVIA-AMERICAN, U.S. soldier killed in Bosnia apparently ignored procedures. Has moved.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland How the ***Irish Republican Army*** cease-fire was won and lost is a tragedy of calculated confusion, leaps of faith and wishful thinking. ANALYSIS-NIRELAND-WHOSE FAULT? Expected by 0300. By Shawn Pogatchnik.

With NIRELAND-WHO'S WHO, NIRELAND-CHRONOLOGY.

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ANKARA, Turkey A Muslim party leader and the head of the center-right Motherland Party hope to reach agreement that would forge a government and end seven weeks of stalemate. TURKEY-POLITICS. Expected by 1200 GMT.

KIBUYE, Rwanda Relatives of victims of Rwandan massacres come to a central African church to identify some of the 500 bodies unearthed from a mass grave. RWANDA-MASS GRAVE. Has moved. By Chris Tomlinson. AP Photos KIG101-102.

SAINT ANN'S HEAD, Wales Residents are evacuated after an oil tanker runs aground for the second time in two days. BRITAIN-TANKER. Has moved.

LONDON For the first time ever, a majority of Britons believe that the end of the monarchy may be in site, according to a new poll. BRITAIN-ROYALS. Expected by 0030 GMT. By Ron Kampeas.

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire Bob Dole voices confidence that he is pulling away from Republican presidential rivals in New Hampshire heading into Tuesday's primary. US-REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN. Lead has moved; developments will be expedited. By John King. AP Photo XMANB101-102.

ALSO: US-CLINTON-NEW HAMPSHIRE. President tours New Hampshire, calls for campaign finance reform. Has moved.

PHILADELPHIA Garry Kasparov wins final match against supercomputer Deep Blue. US-COMPUTER CHESS. Upcoming. By Wayne Woolley.

TORONTO Statesman or streetfighter? Across Canada, Prime Minister Jean Chretien's manhandling of a pesky protester is the hottest talk-show topic. CANADA-CHRETIEN'S SCUFFLE. Has moved. By David Crary.

CHATTANOOGA, Tennessee Shane and Colt Dockery were little boys when their father, a policeman, was shot in the head and lapsed into a coma-like state that lasted for 7 1/2 years. During Gary Dockery's silent life in a nursing home, they prayed that one day he would speak to them. Last week, he did. US-COMA MIRACLE. Expected by 0100.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Monday, elections are scheduled in 16 Indian states to fill 60 seats in the upper house of Parliament. On Tuesday, a U.S. presidential primary is scheduled in the key state of New Hampshire.

FEATURES:

NEW:

MANILA, Philippines It's been a decade since Ferdinand Marcos yielded to street protests and fled into exile in the United States. Filipinos have since reclaimed their political rights. But doubts linger about where the country is headed. FEATURE-PHILIPPINES-PEOPLE POWER. Expected by 0300 GMT. By David Thurber. AP Photos MLA1-3.

With FEATURE-PHILIPPINES-PEOPLE POWER-WITNESS, FEATURE-PHILIPPINES-PEOPLE POWER-CHRONOLOGY.

LONDON A Broadway revision of a British rock opera, the local debut of an Academy Award-nominated actress, and an impromptu season of work by Stephen Sondheim are among the highlights of the 1996 London theater season, as a city thin on musicals of late once again starts to sing. FEATURE-LONDON THEATER. Will move as wire time permits. By Matt Wolf. AP Photo NY452.

With BC-FEATURE-BRITAIN-CHILDREN OF PARADISE. AP Photo NY453.

NEW YORK One thing's for sure, you can't label Mike Reid. He's a former pro football player who has composed an opera. What's more, he doesn't think football or any other sport builds character. His opera, "Different Fields," is

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about a football star who throws a game. FEATURE-US-FOOTBALL OPERA. To move as wire time permits. By Mary Campbell. AP NY451.

LOS ANGELES Ellen DeGeneres is a big TV star in the United States. She should be a box-office smash in her new movie, "Mr. Wrong," too, right? Not necessarily. Film audiences consistently reject **female** TV stars while welcoming their male counterparts. FEATURE-US-TV TRANSITION. To move as wire time permits. By John Horn. AP Photo NY454.

Also Moving:

FEATURE-US-Street Dreams AP Photo NY455-6

FEATURE-US-Roadside America AP Photo NY457

FEATURE-US-Neil Diamond AP Photo NY458

FEATURE-US-Tony Danza AP Photo N459

FEATURE-US-Faberge AP Photo NY460

OTHER FEATURES MOVED:

FEATURE-FRANCE-CHATEAU SCAM Heiress charged with forgery in damaged castle scandal.

FEATURE-US-IMMIGRATION. Poll finds most Americans want immigration scaled back.

FEATURE-PANAMA CANAL PITCHMAN. Former Panamanian president pitches development in canal zone. AP Photo NYR112.

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Body

ART TAYLOR, 65, a jazz drummer whose crisp, hard-driving work is heard on classic recordings by John Coltrane, Bud Powell and Thelonious Monk, died suddenly Monday in New York City. Mr. Taylor also was the author of a classic book of jazz interviews called Notes and Tones. At the time of his death he had just completed a new album with jazz organist Jimmie Smith, said his friend and jazz historian Phil Schaap.

BARBARA BARTON, 36, who put off potentially life-saving leukemia treatment to avoid harming the twins she was carrying, died in Eugene, Ore., of the disease Jan. 22. That was six months after her children were born. Mrs. Barton was diagnosed with chronic granulocytic leukemia on the same day in December 1993 that she learned she was pregnant. In July 1994 she gave birth to a healthy son and daughter. Her condition quickly deteriorated and she underwent a bone marrow transplant in August.

DEATHS-TAMPA

BRADLEY BALL, 34, a founding member of Act Up, the protest group for people with AIDS, died Jan. 24 in New York City. The cause was AIDS, said his companion, Michael Paller of Brooklyn. Mr. Ball was the first administrator of Act Up, an acronym for AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power, after its formation in 1987. He was also instrumental in founding Queer Nation, a militant gay rights organization, in 1989.

PHILIP BORSOS, 41, a director whose works include Far From Home: The Adventures of Yellow Dog and the Academy Award-nominated short Nails, died Thursday in Vancouver, British Columbia, of leukemia. He wrote and directed Far From Home, about a shipwrecked boy and his dog. It was released last month by 20th Century Fox.

RAYFORD T. SAUCER, 72, assistant training officer for NASA's first seven astronauts and a Veterans Administration psychologist, died Saturday in Richmond, Va.

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DENIS LEYNE, 57, a former Canadian banker acquitted last April of smuggling arms for the IRA, died Sunday in Toronto of a heart attack. On April 26, a federal court jury acquitted Mr. Leyne and others of conspiring to smuggle 2,900 mining detonators from Tucson and a \$ 50,000 Stinger missile to the **Irish Republican Army**.

WILLARD WATERMAN, 80, a radio and television personality and founding member of the American radio union, died Thursday in Burlingame, Calif., of bone marrow disease. His radio shows included Guiding Light and Ma Perkins. He had roles in the radio and television versions of The Great Gildersleeve. The American radio union, which he helped found in 1937, is now called the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists.

SCOTT SMITH, 46, the longtime companion of slain San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk, died Saturday night after a bout of pneumonia. Although their seven-year relationship ended more than a year before Milk was assassinated by ex-supervisor Dan White in 1978, the two remained close friends and business partners in a camera store up until Milk's death.

BETTY DAVIS, 86, a former tap dancing champion and a fellow of Britain's Royal Academy of Dancing, died Saturday in London.

PATRICIA HIGHSMITH, 74, an American crime writer who wove dark, psychological tales of murder and intrigue in such novels as Strangers On a Train, died Saturday in the southern Swiss town of Locarno. She was best known for creating Tom Ripley, a charming gentleman-murderer who was also her favorite character and starred in five of her novels. Her stories were published in 20 languages, and were perhaps more popular in Europe than in her native United States. The London Times Literary Supplement once described her as "the crime writer who comes closest to giving crime writing a good name.

FRED BRIGGS, 63, an Emmy-award winning news correspondent for NBC for 29 years, died Thursday in Boston of cancer. He won an Emmy in 1969 for reporting on coal miners' black lung disease and received nominations for the award in 1984 for coverage of black college students and in 1989 for Hurricane Hugo reporting.

WILLIAM E. EDWARDS, 73, a retired Navy commander who rescued Lt. George Bush when the future president's plane was shot down during World War II, died Jan. 31 in Bay St. Louis, Miss., of cancer. Mr. Edwards' submarine, the USS Finback, rescued Bush when his plane was shot down in the Pacific.

THOMAS HAYWARD, 77, a leading tenor at the Metropolitan Opera during the 1940s and 1950s, died Thursday in Las Vegas. He suffered from kidney and heart failure, said a daughter, Carol Anne Klusak. He had more than

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400 concert performances with major symphony orchestras in North America. He also starred in a long-running NBC radio show, Serenade to America.

WILLIAM S. RICHMAN, 73, former president and chief executive officer of Stratford Co. of Chicago, once the nation's largest maker of upholstered furniture, died Thursday in Glencoe, Ill. The cause was heart failure, said his wife, Marilyn.

JOAN RIDDELL COOK, 73, a former reporter and union leader at the New York Times who was a principal organizer of a successful 1974 sex-discrimination lawsuit against the newspaper, died Sunday in New York City. The cause was breast cancer, said her daughter, Jezebel Cook.

CATHERINE H. SWEENEY, 80, a patron of the sciences and arts for whom the Sweeney Mountains of Antarctica were named, died Jan. 25 in Miami of heart failure. Mrs. Sweeney, who called herself "just a lady gardener," donated the estate Kampong, the former residence of the plant explorer David Fairchild in Coconut Grove, near Miami, to the National Tropical Botanical Garden as a refuge and retreat for horticulturists. She was a trustee of the Congressionally chartered National Tropical Botanical Garden and a founder of the Florida Chapter of the Society of Women Geographers.

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Body

Clint Eastwood's brooding Western "Unforgiven" won the Oscar as best picture and brought him the directing prize Monday night. Al Pacino, another veteran who had never won before, took the top acting award as the embittered blind veteran in "Scent of a Woman."

Emma Thompson, the free-thinking intellectual who marries into money in "Howards End," was named best actress, while Marisa Tomei, Joe Pesci's feisty girlfriend in "My Cousin Vinny," was a surprise winner as supporting actress.

"Unforgiven" led a diverse field of winners with four Oscars. Gene Hackman took the supporting actor award for his portrayal of a sadistic sheriff and the movie also received the award for film editing.

"Pacino's throat was dry, and mine was really dry, to sit there all this time," said Eastwood in accepting his directing prize near the end of a long evening to a standing ovation. He had never even been nominated before.

"I've been around for nearly 39 years; I've enjoyed it and I've been lucky. Everyone feels they are lucky when they can make a living in a profession they enjoy," Eastwood told the audience.

"Unforgiven" became just the third Western to win the Oscar for best picture. The others were the 1931 film "Cimarron" and 1990's "Dances With Wolves."

"You broke my streak," quipped Pacino, who had been nominated six times in past years without winning.

"Indulge me for a minute, because I'm not used to this," he said in the midst of a rambling speech. Pacino, one of the industry's most respected actors, also strode to the stage to a standing ovation.

"It's overwhelming to see so many faces who have entertained and thrilled me for all my life," said Miss Thompson, a British actress, in her acceptance speech.

"Howards End," a stately family saga that shared a leading nine nominations with "Unforgiven," also won awards for art direction and Ruth Prawer Jhabvala's screenplay adaptation of E.M. Forster's classic novel.

Another best picture nominee, "The Crying Game" won only the best original screenplay award for Neil Jordan's sexually provocative story about love and terrorism.

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Hackman thanked Eastwood, "who made it all possible for me and everyone else in the film. It was a wonderful experience." It was his second Oscar; he won as best actor for the 1971 film "The French Connection."

In accepting her award, Miss Tomei said: "This is such a great honor to receive this in a year when we recognize and celebrate and honor women." The theme of the 65th Academy Awards, televised live by ABC to a worldwide audience estimated in advance at 1 billion, was "Oscar Salutes Women and the Movies."

Miss Tomei, virtually unknown until "My Cousin Vinny," beat some of the world's most acclaimed actresses, including Judy Davis, who had been favored to win for her role in Woody Allen's "Husbands and Wives."

"Aladdin" Disney's smash animated film, brought the Oscar for best original score to Alan Menken, while he and Tim Rice won the best song award for "A Whole New World." Menken and his late partner, Howard Ashman, had won Oscars two out of the previous three years for Disney's "The Little Mermaid" and "Beauty and the Beast."

"A River Runs Through It" picked up the Oscar for cinematography, while the award for best sound went to "The Last of the Mohicans."

"Bram Stoker's Dracula," directed by Francis Ford Coppola, picked up three awards, for costume design, makeup and sound effects editing. The prize for visual effects went to the black comedy "Death Becomes Her."

"Indochine," at \$ 20 million the most expensive French film ever made, was honored as best foreign picture.

Billy Crystal, host of the show for the fourth time, made his usual hilarious entrance, this time riding on a giant-size Oscar statue pulled by Jack Palance. It was Palance who upstaged Crystal last year by performing one-handed pushups after he accepted his supporting actor award for "City Slickers," in which they starred together.

"The Crying Game" had attracted intense pre-Oscar discussion because of its graphic style and plot surprises. There had been special interest in whether its cross-dressing co-star Jaye Davidson, a loser in the supporting actor category, would wear a tux or gown for the occasion. Davidson chose an androgynous outfit of a long black frock coat over tight pants and boots, his hair in a bun.

Other movies competing for best film were "Scent of a Woman" and Rob Reiner's military courtroom drama, "A Few Good Men."

Among best actor nominees, only Denzel Washington, star of Spike Lee's epic-length "Malcolm X," had won before. Also nominated were Robert Downey Jr., who played film legend Charlie Chaplin in "Chaplin," and Stephen Rea, the disillusioned Irish Republican Army member in "The Crying Game."

Besides Miss Thompson, the woman most often cited as a contender for best actress had been Susan Sarandon, who played the devoted mother of an ailing child in "Lorenzo's Oil." Others nominated were Michelle Pfeiffer, a JFK-obsessed housewife in "Love Field"; Mary McDonnell, the paralyzed soap diva of "Passion Fish," and French star Catherine Deneuve, a plantation owner in "Indochine."

Show producer Gil Cates recruited many former Oscar winners as presenters, including Barbra Streisand, Anthony Hopkins, Anjelica Huston, Jack Nicholson, Jane Fonda, Liza Minnelli, Kathy Bates, Jodie Foster, Whoopi Goldberg and Geena Davis.

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Filming of Sylvester Stallone's latest movie, a thriller called "Cliffhanger," has had one thrill producers didn't count on.

Five armed robbers wearing surgical masks and American baseball caps made off Friday with about \$ 180,000 from the set at Cinecitta film studios on the outskirts of Rome, a publicist for the movie said.

The robbers showed up just after an armored truck had dropped off the cash to be used to pay day actors and for other expenses, said the publicist, Peter Silberman.

According to Rome police, the robbers had spotted a woman withdrawing the cash from a bank and followed her in the armored truck to the studios. After the cash was dropped off, the robbers accosted the woman at gunpoint as she left and demanded she take them back to the set office, they said.

Silberman said the gunmen ordered 11 people in the office to lie on the floor and some others, women, to stay locked in the bathroom. He said no one was hurt.

"We were fortunate that it was lunchtime and so many people weren't around," including Stallone, who was working out in a gym, Silberman said.

Police said there were no guards when the holdup, first at the studio made famous by Federico Fellini, took place.

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) - A High Court judge ruled Friday that Ireland's national broadcasting service violated the law in banning an interview with a member of Sinn Fein, the political party that supports the Irish Republican Army.

Judge Rory O'Hanlon found RTE breached the Irish Broadcasting Act and the constitution in August 1990 when it barred interviews with Larry O'Toole, chairman of a committee of striking workers at a Dublin factory.

RTE refused to interview O'Toole about the strike because he is a member of Sinn Fein.

O'Hanlon ruled that RTE's blanket ban on interviews with members of Sinn Fein, a legal organization, misconstrued the law.

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The IRA is outlawed in Britain and Ireland, and both British and Irish law prohibit broadcast interviews with members of the IRA and Sinn Fein, except during election campaigns.

Irish authorities have been particularly strict about banning interviews even when they do not relate to Northern Ireland's political troubles.

O'Toole argued that in the context of the strike he represented only his fellow workers, not Sinn Fein.

RTE said it would study the judge's ruling, but there would be no immediate change in broadcasting policy.

The government Communications Department refused comment.

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) - Former President Amin Gemayel returned Friday from voluntary exile to support right-wing Christians trying to block next month's general elections until Syrian forces move out of Beirut.

Gemayel fled to France in September 1988, when his six-year term ended with Parliament unable to convene to elect a successor.

He arrived after nightfall at the Jounieh port, in the Christian heartland north of Beirut, by boat from the Cypriot port of Larnaca, Christian radio stations reported.

He and his wife, Joyce, headed immediately to Bkirki - a mountain resort above Jounieh - where they met with Patriarch Nasrallah Sfeir, the head of the Maronite Catholics.

Gemayel was at odds with the main fighting forces of the Maronites when he left the country. But Maronite intermediaries have in recent weeks shuttled between Beirut and Paris to arrange a Christian reconciliation and close ranks to oppose the elections, set for Aug. 23.

Maronite leaders, including the patriarch, have expressed fears that elections in the shadow of a strong Syrian military presence would produce a rubber stamp pro-Syrian Parliament.

The Syrians have 40,000 troops in Lebanon under a 1976 Arab League peacekeeping mandate. They control two-thirds of the country and support the plans of President Elias Hrawi's government to hold the elections.

Elections to be held before September were one of the main terms of a Christian-Muslim pact that ended the 1975-90 civil war.

The first poll in 20 years is to produce a 128-seat, half-Christian, half-Muslim house and end the supremacy Maronites had enjoyed since independence from France in 1943.

PARIS (AP) - In a battle for the hearts and minds of French voters, the United States fears the governing Socialist Party is using the Ugly American as a rallying point for European unity.

U.S. diplomats met party officials Friday to discuss an unflattering portrayal of the United States in a campaign poster for the Sept. 20 referendum on the European Union treaty.

It shows a fat American wrestler, caped in the U.S. flag, sitting atop a globe next to an equally rotund Japanese sumo. The caption reads, "Making Europe Means Building Strength."

The poster - 1,350 of which went up in France this week - is intended to build support for the so-called Maastricht treaty to bring greater unity to the 12-nation European Community.

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The Americans, led by U.S. Charge d'Affaires Avis Bohlen, asked whether the Socialists intended to make anti-Americanism the focus of their campaign, party spokeswoman Claire Frange said.

Andre Billardon, the party's treaty campaign chairman, replied no, Frange said. He was not asked to remove the posters, nor did the Americans make a formal protest.

"Andre Billardon explained that it was just a caricature," Frange said. "But it represents a certain reality - the two great forces, America and Japan, are the competitors of Europe."

U.S. Embassy officials confirmed that the half-hour meeting took place, but refused to comment on it. Both sides described the talks as cordial.

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RONALD G. WIKBERG, 51, honored for articles he wrote while serving time for murder, died Sunday in Rohrsersville, Md., of cancer. Convicted in 1969 of murdering a grocer and sentenced to death, he was spared execution when the U.S. Supreme Court struck down Louisiana's capital punishment law in 1972. In 1987, Mr. Wikberg became a staff writer for the Angolite, an inmate magazine at the Louisiana State Penitentiary. Two years later, the magazine received a Silver Gavel Award from the American Bar Association. In 1992 he became the first convicted murderer in Louisiana to be paroled from a life sentence.

CLAUDE HARRIS, 54, a U.S. attorney who represented Alabama's 7th District in Congress for six years, died Sunday in Birmingham, Ala., of lung cancer. He was appointed U.S. attorney in Birmingham by President Clinton and confirmed by the Senate in late 1993. Elected to Congress in 1986, he saw his congressional career cut short by redistricting following the 1990 Census.

TAMPA-DEATHS

WILLIAM DANIEL MURRAY, 85, a senior U.S. district judge, died Monday in Butte, Mont. He was noted for dismissing several cases because the FBI conducted searches without warrants. He also was known for ruling that the military draft was unconstitutional because it did not apply equally to women. He was reversed on appeal.

MICHAEL FLANNERY, 92, whose support for the Irish Republican Army caused a stir when he was named grand marshal of New York City's St. Patrick's Day Parade, died Sept. 30 after a fall at his home in the city's Queens borough. In 1983, he was named grand marshal of the city's parade and publicly said that the event - nominally a celebration of Irish heritage - should be openly pro-IRA. As a result, many of those who normally participated in the parade, including U.S. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., and former New York Gov. Hugh Carey, skipped it.

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ANDRE LWOFF, 92, a scientist at the Pasteur Institute and a winner of the Nobel Prize for Medicine in 1965, died in Paris over the weekend, the institute said. The French researcher was a renowned expert in the fields of microbiology, virology and cancer research.

ELNORA JOHNSON, 111, the daughter of former slaves and one of the oldest persons in the United States, died Sept. 17 in Denver of pneumonia. She was born Oct. 12, 1882, to Willie and Celia Conwell in New Albany, Miss., and had records, including a family Bible, as proof of her birth date, said Vi Garlington, administrator at the Stovall Care Center, where Mrs. Johnson lived.

MADELINE BLOCK STRAUS WILLNER, 92, who helped light Inland Steel's first steel blast furnace when she was 5 years old, died Sept. 30 in Chicago. Her father, Philip Dee Block, was one of the founders of Inland Steel and its president from 1919 to 1941. The furnace she lit at the Indiana Harbor Works in East Chicago, Ind., became known as Madeline No. 1. All subsequent Inland furnaces were named for her.

JAMES MATTHEW BROADUS III, 47, an internationally known marine-policy researcher, died Sept. 28 while snorkeling off the coast of Hawaii. He was the director of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution Marine Policy Center in Woods Hole, Mass., and was a senior scientist for the institution.

SISTER MARY MARGARET JOHANNING, 57, a former general superior of the international congregation of School Sisters of Notre Dame, died Saturday in Jefferson City, Mo., of cancer.

WILLIAM GIBBERSON, 74, a Broadway actor and television announcer, died Sept. 24 in New York City after a stroke. On Broadway, he appeared in *It Takes Two*, produced by George Abbott. He toured in *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf* and *The King and I*. On TV, he was the announcer on Bishop Fulton J. Sheen's *Life is Worth Living* and on *My Hero*, a series starring Robert Cummings.

HAYWOOD HENRY, 81, an important saxophonist and clarinetist, died Sept. 15 in the Bronx, N.Y., of heart failure. He was one of the last of the living members of the 'Bama State Collegians, the nucleus for the Erskine Hawkins band. His big sound on baritone saxophone - his nickname was "the Gentle Monster" - and improvisational abilities helped make the band a success. He had joined Dud Bascomb and Hawkins in the Collegians while a student at Alabama State Teachers College in the 1930s.

DAVID OSBORN, 73, a former U.S. ambassador to Burma whose mastery of Japanese and Chinese helped resolve various diplomatic crises, died Sept. 16 in San Diego of head injuries suffered in a recent bicycle accident. His language skills were invaluable during interrogations of Japanese prisoners in World War II, during war crimes trials and as a participant in diplomatic talks with Chinese Communists in the mid-1950s. He was credited with playing a crucial role in bringing about the Japanese surrender at Okinawa.

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CATHERINE "KATY" RODOLPH WYATT, 63, a former national champion skier who broke her neck in a fall days before the 1956 Olympics, died Sept. 17 in Las Vegas of complications from a rare blood disease. Mrs. Wyatt, then known by her maiden name Katy Rodolph, was a top medal contender for the Olympics in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, before she was injured in the racing accident at Kitzbuhel, Austria. Her husband, Dick, said she avoided permanent paralysis by using her hands to hold her neck in place until she was taken to a hospital.

JIMMY HAMILTON, 77, one of jazz's great clarinetists and a member of Duke Ellington's orchestra from 1943 to 1968, died Sept. 20 in the U.S. Virgin Islands of congestive heart failure. He played with a pure tone that helped define the sound of the Ellington orchestra. He also was one of the most important improvisers in the orchestra.

SIR KARL POPPER, 92, a prominent anti-Marxist philosopher whose views helped frame the ideals of Britain's conservative government in the 1980s, died Sept. 17 in Croydon, England. His anti-Marxist book Open Society and Its Enemies, published in 1945, has been called one of the most influential books of the century.

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Body

Death in the dirty war Why Northern Ireland's troubles just go grinding on By KEVIN CULLEN in Portavogie, Northern Ireland BILLY KILLEN was famous here in this quiet fishing village for his loud, all-night parties. He threw his last one the other night.

Early in the morning two days later, several former associates broke into his apartment in the Westlea Gardens housing project where he was sleeping it off. They made sure he would never wake up, shooting him repeatedly in bed.

The demise of Billy Killen, 36, former Protestant gunman and one-time convict, was the latest reminder that, despite recent demands for peace from both sides of the Irish Sea, the dirty war in Northern Ireland grinds on.

The revulsion that followed the March 20 ***Irish Republican Army*** bombing that killed two boys in Warrington, England, has fuelled a series of peace rallies throughout Ireland and Britain. But the dynamics of the troubles here, specifically the mindset of the paramilitaries on either side, makes any change in Europe's most intractable conflict improbable, despite the grassroots appeals for an end to the carnage.

Paramilitary groups are carrying out an agenda that pays little or no attention to the complaints of ordinary people who object to their brutal methods. This is true of both the mostly Catholic republicans, who favour merger with the Irish Republic to the south, and the mostly Protestant loyalists, who want to keep Northern Ireland tied to the British crown.

While clearly embarrassed by the slaughter of young innocents, the IRA considers what happened at Warrington the cost of doing war. Some people even suggest the IRA is purposely targeting British civilians, hoping for a backlash against Irish people both in Ireland and Britain, so that more will become alienated from everything British and sympathise with the republican movement.

Loyalists who want Northern Ireland to remain part of the United Kingdom responded to Warrington by killing six Catholics in three separate attacks, insisting there would be a price to be paid for every IRA action. Those attacks, meanwhile, guarantee a response by the IRA, whose members are trying to kill loyalists they believe were involved in the murders of the six.

It is the most vicious of circles, with paramilitary groups engaging in murderous behaviour that is mutually beneficial: the ruthlessness of either group increasing their opponents' standing as guardians in vulnerable communities looking for protection.

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The killing of Killen, meanwhile, is an example of how, on both sides, paramilitary groups court the favour of their communities by quite literally eliminating undesirable internal elements.

It is not just the paramilitary groups that pursue their dirty war while so many cry out for peace. The security forces are conducting their own covert activities, clandestine and clinical games of cat and mouse, where they try to get paramilitaries to bump each other off. In some cases, the security forces themselves assassinate especially bothersome gunmen.

Last week, for example, a British Army soldier working in plainclothes shot and wounded a loyalist in the Shankill section of West Belfast. The loyalist, who had escaped previous attempts by the IRA to kill him, was not seriously hurt. He said the soldier was alone and was seen looking into the window of his home. When confronted by several loyalists, the soldier opened fire, he said.

Police and army officials, who are conducting an investigation into the shooting, suggested the soldier was simply on a surveillance mission. The authorities never confirm the operations of the elite British commando Special Air Services unit, which has killed dozens of paramilitaries over the years. Many in Belfast, including those who confronted the soldier in plainclothes, believe he was a Special Air Services undercover hit man.

While the majority of people killed in Northern Ireland are associated with paramilitary groups or the police and army, there are those such as Damien Walsh.

Last week, loyalist killers went to a shopping centre in West Belfast looking for someone they believed to be an IRA man. The man had taken the night off at the last moment, and 17-year-old Damien Walsh volunteered to fill in. Walsh was a participant in an employment program designed to keep young people off the dole and less likely to join paramilitary groups.

Gunmen from the Ulster Freedom Fighters burst into the coal shop in the Poleglass housing project where Walsh was filling in just as he was about to close up for the night and shot him dead. Women and children standing across the street in a taxi line saw the whole thing.

"There was no reason to do this," Damien's mother, Marion Walsh, said softly. "Why do these people do this?" There are no answers for her. Just as there are no answers for those who, in the wake of the Warrington bombing, have asked aloud whether enough is enough.

It is cruel but true to say there have been bigger atrocities than Warrington over some 24 years of sectarian and political violence that has sprung from Northern Ireland, none of them outrageous enough to stimulate a sustained, grassroots peace campaign capable of marginalising paramilitary groups.

It is also cruel but true to say that in Portavogie there are few people in the Westlea Gardens housing project lamenting the sudden passing of Billy Killen. A former member of the Ulster Defence Association, a loyalist paramilitary group, Killen had served six years in prison for his role in the murder of a UDA man who, like Killen, had angered his associates.

Despite having survived an attempt on his life six years ago, Killen had not cleaned up his act. In and out of court for petty crime, he remained a loud, obnoxious drunk with little regard for his neighbours.

"Aye," an elderly man said, summing up reaction to the 26th murder in Northern Ireland this year, "we won't be worrying about those parties any more." KRT

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Twenty-two parties, from hard-line pro-British unionists to die-hard Irish nationalists, are running for seats in a 110-member forum that has no powers and only a vague, temporary role. Membership in the so-called peace forum is, however, the only way parties can qualify to participate in long-promised talks on the future of Northern Ireland -- the next stage in the peace process mapped out by Britain and Ireland. And with British and Irish leaders agreeing to accept the outcome of the negotiations, a seat at the talks is critical for those who want a voice in the region's political future. With so much at stake in Thursday's election, political parties campaigned desperately. The two largest parties, the Ulster Unionists led by David Trimble and the Social Democratic and Labour Party led by John Hume, were holding rallies or news conferences almost daily. The nationalist SDLP attempted to woo middle-of-the-road voters by pledging to work for a stronger economy with closer ties to the European Union and Republic of Ireland -- a subtle backdoor approach to its goal of a united Ireland. On the other side of the sectarian divide, the Ulster Unionists courted voters with bread-and-butter issues. But they became embroiled in a bitter public slanging match with the more hard-line Democratic Unionist Party led by the fiery clergyman Ian Paisley. The two parties, which both want to see Northern Ireland ruled from London, accused each other of jeopardizing union with Britain. The row within the unionist camp was seized on by the centrist Alliance Party of John Alderdice, whose campaigners took to the streets to warn voters that the unionist split was just a taste of what was to come if the unionist parties won a large portion of the seats in the forum.

Throughout the 18 constituencies of Northern Ireland, the electorate is acutely aware of the major party stands, but with five seats in the forum up for grabs in each district, campaigning was intense. The election system -- in which voters can select only a party and not individual candidates -- was deliberately designed to enable the broadest participation by small parties, many of which represent the gunmen of the loyalist and nationalist communities. The participation of the smaller, more extreme parties was seen as critical if the outcome of the talks are to be accepted by all sides to the conflict. The governments want the key parties to be at the talks, including Sinn Fein, the political wing of the ***Irish Republican Army***, the Progressive Unionist Party, which is aligned with the Ulster Volunteer Force, and the Ulster Democratic Party, which is affiliated with the Ulster Defense Association. But even should all sides win representation in the forum, the process of moving forward to negotiations by June 10 will be difficult. Sinn Fein, for example, has pledged to boycott the forum. It insists on moving straight to the negotiating table without preconditions. The Irish and British governments are insisting that before Sinn Fein can participate, the IRA must first reinstate its cease-fire, which broke down Feb. 9. There were signs of a renewed -- but undeclared -- IRA cease-fire before election day, but Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams has been under intense pressure from IRA hard-liners to force more concessions from the British government before the truce is reinstated. Adams has dismissed government moves such as the transfer of prisoners in Ulster to Ireland as "too little too late." And Gerry

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Kelly, a strategist for Sinn Fein, has said he sees no reason why the IRA should restore what it calls "the complete cessation of military activities." To complicate matters, the IRA and loyalist paramilitaries declared they would not hand over their weapons before or during the negotiations. This is likely to frustrate efforts to move toward talks because the main unionist parties have refused to join the negotiations until the arms are turned in. Trimble, the Ulster Unionist leader, insists that "decommissioning" must be a priority and all parties should agree to the six principles set out by the international commission that studied ways of overcoming the disarmament deadlock. A key principle set down by the independent panel, led by former U.S. Sen. George Mitchell, was that all parties involved in the negotiations must declare themselves permanently committed to peaceful talks. Mitchell, whose name has been mentioned as a chairman for the all-party talks, also suggested that disarmament could take place in tandem with the negotiations. Overcoming the issue of the IRA cease-fire and decommissioning of arms may still not be enough to get the disparate groups to sit down at the negotiating table with each other. The hard-line Democratic Unionist leader Ian Paisley has vowed not to attend any talks that included representatives of Sinn Fein. The Irish government has suggested "Dayton-style" talks with separate parties in one negotiating venue, such as a conference center, but in separate rooms. But Dublin and London have failed to agree on an agenda for the talks, or even on an appropriate place to hold them. Once negotiations begin, the issues on the table will be thorny. The nationalists will be pressing for an amnesty for IRA prisoners, the withdrawal of British troops from Northern Ireland and the replacement of the Royal Ulster Constabulary with a police force acceptable to all communities. The unionists will be demanding guarantees of Ulster's continued rule by London and an Irish commitment to scrap articles 2 and 3 of the Irish constitution, which claim territorial jurisdiction over the six counties of Northern Ireland. Despite the entrenched position of the established parties, new momentum for peace may come from younger voters. Young people have become part of a gradually changing community in which Catholics and Protestants are beginning to integrate through mixed education, cross-community exercises and cross-border projects funded by the European Union. They say they are tired of politicians mired in the dark ages of the Catholic-Protestant divide, and could therefore vote for non-partisan groups such as the Alliance or the Women's Coalition. Having been raised on 25-year diet of violence and political bickering, young people had an unexpected taste of 21 months of virtual peace during the IRA and loyalist cease-fires. It was a lifestyle they quickly grew to like, and they don't intend to throw it away.

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Supporters of gun control should not take excessive comfort from the inclusion of a limited ban on assault weapons in the 1994 crime bill. The ban covers only 19 kinds of rapid-fire weapons. There are 600 similar weapons still on the market. ... The road to firearms sanity is a long one, and the partial ban was worth passing for tactical and symbolic reasons. It was another step in getting Congress in the habit of responding to the broad public demand for gun-free streets. It was also the second big defeat in less than a year for the National Rifle Association, which lost its battle against the Brady bill last November.

But it is important to remember that Americans still live in a dangerous society armed with tens of millions of largely unregistered weapons. Even with the new laws, the rules governing these guns are dictated, against all logic, by the hysterical prejudices of an organization representing only 3.3 million members. No doubt most of these are worthy citizens, but that does not mitigate the extreme ugliness of their leaders' philosophy. It holds that ownership and use of guns, regardless of any sporting purpose, is a convenience that should not yield to any consideration of safety for a single child or police officer. ...

So what are the next logical steps to keep Congress on its cautious but encouraging path? Opinion polls indicate that after the Brady bill, the next most popular gun-control measures are a ban on cheap handguns and a one-gun-a-month limit on gun purchases. About 7 out of 10 Americans favor these steps. In 1995, gun-control advocates in Congress need to pick a few such fights where the odds are heavily in their favor.

Sept. 4

The Sunday Oklahoman, Oklahoma City, on NAFTA:

How has the North American Free Trade Agreement worked out for the United States? Quite well, thank you.

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Remember Ross Perot's "giant sucking sound" as he predicted NAFTA would destroy American jobs? Sounds more like jangling cash registers lighting up all over North America.

Meanwhile, the economy and stability of Mexico continue to improve.

During the NAFTA debate last year, this newspaper predicted that NAFTA might be the only way the domestic economy could grow itself out of the new taxes and regulatory mandates Bill Clinton had put in place. All Americans, including the president, can take comfort in the results of its passage.

Sept. 1

Daily Jefferson County Union, Fort Atkinson, Wis., on child care:

It used to be that if a woman had to go to work, her mother-in-law or a next-door neighbor would keep an eye on the children. Today, with a growing number of America's moms in the workforce, there aren't enough in-laws and friends to go around.

The corresponding boom in day care providers has raised childcare from a casual favor to a full-time business. Along with that, government has found it necessary to step in with guidelines on everything from kitchen sanitation to the number of caretakers per youngster.

The most recent one is an idea of mandating criminal investigations of applicants for day-care licenses. ...

The idea is receiving mixed reviews from childcare providers and parents of young children. Some favor the idea, if only to make parents feel more secure. However, licensed childcare providers fear investigations might become a burden. ...

Today's parents entrust their little ones to what in many cases amounts to perfect strangers. Mandating background checks in the licensing process can make sure those strangers are, indeed, perfect.

Sept. 3

Austin Texas) American-Statesman on discrimination against gays:

Americans profess that anyone can get a job and that careers hinge on ambition, talent, education and hard work.

Those convictions have been abetted in the last three decades by statutes prohibiting employers from hiring or firing based on race, religion or gender. While people might assume that anti-discrimination laws also apply to sexual orientation, that is not the case ... nationally.

Among the legislation that will be considered when Congress returns from its Labor Day recess is the Employment Non-Discrimination Act. The bill, which protects homosexuals from job discrimination, should be passed.

It corrects possible injustices in the marketplace; yet it creates no special rights or quota systems.

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The Portsmouth (Ohio) Daily Times on Surgeon General Joseyln Elders:

Joceyln Elders just doesn't get it.

Comments made by the surgeon general suggest that perhaps it is time she got on with her life's work.

In sworn testimony at her son's drug trial in Little Rock, Ark., Ms. Elders questioned whether her son's cocaine selling was a crime, despite the fact that he admitted making the transaction and also that he had a decade-long drug habit.

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While Ms. Elders may have personal reasons for wanting to legalize certain drugs, in her professional capacity - however long that may continue - we expect her to respect and support existing laws.

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The Clarion-Ledger, Jackson, Miss., on teaching history:

History - and accurate historical texts - is something Americans take for granted.

True, there is a debate that what is commonly taught in schools is weighted toward a European world view, with a lack of cultural diversity, but the basic facts remain solid.

For example, the dates of the American Revolution, who the leading players were, and so forth, don't change much in common school textbooks.

But, in Russia, the chronicle of their lives was a moving target under the old Soviet rule. One day, say, Soviet Premier Khrushchev would be a "great man of the peoples."

The next, nyet.

Now, three years after Russians stormed the streets, pulling down statutes of Lenin and demanding freedom, Russian children are finally getting textbooks that don't toe the Communist Party line, The Associated Press reports.

The new textbooks address for the first time the Bolsheviks' killing of Czar Nicholas II and the Soviets' expulsions of Alexander Solzhenitsyn and other dissidents. And the massive executions Lenin ordered which had been in the old texts "the will of the people" is now "the greatest tragedy of Russian history."

At least, American and Russian history will start to jibe.

Now, did Washington really cut down that cherry tree?

Sept. 5

The Rapid City (S.D.) Journal on Haiti:

The Clinton administration increased the drumbeat toward a military invasion of Haiti (on Aug. 31) when State and Defense Department officials declared that U.S. troops are going to Haiti.

Note the word "if" was not used. They said a multinational force, overwhelmingly comprised of U.S. troops, "is going" to Haiti.

But before President Clinton commits U.S. forces to an invasion and the loss of lives the operation inevitably will cost, he should get the approval of Congress. And he should spell out for the American people just why such a drastic step is necessary.

Perhaps it is telling that Clinton has sought U.N. approval for "all means necessary" in dealing with Haiti but has not sought the consent of Congress.

Perhaps Clinton fears congressional opposition; perhaps he fears being unable to justify a military solution to the satisfaction of Congress. ...

White House press secretary Dee Dee Myers used a familiar formulation: "It is time to restore democracy to Haiti."

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Wheeling (W.Va.) News-Register on China:

Members of a high-ranking U.S. trade delegation recently were assured that Chinese officials intend to ease human rights abuses. The day after delegation members left Beijing, a prominent dissident leader was beaten up by Chinese police.

Wang Dan, who had been a student leader in the 1989 Tiananmen Square democracy movement, had planned to lodge an official complaint against police whom he said were harassing him. As he left his apartment one morning, a group of police officers set upon him and beat him up.

Foreign journalists later telephoned Wang's family. They were told police had taken Wang away "for a talk." Attempts to call the family later did not go through - obviously not due to malfunctioning phone equipment.

If nothing else, Chinese authorities may have set a new record for the time needed to break one more promise on human rights abuses. Clearly, promises mean nothing in Beijing.

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The Straits Times, Singapore, on Ireland:

No one in Ireland or Britain will question the demand for a "just and lasting political settlement between the people of Ireland, North and South, of all traditions," voiced by Gerry Adams, president of the Sinn Fein, the political arm of the proscribed **Irish Republican Army**. But as the two outbreaks of violence since Aug. 31, when the IRA's unilateral cease-fire came into force, demonstrate, what is just for the goose may not be just for the gander.

In calling off 25 years of guerrilla warfare, the IRA has taken a bold step that bears comparison with the Middle East peace process or the settlement in South Africa. ...

The need of the moment is to grasp the IRA's offer and use it to build up the necessary good will at the grass roots. ...

Northern Ireland needs political stability and economic reconstruction. It also needs the healing touch as it enters a sensitive period when the flicker of hope can so easily be sabotaged.

Sept. 6

Citizen Newspaper, Johannesburg, South Africa, on Ireland:

The decision of the **Irish Republican Army** to declare a "complete cessation" of its 25-year war against British rule of Northern Ireland will come as a relief to the embattled people of that province.

But it may be premature for them to rejoice that it is all over.

The bitter dispute between Catholics, who represent 40 percent of the population, and Protestants, who form the balance of 60 percent, will not be easily settled.

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The IRA's armed struggle has been called off, but the issues that racked the province remain and have still to be addressed.

The people of Northern Ireland deserve peace, just as we did, and we pray that they will achieve it, too.

Sept. 6

The Pioneer, New Delhi, India, on the population conference in Cairo:

The International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo has one stated aim - to agree on ways to deal effectively with the global population crisis. But given the minefield of controversies the conference seems to have walked into, consensus may well be elusive on any number of divisive issues on the agenda. Even after making the usual allowances to the kind of political and religious spin that is bound to be imparted to this kind of a conference, the absence of some of the key participants ... deprives the outcome of the conference of some amount of legitimacy.

Sept. 5

The Daily Telegraph, London, on the population conference in Cairo:

Of all the complex factors affecting global population growth, there is a consensus emerging ... that the most important is the education of women, and the better economic and social status that this gives them. ... What is clear is that once their status improves, women start to prefer smaller families. From the Cairo conference, therefore, may emerge a new charter for Third World women and a new reason to wage global war on female illiteracy, ignorance and powerlessness. ...

Meanwhile, the Vatican, and the few countries still following its lead on the immorality of artificial methods of birth control, will have to accept that letting people choose their family size means not denying them acceptable methods for making that choice come true. The pope's insistence on the autonomy of the family, while opposing its right to use contraception, seems increasingly contradictory. The more he stresses the former, as he has done so effectively and valuably in the months leading to Cairo, the less convincing is his insistence on the latter.

Sept. 6

The Far Eastern Economic Review, Hong Kong, on the population conference in Cairo:

The U.N. plan defines the population "problem" in terms of yellow and brown peoples. No one goes around complaining that there are too many Dutchmen, though with 450 people per square kilometer the Netherlands is more than three times as crowded as China. Surely this (Asian) region's unprecedented growth demonstrates that those in undeveloped lands have minds as well as mouths, and that these minds - once unshackled and allowed to realize their potential - are at least as capable of contributing to the world pie as anyone else's.

The irony today is that Cairo's call to lower birth rates comes at a time when Asia's leading economies are suffering from labor shortages while Europe, with its plummeting birth rates, finds itself plagued by unemployment. ...

Though much remains to be done to seat everyone at the banquet of prosperity, we now know what works: free peoples trading freely with one another. The problem at Cairo is that they have got the lesson backwards: wealth comes from people, not governments.

Sept. 3

Arab News, Jiddah, Saudi Arabia, on the Balkans:

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It has regularly been predicted that the next flare-up in the unstable Balkans would involve the Albanians, the expected flash point being Kosovo, the Serbian-controlled region with Albanian majority. But fast-moving events threaten a conflict further south, still involving the Albanians, but with a different foe: Greece.

Relations between the two countries are virtually at the point of no return. Albania has already withdrawn its ambassador from Athens and unless wiser hands prevail on both sides of the divide, a conflict seems inevitable. ...

That there should be another conflict in the Balkans is too much to contemplate. The consequences would be horrendous. ...

It is not just a disaster in the making. It is already a tragedy in action.

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Body

Actors, directors and producers usually gobble up the attention that accrues to Oscar, but Monday's 65th annual Academy Awards ceremonies are sure to test Clint Eastwood's tolerance of the spectacle.

Eastwood has worked steadily for more than 30 years, from the 1950s TV series "Rawhide" and spaghetti Westerns in the 1960s to modern-day shoot-'em-up blockbusters. In the last two decades he has become one of Hollywood's most successful directors.

But he has never been one to clamor for publicity. He makes a minimum of public appearances and gives few interviews to promote pictures. He rarely shows up at Hollywood photo opportunities.

Mostly, he is content in Carmel, Calif., the seaside art colony he calls home and where he was mayor in the 1980s.

Until this year, Eastwood's closest brush with an Oscar was an occasional invitation from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences to hand the coveted statuette to someone else.

He starred in 35 feature films, directing many of them and raking in millions at the box office, but he was never nominated.

Until this year.

"Unforgiven" -- a Western with a 1990s spin starring Eastwood as a reformed gunfighter who takes up his weapons one last time -- is up for nine Oscars, among them best picture, director and actor.

The ceremonies at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, with searchlights sweeping the dusk sky, camera strobes popping and spotlights brightening a glitzy stage, likely will make Eastwood squint even more than usual.

His victory this month at the Directors Guild Awards makes him a virtual lock to win the director's Oscar, despite formidable competition from Robert Altman for "The Player." The other nominees -- Neil Jordan ("The Crying Game"), James Ivory ("Howards End") and Martin Brest ("Scent of a Woman") -- were considered also-rans immediately after the DGA honor was presented.

Eastwood is a man of few words, as he told the DGA audience. If he wins big at the Oscars, the ceremonies may run short.

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In addition to a leg up on nominations, "Unforgiven" benefits from the clout of Warner Bros.' distribution and promotion, and, most importantly, the admiration many in the business have for Eastwood. Anyone who works that long in Hollywood, making both box-office champs and smaller pictures such as "Bird" that draw critical acclaim, all while maintaining a genuine nice-guy image is a clear sentimental favorite.

"Unforgiven" is also favored to win an Oscar for best picture, but it is not assured a sweep.

"Howards End," a romantic tale of ill-fated loves and deep friendships surrounding an English country manor, also is up for best picture and eight other awards.

In its favor are mounds of good reviews, particularly for Emma Thompson, whose portrayal of a liberated, mild-mannered Englishwoman won the leading actress honors in January at the Hollywood Foreign Press Association's Golden Globe Awards.

The film's lush meadows, ornately furnished sets and prim turn-of-the-century costumes offer a visual feast that contrasts sharply with the dusty plains panoramas of "Unforgiven." But its story is driven by dialogue more than action, prompting some to describe its pace as plodding.

"Howards End," produced by Ismail Merchant and Ivory, is the team's second adaptation of an E.M. Forster novel for the screen, and some say it is too similar to the first. As with their 1985 film "A Room With a View," Ruth Prawer Jhabvala wrote the screenplay and Helena Bonham Carter co-starred.

"The Crying Game," another British production seen by few moviegoers before nominations came out Feb. 17, has six Oscar bids, including best picture, director and Jordan's original screenplay.

Like "Howards End," "The Crying Game" is hindered by a limited distribution and relatively small promotion budget. Before they were legitimized by the academy's attention, both were branded "art films" and released only in major U.S. cities.

Another best picture contender, "A Few Good Men," is held back by its lack of nominations in other key categories. A typical winner also has chances at other prime Oscars, such as directing, screenplay and leading performers.

"A Few Good Men," though, has only Jack Nicholson's relatively brief role up for a supporting actor award. Its other bids are for film editing and sound.

"Scent of a Woman," the Golden Globe winner for best drama, lacks the industry enthusiasm needed for the best picture Oscar, but Al Pacino is most likely to win as best actor.

Pacino's blind, "Hoo-wah"-hollering ex-colonel would bring him his first Oscar. He has been nominated five times for the leading actor award and three times for supporting roles, including this year as a real estate agent in David Mamet's "Glengarry Glen Ross."

Eastwood's shot at the acting prize is threatened by his directing and best picture nominations.

Other nominees include Robert Downey Jr. for "Chaplin," Stephen Rea in "The Crying Game" and Denzel Washington in "Malcolm X."

Rea, as a reluctant member of the **Irish Republican Army**, was praised for his first nominated role, but is not well known in Hollywood.

Both Downey and Washington were credited for solid performances in their biographical roles, but their films received lukewarm responses overall from critics and moviegoers. In addition, Washington's chances are hurt by backlash from filmmaker Spike Lee's disdain for the Hollywood establishment.

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Thompson, a front-runner for best actress, faces tough competition from Susan Sarandon in "Lorenzo's Oil." Her character, desperately driven to find a cure for her son's disease, is a compelling role and perhaps the one that best fits this year's theme saluting women in film. It would be her first win on her third nomination.

Sarandon also has the edge if academy voters are inclined to reward an actress's body of work. The "Thelma & Louise" star has more major American features to her credit than any of her competitors.

Thompson's and Sarandon's performances were more widely seen than the other nominees.

Mary McDonnell, first nominated for "Dances With Wolves," is up for playing a disabled soap star in "Passion Fish," released in December with far less fanfare than usually is needed to win an Oscar.

Michelle Pfeiffer in "Love Field" plays a fanatical follower of Jackie Kennedy who falls in love while traveling to Washington for President Kennedy's funeral. The film, shelved for about two years, was released in late December to meet the Oscars deadline but has no publicity push behind it.

Catherine Deneuve, nominated for the French film "Indochine," is well established in Europe through her 36-year film career, but is better known in the United States as the beautiful spokeswoman of a cosmetics company. If she won, it would be only the second Oscar given for a non-English language performance. Sophia Loren won in 1961 for "Two Women," filmed in Italian with subtitles.

The supporting actor prize should go to either Gene Hackman, a highly regarded film veteran, or Jaye Davidson, whose first film role was the most secretive and, at the same time, the most talked about of the year.

Davidson's sad, sexy Dil in "The Crying Game" was enticing enough for a nomination, but once the gossip is set aside and the performance is rated on its own merits and against the competition, he may not make the cut.

Hackman's sheriff gone bad in "Unforgiven" would be his first Oscar since "The French Connection" in 1971.

Oscar handicappers predict Nicholson, Pacino's "Glengarry" role and David Paymer as Billy Crystal's brother in "Mr. Saturday Night" will be bypassed.

In the supporting actress category, the closest race is between Miranda Richardson and Judy Davis.

Richardson, nominated as the angry betrayed wife in "Damage," may win on her entire 1992 repertoire, which included a calculating IRA killer in "The Crying Game" and a meek woman on a seaside holiday in "Enchanted April."

Davis plays a neurotic Manhattan intellectual whose marriage hits the rocks in Woody Allen's "Husbands and Wives," putting a New York accent over her Australian voice. Critics praised her as the best single element in the film.

Joan Plowright, whose dowager role in "Enchanted April" won the Golden Globe, also is nominated, with Vanessa Redgrave's minor but pivotal role in "Howards End" and Marisa Tomei as the supportive girlfriend in "My Cousin Vinny."

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THE US

President Clinton is scheduled to go back on the campaign trail tomorrow, with another trip through Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee after watching the vice presidential debate from the White House. He toured the same region following the Democratic National Convention in August. At a campaign stop in Stamford, Conn., Clinton picked up key endorsements from corporate chief executives.

Bob Dole wound up a two-day bus tour through New Jersey and planned a similar swing through Ohio, telling voters they can count on him to deliver a 15-percent tax cut if he's elected president. The Republican nominee hinted at some of his prospective Cabinet choices. Among them: retired Gen. Colin Powell, former Secretary of State James Baker III, and former Education Secretary William Bennett.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, campaigning for reelection, told Georgia voters that GOP control of the House is threatened by organized labor's multimedia ad campaign. The AFL-CIO has vowed to spend \$ 35 million to defeat Republicans. Republicans have begun a counterattack in 25 television markets. A new warning from Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan to the Clinton administration and Congress: Resist actions that drive up the cost of financing the \$ 5.1 trillion national debt. Greenspan alluded to last winter's struggle in which Congress tried to limit the debt ceiling as a way of forcing White House acceptance of its seven-year balanced-budget plan. If purchasing the debt is made harder, the Fed chairman said, buyers will pull back and the cost of debt-servicing will rise.

Once again, residents of Northeastern and Midwestern states paid more in federal taxes last year than they got back in the form of benefits, a new study has found. Harvard University researchers reported that Connecticut residents led the list, paying an average of \$ 2,099 per person more than they received. New Mexico, Virginia, and Mississippi led the states whose benefits exceed tax payments.

Louisiana-Pacific Corp. announced it will close its Ketchikan pulp mill in southeastern Alaska after negotiations failed with the Clinton administration over timber supply. The mill, which is the largest employer in the Tongass

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National Forest region, is to cease operations next March, idling 500 workers. The company said federal officials opposed "any compromise that would allow the mill to operate profitably."

Despite ongoing contract talks, the strike against General Motors facilities in Canada caused layoffs at two US parts plants. GM sent 1,850 workers home in Michigan and New York. Auto industry analysts said GM may announce more layoffs almost daily if the strike lasts much longer.

Tobacco-industry critics say cigarette-maker Philip Morris is showing signs of "desperation" in deciding to publish a lifestyle magazine aimed at men in their 20s. Tobacco companies face new federal restrictions on advertising and marketing their products. Philip Morris says the magazine Unlimited aims to reward customer loyalty to its Marlboro brand.

The US is sending Assistant Secretary of State Winston Lord to South Korea for talks beginning tomorrow. The visit comes as tensions with North Korea were running high over the infiltration of a North Korean submarine and Pyongyang's arrest of US citizen Evan Carl Hunziker.

An African-American drew a five-year sentence for setting fire to a predominantly black church in Oregon. Antoine Jamar Dean apologized in court for the June 20 blaze, which attracted national attention because it occurred during a series of church fires, most of them in the South.

Heavy rains pushed by former tropical storm Josephine moved northward along the Eastern seaboard, leaving officials in Florida and Georgia to assess damage from flooding and tornadoes. Josephine passed out to sea over southern Georgia.

THE WORLD

Palestinian President Yasser Arafat visited with Israeli President Ezer Weizman at his villa in Caesarea. Arafat had previously only once visited Israel - at night and without notice - to offer his condolences to the widow of slain Israeli Prime Minister Yitzak Rabin. Peace talks continued in Gaza, despite a walkout by both parties that prompted US intervention.

Ousted Afghan President Burhanuddin Rabbani met with General Abdul Rashid Dostum at the latter's stronghold northwest of Kabul, in an effort to solidify opposition to the Taliban militia that now controls most of the country. The Afghan ambassador to India told reporters Dostum had agreed to support Rabbani.

A breakaway faction of the **Irish Republican Army** claimed responsibility for two car bombs that exploded inside a military base considered the most secure in Northern Ireland. A caller to Irish national broadcasters in Dublin said the IRA's so-called Continuity group had carried out the attack. The blasts injured 21 soldiers and 10 civilians.

A Turkish opposition party asked parliament to take up a censure motion against Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan. He was strongly criticized in the Turkish media for a weekend press conference at which Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi criticized Turkey ties to the West and called for a Kurdish homeland. Also, Turkish troops killed 118 Kurdish guerrillas in clashes that spilled into northern Iraq, military officials said.

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International mediators said they welcomed signs that Bosnian Serb leaders were ready to attend meetings of Bosnia's joint presidency and parliament after boycotting an inaugural ceremony. Bosnian Serb President Momcilo Krajisnik said he is prepared to cooperate with the newly elected government, the BBC reported. Also, the remains of 200 people were found in a mass grave in Croatia. Evidence suggests many of the victims were hospital patients, a UN spokesman said. And a US contractor opened a center in Bosnia to help upgrade the Muslim-Croat military.

Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin said Russia would not grant full independence to Chechnya and praised a peace deal brokered by security chief Alexander Lebed. His statements came after Interior Minister Anatoly Kulikov called the peace deal a humiliating step toward Russia's disintegration and said it undermined Russia's ability to restore order to the region.

Muslim fundamentalists appeared to have lost their majority in Kuwait's 50-seat parliament, according to official election results. The fundamentalists slipped from 19 to 17 seats, and pro-government candidates, who held 15 seats in the last parliament, seemed to have gained ground. The exact breakdown of parliament won't be known until the new legislature meets Oct. 20.

Some 5,000 Khmer Rouge guerrillas and civilians defected to the Royal Cambodian Army, military officials said. The guerrillas, who had been aligned with the hard-line Pol Pot faction, were reportedly out of food and other supplies.

French Prime Minister Alain Juppe ordered increased security for "sensitive sites" in Paris and several other cities after a bomb destroyed several rooms in the Bordeaux City Hall. A Corsican separatist group claimed responsibility. It was the latest of several recent bombings.

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Fur may fly in the final TV debate of the presidential campaign, hosted by John McLaughlin Oct. 17. In the ring: incumbent cat Socks vs. the Dole's dog, named Leader. At issue: Which makes a better first pet, a cat or a dog. People from Cat Magazine and Dog World will be arguing for their candidates. The National Humane Society is cosponsoring the event.

Britain's James Mirrlees and William Vickrey of Canada jointly won the Nobel Prize in economics for their work analyzing transactions with incomplete financial information.

Having a white man for a mentor may help you scale the corporate ladder faster, according to a study by Prof. Taylor Cox at the University of Michigan. He surveyed 758 graduates and found those whose mentors are white males earn about \$ 16,800 more a year than those guided by women or minorities. The reason? White men hold the positions of power in many companies.

Most grooms look down the aisle for their bride. Stephen Foster looked up, as she came flying down from 10,000 feet. Terri Essex of Drexel, Mo., decided to really take the plunge by skydiving to the ceremony. Jump instructor Pat Ensign gave the bride away - by pushing her out of the plane.

THE DAY'S LIST

Every Parent's Dream

Some 63 percent of US parents don't want their children to grow up to be president, a Knight-Ridder poll of 1,002 people found. Those polled said the head of the country has less influence than journalists, judges, lawmakers, and lobbyists. But they'd rather see their sons and daughters in the Oval Office than on the silver screen. Fields they'd like their child to pursue:

Professor77%

Doctor76

Minister70

Governor63

Carpenter61

Mayor59

Lawyer54

Professional athlete55

Police officer46

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PHOTOS: 1) A Jacksonville, Fla., resident tries to clear a storm drain after Josephine caused extensive flooding in her neighborhood., TARA MCPARLAND/AP 2) Protesters demonstrate for peace outside the Israeli Knesset., BRIAN HENDLER/AP; MAP: Showing Cambodia, STAFF

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President Clinton announced the final members of his Cabinet. Transportation Secretary Federico Pena was nominated to head the Energy Department; Alex Herman is the labor secretary pick; Andrew Cuomo, son of former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo, was nominated as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Federal Highway Administrator Rodney Slater as Transportation Secretary; Janet Yellen as chair of the White House Council of Economic Advisers. Clinton also reappointed Education Secretary Richard Riley, Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt, and Veterans Affairs Secretary Jesse Brown.

After two years of denials, House Speaker Newt Gingrich admitted he violated House ethics rules. The confession was an attempt to bargain for a reprimand instead of being removed from the post, Republican sources said. Gingrich acknowledged his failure to seek legal advice to prevent the use of tax-exempt organizations for political purposes.

The Justice Department issued subpoenas to the White House counsel's office for documents on Clinton's legal-defense fund and some campaign contributions. The fund was designed to help pay Clinton's legal bills from the Whitewater case and other matters. Earlier, it was disclosed that \$ 640,000 from the fund was returned to donors, many of whom belong to a small religious sect in Lake Elsinore, Calif. A federal jury in North Carolina found ABC's "Primetime Live" trespassed and used fraud for a story on alleged unsanitary food practices at the Food Lion supermarket chain. The jury, which is to resume deliberations after Christmas, can only seek a few thousands of dollars of compensatory and punitive damages, the trial judge said. Food Lion says it ought to be awarded billions in damages from lost business attributable to the story. The jury didn't rule on the truth or falsity of the report.

Clinton announced he hoped to use a new work-study program to create an army of literacy tutors on college campuses. He said some 20 leading college presidents had pledged to use half of their federally funded work-study slots for students willing to tutor young children in reading. The government will waive the requirement that colleges pay 25 percent of the cost of such programs, he added. Clinton unveiled a \$ 2.5 billion plan to combat illiteracy last August.

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Steve Jobs, creator of Next Software Inc., announced Apple Computer Co. will purchase his company for \$ 400 million. Jobs left Apple 11 years ago after losing a fight for control of the company he cofounded. He said he now intends to help blend the companies' software to create a new operating system intended to surpass those of competitors.

A California judge granted Susan McDougal permission to return to a Texas jail for medical attention after she was brought to southern California for a court hearing. She was to face charges in a case involving alleged embezzlement of about \$ 150,000 from symphony conductor Zubin Mehta when she worked as a bookkeeper for his wife, Nancy. McDougal, a former partner in the Whitewater venture, is in jail for contempt because she refused to testify before a grand jury about Clinton.

O.J. Simpson won permanent custody of his two children in a legal battle with their maternal grandparents. The children have been living with the grandparents since Simpson was arrested in the deaths of their mother, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman.

Celebrated astronomer Carl Sagan died in Seattle, Wash. Sagan won the Pulitzer Prize in 1978 for "The Dragons of Eden: Speculations on the Evolution of Human Intelligence." In 1980, his acclaimed 13-part PBS series "Cosmos," which retraced the 15 billion years of cosmic evolution, became the most-watched limited series in the history of American television. That record was later surpassed by "The Civil War."

THE WORLD

In his first public remarks on Peru's hostage crisis, President Fujimori rejected the chief demand of the leftist hostage-takers. Freeing jailed colleagues of the Tupac Amaru guerrillas was "unacceptable," he said. But he indicated a willingness to explore peaceful solutions to the standoff. The Japanese government, whose embassy is the scene of the crisis, endorsed Fujimori's stand. Meanwhile, a London newspaper reported that the captors are negotiating with Japanese corporations, whose executives are among the hostages, for billions of dollars in ransoms.

Palestinian protesters responded to a new curfew in the West Bank city of Hebron by stoning Israeli troops. The incident followed the arrests of 100 Palestinians for the attempted firebombing of a Jewish home. While the clashes were occurring, US envoy Dennis Ross attempted again to mediate the longstanding dispute over redeployment of Israeli troops from Hebron. Elsewhere, a bomb exploded at a bus stop used by Israeli soldiers near Bethlehem, but no injuries were reported.

Opponents of Serbian President Milosevic said they would launch their own television and radio stations to challenge the state-run outlets that are loyal to him. Opposition leaders also set up "shadow" governments in cities where their election victories were overturned last month. Meanwhile, an international fact-finding mission said it had uncovered problems with the Nov. 17 voting but did not identify them.

A booby-trapped car exploded in Belfast, Northern Ireland, injuring a senior member of Sinn Fein, the political ally of the **Irish Republican Army**. There were no immediate claims of responsibility, but the incident came less than two days after IRA gunmen fired into a police detail guarding a pro-British Protestant politician. Some observers speculated that the bombing signalled the end of the truce maintained by Protestant militants even after the IRA ended its own cease-fire last winter.

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Russian President Boris Yeltsin was expected back at his Kremlin desk today for the first time since undergoing major surgery Nov. 5. A spokesman said Yeltsin's first order of business would be a meeting with top aides and senior government officials. In a television interview, Yeltsin vowed to crack down on bureaucrats who had not "worked hard enough" in his absence.

Leaders of striking Greek farmers voted to end 24 days of road blockades that have cost the economy more than \$ 100 million. But it was unclear whether the decision would be accepted by some of the strikers, who left barricades in place on Greece's east coast. Farm leaders said they would meet with Prime Minister Costas Simitis today, but so far he has rejected any concessions to the strikers.

A proposal to give Taiwan's President, Lee Teng Hui, broad new powers was scheduled for debate at a key meeting today between his ruling Nationalist Party and its two major opposition groups. Prospects for quick agreement on taking away the right of lawmakers to veto Lee's choice for premier and on giving him authority to dismiss the legislature were considered poor.

No group has yet claimed responsibility for a bomb that exploded outside a high school in Douaouda, Algeria, killing one student and injuring another. The school is one of many whose female students have refused to wear the traditional Muslim veil. Douaouda is a suburb of the capital, Algiers, where religious tracts issued over the weekend - apparently by Islamic militants - reminded women of their "permanent obligation" to wear the veil.

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"I felt a sense of confidence from him that a way out will definitely open up." -- Japanese Foreign Minister Yukihiko Ikeda, after meeting with Peruvian President Fujimori on the hostage crisis at Japan's Embassy in Lima, Peru.

When Ruth Parr retired from the Columbus Credit Bureau in Ohio, perhaps the sorriest to see her leave was the local transit authority. Parr may have been its all-time best customer. In 40 years she rode the No. 38 bus to work and back 20,000 times, always thanking the driver for each trip. Some of the drivers and fellow passengers gave her a surprise party last week, featuring - yes - a bus-shaped cake.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology wanted to find out which modern innovation has most simplified the lives of Americans. So, in a survey last month, it asked 1,008 adults. Now, consider the possibilities: the cellular telephone, the personal computer, the microwave oven. But the winner was none of the above. Eighty percent of respondents picked ... the VCR.

Would you pay \$ 50 to join something called the Social Development Unit? If you were a 20-ish college graduate you might - if you lived in Singapore. The organization with the stuffy, bureaucratic-sounding name is actually a matchmaking service. It sponsors barbecues, in-line skating parties, and other get-acquainted sessions. Members - and there are almost 20,000 of them - say SDU stands for "single, desirable, and unattached."

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What US Music Lovers Were Buying This Year

The nation's No. 1 best-selling recorded music for 1996 as published in Billboard magazine's year-end edition (artists and labels included):

Top Single: "Macarena," Los Del Rio (RCA)

Top Album: "Jagged Little Pill," Alanis Morissette (Maverick-Reprise)

Country Single: "My Maria," Brooks and Dunn (Arista)

Adult Contemporary Single: "Back For Good," Take That (Arista)

Rhythm and Blues Single: "You're Makin' Me High - Let It Flow," Toni Braxton (LaFace)

Latin Track: "Un Million de Rosas," La Mafia (Sony)

- Associated Press

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PHOTOS: 1) Poet Maya Angelou listens during a dedication ceremony for the new Maya Angelou Northeast Library in Wichita, Kan. Angelou said a California school board erred when it voted to officially recognize Black English., RANDY TOBIAS/THE WICHITA EAGLE/AP 2) . Above, Palestinians try to prevent an Israeli soldier from arresting a suspected stone-thrower., GREG MARINOVICH/AP; MAP: Showing Algeria, STAFF

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The US

A two-pronged approach to disposing of tons of plutonium left over from nuclear warheads was scheduled to be unveiled by Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary. The \$ 2 billion plan calls for burning some of the 50 tons of plutonium in atomic power plants after mixing it with uranium. The rest would be encased in glass and buried. Critics say commercial use of weapons-grade plutonium is dangerous because it might be stolen. The Energy Department says adequate safeguards can be maintained.

The top foreign-policy goal for President Clinton's second term will be an expanded NATO, including a stronger partnership with Russia, his new choice for national security advisor said. Sandy Berger, now the deputy national security adviser, was named last week to succeed Anthony Lake as head of the National Security Council. Lake was chosen to head the CIA. The US Supreme Court heard arguments on the validity of a Georgia congressional map that features just one majority-black district. In 1995, the court struck down a Georgia plan that featured three such districts. The Clinton administration and minority-rights activists say a three-judge federal court went too far recently in rejecting a plan for two majority-black districts in the state. The court also agreed to rule on whether a US government attempt to keep smut off the Internet violates Constitutional rights of free speech. And it left intact a lower-court ruling that relatives of victims killed in air crashes over international waters can collect monetary damages for pain and suffering.

US Rep. John Kasich (R) of Ohio said he would press to end the US military role in Bosnia by spring. Kasich, the House budget chairman, characterized Clinton's decision to let US troops stay up to 18 months past the original Dec. 20 deadline as a "big mistake."

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott called for lower interest rates from the Federal Reserve. Referring to the comments by Fed chairman Alan Greenspan that rattled stock markets worldwide last Friday, Lott said Greenspan "probably wishes now he had "chosen some other words."

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Job prospects for the next crop of college graduates should be very good, a Michigan State University survey reported. The study said demand for computer science majors, computer programmers, engineers, and actuaries will exceed supply. Salaries are expected to be 3 to 4 percent higher. Chemical engineers can expect to draw the highest pay - almost \$ 43,000 a year.

Representatives of Latin American and Caribbean nations began a five-day conference in Miami. They will discuss plans for a hemispheric free-trade zone by 2005. The goal was set in Miami at a 1994 Summit of the Americas. Presidents of Haiti, Guatemala, and Nicaragua were scheduled to attend, along with the prime minister of Barbados.

The National League of Cities warned of a coming crisis in affordable housing. In a letter to Clinton, the league said cities cannot provide current levels of housing services next year in the wake of \$ 3.5 billion in public housing cuts over the past three years.

Power was slowly being restored to areas of the Northeast hit by winter storms over the weekend. More than a foot of snow fell in some areas. More than 105,000 Connecticut residents were without electricity and heat early Monday. In Massachusetts, 60,000 people were reportedly without power. In New Hampshire the number was 12,000; in Maine, it was about 4,000.

Homestake Mining Company said it will acquire Santa Fe Pacific Gold Corporation for \$ 2.3 billion. The agreement will create the second-largest gold producer in North America.

Yesterday's "Football Bowl Lineup," which appeared on this page, listed Associated Press projections for 18 postseason major college games. In the actual pairings, announced after press time Sunday, there were changes in two New Year's Day matchups: Alabama was named to play Michigan in the Outback Bowl, and Tennessee was scheduled against Northwestern in the Citrus Bowl.

The World

Thousands of Serbian demonstrators were again in the streets of Belgrade, protesting the arrest and beating of a student for satirizing President Milosevic. But a move to mobilize unhappy union workers to join the protest got off to a slow start. Meanwhile, government-controlled television suggested that the nearly three weeks of daily demonstrations were sponsored by foreign interests.

In Brussels, NATO ambassadors approved a planned force of up to 30,000 troops to take over for the peacekeeping troops in Bosnia when their mandate expires Dec. 20. The new 18-month mission now must be OK'd by the UN Security Council.

Hundreds of Palestinian students defied Israel by reopening Hebron's Islamic University. It was closed for a year last March after a series of suicide bombings by Muslim militants in Israeli cities. Soldiers ordered the students to leave but did not interfere when they refused. Israel was believed not to want a confrontation while its negotiators are trying to close a deal on redeploying troops from the West Bank city.

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Burma's military government sent police to close universities in Rangoon, chase protesting students through the streets, and again confine democracy activist Aung San Suu Kyi to her home. Suu Kyi was accused of having links to the recent anti-government protests centering on the university campuses - the strongest challenges to military rule in years - and to the country's dormant Communist Party. She denied all such accusations.

The prime ministers of Britain and Ireland attempted to revive the stalled Northern Ireland peace process. But there were no reported breakthroughs. Britain's John Major said he would not accept another "phony cease-fire" by the **Irish Republican Army** in exchange for admitting the IRA's political ally, Sinn Fein, to talks on the future of the disputed region. Meanwhile, in the mostly Protestant town of Ballymena, Northern Ireland, police extinguished an arson fire before it could destroy a Roman Catholic church.

The first referendum on building a nuclear power plant in Russia was rejected. Officials said 87 percent of those voting in the Kostroma - a resort area northeast of Moscow - did not want the plant despite the prospect of new jobs and a revitalized economy. The referendum was binding.

Iraq received the go-ahead to begin pumping oil for export from UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, and international inspectors said the pipeline that will carry it out of the country is in working order. Iraqi UN Ambassador Nizar Hamdoon said oil would begin flowing before the end of the week. Russia is expected to be among the first customers. With the UN's approval, Iraq will be permitted to sell \$ 2 billion worth of oil every six months to buy food and medicine for its citizens. (Story, Page 1.)

A US congressman won the release of three Red Cross workers who had been held captive by rebels in southern Sudan. Rep. Bill Richardson (D) of New Mexico agreed to trade rice, Jeeps, radios, and a health survey for American John Early, a Kenyan pilot, and an Australian nurse. A splinter group of the Sudan People's Liberation Army originally had demanded \$ 100 million for their freedom.

An estimated 150 people in two communes were killed by gunmen in Sierra Leone, witnesses said. Military authorities in Freetown, the capital, declined to comment on the report. The government and rebel leaders signed a peace accord last week.

Etceteras

"This is a victory for the poorest of the poor in Iraq - for the **women** and children."

- UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, on giving Iraq the go-ahead to begin implementing its long-delayed oil-for-food deal.

The latest bid to qualify for the Guinness Book of World Records comes from Geneva. A public square in the Swiss city was graced last week by what sponsors claimed as the world's most expensive Christmas tree. Precious gems, watches, and other pieces worth more than \$ 8 million were hung from its branches by the jewelry maker Piaget - but only for a few hours and under heavy insurance cover.

The News in Brief

Speaking of Christmas, have you ever - well - "recycled" a present that someone else gave to you? If so, you're not alone. A survey by American Express found that more than 1 in 4 respondents admitted to passing along a previously received Christmas gift.

Egyptian authorities are hunting for a safecracker, but not because of a burglary. It seems a 1930s-vintage strongbox in the national library holds 13,000 ancient coins, and the staff can't open it. At this point, the library doesn't care which side of the law its assistance comes from.

Wisconsin businessman Jim Oelstrom is enjoying the Green Bay Packers' banner season even more than most pro football fans. That's because he closely resembles Packers head coach Mike Holmgren. Oelstrom is regularly approached by people who want to meet him or ask for his autograph. "It's fun," he says - at least as long as the team keeps winning.

College Football's Top 10

The final regular-season rankings of the nation's best major-college teams, as voted by a panel of sportswriters and broadcasters. List also shows first-place votes (in parenthesis) and total points.

1. Florida State (62)1,670

2. Arizona State (5)1,612

3. Florida1,539

4. Ohio State1,454

5. Brigham Young1,322

6. Nebraska1,271

7. Penn State1,259

8. Colorado1,248

9. Tennessee1,078

10. Virginia Tech1,037

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Graphic

PHOTOS: 1) A New Hampshire resident gathers broken tree limbs after the storm.JOHN CLAYTON/UNION LEADER/AP, 2) A student waves the Palestinian flag atop a pile of chairs at the school.EYAL WARSHAVSKY/AP; MAP: Showing Sierra Leone, STAFF.

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Body

Bid to curb shame of kiddy 'meat market' After years of apparent indifference, governments around the world appear ready to take action against the scourge of child prostitution.

But while the Thai Government plans new laws to jail customers of under-age prostitutes, the trade continues to flourish beneath the noses of the authorities. NICK CATER reports from Pattaya.

Left: Father Ray Brennan with some of the children he has rescued from the streets of Pattaya. Below: A young Pattaya prostitute poses with a policeman.

ACOUPLE of 200-baht notes go a long way on the streets of Pattaya.

The experienced haggler armed with the equivalent of a little over \$10 might pick up a convincing pair of Levis, two T-shirts allegedly designed by Ralph Lauren or something looking very much like a Rolex watch.

It will also buy sex with - according to preference - a man, woman, boy or girl.

In Pattaya, in seems, just about anything goes - usually for less than 200 Baht.

It is 11.30pm in the back bar of Marilyn's on the town's seafront where a boy of 12 stands massaging a customer's shoulders.

Another young boy sits on the bar being gently fondled by another white man while a third serves Singha beer from behind the counter.

At the front a young girl amuses a beer-soaked tourist by dancing provocatively with a small Australian flag.

She says she is 15 - the legal age for sex in Thailand.

But a businessman from Finland, a regular visitor to Pattaya, says he knows for a fact that she is no more than 13.

He boasts that as a regular customer he can buy her from the bar owner for just 150 baht (\$8.50) a night.

Whatever her age, it makes no difference to the three amiable Pattaya police sitting in an office adjacent to the bar.

Prostitution may be against the law in Thailand yet the law enforcers of Pattaya seem singularly unconcerned about the sordid flesh trade which is carried out daily while they sit and watch.

Father Ray Brennan, who runs the local orphanage, has given up waiting for the police to intervene.

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Four years ago the burly priest from the south side of Chicago began giving young boys and girls from the street shelter in the orphanage - a move which initially turned out to be a mistake.

"One of the Catholic sisters complained she had found this street kid in the toilets with five others up against the wall teaching them how to masturbate," he said.

In the new home for street kids he set up to separate the worldly-wise former child prostitutes from the genuine orphans, Father Brennan introduced six boys who were selling their bodies by the time they were eight.

"Can you imagine one of these kids being bung-holed by one of the big guys?" he asks.

"Two months ago I knocked a German out. He was with this kid I'd been working on.

"I said: 'Do you realise that kid's only nine years old?' He said: 'What business is it of yours?' "I said: 'This business,' and I thumped him." Nobody called the police.

The story of Supra was typical of those children who drift into child prostitution, Father Brennan said.

He ran away from his home in Thailand's north at the age of nine heading for Pattaya because he "wanted to see the ocean".

He met other boys who taught him how to look for a foreigner, how to blink and wink his eyes in the way that is the accepted code between the paedophile customers and their prey.

"His first case was a man from Canada who treated him well," said Father Brennan.

"But the second guy who picked him up just beat the shit out of him.

"He kept him prisoner for eight or 10 days.

"Supra just cried and cried, which only made the guy beat him more and more. Eventually he escaped and came to us." While anti-child prostitution groups agree the trade is flourishing in many countries around the world, nowhere is it more visible than in Thailand.

On any afternoon of the week grown men can be seen on Pattaya's grubby beach embracing young boys or girls.

All are either Westerners or Arabs.

Hotels with names such as the Porn Hotel advertise rooms with mirrors on the ceiling and a plentiful supply of young boys in the basement.

"You like young boys? You stay at my hotel. You choose," a hotel worker tells a curious passer-by.

One community worker described the resort as the sleaze capital of the world.

"If God doesn't destroy Pattaya he owes an apology to Sodom and Gomorrah," he said.

While many boy prostitutes appear to be on the run from unhappy or impoverished homes, many girls enter the industry with the open connivance of their parents.

A government adviser on women and children's affairs, Ms Suriee Chutikul, said she had come across children as young as 11 who had been sold by their parents from rural villages.

Organised gangs, armed with catalogues showing different types of houses, come to the village looking for girls she said.

"They ask the parents what sort of home they would like and then they agree to build it in return for taking the girl to Bangkok for three or four years," Chutikul said.

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"I met one man who sold his daughter at the age of 11. He thought nothing of it. He thought it was just honest work." After years of apparent indifference and even tacit encouragement towards the trade in children, the Thai Government finally appears to be waking up to the problem.

Tough new laws are proposed that would jail paedophiles for up to 10 years for offences involving underage prostitutes.

Parents, too, will be sent to prison for selling their children.

Thai Prime Minister Chuan Leekapi said while the government could not hope to close down all the brothels in the country, its aim was to ensure that no one under 18 worked in the flesh trade.

Rehabilitation centres are being established with the aim of giving young women occupational training that would help them secure a legitimate job in some other area of Thailand's booming economy.

Chutikul welcomed moves by Australia and other countries to change their laws to allow citizens to be prosecuted for sex offences overseas.

"While we are introducing our own legislation, people are often more afraid of their own laws than other people's," she said.

So far, however, attempts at international cooperation to trap sex tourists have proved spectacularly unsuccessful.

In February, Thai police raided a hotel room in Pattaya after a tip-off from Swedish police.

They found a 66-year-old Swede, Bengt Bohlin, having sex with a teenage boy.

The police arrested Bohlin, confiscated his passport and released him on bail, confident he could not flee the country. They were wrong.

BOHLIN called the Swedish embassy in Bangkok and was promptly issued with new travel documents even though officials knew of his circumstances. Now back in Sweden, Bohlin has not been re-arrested.

Anti-child prostitution campaigner Sudarat Srisang, said the authorities from the police to the judges were not taking a tough enough line.

"I do not believe there is one good person in the police force in Pattaya," she said.

"When they do arrest they normally arrest the victims.

Sudarat's Bangkok-based organisation, End Child Prostitution in Asian Tourism, has identified more than half a dozen organisations worldwide which offer assistance to paedophiles and information about how to indulge their sexual tastes without being caught.

The groups include the Australian Paedophile Support Group and the North American Man/Boy Love Association.

"Many of the people who come to Thailand to abuse children are professionals - professors, doctors, judges and so on," Sudarat said.

"We have evidence that those who ask children to do odd things such as whipping, masochism and so on are often judges." While Sudarat is sceptical of some figures which suggest that up to 800,000 children may be engaged in prostitution, she believes the figure is very high.

"Even if there was only one it would be one too many," she said.

"I do not think that the vagina should be used as we use the hand to earn a living.

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"Inevitably Aids is considered to be rife among child prostitutes - as many as half of whom carry the HIV virus, according to government estimates." Many Thais and foreigners believe young girls and boys are less likely to be HIV carriers. In fact, the opposite is true, doctors say.

Young tender skin is more likely to rupture, exposing the victim to the blood-transmitted virus.

While conceding that Thai men are also keen customers of prostitutes, Sudarat says organised trade in child prostitution did not exist in Thailand before the sex tourists arrived in the 1970s and 1980s.

Since then, sex tours with veiled promises of under-age sex have been advertised openly in countries such as Holland and Japan.

Last year the Austrian airline Lauda Air reproduced in its inflight magazine a postcard purportedly from a German tourist in Thailand.

Featuring a young Thai girl naked from the waste up it carried a message boasting of the pleasures of sex in Thailand at a bar called the Baby Club.

The airline's owner, former Formula One racing driver Niki Lauda, was forced to make a public apology to the Thai Tourism Authority.

The Thailand Government seems touchy about the country's flesh-pot image, which does not help in its bid to attract better quality, higher-spending cultural tourists.

Earlier this month a Time magazine cover showing a young Thai prostitute again brought protest from the Thai Government.

This week, the government moved to ban sales of Longman's Dictionary of English Language and Culture because it described Bangkok as a city with "a lot of prostitutes".

A government spokesman said it was like defining London by its soccer hooliganism or **Irish Republican Army** attacks.

Sudarat, however, believes its pointless denying the international reputation Thailand has earned for itself.

"It is a reality," she said. "The Government should know that Thailand is thought of in the world as sex-land. And they should try to change that."

Graphic

1) Father Ray Brennon with some of the children he has rescued from the streets of Pattaya. 2) A young Pattaya prostitute poses with a policeman
1) BRENNON 2) PROSTITUTIONPTE

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Body

Sinead puts her foot in her music Sinead O'Connor: "Our spiritual leaders have lied to us and deliberately orchestrated it so we will grow in fear."

In the past week Sinead O'Connor has been booed off the stage and her recordings have been crushed by a steamroller - because she tore up a picture of the Pope on television. MICHELANGELO RUCCI reports from New York that controversy is never far from this woman who says she is no different from anyone else.

THE name conjures up many a different image, depending on one's point of view, but inevitably all can be prefaced by the suggestion of controversy. Sinead O'Connor is no longer just a 26-year-old Irish-born singer who lives in London and prefers to create controversy, if not scandal, in the United States.

People, she says, "see me as whatever picture they have in their head . . . and they behave accordingly. On a scale of 1 to 10, they can either just ask for your autograph or they can try to get you pregnant because they think you've got loads of money and they are onto a good thing here".

She says: "I find it very difficult to communicate with people on an ordinary level because they don't see me as an ordinary person." Ordinary? Ordinary!

How many ordinary people refuse to allow the American national anthem to be played before a concert in New Jersey?

How many ordinary people decline a prized invitation to the Grammy Awards?

How many ordinary people stand before a national television audience and rip up a picture of the Pope calling him the "enemy"?

Sinead O'Connor is anything but ordinary. Her life has been as extraordinary, if not as extreme, as her music.

Ironically, the publicists in the O'Connor brigade had only a year ago - after all the drama over silencing the American national anthem, shunning the Grammys and the flap of her abortions - portrayed their client as being restrained. Good thing they did not say reformed.

And like a pressure cooker with a faulty valve, O'Connor exploded on the set of the high-rating Saturday Night Live show in New York. She tore up a picture of Pope John Paul II before running back to her refuge in London, without explanation.

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She came back across the Atlantic, to appear at the concert to honour Bob Dylan at Madison Square Garden, to find the controversy had turned into hatred that forced her off stage amid jeers.

The National Ethnic Coalition of Organisations has become the collection zone for records, cassettes and compact discs from O'Connor's disenchanted fans, not only in the US but from as far away as Spain, England and Italy.

O'Connor's publicists, running from bad press, just laugh off the anti-Sinead protests.

"It's not hurting us, because people have to buy records to send them back," says O'Connor's lead publicist Elaine Schock. "Maybe we should send them a thank-you note," added Schock as NECO hired a steamroller to smash the returned O'Connor releases.

The NECO president, Arnold Burns, argues: "She has every right to do and say what she wants but decent people have every right to come together and say it's in bad taste and disrespectful." Ms Schock says the protest reminds her of the burning of books in Nazi Germany.

And once again away from the storm, O'Connor has defended her ripping of the Pope's picture by saying that all that is wrong with this world can be attributed to the Catholic Church and its leaders.

In an earlier interview, O'Connor declared: "Our spiritual leaders have lied to us and deliberately orchestrated it so we will grow in fear. Even if you don't practise Catholicism, all the rules by which we live have been passed down for centuries by them.

"That's why so many people feel lost, why they get so frustrated that they feel there is nothing to live for and they abuse their children. But when you know that God is truth and therefore inside you, you become the one with power over your life and your destiny." She blames the problems of the world on spiritual leaders who "have encouraged the desire for material success and forced it upon us by not telling us the truth about our history".

"Desire for material success has been responsible for so much pain in the world," says O'Connor, who would describe child abuse, a pain she has suffered, as the ugliest spin-off of the chase for material success.

"I wouldn't have been abused as a child if it was not for the desire for material success, which caused the social conditions in my country, the conditions that allowed my mother to become the person she became and do what she did . . . to become a victim of the system.

"If Ireland had not been invaded by the English, which was done for money, the Irish people wouldn't be in the amount of trouble that they are in at the moment and I wouldn't have been abused as a child . . .

and neither would anybody else. So what I am saying is that through my own personal experience, I've learned that success has made a failure of our home." Sinead O'Connor is difficult to understand. All we can be sure of is she is not fond of the Pope. She does not fit into any box, and that is the way she would have it.

She was born in Dublin, but she would not be labelled Irish.

"I don't particularly want to have any Irish connection," she said. "I hate 'scenes' of any kind. I'm just a girl and it doesn't matter where you come from or what you look like." Her mother was a dressmaker, her father a barrister. Her parents split up "quite violently" when she was eight. Her brother responded to the domestic tumult by "fainting all the time". Her sister set about having extensive conversations with strangers in bus stations, and Sinead just went wild.

She turned to shoplifting, and at times raised \$200 a day by pocketing money she pretended to collect for charity ("I was trying to make my mother happy by getting her money").

At 14, arrested for stealing shoes after many run-ins with the law, O'Connor was sent to a reform school that also served as a hospice.

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"For punishment they would make us sleep on the floor in the old people's section," she recalls. "There were rats everywhere and the old women moaning and vomiting." As an emotional escape, O'Connor began strumming Bob Dylan songs on the guitar when she was 16. Upon her release, she spent a year busking in Dublin bus depots and pubs before landing her first recording contract.

By then her mother was dead. O'Connor had not seen her for two years.

"Her life never got better, and I suppose it was just as well that she died," says O'Connor, who is reconciled with her father now. "But she was the person who, I suppose, meant the most to me. If it wasn't for her, I wouldn't be singing. She instigated that." O'Connor, who now wears a T-shirt saying "Recovering Catholic", says it "is my duty as a human being to use every means possible to stop evil, which is child abuse".

"The Jews in Germany would not have been exterminated if Hitler had not been abused as a child," she declares. "Adolf Hitler wasn't a bad person; he was a very screwed-up person."

"I believe the Catholic Church wants children to be abused, that's why they want to ban abortion because, unless we are abused, they don't have any power - we don't reach out to them." It is a stand that is bound to be met with howls of displeasure. It is why O'Connor ends her latest album, *Am I Not Your Girl*, with the remarks: "I'm not a liar. And I'm not full of hatred. But I hate lies and so the liars hate me." Hardly ordinary.

O'Connor, who is married and has a six-year-old son, says she has had two abortions in recent years. She sees her music as an extension of her political convictions, which are extremely vehement - if sometimes incoherent.

She has championed the *Irish Republican Army*, ridiculed the music industry and its super groups, and generally put her mouth where her music might more usefully have been.

She headed protests in Ireland when a 14-year-old victim of rape was not allowed to get an abortion. She even went to the point of breaking into the prime minister's office.

In 1988, O'Connor shaved her head, not as a publicity stunt but because "it makes me feel womanly. I feel natural. It's just there. I don't wear make-up or jewellery except for a few rings. Inside I don't feel simple, but I feel I look simple and I like that".

It made her popular with British skinheads - "I tell them to sod off," she says.

It leads women reporters to ask her why she makes herself look so ugly. "I say, 'Thanks. That's very kind of you'." But who is Sinead O'Connor and what is her music?

"All the songs are almost obsessively personal," she says. "I've never, ever explained to anyone what they're about. I'm not a prophet or any of that stuff. The songs are very much for me."

"I don't want to lose my values," adds O'Connor, who believes so many of her contemporaries have sold their souls for the material jewels offered by the recording companies.

"I don't want to be compared to people like Suzanne Vega because I don't like wishy-washy music," she says.

"To write harshly, that's my ambition."

"I'm just a girl, you know, I'm not different than anybody else. I don't ever want to get in the position where I think I'm something special just because I wrote a damn song."

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Body

Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip . . . claims of ugly skeletons in his family closet Charles Higham . . . his book is already a big seller in the US and Canada ' ' . . . if there is anything the Queen is sensitive about it's her investments

NOT only does she have enormous property interests in Britain but is a major shareholder in several multi-national companies. At one time she owned one of the world's largest cotton plantations on the banks of the Mississippi River. Her apparently ongoing and heavy investments are in, among other industrial giants, Courtalds, General Electric, British Petroleum and Rio Tinto Zinc. Her strong link to the latter company means she has an important stake in mining operations in Australia and many other parts of the world. In particular, she stands to benefit from the company's extraction and sale of uranium. She also owns large parcels of New York real estate, including buildings in Manhattan's sleazy west side, and her mother controls property on Broadway and prestigious Fifth Avenue. On these lucrative investments she pays not a cent of taxation.

So who is this business woman who is seemingly immune from the prying eye of the taxman? She is Elizabeth II, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Commonwealth figurehead.

DAN McDONNELL reports from Los Angeles: NB - PLEASE BLOW HEADLINE BY 200 PER CENT: The Queen's secret empire THE private wealth of the England's royal family has long been one of the nation's best-kept secrets.

Of course her subjects are well aware that Queen Elizabeth inherited an array of properties across the nation, from castles in Scotland to country estates in the affluent south of the country.

But what is only now being prised open is her treasure chest of independent investments.

Among those doing the hunting are Los Angeles-based authors Charles Higham and Roy Moseley, who have just published Elizabeth and Philip: The Untold Story.

The book, already a big seller in the US and Canada, chronicles the life and times of Elizabeth since her birth in 1926 and her relationship with the Philip Mountbatten, a virtual royal refugee from Greece to whom the British people have never really warmed.

The publisher's decision to add "The Untold Story" to the title raises some expectations that the book will be more than a routine historical recounting of the public lives of one of the world's most famous couples.

And, indeed, Highman and Moseley claim to have unearthed new material not only on the Queen's investment portfolio but on some of the ugly skeletons in her husband's family closet.

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Also deleted into is the conspiracy of silence behind the activities of Anthony Blunt, the "fourth man" in a Soviet spy ring, who became not only a knight but the Queen's chief adviser on art.

Higham says the Queen, with the help of Rowe and Pitman one of Britain's most prestigious investment counselling firms has turned the millions she inherited from her father and grandfather "into a colossal personal fortune which is not subject to income tax".

And she had done much of her business through a holding company called Houbron Nominess which Higham claims is, in effect, a branch of the Bank of England.

"So in essence she has been using the Bank of England to cover the nature of her investments in another name," he alleges.

Higham says the extent of the Queen's investments began to trickle out via the US Congress in the early 1970s when it was revealed in a debate not widely reported at the time that, through the textile giant Courtalds, she was the owner of a controversial cotton plantation in Mississippi near the Arkansas border.

Her involvement became a matter of contention when it was revealed that the US Government was subsidising the Queen and other rich farm-owners to the tune of hundreds of thousands of dollars for not planting cotton.

According to Higham, Queen Elizabeth subsequently sold the farm to a New York-based company which in turn sold it to Prudential, a corporation in which she is also understood to be involved.

"I think it's remarkable that until the American Government made disclosure of individual ownerships mandatory she owned the world's largest cotton plantation in Mississippi," says Higham.

"This came up in a debate in the Congress which has never been publicly distributed at all. They felt it was quite inappropriate that the Queen of England should be receiving subsidies for not growing cotton." The Rio Tinto Zinc connection holds even greater potential for embarrassment for the Queen.

Fortunately for Elizabeth, most of the vociferous anti-nuclear groups have been unaware of her behind-the-scenes interest in uranium mining.

Higham believes it's interesting that the British press, which has made an artform of uncovering the most intimate details of Royal life, hasn't really pursued the investment issue.

"Maybe certain people feel it's an uneasy subject and don't want to bring it out," he suggests, "because if there is anything the Queen is sensitive about it's her investments." Higham says he found that following the royal money trail through British and US company records was an intriguing experience which convinced him there was no justification for the tax exemption on the Queen's personal investments.

"I think it's extraordinary that this would not be subject to income tax," he says.

"I can understand the state money she receives should not be taxed because essentially it's there to run the palaces, the staffs and all the other things that go with royalty. But I think it's remarkable she herself doesn't pay tax." Given all this criticism it might seem surprising that Higham describes himself as a committed royalist but with his background he really could be nothing else.

His father, Sir Charles Higham, was a British advertising pioneer and a Conservative member of parliament knighted by King George V for services to his country.

Charles Jr came to Australia in 1954 and established himself as a poet, critic and editor. He worked for the Sydney Morning Herald and the Bulletin before moving to the US to take up an academic position at the University of California.

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Higham left academic life soon after to become the Hollywood correspondent for the New York Times but since 1980 has been writing books including biographies of Katherine Hepburn, Bette Davis and Errol Flynn.

His appetite for royal affairs was whetted as he worked on his last book, *Wallis: The Secret Lives of the Duchess of Windsor*.

Perhaps the new book could also carry the subtitle, *The Secret Life of Philip Mountbatten*.

With the help of Turkish officials, Higham obtained documents which pose disquieting questions about the behaviour of Prince Philip's father on the battlefield.

The documents dwell on Prince Andrew's action in command of a Greek Corps fighting the Turks in 1921. Characterised by the authors as feckless, the Prince is alleged to have flagrantly disobeyed orders and retreated in what amounted to desertion, mutiny and treason.

"After months of searching through old records they (the Turkish officials) found conclusive evidence that Prince Philip's father, Prince Andrew, far from being a scapegoat, was correctly tried for treason and desertion and cowardice," recounts Higham.

"This black mark over Prince Philip undoubtedly spurred him to his heroic activities in World War II and has been a tremendous blight on his family as a whole." There is no shortage of other accusations made about Prince Philip and his rather odd collection of relatives.

For example, Higham is convinced that Sir Anthony Blunt's betrayal of his country was kept secret for years principally because he was aware of the contents of Britain's diplomatic bags during World War II.

He says Philip and other members of his family misused those bags to maintain illicit correspondence with his three sisters who were married to prominent Nazis.

Also alleged is that Philip's uncle, Lord Louis Mountbatten, employed questionable behind-the-scenes intrigue if not downright genealogical fabrication in a successful bid to justify the Queen's children using the name Mountbatten-Windsor rather than simply Windsor.

Higham maintains that Prince Philip today is an embittered and bored man with little power and few real responsibilities. His regular clashes with the media are seen as a symptom of his frustration.

In addition he has had to endure the humiliation of his wife refusing to name him to the more elevated position of Prince Consort in the tradition of Queen Victoria's Prince Albert.

"I think one of the points the book makes is thatc\$Prince Philip is, as he described himself once, 'a bloody amoeba'," says Higham.

"First of all he's not permitted to see the secret dispatch boxes that come in every day. The Queen was not permitted to discuss with him her constitutional position on the Blunt matter.

"He obviously must have picked up wind of the fact that Blunt was a Soviet spy, but the Queen could never tell him that.

"So you have a position where a wife and a husband cannot share anything at all except possibly disagreement over the fact that he doesn't like horses much and she's mad about them or that they both dislike the opera.

"It's on that superficial level because he has no role in her investments, he has a comparatively modest income from the state, he is obliged to accept the rulings of the Privy Council and his income is voted by a most hostile parliament because he's not a popular man." Queen Elizabeth, on the other hand, is thoroughly engaged in and in command of her constitutional role in Britain's affairs of state, according to Higham.

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Having dealt with a succession of prime ministers she is by now an experienced and shrewd woman, qualities certainly reflected in her private business dealings.

Higham says he is convinced that the Queen was preparing to abdicate this year to coincide with her 65th birthday on April 21, but has now abandoned those plans.

Her thoughts of stepping down, he suggests, were based more on the feeling that she had endured enough after almost 40 years on the throne than any desire to give Prince Charles his chance. Particularly concerning to her were continuing threats of assassination from the ***Irish Republican Army***.

He speculates that the principal factor behind her decision to continue is not any instability of Charles' marriage which he describes as a perfectly good marriage of convenience but the constant and damaging publicity surrounding it.

Given that the Windsor ***women*** tend to enjoy long lives, Charles might well be an old man before he gets his chance.

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Here are excerpts from editorials in newspapers in the United States and abroad.

June 21

The Star Tribune of Minneapolis on Bosnian elections:

The Clinton administration has pretty much taken it on the chin for pressing to ensure that elections are held in Bosnia this fall. Human rights organizations and others protest that conditions do not exist for the fair and free elections called for in the Dayton peace accord. They accuse the administration of being motivated more by domestic political concerns than by interest in Bosnia. They've got about one-third of a point.

The situation in Bosnia certainly isn't what was envisioned when the Dayton accord was signed.

Bosnia would be better off if the indicted war criminals were in prison cells at the Hague, awaiting trial; if Serb, Muslim and Croat refugees were free to return home unhindered; if the Bosnian media were unbiased in their presentation of political news.

But Secretary of State Warren Christopher makes a strong argument that scheduling elections will help bring all of those things about, whereas waiting will merely allow hearts to harden further and the divisive status quo to solidify. There's a lot more substance to that argument than a mere desire to make Clinton look good during the fall campaign.

June 23

The (Portland) Oregonian on Bosnian elections:

In a year full of closely watched elections ... Sept. 14 is still a voting landmark. That day, according to the Dayton peace agreement, Bosnia - the Muslim-Croat Federation and the Serb area - will come together to decide its future, and take a long step toward resolving its divisions.

Three months away, the step looks more like a stumble.

Basic requirements for the voting ... are not close to being satisfied. There are no signs of freedom of speech or debate; voices just sound more controlled. There is no indication of the promised freedom of refugees to return to

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their original homes; instead, ethnic cleansing appears to be quietly continuing. Indicted war criminals running the Serb statelet are not being apprehended; rather they're tightening their control on power.

... Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic, far from accepting his Dayton-required removal before elections, was nominated (on June 20) to run for president of the Serb section of Bosnia.

Still, the Clinton administration and its international allies are determined to hold the elections on schedule. Maybe it will be possible, but a postponed election would be better than a botch of one.

June 21

The Charleston (W.Va.) Gazette on free speech:

The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution - the heart of America's Bill of Rights - extends to cyberspace, a special panel of federal judges recently ruled in a victory for free speech.

The ruling blocks enforcement of the newly passed Communications Decency Act, which barred the display of "patently offensive" or "indecent" words or images on the Internet, the global network of computers.

The ruling represents only the first skirmish in a larger battle, but the judges' tone is encouraging. They seemed incredulous that the law's drafters didn't understand freedom of speech.

"Just as the strength of the Internet is chaos, so the strength of our liberty depends on the chaos of and cacophony of the unfettered speech the First Amendment protects," the judges wrote.

Unlike the drafters of the legislation - many of whom had spent absolutely no time on line, the judges had an excellent understanding of the Internet's potential, and of how much harm the Communications Decency Act could do to that potential.

Not only did the judges rule that communication on the Internet enjoys the same protections as print (as opposed to the more limited protection granted to broadcast media), they seemed to imply that the global network may need even more protection from government censorship.

"As the most participatory form of mass speech yet developed, the Internet deserves the highest protection from government intrusion," they wrote.

The fight now goes on to the Supreme Court. The Christian Coalition and other sex-fighting groups are vowing a fierce battle.

However, we believe that the highest court will back up this judicial panel. We can't see how it could do otherwise.

Protecting children from sexual images on the Internet is wise, but there are many methods of accomplishing it without savaging the First Amendment.

June 21

The Peninsula Daily News, Port Angeles, Wash., on the FCC:

The Federal Communications Commission was right to adopt a new rule that would require cellular companies to upgrade their equipment to locate a 911 caller.

Doing so will both enhance public safety and save lives.

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Each year, millions of people call 911 from portable cellular phones, but, unlike the same calls made from regular phones, the caller's location is not automatically sent to emergency dispatchers. Public safety groups know that the caller's location is vital for a prompt response.

The FCC will require cellular companies within five years to upgrade their networks with technology that tells 911 dispatchers the location of an emergency caller to within 388 feet.

In the meantime, the FCC is requiring cellular companies within a year to give 911 dispatchers the capability to call back the person making an emergency call.

The move should save lives, and should certainly be within the technical capabilities of cellular companies.

June 21

The Herald, Everett, Wash., on the church fires:

The fires ravage buildings of worship and tear through hearts across the country. These senseless, cruel attacks on black churches attempt to fray the fabric of the south. But they're hurting more than just the churchgoers of the congregations. Even if the flames only touch a small southern town, the heat and burning is felt by nearly everyone.

Ironically, as many religious leaders say, the heartless people burning these churches are the ones who need them the most.

These violent burnings have drawn people together from all corners. Civil rights and religious leaders, Congress, the Christian Coalition and neighbors are finding new strength and drive to fight these fires and the hatred that accompanies. A few unaccepting leaders are not willing to take the Christian Coalition's offer to help sincerely. Victims of these fires should not turn away help from anyone. Isolation only empowers these evil people causing the burning. The flames pay no mind to partisan politics, nor should those concerned about these crimes.

Fortunately, many leaders of the burned-down churches were willing to sit down with Christian Coalition leaders last week and find a way to work together. The \$ 1 million the coalition has set out to raise will definitely help. Christian Coalition leader Ralph Reed recognizes that some in his organization were once on the wrong side of the fight for equality, but is hoping they've paid the price for that and can help everyone heal from racism.

Anyone willing to fight against what these church fires stand for should be welcomed.

An arsonist's flames touched a predominantly black church closer to home in Portland, Ore., just a few days past. This is a sad reminder that racism and hatred are everywhere. ...

June 23

The Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle on Farrakhan and slave traders in Sudan:

Nation of Islam Minister Louis Farrakhan has egg on his face today. And the press, especially the Baltimore Sun, can take great pride in the embarrassment it should cause him.

The situation is reminiscent of the 1988 Gary Hart episode, when the Democrats' leading presidential contender flippantly challenged reporters to catch him in an adulterous liaison - and they did. This time, Farrakhan dared the press to prove there are Arab slave traders in the Sudan - and the Sun did just that.

While on an America-hating visit in March to several fundamentalist Islamic states, including the Sudan, Farrakhan was asked why he denounced U.S. slave practices that ended in the last century while ignoring the ongoing slave trade of his Sudan hosts.

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"Where is the proof?" an irritated Farrakhan snapped. "If slavery exists why don't you go, as a member of the press, and look inside Sudan, and if you find it, then you come back and tell the American people what you found."

Sun foreign correspondent Gilbert Lewthwaite, who is white, and columnist Gregory Kane, who is black, accepted the challenge. They flew deep into the Sudanese interior where they paid \$ 500 each to buy two African slaves, ages 10 and 12, from an Arab slave trader.

The boys were seized six years ago in a raid on their village by the government-backed Arab militia. Since then, they told their Sun rescuers, they were forced to work in the fields long hours, day after day, while being paid only with the scraps of food they were fed. (And American kids think they have it tough?)

Today the youngsters are back at their homes, safely in the hands of their grateful parents. If they're lucky, maybe they won't be snatched up again by Farrakhan's friends.

June 20

The (Charleston, S.C.) Post and Courier on Sinn Fein and IRA:

Suspicion that Sinn Fein and the IRA are one and the same and that they pursue a joint strategy will be reinforced by the timing of the truck-bombing that targeted a Saturday morning shopping crowd in the center of Manchester, England. The blast destroyed any chance of a breakthrough in peace talks that opened in Belfast the day before.

The only way that the credibility of Sinn Fein could be restored would be for its leader, Gerry Adams, to condemn the bombing and call on the IRA to declare an immediate cease-fire.

If Adams truly wanted an end to violence, as he claimed when he began wooing President Clinton two years ago, he would not be able to accept the IRA's cynical exploitation of the hopes aroused by the cease-fire declared two years ago.

Peace appeared likely after Adams returned to Ireland from the United States, pledging to take guns and bombs out of Irish politics. ...

The Manchester bombing and the belated admission by the IRA that one of its cells murdered a policeman in the Irish Republic during a robbery some weeks ago have put Adams on the spot. Now, he cannot retain even a shred of credibility unless he denounces the IRA.

He argues that to do so would split the republican movement. But a division in republican ranks would demonstrate who the peacemakers are - if there are any.

The strategy that both the IRA and Sinn Fein are pursuing suggests that they want power and that they both still believe that power flows from guns and bombs and not the ballot box.

June 25

Egyptian government-owned Al-Akhbar on Arab summit:

The (Arab) summit's resolutions on the peace challenges were calm despite the dangers and obstacles put by the extremist statements of the new regime in Israel led by (Benjamin) Netanyahu. The resolutions opened the doors to real progress in development and stability in the Middle East based on legal Arab rights and the principle of land-for-peace, which was formulated by the Madrid conference and legitimate international resolutions.

The summit reminded Israel that it adamantly rejects Netanyahu's noes, which are aimed at destroying the bases of peace. The Arabs made clear they would not give in to blackmail, terror, threats nor would they bargain for their rights.

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Then Netanyahu, with his loud voice and conceit, accuses the summit of threatening Israel by calling for a halt to the normalization process. The only explanation is that Netanyahu wants to get everything for nothing - and that is totally unacceptable.

June 24

Mainichi Shimbun, Tokyo, on South Korean-Japanese relations:

The legacies of Japan's colonial past have plagued relations between Tokyo and Seoul.

Referring to the suffering Japan inflicted upon the Koreans, (Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro) Hashimoto declared that Japan could not escape from its past actions nor its future obligations. On the issue of wartime "comfort women," he offered an apology for injuring their honor and dignity.

A continued absence of trust between Tokyo and Seoul is bound to have a negative effect on Japanese security and foreign relations. Such a prospect does not serve Seoul's interests either.

The future of the two countries may very well hinge on the success of co-hosting the World Cup. At the same time, Japan faces the greatest challenge of earning the trust of the South Korean people during the period leading up to its possible normalization of ties with Pyongyang and the unification of the two Koreas.

Hashimoto and Kim (South Korean President Kim Young-sam) are urged to strengthen personal trust between their respective nations and pursue bilateral diplomacy toward ensuring a legacy of friendship for future generations.

June 24

La Nacion of Buenos Aires, Argentina on Britain-Northern Ireland:

Recently, peace talks resumed in Northern Ireland. But right away the Irish Republican Army carried out a ferocious attack in Manchester. The car bomb injured many, but miraculously didn't kill anyone.

The attack shows just how difficult it will be for both sides to come to a lasting agreement.

But in Ulster there are Catholic and Protestant groups who refuse to be downcast and are working toward bringing both communities closer together.

Over the last 25 years, there have been many ceasefires - mostly round Christmas time. The last one was brought to an abrupt halt by a bombing last February.

But Ulster's future must not be prisoner to the region's tragic past. The vast majority in Ireland want peace. Sooner or later, that wish will suffocate the violence of fanaticism.

June 24

The Dominion, Wellington, New Zealand, on Hillary Rodham Clinton:

Hillary Rodham Clinton used to be regarded as President Bill Clinton's best asset. No more. In 1996 the redoubtable Mrs. Clinton is emerging as the president's Achilles heel, a woman whose Whitewater past could end up costing the Democrats the White House.

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The Whitewater scandal and its less virulent relative, Travelgate, are not simply affairs. Unlike Watergate, there is no break-in, nor are there any tapes - as far as anyone knows - detailing dark deeds. Instead, there are long lists of unanswered questions and missing documents, and a frustrating uncertainty over who did what with whom in the murky world of Little Rock politics and finance.

The clarity is not being improved by the partisan postures being struck in the Senate. It was predictable that the Republicans would be scathing about Mrs. Clinton's memory lapses and about the billing records from her days as a Little Rock lawyer, seemingly possessed of a power that allows them to disappear for two years and then reappear on a table in the Clinton's private quarters. Equally predictable was the Democrat view that the whole investigation should be written off as election year manoeuvring.

Despite the bad publicity, Mr. Clinton continues to maintain a healthy, though diminishing, lead in the polls over Republican candidate Bob Dole. That will change if the Republicans achieve their fondest hope, and Mrs. Clinton is indicted before the election.

June 26

Dagbladet, Oslo, on Russian President Boris Yeltsin firing top generals:

President Yeltsin fired seven generals, all suspected of being willing to conspire with former Defense Minister Pavel Grachev against the president. The former general, Alexander Lebed, accused them of that. The action has to be seen in light of the firing of three of Yelstin's closest advisers last week. That too was encouraged by Lebed. They were accused of wanting to spoil the elections and send Russian back to a new ice age.

No one can help but be glad that these ghosts from Russia's past have been shoved out into the darkness. But no one can know if they still hold real power and, if they do, whether they will try to use it. Nor can be know what policies Russia will pursue after the cleanup. The most important thing now is that the election goes smoothly. Then we can relate to a new leadership, or a "new" Yeltsin when the time comes.

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Oct. 20

Star Tribune, Minneapolis, on tax cuts:

Republican tax writers in the U.S. Senate finally released their long-awaited tax cut. ... One can only ask: Who fathered this mongrel?

The \$ 224 billion proposal would bias the tax code in favor of stock speculators over wage-earners, loophole experts over honest taxpayers, and parents of young children over everybody else. It's an improvement on the \$ 354 billion version passed by House Republicans. But it is still mighty curious economics from a party that generally opposes government meddling in society and the marketplace.

It's too much to hope that Congress will scrap a big tax cut with elections looming. It's not too much to ask that Washington exercise a little economic and fiscal discipline.

Oct. 21

Fort Worth (Texas) Star-Telegram on Medicare:

It's not nearly as pure of heart as the sponsoring Republicans say, nor will it lay waste to the landscape, as the Democrats assert. But this can be said of the Medicare bill that passed the House on (Oct. 19): It wouldn't have been what it is if Congress had been more responsible earlier, and it will hurt a lot of Americans.

If you set out to slow the rate of cost increase in Medicare, the choices are few. What can be done is what this bill does: increase the amount that beneficiaries pay for this insurance coverage and squeeze the amounts that hospitals and doctors can receive for treatment under Medicare.

The strategy, however it is candy-coated in anybody's legislation, is to cut the federal budget by folding health maintenance organizations and other nontraditional providers into the Medicare mix and by accepting the risk that health care for senior citizens will be effectively rationed.

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The Republicans are right in saying that something had to be done. The Democrats are right in saying that the Republicans' insistence upon also cutting some people's taxes makes it look like more surgery was performed on Medicare than actually was required.

But the bottom line is this: If Congress is only going to address Medicare, without addressing health-care reform in general, the options taken in this bill are the only ones available.

The tragedy is that the previous Congress (with Republicans loudly in opposition and the administration messing up an opportunity) missed the chance to change the entire health-care landscape and not have to put all the burden of cost controls on the people - elders and their children - who benefit from Medicare.

Oct. 19

Statesman Journal, Salem, Ore., on federal funding for research and development:

A hackneyed axiom warns us not to eat our seed corn. In its frenzy to cut spending, Congress is about to ignore the old but sound piece of advice by reducing the nation's financial support of research and development.

What happened to the vision of these single-minded lawmakers? Are they so eager to cut a few dollars that they would cripple the programs that have made the United States the most prosperous and technologically advanced nation in the world.

A few million dollars saved by cutting public research and development could cost us billions and trillions in new products. Few can imagine today what research will turn up years from now that save lives through gains in medical treatment and produce new technologies that provide jobs, give us new sources of energy and on and on. Private enterprise relies on a reasonably quick return on its investment; it won't support basic research that may take years or decades to bring a profit, if any. It takes a partnership of government, industry and universities to provide solid science research programs from basic efforts to product development. If government folds, the partnership fails.

The prospect of a drought in basic research has alarmed a wide segment of the public, including scientists, business organizations, environmentalists and public officials. Congress is ready to cut research and development by about one-third. We don't hear of similar cuts in tobacco subsidies, pork projects and a host of other programs that shovel money into a black hole from which no benefits emerge.

Trim money from the military, from stealth bombers and new submarines, from export promotions and sugar subsidies. But spare the seed corn. Keep our schools, our health programs and transportation system, our social services safety net and the science research programs that have given us long life and prosperity.

Oct. 20

Providence (R.I.) Journal-Bulletin on Steve Forbes:

Malcolm Stevenson ("Steve") Forbes Jr., the publishing heir, is no campaign consultant's dream. His lack of charisma is nearly charismatic in itself.

While ... Forbes is not likely to win, he is serious about running, and with good reason. He believes that the current crop of candidates - President Clinton, the array of Republicans, and Colin Powell, too - has failed to exploit a rare opportunity: The present political climate of fiscal responsibility and skepticism about government should lead, in his view, to an unprecedented era of economic expansion.

Forbes sees the presidency as a chance to enlarge the American middle class. He is largely uninterested in the social issues that motivate some of the GOP right, and he deplores the root canal approach to controls on government spending.

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He is full of ideas about reforming the nation's tax code to benefit the people who largely pay the taxes, about myriad incentives to turn the working poor into the middle class, and about building an economy that enriches, rather than sustains (or even punishes) its consumers. He sees himself, in short, as the heir to Ronald Reagan.

Whether any of this will make a difference in the campaign or not, we welcome ... Forbes. He is full of energy, enthusiasm and interesting ideas about the one thing that seems to concern all Americans: the state of the economy.

Oct. 19

Springfield (Ohio) News-Sun on Arlen Specter:

Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, a Republican candidate for president, has harshly criticized the Christian Coalition as extremist and out of touch. The coalition's executive director, Ralph Reed, has responded by suggesting that Specter, a Jew, is guilty of religious bigotry for applying code words such as "extremist" to the coalition.

Reed is wrong, and he's smart enough to know he's wrong. "Extremist" has no history as a code word for religious bigotry. It is standard political rhetoric, and Christian Coalition can hardly claim to be a stranger to political rhetoric.

The American people have a deep, almost instinctive distrust of religious bigotry. By labeling every critic a bigot, the Coalition seeks to abuse that laudable sentiment for its own, very political purposes.

Oct. 18

The Seattle Times on the Million Man March:

No amount of carping about the motives and message of Rev. Louis Farrakhan can diminish the overall worth of the March of a Million Men on Washington, D.C.

The U.S. Park Service estimates the count at 400,000 in the Mall. March organizers say 1.5 million men came to the capital, but the true number becomes irrelevant to the massing of so many to embrace a message of responsibility. If the men hew closely to the central theme of the event, a club of participants has formed that can spread that message to the streets.

The march was defined - and saved - by the strength and demeanor of the audience rather than its featured speakers. The exclusion of women and other races did no good, but was softened by the quiet pride of the marchers. Comments from the podium by poet Maya Angelou and especially young African Americans demanding responsibility for fatherhood carried their own powerful messages. But Farrakhan's two-and-a-half-hour speech left much of the country confused and ambivalent about this messianic personality. ...

Farrakhan is the artful dodger. To one audience he can deny a message he gave to another. He uses just enough language to make an audience complete the hidden thought for him. He is the magician, the enticer, the troubadour, but this time he may have called an assembly larger than his grasp.

The values of home, family and neighborhood that the black men on the Mall represent can do the country and themselves nothing but good. There is always politics in attendance, especially at any meeting in Washington, D.C., but beyond politics is raw human potential. That's what was evident on the Mall ..., a great river of it.

Oct. 24

The Times-Picayune, New Orleans, on Irish peace talks:

With some behind-the-scenes prodding from American diplomatic trouble-shooters, the British government and Northern Ireland unionists have signalled a willingness to jump-start stalled peace negotiations.

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In a significant policy shift, Sir Patrick Mayhew, Britain's Secretary for Northern Ireland, suggested (on Oct. 17) that the **Irish Republican Army** might not have to disarm before its representatives are permitted to take part in peace talks for the British province.

The IRA has honored a cease-fire it proclaimed more than a year ago. At the same time, a matching truce has been upheld by pro-British "loyalist" extremists on the Protestant side. ...

Mayhew and Irish government officials agreed that the next step would be the establishment of a disarmament panel and the start of talks involving the two governments and all the parties in Northern Ireland, including Sinn Fein.

The apparent shift in Britain's position came after two days of meetings in London of Anthony Lake, President Clinton's national security adviser, and senior British and unionist officials.

At ... Lake's side was Nancy Soderberg, who has been a behind-the-scenes architect of U.S. policy on Northern Ireland. Although American officials have denied that their mission was to "bang heads" to achieve a compromise, for the sake of argument, let's just say they knew what buttons to push.

Oct. 19

The State, Columbia, S.C., on Nigeria:

Nigeria, the most populous of Africa's countries and one of the world's biggest in numbers, just celebrated its 35th anniversary of freedom from Great Britain.

Although a major African oil producer with educated citizens and a developing infrastructure, Nigeria's "celebration" took an odd turn. Gen. Sani Abacha's military government decided to extend itself for almost three years, despite an earlier promise to leave this year.

Twenty-four of the country's previous years have been under military rule - eight regimes in all - and only one junta has ever restored civilian control.

The Abacha government is one of the worst, having jailed military, political and intellectual leaders; fought strikes; cut freedom of expression; and generally been a bad egg in human rights. These departures from democracy have reduced the cohesion of the country and damaged social and economic development to the point where the per capita income has plunged to \$ 250, leaving Nigeria close to bankruptcy.

Although Gen. Abacha said he must create a climate for democracy before stepping down Oct. 1, 1998, his opponents are outraged. They don't believe he has any plans whatsoever to turn over power.

Africa needs an economically powerful Nigeria to lead it upward. Instead, Nigeria is contributing to the continent's teeming problems. It is time for countries with influence to switch their international outrage from South Africa to Nigeria.

Oct. 24

Nihon Keizai, Tokyo, on U.S. military bases in Okinawa:

U.S. Defense Secretary (William) Perry said in a ... television interview, "We will do everything we can to accommodate the concerns of the Okinawans, but both the United States and Japan will want to keep military forces there."

In order to obtain the understanding of the Okinawan people, it is necessary to prove the long-term need of hosting the bases.

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Conditions across the Taiwan Strait and on the Korean peninsula are no cause for optimism (over stability in Asia), and reducing the number of U.S. Marines stationed on Okinawa may send the wrong signal to China or North Korea. That could be dangerous.

Oct. 24

The Sydney (Australia) Morning Herald on the United Nations:

There is more reason for hope than despair as the United Nations completes its first 50 years. ... For all the disappointed expectations, the U.N. has survived because it is needed.

The U.N. did not prevent war in Mozambique, but it has supervised a cease-fire and democratic elections. The U.N. did not stop the genocidal regime of Pol Pot, but it has helped stop the fighting in Cambodia and the process of reconstruction there.

Created with such high hopes in 1945, the United Nations has never been able to do any of its tasks perfectly. Despite its existence, terrible things have occurred. But it has unquestionably helped prevent worse things happening. Even in the darkest days of the Cold War, it provided the stage for the great powers to achieve some measure of catharsis without conflict. And, however imperfectly, it has provided the framework for resolving conflicts between a host of smaller nations.

Oct. 24

Arab News, Jiddah, Saudi Arabia, on the United Nations:

As the United Nations began to celebrate its 50th birthday, one commentator mused: "If the U.N. didn't exist today, would it be necessary to invent it?"

With a supranational organization like the U.N., where oversight and accounting procedures tend to be lax and the conflicting partisan interests of member countries have to be taken into account, waste and corruption will assuredly occur.

But throughout its often shambling history, the original ideal of the United Nations has survived. It binds the nations of the world together, however loosely, in the recognition that we all share a small and vulnerable planet that could be blown apart by the still existing stockpiles of thermo-nuclear weapons.

The U.N.'s predecessor, the League of Nations, failed in its attempt to keep the world from global war. But for 50 years, the United Nations has succeeded in that aim. For all its many imperfections, it remains one of the towering post-World War II political achievements.

Oct. 25

The South China Morning Post, Hong Kong, on western Europe:

... For all its progress since 1945, western Europe is an uncertain place these days. Politicians are deeply distrusted. They are seen as out of touch ... and, in too many cases, tainted by corruption.

As if this (were) not enough, the great European project set out at the Maastricht Conference at the beginning of the decade has run up against the barriers of reality with few countries able to meet its tough economic criteria. Meanwhile, the conflict in the former Yugoslavia has created deep embarrassment as western Europe tries to find its place in the post-Cold War world. ...

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Viewed from Asia, it is easy to see the region as a protectionist bloc sheltering its uncompetitive industries from the real world. It will be up to Europeans in the coming years to show they can play a major role politically and economically alongside North America and Asia. So far they are not doing a very convincing job.

Oct. 25

Frankfurter Rundschau, Frankfurt, Germany, on French nuclear tests:

The problem lies in the way and means in which the European Commission carried out its duties in seeing whether France violated the Euratom pact with its atomic testing in the Pacific. ...

In light of the injury to the pact, (European) Commission Chief (Jacques) Santer did not ask the question as to what is to be concluded from the fact that Paris first handed over the necessary information about the tests long after they had begun. Even with respect for expert knowledge about the risks of the tests, people come with selective awareness to the place they desire to be, where they have no outstanding responsibility.

The indignation at the Commission is nevertheless limited: It is simply too politically weak to function as a rigorous control, in the same way the (European) Parliament is too weak to compel it to do so.

Criticism belongs in the first place in the mailboxes of EU member countries. They are the ones who ensure the EU's inability to protect one of its own from playing with atomic matches.

Oct. 23

The Times, London, on Russia:

As the elections for the Duma approach ... the opinion polls show the communists now ahead. ... (But) more ominous is the broad agreement among communists, hard-line nationalists and, increasingly, those who once represented the center, on an assertive new platform that spurns cooperation with the west, champions the Serb cause, denounces NATO expansion, insists on Russian hegemony over the former Soviet republics and, under the guise of law and order, calls for a crackdown on the press, free marketeers and the perceived western exploitation of Russia's economic weakness. ...

Russia's post-communist disorder ... now threatens the entire process of democratic and market reform. Organized crime is seeping through the arteries of Russian society and poisoning the body politic. It is scaring away western investment, widening the gap between rich and poor and endangering the whole cause of reform. (President Boris) Yeltsin is leading a tottering society into an uncertain future, and is invoking old Russian prejudices to shore up his position. The west will need nerves and patience.

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Feb. 9

The Herald, Rock Hill, S.C., on Henry Foster:

It always is surprising when the White House fails to foresee potential land mines in the histories of nominees for important government posts. After all, the administration has virtually unlimited time and resources to comb the backgrounds of its nominees.

Why, then, are presidents so often surprised by damaging disclosures about nominees when they are held out for public scrutiny? Why wasn't the Clinton administration prepared to defend its nominee for surgeon general, Henry Foster Jr., against predictable attacks from anti-abortion groups?

One common reason presidents get sandbagged is that nominees often are not entirely frank about possible skeletons in their closets. The allure of a cabinet post or ambassadorship gives them selective memory. ...

Foster may have held back some information from Clinton. Abortion foes claim he performed hundreds of abortions, not 12 or 13 as he has claimed.

The problem is that the White House failed to anticipate the barrage of criticism that would have occurred even if Foster had performed only one abortion. ...

Performing the abortions is not against the law, nor is it a transgression that should disqualify a candidate for surgeon general. While this is a fight Clinton probably would not have courted had he known it was coming, we hope he sees it through.

If nothing else, Foster deserves the chance to defend himself.

Feb. 12

The Providence (R.I.) Sunday Journal on Henry Foster:

President Clinton's mysterious ineptitude in appointments was never more apparent than in his choice of Meharry Medical College Dean Henry Foster to succeed Jocelyn Elders as surgeon general.

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Why, for example, would the president deliberately make a "controversial" choice - and abortion is about as controversial as you can get these days - to replace a surgeon general who brought such unwelcome attention to herself? ...

Abortion is the law of the land, of course, but there is no political consensus on the issue, and Congress just got a fresh infusion of abortion foes. The White House should have picked up this issue on radar from many miles away.

Finally, having belatedly recognized the perils in Dr. Foster's nomination, why would the White House permit itself to get sucked into a guessing game about how many abortions he may have performed?

Feb. 8

The Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle on Henry Foster:

President Clinton's choice of Tennessee Dr. Henry Foster Jr. to be surgeon general is clearly partisan. He could have named someone non-controversial, such as popular ex-Rep. Roy Rowland, D-Ga., a former physician who would have sailed to bipartisan confirmation.

Instead, the president picked a gynecologist-obstetrician with a history of abortions who happens to be black. The abortion record was sure to provoke the Christian Right. The White House apparently intended to split the GOP's "moderate" and "conservative" wings.

Moreover, the Foster choice, from the White House perspective, had the added benefit of rallying the left's core constituencies - feminist, black and liberal activists - who feel "neglected" by Clinton's much-ballyhooed but grossly overstated "move to the right."

Confirmation looked like a political fight Clinton couldn't lose. Spin doctors would characterize the opposition as "extremists" and Foster would get near unanimous support from Democrat senators while picking up enough GOP "moderates" to carry the day.

But instead of splitting Republicans, Clinton's deceit and prevarications have united them. The nominee is in big trouble.

But why stop at axing this nominee? The deficit-conscious GOP ought to look into abolishing the post itself. The surgeon general is mostly a "bully-pulpit" job pushing a political agenda. Isn't that what a secretary of Health and Human Services is for? Let's get rid of the overlap.

Feb. 13

The Oregonian, Portland, Ore., on Americorps:

Congress shouldn't pull the plug on a national service program that's been operating for barely five months, and is already bigger than the Peace Corps.

Republican leaders have proposed stripping all funding for Americorps, the national service program set up by the last Congress. In exchange for two years of public service, the program offers a small living allowance, limited health care coverage and up to \$ 9,450 in college tuition credits.

It was launched last September, fulfilling one of President Clinton's campaign pledges. A similar program had been proposed during the Bush administration as a peacetime alternative to military service.

Critics have attacked it as an echo of big government programs that the country doesn't need and the public no longer supports. They've argued that providing any incentive undermines the spirit of voluntarism.

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That makes as much sense as suggesting that military service go unpaid. It also ignores two growing national needs: first, for social service workers, such as teacher's aides, environmental workers and police cadets; and second, for students to find ways to help pay for their college education.

Both of these fit into a public good that requires better-educated, more community-oriented citizens.

Americorps was scaled back to a \$ 376 million budget and 20,000 service workers before its launch. With budget consideration before the current Congress, it may not be able to grow as fast as the administration envisioned.

The program helps foster public service at the same time it corresponds to returning government to the people by being controlled by the state commissions appointed by governors.

It's too early to dismiss Americorps as a flop or a frill, especially after the kind of interest it stirred.

Eliminating Americorps may help satisfy the current lust for shrinking government. But before Congress decides that the program is not necessary, Americorps, and the thousands of young Americans who have joined it, deserve a chance to show it is.

Feb. 14

Omaha (Neb.) World-Herald on food, nutrition and welfare:

Congress ought to get the U.S. Department of Agriculture out of the welfare business. The USDA's nutrition programs, the food stamp program and the school lunch program should be put there they belong - in the Department of Health and Human Services.

The public deserves to know precisely what the government is spending to support the less fortunate. Transferring the USDA's food and nutrition programs to the department that handles other welfare programs would clarify the picture.

Americans also deserve an informed debate about the government's proper role in agriculture. Moving food and nutrition programs into the human services bureaucracy should eliminate confusion among people who believe that the primary mission of the USDA, with its \$ 60 billion annual budget, has been to subsidize farmers.

These critics sometimes ask when farmers are going to start shouldering a financial sacrifice to help balance the budget. Or they imply that farm subsidies are a sacred cow that has yet to be touched by a budget-cutter's knife. They dismiss the subsidies as welfare for rich landowners.

Feb. 10

Las Cruces (N.M.) Sun-News on regulating businesses:

Businesses that have been burdened by paperwork from government regulators may enjoy a bit of sweet revenge should a new bill before Congress become law.

Should that happen, the regulators are unlikely to think that turnabout is fair play.

Called the Comprehensive Regulatory Reform Act of 1995, the measure would allow regulated businesses to review and even challenge regulations.

The Senate bill would subject a federal rule to a cost-benefit analysis if it is likely to have a \$ 50 million effect on the economy. The House bill would use a \$ 25 million figure.

A peer-review concept also is included in the legislation. That means even companies that could be affected by the regulations could be in on the review as long as that interest is fully disclosed.

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Clearly, many business owners and managers are fed up with overregulation from the government and they have felt that way for years. In the fast pace set by the new Republican-led 104th Congress, business people are finding ways to strike back. The Comprehensive Regulatory Reform Act is one of those ways.

Feb. 13

Saint Paul (Minn.) Pioneer Press on the line-item veto:

Like chicken soup for a bad cold, it couldn't hurt to give the president line-item veto power over selected congressional spending. Like other little remedies, the line-item legislation moving through Congress won't help much to cut federal deficits.

The bill that passed the House ... would let the president strike individual provisions in appropriations bills. To reapprove the spending, Congress would have to come back in most cases with a two-thirds vote to override. The bill also would give the president the power to say no to some narrow tax exemptions.

Hoopla about the line-item exceeds likely impact. In the first place, the imperious Senate might kill it.

Experience in states with reasonable line-item laws shows good results. It gives the governor a limited check on indulgences. But it does not drain lawmakers of power or responsibility.

A president, a political animal too, is not going to jump too quickly on congressional choices. Neither is he going to save more than a few million here and there. Minor surgery like this can't stop the arterial flow of cash and credit it takes to fund anything like the \$ 1.6 trillion annual budget President Clinton just sent up to the Hill.

But the line-item is worth a try. If it proves useless or is abused, Congress can abolish it and look for better remedies.

Feb. 13

Dayton (Ohio) Daily News on Bob Dole:

Bob Dole may emerge as the Democrats' choice for the Republican nomination for president in 1996. Unlike some of the other candidates and potential candidates, he seems to Democrats to be a fairly normal person.

He is not caught up in the ideological enthusiasms that fire others. When the Democrats start thinking about Phil Gramm or Newt Gingrich for president, they all of a sudden start liking the idea of Bob Dole.

As president, he would do whatever he thinks necessary to placate the right-wingers. The Democrats should not delude themselves about that.

Nor should they buy into the notion that he would be a weak candidate because he lost in the 1980 and 1988 presidential campaigns.

This time he's strong, being the best-credentialed of the Republican candidates by virtue of his years of respected leadership of the party in Congress.

He's a good bet to be one of the two finalists for the nomination, and among Republicans he is likely to be the better choice for the nation.

Feb. 10

Charleston (W.Va.) Daily Mail on illegal immigrants:

Only in California would those who refuse to become citizens be granted special rights that citizens do not possess.

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A judge ruled that state officials cannot expel the 13,625 illegal aliens now attending state colleges in California.

In refusing to uphold Proposition 187, the judge said college officials also cannot turn the names of illegal immigrants over to federal officials.

That's right. A judge in California decided the immigration law cannot be enforced.

The lawbreakers claim that Proposition 187, which calls for sanctions against illegal immigrants, somehow violates the U.S. Civil Rights Act.

The absurdity of the situation would befuddle Lewis Carroll of "Alice in Wonderland" fame.

Prior to passage of Prop 187, illegal immigrants paid the lower tuition charged state residents. Thus, a student who legally migrated from Arizona paid more than the student who entered the nation illegally.

The judge's decision is ludicrous. His superiors in the California judiciary should overturn his creation - yet another entitlement for people who break the law.

People who want the rights of citizens should become citizens. What's unreasonable about that? Feb. 14

Al Aswaq, Amman, Jordan, on the Middle East:

The joint statement (by the foreign ministers of Jordan, Egypt and Israel, a representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization and U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher in Washington on Feb. 12) did not include specific decisions for implementation but spoke of an agreement for a successful Israeli-Palestinian meeting within days and laid the practical foundation for the continuation of the peace process.

The Palestinian case, which is a major preoccupation of the concerned parties, was and still is the prime key for genuine peace in the region. ...

The concern over security which the statement underlined is a legitimate right of all parties but genuine security and stability need more preparations and exchange of views as well as coordination among the parties concerned.

Effective and permanent security based on justice and a comprehensive settlement for the Palestinian question and the occupied Arab territories, including the Syrian Golan Heights and South Lebanon, needs the participation of all parties.

Feb. 14

Khaleej Times, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, on the Mideast:

The Washington meeting on the Middle East was high on symbolism but low on substance. And if anyone won in a gathering marked by declarations of general principles of goodwill and resolve to proceed with the peace process, it was Israel.

Washington bought the Israeli argument that security was the all-important issue in implementing the stalled process thus placing all the responsibility on ... Yasser Arafat to deliver on peace.

Second, Israel won an important point in working for the "permanent separation" between Israelis and Palestinians by obtaining Washington's endorsement on building special "free trade zones" in areas adjoining the limits of the jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority to avoid workers having to go to Israel to work.

Third, the Israelis did not give an inch on the key question of not building new settlements; their formulation of no new settlements or use of public funds permitting the continued building of new houses on occupied land in defiance of the letter and spirit of the Oslo accord amounts to little. ...

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Although Israel has benefited from the Israeli-PLO autonomy agreement, which has enabled it sign a treaty with Jordan and increase diplomatic or quasi-diplomatic links with the Arab world, it should not forget that repudiating the Oslo agreement in practice while giving lip-service to it can still hinder its relations with the entire Arab world.

Feb. 13

The Independent, London, on Winnie Mandela:

(Recently, Winnie Mandela) added disloyalty and ingratitude to her list of misdeeds. She accused the ANC government she herself serves (as deputy minister of Arts, Culture, Science and Technology) of failing to abolish racism (in South Africa) and to address the economic imbalances left behind by apartheid.

While (her estranged husband, President Nelson) Mandela privately fumed, the ANC Women's League took public action. Eleven senior members of the league resigned ... in protest at what they described as the organization's bad, undemocratic leadership. The word in South Africa (is) that ... Mandela, acting behind the scenes, has dispatched his deputy president, Thabo Mbeki, to tell Mrs. Mandela either to retract her statements critical of the government or resign. ...

Mandela is wrong to give her that choice: she is a dangerous woman who has exploited her association with one of the world's noblest political leaders. He should expel her from his government and bring to bear the full weight of his authority to extinguish her political career. Winnie Mandela deserves no power in the new South African state.

Feb. 14

Clarín, Buenos Aires, Argentina, on Northern Ireland:

An end to Northern Ireland's state of emergency is a sign that peace beckons between Catholics and Protestants in what has been one of the most prolonged conflicts in European history.

A state of emergency, established in 1939, gave police and troops ample powers to combat what they saw as terrorism, leading to years of bloody conflict.

London has gradually been pulling troops out of Belfast and is near to talks with Sinn Féin, the political wing of the Irish Republican Army, currently a main pillar in the peace process.

After 25 years of combat and more than 3,000 deaths, the dialogue proposed by Sinn Féin leader Gerry Adams and a cease-fire in place since September show that Irish claims and lasting peace are not incompatible after all.

Feb. 15

Ouest-France, Rennes, France, on Bosnia:

No one is satisfied with (the proposal to ease sanctions on Serbia in exchange for recognizing Bosnia and Croatia). One is practically enraged to see the international community close its eyes when (Serbian President Slobodan) Milosevic reduces the independent Serb press to silence or continues military support of the Bosnian Serbs. But time presses. The ill winds of war are closing in. If any diplomatic solution seems dangerous, even bitter, it seems preferable to a frightful cataclysm.

Feb. 13

The Australian, Sydney, Australia, on East Timor:

Portugal's legal proceedings against Australia in the International Court of Justice are an exercise in cynicism and hypocrisy. Lisbon is attempting to use an international forum for domestic political purposes. The Portuguese case

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is that Australia has breached international law by concluding the Timor Gap Treaty with Indonesia. Lisbon seeks compensation for itself and the people of East Timor, and demands that Australia deal exclusively with Portugal over offshore mineral rights. These aims have no sound basis in international law, and ought to be rejected. ...

The International Court of Justice is shaped by politics as well as law - and East Timor is a fashionable political cause. Many countries are envious and even resentful of east Asian economic success, which in this case Indonesia may symbolize. The court could well make a highly political judgment, which would be a serious problem for Canberra. ...

Portugal has no moral or legal standing in this matter. Its actions and arguments smack of grandstanding and bring disrepute on Lisbon. They deserve to be rejected.

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Feb. 15

Roswell (N.M.) Daily Record on negative campaign ads:

A recent poll tells us Americans really dislike the negative "attack ads" many politicians use in their campaigns. That comes as no surprise.

But the use of attack ads, if anything, is increasing.

If people don't like them, why do politicians continue to use them? The same poll gives the answer: Although people say they don't like the attack ads, the ads are very effective.

Why do they work? The poll gives that answer, too, and it's a chilling commentary on U.S. voters: Attack ads work because most people don't take the time to research candidates and their positions. Instead, they depend on the attack ads to tell them whom to vote against. A person hears one good attack ad and says of the ad's subject, "Boy, I sure don't want to vote for that guy!" So he casts his vote for the other candidate.

What a way to decide your vote! No wonder it seems our government is full of turkeys, vultures and assorted other birds whom voters keep electing to office. Many people who cast votes for these birds aren't really voting for them; they're voting against their opponents.

Most of us feel we don't have enough time to do what we have to do, what we should do and what we want to do, so it's very tempting to take a short cut in deciding who will get our votes. But what these politicians do when they get into office affects us all ... so, for our own sake and the sake of our city, state and country, all of us need to take the time to study the issues, study the candidates' stands on the issues and study the candidates themselves before we cast our votes.

Now, even when we study the issues, we still may find ourselves voting for the lesser of two or more evils, still voting against some candidates rather than for others. But at least our negative votes will be intelligent votes.

Feb. 15

The Herald-Journal, Spartanburg, S.C., on campaign spending:

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Sen. Ernest "Fritz" Hollings, D-S.C., and Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., have joined forces in proposing a constitutional amendment to limit free speech.

The two senators don't like the fact that publisher Steve Forbes is financing his own campaign for the Republican nomination for the presidency. They say he is trying to buy the presidency, and they want to make sure it doesn't happen again.

So they want to amend the Constitution to give Congress the power to set "reasonable" limits on how much candidates can spend on national elections.

It's a lousy idea.

What bothers the senators is the freedom that Forbes has in spending his own money. He does not have to spend time raising money. ...

Hollings and Specter point to the fact that Forbes has spent \$ 15 million so far and claim that he is trying to "buy" the election. ...

If money made all the difference, Forbes would have won in Iowa. He certainly would have come in ahead of poorly-financed former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander. ...

The Supreme Court has not let Congress limit campaign spending because it is an unconstitutional limit on free speech.

That means that if Steve Forbes wants to spend a significant portion of his fortune to spread his political message, he has that right.

Hollings, Specter and the rest of the Congress should not try to censor his political message because they don't like the size of the megaphone he can buy.

Feb. 15

The Marion (Ohio) Star on a flat tax:

It's funny. If you even consider the idea of putting the whole country on a flat tax system, some critics immediately put you in the same category as people who think the world is flat.

Any consideration may well wane with the candidacy of Steve Forbes. But until it completely disappears from sight, the flat tax is worth talking over.

To be fair, the current Byzantine tax system does have its fans. For starters, there are those souls who take great delight in entering into the annual challenge of Trying to Beat the Government at Its Own Game. The goal of fiddling and calculating and reclassifying is to shave a little bit more off the tax bite, to cut a little better deal than the poor schmoe next door.

The current tax system is the staff of life for a whole industry of lobbyists and lawyers in Washington, and it's the main tool for legislators at all levels to try to control public behavior.

Set a flat tax for everyone - no exceptions - and what would these people do for a living? Why, if they aren't careful, they might plumb fall off the planet.

Feb. 20

Omaha (Neb.) World-Herald on Hillary Rodham Clinton:

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Hillary Rodham Clinton, in recent interviews, has trotted out the old saw that she is being hounded because Washington and the nation are not ready for an assertive first lady. She appears to be still unwilling to admit that the criticism of her may be based on more than just a mindless, sexist animus toward smart, powerful women.

The White House Travel Office staff was fired at her insistence, to the apparent benefit of family friends who had interests in the travel business. That's not a matter of charm or schmooze or public relations. It is cronyism.

Mrs. Clinton did significant legal work for Madison Guaranty, a savings and loan in Arkansas that turned out to be corrupt, on what federal investigators believe was one of many sham transactions arranged by Madison. Billing records that document Mrs. Clinton's hours spent working for Madison were taken from her former law firm, apparently without the knowledge or permission of the firm, by the Clinton campaign in 1992. The Senate Whitewater committee subpoenaed the records in 1993, but they had vanished - until they magically reappeared in the private quarters of the White House two years later.

This has nothing to do with image, nothing to do with a unique, inside-the-Beltway culture. It appears more likely to be a cover-up of past deeds that in the view of some people could constitute obstruction of justice.

Feb. 19

The Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle on cancer causes:

For years, consumers have been fed a steady diet of cancer-scare stories from scientists who measure risk in parts per billion, and from environmental zealots who oppose the use of farm chemicals.

It's little wonder, then, that the market for magic-bullet cancer cures and other medicinal quackeries has boomed. A just-released study by the National Research Council should ease a lot of those fears, but in a roundabout way: the study shows that natural compounds in food pose greater cancer risks than man-made carcinogens!

How is that good news? Well, the study acknowledges that the actual cancer risk from both natural and man-made compounds is infinitesimally small - a welcome admission that farm-chemical fears (remember Alar?) are vastly overblown. This is a stinging rebuke to radical environmentalists and government regulators.

With cancer as one of the nation's leading causes of death - just behind cardiovascular diseases - consumers need to know how to tailor a more healthy diet and avoid cancer risks. The solution, according to the NRC, isn't to ban chemicals. The answer is far more simple: moderation.

It's an overreaction to nail-bite over chemical fears when the greatest cancer (and heart disease) threat comes from excessive intake of fat and alcohol.

Simply eating a balanced diet that includes more fruits and vegetables, and laying off the bottle a bit, is the best way to fend off cancer.

So eat, drink and be merry - in moderation.

Feb. 16

Charleston (W.Va.) Daily Mail on remedial classes:

America spends more on its public schools than any other nation - even on a per-student basis. Americans spend far more on public education than they do the military.

But the results don't reflect world-leading spending. The American Council on Education reports that 13 percent of college students take at least one remedial class covering subjects they should have mastered in high school.

That's amazing. And the 1.6 million remedial college students come from the upper portion of their high school graduation classes. Imagine how poorly prepared for life the students at the bottom of the class are.

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Too many American high schools are failing to prepare their students for college.

Students who take high school classes in college cost taxpayers in Florida \$ 53 million a year. In Texas, the cost is \$ 60 million.

Raising the expectations for students in public schools would save everyone a lot of heartache.

Unfortunately, there has been little discussion about school performance. When it comes to education, the debate too often centers on the wages and benefits paid to school employees.

The fault lies mainly with students and their parents, but schools should raise their standards. High school diplomas should reflect something better than faithful attendance.

Feb. 20

The Chippewa Herald, Chippewa Falls, Wis., on TV violence:

Television violence has a measurable effect on its audience, according to a new study.

Excuse us if we are not surprised.

The only remarkable aspect of this study is its sponsor: the cable television industry.

It hired four major universities to investigate whether a link exists between violent television programming and the behavior of viewers.

To no one's surprise - except, perhaps, the television industry - the study found such a link clearly exists.

For years, parents have voiced concerns over the content of TV programming.

Many TV shows focus on rape, murder, beatings, explosions, fights, stabbings and other abnormal behavior.

Instead of accepting responsibility for content and its potential effect on viewers, television executives offered lame excuses, such as: "There's no connection between what people see on TV and what happens in real life;" or, "It's the parents' responsibility to monitor what their children watch."

True, but parents have no way of knowing whether a show contains graphic violence, antisocial behavior, foul language or overt sexual material.

And it seemed oddly incongruent that the same executives who sold advertising at thousands of dollars a minute because of TV's "influence" over consumers would try to deny any such power when it came to non-advertising content.

So, what does this mean?

First, that television needs to clean up its act.

The blame for tasteless programming starts with the production studios that tape the shows.

Second, it rests with advertisers, who continue to buy time on shows that demean humanity, rather than celebrating its beauty.

Third, adopting V-chip legislation will empower parents to program out questionable shows, giving some peace of mind.

And yes, some of the responsibility does rest with viewers.

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If no one watched these shows, ratings would dry up and the whole issue would blow away.

Feb. 19

Los Angeles Times on Edmund G. "Pat" Brown:

(B)oth Earl Warren and Ronald Reagan moved on to more powerful posts after their tenures (as governor of California. But Edmund G. Brown Sr., who died (Feb. 16) at 90 in his unpretentious (Los Angeles) home, was arguably California's greatest 20th Century governor. For no other chief executive left as lasting a mark on this state's infrastructure as the affable visionary everyone knew simply as Pat Brown.

Put aside for a moment the many natural wonders that make this state special and think of the man-made projects that have helped California's economy boom. ... They include the massive system of dams and aqueducts that carries water from a rainy north to a dry south; the extensive higher education system crowned by a public university that is among the world's best. These remarkable public resources and others grew dramatically in Brown's two terms as governor, from 1958 to 1966. ...

(D)uring Brown's administration, more than 1,000 miles of freeway were built, about one-quarter of the state freeway system. State university and college enrollment doubled and three new campuses of the University of California were opened. ... So were six campuses of the California State University system. ...

Pat Brown was at his best while dreaming big dreams for his native state. Perhaps the most fitting obituary for him is the comment with which he conceded defeat to Reagan in the 1966 gubernatorial election ... "California has been good to me. I can only say I've tried to reciprocate."

Feb 20

Il Giorno, Milan, Italy, on the United Nations:

Following the disappointing proposal of intervention in the ex-Yugoslavia, the United Nations seems unable to regain its position as a prestigious organization in the realm of international relations.

(The U.N.) is no longer a mechanism blocked by the fear of its efficiency, but an institution which risks becoming rusty as the years go by. Member countries have ceased ensuring that the U.N.'s functioning is maintained, and one should ask oneself whether the shrinking budget offered is a means of exerting political blackmail, or whether the "diet" is intended to provoke its slow agony.

The United States - that should be the main funders of the glass palace - (is) progressively cutting off the oxygen.

And the biggest world power has made the project of a permanent blue-helmet force - a few thousand men able to intervene rapidly in the event of a local crisis - fail.

(U.N. Secretary-General Boutros) Boutros Ghali proposes to increase several European countries' funding to the U.N., and cut U.S. funding.

Feb. 19

The Guardian, London, on Angola:

The U.N.'s grudging assent to extend its peacekeeping mission in Angola for another three months reflects a lukewarm commitment which is all too familiar. Like other countries which became surrogate battlefields of the Cold War, Angola and its continuing problems have been shrugged aside. The international community failed to back the verdict of the 1992 elections which should have confirmed the existing Angolan government (MPLA) in power. Instead it condoned the wrecking efforts of the rebel Unita which threatened to turn the country into another Somalia - and succeeded in doing so. ...

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The root problem remains the legitimacy conferred by international actors - from the U.S. itself to U.N. aid agencies and the secretary-general - upon the Unita leader Jonas Savimbi after he spurned the result of the 1992 elections. He has now slowed down even further his army's demobilization while refusing to take up ministerial posts offered to Unita in the latest of many concessions. Angola's problems will never be solved as long as ... Savimbi's thuggish behavior is appeased.

Feb. 20

The Sydney (Australia) Morning Herald on Britain and Northern Ireland:

The reaction of the (British) government which, however tentatively, had begun moving toward comprehensive peace talks on Northern Ireland, naturally will be to harden its position. That would mean delaying comprehensive peace talks by keeping the Irish Republican Army and its political wing, Sinn Fein, out of them. ...

However much the (British) government will be tempted to take a tougher line, it should resist that course. Its only hope of avoiding a return to the nightmare of civil war in Ulster is to keep the door open to talks with Sinn Fein and the peace faction in the IRA. That may look like weakness, but the alternative simply does not bear thinking about. the UK government might get short-term satisfaction by stiffening its resolve now in the name of resisting terrorist blackmail, but in doing that it will be courting a long-term disaster.

Feb. 21

The Straits Times, Singapore, on Britain and Northern Ireland:

Three sickening bomb explosions in London in the space of 10 days have brought to an end 17 months of peace in what is often described as the world's oldest civil war - the terrorist campaign that the **Irish Republican Army** and its surrogate organizations mounted 25 years ago against British rule in the six counties of Ulster.

Yet the outlook for the future need not be altogether bleak. ... For though Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams says that "the peace process is over," he adds on a more hopeful note: "What we have to do is rebuild it."

No one knows better than he that London, Dublin, Washington, and even Belfast, will extend full support if he goes back to the IRA and explains to its guerrilla cadres that, far from being praised as patriots who are fighting for national unity, they are reviled widely for holding Ireland to ransom.

For it is clear enough that, this time, the IRA has gone too far. ... The spontaneous outburst of protest demonstrations against the IRA should make it easier for British Prime Minister John Major to restrain a possible Protestant backlash.

Feb. 19

The Jordan Times, Amman, Jordan, on Israel-PLO:

At a time when Israel is turning the heat on Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to deliver on his promise to amend or delete the part of the PLO charter that calls for the destruction of the Jewish state, there is also an ongoing debate withing the ruling Israeli Labor Party to reciprocate the anticipated Palestinian move with an equally important gesture.

The Palestinian National Authority deserves a quid pro quo in return for the Palestinian National Council meeting to effect the required change. Fulfilling the ultimate Israeli dream of nullifying forever any Palestinian claim to any part of Israel which once was Palestine and the home of Palestinian Arabs deserves equal and proportional concessions from Israel. The dream of Palestinians for a homeland of their own must not be frustrated especially by the Labor Party which continues to profess a deep desire to have durable and just peace in the area.

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Falling short of satisfying Palestinian rights and aspirations would deal an eventual deathblow to the peace process in the Middle East.

Feb. 21

Frankfurter Rundschau, Frankfurt, Germany, on Chancellor Helmut Kohl's talks with President Boris Yeltsin in Moscow:

To reduce the interests of German foreign policy to a friendship between two men is a grave error. To kindly delay NATO's expansion eastward, so that a certain Russian election battle gets a bit of a fresh impetus, is another grave error.

Both are based on the fact that the political purpose of military alliances is given as little thought as the desires and fears of young democracies in eastern central Europe. That's the worst error.

Is there not even one in (the German) Parliament who sees Russia behind (Boris) Yeltsin's broad shoulders and hears the voices of the people over the sound of (Bill) Clinton's election battle saxophone?

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Associated Press International

January 31, 1996; Wednesday L 12:02 Eastern Time

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Length: 5922 words

Byline: ED SCHUYLER JR.

Dateline: NEW YORK

Body

Dan Duva, who started with shows at an ice skating rink and went on to promote over 100 world championship fights, is dead.

thks

aph PHO9698 pholoop 41 01-31 15:09 ----- uM lonp sar vie

msg& Sarajevo and Tuzla Photos

All: Looks like they are trying to fly Karsten to Germany tonight with the German military. Again he is stable but the accident was very serious.

regards

mf lonp PHO9697 pholoop 54 01-31 15:09 ----- ui JER TELP LONP

MSG&& Tel Aviv Photos

need to know if the black and white picture from gaza was taken on black and white film, or it is only available in b&w due to technical reasons.

appc advise as new york holding to change instructions.

thanks

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LONDON PHOTOS

PHO9696 pholoop 73 01-31 15:08 ----- rv FRUP LONP rvbx

fk photos,0072

re the computer head from jan. 10. those photos are no longer in our system. they were sent on the 10th as general service along with a story on the general world news wire. I know they went to fk because someone there was asking about them the day after we originally sent to london so we reran them.

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sorry can't help, three weeks is too long.

madge

new york

pho

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LONDON PHOTOS

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NY SPECIALS

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PHO9694 pholoop 436 01-31 15:05 ----- rs 233 87 intsw lons lonp lon cptor gnv agi

BC-Sports-Soccer-Super League

Super League Likely to Top Agenda at UEFA Meeting

LONDON (AP)

Plans for a Super League of European soccer are set to be examined next week when UEFA has a rare face-to-face meeting with Europe's top 36 clubs.

The idea has the support of some of Europe's powerhouses like AC Milan, FC Barcelona and Manchester United, which have threatened to break away and form their own league if they don't like UEFA's plans for the future of the game.

UEFA, the body that runs European soccer, invited three teams from each of Europe's top 12 soccer countries to the Feb. 7 meeting in Geneva, mainly to discuss the controversial Bosman ruling handed down in December by the European Court of Justice.

Among other things, the ruling allows European clubs to play an unlimited number of foreign players. While the big clubs welcome that, UEFA permits only three foreigners, a rule the organization has pledged to stick with until the season end.

The European Commission has threatened UEFA with legal action if it doesn't immediately scrap the three-foreigner rule.

The turmoil has put UEFA on the defensive, and has strengthened the hands of many top clubs which have criticized the European soccer body for its handling of the Bosman decision.

Next week's meeting also affords clubs a rare opportunity to talk directly with UEFA, which is often criticized as being heavy-handed and aloof.

Support from television companies for a Super League might allow the top clubs to break away, reducing the importance of UEFA's three annual cups the UEFA Cup, the Cupwinners Cup and European Champions Cup.

It's unclear what shape a Super League might take. In the long-run, observers suggest it could become a separate league with the biggest clubs withdrawing from their domestic championships.

In the short-run, it could simply mean the expansion of the European Champions Cup competition with top clubs like Ajax, Bayern Munich and Real Madrid gaining automatic berths regardless of their league finish.

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Maurice Watkins, a director of Manchester United and a lawyer for England's Premier League, said clubs would have to weigh several plans likely to be offered.

"Many clubs, Milan chief amongst them, have proposals for the development of the European Cup, and we will be getting something akin to a European League," he said.

"It will be a wide-ranging discussion and there is a possibility some of the competitions will be extended," he added.

(scw) PHO9693 pholoop 38 01-31 15:03 ----- rb brup frup lonp

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Sending you now per trailblazer nr. 25 298 38. three special pictures for Welt am Zontag.bru902, 903, 904.please advise advise if you received ok when pictures over. thanks.

br appho PHO9692 pholoop 22 01-31 15:01 ----- uM lonp pho jobp

Msg&& London Photos

att: dsr

thanks

denis

johannesburg photos PHO9691 pholoop 25 01-31 15:01 ----- ri LONP PARP

msg&& Id appho

MC

Yes, i just received confirmation from FIA for three photo passes and one for newsman.cheers

ps photos/gilles PHO9690 pholoop 16 01-31 14:59 ----- ui ank lonp

msg&& LD PHOTOS

pls adv. if rcvd ANK101,102,103,104.

rgds,

ankara-burhan PHO9689 pholoop 24 01-31 14:56 ----- ul PARP LONP

MSG&& PARIS PHOTOS-Gilles

RE F1 this year. Do we get 3 jackets like last time??

LONDON PHOTOS-mc

PHO9688 pholoop 49 01-31 14:56 ----- ui wldp pho tokp

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tokyo has available:

tpe101, independent presidential candidate lin yang-kang at

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the background announces his campaign logo.

tpe102, artist hsu tang-fa displays his artwork the plastic
memorial hall at taipei art gallery.

tokyo photos PHO9687 pholoop 24 01-31 14:56 ----- ui JOBP LONP

MSG&& JOHANNESBURG PHOTOS

mail told to get their man to call cape town soonest

dsr

ld appho

PHO9686 pholoop 31 01-31 14:56 ----- uM lonp pho jobp

Msg&& London Photos

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fyi: cape town office sub argus do us favours by wiring pics

cheers denis

johannesburg photos PHO9685 pholoop 25 01-31 14:55 ----- um pho lonp

msg&& new york photos

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frup apphos mb PHO9682 pholoop 22 01-31 14:53 ----- uM LONP JOBP

MSG&& JB APPHO

Suggest the Cape Town office stays open until the Mail specials arrive.

LD APPHO-at

PHO9681 pholoop 77 01-31 14:51 ----- rm LON INT LONP

MSG INT DDDD

For AMs:

BELFAST, Northern Ireland The Rev. Ian Paisley, the immovable object on the road to compromise in Northern Ireland, said Wednesday that the north's Catholic leaders would have to accept elections. But even then, Paisley said, he's not prepared to negotiate, and won't be swayed by any pressure from Washington.

Slug BC-Northern Ireland. Has moved.

By Shawn Pogatchnik.

LON-rb

PHO9680 pholoop 765 01-31 14:51 ----- ri lon lonp intw dubj 222 08 wdc

BC-Northern Ireland

Protestant Hard-Liner Sets His Terms for Peace Talks

By SHAWN POGATCHNIK

Associated Press Writer

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

No Headline In Original

The Rev. Ian Paisley, the immovable object on the road to compromise in Northern Ireland, said Wednesday that Catholic leaders would have to accept elections.

But even then, Paisley said, he's not prepared to negotiate.

Paisley, leader of his own vociferously pro-British party and anti-Catholic church in Northern Ireland, said an election to a so-called "peace convention," as sought by Britain, would allow British Protestants only to "debate" **Irish Republican Army** supporters.

In an interview, Paisley insisted that real all-party negotiations would begin only after the Catholic-based IRA and the "loyalist" paramilitary groups on the Protestant side "disband themselves and go out of existence."

Outside observers often dismiss Paisley as an impossible crank and bigot, and characterize the current deadlock as a simple battle of wills between Britain and the IRA.

But Paisley, 69, represents many more people in Northern Ireland than Gerry Adams, leader of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party, who will meet President Clinton's advisers Thursday in the White House.

Paisley gets more votes than any other Northern Ireland politician more than 160,000, or 30 percent of the electorate, in the last European Parliament election in 1994.

Paisley's opposition to negotiations and continuing demands for IRA disarmament a condition that an American-led commission last week said was impossible before talks form a barrier for the British government as much as for those Catholics pushing to end British rule.

Before departing from Dublin airport Wednesday bound for Washington, Adams said the IRA cease-fire begun Sept. 1, 1994, should be enough.

"For 15 months the whole discussion, the bogus discussion was about 'decommissioning' guns," Adams told the BBC. "Now there's going to be a bogus discussion about elections."

Adams said pro-British unionist leaders like Paisley "are afraid of change" and had threatened not to negotiate even after the proposed election.

"Elections should take place as a result of negotiations not as a barrier or obstacle or some sort of clearing house for people to get involved," Adams said.

Paisley, leader of his own Democratic Unionist Party and founder of the stridently anti-Catholic Free Presbyterian Church of Ulster, agreed with Adams that negotiations would be along way off so long as he's around.

"Others naively talk of compromise. Others call this a peace process. I call it a surrender process at the behest of the IRA and I'll have nothing to do with it," he said.

Paisley said he expects Major to provide "firm undertakings" for an election but suspects that the British "might try to back out, like they have done so many times in the past."

On Tuesday Britain failed to persuade either of the north's two Catholic-nationalist parties that an election should be their "passport" to negotiations.

Major's endorsement last week for that approach first proposed months ago by Paisley's rival for Protestant votes, David Trimble of the larger Ulster Unionist Party infuriated Catholic leaders and the Irish government.

Paisley believes the opponents are bluffing.

"There is no political party in Northern Ireland that can afford not to fight this election," he asserted, calculating that if pro-British parties took their seats then the Catholic politicians "would be forced to follow."

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He thinks elections should be held after Easter, the group sit down in May and "debate" through the summer.

But when could real negotiations start with Sinn Fein?

"It depends solely on the people like Adams' friends who have the arms in their hands," he said. "You're not going to get any progress until anyone sitting at that table is sitting purely there as a politician, with no other power behind him but his own arguments and his democratic mandate."

Paisley said it wouldn't matter whether Clinton puts pressure on Major to get peace talks going now. Northern Ireland's Protestant majority would decide its own future, he said.

"Bill Clinton can barely keep his own government running," Paisley said. "He'll not tell the people of Northern Ireland how they should order their affairs. The man has no say in the matter."

(sp-rb)

PHO9679 pholoop 36 01-31 14:50 ----- uM lonp pho jobp

Msg&& London Photos

att: dsr

re: specials

please advise who is to send the pics as cape town office unstaffing in 15 minutes

johannesburg photos

PHO9678 pholoop 25 01-31 14:50 ----- rb brup frup lonp

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have three special pictures for Welt am Zontag. bru902, 903, 904. please advise trailblazer. thsnks.

br appho PHO9677 pholoop 38 01-31 14:49 ----- um pho lonp

msg&& new york photos

c.counts. search here reveals nothing in system under slug the war abroad. suggest ask point named in story dateline. cannot find story here either

dsr

lonp

PHO9676 pholoop 342 01-31 14:47 ----- un GLBP unbx

ALL PHOTO POINTS, ALL PHOTO POINTS

CHICAGO TRIBUNE FINAL EDITION, Wednesday, Jan. 31, 1996

FRONT:

AP...HT...Bulls Jordan over Rockets

INSIDE:

AP...LON...Paul McCartney in front of Liverpool Airport

No Headline In Original

AP...IA...DOle and Grassley at Pork Convention

AP...WASH...Schumer, McCall and Lebenthal before Capitol hearing

AP...BAN...Kentucky Fried Chicken store in Bangalore

AP...OK...Blanchard holding back tears while talking about venue hearing

AP...NY...jet framed by buildings of World Trade Center

AP...AZ...Diana Ross during half time show

SPORTS:

AP...HT...Bulls Jordan going around Rockets Olajuwon

REU...CA...Magic bringing ball up court in first game in 4 years

AP...JAP...Hingis returning shot in tennis

AP...FILE...Sammy Sosa's 36 home run

AP...HT...Bulls Harper against Rockets Drexler

AP...FL...MAGics Royal dunking against Boston's Radja

REU...CA...Magic Johnson running onto floor

AP...IN...Indiana Evans / Iowa's Woolridge bkc

TOTALS:AP

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CHICAGO SUN-TIMES FINAL EDITION, Wednesday, Jan. 31, 1996

FRONT:

OWN

INSIDE:

AP...ITA...Venice Opera House after fire

AP...BX...Saudi Princess Qahanti going into court

AP...CX...lotto winners Kirste

AP...OK...Blanchard holding back tears while talking about venue

AP...OK...girl whose father died in bombing hugging mother

AP...BOG...demonstrators in Bogota

AP...Columbian President Samper during news conference

AP...MN...Morrison putting together sail for snow sailing

AP...WASH...Hillary Clinton talking to reporters

No Headline In Original

AP...WASH...Newt during a news conference

AP...EGY...museum in Egypt that has been ordered removed

SPORT:

AP...UNDTED...golfer Greg Norman

AP...UNDTED...Juwan Howard, who made the East All Star team

AP...CA...Magic Johnson high-fives teammate

AP...CA...Magic Johnson going for basket against Warriors

TOTALS:AP

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CHIP - CHICAGO PHOTOS -twb31

PHO9675 pholoop 45 01-31 14:46 ----- ui JOBP LONP

MSG&& JOHANNESBURG PHOTOS

london sub daily mail, geoff webster authorizing costs, has max 3 pix beind delivered to cape town for wiring as colour specials. deadline 1700 gmt. pls relay soonest in hand

dss

ld appho

PHO9674 pholoop 31 01-31 14:44 ----- ri PHO LONP PARP

msg&& NY Photos(ld appho note)

attn counts

cfm will send photo to go with august: france: stellar vintage story before monday. rgds

ps appho

PHO9673 pholoop 50 01-31 14:41 ----- rn LONP rnbx

LONDON PHOTOS,0048

Do you have in your system photo from Afghanistan to go with advance story by Ian Stewart slugged: Kabul After Dark? Am told photo shows Kabul's Blue Mosque surrounded by ruins.

If have, please relay photo to New York.

Thanks.

NY Photos c. counts

PHO9672 pholoop 416 01-31 14:40 ----- rs 233 87 intsw lons lonp lon

BC-Sports-RugbyU_Rules

International Board Changes Scrummage, Tackle and Lineout Laws

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LONDON (AP)

In a move designed to create more space for the backs in open play, rugby union's International Board ruled Wednesday that forwards will no longer be allowed to break from a scrum until the ball is released.

Recent tactics have involved back row forwards repeatedly breaking early from the scrum while the ball is still being fought over by the front fives. The advantage is that they are in position to tackle opposing backs much quicker than if they were bound to the scrum.

The disadvantage is that these breakaway forwards are standing in the same spaces as the backs, leading to overcrowding in rugby's midfield and a stifling of attractive, open play.

In a series of rule changes that take effect next season, the Board has now decreed that all eight forwards must remain bound to the scrum until the ball is released, so that when backs receive the ball, they have more room to make use of it and are not outnumbered by opposing tacklers.

The Board also extended one of the tackling rules. A player must get to his feet or move away from the ball once he has been tackled but that now extends to the tacklers as well. According to the Board, this move should make the ball more readily available to supporting players.

One of the lineout laws also has been clarified to avoid misinterpretation and foul play.

Players already are allowed to support jumping colleagues in the lineout but not by actually lifting them. So that players don't get an unfair advantage by jumping too early, the Board now says that this support can only be given once the ball has been thrown in and the player has commenced his jump.

The Board also decided to amend the rule that applies to defending players who catch the ball close to their own posts from opponents' high kicks forward.

The current rule states that those catchers must have one foot on the ground when they take the ball and, if they make a complete catch before they are tackled, their team then retains possession. Now the Board has decided the catch can be completed in mid-air.

The Board also has decided to move its headquarters to Dublin after spending more than 100 years in Britain.

Vernon Pugh of Wales was elected chairman of the International Board Council and New Zealand's Rob Fisher its vice-chairman.

(rjm) PHO9671 pholoop 64 01-31 14:40 ----- rn PARP LONP rnbx

PARIS PHOTOS, LONDON PHOTOS NOTE,0061

Looking for photo to go with advance story by Marilyn August slugged Stellar Vintage about France's 1995 wines, said to be the best in years.

Story is moving Monday, Feb. 5, so need photo in New York by Monday morning.

Please advise, addressing message to pho and phoent.

Thanks much.

NY Photos c. counts

PHO9670 pholoop 15 01-31 14:39 ----- rm romp lonp

msg&& LONDON PHOTOS

Alan,

No Headline In Original

Thanks a lot and ciao.

fabio PHO9669 pholoop 64 01-31 14:35 ----- uM LONP ROMP

MSG&& MILAN APPHO (RM APPHO NOTE)

Fabio. Re Italy out. Suggest you now gather all these messages together and present them to your comms techs, and have them fix the addressing problem, which understand will be in the individual subscriber's receivers.

I suppose the good news is that only two subs are seeing "Italy Out" photos!!!

LD APPHO-at

PHO9668 pholoop 218 01-31 14:33 ----- ri 222 08 lon lonp intw

BC-Britain-Women Only

Labor Abandons All-Female Parliamentary Nominations

LONDON (AP) - The opposition Labor Party on Wednesday decided not to appeal against a court ruling that its policy of imposing women candidates on parliamentary constituencies is unlawful.

Labor's policy-making national executive committee said an appeal would be distracting with national elections due within 18 months.

The imposition of women-only "short lists" of candidates in dozens of districts, particularly winnable districts, was resented by many men in the party.

Two men who were rejected as candidates appealed, and an industrial tribunal ruled Jan. 8 that the policy violated laws against sexual and racial discrimination.

A party statement said that 34 women candidates already selected under the system will keep their nominations. Another 14 constituencies with women-only lists will have to reopen nominations.

Only 10 percent of the 651 legislators in the House of Commons are women.

However, Labor expects to have some 80 women legislators about one-fourth of its total after May 1997 elections, which it is expected to win. The now-governing Conservative Party may have fewer than a dozen women legislators in 1997.

(mj-rb) PHO9667 pholoop 61 01-31 14:32 ----- rm romp lonp

msg&& LONDON PHOTOS

re Italy out photos:

checked with photostream subs about that test you sent at 12.14gmt. It was received by the same two paps which got yesty's embargoed pic, that's to say L'Eco di Bergamo (ITBEB) and il Sole 24 ore (ITMIS), whereas it seems to have worked with the other subs.

cheers

fp Milan photos PHO9666 pholoop 56 01-31 14:32 ----- rn LONP rnbx

LONDON PHOTOS,0054

Looking for photo to go with advance story by Anthony Shadid slugged The War Abroad about Islamic activists fighting Arab regimes from the safety of Europe.

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If have, please transmit photo to New York.

Appc. advise, addressing message to pho and phoent.

Thanks.

NY Photos c. counts

PHO9665 pholoop 20 01-31 14:28 ----- rl frup lonp athp

msg& athens appho

Dear Saris,

the C41 is on the way to athen, will be arrive on

friday.

vera fk appho

PHO1001 mspicke 20 01-31 14:28 ----- rl frup lonp athp

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Dear Saris,

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friday.

vera fk appho

PHO9664 pholoop 41 01-31 14:23 ----- ri tokp pho lonp

Msg&& NY and London Photos

photo offer.

bk106, thailand science award - professor from stanford

university and swedish scientist receive science award from

thailand's princess maha chakri sirindhorn.

tokyo photos PHO9663 pholoop 37 01-31 14:23 ----- rm pho lonp frup viep

msg&& N.Y. Photos-sam

sending rerun of vie102/03, correcting upper austrian governor's name to puehringer and identifying him as in center foreground with black coat.

vienna photos-ws PHO9662 pholoop 19 01-31 14:20 ----- bi 233 87 int

BC-APNewsAlert,0018

Number of injured passes 1,000 in Sri Lankan Bombing, hospitals report.

PHO9661 pholoop 48 01-31 14:20 ----- ri WLDP PHO PAR PARP

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Paris has available

par103 a prototype of an electric bus passes the sacre coeur basilica. 2 buses are in service on a trial basis in an attempt to fight pollution in the french capital

moving dit to london

ps appho

PHO9660 pholoop 16 01-31 14:12 ----- rv LONP rvbx

London Appho,0013

RC. no Adj. of Niger in our files.

NY Photos-sam

PHO9659 pholoop 284 01-31 14:10 ----- rm gdm lonp frua

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das play vom mittwoch, 31. jan. 1996 -----AP-DPA-----AP-RTR-DPA

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berlin.....schnur-prozess.....3-6.....3-1-3

.....freya klier.....0-3.....2-1-1

.....kaisersaal.....1-0.....2-0-0

frankfurt.....filer hj felmy.....0-2.....0-0-1

koeln.....suesswarenmesse.....0-1.....0-0-2

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duesseldorf.....obdachlose.....0-0-1

hamburg.....neuer adac-wagen.....2-0.....1-0-0

.....lindenstrasse comics...2-0

hannover.....bauzaun-bemalung.....0-0-1

stuttgart.....graf-ausschuss.....0-0-1

greifswald.....kraftwerk-blockade.....0-2.....1-0-2

sassnitz.....zugefrorene ostsee.....0-1

stassfurt.....fernsehgeraetewerk.....0-6.....0-0-3

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bernborg.....neue autobahnbruecke...0-1

leipzig.....flughafenterminal.....0-1

halle.....zahnbuersten.....0-1

dresden.....haltestell arbeitsamt..1-0

mannheim.....gaudino prozess.....2-0

muenchen.....langer schatten.....1-0

mauchenheim.....umstelltes dorf.....4-0

milmersdorf.....katzendeature.....0-2

hamburg.....eis auf der alster.....1-1

kiel.....vereiste foerde.....0-2

mindelheim.....faschingstor.....1-0

frup pe PHO9658 pholoop 14 01-31 14:10 ----- ri lonp tokp

Msg&& LD Photos

Pls rerun SAR101 broken. tnx.

Tokyo Photos tu PHO9657 pholoop 14 01-31 14:08 ----- um lonp ank

msg&& Id appho-mf

will file pix shortly.

rgds,

ankara-burhan PHO9656 pholoop 33 01-31 14:04 ----- um mos mosp lonp

Msg&& london photos

attn Martinn

re Shakh's flashgun...

Viktor will e-mail you tomorrow morning. we don't know yet who is going to Ld.

rgds

mosp-is

PHO9655 pholoop 20 01-31 14:03 ----- uM lonp ank

msg& Ankara Photos

Burhan: Anything on the withdraw soon?

pls. adv.

mf lonp PHO9654 pholoop 40 01-31 14:03 ----- rm wldp pho

No Headline In Original

msg& ROME PHOTO OFFER

Rome is sending dit to London:

ROM1101--Pope John Paul II reading his message at the weekly general audience at the Vatican, Wednesday Jan. 31, 1996.

rome photos

PHO9653 pholoop 38 01-31 13:58 ----- rm mos mosp lonp

Msg&& London photo

Kiev moving to London

(KIV-102)Kiev, Ukraine--Ukr. miners carry a poster addressing to Ukr.President at the Parliament building in Kiev, Ukr,

Jan. 31, 1996.

Kiev photo-it PHO9652 pholoop 199 01-31 13:57 ----- rl wldp pho frua gdm uspp

msg& photo play

frankfurt photoplay for wednesday, jan. 31, 1996

-----AP-DPA---AP-RTR-DPA

venice.....opera fire.....5-9.....5-3-9

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mailand.....diana look-alike.....2-0-0

prague.....conductor albrecht presser.....0-0-2

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imia.....island conflict.....3-0.....3-1-1

sarajevo.....situation.....1-0.....0-1-0

paris.....chirac tv address.....2-0-1

suedpazifik.....nuke test.....1-0-0

shire.....german president.....0-2.....0-0-2

los angeles.....music awards.....5-10.....2-1-0

.....tommy lee und wive.....0-1.....0-0-2

bogota.....demo.....4-0.....1-1-0

tokio.....budget debate.....0-1

split.....german troops.....2-1

rome.....alta moda.....0-2-0

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los angeles.....magic johnson.....5-4.....1-4-0

frup pe PHO9651 pholoop 29 01-31 13:57 ----- ui wldp pho tokp

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photo offer

tokyo has available:

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BC-Sports-Soccer-England Coach

Robson Said To Head Shortlist of Candidates

LONDON (AP)

Middlesbrough manager Bryan Robson heads a five-man shortlist of candidates to succeed Terry Venables as England soccer coach, the Times reported Wednesday.

The Times said the Football Association is also considering Tottenham's Gerry Francis, Chelsea's Glenn Hoddle, Howard Wilkinson of Leeds and Newcastle's Kevin Keegan.

The FA's search committee met Tuesday and reported progress in finding a successor to Venables, who plans to resign after this summer's European Championships to concentrate on a series of court cases.

The FA would not confirm whether it had drawn up a shortlist, saying only that no appointment was imminent and that the panel would meet again in a few weeks.

Robson and the other candidates have all publicly ruled themselves out of the running, but the FA believes they might change their minds if actually offered the job.

Robson, a former England captain who has been Venables' assistant on the national team, is widely considered the FA's top choice.

"If the continuity is what it should be, and we all believe in that at the FA, he (Robson) should be offered the job," said Don Howe, a top national coach. "It's up to Bryan to make the final decision."

"No one's been approached yet," Howe said. "No one's been asked: 'Do you want it or not?' A manager is not going to say while he's at a club, 'I want the England job' because his chairman will be saying 'What's going on? Are you telling us you want to leave?'"

"I wonder if it (the denial) will be as sound or as strong if they are offered the job. If they were told the England job is yours if you want it, would there be a different answer?"

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JOHANNESBURG, South Africa South Africa and Zambia hope to secure an all-southern final for the 20th African Cup of Nations, with Zambia takes on Tunisia while South Africa meets four-time champion Ghana in Wednesday's semifinals.

Slug Sports-Soccer-African Cup. Zambia-Tunisia started 1230 GMT in Durban; South Africa-Ghana kickoff scheduled for 1800 GMT in Johannesburg.

By Patrick McDowell.

LONDON Plans for a long-talked about Super League of European soccer will be thrashed out next week when UEFA and Europe's top 36 clubs meet.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Super League. Expected by 1500 GMT.

LONDON Third place Liverpool visits fifth place Aston Villa Liverpool Wednesday in one of four Premier League games.

Slug Sports-Soccer-British Roundup. Expected by 2200 GMT

LONDON Faustino Asprilla's transfer to English Premier League leaders Newcastle is in jeopardy, news reports said Wednesday.

Slug Sports-Soccer-Asprilla. Has moved.

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MILAN, Italy Sports-Soccer-Weah-Liberia. Has moved to some points; expected by 1500 GMT to others.

LISBON, Portugal Sports-Soccer-Sporting-West Ham. Has moved.

BASKETBALL:

INGLEWOOD, California When the final buzzer sounded, Magic Johnson was holding the ball and smiling that oh-so-familiar smile, so happy was he to be back on the basketball court.

Slug Sports-Basketball-Magic Comeback. Has moved.

By Wendy E. Lane.

ALSO:

INGLEWOOD, California Sports-Basketball-Magic-Lakers. Has moved.

UNDATED Sports-Basketball-NBA Roundup. Has moved.

TENNIS:

TOKYO Defending champion Kimiko Date of Japan falls in the second round of the Toray Pan Pacific Open Wednesday, succumbing to compatriot Naoko Sawamatsu in the day's biggest upset.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Japan-Pan Pacific Open. Has moved.

By K.P. Hong.

ZAGREB, Croatia Local favorite Goran Ivanisevic plays his first match Wednesday, playing as the top seed after the withdrawal of Yevgeny Kafelnikov at the Croatian Indoors.

Slug Sports-Tennis-Croatian Indoors. Expected by 2100 GMT.

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SHANGHAI, China Sports-Tennis-Shanghai Open. Expected by 1500 GMT.

OLYMPICS:

LONDON Scientists from around the world are pooling their efforts to develop a doping test that could revolutionize the fight against doping in sports.

Slug Sports-Olympics-Doping Tests. Expected by 1500 GMT.

By Stephen Wilson.

AUTO RACING:

LONDON Formula One cars will be equipped with aircraft-style "black boxes" beginning with the 1997 season in a bid to learn the cause of serious accidents.

Slug Sports-Auto Racing-Black Box. Has moved.

ATHLETICS:

LONDON Linford Christie's agent and British track officials Wednesday reject Canadian sprinter Donovan Bailey's claim that Christie faked an injury at last summer's World Championships.

Slug Sports-Track-Christie. Has moved.

CRICKET:

WELLINGTON, New Zealand Stephen Fleming scores an impressive 70 Wednesday as New Zealand canters to a six-wicket win with 10.3 overs to spare in its second limited-overs cricket international against Zimbabwe at the Basin Reserve.

Slug Sports-Cricket-New Zealand-Zimbabwe. Has moved.

ICE HOCKEY:

TORONTO Stockholm, Turku, Prague and Garmisch are the European venues to be used for ice hockey's new World Cup with Philadelphia, New York, Montreal, Vancouver and Ottawa to be used in North America.

Slug Sports-Ice Hockey-World Cup. Early version has moved; new version expected by 1600 GMT.

ALSO:

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

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NICARAGUA STUDENTS: Spotter map, locates capital; with AM-Nicaragua-Students; 1c x 3"; 52mm x 76mm; MOVED Tuesday, Jan. 30.

GREECE TURKEY: Spots island disputed by Greece and Turkey; with BC-Greece-Turkey; 1c x 2 5/8"; 52mm x 67mm; MOVED Tuesday, Jan. 30.

BOSNIA UPDATE: Spots developments in Bosnia; with BC-Yugoslavia; 1c x 4 7/8"; 52mm x 124mm; MOVED Tuesday, Jan. 30.

VENICE FIRE: Spotter map with detail site of opera house fire; with BC-Venice Opera Fire; 1c x 5 3/8"; 52mm x 137mm; MOVED Tuesday, Jan. 30.

CENTRAL AMERICA POPE: Highlights of Pope John Paul II's trip through Central America, which begins Feb. 5; 3c x 5 1/2"; 164mm x 140mm; with BC-FEATURE-Central America Pope or for use with spot stories.

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KENYA: Locator map; with BC-FEATURE-Kenya-Wife Inheritance; 1c x 2 7/8"; 52mm x 73mm; MOVED.

WORK VS PLAY: Some standard work weeks and minimum vacation around the world; with BC-FEATURE-WORLD-Work vs. Play; 1c x 4"; 52mm x 114mm; MOVED.

FRENCH CHEFS: Locates the 12 restaurants that received GaultMillau's top ranking; with BC-FEATURE-France-Irate Chefs, 2c x 4"; 108mm x 102mm; MOVED.

AUSTRALIA SCHOOL: Locates Broken Hill and western New South Wales; with BC-FEATURE-School of the Air, 1c x 3 3/4"; 52mm x 95mm; MOVED.

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Body

The California Supreme Court upheld an appellate court that overturned a judge's contempt order in the Polly Klaas case and strengthened journalists' protections in future cases.

The high court's Nov. 20 ruling is binding on trial courts statewide.

The appellate ruling, issued last July, was the first in California to decide when a journalist can be held in contempt and jailed for refusing to disclose the source of a story containing information that the trial judge wanted to keep secret.

A contempt order is justified only if there is a "substantial probability" of endangering a criminal defendant's right to a fair trial, the appellate court in San Jose said. It said the strict standard was justified by the state's constitutional "shield law" for journalists, which can be overridden only to protect the constitutional right to a fair trial.

The dispute stemmed from a report broadcast by KNTV the night before jury selection was to begin in the trial of Richard Allen Davis. He was later convicted and sentenced to death for kidnapping and murdering the 12-year-old Petaluma girl in 1993.

KNTV quoted an unidentified source close to the investigation as saying Davis' entire videotaped confession would be used as evidence. The report contained details of the confession and investigation, most of which had already been disclosed.

Judge Thomas Hastings, who had closed some of the pretrial hearings and barred lawyers, police and witnesses from publicly discussing evidence, called the news report an attempt to contaminate the jury pool.

When reporter Beth Willon and news editor Terry McElhatton refused to identify their source Feb. 28, Hastings found them in contempt and ordered them jailed until they talked. The appeals court allowed them to remain free while they appealed.

In the appellate ruling, Justice Franklin Elia said the voter-approved shield law, which protects journalists from being held in contempt for refusing to disclose sources or unpublished material, cannot be overridden merely because a gag order was violated in a criminal case.

The trial judge must hold a hearing and make findings that the information is needed to protect the defendant's right to a fair trial, Elia said. He said no such findings could be supported in the Klaas case because most of the information in the KNTV report was already public.

West Virginia High Court Stays Subpoena of Newspaper Photos

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) - The West Virginia Supreme Court temporarily blocked two Charleston newspapers from having to give unpublished crime scene photographs to a murder defendant's lawyers.

The Charleston Daily Mail and The Charleston Gazette said turning over the photos would violate the newspapers' First Amendment rights and compromise their ability to gather and report news.

Attorneys for Frank E. West said his right to a fair trial should take priority.

The court on Nov. 22 unanimously granted the newspapers' request to prohibit Judge Lyne Ranson from enforcing subpoenas for the photographs until the Supreme Court can hear the case.

The justices are expected to consider the matter after the next term of court begins in January. The murder trial of West, however, is scheduled to start Dec. 2.

West's attorney, J.C. Powell, said he had not decided whether to ask for a delay so that the pictures may be used.

West is charged with killing Everette Knapper, a former Stonewall Jackson Junior High assistant principal, on Oct. 2, 1995. Knapper's body was found in his burned-out home in Charleston. Police believe he was killed before the fire was set.

The Gazette and Daily Mail each published one photograph of the crime scene taken by their photographers.

In addition to the published photos, the lawyers subpoenaed the photographers' unpublished photographs in April. The angle of the photographs could show evidence not available anywhere else, West's lawyers said.

The newspapers say West's attorneys have not proven they could not get the same information by other means.

Half the voters in a national survey gave an A or B grade to media coverage of the 1996 presidential campaign.

That's a more positive assessment than in an earlier poll, possibly because of differences in how the question was worded.

In the poll released Nov. 18 by the Media Studies Center of the Freedom Forum, 14 percent gave an A and 40 percent a B when asked to grade "media coverage" of the campaign; 28 percent said C, 9 percent D and 6 percent F.

A national post-election poll released the previous week by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press asked voters to give the press and other groups a grade for "the way they conducted themselves during the campaign." Six percent in that study gave the press an A, 22 percent B, 33 percent C, 19 percent D and 18 percent F.

Other factors, including the order of questions, can cause differences in poll results.

The Media Studies Center poll was conducted by the Roper Center at the University of Connecticut Nov. 6-11 among 1,051 registered voters. Results were subject to sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Nine out of 10 voters said news coverage of President Clinton during the campaign was fair; eight out of 10 said the same for coverage of Republican nominee Bob Dole. But 44 percent said coverage of Ross Perot was "not too fair" or not fair at all.

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Atlanta City Council Hires Lawyers for Newsrack Suit

ATLANTA (AP) - The Atlanta City Council will hire outside lawyers in its fight to retain control of newspaper vending boxes at Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport.

The council decided Nov. 18 to spend up to \$ 150,000 to hire attorneys in litigation with The Atlanta Journal-Constitution and USA Today.

In July, a federal judge ruled that airport officials had illegally restricted the newspaper's access by requiring it to rent racks for \$ 20 a month.

The airport's actions were prompted by legitimate security concerns, such as vendor boxes blocking emergency doors and passenger aisles, according to Angela Gittens, the airport's general manager.

The Journal-Constitution filed suit over the policy, contending it violated the First Amendment.

Scripps Son Sues Parents over Sale of Family's Papers

BOSTON (AP) - The son of newspaper patriarch Edward W. Scripps and his wife, Betty Knight Scripps, has filed a \$ 50 million lawsuit against his parents, claiming they robbed him of his birthright when they sold the Scripps League properties.

Barry H. Scripps, 51, accused his parents of breaking lifelong promises of ownership to him after he devoted his career to Scripps League.

With Edward Scripps ailing from a 1991 heart attack, Mrs. Scripps sold the group of 18 dailies and 23 shoppers to the Pulitzer Publishing dynasty for \$ 230 million last July.

Barry Scripps, who was once executive vice president of the company, claimed that he only learned of the sale - and that he was fired - indirectly through a colleague at one of the Scripps papers.

Scripps said he is fighting to rebuild the Scripps group.

"The legacy and proud tradition of Scripps League Newspapers have been, and always will be, the primary focus of my life," Scripps said Nov. 22. "Now, I have to pursue through the court system the lifelong promises made that Scripps League would always remain in our family."

Scripps says in his suit his cross-country move from California to Massachusetts to nurse The Haverhill Gazette to financial health last year was just one of many sacrifices that prove his devotion to the business.

A Boston attorney representing Edward and Betty Scripps called the claims unfounded.

"All I can tell you at this moment is that Barry's parents regret that this lawsuit has been filed," Ropes & Gray lawyer Marshall Moriarty told The Boston Globe. "It is completely without merit, and they intend to defend it vigorously."

Vahldiek Elected President of Southern Newspapers Group

BOCA RATON, Fla. (AP) - Lissa Walls Vahldiek, chief operating officer of Southern Newspapers Inc. of Houston, was elected president of the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association.

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Vahldiek succeeds Frank McDonald, president of the Chattanooga Free Press. McDonald was elected chairman of the SNPA board of directors.

H. Graham Woodlief, vice president of the publishing division for Media General Inc. of Richmond, Va., was elected president-elect. Gregg K. Jones, co-publisher of The Greenville (Tenn.) Sun, was elected treasurer.

Elected to the 18-member board of directors were Richard Amberg, publisher of The Montgomery (Ala.) Advertiser; Roger Kintzel, publisher of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution; Joe Edwards, publisher of the Examiner-Enterprise of Bartlesville, Okla.; Richard H. Remmert, general manager of The Commercial Appeal of Memphis, Tenn.; Dolph Tillotson, publisher of The Galveston County (Texas) Daily News; Albert T. August, president and general manager of the Richmond (Virginia) Newspapers, and Harold R. Lifvendahl, senior vice president of the Tribune Publishing Company of Chicago.

Edmund O. Martin, vice president and general manager of The Daily Oklahoman, was re-elected chairman of the board of trustees.

Irby C. Simpkins Jr., publisher of the Nashville (Tenn.) Banner, was elected vice chairman of the board. He succeeds Lifvendahl, who served four terms as vice chairman.

W. deBerniere Mebane, senior group president of Gannett's Piedmont Newspaper Group in Greenville, S.C., was re-elected trustee treasurer.

Elected to three-year terms on the board of trustees were Richard L. Connor, publisher of the Fort Worth (Texas) Star-Telegram; Steve Sullivan, president of Harte-Hanks Newspapers, and Hal H. Tanner Jr., publisher of the Goldsboro (N.C.) News-Argus.

The Omaha World-Herald will drop a lawsuit seeking access to computerized records after officials decided to give the information to the paper.

The World-Herald agreed to pay reasonable fees associated with the computer programming and other costs.

The lawsuit was filed to obtain Omaha Police Department and Douglas County Sheriff's Office incident reports, arrest reports and arrest warrants. The information is stored in several databases maintained by a county agency.

In a unanimous vote, the Douglas County Board on Nov. 19 approved the agreement that would give the World-Herald the files.

Four Women Journalists Honored by Women's Media Foundation

NEW YORK (AP) - Three women journalists overseas were honored for their work in the face of violence and death threats.

A fourth journalist, Meg Greenfield, editorial page editor of The Washington Post, received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the International Women's Media Foundation. She was honored for showing spirit and pioneering "that has opened doors for women everywhere."

At a Nov. 19 ceremony attended by 500 people at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, the foundation honored Ayse Onal, a freelance journalist based in Istanbul, Turkey; Saida Ramadan, editor of the Egyptian daily Al Aam Al Youm, based in Cairo, and Lucy Sichone, legal columnist for The Post, a daily based in Lusaka, Zambia.

Each received a \$ 2,000 prize.

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Onal, a recipient of 14 Turkish journalism awards, was once shot and wounded in retribution for her reports on the Turkish mafia. She faced death threats from Islamic fundamentalists and was imprisoned by the Iraqis during the Gulf War, the foundation said.

Ramadan, a Sudanese journalist, has faced assaults and threats for reports from exile about the Muslim fundamentalist-backed regime in Sudan. Sichone once hid with her 4-month old child to escape imprisonment after being sentenced to jail for criticizing the Zambian government, the foundation said.

The International Women's Media Foundation was founded in 1990 to advance the role of women in media worldwide. It has honored 20 journalists in all, including lifetime awards given to television reporter Barbara Walters; Katherine Graham, chairman of the executive committee of The Washington Post, and United Press International reporter Helen Thomas.

British Court Grants Former Irish Leader a Penny in Damages

LONDON (AP) - Former Irish Prime Minister Albert Reynolds was awarded one penny in damages in a libel case - but the tiny award could have a bearing on who has to pick up the expensive legal fees.

A jury ruled Nov. 19 that The Sunday Times of London libeled Reynolds in an article about the circumstances of his resignation two years ago during a scandal in Irish government.

But jurors gave Reynolds no damages, raising questions about who had won and lost and therefore would have to pay the estimated \$ 1.7 million in legal costs.

After hearing arguments from both sides on Nov. 20, Judge Sir Christopher French decided Reynolds should be awarded one penny in damages - the equivalent of 1.7 U.S. cents.

It is unusual for a British judge to change a jury's decision on damages, and French did not provide an explanation.

British news reports said the judge's ruling was to facilitate a decision on who should pay court costs. Without an award of damages, deciding who pays could be difficult, the reports said.

The Sunday Times denied libeling Reynolds in the November 1994 article, which carried the headline "Why a fib too far proved fatal."

Reynolds took the helm of Ireland's largest party, Fianna Fail, in 1992 after his predecessor as prime minister was forced to resign in a scandal.

He was widely credited with helping broker the Irish Republican Army's September 1994 cease-fire in Northern Ireland. But weeks after that achievement, he lost the support of his coalition partner, the Labor Party, after he appointed then-Attorney General Henry Whelehan to the republic's High Court without consulting Labor.

Whelahan was accused in an Irish television documentary of ignoring an extradition order from Northern Ireland for a Roman Catholic priest wanted in connection with child abuse charges. Reynolds insisted he was unaware of Whelahan's actions when he appointed him, but The Sunday Times report suggested Reynolds knew about the scandal and ignored it.

Reynolds had sought damages of \$ 76,500 from the Sunday Times, rejecting a settlement offer of \$ 8,509 from the newspaper.

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Slovakian Government Restores Accreditation of Four Journalists

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia (AP) - Following domestic and foreign criticism, the Slovak government restored the accreditation of four journalists - three days after it had withdrawn their credentials.

The four journalists - two from major Slovak dailies, one from a private radio station and one from a private television station - had their accreditation withdrawn Nov. 19 because "we did not have good experience with them," according to government spokeswoman Magda Pospisilova. She did not elaborate.

On Nov. 22, she said the government restored the journalists' credentials "in order to calm the situation."

Reacting to the government's initial move, the Slovak Journalists' Union asked the Slovak media to boycott government press conferences. By Nov. 21, five of the seven major Slovak dailies had joined the government boycott.

The New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists also sent protest letters to President Michal Kovac and Premier Vladimir Meciar.

The Daily Star, Lebanon's only English-language daily, reappeared after an 11-year hiatus caused by financial burdens and a flight of foreigners during the civil war.

Jamil Mroue, editor in chief and publisher, said Nov. 19 a surge in English-language readership and a sound market for advertising in postwar Lebanon encouraged him to restart the family-owned daily.

"There is a gap in the market," Mroue told The Associated Press. "This country being cosmopolitan by nature and by social composition, it was obvious that The Daily Star was the right newspaper to produce now."

Hundreds of thousands of Lebanese fled the country during the 1975-90 civil war. Many of them have returned.

The Daily Star was first published in 1952 by Mroue's father, the late Kamel Mroue, founder of the pan-Arab newspaper Al-Hayat. It ceased publication in 1975 shortly after civil war broke out.

The paper resumed publication in December 1983 after a relative peace prevailed in Lebanon during a short-lived multinational peacekeeping mission.

However, a wave of kidnappings targeting Westerners in 1985 sent foreign journalists and other expatriates fleeing. A stagnant advertising market forced the paper to fold again.

The Star joins about 10 other Arabic-language dailies, one French-language newspaper and an English-language economic weekly. Some of these rely on handouts from Arab states, local politicians or the wealth of their owners to stay afloat.

BROADCASTING:

ABC Turns Over McDougal Transcript, Videotape to Prosecutors

LITTLE ROCK (AP) - ABC Television, faced with a court order, gave Whitewater prosecutors a transcript and videotape of its entire interview with Susan McDougal.

ABC had fought a subpoena from Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr, who wanted outtakes from the interview recorded for ABC's "PrimeTime Live." Mrs. McDougal is a former business partner of President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton. The interview was taped Aug. 30 and aired Sept. 4.

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On Nov. 7, U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright rejected the network's claim of journalistic privilege and gave it 10 business days to turn the items over to prosecutors. ABC handed them over on Nov. 15.

"It was a difficult decision," ABC spokeswoman Teri Everett said Nov. 19. "We decided to turn it over. We never like to do that."

Starr's spokeswoman, Deborah Gershman, said her office could not comment on the tape or transcript because they would become evidence for a grand jury to consider. Grand jury proceedings are not made public.

Mrs. McDougal's attorney, Bobby McDaniel, said the network did not tell him of its decision, but that he doubted the outtakes would help prosecutors.

"There is nothing to my knowledge in the outtakes that are critical of the president or the first lady," he said. "One would have to assume that if there was something special or unique in the outtakes, ABC would have used it."

In the interview, Mrs. McDougal said she was tempted to tell Whitewater prosecutors whatever they wanted to hear in exchange for a recommendation for a reduced sentence.

Mrs. McDougal was convicted of Whitewater-related charges in May and sentenced to two years in prison. She has not yet begun serving that term; she is in jail on a contempt charge for refusing to answer questions for a Whitewater grand jury.

Mrs. McDougal has denied that her silence is meant to protect the Clintons, but she also has said prosecutors offered leniency if she would incriminate the president and first lady. Prosecutors deny that.

Martin Luther King's Estate Sues CBS News over "Dream" Speech

NEW YORK (AP) - The estate of Martin Luther King Jr. sued CBS, charging the network with copyright infringement for using part of King's famed "I Have a Dream" speech in a television documentary.

King's estate claims that CBS is trying to profit from copyrighted work, while the network said the slain civil rights leader's heirs have no right to claim ownership of footage from one of the most pivotal speeches of the century.

The lawsuit, filed Nov. 19 in federal district court in Atlanta, seeks to stop CBS from selling videocassette footage of "20th Century With Mike Wallace," a documentary on the civil rights movement that contains 11 minutes of King's 17-minute speech.

"You don't own that speech and you can't sell it," said Phillip Jones, president of Intellectual Properties Management, the Atlanta firm that manages the King estate.

King delivered the speech during the civil rights march on Washington on Aug. 28, 1963, and, according to his estate, registered it with the U.S. Copyright office shortly thereafter. King himself filed a lawsuit to prevent people from selling recorded copies, Jones said.

The speech at the Lincoln Memorial was given before an audience of 250,000 people and is one of the most widely quoted from King's career.

CBS covered the event live and broadcast King's entire speech, said Andrew Heyward, president of CBS News. The network has frequently used excerpts of the speech in stories since then, he said.

"The suggestion that a news organization must receive permission to use its own footage of one of the most public and newsworthy events of this century cannot be squared with our central responsibility to preserve the free flow of vital political, social and historical information to the American public," Heyward said.

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King's estate said it doesn't dispute CBS's right to use its own footage of the event on news programs, but it does object to its use in a for-profit enterprise.

King's estate recently sold rights to market the speech to Time Warner, which is producing books, CD-ROMS and audio books on King. The estate allows use of King's material for research work, but charges a fee when the material is used for a commercial purpose.

Columnist Jack Germond, a contributor to "The McLaughlin Group" for the 15 years it has been on the air, has quit the noisy political talk show because he was tired of dealing with the host.

"I just got sick of him," Germond said Nov. 21 of John McLaughlin. "It's just one of those things that builds up over time and I just got to the point where I said ... I don't need it anymore."

Germond, a syndicated political writer for The Baltimore Sun, said he thought McLaughlin was "not very considerate of us sometimes. ... I got tired of being angry about it all the time."

McLaughlin has increased the use of substitute guests in recent years, so Germond said he often didn't know whether he would appear from week to week. Since January, Germond has appeared about every other week.

"I got tired of hanging by my thumbs all the time," he said.

McLaughlin said Germond's resignation was "very much a surprise."

"I hold Jack in the highest personal esteem," he said. "I wish him all the luck in the world. I hope to talk to him about this, find out how he feels."

Germond said he will continue doing other television work, including appearances on CNN. Although he's been quoted making critical remarks about "The McLaughlin Group," he said his resignation wasn't meant to reflect his displeasure with the show.

"It wasn't a comment on the content of the program," he said. "I did it for 15 years, so I couldn't have been so disapproving of the content."

Germond has often said that his main reason for staying with the weekly half-hour show was to put a daughter through medical school.

South Carolina Supreme Court Reverses Libel Ruling

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) - The South Carolina Supreme Court has overturned a \$ 675,000 defamation judgment against a Spartanburg television station for a report on allegedly fraudulent signatures on election petitions.

WSPA-TV was sued after reporter Ray Tedder broadcast a report that state Sen. Harvey Peeler was allegedly involved in getting fraudulent signatures on the petition of a challenger, J.R. Stroupe.

Tedder quoted Stroupe as saying Peeler or his supporters were involved with the alleged forgeries on the petition to get Stroupe on the 1988 ballot.

Peeler, who denied the claims, won the election and sued WSPA. He argued in court that Stroupe was misquoted and accused only Peeler's supporters of involvement with the forgeries.

In 1989, Stroupe pleaded guilty to forgery in the case and was fined \$ 5,000.

"At best, Tedder may have practiced sloppy journalism by referring to Peeler rather than only his supporters; however, there is no evidence in the record that he did so with actual malice," the court said Nov. 18.

Gannett Sells TV Stations in Cincinnati, Oklahoma City in Swap

CINCINNATI (AP) - Gannett Co. Inc. announced a multi-station deal involving the trade of WLWT-TV just two weeks before an FCC deadline for Gannett to sell its other Cincinnati media property, The Cincinnati Enquirer.

Gannett said Nov. 20 it will trade NBC affiliate WLWT and its ABC affiliate in Oklahoma City, KOCO-TV, with Argyle Television Inc. of San Antonio in exchange for about \$ 20 million in cash and two Argyle-owned stations: the NBC affiliate in Buffalo, N.Y., WGRZ-TV, and the ABC affiliate in Grand Rapids-Kalamazoo-Battle Creek, Mich., WZZM-TV.

Argyle chairman and CEO Bob Marbut said WLWT will be the largest station and largest market for his seven-station operation. The Cincinnati television market is the 29th largest in the country.

The deal, which requires approval of the Federal Communications Commission, is expected to close in the first quarter of 1997.

Under FCC rules, a company cannot own a major television station and major newspaper in the same market. Gannett picked up WLWT last December as part of its \$ 1.7 billion purchase of Multimedia Inc. and was given 12 months to sell the station.

The sale of the Oklahoma City station alleviates another cross-ownership problem, allowing Gannett to keep Multimedia Cablevision in Oklahoma City.

The deal, however, puts Gannett into a third cross-ownership bind. The company said it will have to sell the Niagara Gazette in Niagara Falls, N.Y., which is considered in the same market as WGRZ in Buffalo.

Ownership of WLWT had been in flux since February 1995, when Multimedia announced it might spin off part of its operation or sell the company outright.

Congress, not the Federal Communications Commission, should deal with the liquor industry's decision to abandon its decades-old ban on TV advertising, an FCC commissioner said.

Commissioner James Quello said Nov. 18 the agency has no legal authority to intervene. He said he opposed FCC chairman Reed Hundt's recent suggestion that the FCC consider regulatory action if the TV industry doesn't honor the ban voluntarily.

"The issues raised by hard liquor advertising constitute a very difficult legal and factual no man's land - one that only Congress can effectively cross," Quello said.

Rep. Joseph Kennedy, D-Mass., who wants the FCC to investigate the potential effects of hard liquor ads on children, disagreed. "The Federal Communications Commission has been a very effective bully pulpit on the issue of children's television and the impact of hard liquor ads on children should be of vital concern."

ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox have promised they would enforce the ban. But more than 1,000 individual TV stations and cable channels have yet to decide whether they'll air such ads.

Quello said Congress should deal with the issue when it returns in January.

Earlier this month, the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States decided to abandon the ad ban, which for 60 years barred radio ads promoting such products as vodka, tequila and whiskey and 12 years later extended the ban to television.

Sponsorship of Mondavi Documentary Raises Questions

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - A public television station faces ethical questions after proposing a Robert Mondavi documentary partly sponsored by a nonprofit wine center financed by the winemaker.

Top managers at KQED-TV canceled the project recently after experts on ethics in journalism complained. Station officials have said they took steps to ensure their creative independence.

But internal KQED documents obtained by the San Francisco Chronicle suggest that Mondavi executives had much more involvement in the project than previously reported.

The documents show that the American Center for Wine, Food and the Arts provided not only \$ 50,000 for early development of the documentary, but also had pledged \$ 150,000 more - provided it was satisfied with the course the producers were taking, the Chronicle reported Nov. 22.

Meanwhile, Mondavi officials were actively helping the station raise another \$ 400,000 to finish the program, the newspaper said.

"That contact is way too close," said Tom Goldstein, dean emeritus of the Graduate School of Journalism at the University of California at Berkeley. "It's as if a news program on commercial television was seeking the prior approval of its advertisers before it did a story about those advertisers. You need independence from those whom you are examining."

"This is not 'Frontline' we're talking about," said John Boland, KQED vice president for marketing and development. "This is not '60 Minutes.' We're talking about a cultural-lifestyle program. And there is a tougher standard under our guidelines if it's a public-affairs program or a controversial program."

According to the documents, KQED projects and marketing officials met in Napa with their counterparts at Mondavi last February to discuss collaboration on several possible programs. Over several weeks, the Mondavi profile emerged as the most popular project.

Mondavi executives offered to provide full sponsorship, Boland said, but KQED guidelines did not permit that. Instead, KQED turned to the American Center for Wine, Food and the Arts, a nonprofit educational and cultural center under development in Napa.

Mondavi is the center's guiding spirit and has contributed \$ 6 million to its development. He's also a member of the board of directors. The center is headed by Clifford Adams, previously the winery's executive vice president.

Croatia to Close Last Independent Radio Station

ZAGREB, Croatia (AP) - Authorities who have silenced all but a few of Croatia's independent media said they would close the country's last independent radio station, sparking the first spontaneous political demonstration in the capital in recent memory.

Radio 101, which is critical of authoritarian President Franjo Tudjman, is "too politicized," the government said Nov. 20 in explaining why it was reassigning the station's frequency.

The radio is scheduled to close at the end of November, just weeks after the Council of Europe accepted Croatia as a member, saying its human rights record and treatment of independent media had improved.

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In Washington, State Department spokesman Glyn Davies criticized the shutdown and said another frequency should be found for the station.

With the state controlling nationwide television and radio and three of the four national newspapers, Radio 101 is the medium of choice for increasingly dissatisfied Zagreb residents, who voted heavily for the opposition in elections last fall.

"This is a shame, this is the beginning of a dictatorship," Radio 101 director Silvio Vrbanac said on the air. "But we will continue to fight."

About 6,000 people protested the government decision in a downtown square for about 90 minutes. Many carried signs, including one that read: "Eleventh commandment: Don't touch the radio."

Earlier, about 60 taxi drivers circled the radio building and honked their horns for 10 minutes in a sign of solidarity, and officers from the 92nd brigade of the Croatian army called the radio and pledged to give up their medals to protest the closure.

Even reporters of the state news agency HINA called to voice their support, and journalists from state television and the official daily, Vjesnik, signed letters of protest.

Radio 101 started during Yugoslavia's Communist regime as a youth-oriented radio walking a fine line between censors and truth. It supported itself from commercials.

Over the past year, the radio has been disparaging of both Tudjman's party and the opposition.

Its critical news program, openness and biting humor long have made it the favorite of Zagreb's 1 million people, who are increasingly frustrated with Tudjman's authoritarian government - from its alleged corruption and nepotism to his refusal for a year to appoint an opposition mayor chosen by city voters.

Independent polls say about 34 percent of people surveyed cite Radio 101 as the station they listen to most. State-run radio is favored by 11 percent.

Journalists should aspire to the qualities that made Walter Cronkite a legendary newsman: his no-nonsense approach and desire to inform people accurately, former colleague Charles Kuralt said.

An award-winning journalist himself, Kuralt said the quality of news has plummeted because of the desire to amuse and entertain rather than to inform.

"What we used to regard as the indispensable news turns out to be dispensable after all," Kuralt said Nov. 20 as he accepted the 1996 Walter Cronkite Award for Excellence in Journalism and Telecommunication.

"In television, this is largely the work of a breed of scoundrel known as news consultants, hired to boost the ratings of local stations," he said.

Kuralt's 37-year career at CBS News was marked by his "On the Road" series in the late 1960s. Traveling around the country in a battered motor home, Kuralt and his camera crew would show a slice of American life during the evening news.

"He would establish for us all that there was still a thread of the America we all love and know out there, despite what we saw on our television screens every night," Cronkite said in his introduction of Kuralt. "There would be something of an antidote among all that bad news."

Nearly 1,000 people attended the annual luncheon of Arizona State University's journalism school, which bears Cronkite's name.

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Horne Named Publisher in Clarksburg, W. Va.

CLARKSBURG, W.Va. (AP) - Terry Horne, an executive of Thomson Newspapers Inc. in West Virginia and publisher of The Cumberland (Md.) Times-News, was named publisher, vice president and chief operating officer of Clarksburg Publishing Co., effective Dec. 18.

Cecil Highland, president and general manager of Clarksburg Publishing, is relinquishing the title of publisher.

Clarksburg Publishing owns The Clarksburg Exponent, the Clarksburg Telegram and the Sunday Exponent-Telegram.

In April 1995, Horne was named publisher in Cumberland and group publisher of three Thomson daily newspapers in West Virginia.

He is president-elect of the West Virginia Press Association.

Fusco Named to Develop EZ Shopper in San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - The San Antonio Express-News named veteran executive Vincent Fusco to develop its new EZ Shopper and has promoted two others to senior vice president as part of a reorganization plan.

Fusco, 56, was vice president of distribution and will become vice president and general manager of EZ Shopper, which will debut early next year.

The EZ Shopper will be printed on green paper and will target certain neighborhoods or areas based on consumers' shopping patterns.

Fusco, who has been with the Express-News for 22 years, said the EZ Shopper will be a completely separate publication from the Express-News newspaper.

Jim Moss, executive editor, and Edward Prisco, advertising director, will be promoted from vice presidents to senior vice presidents.

Prisco, 46, will assume responsibility for the distribution and circulation functions Fusco previously headed, in addition to sales and marketing operations. Moss, 57, will continue to oversee news-gathering.

Lett Named Editor, Vice President of Gary Post-Tribune

GARY, Ind. (AP) - Mark Lett, an assistant managing editor at The Detroit News, was named editor and vice president of the Post-Tribune, effective Dec. 2. He succeeds William S. Sutton Jr., who resigned in September.

Lett, 43, oversees business, sports, national and Washington news at the News. In his new position, he will be responsible for newsrooms in Gary, Crown Point and Valparaiso.

After graduating from Wayne State University in Detroit, Lett started his newspaper career at The Detroit News. He also had editing stints at the Pittsburgh Press and Detroit Free Press, the News' chief competitor. Both the Free Press and the Post-Tribune are owned by Knight-Ridder Inc.

In other changes in the news industry:

- Don Smith, editor of the weekly Wetzel Chronicle in New Martinsville, W. Va., was named editor of The Inter-Mountain in Elkins. He succeeds Frank Robinson, who has transferred to The Parkersburg News. All three papers are part of the Ogden Newspapers group.
- Fred Kardon, executive editor of The Pantagraph in Bloomington, Ill., is resigning, effective Nov. 30, and will relocate to Charleston, S.C.

DEATHS:

MOHAMED AMIN, 53, cameraman who helped alert the world about the 1984 famine in Ethiopia, Nov. 23 in the crash of a hijacked Ethiopian Airlines plane off the Comoros Islands.

Amin, who photographed and filmed both the pain and glory of Africa over three decades, was returning home to Nairobi from Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital, with colleague Brian Tetley, who also was killed.

Tetley, 61, who for many years wrote a column for the East African Standard newspaper, often wrote the text for Amin's photo books.

Amin's images of the famine victims were picked up by American television and later broadcast worldwide, resulting in an outpouring of attention and food aid. The famine killed an estimated 1 million people.

During the late 1970s and 1980s, Amin did occasional assignments for The Associated Press. A Kenyan known to friends and colleagues as "Mo," Amin was the chief executive officer of the London-based Camerapix Publishers International.

Amin lost his left arm in 1991 in the explosion of an ammunition dump during the Ethiopian civil war, but he continued to film and take pictures.

He is survived by his wife and a son.

Tetley is survived by a wife and several children.

CLEMENT C. BROSSIER, 78, longtime newsman for The Associated Press who was chief of four domestic bureaus, Nov. 23 in Inverness, Fla., of complications from a stroke.

After serving in the Coast Guard during World War II, Brossier joined the AP as a newsman in New Orleans in 1947. He transferred to Jackson, Miss., then became bureau chief in Little Rock, Ark.

Brossier was later named bureau chief in Detroit and remained there for 26 years, his longest assignment.

In 1977, he became bureau chief in Honolulu and five years later he took over the bureau in Charleston, W.Va. He retired in 1984.

Brossier helped establish and acted as a trustee for the AP's Gramling Awards, begun in 1994 to recognize excellence by AP employees.

Brossier's father, James C. Brossier, and uncle, Peschmann Brossier, were the former owners of the Evening Reporter Star newspaper in Orlando, which later became The Orlando Sentinel.

Survivors include his wife, a son and a sister.

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H. LUTHER "Lute" EMERY, 91, editor emeritus of The Independent of Massillon, Ohio, Nov. 16 in Massillon.

He retired April 1, 1979, as editor of The Independent after a 67-year career in the newspaper business.

He began delivering The Cleveland Plain Dealer at age 7 and continued selling newspapers for 11 years. When he was 18, he became the Massillon correspondent for the former Canton Daily News and later became its circulation agent in Massillon.

He joined The Evening Independent, as it was known then, as a reporter in June 1926. He soon became its first photographer.

In 1945, after Army service in World War II, he was named sports editor. He became managing editor in 1966 and editor in 1968.

Survivors include a daughter and a brother.

CHUCK HOWARD, 63, ABC Sports producer who won 11 Emmy Awards, Nov. 21 of brain cancer in Pound Ridge, N.Y.

At ABC, where he worked from 1960 until 1986, Howard's production responsibilities included nine Olympics, the Super Bowl, World Series, British Open, the Kentucky Derby, the Indianapolis 500 and NCAA football as well as the anthology series "Wide World of Sports."

Howard became executive producer at Trans World International after leaving ABC. He oversaw coverage of the America's Cup, the Masters and U.S. Open golf championships, Ivy League football, figure skating and ATP Tour events.

Survivors include his wife, three daughters and a son.

BILL SOUTHERLAND, 50, executive editor of the Waterbury (Conn.) Republican-American since 1989, Nov. 19 of cancer in Waterbury.

Southerland was a newspaper editor for more than 25 years in West Virginia, Ohio and Missouri before moving to Connecticut.

He oversaw the merger of the morning Republican and afternoon American into the Waterbury Republican-American and led major changes in the Sunday Republican.

Survivors include his wife, two daughters and a son.

NOTES FROM EVERYWHERE: An asteroid the size of Pike's Peak that could someday crash into Earth was renamed Nov. 18 in honor of broadcaster Walter Cronkite. The California Institute of Technology said the asteroid, formerly known as 1990 WA, would hereafter be called 6318 Cronkite. The renaming was a surprise timed to coincide with Cronkite's campus visit to deliver a lecture. ... James E. Williams, an Army veteran who was riding with Ernie Pyle when the legendary World War II correspondent was killed in 1945, died Nov. 19. He was 75. During the Okinawa campaign of World War II, Williams was an infantryman involved in some of the heaviest fighting in the Pacific. At one point, he was assigned to accompany Pyle, a Scripps Howard columnist. When the Jeep in which they were riding came under sniper fire, they abandoned the vehicle and dove for cover. Williams survived, but Pyle was killed.

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Ad spending, the lifeblood of newspapers, magazines and broadcast companies, is expected to post solid but slower growth in 1997 after getting a big boost this year from the Olympics and the national elections.

U.S. advertising expenditures should increase 5.6 percent in 1997 to \$ 182.9 billion, said Robert Coen, senior vice president and director of forecasting at the advertising agency McCann-Erickson. That compares with an expected growth rate of 7.6 percent this year.

Although less than this year, the projection would still represent a good performance, built on increased consumer confidence and the economy's continued growth, Coen told the PaineWebber media conference Dec. 9.

Aside from a growing economy, the biggest factors in 1996 ad spending were the Summer Olympics and the election. Coen figures the Olympics generated about \$ 500 million in extra ad spending and the election about \$ 1 billion.

Meanwhile, newspaper ads rose 7.9 percent in the third quarter, putting expenditures up 6.2 percent for the first nine months of 1996, said Miles Groves, chief economist for the Newspaper Association of America. Particularly strong were classified ads (up 10.7 percent) and national advertising (up 10.6 percent).

For 1996, Groves expects total newspaper advertising to grow 6.4 percent to \$ 38.4 billion. That compares with a 5.8 percent expansion last year and a 1997 growth rate expected at 5.4 percent.

On the broadcast side, David Poltrack, CBS Inc. executive vice president for planning and research, said he expects 1996 revenue for all the networks to be 12 percent above last year, the first double-digit gain since 1984.

John Perrits, chairman of Zenith Media Worldwide, said he expects global ad spending growth to continue next year, though not as fast as in 1996, which he sees as a peak through the end of the century.

Of the three largest markets, the Asia/Pacific region will post the fastest growth at 9.7 percent, he said, followed by Europe at 5.6 percent and North America at 4.6 percent. Elsewhere, Latin America should see growth of 11.8 percent and the final region, Africa/Middle East/Rest of World, will expand 14.1 percent.

NY Times brings out details of six-section, full-color version

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NEW YORK (AP) - The New York Times is pushing ahead with plans for a full-color, six-section daily edition in September, its most dramatic change in 20 years.

Publisher Arthur Sulzberger Jr., who gave details Dec. 10 at the PaineWebber media conference, called it a "once-in-a-generation change that will propel the paper forward into the next century."

At the conference, the nation's big newspaper publishers had generally upbeat progress reports. Most benefited from an improving economy and general expansion in advertising this year and looked forward to declining newsprint prices in 1997.

Gannett Co. Inc., the nation's biggest newspaper publisher, predicted that newsprint costs, which rose this year, would fall 15 percent to 20 percent in 1997.

Only limited details of the Times' plans had been previously announced. The move represents one of several steps by the paper to attract more readers and ad dollars.

In addition to the new six-section local edition, the newspaper plans to begin a Northeast edition on Jan. 20 that will give readers late-breaking news.

The evolution will take place in several steps.

First, it will roll out the new, four-section Northeast edition. Printed in Boston and Washington, it will provide news tailored to the region and include evening developments for those readers outside the New York area. Until now, they got a trucked-in version of the current four-section Times that covered news that broke through early evening.

In September comes the color version for local readers. It will include new sports and culture sections and redesigned home and living sections.

Sulzberger also said that beginning in the first quarter of 1998 the Times will roll out new weekly sections, but he provided few details. The paper will continue to offer its national edition and make new efforts to link its offerings on the World Wide Web and various TV projects to the Times' name and franchise.

Already the leader in all news all the time, CNN joined Sports Illustrated in launching a 24-hour all-sports news network Dec. 12.

CNN-SI will try to draw on CNN's success as well as the name and talent of Time Warner's Sports Illustrated to exist in a market where, until two months ago, there was only NewSport.

The venture represents the first major project by the company created when Time Warner and Turner Broadcasting merged. CNN-SI hopes to create a unique identity with more emphasis placed on storytelling and less on highlights, as well as regularly scheduled live international sports shows from CNN's London bureau.

NewSport, operated by Prime SportsChannel Network, began in February 1994 and now says it reaches 10 million homes. It was without competition until ESPNEWS launched on Nov. 1 to an estimated 1.5 million homes, most by a c-band satellite dish.

CNN-SI said it would start with about 4.5 million homes, most via c-band dish. With a February commitment from Prime Star for an additional 1.5 million, CNN-SI said it would have at least 6 million potential viewing homes by early 1997.

Poll: Only half the public thinks the media get it right

WASHINGTON (AP) - Americans turn to local television newscasts more than any other outlet for their news, and nearly half the public believes the news media are "often inaccurate," a poll suggests.

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Thirty-four percent of those surveyed said local TV news was their most important news source - more than the 17 percent who picked the network newscasts and the 15 percent who chose local newspapers. Ten percent cited CNN, 8 percent radio and 3 percent each chose major national newspapers or television morning shows. Ten percent cited other sources or didn't know.

Twenty-three percent said they never read a newspaper and 46 percent said they never listen to news on the radio.

While 51 percent said the news media generally "get the facts straight," 44 percent said they are "often inaccurate." The rest did not know.

The poll, released Dec. 13, was conducted by Louis Harris and Associates, which telephoned 3,004 adults between Nov. 8 and 30. It was commissioned by the Center for Media and Public Affairs, a nonprofit research organization. The poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 2 percentage points.

Other findings:

- 63 percent said the news media tend to further American democracy; 25 percent said they hurt democracy.
- 58 percent said they have too much influence, 33 percent said they have the right amount of influence; 7 percent said too little.
- 53 percent said they would favor requiring a license to practice journalism. While 50 percent support laws making it easier to win libel damages from the media, 46 percent disagreed.

Arledge: Cut down conventions and we'll give unfiltered coverage

NEW YORK (AP) - The president of ABC News has a deal for the political parties: Cut presidential convention time in half, talk seriously about issues and we'll give some unfiltered coverage.

While receiving a lifetime achievement award Dec. 12 from the Center for Communication, Roone Arledge spoke about ideas for reviving public interest in television coverage of the presidential campaigns.

Party conventions, debates and election night coverage for this year's Clinton-Dole campaign drew record low ratings. Attempts to give some free air time to candidates met with mixed success.

Arledge proposed letting the two presidential candidates go after each other for an hour in a one-on-one debate without moderators or questioners, in a style reminiscent of the Lincoln-Douglas debates.

But he devoted much of his talk to the conventions, deemed so devoid of news that one of his correspondents, Ted Koppel, skipped town during the Republican gathering complaining nothing much was going on.

If the parties promise to talk seriously about issues, ABC News will air two hours of coverage "in which we will not interview people, we will not analyze, we will not go to our reporters on the floor unless there is real news. We will carry their speeches to their conclusion as they wish us to do," he said.

Virginia Hume, a Republican spokeswoman, liked the idea of unfiltered air time but said it would be difficult financially for host cities to cut convention time in half.

The Democrats had no comment.

Reuters to lay off 170 in restructuring

NEW YORK (AP) - Reuters Holdings PLC will lay off about 170 people by mid-January to streamline its American operations and boost profits.

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The cuts amount to about 5 percent of its 3,500-member work force in the Reuters America division, spokesman Bob Crooke said Dec. 10.

Employees affected include managers, journalists, marketing and sales staff and finance and technical workers. A fifth of the cuts will be among managers, Crooke said.

Some sales operations will be consolidated, but none of the company's offices or its 44 news bureaus in the region will be closed, Crooke said.

London-based Reuters provides newspaper articles, photographs and broadcast news to media and corporate clients, along with financial data to the securities industry and some electronic brokerage services.

Crooke said no businesses were being eliminated. In fact, he said, Reuters America expects its sales staff to expand by 10 percent even with the layoffs.

UPI to emphasize broadcast operations

WASHINGTON (AP) - United Press International, disclosing new layoffs, says it is refocusing its efforts on broadcast and computer online services, without abandoning print journalism.

Tom Johnson, director of marketing and sales, attributed reports that UPI planned to discontinue its newspaper service to disgruntled former workers.

He said Dec. 10 that 13 reporters and editors were laid off this month to refocus the operation; six will be rehired for jobs on the broadcast desk.

The United States is about half of UPI's market, Johnson said, with about 250 employees in this country and 150 elsewhere. Without being specific, he said UPI continues to serve a number of newspaper clients around the world. The agency has five newspaper clients in the United States.

UPI has been struggling financially for years. In 1982, the Scripps family sold it to Tennessee businessmen Douglas Ruhe and William Geissler for \$ 1. It subsequently filed for bankruptcy protection and was purchased in 1992 by Saudi Arabian investors for \$ 3.6 million.

Former security guard Richard Jewell reached a settlement with NBC over televised comments by news anchor Tom Brokaw about the Olympic park bombing.

Attorney Wayne Grant said Dec. 9 that Jewell will receive compensation from the network. He declined to release other details except to say it didn't include a retraction.

NBC said only that it reached the settlement to protect confidential sources.

Jewell's attorneys contended that Brokaw insinuated that Jewell committed the July 27 bombing, which left one woman dead and injured more than 100.

Brokaw said: "Look, they probably got enough to arrest him. They probably have got enough to try him."

However, in a CBS "60 Minutes" interview in September, Brokaw emphasized that he finished his on-air remarks by saying: "Everyone, please understand absolutely he is only the focus of this investigation - he is not even a suspect yet."

Jewell was cleared on Oct. 26 by the government. His attorneys have asked The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, the first newspaper to identify Jewell as a suspect, to retract the story. The newspaper has stood by its coverage.

Grant said Jewell will go ahead with a libel suit against the newspaper.

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Jury finds for Atlanta newspaper in libel suit

ATLANTA (AP) - A jury cleared The Atlanta Journal-Constitution in a libel lawsuit that claimed the newspaper wrongly blamed a lawyer and a financial adviser for the failure of a \$ 149 million bond referendum.

The Fulton County jury decided Dec. 11 that the 1994 article contained errors, but that the newspaper did not know the article was wrong, did not act with malice or negligence and did not mean to harm the men.

The article, with the headline "Rookie Mistakes Doomed Measure," implied the men were partially responsible for the referendum's failure.

Lawyer Raymond Sales and financial adviser William A. Clement Jr. had sought unspecified damages from Cox Enterprises Inc., the newspaper's parent company.

Paper apologizes for false report about US aide and ex-IRA man

LONDON (AP) - A newspaper apologized and agreed to pay "substantial damages" to a senior aide on President Clinton's Northern Ireland peace team for falsely reporting she was romantically involved with an ex-IRA man.

The Mail on Sunday did not say how much money it would pay Martha Pope for the Dec. 1 story. The tabloid made no mention of damages to Gerard Kelly and printed no apology to him.

Both Pope and Kelly, who was convicted of taking part in a London bombing campaign in 1973, denied the report.

"The Mail on Sunday wishes to express its deep regret for the distress caused to Ms. Pope in both her professional and personal capacity and has agreed to pay her substantial damages and legal costs," the paper said Dec. 8.

"We accept that Ms. Pope has never met Mr. Kelly and any implication as to her objectivity or suitability for promoting the peace talks is totally retracted."

Pope, 51, is the chief of staff to former Sen. George Mitchell, the U.S. envoy to the peace talks. Kelly, 42, is a key negotiator with the **Irish Republican Army**'s political ally Sinn Fein.

Evansville Courier wins libel suit

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (AP) - A judge ruled in favor of The Evansville Courier in a libel lawsuit brought by a former Vanderburgh County councilman.

William P. Taylor sued in March 1995 over stories in which Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Co. officials said Taylor had asked by letter that electricity be disconnected at an apartment he once owned.

A 1993 fire at the apartment killed three children. Firefighters said a gas stove was being used to heat the apartment because the electricity had been cut off.

Superior Court Judge J. Douglas Knight ruled for the Courier on Dec. 13.

The judge, without comment, granted a motion from the newspaper to dismiss the case. The newspaper had argued that its stories were factual and that Taylor could not meet the constitutional standard for libel.

Newspaper seeks report of domestic dispute at governor's home

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) - An attorney for Connecticut Gov. John G. Rowland says releasing a police report that details a domestic dispute between the governor and his ex-wife would violate Rowland's right to privacy.

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"Uncorroborated allegations are a painful and private matter," attorney James Robertson told the state Appellate Court. He cited examples where the names of rape victims, juvenile arrest records and police informants are not made public.

The arguments came as The Hartford Courant took another step in its attempt to win release of a police report concerning an April 10, 1994, domestic dispute between Rowland and his former wife, Deborah, at their Middlebury home.

The incident occurred months before Rowland was elected and days after his divorce was final. News of the dispute did not surface until weeks before the election.

The argument has been described as a verbal spat, but police have refused to release more details. No arrests were made.

The state Freedom of Information Commission had ordered Middlebury police to release its report. But in 1995, a judge said the report was exempt from public disclosure laws because it involved uncorroborated allegations.

The Courant appealed, saying the judge misinterpreted the law.

On Dec. 9, a three-judge panel heard Courant lawyer Ralph Elliot raise arguments that have been made since the newspaper first filed its FOI complaint.

One of his arguments is that the disclosure law allows reports to be destroyed only if police make a "good faith" effort to corroborate the allegations. He also argued that the documents should be made public before they are destroyed.

A ruling is expected within three months.

Poll: Internet users also news readers, watchers and listeners

WASHINGTON (AP) - People who use computers to catch up with the news don't give up reading newspapers, watching television or listening to the radio for news, a survey suggests.

It found that 55 percent of those who said they use online services to read news also said they read a newspaper "yesterday." That compares with 50 percent of the general public.

Sixty-one percent of online news consumers said they watched television news the previous day, compared with 59 percent overall. And 52 percent listened to the news on radio compared with 44 percent overall.

The poll of 1,003 adult online users was conducted in late October by the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press, a polling organization. The survey, released Dec. 15, had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Other Pew surveys have found that 22 percent of the public use online services at home, work or school, more than a 50 percent increase in 15 months.

Online users tend to be younger and better educated than the general public, and nearly twice as many make over \$ 50,000 a year and are college graduates.

Of these, 73 percent use the World Wide Web, up from 21 percent in 1995. Just over half the Web users polled said they used it within the previous week.

Digital Equipment Co. was ordered to pay nearly \$ 6 million to three women who blamed keyboards for disabling arm and wrist injuries, the first time a computer maker has been found liable in such a case.

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The women worked on keyboards that Digital knew could result in repetitive stress injuries, said their lawyer, Steven Philips.

Digital said Dec. 9 it would appeal if the judge doesn't set aside the federal jury's awards. It said there was no scientific evidence that keyboards cause such disorders.

The case is only the third against the computer industry to reach a jury. In October, a jury in Kansas City, Mo., said IBM was not responsible for a former Blue Cross and Blue Shield worker's disabling arm and shoulder pain.

Earlier this year, a federal jury in Philadelphia found that IBM and Atex Inc. were not to blame for the painful wrist condition a Philadelphia Inquirer reporter developed after hours at computer keyboards.

The Labor Department said the number of new cumulative trauma or repetitive stress injuries more than doubled from 1989 to 1993, rising from 147,000 to 302,000.

Labor Secretary Robert Reich said Dec. 10 the agency will begin regular inspections of workplaces for conditions that lead to repetitive stress injuries.

Netscape and five Baby Bells join to offer Internet access

NEW YORK (AP) - Netscape Communications Corp. and five regional phone companies are linking up to market Internet access to 72 million Baby Bell customers in 26 states.

The strategic alliance, announced Dec. 10, plans to offer Internet access by January. The Bell companies will make Netscape's popular Navigator browser their favored software for cruising the Internet.

The service, by encouraging use of Navigator, is an aggressive response by the Mountain View, Calif., company to bruising incursions by archrival Microsoft Corp.

While Netscape's Navigator 3.0 remains the most popular software for cruising the World Wide Web, Microsoft is making inroads, mostly by giving away its Explorer browser to the nation's biggest providers of Internet service.

The participating Baby Bells are Ameritech, Bell Atlantic, BellSouth, Pacific Bell and Southwestern Bell.

While customer fees were not disclosed, analysts said the providers need to be competitive with the going market rate of about \$ 19.95 for unlimited monthly usage.

Russian journalist: Journalists sometimes must be activists

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) - Russian journalists sometimes must cross the line into political activism to preserve the country's democracy, the co-founder of an independent TV station in Moscow said Dec. 10.

Igor Malashenko's NTV was lauded for its hard-hitting coverage of the war in Chechnya, even as Boris Yeltsin's government threatened to pull the station's license.

The government tried to shut the station down, and when that didn't work, it tried to buy it and put it under national control, Malashenko told the International Media Forum, part of the Freedom Forum's "Journalists Under Fire: Media Under Siege" series.

Malashenko warmed up to Yeltsin this year when he went to work for the president's re-election campaign.

Now back at NTV, Malashenko explained that journalists could not sit by as the country chose between Yeltsin, a democrat, and Gennady Zyuganov, who promised a return to communism.

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Given a similar choice, he said in an interview, "journalists may be forced to take sides and it will delay the evolution of a free press."

Media in Hong Kong, South Africa struggle for freedom

NEW YORK (AP) - China's takeover of Hong Kong and the lingering effects of South Africa's apartheid history threaten journalistic freedom in both places, editors said at a Freedom Forum seminar.

Hong Kong returns to Chinese sovereignty on July 1, provoking widespread concern about the future of democratic freedoms its residents have enjoyed for nearly a century.

Shipping magnate Tung Chee-hwa, recently named Hong Kong's leader, "is not exactly a champion of free press," said Willy Wo-Lap Lam, China editor of the Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post.

Residents "have apprehensions that if Hong Kong cracks the whip on journalists, the free flow of information ... might be jeopardized" after the British colony returns to Chinese sovereignty, he said Dec. 10.

Lam said the impact might not be noticeable for a few years because Chinese leaders want a smooth transition and business people want to take advantage of the Chinese market. But he said Chinese leaders are studying techniques for controlling the Internet, television and print media.

After the changeover, Beijing is "hoping to slap a bamboo curtain" between Hong Kong and Chinese provinces to prevent "bringing cultural pollution, spiritual pollution into China," he said.

Two South African journalists - one black and one white - conceded in a later session that press freedom in their nation has a long way to go despite the end of apartheid.

President Nelson Mandela has demanded loyalty to his government, and many journalists fear "insulting the dignity of the president" if they criticize it, said S'bu Mngadi, black editor of Tribute magazine and head of the South African National Editors' Forum.

News coverage is still aimed at whites, who have more economic power despite comprising just 10 percent of the population.

"You're not going to get a change until you have most of the journalists at most of the newspapers being black," said Donald Woods, the white South African journalist chronicled in the film "Cry Freedom."

A congressman who sponsored the law requiring a television rating system wants federal regulators to reject the plan that Hollywood is announcing this week.

The TV industry's plan resembles the PG and PG-13 rating system used for movies.

If approved by the Federal Communications Commission, the ratings would be used with V-chips in television sets to let parents block programming they don't want their children to watch.

Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., said Dec. 15 that producers are afraid that a system that rates shows by their sexual or violent content would cause a consumer revolt and lead advertisers to cancel their sponsorships.

Appearing on CNN's "Late Edition with Frank Sesno," Markey said the FCC should reject the industry's system and create another advisory panel, including parents, to come up with a more helpful system.

But Jack Valenti, president of the Motion Picture Association of America, said critics should hold their fire until the details are released Dec. 19.

He said the plan would address concerns about violence and sex in TV programs, even though it uses a more general formula based on viewers' ages to determine what is suitable.

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A longer, more cumbersome system would not be suitable for publication in newspaper TV listings - one of the goals of the rating system, Valenti said on ABC's "This Week."

TCI considers other spinoffs amid rollout of digital cable TV

NEW YORK (AP) - Tele-Communications Inc., the nation's largest cable company, may be looking to spin off even more businesses as it works to shore up its finances and roll out new revenue-generating services.

The disclosure came a week after TCI unveiled plans to spin off its Liberty Media programming arm and its international business unit and, separately, eliminate 2,500 jobs.

Bernard Schotters, TCI's chief financial officer, told the PaineWebber media conference Dec. 10 that in addition to the spinoffs now pending, there are "maybe a few more in the oven behind that."

Schotters said those business groups are music, telephone services and the Internet and at the very least they would operate as stand-alone companies inside TCI.

The flurry of activity at TCI suggests a direct effort to deal with problems that include poorly performing stock, \$ 14.5 billion in debt and eroding profits.

Some analysts believe the company's broad-brush moves suggest a more hands-on approach by chairman and chief executive John Malone.

Westinghouse-CBS looking to radio for biggest profits

NEW YORK (AP) - CBS parent Westinghouse Electric Corp. will lean on an old but still-popular technology as it completes its transformation to a pure media company: radio.

Not only is radio expected to be Westinghouse's biggest profit maker next year, the company will sell combined radio and TV advertising packages, chairman Michael Jordan said Dec. 11.

He told the PaineWebber media conference the combination is critical to building "a dominant advertising force in the marketplace."

Mel Karmazin, chief executive of Infinity Broadcasting, which Westinghouse is buying, explained that radio listening is at an all-time high and that two-thirds of radio is heard outside the home.

The radio units of Infinity, CBS and Westinghouse, Karmazin said, are roughly as big as the next three competitors combined.

"So CBS," he said, "has a great position inside the home with its television operation, and radio is the large component that's outside the home. And because there is this kind of listening, advertisers are spending more and more dollars in radio."

Strength from radio will be important in light of weaknesses at CBS-owned TV stations in the critical markets of New York, Los Angeles and Chicago, as well as the ongoing ratings turnaround at the CBS Television Network.

Executives businesslike in discussion of Fox News Channel dispute

NEW YORK (AP) - Executives from media giants Fox and Time Warner talked optimistically about finding a compromise that will end the companies' feud over cable systems.

In presentations at the PaineWebber media conference Dec. 13, the chairman of Time Warner Inc.'s HBO unit and an executive at Fox parent News Corp. described their battle in a surprisingly businesslike way.

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At issue is whether the Fox News Channel will be carried on Time Warner's cable systems, particularly in the critical New York market. Fox claims Time Warner agreed to carry the channel. Time Warner says it didn't, and has instead picked up the MSNBC cable news channel.

The dispute flared when Time Warner vice chairman Ted Turner likened News Corp. chairman Rupert Murdoch to Adolf Hitler. For its part, Fox has sued Time Warner.

"We're still hopeful that we'll be able to get a deal with Time Warner," said William Sorenson, News Corp. vice president for finance and banking. "Rupert hasn't given up on that."

Jeffrey Bewkes, chairman of the subscription-TV network HBO, highlighted the value of Time Warner programming for News Corp.'s international satellite TV operations, such as Star TV in Asia.

"We're doing business with them," he said. "We are partners in that sense."

The conference's final speaker, Viacom Inc. chairman Sumner Redstone, discussed plans to cut his company's \$ 9.9 billion in debt to \$ 6 billion to \$ 8 billion within two to three years. He said that would be done with incoming cash and the possible sale of some noncore assets.

Redstone was not specific, but seemed to imply that Viacom's 10 radio stations might be up for sale if the price is right.

Anchor sues Hartford TV station

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) - News anchor Janet Peckinpaugh is suing her former station, WFSB-TV, saying she lost top on-air assignments because of her age and sex.

The lawsuit filed Dec. 9 in U.S. District Court seeks Peckinpaugh's reinstatement as a main anchor at WFSB, along with unspecified monetary damages.

Peckinpaugh, 46, now a morning anchor at WVIT-TV, says WFSB executives told her there were "too many women" anchors when she was removed from the top anchor assignments. She says her status as the station's oldest female anchor also was used against her.

The lawsuit also charges that Peckinpaugh's position was affected by her relationship with anchor Al Terzi. It says Terzi tried to force himself on her sexually in 1987 at a New Haven hotel where the two, then co-anchors at WTNH-TV, were participating in a charity telethon. The lawsuit says that's why Terzi did not want to be co-anchor with Peckinpaugh when he moved to WFSB in 1994, prompting management to remove her from the main daily newscasts.

Terzi denied the allegations, calling them "an unwarranted and unfair attack."

Chris Rohrs, WFSB's vice president and general manager, also rejected Peckinpaugh's accusations, saying anchor changes were based on economic factors and audience research.

The public's right to attend a criminal trial doesn't mean much if other portions of the case are sealed, media attorneys said in seeking to have documents released in the Oklahoma City bombing case.

The brief filed with a federal appeals court by The Associated Press and 32 other news organizations said the sealed documents are a violation of the First Amendment.

An AP review of 1,000 documents filed between Feb. 20 and Sept. 5 found 75 percent of the records have been at least partially sealed. The sealed material includes documents leading to U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch's decision to grant separate trials for Terry Nichols and Timothy McVeigh.

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While the brief was being filed Dec. 12, attorneys met secretly in Denver to discuss the case. Court Clerk Jim Manspeaker said the meeting was for "housekeeping." The Daily Oklahoman quoted sources as saying that at the meeting, Matsch ordered prosecutors to turn over evidence to McVeigh's lawyers.

Treasury Secretary protests comic strip's targeting of ATF agent

WASHINGTON (AP) - Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, who is in charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, has protested a newspaper comic strip that depicts a character practicing to shoot a "stinkin' ATF man."

In his letter, Rubin called it a "serious editorial misjudgment" to circulate the "Ernie" cartoon that appeared in newspapers Dec. 10.

The strip, drawn by Bud Grace, showed two men, apparently in a militia group, practicing with a bazooka. Unhappy with how the "private" is doing, the other man says, "You're never going to bring down a stinkin' ATF man shootin' like that."

Joseph D'Angelo, head of King Features Syndicate, which distributes "Ernie," said he would look into the complaint. "The most appropriate thing is to provide an apology if it is called for," he said.

D'Angelo said he had not received any other protests of the strip, which appears in about 200 newspapers.

Gazette wins FOIA case on pulp mill

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) - The West Virginia Development Office should release to The Charleston Gazette documents it exchanged with people or organizations about a proposed pulp mill, the state Supreme Court ruled Dec. 13.

The court sent the case back to a circuit judge to determine which documents to release.

The unanimous opinion also said the development office and other public agencies that withhold documents must produce an index of items they claim are exempt from disclosure under the state Freedom of Information Act.

The Gazette had argued for the index.

"We're glad that the court upheld the Gazette's belief that the public has a right to know all the tax breaks and governmental inducements that are offered to industries," editor Jim Haught said. "After all, it's the people's money involved, so they should know how much of it is being given away."

The \$ 1.1 billion mill beside the Ohio River at Apple Grove would create about 600 jobs. Opponents say it also would pollute the river with dioxin, a toxic byproduct of bleaching. Gov. Gaston Caperton supports the project.

Dayton newspaper chooses site for plant

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) - The company that publishes the Dayton Daily News has chosen a site for its \$ 90 million printing and distribution plant.

Cox Ohio Publishing announced Dec. 15 that the plant will be built on a 43-acre site in Franklin, 15 miles south of Dayton. Construction on the 250,000-square-foot plant will begin next year.

Company president J. Bradford Tillson said 100 jobs will be eliminated and 250 employees transferred from Dayton to the new plant.

Salisbury Post sold to S.C. publishing company

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SALISBURY, N.C. (AP) - The Salisbury Post, owned by the Hurley family since 1912, is being sold to the Evening Post Publishing Co. of Charleston, S.C., for an undisclosed price.

The transaction is expected to be finalized in early 1997.

"What bothers me more than anything is that for the first time in 100 years my family won't be in the newspaper business," publisher Jim Hurley told newsroom employees Dec. 13.

The buyer, which owns The Post and Courier in Charleston, is privately owned by members of the Manigault family.

A combination of factors spurred the sale, Hurley said, including the death of his brother, Haden, in March, and Hurley's own illnesses, including throat cancer and a brain aneurysm.

Journal Register Company Acquires Taunton Daily Gazette

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) - The Journal Register Company has acquired The Taunton (Mass.) Daily Gazette from Thomson Newspapers.

The Daily Gazette becomes the Trenton-based Journal Register's 18th daily newspaper and its seventh acquisition since 1993. The Gazette is published Mondays through Saturdays and has a 15,270 daily circulation.

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Mormon-owned newspaper hires first non-Mormon editor

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - John Hughes, former editor and publisher of The Christian Science Monitor, has been named editor of The Deseret News - the first non-Mormon to oversee the church-owned newspaper.

Hughes, 66, is a Christian Scientist. That he's not a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints wasn't a factor in his selection to run the 146-year-old newspaper, said L. Glen Snarr, chairman of the board of Deseret News Publishing Co.

Sagging circulation was.

The afternoon newspaper's circulation of 63,000 daily and 69,000 Sundays has been flat for several years and has failed to keep pace with population growth that has averaged 2 percent per year along the populous Wasatch Front, a 90-mile stretch that includes Salt Lake City.

Hughes, whose wife is a member of the Mormon Church, said Dec. 13 he would not have taken the job if he believed the board expected him to tailor news coverage to the church's point of view.

Hughes, a Pulitzer Prize winner in the late 1960s for his coverage of the collapse of the Sukarno regime in Indonesia, replaces William James Mortimer, who will remain publisher and president.

Tom Goldstein, a veteran reporter and former dean of the University of California-Berkeley's Graduate School of Journalism, has been named dean of Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism.

He succeeds Joan Konner, who will continue as a professor and publisher of the school's Columbia Journalism Review.

Goldstein, whose appointment was announced Dec. 13, served as dean at Berkeley from August 1988 to July 1996.

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Goldstein, 51, began his career at the Buffalo Evening News and later worked at The Associated Press as a reporter in the New York bureau, as a media writer at New York Newsday, as a real estate reporter at The Wall Street Journal and as a legal reporter and business columnist at The New York Times.

He was Mayor Ed Koch's press secretary from 1980 to 1982.

Goldstein is the author of three books, "The News at Any Cost," "A Two-Faced Press" and "The Lawyer's Guide to Writing Well," which he wrote with Jethro K. Lieberman. He also is the editor of "Killing the Messenger: 100 Years of Press Criticism."

The Columbia School of Journalism was founded in 1912 by Joseph Pulitzer. It administers the Pulitzer Prizes, the duPont-Columbia Awards in broadcast journalism and the National Magazine Awards.

Hattiesburg publisher moves to Jackson as executive editor

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) - David Petty, publisher of the Hattiesburg American Publisher, has been named executive editor of The Clarion-Ledger, Mississippi's largest newspaper.

Petty, 51, replaces John Johnson, who resigned earlier this month after holding the newspaper's top editorial job for a decade.

The Clarion-Ledger and the Hattiesburg American are owned by Gannett Co. Inc.

Two at Globe get new duties

BOSTON (AP) - Two executives at The Boston Globe have been given new responsibilities.

Stephen E. Taylor, executive vice president, was named president of Boston Globe Electronic Publishing.

William F. Connolly Jr., treasurer, was given the additional post of business manager.

Taylor, a cousin to Globe President Benjamin B. Taylor and Globe chairman and chief executive William O. Taylor, will oversee the company's online publishing.

In his additional post as business manager, Connolly will contribute to projects by the Globe's parent company, the New York Times Co.

Julie Inskeep Walda to succeed father as publisher

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (AP) - Julie Inskeep Walda will become publisher of The Journal Gazette on Jan. 1, succeeding her father, Richard G. Inskeep, who will retire after 23 years in the position.

Inskeep, 72, whose newspaper career began nearly 50 years ago, will remain as president of The Journal Gazette Co. The company owns the newspaper and also finances The Journal Gazette Foundation, which Inskeep formed in 1986.

Ms. Walda, 46, has been assistant publisher since 1990. She joined the newspaper's editorial board in 1984.

Ms. Walda also will succeed her father in chairing the board of Fort Wayne Newspapers, a partnership between The Journal Gazette Co. and the Knight-Ridder newspaper group, publisher of The News-Sentinel. Fort Wayne Newspapers acts as the business agent for the two dailies.

Daily Herald editor named senior vice president

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ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, Ill. (AP) - Daily Herald editor Douglas K. Ray has been named a senior vice president at Paddock Publications Inc., the newspaper's publisher.

The appointment of Ray and two other executives was part of a management restructuring that came as two key executives resigned, the company said Dec. 11.

William F. Schoepke, vice president of production, and Judith A. Orgell, vice president of human resources, will retire Dec. 31. Schoepke has been a Paddock employee for 54 years and Orgell for 27.

Robert E. Finch, the Daily Herald's assistant managing editor for photos and graphics, was named vice president in charge of the production, computer and pre-press operations.

Robert Y. Paddock Jr. was named vice president of administration. Paddock joined the family-owned business in 1974 and had managed the Daily Herald office center and several of its bureaus.

Ray, who joined the company as a reporter in 1970, has been editor since 1990. In his new position, he will handle the advertising, circulation and marketing/promotion departments.

Pimentel new executive editor at San Bernardino Sun

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (AP) - O. Ricardo Pimentel has been named executive editor of The Sun in San Bernardino County.

Pimentel, a San Bernardino native, has served the past three years as managing editor of The Tucson Citizen. Both papers are owned by Gannett Co. Inc.

Pimentel, 43, replaces Arnold H. Garson, who in October was named president and publisher of the Argus Leader in Sioux Falls, S.D., another Gannett newspaper.

Columbus newspaper promotes three executives

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) - The publisher of The Columbus Dispatch promoted three executives following the retirement of a vice president.

Circulation director John R. Brigham was promoted to vice president of circulation. Floyd V. Jones moved from vice president of production to vice president of operations. Gary Merrell went from director of advertising to vice president of advertising.

A 21-year veteran of the newspaper, Thomas B. Sherrill III, retired Dec. 13 as vice president of marketing.

In other changes in the news industry:

- George Stephanopoulos, a senior adviser to President Clinton, will become a contributing correspondent for ABC News. Earlier this month, Stephanopoulos announced he is returning to Columbia University, his alma mater, for a two-year stint as visiting professor of political science.

- Brit Hume is moving to the fledgling Fox News Channel as chief of Washington operations. Hume, ABC's chief White House correspondent, will oversee Washington news and deliver reports for Fox starting in January. The move announced Dec. 10 forced some managerial juggling at Fox, where Hume's wife, Kim, is deputy bureau chief. Neither Hume will report to the other.

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- Evelyn Lieberman, deputy White House chief of staff, will head the government's Voice of America. She will be the second **female** director of the international broadcast operation since its founding in 1942. Mrs. Lieberman succeeds Jeff Cowan.

- Gerard Grabowski, advertising director of The Blade in Toledo, Ohio, has been appointed to the board of directors of the Toledo Blade Co. Thomas Walton, The Blade's editor, was made a vice president.

DEATHS:

ROBERT ANDERSON, 71, former sports editor at the New York Daily News, in Massapequa Dec. 13 of a heart attack.

Anderson worked as a sports reporter, makeup editor, deskman and night sports editor before being appointed sports editor in 1966.

During his 10-year tenure, Anderson guided coverage of the 1969 Miracle Mets, Joe Namath and the New York Jets' Super Bowl III upset of the Baltimore Colts and the 1970 New York Knicks' championship season.

Survivors include his wife, three sons and a daughter.

TOM BRYANT, 46, south Georgia bureau chief of WTVM-TV in Columbus, at a hospital in Gainesville, Fla., Dec. 13 after undergoing heart surgery.

He had been based in Lee County for WTVM since June 1994. He spent 15 years with Albany, Ga., station WALB-TV as a reporter and news anchor.

Survivors include his wife, a son and his mother.

PHIL HAMILTON, 60, a reporter and editor for the Tucson Citizen for 25 years, Dec. 14 in Tucson, Ariz., of heart failure.

Hamilton joined the Citizen in 1971 as a reporter. He became an assistant city editor in 1972 and served as a political writer and columnist, sports editor and state news editor.

He retired earlier this year because of health problems.

Survivors include his wife, a son and a daughter.

ROBERT M. HEDERMAN JR., 86, who published The Clarion-Ledger and Jackson Daily News for 41 years, of heart failure Dec. 15 in Jackson, Miss.

Hederman was publisher from 1941-82, when the papers were sold to Gannett Co. Inc.

Hederman served as an officer in Mississippi Publishers Corp., which owned The Clarion-Ledger and Jackson Daily News, and the Hattiesburg American Publishing Co., which owned the Hattiesburg American.

He also served as president of the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association and the Mississippi Press Association.

Survivors include his wife, two sons and two daughters.

ERWIN JAFFE, 76, retired director of the American Newspaper Publishers Association Research Institute, Dec. 2 in Phoenix.

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Jaffe lead the ANPA's research and technology efforts from 1967 until the consolidation of its facilities in Reston, Va., in 1983. During his tenure, the ANPA began its research into the use of color and computer technology.

Survivors include his wife, three sons and two daughters.

JIM KARAYN, 64, a former television executive and pioneer of public broadcasting, Dec. 12 in Washington, D.C.

Karayn, who came to Washington in the 1960s as a producer with NBC News, spent most of his career in public broadcasting, where he was the driving force behind gavel-to-gavel coverage of the Senate Watergate hearings and live coverage of the president's annual State of the Union address.

He attracted well-known broadcasters to PBS, including Sander Vanocur, Robert McNeil and Paul Duke.

Survivors include a sister.

JOSEPH KUEBLER, 92, business editor for the Akron Beacon Journal over three decades, Dec. 10 in Akron, Ohio.

Kuebler was city editor before being appointed business editor in 1945. He retired in 1976.

Survivors include a son and a daughter.

WILLIAM E. SCHULZ, 53, an award-winning outdoor writer whose 29-year career with The Associated Press included terms as West Virginia bureau chief and Michigan news editor, of cancer Dec. 13 in Atlanta.

Schulz had worked since 1976 in the AP's Atlanta bureau, where he became known for his coverage of hunting, fishing and conservation issues through his weekly column, "In the Wild." His outdoor coverage won numerous awards, including a national citation from Ducks Unlimited this March for years of coverage of wetlands conservation issues.

Schulz joined the AP's Detroit bureau in 1967, transferred to Milwaukee three months later and returned to Detroit as news editor in 1973. He became bureau chief in West Virginia in 1975.

Survivors include his wife and three daughters.

MARGARITA FUENTES TORAYA, 59, who founded the twice-monthly Spanish-language newspaper Ave Fenix in 1987 in a shed behind her home, Dec. 5 in Phoenix of a stroke.

Daughter Lynda Toraya, vice president of Marto Inc., which publishes Ave Fenix, said the publication is shutting down.

"We want people to remember it the way it was," she said.

Toraya worked as a reporter for Ovaciones, a newspaper in her native Mexico City, for several years. In 1965, she married Antonio Toraya, moving to Phoenix with him so her physician husband could complete his residency at Phoenix Memorial Hospital.

Toraya continued to write for Ovaciones. For several years, beginning in 1981, she also wrote a Spanish-language column for The Arizona Republic and The Phoenix Gazette.

Survivors include two other daughters.

CLAY TRUSTY JR., 80, former assistant managing editor of The Indianapolis News, in Indianapolis on Dec. 13.

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Trusty, who retired in 1981 as assistant managing editor for makeup, joined the newspaper as a copy editor in 1939. He served as city editor before becoming assistant managing editor in 1962.

He was a past president of the Indiana Associated Press Managing Editors.

Survivors include his wife, a son and a daughter.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE: Benjamin C. Bradlee, retired executive editor of The Washington Post, will deliver the 32nd annual Press-Enterprise lecture. The lecture, sponsored by The Press-Enterprise of Riverside, Calif., and the University of California, Riverside, will be delivered Jan. 7 at UC-Riverside. ... Harold Andersen, former publisher of the Omaha World-Herald, and his wife, Marian, plan to give \$ 1.15 million to the University of Nebraska. The Andersens are co-chairs of the NU Foundation's Campaign Nebraska, a \$ 250 million drive to benefit the university system.

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KEYWORD-HIT Lesbians win VANCOUVER: A Canadian doctor who refused to provide artificial insemination to a lesbian couple has been ordered to pay the **women** nearly \$US2480 (\$A3341). The British Columbia Council of Human Rights said yesterday it had ruled against Dr Gerald Korn, a Vancouver gynaecologist, because he refused in 1993 to provide artificial insemination to Tracy Potter and Sandra Benson.

QNPOut of step BELFAST: Irish republican leader Gerry Adams urged militant Protestants in Northern Ireland yesterday to call off plans to march through predominately Catholic areas. Mr Adams, president of Sinn Fein, the political arm of the **Irish Republican Army**, said the annual Apprentice Boys parades commemorating a 17th-century battle were inappropriate. Fear for king PALMA DE MALLORCA: Spanish police arrested three members of the Basque separatist group ETA in the Palma de Mallorca area where Spain's King Juan Carlos was holidaying, police said yesterday.

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Witch hunt NAIROBI: A mob of 40 youths in western Kenya rounded up eight people they suspected of witchcraft, locked them in huts and burned them to death at the weekend.

Police said those killed included five women aged from 57 to 75 and three elderly men, all from the Kisii district, 240km northwest of Nairobi.

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IRA kill BELFAST: The IRA has claimed its first victim of 1993 _ a Protestant dairy worker it claimed was a commander in an outlawed extremist group. Matt Boyd died in hospital last night after being ambushed by Irish Republican Army gunmen on his way home from work in Dungannon.

Phone call ANCHORAGE: Alaska will donate to Russia about 2000 used telephones that were removed from state offices during a recent switch to a more modern system, the governor's office said yesterday.

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British Protestant and Irish Catholic voters decide Thursday who should sit at Northern Ireland's long-vacant negotiating table.

The verdict could set the tone for compromise, or for renewed conflict.

Politicians went door to door Wednesday, seeking votes one last time in a city so divided you can tell a neighborhood's religion by the curbs: painted red, white and blue in Protestant areas, the Irish flag's green, white and orange in Catholic ones.

Twenty-four parties are seeking places in negotiations scheduled to start June 10. Only the top 10 parties overall, or top five parties within Northern Ireland's parliamentary districts, will be admitted to those talks.

The candidates include representatives of both sides' paramilitary gangs and new peace-oriented parties including the **Women's** Coalition. Looming over the whole enterprise, however, is the breakdown of the **Irish Republican Army** cease-fire.

"We are concerned that the cease-fire's not been reinstated on the eve of these historic elections," White House spokesman Mike McCurry said in Washington.

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Honecker out BERLIN: A German court yesterday dropped the final two charges against former East German leader Erich Honecker, who has terminal liver cancer. Honecker, 80, had been on trial for killings at the Berlin wall.
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Chernobyl KIEV: Fire yesterday broke out at the Chernobyl nuclear power station, site of the world's worst nuclear accident more than six years ago, but officials said it was under control and radiation levels were normal.

Shuttle off MIAMI: Space shuttle Endeavour blasted off from Kennedy Space Centre early today Brisbane time carrying five astronauts on a weeklong mission to release a communications satellite, study Milky Way gases and practice spacewalking skills. The flight by NASA's newest shuttle is the first of eight missions planned for the year.

IRA ruling ENNISKILLEN: Undercover British soldiers shot dead **Irish Republican Army** guerrilla Seamus McElwaine in 1986 without giving him a chance to surrender, a Northern Ireland inquest ruled yesterday.

UN deaths PHNOM PENH: Suspected Khmer Rouge guerrillas yesterday killed two Cambodian **women** working for the United Nations peacekeeping operation and a seven-year-old child.

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IRA setback BELFAST: **Irish Republican Army** fugitive Joseph Doherty, 36, was back behind bars in Belfast last night after losing a nine-year battle for sanctuary in the United States, police said. Thomas vote WASHINGTON: Clarence Thomas, whose appointment to the United States Supreme Court was almost derailed by allegations of sexual harassment last year, yesterday ruled against a government program that gives **women** preferential treatment.

QNPUN demand NEW YORK: United Nations secretary-general Boutros Boutros-Ghali would send a letter to Libyan leader Col Muammar Gaddafi saying that anything short of complying with US, British and French demands on two airline bombings would be unacceptable, diplomats said yesterday. Breast best VANCOUVER: The lives of more than 1 million children could be saved each year if mothers in the developing world breast-fed their children, the United Nations Children's Fund said yesterday. Smog alert MEXICO CITY: Officials have extended a smog alert, hoping factory slowdowns, limits on driving and other emergency measures will help clear Mexico City of a gray haze thick enough to make healthy people sick.

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