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1. [AP Top News at 2 a.m. EDT Saturday, Aug. 21, 1999](#)

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2. [Senate bid would be new chapter](#)

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3. [AP Top News at 4 p.m. EDT Friday, July 2, 1999](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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4. [PM SEES IRISH HOPES RISING](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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5. [AP Top News at 4 a.m. EDT Saturday, July 3, 1999](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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6. [WORLD](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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7. [AP Top News at 5 p.m. EDT Friday, July 2, 1999](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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8. [AP Top News at 11 a.m. EDT Saturday, July 3, 1999](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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9. [AP News Digest](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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10. [AP Top News at 11:10 a.m. EDT Saturday, July 3, 1999](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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11. [WORLD](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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12. [AP Top News at 4:25 p.m. EDT Friday, July 2, 1999](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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13. [AP Top News at 4 p.m. EDT Saturday, July 3, 1999](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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14. [AP Top News at 8 p.m. EDT Sunday, June 13, 1999](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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15. [AP Top News at 9 p.m. EDT Friday, July 2, 1999](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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16. [Monday, September 9](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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17. [AP Top News at Noon EST Thursday, April 1, 1999](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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18. [CONFLICT IN THE BALKANS; KOSOVO REBELS; KLA gaining recruits, but has achieved little](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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19. [CONFLICT IN THE BALKANS; KOSOVO REBELS; KLA gaining recruits, but has achieved little](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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20. [Compromise On Arms Proves Elusive In Ulster](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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21. [AP Top News at 7:05 p.m. EST Sunday, March 28, 1999](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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22. [Thursday, August 1](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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23. [AP Top News at 8 p.m. EST Saturday, March 6, 1999](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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24. [AP Top News at 7 p.m. EST Sunday, March 28, 1999](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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25. [MAN CHARGED WITH DEFRAUDING WOMEN OF THOUSANDS VANISHES](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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26. [EUROPE AT 1200GMT EDITORS: A look at Europe's top general news, financial, sports and](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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27. [PURE KIWIANA STUNS THE GAMES Magic in Manchester](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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28. [AP Top News at 6 p.m. EST Sunday, Jan. 31, 1999](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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29. [\\$Adv10-13; The overlap between truth and fiction](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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30. [*Profiles from the war on terror: Osama bin Laden; US target of taped tirade*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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31. [*Truth and fiction overlap for Don J. Snyder, author of Night Crossing*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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32. [*News in Brief*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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33. [*MEANING OF TERRORISM HITS HOME; Sept. 11 is a potent reminder that it is never, ever acceptable to target civilians.*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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34. [*Blair visits Gadhafi as Libya edges back into the international fold*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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35. [*US -led forces in new push to find Osama; Troops said to be closing in on Al-Qaeda chief, who is reported to be boxed in within an area in north-west Pakistan*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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36. [*Turkey 's 'death fasters' focus spotlight on prison conditions*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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37. [*Belfast Walls Emblems of Conflict*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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38. [*Belfast's 'peace lines': Enduring emblems of conflict and mistrust*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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39. [Thursday, September 18 Today is Thursday, September 18, the 261st day of 2003. There are](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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40. [Changes dateline from DUBLIN, Ireland ; Clinton urges Irish people not to turn backs on peace](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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41. [Tuesday, September 9](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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42. [U. CITY MAN, 8 OTHERS WITH IRA TIES WON'T BE DEPORTED; U.S. ISSUES RULING ON EVE OF CLINTON TRIP TO IRELAND](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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43. [World Briefing](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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44. [Israel threatens to deport Arafat](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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45. [News in Brief](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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46. [FILM REVIEW; How an Irish Mother Became a Warrior for Peace](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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47. [NEWS IN BRIEF](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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Search Type: Natural Language

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48. [IRAQIS EMPLOY HIT-AND-RUN TACTICS TO STALL AMERICANS](#)

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Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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49. [Foreign Briefs](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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50. [NEWS IN BRIEF](#)

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51. [WORLD BRIEFING](#)

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52. [WORLD BRIEFING](#)

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53. [Terrorists target local Christians](#)

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54. [Britain 's Blairs a poster couple for marriage](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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55. [NORTHERN IRELAND LAUNCHES HISTORIC NEW ERA](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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56. [WORLD & NATION BRIEFS](#)

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57. [EX-ENEMIES FORM BELFAST GOVERNMENT](#)

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58. [WORLD](#)

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59. [Downtown cameras: who'll watch the watchers?](#)

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60. [THE GLOBE AT A GLANCE](#)

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Search Type: Natural Language

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61. [Wednesday, September 18 Today is Wednesday, September 18, the 261st day of 2002. There are](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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62. [A FIRST-HAND VIEW OF THE CURRENT TROUBLES IN NORTHERN IRELAND](#)

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63. [AP News Digest](#)

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64. [*In Ulster , Hints of a Shift to Save Peace Effort*](#)

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65. [*Omagh families can sue killers from Real IRA; How the Daily Mail raised the money to fund the fight for justice*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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66. [*Sugar daddies spell death*](#)

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67. [*The state is a powerful killing machine*](#)

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68. [*Ireland 's prime minister triumphs, opposition leader resigns following election*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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69. [*AP News Digest*](#)

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70. [*Man Accused of Bicoastal Bilking*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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71. [*Saturday, September 18*](#)

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72. [*Thursday, September 9*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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73. [AP News Digest](#)

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74. [Why the Israeli tail is again wagging the American dog](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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75. [Man accused of bilking vulnerable victims coast-to-coast](#)

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76. [PLENTY TO WORRY ABOUT WITHOUT INCLUDING MYTHS](#)

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77. [Rats immune to guitar music, candlelight](#)

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78. [*Foreign Briefs*](#)

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79. [*The Culture of terrorism*](#)

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80. [*NEWS SUMMARY*](#)

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81. [*Libya 's change of heart and mind*](#)

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82. [*WORLD BRIEFING*](#)

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83. [*Clinton pushes peace efforts Pledges to help 'root out' Irish terrorists*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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

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96. [DARK, DANK CITY IS A LOT LIKE TYSON MANCHESTER, ENGLAND, HAS HAD ITS UPS AND DOWNS. SO HAS THE EX-CHAMPION WHO WILL FIGHT THERE TOMORROW.](#)

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Danger Remains in Turkey Quake

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP)

While the devastating earthquake that hit Turkey lasted only 45 seconds, the danger from that event is lingering. Officials say that rotting corpses unsanitary conditions in the damaged areas could spread disease, and drive the death toll even higher than the it is now more than 10,200 people. Tuesday's earthquake threatened to rival Turkey's most destructive quake a 7.9 tremblor in 1939 that killed 33,000 people. Several thousand are still missing and more than 34,000 are injured.

Surplus on Track Despite Shortfall

WASHINGTON (AP)

The federal government spent \$25.16 billion more than it took in last month, but it's still on track to post a big budget surplus for the year, the Treasury Department says. Outlays totaled \$147.07 billion, while receipts totaled \$121.91 billion, the department reported Friday. Government receipts from individual income tax payments in July came to \$59.98 billion, compared with \$92.99 billion in June as quarterly payments were made. Corporate income tax payments totaled just \$3.4 billion last month, against \$39.26 billion in June.

Navy Denies It Expects Y2K Failures

WASHINGTON (AP)

The Navy is denying reports it expects widespread failures in power, water and other utility services in the United States because of the Year 2000 computer bug. The Navy acknowledged Friday it has not verified that all cities and communities near its installations are fully prepared for the Y2K problem, but its survey of utilities is showing a steady improvement, said Rear Adm. Louis M. Smith. The Navy also issued a statement saying, "There are no indications of likely widespread failures of water, electricity, gas or sewers."

Storm Now Hurricane in Gulf

MEXICO CITY (AP)

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The first Atlantic hurricane this year formed in the Gulf of Mexico late Friday and could threaten the coasts of Mexico and Texas early next week. Eighteen Mexican ports along the Gulf were closed Friday to small and medium craft navigation. Hurricane Bret was located 215 miles east of Tampico and heading north at 9 mph, the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami reported. The storm crossed the hurricane threshold with maximum sustained winds of 75 mph and was expected to continue building strength and start gradually turning northwest.

Clinton Urges Irish to Lay Down Arms

EDGARTOWN, Mass. (AP)

President Clinton is suggesting that Northern Ireland leaders learn to "let go" of violence for peace to have the chance it deserves in the province. Addressing an American Ireland Fund dinner Friday night on nearby Nantucket Island, Clinton said resistance by the pro-British Unionists to Sinn Fein's presence in Northern Ireland's government is actually steeped in mistrust over agreements for the **Irish Republican Army** to lay down arms and in reluctance to change age-old patterns of violence.

Wildebeest Make Trek in E. Africa

MASAI MARA, Kenya (AP)

Thousands of wildebeest are streaming toward the banks of the Mara River in Kenya's renowned Masai Mara game reserve. The burly animals plunge into the river in a mad dash, paddling their spindly legs for the desperate swim across. Weakened by the trek, some are swept away by the current or trampled under the hoofs of others. Still others are attacked and eaten by crocodiles that lurk in the river's muddy shallows. More than 1.5 million wildebeest gather in Tanzania's Serengeti plain between March and April and embark on a two-month trek northward to the Masai Mara, where they graze and mate for three months before the survivors return to the Serengeti to foal.

Study: Absence Makes Males Pine Away

BOSTON (AP)

Researchers say the more time spent apart after sex, the more eager men were to copulate with their lovers again. It turns out **women** don't feel the same way and it doesn't matter how much time has gone by since the couple last had sex. In a survey of people on and around college campuses, **women** were generally unaffected by separation, according to the study led by Todd Shackelford, an assistant professor of psychology at Florida Atlantic University. Basically, the researchers suggest, the urge that drives a man to want sex after separation is the thought that another man might have gotten there first and beat out his sperm in

he race to fertilize his partner's egg.

Astros Beat Marlins in 16 Innings

MIAMI (AP)

The Houston Astros struck out 21 times, stranded 20 runners, blew a four-run lead and still won. Ken Caminiti hit his second home run of the night leading off the 16th inning, and Houston regained first place in the NL Central by beating the Florida Marlins 6-4 Friday night. Seven Marlins pitchers walked 17 Astros, a team record for both clubs. Houston's strikeout total broke the team record of 20 set against Kerry Wood of the Chicago Cubs last year.

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Senate bid would be new chapter

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WASHINGTON -- Just a few days before Hillary Rodham Clinton began her exploratory Senate campaign, a conservative New York Republican who is eyeing the same seat was having a long, chummy phone chat with her husband.

Rep. Peter King, author of a just-published novel about Northern Ireland, says President Clinton complimented him on the book and said he'd given a copy to his daughter, Chelsea. When King, a lawmaker from Long Island, told the president that top White House aides had shown up at one of his book parties, Clinton laughed.

"I hope it doesn't mess up your Senate campaign," the president teased.

The first lady has no opposition among New York Democrats. But King, 55, who's well known for his impish streak and his knack for making headlines, is actively stirring speculation that he'll jump into a Republican Senate primary that is likely to feature New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani and Rep. Rick Lazio, another Long Island congressman.

It's somewhat unclear whether King is serious about a Senate bid or just looking to publicize his book. But it's already apparent that he has come a long way since the days official Washington shunned him as a terrorist-hugger.

King's outspoken opposition to British rule in Northern Ireland

Senate bid would be new chapter

and friendships with militant Catholic leaders caused so much alarm that, he says, the British Embassy dispatched emissaries to warn congressional leaders about him when he was first elected to the House in 1992.

Now, the same connections that once made him radioactive have catapulted King to respectability. His ties to the Sinn Fein,

the political arm of the ***Irish Republican Army***, have made him an important go-between in peace talks aimed at ending generations of civil war between Northern Ireland's Protestant majority and Catholic minority.

Clinton (the president, not the Senate candidate) seeks his advice regularly. The British Embassy makes calls to him instead of about him.

Although several columnists in *The Times* of London tut-tutted when the Irish Embassy opened its doors last month to honor King's novel, *Terrible Beauty*, the Washington establishment poured in.

Attending from the White House were chief of staff John Podesta, press secretary Joe Lockhart and senior aide Sidney Blumenthal.

Asked why he'd go to a party for a Republican who might run against his boss' wife, Lockhart replied, "Because the congressman was smart enough to hold his party at the ambassador's residence in the full Irish tradition, which meant there'd be plenty of Guinness.

"He's a great guy. He just doesn't fit the partisan box. He's respected on both sides of the aisle."

King exhorted journalists at the party to buy his book with the kind of sales pitch only Beltway insiders could appreciate.

"Think of all the stuff I've leaked to you over the years," the congressman cajoled. "Now's your chance to pay me back."

Long before he became a published novelist, the Washington press corps was convinced King makes good copy.

The lawmaker was one of his party's earliest and most vocal critics of former House speaker Newt Gingrich. He also was one of only four Republicans to oppose all of the impeachment charges that his party brought against Clinton, whom King had come to appreciate for his diplomatic efforts in Northern Ireland.

King, who has made more than 20 trips to Ireland since 1980, says

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he wrote his novel about 10 years ago as a form of therapy. It tells the story of Northern Ireland's sectarian civil wars through the eyes of an IRA gunman's wife. King says he picked a **female** main character because "there were no men around. The guys were all either hiding out or they were in jail."

He says he worked on the book during weekends and odd moments. It lay untouched in his bedroom for years until a publisher whom King met over drinks at an Irish saloon asked to see it.

In between book parties and mulling a Senate race, King has started another novel. It's set in New York in 2006. Ireland figures in the plot, but so do American politics. He plans to work in flashbacks about the impeachment trial. Clinton will make an appearance as a former president, but the main character will be a politician based on King himself.

Only one thing is still uncertain, the author says with a twinkle: "I haven't decided whether I'll be a congressman or a senator."

Graphic

PHOTO, B/W, Paul J. Richards, AFP; PHOTO, B/W; In 1998: Gerry Adams of Northern Ireland's Sinn Fein party, left, visits the office of Rep. Peter King in Washington. King's controversial relationship with Sinn Fein now is an asset in peace talks.

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Leaders Announce N. Ireland Plan

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

Even without the support of key local politicians, British and Irish prime ministers nonetheless announced a bold plan today to form Northern Ireland's government. Under the plan, Tony Blair of Britain and Bertie Ahern of Ireland said they were hoping to see Northern Ireland's legislative Assembly elect the new administration on July 15. The plan was offered after Blair and Ahern failed to reach an agreement with major political parties to create a new Protestant-Catholic government. The talks had stalled over Protestant demands for the disarmament of the **Irish Republican Army**.

'Godfather' Author Mario Puzo Dies

BAYSHORE, N.Y. (AP)

Best-selling author Mario Puzo, winner of two Oscars for his screen adaptations of his book "The Godfather," died today at age 78. Puzo apparently died of heart failure his literary agent said. Puzo had just finished work on his latest book, "Omerta." The book is due out in July 2000. "The Godfather" sold more than 21 million copies worldwide, and spawned three movies that became American cinematic classics. Marlon Brando, Al Pacino and Robert De Niro brought Puzo's characters to the screen; Puzo co-wrote the screenplays with director Francis Ford Coppola. Puzo wrote seven other novels.

Unemployment Rate Edges Up

WASHINGTON (AP)

The unemployment rate edged up slightly to 4.3 percent in June even though job growth showed a strong rebound during the month, the Labor Department reported today. Manufacturing, however, continued to miss out, with job losses in that sector now totaling nearly a half-million workers since the Asian crisis hit. The jobless rate for more than a year has been at levels not seen in nearly three decades. Unemployment in May had dipped to a 29-year low of 4.2 percent. "The fundamentals of this economy remain strong," said Labor Secretary Alexis Herman.

NATO Peacekeepers Arrest Serbs

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP)

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American peacekeepers arrested five Serb soldiers who claimed they strayed across the border into Kosovo and Dutch forces took into custody six armed special policemen broadcasting clandestinely from south of Pristina, NATO said today. The presence of Yugoslav security forces in Kosovo violates a strict troop-pullout agreement that required all Serb police and troops to leave the province by June 20. An opposition group, meanwhile, planned to rally against the government tonight in Serbia's second-largest city.

Bald Eagle To Leave Endangered List

WASHINGTON (AP)

The American bald eagle, the living symbol of the nation since 1782, is back from the brink of extinction and can now be removed from the endangered species list, President Clinton said today. Celebrating a three-decade struggle to protect the bald eagle against pesticides and encroachments on its habitat, Clinton announced a process that is expected to remove the majestic bird from the list by July 2000. "It's hard to think of a better way to celebrate the birth of a nation than to celebrate the rebirth of our national symbol," the president said on the eve of the Independence Day weekend.

Bush Earned Between \$2M and \$10M

WASHINGTON (AP)

Texas Gov. George W. Bush reported today he has no debts and a hefty financial portfolio that includes at least \$7 million in U.S. Treasury notes and a diversified trust worth at least \$1 million. The report he filed today described income in ranges that fell between \$2.1 million and \$10.1 million. The financial disclosure report is required of all presidential candidates.

Dow Gains 41.79; Nasdaq Up 25.51

NEW YORK (AP)

Just before the closing, the Dow industrials were up 41.79 points at 11,108.21. The Dow's all-time high close was 11,107.19 on May 13. Advancing issues on the New York Stock Exchange led decliners 1,674-1,262. The Nasdaq was up 25.51 at 2,731.69.

Sampras, Agassi Advance at Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, England (AP)

Pete Sampras reached the semifinals at Wimbledon when Mark Philippoussis quit with a knee injury today while holding a one-set lead. Andre Agassi advanced as well, beating Brazil's Gustavo Kuerten. Alexandra Stevenson, an 18-year-old Californian, became the first qualifier in Wimbledon history to reach the women's semifinals, beating Jelena Dokic.

Erving Says He's Tennis Star's Father

PHILADELPHIA (AP)

Julius Erving said today he is the father of tennis phenom Alexandra Stevenson, whose run to the Wimbledon semifinals has been shadowed by reports she is the basketball great's daughter. "My wife, who has known from the beginning, and children are aware of this situation," Erving told The Associated Press. Erving said he has met Stevenson only once. He said he has been supporting her financially.

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for aid program

BELFAST - Five years ago, Bronagh Lawson had given up and wanted only to flee the hatred and violence that has killed more than 3,500 of her countrymen in less than three decades.

But after a stint learning a trade in Thunder Bay, her resolve stiffened and her outlook brightened.

"I went from just wanting to leave Northern Ireland to actually deciding to stay here and do something about it," she told Prime Minister Jean Chretien in Belfast yesterday.

Lawson is one of some 1,200 Northern Irish youth, who have visited Canada on a training program since 1986, and many gathered under a tent on a rainy afternoon to thank Chretien.

'People look at the past instead

of looking forward' Since her return from what she called a "precious" stint in northwestern Ontario, Lawson has spent four years in Belfast training the unemployed.

"Something must have gone right, because I've been running my business for four years here," she said.

After a morning spent in private meetings with different leaders trying to forge an elusive peace, it was Chretien's afternoon session with the youth that provided the greatest glimmer of hope.

The Canadian contribution to the International Fund for Ireland, which provides foreign training for disadvantaged youth, is \$5 million, including the \$1 million over three years pledged on the eve of this visit.

British Secretary of State for Northern Ireland Mo Mowlam said the Canadian contribution helps shape attitudes and is crucial to a generation which hopes to live in peace.

"That counts on the ground," Mowlam said, "because when you're trying to build confidence, when you're trying to reconcile people with the degree of sectarian hatred that has been in here . . . this money gets people

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communicating with each other. "That's important, because we, as a government, can change structures, but we can't change attitudes."

Chretien walked some tricky ground in his question-and-answer session with his young audience.

He tackled religious and linguistic differences in Canada, saying the religious situation is easily handled. "We all belong in some way and believe in the same God."

Another young woman asked Chretien about Quebec.

"In Canada, language creates the problem and too often people look at the past instead of looking forward," the Prime Minister said. "I, too, wish the French had won the battle at the Plains of Abraham, but I was not there to wake up Montcalm, who was sleeping.

"But what is important is to look forward . . . if you do, you can find accommodation. That's what I tell my fellow Quebecers."

Eleven police officers were injured at the end of a traditional street parade in Portadown's Protestant heartland on Saturday night.

BBC television said several members of the public were hurt but no serious injuries were reported.

"Police came under attack from (gasoline) bombs, fireworks and stones," a police spokesperson said.

Four people were arrested.

Earlier yesterday, Chretien met with Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams, Protestant leader and Northern Ireland First Minister David Trimble, Progressive Unionist leader and the spokesperson for the paramilitary Ulster Volunteer Force, David Ervine, and Monica McWilliams of the Northern Ireland Women's Coalition.

Although the timing of his visit - the first by a Canadian prime minister since John Diefenbaker in 1961 - was coincidental, it comes against a June 30 deadline for an agreement which would give power to the newly formed Northern Ireland Assembly.

'I discovered

a real political will

to succeed' "Everybody I talked to, I found a great desire to make the process work," Chretien said. "Of course, it's very complicated, it's very emotional and there's a lot of history . . . but I discovered a real political will to succeed."

After his meeting with Chretien, Trimble said the problem still lies with political groups such as Sinn Fein which maintain paramilitary organizations, in this case the Irish Republican Army.

"We particularly hope that those parties who have relationships with paramilitary organizations will at last face up to their responsibilities on the matter," he said.

"There cannot be and there will not be a situation when people will be able to participate fully in a democratic situation when they, at the same time, maintain a private army."

The disarming of the paramilitaries is the responsibility of former Canadian chief of defence staff John de Chastelain, who said yesterday he was "frustrated" but still expected to complete his mandate by the end of next May.

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Adams, who met with Chretien in Ottawa last autumn, said the problem does not rest with the IRA refusal to lay down arms. "The fact is there have been 160 bomb attacks against nationalists . . . people here find it absurd that one organization whose guns are silenced are the ones who are being beat up on . . ."

With files from Reuters

Graphic

<CREDIT> CP PHOTO </CREDIT> <SUBJECT> TREE CEREMONY: </SUBJECT> Prime Minister Jean Chretien and British Secretary of State for Northern Ireland Mo Mowlam plant a tree in Belfast yesterday.

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Secret Korea Meeting Fails

BEIJING (AP)

A secretive meeting to revive broken-down talks between North Korea and South Korea failed today. North Korea requested the low-profile talk only hours after South Korea declared Friday that it was pulling out of the Beijing talks due to North Korean intransigence. In both cases, talks broke down over ways to reunite 10 million people separated from relatives 54 years ago in the partition of the Korean peninsula in exchange for Seoul's shipment of 200,000 tons of fertilizer to North Korea.

Rogue Trader To Be Released

SINGAPORE (AP)

Rogue trader Nick Leeson was headed for freedom today, four years after bringing down Britain's oldest commercial bank. Singapore's government confirmed that Leeson would be released today after 31/2 years behind bars. The 32-year-old Briton, who lost \$1.4 billion in unauthorized futures trades, was to be deported and put on a London-bound plane late tonight from Singapore's Changi airport.

Negotiations in N. Ireland Fail

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

Negotiations on a new government for Northern Ireland failed yesterday, prompting the British and Irish prime ministers to launch an alternative plan to jump-start the government in the next 16 days. However, serious doubts remained that the plan devised by Britain's Tony Blair and Ireland's Bertie Ahern could ever get off the ground, since key parties in Northern Ireland did not endorse it. The talks this week stumbled over the long-running issue of disarming the **Irish Republican Army**.

Barak Calls Arafat To Discuss Peace

JERUSALEM (AP)

Prime Minister-elect Ehud Barak broke weeks of silence on peace issues yesterday with a friendly telephone call to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. With his government due to take office next week, Barak told Arafat he would take

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up the mantle of slain Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to restore confidence in the stalled negotiations and bring peace to the region, his office said. The two leaders agreed to meet soon after Barak takes office, expected on July 7.

UN Approves Population Growth Measures

UNITED NATIONS (AP)

Delegates from 180 countries yesterday approved proposals to slow world population growth including calls for giving women greater access to abortion and adolescents to sex education. Approval came despite reservations from a few conservative countries and the Vatican. But women's groups hailed the agreement as a giant advance beyond what was agreed to at the landmark 1994 U.N. population conference in Cairo because it compels governments to take action to increase and improve access to reproductive health care.

Study: Fewer People Getting Married

NEWARK, N.J. (AP)

Marriage has weakened as an institution in the United States, with fewer people saying "I do" than at any time in the nation's history, according to a study. Moreover, fewer people who tie the knot report being "very happy" in their marriages, according to the study released Thursday by the National Marriage Project at Rutgers University. The study found that the national marriage rate has dropped 43 percent over the past four decades to its lowest point ever.

'Godfather' Author Dies

BAYSHORE, N.Y. (AP)

Best-selling author Mario Puzo, who won two Oscars for his screen adaptations of his book "The Godfather," died yesterday at age 78. Puzo apparently died of heart failure, his literary agent said. Puzo had just finished work on his latest book, "Omerta," which is due out in July 2000. "The Godfather" sold more than 21 million copies worldwide, and spawned movies that became American cinematic classics. Puzo wrote seven other novels.

Second Quake Shakes West

SATSOP, Wash. (AP)

The second sharp earthquake in two days jolted an area from Oregon to British Columbia last night, toppling chimneys and rupturing gas and water mains. At least four people were injured. The quake, which hit at 6:43 p.m., was estimated at magnitude 5.5 by the U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colo. "This is essentially the biggest earthquake in this region since 1965," said Steve Malone, a University of Washington seismologist.

Padres Pummel Rockies 15-3

DENVER (AP)

The San Diego Padres coasted to their 14th straight victory, routing Colorado 15-3 last night behind Reggie Sanders' four hits and sending the Rockies to their ninth loss in a row. The Padres extended the best winning streak in team history and matched the longest in the majors since Kansas City won 14 straight in 1994. Sanders and John Vander Wal hit consecutive home runs in the first as the Padres took a 3-0 lead. San Diego got 11 of its season-high 19 hits in the first three innings. Sterling Hitchcock (7-6) pitched eight innings for the win.

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EGYPT

4 militants get life for plot to storm palace

Four Islamic militants were sentenced to life in prison with hard labor Thursday for plotting to storm an Egyptian presidential palace, court officials said. A military court outside Cairo sentenced 16 other militants to prison terms of five to 15 years with hard labor, court officials said. The militants had been charged with plotting a sea-borne raid on a presidential palace outside the Mediterranean port of Alexandria in 1996. The plan was to storm the residence when the maximum number of officials was inside. The plan's mastermind, Ismail el-Sheik, was one of the four who got a life sentence. The men belonged to the outlawed al-Gamaa al-Islamiya, or Islamic Group, Egypt's biggest militant group, court officials said.

CONGO

President releases opposition politician early

Congolese President Laurent Kabila has released opposition politician Joseph Olenghankoy from jail after just over one year of a 15-year sentence, a justice ministry spokesman said Thursday. Olenghankoy was jailed in May 1998 on charges of threatening state security. The spokesman said the politician had been released from jail in the southern city of Lubumbashi on Wednesday. The releases coincided with accelerated moves to end the 10-month-old conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and efforts by Kabila to organize a national debate on the future of Africa's third-largest nation. Also released were Mathieu Kalele and Jean Kabanda of the Union for Democracy and Social Progress, the spokesman said.

BRITAIN

IRA informer is shot and seriously wounded

An ***Irish Republican Army*** informer who had been on the run from his former colleagues for eight years was shot and seriously wounded Thursday at his northeast England home. An unidentified gunman ambushed Martin McGartland, 28, in the back yard of his home in Whitley Bay. McGartland underwent emergency surgery for wounds

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SRI LANKA

More bones may be those of missing rebels

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LATVIA

Repatriated professor is elected president

A psychology professor who recently returned from Canada to her native country was elected Latvia's president Thursday, after half a dozen better known candidates lost or gave up during balloting in parliament. The 100-member Saeima cast 53 votes for Vaira Vike-Freiberga, two more than she needed to win. The 61-year-old Vike-Freiberga, from 1965 through last year a professor at the University of Montreal, wasn't nominated until five other candidates failed to win enough votes. She recently gave up her Canadian citizenship. She is scheduled to take over from outgoing President Guntis Ulmanis in July and will be the first **female** president of Latvia.

SPAIN

Judge links Pinochet to 36 more cases of torture

A judge has added charges from 36 more cases of torture to his request to have former Chilean dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet extradited to Spain to face trial for human rights abuses, news reports said Thursday. Pinochet, 83, was arrested in London on Oct. 16 at the request of Judge Baltasar Garzon, who is seeking to try Pinochet on charges of genocide, terrorism and torture allegedly committed during his regime from 1973 to 1990. Britain's House of Lords ruled April 15 that Pinochet could be extradited only to face charges of torture alleged to have occurred after December 1988, when Britain adopted an international convention on torture. The 36 new cases all involve acts alleged to have been committed after that date. Spain has until Aug. 31 to submit more cases. Its extradition request will be heard Sept. 27.

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Mars Candy Patriarch Dies

McLEAN, Va. (AP)

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Forrest Mars Sr., who created M&Ms candies and built one of the biggest fortunes in America as head of the Mars candy empire, has died. He was 95. The reclusive billionaire, one of the richest men in America, died of natural causes last night in Miami, a spokeswoman for Mars Inc said. The candy giant began in 1911 with Frank C. Mars' small business in Tacoma, Wash. In 1940, his son, Forrest, invented M&Ms. Mars Inc, a privately held company, now has 30,000 employees.

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BRITAIN-ROGUE TRADER. Four years after bank collapse, Leeson returns.

APEC-FREE TRADE. Talks consider Pacific Rim free trade area.

BELGIUM-FARMERS DEMO. Farmers looking for more help after dioxin crisis.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

MOSCOW The departure of two Russian military planes taking peacekeepers to Yugoslavia is indefinitely postponed Sunday because of a NATO blockage of air corridors over Hungary, Bulgaria and Romania. RUSSIA-YUGOSLAVIA. Has moved.

ALSO:

YUGOSLAVIA-KOSOVO Russia postpones its deploying peacekeepers and British authorities defend paratroopers who fired on a carload of ethnic Albanians. Has moved.

PORTADOWN, Northern Ireland More than 3,000 Protestants, led by victims of Irish Republican Army violence, march out of bitterly divided Portadown on Sunday for an annual demonstration that in past years has triggered mayhem across Northern Ireland. NORTHERN IRELAND. Has moved.

BRUSSELS, Belgium Thousands of Belgian farmers converge on Brussels to demand more government aid to overcome the dioxin contamination crisis, a food scandal which has left many teetering on the brink of bankruptcy. BELGIUM-FARMERS DEMO. Expected by 1600 GMT.

LONDON Nick Leeson, the young British trader whose financial gambles brought down Britain's oldest commercial bank, returned on Sunday from a Singapore prison, saying he regretted what he had done. BRITAIN-ROGUE TRADER. Has moved. By Barbara E. Martinez. AP Photos LON101-104.

DRAS, India Indian soldiers capture a strategic Himalayan peak Sunday after a 10-hour battle with Islamic guerrillas near the Pakistan frontier, the defense ministry says. Pakistani guerilla leader denies the peak has been lost. INDIA-PAKISTAN. Has moved. By Krishnan Guruswamy. AP Photos ASR101-103.

ALSO MOVED:

PAKISTAN-US Nawaz Sharif departs for Washington to meet Clinton over Kashmir.

INDIA-STEALTHY STALKERS Indian soldiers fighting to evict guerrillas from Kashmir have a stealthy weapon.

ANALYSIS-KASHMIR CONUNDRUM Pakistan is mostly blamed for Kashmir crisis.

DUNEDIN, New Zealand (AP)

New Zealand, Singapore and Chile are discussing the creation of a Pacific Rim free trade area, an official says Sunday. The discussions are preliminary, but some nations in the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum think the idea is worth investigating. APEC-FREE TRADE. Has moved.

KUWAIT Liberal candidates were making a comeback in the Gulf's only elected parliament, according to partial results early Sunday that could prove a good sign for supporters of efforts to grant women voting rights in future elections. KUWAIT-ELECTIONS. Lead has moved. By Diana Elias. AP Photos KUW101-103.

HONG KONG The territory's top security official on Sunday defends a decision to stem immigration by asking Beijing to interpret Hong Kong's mini-constitution, a request that lead to the overturning of a ruling by its highest court. HONG KONG-IMMIGRATION. Has moved.

MEXICO CITY Governorship elections Sunday in the states of Mexico and Nayarit are seen as a warm-up to the 2000 presidential elections, but local issues and money could swing the results. MEXICO-STATE ELECTIONS. Has moved. Polls open at 1300 GMT and close at 2300 GMT. By Lisa J. Adams. AP Photos ECA101, MO101-105.

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad Eager to wield capital punishment as a weapon against crime, Caribbean leaders are set at a summit starting Sunday to create a regional supreme court and sever colonial ties to Britain's legal system. CARIBBEAN SUMMIT. Has moved. By Tim McDonald. AP Photo NY181.

PHILADELPHIA On the fourth minute of the seventh hour Sunday, a flash bulb will capture the faces of a century and the future of the millennium in America. Together, these 112 people who were born on Independence Day throughout the 1900s, will make up the "Photo of the Century" in front of Independence Hall. US-BORN ON THE FOURTH. Has moved. By Meki Cox. AP Photos PX102, AZPHP102 of July 2.

ALSO MOVED:

US-CHICAGO SHOOTINGS Black ex-coach, Orthodox Jews, Asian Americans targeted in apparent hate crimes.

LOOKING AHEAD: Australian Prime Minister John Howard arrives for meetings with Japan's prime minister and emperor. The Bank of Japan releases quarterly business outlook report.

FEATURES MOVED:

ARTS-US-SUMMER MOVIES At midsummer, the movie box office is sizzling in the United States.

ARTS-SWITZERLAND-NABOKOV LEGACY It may seem odd for a man to give up success to maintain his father's memory, but Dmitri Nabokov says it is more than worthwhile.

ARTS-CANADA-MICHAEL ONDAATJE Thanks to "The English Patient," Michael Ondaatje has evolved from a little-known poet to an internationally celebrated novelist.

ARTS-US-Sargent Exhibit AP Photos BX109-110

ARTS-US-Lady Plays Jazz AP Photos NY320-322

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CONGO

Government forces bomb rebel positions

Forces loyal to Congo's government heavily bombarded rebels in the southeastern town of Manono and sank a boatload of troops coming from neighboring Burundi, Congo's interior minister said Sunday. Gaetan Kakudji said in a state radio broadcast that a boatload of troop reinforcements traveling to Congo on Lake Tanganyika, which borders Burundi and Congo, was sunk in recent days by Congolese government and Zimbabwean planes. Kakudji did not say whether the troops were Burundian government forces - whom Congo's president accuses of backing the rebellion - or Congolese renegades. No casualty figures were given for the attack, which he said occurred not far from Windji, a town on the Congolese side of the lake. Kakudji also said government air forces were involved in a heavy bombing campaign against rebels in the southeastern town of Manono.

INDIA

Rebels are driven from key Kashmir outpost

Indian forces drove Pakistani troops from a key outpost in the disputed Himalayan territory of Kashmir, wresting near-complete control of a major highway from separatist Islamic rebels, the Defense Ministry said. Columns from three Indian battalions attacked the remote mountain outpost, dislodging 100 Pakistani soldiers, an Indian military spokesman, Col. Bikaram Singh, said in New Delhi. Three Indian soldiers were killed and nine others wounded in the operation to wipe out bunkers perched on a 16,900-foot peak, he said. There was no word from Indian authorities on Pakistani casualties. The successful operation left "one or two pockets" of rebels still overlooking National Highway 1, the main supply route between Srinagar in the Kashmir Valley and Leh on the Chinese border, the spokesman said.

CUBA

American seeks forgiveness for U.S. embargo

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As President Fidel Castro listened from the front row, an influential Christian leader from the United States asked thousands of Protestant worshippers in Havana on Sunday to pardon the American people for their government's embargo against Cuba. "For people of faith, there are no embargoes, there are no barriers," said the Rev. Joan Brown Campbell, secretary general of the National Council of Churches in Christ U.S.A. "We ask you to forgive the suffering that has come to you by the actions of the United States. There are a million people in the United States praying for this event." Campbell's council includes most major Protestant and Eastern Orthodox denominations in the United States.

IRELAND

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RUSSIA

Ultrationalists seek repeal of ethnic-hatred law

About 100 ultrationalists rallied Sunday in central Moscow to demand the annulment of a law that imposes heavy fines on those who incite ethnic hatred, claiming such laws restrict freedom of speech. The mostly young demonstrators were from Russia's National Front, the People's National Party and the Movement for Belief in the Fatherland, the news agency ITAR-Tass said. They rallied at a statue of Russian writer Fyodor Dostoyevsky next to the city's huge Lenin Library. The groups, which are each quite small, called for joining forces to run in parliamentary elections in December, said National Front leader Ilya Lazarenko. Several members of neo-Nazi and extreme rightist and nationalist groups have been hit by such fines.

BRITAIN

Princess's fund fights plan to trademark "Lady Di"

Lawyers for the Princess Diana memorial fund plan to fight a bid by a German entrepreneur for the international rights to the name Lady Di, a fund spokeswoman said Sunday. Andre Engelhardt of Bavaria said he plans to use the name on a range of products, including ***women***'s underwear and perfume. One of the perfumes will carry the slogan, "Royal but intimate." Engelhardt, 35, faces legal opposition from the fund, which is determined to control all rights to her name and image and has lodged objections to his various trademark applications. "We are collaborating with the estate to vigorously oppose it," said a spokeswoman, speaking on condition of anonymity.

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Erving Says He's Tennis Star's Father

PHILADELPHIA (AP)

Julius Erving said today he is the father of tennis phenom Alexandra Stevenson, whose run to the Wimbledon semifinals has been shadowed by reports she is the basketball great's daughter. "My wife, who has known from the beginning, and children are aware of this situation," Erving told The Associated Press. Erving said he has met Stevenson only once. He said he has been supporting her financially.

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Cops: Shooter Motivated by Hate

CHICAGO (AP)

A gunman wounded several Orthodox Jews walking home from synagogue, and within a few hours apparently the same attacker killed a black former college basketball coach and shot at Asian Americans. A white man, motivated by hate, appeared to have carried out the attacks over a distance of about 10 miles in Chicago and its suburbs, police said today. Former Northwestern University coach Ricky Byrdsong died after being shot in the back while walking with his children. The Jews were wounded but none of the injuries appeared to life-threatening. No one else was hurt in the shootings last night, and no arrests have been made.

NATO Nixes Russian Reinforcements

WASHINGTON (AP)

In response to the Russian government's attempts to revise the Kosovo peace agreement to give Russia more control, NATO refused today to allow the Kremlin to fly troop reinforcements into Yugoslavia. NATO's military headquarters in Belgium expects the Russians this week to continue talks on the requested revisions of the peace agreement. NATO officials speaking on condition of anonymity said Russia wants to send some troops into sectors of Kosovo controlled by other NATO countries and also water down NATO's command of Russian forces.

Messages Mixed in Indian Rally

WHITECLAY, Neb. (AP)

Calls for militant action mingled with prayer drums and pleas for peace today as Indian activists gathered to protest alleged treaty violations, unsolved murders and alcohol sales. After an early afternoon rally, several hundred members of the Oglala Sioux tribe of South Dakota and activists began a two-mile march from the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation over the state line toward Whiteclay. As they approached, more than 100 riot-clad state troopers lined up to meet them. Troopers said they would allow the marchers into Nebraska, but not into the town, whose 22 residents had been ordered to leave the day before by Gov. Mike Johanns.

Blair Plan Angers Ulster Unionists

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

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British Prime Minister Tony Blair's take-it-or-leave-it plan to save Northern Ireland's peace accord provoked fierce criticism today from the Ulster Unionists, whose support is essential to make any new Protestant-Catholic government work. After five days of inconclusive negotiations, Blair and Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern yesterday challenged the Ulster Unionists to accept the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party as government partners on July 15 without a guarantee that the **Irish Republican Army** would disarm. One of the Ulster Unionists' leading moderates, Ken Maginnis, today accused Blair of betrayal for offering the plan.

Rogue Banker Leeson Freed

SINGAPORE (AP)

Rogue trader Nick Leeson walked out of a Singapore prison today, four years after bringing down Britain's oldest commercial bank and sending shock waves through Asia's giddy financial world. Leeson spent nearly 31/2 years at Tanah Merah prison, convicted of fraudulently hiding \$1.4 billion in losses at Barings Bank. His unauthorized futures trading made him one of the decade's most notorious white-collar criminals. The bad deals also led to the 1995 collapse of Barings and stunned dealers throughout Asia's then-booming markets.

Investment in Russia Drops 40 Pct.

MOSCOW (AP)

Foreign investment in Russia slumped 40 percent in the first quarter of this year compared with 1998, the economics minister said today, promising reforms to woo back investors unnerved by Russia's financial troubles. Total foreign investment in Russia was \$1.5 billion in January-March, down from \$2.5 billion in the same period the year before, Economics Minister Andrei Shapovalyants told a Moscow forum of foreign investors, Russian news reports said.

Sampras, Agassi Reach Men's Finals

WIMBLEDON, England (AP)

A Fourth of July Wimbledon final will appropriately feature two American players Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras, winners of their semifinal matches today. On the **women's** side, Lindsay Davenport will play for the **women's** title against seven-time champion Steffi Graf. Sampras, seeking his sixth Wimbledon title in seven years, today beat Britain's Tim Henman 3-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4. Agassi swept past Australia's Patrick Rafter 7-5, 7-6 (7-5), 6-2 to take over the world's No. 1 ranking. Graf reached her ninth Wimbledon final, overcoming Mirjana Lucic 6-7 (7-3), 6-4, 6-3. Davenport reached her first Wimbledon championship match by beating Alexandra Stevenson 6-1, 6-1.

Cabrera Leads Irish Open Golf

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP)

Argentina's Angel Cabrera fired his second straight 5-under-par 66 today and took a two-stroke lead after three rounds of the Irish Open. He will go into the final round with a 202 total, chased by 19-year-old rookie Sergio Garcia of Spain and Australian Jarrod Moseley at 204. Garcia had a 67 today, while Mosely shot a 69.

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Russians Block British From Airport

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP)

A top British military official tried angry words and body language, but failed today to persuade Russian soldiers to allow British troops to enter the airport in the capital of Kosovo. Control of the airport has become a tense issue since early yesterday, when Russian troops moved into the city ahead of British peacekeepers. The Russians settled at the airport, which was supposed to be the headquarters for the international peacekeeping operation. The Russians' actions have raised concerns that they plan to create a de-facto Serbian sector in Kosovo.

Snipers Fire at NATO Troops

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP)

German troops came under heavy sniper fire today in Kosovo and killed a Serb who was firing upon them, officials said. Also today, British paratroopers killed a Yugoslav police reservist after he fired at them. British troops elsewhere reported counting nearly 100 bodies in mass graves found during patrols of Kacanik, a town in southern Kosovo. A German journalist was killed today by unknown gunmen, but there are few details on the incident.

IRA Suspected of Slaying

NEWRY, Northern Ireland (AP)

Police and politicians in Northern Ireland blamed the **Irish Republican Army** for abducting and slaying a notorious drug dealer today. The victim's half-naked body, wrapped in a blood-stained sheet, was discovered dumped by a roadside in the IRA's rural stronghold of South Armagh several hours after masked men abducted him at gunpoint from the bar of Newry's only hotel. His wife, who was with him, wasn't hurt. Police confirmed the victim was one of Northern Ireland's most infamous drug dealers

Report: Congo Peace Agreement Near

NEW YORK (AP)

A peace deal has been brokered for the civil war in the Congo and South African troops will serve as peacekeepers, South Africa's new president will announce at his inauguration this week, a magazine reports today. President-elect

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Thabo Mbeki will unveil a "provisional" agreement aimed at ending the bloodshed in the former Zaire, when he is sworn into office Wednesday, Newsweek is reporting in its June 21 edition.

Experts Fear E-Mail Virus Mutations

NEW YORK (AP)

After a weekend of scouring their computers for the latest e-mail virus to bombard the Internet, systems managers are bracing for a new work week and the threat of new infections when workers log on. The Worm.Explore.Zip virus, which is transmitted via e-mail, has struck thousands of machines, but so far hasn't spread as widely as the Melissa virus that hit in late March. But fears remained today that the outbreak may have fallen dormant over the weekend with most people not working, and could start spreading again when employees return tomorrow and turn on their computers.

Qwest Bids \$55B for Telecom Cos.

NEW YORK (AP)

Qwest Communications International Inc. made a surprising \$55 billion offer today to acquire U S West Inc. and Frontier Corp. in a bold move to bust their agreement to merge with Global Crossing Inc. and create a telecommunications powerhouse. The deal would give Qwest a piece of the local phone markets in 14 western states with the addition of Baby Bell U S West and strengthen Qwest's long distance business with the addition of Frontier, the No. 5 long distance company.

Drunk Driving Penalties Tougher

WASHINGTON (AP)

Reflecting tougher punishment for those who mix drinking and driving, over half a million motorists were on probation or behind bars for DWI in 1997, almost twice the level of the mid-1980s, the government said today. During the same period, drunken driving arrests dropped from 1.8 million in 1986 to 1.5 million in 1997 even though the number of licensed drivers increased almost 15 percent, to 183 million, according to the Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Statistics.

Exercise Helps Women Quit Smoking

CHICAGO (AP)

Women who exercise vigorously while trying to quit smoking are twice as likely to kick the habit than wannabe ex-smokers who don't work out regularly, a new study finds. The report also offers good news to female smokers who fear that giving up tobacco and nicotine will lead to weight gain. Researchers found that women who worked out as they tried to quit gained only about half the weight of those who did not exercise.

Athletics Beat Dodgers

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)

Ben Grieve hit a pair of run-scoring doubles and the Oakland Athletics took advantage of a fifth-inning pitching breakdown to beat Los Angeles 9-3 today, completing a three-game sweep of the Dodgers. Rookie Tim Hudson (1-0) allowed two runs on seven hits through seven innings for the A's, who improved their home record to an AL-best 21-11.

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Plan Unveiled for N. Ireland Gov't

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

Negotiations on a new Protestant-Catholic government for Northern Ireland failed Friday, prompting the British and Irish prime ministers to launch an alternative plan to jump-start the government in the next 16 days. However, serious doubts remained that the plan devised by Britain's Tony Blair and Ireland's Bertie Ahern could ever get off the ground, since key parties in Northern Ireland did not endorse it. The talks this week stumbled over the long-running issue of disarming the **Irish Republican Army**.

Kosovo Celebration Turns Deadly

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP)

A celebration of independence in Kosovo turned tragic early Saturday when British troops opened fire, killing one civilian and wounding two, said a spokesman for the peacekeeping force. Witnesses said a young man on top of a car fired a Kalashnikov into the air and the British returned fire. A few other incidents marred the generally celebratory mood. Shop and bank signs in the Serbian language were pulled down and burned. On July 2, 1990, the ethnic Albanian separatists declared independence from Serbia.

Barak, Arafat Discuss Mideast Peace

JERUSALEM (AP)

Prime Minister-elect Ehud Barak broke weeks of silence on peace issues today with a friendly telephone call to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. With his government due to take office next week, Barak told Arafat he would take up the mantle of slain Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to restore confidence in the stalled negotiations and bring peace to the region, his office said. The two leaders agreed to meet soon after Barak takes office, expected on July 7. Barak also took sharp exception today to what he saw as President Clinton's suggestion that Palestinian refugees had the right to reclaim property left behind when Israel was created in 1948.

Asia's Financial Markets Rebounding

TOKYO (AP)

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Two regional stock markets marked the second anniversary of the Asian financial crisis today by reaching their highest levels in 21 months, more signs of improvement that have become nearly a daily routine. But even though everyone agrees that the rebound of Asia's stock and currency markets has been remarkable, many economists say it's still too early to say the region is on the road to a full recovery. Today, Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index rose 4.8 percent to close with its highest point gain of the year and its best finish since Oct. 9, 1997. In Japan, the Nikkei Stock Average on Friday rose 0.40 percent to reach its highest level since Sept. 29, 1997.

India: Islamic Militants Cut Off

DRAS, India (AP)

Indian soldiers were poised to recapture a strategic Himalayan peak held by Islamic fighters after seizing surrounding ridges in heavy fighting, local commanders said. The commanders said supply lines from Pakistan to guerrilla positions on Tiger Hill had been severed. The military's claims could not be independently verified. Airstrikes for the past week accompanied the fiercest fighting in seven weeks between Indian soldiers and Pakistan-based Islamic fighters who seized positions in Indian-controlled Kashmir in May.

Study: Immigrants Assimilate Well

WASHINGTON (AP)

Within 20 years of arrival in the United States, more than 60 percent of immigrants lived in their own homes in 1990, says a study on how well immigrants integrate into American society. About 76 percent of immigrants who had lived in the country for 40 years were naturalized citizens, and three of four spoke English well within 10 years of arriving in the United States, said the study. The report was released by the National Immigration Forum, an immigrants' advocacy group.

Dow Sets Record

NEW YORK (AP)

The Dow today rose 72.82 to 11,139.24, easily topping its previous record high close of 11,107.19, set May 13. The Dow rose 586.68 points for the week, a gain of more than 5 percent and the biggest one-week gain in its 103-year history. Advancing issues on the New York Stock Exchange led decliners 1,695-1,220. The Nasdaq composite index rose 34.84 to 2,741.02, a record high.

Women's World Cup Ratings Growing

NEW YORK (AP)

The U.S. women's soccer team's quarterfinal win over Germany was seen in nearly 1.7 million homes, the best cable rating so far in the Women's World Cup but still a small number as TV ratings go. Last night's game on ESPN in which the U.S. defeated Germany 3-2 received a 2.19 rating, which translates to 1.67 million households. As far as ratings go, the women have fallen short of their male counterparts. In 1994, the United States-Colombia game on ESPN drew a 4.3 rating and was seen in 2.7 million homes.

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Today is Monday, September 9, the 252nd day of 2002. There are 113 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1509 - Turks take Nicosia on Cyprus.

1513 - Scotland's King James IV is killed in Battle of Flodden with British.

1585 - Pope Sixtus V excommunicates Henry of Navarre of France.

1776 - Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia changes the name "United Colonies" to "United States."

1813 - San Sebastian, Spain, falls to British forces under Duke of Wellington.

1835 - September Laws in France severely censor press and suppress radical movement.

1850 - California becomes a state.

1888 - Chile annexes Easter Island in South Pacific.

1893 - Frances Cleveland, wife of President Cleveland, gives birth to daughter, Esther, in the White House. It's the first time a president's child is born in the executive mansion.

1894 - Sun Yat-sen heads his first attempt at revolution in China. The revolt does not succeed until 1911.

1921 - Constitution of Central American Union is signed by republics of Guatemala, Honduras and San Salvador.

1926 - The National Broadcasting Co., NBC, is created by the Radio Corporation of America.

1943 - A day after the Italians surrender, Allied troops land at Salerno, south of Naples, but face stiff resistance from a German Panzer division, which consists of armored vehicles.

1944 - While the Soviet army advances in Bulgaria, the government is overthrown in a Communist-led coup.

1945 - U.S. troops land in South Korea at end of World War II, Soviets take over north from Japanese, and 38th parallel is made dividing line.

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1948 - Korean People's Democratic Republic is formed in North Korea, claiming authority over entire country.

1951 - Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru becomes president of the governing Congress Party, succeeding Purshottamdas Tandon who resigned in a policy dispute.

1957 - U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower signs into law the first civil rights bill to pass Congress since the Civil War.

1962 - A new threat of open warfare between factions of the Algerian nationalist leadership is averted when 4,000 troops enter, supporting Vice Premier Ahmed Ben Bella.

1968 - Teachers' strikes by United Federation of Teachers (UFT) paralyze New York City's public school system at the start of the fall term. The strikes don't end until November 19 as a million pupils are kept out of classes for 36 school days.

1971 - Prisoners seize control of the maximum-security Attica Correctional Facility near Buffalo, New York, beginning a siege that claims 43 lives.

1974 - U.S. President Gerald Ford is criticized heavily in Congress over his pardoning of former President Richard Nixon.

1980 - Iranian Premier Mohammed Ali Rajai responds sharply to Secretary of State Edmund Muskie's request to negotiate the release of 52 American hostages but doesn't reject the U.S. offer outright.

1986 - Gunmen kidnap American director of Lebanese school as he drives from his home in Muslim west Beirut.

1987 - Iraq launches series of coordinated air raids on Iranian power plants, factories and oil centers.

1988 - Burma's former Prime Minister U Nu, toppled in a 1962 military coup, announces formation of a rival government.

1990 - The former immigration processing center on Ellis Island in Upper New York Bay, which served as the gateway to America for millions of immigrants, is dedicated as a museum after undergoing an eight-year, \$156 million renovation.

1991 - Saudi Arabia releases 400 Iraqi citizens held in the kingdom in exchange for a Saudi prisoner of war and a Saudi woman held in Iraq.

1992 - In a bid to defuse tensions with U.N. forces, the Khmer Rouge, Cambodia's radical communist movement that ruled the country from 1975 to 1979, invites the peacekeeping chief to its secluded base.

1993 - Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization agree that mutual recognition will be part of an upcoming peace accord.

1994 - The United States agrees to accept at least 20,000 Cuban immigrants a year in return for Cuba's promise to halt people who boarding rafts and trying to sail to America.

1995 - NATO warplanes return to the skies over Bosnia to attack repaired Serb air defenses, and acknowledge that the attacks probably killed some civilians.

1996 - Typhoon Sally hits coastal areas of Guangdong, China's most developed province, killing more than 130 and injuring thousands.

1997 - Sinn Fein, political ally of the **Irish Republican Army**, formally renounces violence and enters talks on the future of Northern Ireland.

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1998 - Independent prosecutor Kenneth Starr submits to the U.S. Congress a report on possible impeachable offenses by U.S. President Bill Clinton.

1999 - Israel begins releasing Palestinian prisoners as part of new peace deal.

2000 - Gunmen wound three people in a beauty salon in Kashmir, 24 hours after warning women to wear veils in public or be shot. The group said to be behind the warning denies it had issued any such threat.

2001 - Afghanistan's military opposition leader Ahmed Shah Massood is fatally wounded and later dies after a suicide attack by assassins posing as journalists.

Today's Birthdays:

Cardinal Richelieu, French churchman-statesman (1585-1642); Cornelius van Tromp, Dutch admiral (1629-1691); Luigi Galvani, Italian physiologist (1737-1798); Max Reinhardt, Austrian stage/screen director (1873-1943); Chaim Herzog, Israeli president-statesman-legislator (1918--); Otis Redding, U.S. soul singer/songwriter (1941-1967); Hugh Grant, English actor (1960--).

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Think wrongly if you please, but in all cases, think for yourself - Gotthold Lessing, German dramatist-critic (1729-1781).

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NATO's Aerial Bombardment Continues

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)

NATO's aerial bombardment continued unabated in Yugoslavia today, with missiles knocking out a major Danube River bridge in Novi Sad, Serbia's second-biggest city with a half-million people, Serbian media said. Military warehouses are at one end of the bridge. Serbian state television showed the remnants of the destroyed bridge, which connects two parts of the city. It said the city's water system was heavily damaged. No casualties were reported. "The ring is closing around the Yugoslav forces," NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana said today. The alliance wants Yugoslav President Milosevic to accept autonomy for the Kosovo province.

Clinton To Demand Soldiers' Release

WASHINGTON (AP)

President Clinton is expected to call for the immediate release today of three U.S. soldiers captured near the Yugoslav-Macedonia border and demand that the Red Cross be granted access to them. The three are cavalry scouts who reported coming under fire before losing radio contact. The Pentagon identified the soldiers as Staff Sgt. Andrew A. Ramirez, 24, of Los Angeles; Staff Sgt. Christopher J. Stone, 25, of Smiths Creek, Mich.; and Spec. Steven M. Gonzales, 24, of Huntsville, Texas.

Train Crash Trucker Loses License

CHICAGO (AP)

Illinois will suspend the commercial driver's license of the trucker in the deadly Amtrak collision, a spokesman for Secretary of State Jesse White said today. John R. Stokes, 58, will lose his privileges in June. His license was suspended at the time of the March 15 crash, but he had a temporary license. The suspension expired March 25. An additional traffic violation on Stokes' record led to the two-month suspension, the toughest penalty under state law. Prosecutors have not filed any charges in the wreck. Eleven people were killed when the train struck the truck at a crossing.

Carter To Monitor Indonesia Voting

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)

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Foreign investment will probably flow back into Indonesia's shattered economy if parliamentary elections on June 7 are conducted without any major disruption, former U.S. President Jimmy Carter said today. Carter, who plans to act as an election observer, described the poll in Indonesia as the most significant in 1999. The Southeast Asian nation of 210 million people has embarked on a transition to democracy and its political welfare is seen as crucial to stability in the region.

Survey: More Banks Charge for ATMs

WASHINGTON (AP)

More than 90 percent of banks charge people to use their ATM machines if they aren't customers of the bank, up from 71 percent a year ago, according to a survey being released today. The surcharges, which are paid to the bank operating the machine, come on top of fees customers pay to their own banks when they use another bank's ATM. Bankers say the surcharges are outweighed by the 24-hour convenience.

Northern Ireland Talks Adjourn

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

Round-the-clock talks adjourned today without resolving the crisis besetting Northern Ireland's peace accord. Britain's Tony Blair and Ireland's Bertie Ahern unveiled a joint plan to persuade the eight parties to accept a "national day of reconciliation." The holiday would provide the **Irish Republican Army** and various pro-British gangs a focal point to start the process of disarmament, which has bedeviled peacemaking efforts for four years. Blair said talks would resume April 13.

Japan Co. Starts Layoff Insurance

TOKYO (AP)

As layoffs soar and restructuring becomes corporate Japan's catchphrase, one company wants to sell peace of mind: Mitsui Marine & Fire Insurance Co. announced today it will launch Japan's first "Unemployment Life Support Insurance," a novel idea in a country long accustomed to lifetime employment. Buyers will get financial support if they're fired or if their companies go bankrupt. Mitsui Marine even guarantees to make up the difference if a new job pays less than the old one.

Stocks Turn Mixed; Dow Up 1.39

NEW YORK (AP)

Stocks were narrowly mixed today after reports of continuing economic strength deepened the market's concerns about rising inflation. Just before noon EST, the Dow was up 1.39 at 9,787.55. Decliners led advancers 1,362-1,335. The Nasdaq was up 7.74 at 2,469.14.

Two Swimming Records Set

HONG KONG (AP)

Ian Thorpe of Australia set a shortcourse world swimming record today in the 200-meter freestyle and a Swedish **women's** team broke a world mark in a freestyle relay at the world championships. Thorpe, 16, broke a nine-year old record held by Giorgio Lamberti of Italy, cutting .36 seconds off the mark. Thorpe was timed in 1:43.28. Sweden's quartet broke China's world mark in the **women's** 4x200-meter freestyle relay by .22 second.

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He wears sunglasses and an expensive three-piece charcoal-gray suit. He has Alec Baldwin good looks and is in huge demand by other people gathered on the hotel patio.

In Yugoslavia, Muja would be branded a terrorist. In Albania, his association with the Kosovo Liberation Army makes him a hero.

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Muja, a physician in normal times, directs the guerrilla group's logistics, support and humanitarian efforts. His business is keeping the beleaguered army equipped to one day drive back into Kosovo and reclaim the province from the Serbs.

In the meantime, the KLA is struggling to cope with the simultaneous boon of fresh recruits, who have been moved by the Serb attack on Kosovo to get into the fight, and the perennial crisis of barely having enough resources to keep going.

"We need three things: food, medicine and arms," Muja said Tuesday, pausing between phone calls. "This is what we ask of NATO."

More immediately, he has grave concerns about thousands of ethnic Albanians trapped in a region southwest of Pristina, Kosovo's capital. "They are encircled by the Serbs," he said. The KLA fighters among them are so consumed by the task of caring for the civilians that they are unable to fight the Serb forces, he said. "We have our hands tied by the civilians," Muja said.

Muja said Serb forces also have contaminated the water in the area's rivers with the corpses of livestock and people killed in the fighting. "When you are in Kosovo these days, you must wear a mask because of the smell of disintegrating flesh," he said.

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There are few foreign journalists or international monitors in Kosovo, so it is difficult to verify such reports. However, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe says the accounts match information obtained by that organization's sources in Kosovo. NATO also has reported that Serb forces are moving toward remaining KLA strongholds in southwestern Kosovo, near the Albanian border.

Muja said KLA units occasionally have been able to open corridors to provide supplies. "But this is insufficient," he said.

The guerrilla group's hope is for the continued success of the NATO bombings and the added offensive power against Serb troops that will be provided when 24 U.S. Apache helicopter gunships arrive at the Albanian border in a week or so. "The Apache helicopters are the best news we ever had, " he said.

The KLA has been at war with Serb forces nearly a year. Serbian officials call them terrorists along the lines of the **Irish Republican Army** and have used their presence to justify the offensive into Kosovo. But the KLA sees itself as the only legitimate representative of the Kosovo Albanians. The group was a signatory to the Rambouillet peace agreement that President Slobodan Milosovic of Yugoslavia refused to sign, prompting the NATO air strikes.

Over the past two weeks, the KLA's ranks have swelled with new recruits, some of whom have been pressed into service at KLA roadblocks, and Albanian emigres who have come to Albania to be trained for the fight.

The KLA is demanding that all ethnic Albanian men from Kosovo take up arms once they have resettled their families in Albania.

A KLA decree last week said men between 18 and 50 years old must join the separatist force within a month. Some **women** have also responded to the call.

Visar Reka, a KLA spokesman, said the organization has been keeping a computer printer going full time producing registration forms. Reka joked that the KLA made a mistake by demanding color forms, which take longer to print than black-and-white ones.

"We Albanians are vain," he said. "But I hope that doesn't slow recruitment. "

At the port of Durres, young men of Albanian descent are pouring in to join up, Reka said. Many come with equipment --- from Swiss Army knives to binoculars --- purchased in their home countries. They are met at the port by KLA representatives who sign them up and ship them to the remote northern mountains to be trained.

The new volunteers are full of zeal but short on military experience. Many have never fired a gun. Weapons are in short supply, so many begin their two- month training unarmed.

Training is provided by former military people --- including U.S. Marines -- - of Albanian heritage from around the world, Muja said. Many of the trainers speak no Albanian.

The KLA has armed itself primarily with purchases from middlemen selling weapons looted from Albanian military armories in 1997, when the country endured a brief but violent period of anarchy.

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There are few foreign journalists or international monitors in Kosovo, so it is difficult to verify such reports. However, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe says the accounts match information obtained by that organization's sources in Kosovo. NATO also has reported that Serb forces are moving toward remaining KLA strongholds in southwestern Kosovo, near the Albanian border.

Muja said KLA units occasionally have been able to open corridors to provide supplies. "But this is insufficient," he said.

The guerrilla group's hope is for the continued success of the NATO bombings and the added offensive power against Serb troops that will be provided when 24 U.S. Apache helicopter gunships arrive at the Albanian border in a week or so. "The Apache helicopters are the best news we ever had, " he said.

The KLA has been at war with Serb forces nearly a year. Serbian officials call them terrorists along the lines of the **Irish Republican Army** and have used their presence to justify the offensive into Kosovo. But the KLA sees itself as the only legitimate representative of the Kosovo Albanians. The group was a signatory to the Rambouillet peace agreement that President Slobodan Milosovic of Yugoslavia refused to sign, prompting the NATO air strikes.

Over the past two weeks, the KLA's ranks have swelled with new recruits, some of whom have been pressed into service at KLA roadblocks, and Albanian emigres who have come to Albania to be trained for the fight.

The KLA is demanding that all ethnic Albanian men from Kosovo take up arms once they have resettled their families in Albania.

A KLA decree last week said men between 18 and 50 years old must join the separatist force within a month. Some **women** have also responded to the call.

Visar Reka, a KLA spokesman, said the organization has been keeping a computer printer going full time producing registration forms. Reka joked that the KLA made a mistake by demanding color forms, which take longer to print than black-and-white ones.

"We Albanians are vain," he said. "But I hope that doesn't slow recruitment. "

At the port of Durres, young men of Albanian descent are pouring in to join up, Reka said. Many come with equipment --- from Swiss Army knives to binoculars --- purchased in their home countries. They are met at the port by KLA representatives who sign them up and ship them to the remote northern mountains to be trained.

The new volunteers are full of zeal but short on military experience. Many have never fired a gun. Weapons are in short supply, so many begin their two- month training unarmed.

Training is provided by former military people --- including U.S. Marines -- - of Albanian heritage from around the world, Muja said. Many of the trainers speak no Albanian.

The KLA has armed itself primarily with purchases from middlemen selling weapons looted from Albanian military armories in 1997, when the country endured a brief but violent period of anarchy.

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After two days of intensive negotiations, Prime Ministers Tony Blair of Britain and Bertie Ahern of Ireland failed tonight to persuade Protestant and Roman Catholic leaders to compromise on the bitter dispute over the disarmament of the **Irish Republican Army**.

But the Prime Ministers, working against a Friday deadline, said they would resume talks with the leaders on Wednesday morning. Mr. Blair stayed overnight near Belfast and was said to be prepared to go to London on Wednesday afternoon to answer questions in Parliament about Kosovo, then to return here later in the day.

When the negotiations ended tonight at about 11, several participants said there had been no breakthrough, but they disagreed on how much, if any, progress had been made.

After meeting with party leaders for four and a half hours on Monday night, the Prime Ministers swept back and forth over this British province in a military helicopter today, emphasizing at several meetings that time is running out for settling the issue, which threatens to cripple or collapse the Northern Ireland peace agreement approved last April 10.

The British Government has set a deadline of this Friday for an agreement. The sticking point is the insistence by Protestant leaders that the overwhelmingly Catholic I.R.A. make a "credible beginning" on disarmament before its political wing, Sinn Fein, is allowed to sit in a new Protestant and Catholic Cabinet of the Northern Ireland Assembly. The Assembly is the body that would carry out the home rule provisions of the peace agreement.

The Cabinet is to be created to pave the way for the return of home rule powers to the province by the London Government after 27 years.

Failure to compromise this week could lead to another delay and possibly to a return to the widespread sectarian violence the peace agreement is supposed to end.

The I.R.A. has observed a cease-fire for more than 20 months, but has repeatedly stated that it will not surrender a single bullet or an ounce of Semtex explosive. Unless it does, Protestant leaders say, Sinn Fein will be excluded

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from the new Assembly Cabinet. Sinn Fein points out that the peace agreement does not require disarmament before May 2000.

As they began their day with short speeches at the Hazlewood Integrated College, an interdenominational high school in Belfast, the two Prime Ministers sounded optimistic. "After talking to the parties here last night and again today," Mr. Blair said, "I do believe that we can get there. It is within our grasp."

Asked about his own religious background, he said: "On my mother's side were very strong Irish Protestants. I married a Catholic, although I am Church of England. We are about to enter the 21st century. Do these things really have to pull people apart?"

Mr. Ahern, who is from a working-class district of Dublin, used humor to explain why he opposes a delay in negotiations, which people here have been calling "parking the issue." "In my end of Dublin," he said, "if you park things too long they usually get vandalized."

As the meetings continued during the day in Parliament Buildings, the home of the Assembly in Belfast, and in Hillsborough Castle, a British residence 20 miles south, an atmosphere of sectarian discord prevailed.

The I.R.A. tried to improve its image among Catholics in a macabre way. The outlawed guerrilla organization said it would soon disclose the places it buried nine of its operatives executed secretly for being disloyal to the organization.

In the grisly logic of Northern Ireland politics, this was to put a human face on terrorism by returning bodies to relatives. The I.R.A. statement on Monday night apologized for the delay in returning the victims, but not for killing them.

Mr. Blair was heckled twice before teatime today, first by a Protestant Unionist Assembly member, Cedric Wilson, who hung out of a window and shouted angrily, but unintelligibly, at the Prime Minister as he left the helicopter on the lawn in front of Parliament Buildings.

When Mr. Blair left the building at 3:45 P.M., surrounded by security men and accompanied by Mr. Ahern, a small group of older people held up signs attacking terrorism, and shouted "God save Ulster" and "Never mind Yugoslavia. Think of Northern Ireland, your own country."

Several well-dressed older Protestant women, who said they were relatives of I.R.A. victims, seemed to epitomize the fearful hard-line Protestant views on the I.R.A. disarmament issue.

"The I.R.A. will get its united Ireland," one woman said. "They'll still have all their ammunition, all their weaponry. And united Ireland will mean the ethnic cleansing of the Protestant people."

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Today is Thursday, August 1, the 213th day of 2002. There are 152 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1291 - The Swiss cantons of Uri, Schwyz, and Nidwalden sign a mutual defense pact and is later joined by surrounding areas to form the Republic of Switzerland. It is the oldest government still in existence.

1560 - Scotland's Parliament abolishes Papal jurisdiction and approves a Calvinistic confession of faith, thus founding the Church of Scotland.

1589 - Henry III, the last of the Valois line of French kings, is fatally stabbed by a Jacobin monk while laying siege to Paris, occupied by Catholic rebels.

1625 - The British Parliament moves to Oxford to save itself from decimation as the black plague rages through London, killing thousands each week.

1664 - Turks are defeated at St. Gotthard-on-the-Raab in Hungary by Holy Roman Empire troops.

1790 - The first U.S. census is completed; showing a population of four million people.

1798 - Britain under Admiral Horatio Nelson destroy French fleet in Battle of the Nile, stranding Napoleon Bonaparte and his forces in Egypt.

1807 - Jerome Bonaparte becomes King of Westphalia, created from former Prussian possessions west of Elbe River.

1808 - British troops land in Portugal to help oust French forces, succeeding a year later.

1894 - Japan and China declare war on each other over dominance in Korea. China is forced to cede Taiwan when the war ends after a year.

1914 - Germany declares war on Russia at the start of World War I.

1927 - Communists rise in Nanchang, China, and hold the city for a few days. The event is now celebrated as the origin of the People's Liberation Army.

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1936 - The Olympic games open in Berlin with a ceremony presided over by Adolf Hitler.

1944 - The people of Warsaw rise against the Nazis, in the hope of liberating the city before the arrival of the Red Army. The city is largely destroyed in two months of fighting.

1958 - Jordan's King Hussein dissolves federation of Jordan with Iraq.

1966 - The Chinese Communist Party opens a meeting that declares the start of the ultra-leftist Cultural Revolution, which lasts 10 years.

1971 - U.S. Defense Department begins to pullout almost 3,000 U.S. troops from Vietnam.

1975 - Leaders of 35 nations at summit meeting in Helsinki, Finland, affirm a peace charter in Europe.

1981 - Rock-music video channel MTV makes its first broadcast.

1984 - South Africa closes its consulate in Wellington after New Zealand prime minister severs diplomatic ties in disapproval of South Africa's racial segregation.

1988 - An explosion by the **Irish Republican Army** kills a British soldier at an army barracks in London and wounds 10 others. The attack was the first by the IRA on British mainland since 1984

1990 - Talks between Iraq and Kuwait over oil and border disputes break off, with 100,000 Iraqi troops on the Kuwaiti border.

1992 - Forces of the Muslim-led Bosnian government claim successes against the Serbs surrounding Sarajevo, but fail to break the siege of the city.

1993 - The U.S. Coast Guard stops listening for Morse code distress signals on the 500-kilohertz radio frequency, which it had monitored continuously since 1924. The watch is discontinued because Morse is hardly used.

1995 - A Swiss woman, Bea Wyler, 44, becomes Germany's first **female** rabbi since the Holocaust. The appointment stirs controversy within the country's small Jewish community.

1996 - Former Nazi SS Capt. Erich Priebke is absolved by the military court in Rome of charges in the World War II massacre of 335 Italian civilians.

1997 - Rocket fire sends more than 7,000 Cambodian refugees fleeing to Thailand as forces of coup leader Hun Sen attack rival bases along the border.

1998 - Milan Kovacevic, a 57-year-old Serb doctor allegedly responsible for the deaths of at least 2,000 people in three concentration camps during the Bosnia-Herzegovina war, dies of a heart-attack. His trial - 15 charges of genocide and crimes against humanity- began in July.

1999 - Yasser Arafat meets with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, an Egyptian faction opposed to the peace process. It is the first such meeting since the Oslo accord with Israel was reached in 1993.

2000 - Philippine ambassador Leonides Caday escapes assassination in Indonesia when a bomb blows up his car. Philippine Muslim separatists are blamed for the attack, which killed two people and injured 20.

2001- Britain's Queen Mother Elizabeth is hospitalized for treatment of anemia, three days before her 101st birthday; Azerbaijan switches to the Latin alphabet from Cyrillic to reduce Russian influence on Azeri culture.

Today's Birthdays:

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Herman Melville, U.S. author (1819-1891); Richard Henry Dana, U.S. writer (1815-1862); Dom DeLuise, U.S. actor (1933--); Yves St. Laurent, French fashion designer (1936--); Chuck D, U.S. rapper (1960--); Coolio, U.S. rapper (1963--); Sam Mendes, British film director (1965--); Tempestt Bledsoe, U.S. actress (1973--)

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Ethnic Albanians To Sign Peace Plan

LONDON (AP)

U.S. negotiators said today ethnic Albanians in Kosovo have promised to sign a peace plan that would give them autonomy. The pledge, if carried out, would intensify pressure on the Serbs to sign or face NATO airstrikes. Former Sen. Bob Dole, who negotiated the agreement at the request of President Clinton, said he was confident Kosovo's Albanians would follow through. "They promised us they would do it tomorrow," Dole said.

Haitian Boat Sinks; About 38 Missing

MIAMI (AP)

Two apparent smuggling boats sank today off the South Florida coast and as many as 38 Haitians were missing as the Coast Guard searched for survivors after recovering two bodies. Three men rescued off West Palm Beach told U.S. Border Patrol officers that one boat carrying 18 Haitians broke down and that the other boat carrying between 18 to 25 more refugees came to help out. Both boats then went under, they said.

Sinn Fein Invited to Peace Talks

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

Ulster Unionist Party leader David Trimble said today he has invited the senior Sinn Fein leaders to urgent talks. Although Trimble began talking with Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams six months ago, until now such contact has always been at the behest of the ***Irish Republican Army***-allied party. The invitation comes as the deadline set by the British government approaches to hand back power to local politicians in accord with last year's peace agreement.

Protesters Target The Gap Store

NEW YORK (AP)

Across the country today protesters demonstrated outside stores they say sell clothing made in sweatshop conditions. In San Francisco, as many as 300 activists crowded in front of the Gap flagship store. Other anti-Gap protests happened in front of Northern California stores in Berkeley, Fresno, Santa Monica and Santa Barbara. The

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Gap has been charged with having its clothes manufactured with indentured labor, mostly young Asian women working on the U.S. island of Saipan. In Cambridge, Mass., about 10 Harvard University students spent an hour in the cold weather protesting in front of The Gap.

U.S. Jets Bomb Iraqi Military Sites

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)

U.S. warplanes bombed anti-aircraft artillery sites in no-fly zones over northern and southern Iraq today after being targeted by Iraqi air defenses, the U.S. military said. The official Iraqi News Agency said "ungodly criminals" carried out 17 sorties near Mosul, 250 miles north of Baghdad, and 40 sorties in southern Iraq, wounding "a number of people." The report on casualties could not be independently confirmed.

U.N. Vehicles Burned in Bosnia

BANJA LUKA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP)

Serb protesters smashed and set fire to U.N. vehicles today and hard-liners called on their countrymen to resist two international rulings that left the Serb-run half of Bosnia in political crisis. The turmoil followed two rulings Friday by international officials aiming to instill democracy and peace in Bosnia, which is still struggling with the legacy of a bloody ethnic war.

Chernobyl's Only Reactor Restarted

KIEV, Ukraine (AP)

The only operational reactor at Ukraine's Chernobyl nuclear power plant, the site of the world's worst nuclear accident in 1986, was restarted today after lengthy repairs. Chernobyl's reactor No. 3 was shut down Dec. 15 for repairs that were initially delayed because of energy shortages in the former Soviet republic. Ukraine has pledged to close Chernobyl by 2000, but it wants international aid to build two new reactors to compensate for lost energy.

Singer George Jones Hurt in Crash

FRANKLIN, Tenn. (AP)

Country singer George Jones was in critical condition today after he smashed his sport-utility vehicle into a bridge near his home. Jones, 67, lost control of his Lexus while rounding a curve on Highway 96 and hit the bridge abutment, state police said. Jones was talking to his stepdaughter on a cell phone at the time, said Evelyn Shriver, head of Asylum Records, Jones' record label. Police said Jones was not wearing a seat belt. Doctors said Jones suffered a collapsed lung, ruptured his liver and had internal bleeding. He was placed on a ventilator.

No. 15 N.C. 86, No. 5 Maryland 79

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)

Max Owens powered several key runs and 15th-ranked North Carolina earned a shot at a third straight Atlantic Coast Conference championship with an 86-79 victory over No. 5 Maryland today. The third-seeded Tar Heels (24-8) shot 53 percent, including a 9 of 16 performance from 3-point range, and held off a late rally by second-seeded Maryland. The Terrapins (26-5) cut a 23-point deficit to four before losing in the conference semifinals for the eighth consecutive time.

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Michael Dean Rockey has been many things to many people.

Police say that in the course of duping vulnerable women out of tens of thousands of dollars, he posed as a Cornell University psychiatrist, an Irish Republican Army member and a British wool-business scion - just to name a few.

Rockey's trail of deception leads from California to New York "and who knows where in between," said Robert Weiner, a deputy district attorney in the mountain town of Glenwood Springs.

Rockey is supposed to show up in May for trial on charges of bilking a woman out of more than \$ 30,000. He's out on bail, and Weiner doesn't know where Rockey is. California wants him in May, too, for sentencing in another case.

The affidavit for Rockey's arrest reads like a cross between a bodice-ripper romance tale and a cheap crime novel: Stranger comes to town, seduces women and makes off with their money.

"It seems to be his chosen profession," Weiner said.

The Glenwood Springs trial will focus on the charges involving Sonya Doyal, a bail bondswoman who is married with two children. But the affidavit lists several others - mostly women - whom the 47-year-old Rockey also has allegedly conned out of money.

"He's got a way with women, and he's got a way with the talk," Doyal said of Rockey, a tall, bulky man with a perpetually ruddy complexion.

The tools of his trade, according to the affidavit, include a British accent, a list of aliases including Mikal Dhalgren, Michael Finnegan and Michael Beckett, and a story about a wife, Kathleen, who died of cancer.

"To my knowledge, Kathleen never existed," said John White, a Colorado Springs private investigator who looked into Rockey's past. "It's just a ploy to get in close. He gets in close, takes them for as much money as he can and just disappears."

Rockey's public defender, Peter Rachesky, declined to discuss the Doyal case.

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Doyal said she met Rockey in 1992, when she was a jailer in Glenwood Springs and he was held on felony theft and impersonation charges. They exchanged letters during his two years in state prison for those crimes.

She didn't hear from Rockey for a year after his release, but in November 1995 he wrote from California with news: He loved her, he was terminally ill, he had become a Christian and he wanted to go straight.

They arranged to meet, but first he needed a \$ 2,200 loan, he said. Doyal sent him a cashier's check.

That launched a relationship marked by rare meetings at hotels, motels, even a highway exit - and a sheaf of receipts from the Western Union office where Doyal wired Rockey money.

Rockey was always on the verge of coming into money, Doyal said, but he always needed some to tide him over - legal fees, traveling money, cash to carry him until his book deal came through.

The book was supposed to be about how Rockey grew marijuana in California to pay for his wife's cancer treatment - a story several alleged victims said he used, and one Doyal found convincing.

"I could see him, I could feel him picking his wife up in the hospital, just a bag of bones, and her dying of cancer," she recalled.

Doyal said she lost friends because she refused to heed their warnings that she was being duped.

"I wanted to believe so much that this guy had changed," Doyal said. "He would tell me in letter after letter, 'I'm going to live in the light, I'm going to be a good person.'"

Also, Doyal said, she had had major surgery and was having marriage problems when she met Rockey, so she was depressed and insecure - a pattern Weiner said was common to many of his alleged victims.

"You're dealing with situations in which people are vulnerable, caring and trusting and trying to help their fellow man," Weiner said. "That is turned around and they become victims."

Among those victims the affidavit lists a multiple sclerosis patient, the son of the owners of an Ithaca, N.Y., motel where Rockey stayed in 1992.

Another alleged victim is Lori Pinello, a Colorado Springs woman who said she lent him \$ 9,500. After Rockey skipped town, Pinello began investigating and called Doyal, whose name he had mentioned. Their discussions prompted Doyal's decision to go to authorities.

Rockey is charged with three felony theft counts and faces up to 96 years in prison because of prior convictions in Colorado, Nevada and California.

Rockey was out on \$ 25,000 bail, but that was raised to \$ 250,000 on March 24. A warrant was issued for his arrest until he posts the larger amount, a bid to put him behind bars in Colorado before California sentences him in May on a felony conviction involving a rental car that wasn't returned.

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**EUROPE AT 1200GMT EDITORS: A look at Europe's top general news,
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TOP STORIES:

UKRAINE-ELECTION: Ukraine's election rivals wrap up stormy campaign

KIEV, Ukraine - A convoy supporting presidential candidate Viktor Yushchenko heads to the Ukrainian capital after traveling through the hostile eastern strongholds of his rival in a bid to expand support for the opposition ahead of this weekend's election. BC-EU-GEN--UKRAINE-ELECTION. Moved. By Aleksandar Vasovic. AP Photos.

- BC-EU-POL--UKRAINE-ELECTION PREVIEW. KIEV, Ukraine - Voters in deeply divided Ukraine cast ballots for president this weekend, amid fears of violence. Moved; Polls open 0500-1700 GMT Sunday, first results expected Monday. By Mara D. Bellaby.

- BC-EU-POL--UKRAINE-YUSHCHENKO PROFILE KIEV, Ukraine - Yushchenko: Opposition figure who supporters say is the best hope for democracy. Moved. By Aleksandar Vasovic.

- BC-EU-POL--UKRAINE-YANUKOVYCH PROFILE. KIEV, Ukraine - Yanukovich: Formerly pro-government candidate reinventing himself as opposition figure. Moved. By Natasha Lisova.

- BC-EU-GEN--RUSSIA-UKRAINE. MOSCOW - Putin says Russia not involved in power games in ex-Soviet republics. Moved.

VATICAN CITY - Pope John Paul II celebrates Christmas with a midnight Mass in St. Peter's Basilica. BC-EU-REL--VATICAN-CHRISTMAS. By 1300GMT; Mass begins at 2300GMT. By Victor L. Simpson. AP Photos.

ISTANBUL, Turkey - The spiritual leader of the world's Orthodox Christians says the Christmas celebration offered peace and joy in a world filled with suffering, despair and terrorism. BC-EU-REL--ORTHODOX-CHRISTMAS. Moved.

PARIS - Iraqi militants told French journalists they held captive for four months that they wanted George W. Bush to win re-election and that they view foreign businessmen working in Iraq as their enemies. In a four-page account of their ordeal, one of the reporters, Georges Malbrunot, also said they saw several other hostages who were later decapitated. BC-EU-GEN--FRANCE-IRAQ-HOSTAGES. Moved.

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BELFAST, Northern Ireland - Police raid properties in two **Irish Republican Army** strongholds of Belfast in search of the 22 million pounds ([euro]31.5 million; US\$42.5 million) stolen this week from a bank's underground vault. BC-EU-GEN--NIRELAND-BANK ROBBERY. Update by 1400GMT. By Shawn Pogatchnik.

MOSCOW - A Russian cargo shipment blasts off and enters orbit, carrying equipment and provisions for the international space station, where supplies for the two crew members have dwindled. BC-EU-GEN--RUSSIA-SPACE STATION. Moved. By Mike Eckel.

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina - NATO detains a former Bosnian Serb policeman suspected of being part of a support network helping war crimes suspects evade justice, the alliance says. BC-EU-GEN--BOSNIA-NATO DETENTION. Moved.

MOSCOW - President Vladimir Putin promises tax benefits and other concessions to provincial leaders in an apparent bid to appease regional elites, after initiating a law that abolished their direct elections. BC-EU-GEN--RUSSIA-PUTIN. Moved. By Irina Titova.

MOSCOW - The Russian military successfully test-fires a mobile version of its top-of-the line Topol-M intercontinental ballistic missile, officials say. BC-EU-GEN--RUSSIA-MISSILE TEST. Moved.

BUCHAREST, Romania - Seventy journalists at Romania's influential daily Evenimentul Zilei protest plans to fire the editor in chief and accuse Swiss managers of meddling in editorial policy. BC-EU-GEN--ROMANIA-PRESS.

BERLIN - The U.S. dollar hits a new all-time low against the euro, which hit US\$1.3548 in extremely light holiday trading with most European foreign exchange markets closed. BC-EU-FIN-MKT--EURO-DOLLAR. Moved. By David Rising.

GHOST FIRMS: Faceless front companies and tax havens a hindrance to oil-for-food probe

GENEVA - The U.N.-ordered probe into oil-for-food corruption is being seriously hampered by an elaborate system of ghost firms set up around the world to cover the tracks of bribes to Saddam Hussein as he cheated the US\$60 billion ([euro]44.83 billion) program, a top investigator says. BC-FEA-GEN--SADDAM-GHOST FIRMS. Moved. By Sam Cage. AP Photos NY379-380.

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DANISH OPERA HOUSE: New opera house has bubble-faced front and hammered gold on ceiling

COPENHAGEN, Denmark - Seen from the outside, Copenhagen's new Opera House - with its bubble-faced front gently squeezed by a flat, thin roof - is akin to a giant lantern on the city's waterfront. The front lodges a five-story foyer and another bubble, inspired by a conch, covered with golden Danish maple. The main auditorium has three horseshoe-shaped balconies. It can seat up to 1,700 people. BC-EU-FEA-A&E-MUS--DENMARK-DANISH OPERA HOUSE. By Jan M. Olsen. AP Photos NY339-341.

DETECTIVE NOVELIST: Alexander McCall Smith, creator of two remarkable amateur **women** detectives

CAMBRIDGE, England - When Alexander McCall Smith is traveling the world promoting the best-selling novels in his hugely popular series, "The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency," the reaction of fans often amuses him. Some just can't believe that this 56-year-old man, who looks like an aging absent-minded professor, and who is a scholar in medical law, genetics and bioethics, has written the detective novels they love. BC-EU-FEA-A&E-BKS--BRITAIN-ALEXANDER MCCALL SMITH. By Thomas Wagner. AP Photo NY338

LONDON - While the rest of European soccer shuts down for a midwinter break, England turns up the heat. The big leagues of Italy, Spain and Germany take a breather so players can heal injuries and aching legs as well as enjoy the festive season with their families. By contrast, the English go into their busiest spell of the season with four games in 10 days. BC-EU-SPT-SOC--ENGLISH PREVIEW. Moved. By Robert Millward.

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MANCHESTER: New Zealand's Commonwealth Games team stole the show with a stirring haka directly in front of the Queen at a spectacular opening ceremony here today.

About 30 members of the team, led by sevens rugby player Bruce Reihana, broke away early in the march past, discarded their black jackets and launched into the haka to a huge ovation from the 38,000 capacity crowd.

It was largely drowned out by the pounding music, but the impromptu act hit the mark in a largely informal march-past. It also got the royal seal of approval, with the Queen applauding and the Duke of Edinburgh waving to the haka group from the royal box.

Little more than half of New Zealand's contingent of 302, including 201 athletes, joined 71 other countries in the march-past, led by flagbearer and cyclist Sarah Ulmer.

Some of those absent had impending competitions, including the entire gymnastics and diving teams, the women's hockey players who meet England tomorrow, several cyclists who are entered in a time trial, and swimmer Dean Kent, who has a throat infection.

The City of Manchester Stadium lit up in spectacular style for the two-hour ceremony before a full house who paid up to poundstg>>190 (\$ 655) per ticket.

Manchester United soccer superstar David Beckham was the star attraction late in the ceremony when he helped terminally ill six-year-old Kirsty Howard, who has battled a rare heart condition, pass the baton to the Queen to officially open the Games.

The opening and closing ceremonies are costing poundstg>>12 million and today's show set the scene for a hugely successful Games, which have already sold 90 percent of the one million tickets on offer.

More than 4000 performers and 1000 backstage crew put together the show which transformed the stadium into a giant nightclub to signify Manchester's self-proclaimed status as the party capital of Britain.

The music was led by British teen group S Club, who welcomed the Queen into the stadium to a huge ovation. Solo artist Russell Watson, who toured New Zealand earlier in this year, also made an appearance.

The Queen's baton, which covered 24 nations and about 100,000km, was carried into the stadium by Canadian sprinting legend Donovan Bailey, Australian swimmer Susie O'Neill and Kenyan distance runner Moses Kiptanui.

While the festive mood prevailed in the stadium, security was tight with a strong presence of armed police outside.

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Organisers also achieved something of a record for Commonwealth and Olympic Games by keeping the well choreographed ceremony on schedule.

Britain, considering an Olympic bid for 2012, is keen to improve its battered image as a host of major sports events after it was forced to pull out of the hosting of the 2005 world athletics championships because of stadium problems.

As well as the pop music, the opening ceremony, a key part of any Olympics or multi-sports event, contained parts of British life that are famous around the world including marching Grenadier Guards and London black cabs. The northern English city, renowned for its nightclub culture, invited the rest of the world to get on down and boogie with a deafening "dance off" to music and song from around the Commonwealth.

Britain's record-breaking Olympic rowing champion Steve Redgrave got the beat started by striking a huge drum in the middle of the stadium.

Toward the end of the night, the Queen declared the Games open.

In keeping with Manchester's proud down-to-earth reputation, dignitaries were ferried to the stadium in traditional English black taxi cabs instead of limousines.

Mancunians have taken great pride in hosting the Games, which are the culmination of a huge regeneration programme begun after a massive **Irish Republican Army** truck bomb devastated the city centre in 1996.

Feilding heavyweight boxer Shane Cameron has drawn a little-known Nigerian in tomorrow's preliminary bouts at the Wythenshawe Forum.

Cameron has been pitted against Ataga Solomon, who like many listed on the Games website, barely rates a mention other than his weight, age and nationality.

The 24-year-old is the only member of the New Zealand boxing quartet in action tomorrow. He will be followed into the ring on Saturday by light middleweight Kahukura Bentson, who has drawn Bardadian Junior Greenidge.

Cameron has already beaten leading Australian contender, Michael Ninness, at the Oceania championships in April.

He was upbeat before the bout saying a camp in the United States had been beneficial.

"Training's been going really good. We've done a lot of quality sparring."

The New Zealanders spent 10 days under the watchful eye of trainer Tom Morates at the August Boxing Club in Atlanta, Georgia.

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CAPTION:

Picture: MARK ROUND SEVENS HAKA: The New Zealand sevens team performs a haka in front of the Royal box at the Games opening ceremony

Picture: REUTERS HEARTFELT GREETING: England soccer star David Beckham greets Kirsty Howard, six, as he holds the Games baton. Kirsty suffers from a rare condition which means her heart is back to front

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Some GOP Senators May Back Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP)

Republican senators today said some of their colleagues may vote against removing President Clinton from office. As Monica Lewinsky waited at the Mayflower Hotel for her deposition tomorrow, cracks appeared in the unified Republican front on the perjury and obstruction charges against Clinton. Sen. Tim Hutchinson, R-Ark., declined to estimate how many might vote to acquit, but he indicated that getting even 50 votes for conviction in a chamber controlled by 55 Republican senators is in doubt. "You would be much closer to getting a majority in the obstruction (charge) than on the perjury charge" and the case now stands, he said.

Polls: Most Oppose Removing Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP)

Most Americans don't want President Clinton removed from office, according to three new polls. Weekend surveys by Newsweek, the Los Angeles Times and The Washington Post also found that a majority of Americans said they disapprove of the Senate's decision to hear new testimony from Monica Lewinsky, Vernon Jordan and Sidney Blumenthal. Polls have consistently found that roughly six in 10 Americans want Clinton to stay in office despite accusations that he tried to cover up an affair with Ms. Lewinsky.

Prominent Ex-IRA Member Kidnapped

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

A former ***Irish Republican Army*** bomber was abducted and beaten today, his sister said, apparently for published comments he made accusing the IRA and Sinn Fein of targeting dissidents. Paddy Fox, 29, was badly bruised by his captors during 10 hours in their custody, according to his sister, Patricia Kearney. Fox was quoted in The Observer as saying he believed he was being targeted because he has publicly criticized leaders of the IRA and its Sinn Fein political ally for pursuing a peace short of the IRA's longtime goals.

Israelis, Palestinians Miss Deadline

JERUSALEM (AP)

AP Top News at 6 p.m. EST Sunday, Jan. 31, 1999

The Israelis and Palestinians today missed the deadline to have the U.S.-brokered peace accord fully implemented. The Palestinians are pinning the blame on Israel because it suspended implementation in December. Under the timetable of the Wye River deal, Israel was to have withdrawn troops from about 13 percent of the West Bank and have released 750 Palestinian prisoners. But a Palestinian negotiator says the only thing Israel has done is accuse the Palestinians of shirking their responsibilities. Israel says not enough has been done about security.

JonBenet Web Site Gets 10,000 Hits

BOULDER, Colo. (AP)

A Web site seeking information about a teddy bear found in the home where child beauty queen JonBenet Ramsey was killed has received more than 10,000 visits since it was put up by investigators last week. In addition to the Web site contacts about the bear, District Attorney Alex Hunter's office had received about 80 e-mails, 105 phone calls and two personal contacts since the site opened Thursday, a spokeswoman said. And a close match to the missing toy bear was given to the DA's office.

Gene Could Help Ease Menopause

NEW YORK (AP)

Scientists have created a strain of mice whose ovarian tissue stays healthy with aging, avoiding the degeneration associated with menopause. The animals might give clues to helping women stay healthy after menopause. The scientists created the strain of mice by disabling a gene called Bax. For human use, scientists would have to find a way to turn that gene off, and it's not clear yet whether that would be possible, said Jonathan Tilly, the senior author of the report in the February issue of the journal Nature Genetics.

Irwin Wins Senior Skins Title

KOHALA COAST, Hawaii (AP)

Hale Irwin, a senior who has won more money the past two years than any other player on any tour, cashed in for \$230,000 and his first Senior Skins Game title today. Irwin, shut out on the first nine holes of the two-day event, began the second by sinking a 22-foot birdie putt worth \$90,000 on No. 10. He ran his total up dramatically with another birdie putt, this time from eight feet, for \$140,000 on No. 14.

No. 1 Tenn. Beat No. 23 Alabama

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP)

Chamique Holdscrow scored 24 points and Tamika Catchings had 22 as No. 1 Tennessee beat No. 23 Alabama 87-73 today. The Vols (19-1, 8-0 Southeastern Conference) led throughout. Alabama (12-7, 2-5) got as close as 7 points three times in the second half the last, 54-47, coming on a Dominique Canty jumper with 12:39 remaining but got no closer. Tennessee built a 69-50 lead over the next three minutes, and the Crimson Tide got no closer than 10, 82-72, on Latrish Jones' two free throws in the final minute.

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DRESSED in combat fatigues, his face grey and gaunt, Osama bin Laden looks every bit the 'Evil One'.

His hatred for the United States is evident in his latest videotaped war cry released to the public, in full, for the first time yesterday.

The 33-minute address, aired by the Qatar-based satellite television station al-Jazeera, is the first sign of proof for some time that bin Laden is alive, or at least that he was alive a few weeks ago.

The latest manifestation of the elusive, Saudi-born extremist came courtesy of express mail from Pakistan, said a network official.

In the tape, bin Laden praises the September 11 terrorist attacks and defends what even he calls terror against the US.

Bin Laden gestured often during the tape with his right hand and kept his left arm at his side. He is believed to be left-handed and it was not clear whether he avoided using that hand because of a problem or injury.

The following is a translation of excerpts from the message:

"Three months after the blessed strikes against world atheism and its leader, America, and around two months after the fierce crusade against Islam, we must review the impact of these events.

"The latest events have proved important truths. It has become clear that the West in general, and America in particular, has an unspeakable hatred for Islam.

"Those who lived under continuous US raids for the past months are aware of it. How many villages have been destroyed and how many millions (of people) have been pushed out in the freezing cold?

"These oppressed men, women and children, who now live in tents in Pakistan, have committed no sin. They are innocent. But on a mere suspicion, the United States launched this fierce campaign.

"Had America had irrefutable evidence that those who perpetrated this act (the September 11 attacks) were European, such as the Irish (Republican) Army, for instance, it would have had many ways of solving the problem.

"But on a mere suspicion pointing to the Islamic world, the crusader's hatred of the Muslim world showed its ugly face.

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"I would like to underscore the true nature of the conflict between us and America, which is very grave, not just for the Muslims, but for the whole world. America's accusations against this group of people struggling for the sake of God does not rest on any proof, but on tyranny, injustice and aggression.

"Those who stood by the oppressed cannot conceivably kill innocent people, as is being claimed. America used to support all those who fought against the Russians (in Afghanistan), but when the Arab mujihadeen stood by the oppressed in Palestine, those innocent children, America was angered and turned against all those who fought in Afghanistan. What happened in Palestine, and what is happening today - the deliberate killing of children - is abhorrent. This is the worst of injustice and aggression and threatens mankind as a whole.

"Who will deter Israel from killing our children in Tabuk and al-Jawf (in Saudi Arabia) and nearby regions in the future?

"What will the rulers do if Israel . . . says that its borders extend to (the Saudi holy city of) Medina?

"America practises terrorism in its ugliest form in Palestine and Iraq, and Bush the father, this damned man, was behind the killing of more than a million children in Iraq.

"The events of September 11 were no more than a reaction to the continuous injustice being inflicted on our sons. These blessed and successful strikes were in response to what is happening on our land in Palestine, Iraq and elsewhere. (US President) George (W.) Bush the son, who began his term by launching heavy air raids on Iraq, is sticking to the US policy of injustice and aggression, confirming that Muslim blood has no value (for the Americans).

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"These blessed strikes caused losses of more than a trillion dollars for America, by their own admission on the New York market and elsewhere, and with simple means.

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'America has unspeakable hatred for Islam'

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In the Nation

Fumigation of Hart building extended

* Fumigation of the anthrax-contaminated Hart Senate Office Building in Washington hit technical hurdles over the weekend. Originally meant to end early Saturday, fumigation of the building, closed since Oct. 17, instead was to end last night, a spokeswoman for the Environmental Protection Agency said. The building tested positive for anthrax spores after an earlier fumigation effort.

Plane evacuated in L.A. after bomb threat

* An American Trans Air plane was evacuated and searched at Los Angeles International Airport yesterday after an anonymous caller told the carrier there was a bomb on an airplane. No explosives were found on the Boeing 757 jumbo jet that was scheduled to fly to Chicago, police said.

Fire destroys Panola Pepper plant in La.

* Bottles of hot sauce exploded amid the flames as a three-alarm fire destroyed much of the Panola Pepper plant in Lake Providence, La. The state Fire Marshal's Office was investigating the fire that burned overnight Friday into Saturday. Company president Grady Brown said yesterday that it appeared to have been arson. There were no injuries. Brown said it would take at least three months to rebuild and resume production.

'Scorpion rapist' suspect arrested in N.Y.

* New York City police have arrested a man alleged to be the "scorpion rapist" who attacked seven women while wearing a gold scorpion pendant. Omar Legree, 27, was identified by all the victims, Detective Cheryl Cox, a police spokeswoman, said Saturday. Charges were pending. The victims were assaulted as they got off late-night buses and headed home to nearby housing projects.

Ky. firm recalls ham products

News in Brief

* A Kentucky company has recalled about 250,000 pounds of ham products that a disgruntled employee may have contaminated with nails. The products, packed at IBP Inc. in Logansport, Ind., were distributed in Indiana, Kentucky, Florida, Georgia, Michigan and Ohio, the U.S. Agriculture Department said Saturday.

Are you a hottie? Check the dictionary

* Hotties now have an official place in the English language, and the wordsmiths at Merriam-Webster don't mind if they shake their booties or give each other noogies. Those slang terms - for the physically attractive, buttocks, and annoying knuckle rubs on the head - have been added to Merriam- Webster's Collegiate Dictionary Tenth Edition.

Federal workers to get raises in new year

* Most federal workers will receive new year pay raises ranging from 4.5 percent to 5.4 percent. President Bush signed legislation last month authorizing 3.6 percent across-the-board raises for 1.2 million white-collar workers, plus increases that vary by regional cost of living. The new raises take effect the first pay period in January. Last year, federal workers got raises ranging from 3.6 percent to 4.5 percent.

In the World

Zambian voters demand election results

* Thousands of angry voters took to the streets of Zambia's capital, Lusaka, yesterday, demanding the immediate release of results from Thursday's hotly contested elections. The ruling party and the electoral commission have blamed an unexpectedly large voter turnout - 80 percent of registered voters - and logistical problems for the delay, and denied any wrongdoing. Seven opposition parties were calling for a new vote, saying widescale irregularities were already apparent at the polls and accusing the government of rigging the ballot. The new president is due to be inaugurated Wednesday.

Former Bosnian leader has heart trouble

* Former Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic was in stable condition yesterday in a hospital in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where he was flown after suffering heart trouble, a hospital official said. Izetbegovic, 76, arrived Saturday evening.

Blasts at fireworks plant in China kill 9

* A string of explosions at a fireworks factory in eastern China yesterday killed nine people and injured 46 others, the official Xinhua news agency said. It said a blast ripped through the warehouse of the Panda Export Fireworks Co. in the rural town of Huangmao. The town is in Jiangxi province, the site of an explosion at a school that killed at least 42 people, most of them children, in March.

Irish leader: IRA must disarm completely

* Ireland's prime minister, Bertie Ahern, said in an interview published yesterday that he would not enter a coalition government with the ***Irish Republican Army***'s political ally Sinn Fein while the guerrilla group retained some of its arms. Growing support for Sinn Fein in Ireland has led to speculation it may hold the balance of power after a general election due by June.

\$41 million in bogus U.S. dollars seized

* U.S. and Colombian authorities found \$41 million in bogus U.S. dollars yesterday inside a house in Bogota, the largest seizure of counterfeit dollars in Colombia, police said. Police described the discovery as an "overwhelming blow" to the counterfeiting industry. Colombia is the world's top producer of phony dollars, authorities said.

Man cuts through fence to get on plane

News in Brief

* A Japanese man cut through a perimeter fence and boarded a plane parked at Tokyo's Haneda airport before being arrested yesterday, an airport police spokesman said. Crew members were on the plane, which was preparing for boarding. The 18-year-old man "gave no reason for his actions, but it appears there may be a question of psychological disturbance," the spokesman said.

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Body

Sitting in the wood-paneled conference room on our sixth floor last week and listening to a delegation of Palestinian politicians talk about strife in the Mideast, I should have felt half a life away from the young man I was 20 years ago.

I have many, many friends who'd laugh out loud at the sight of me in a jacket and tie, asking important questions of people front-and-center in one of the more significant and difficult conflicts on the planet.

I always loved politics and journalism, but 20 years ago I was a former county fair carnie who had learned a lot of life's lessons in assistant principals' offices and bars. I never pictured myself as being in an "establishment" position.

Life has a strange way of working change, however. Sometimes it occurs over time, sometimes abruptly in what I once heard described in a seminar as a "cosmic nudge."

So there I was, with the Palestinians, decades removed from a more passionate me.

Yet, oddly, as our conversation with the Palestinians went on, I saw myself seated at McNulty's Cafe, talking politics with all that passion. It was during that time that I drew an emotional connection between being Jack Hurley's grandson and the Republican cause in Northern Ireland.

THE PARALLELS between The Troubles and the struggle in the Mideast are well known, and they do have their limits. Still, at bottom, both conflicts are about groups of people whose claims on particular pieces of ground go back centuries. Both conflicts are defined, too, by religious differences: Protestant-Catholic in Ireland, Muslim -Jew in the Middle East.

And, of course, both conflicts have wrought the twin scourges of terrorism and the use of military troops as police.

I don't pretend to have the closeness to the dispute in Northern Ireland that our guests last week have to the Israeli-Palestinian dispute. They have been living this tragedy their whole lives, and whether their grievances are valid in history's light or not, there's no question they believe they've been wronged.

What reminded me of the barroom conversations of 20 years ago was their passion, their total belief in the rightness of their cause and their desire to see what they believe to be a terrible wrong righted at any cost.

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I asked if the world should see terrorist organizations like Hamas, which has claimed responsibility for acts of violence in Israel and the occupied territories, in the same light as Osama bin Laden's terrorist network.

No, they said, these groups working within the occupied territories are resistance movements, aimed at dislodging an occupying force.

As they explained this, I heard my own voice uttering similar words 20 years ago. The ***Irish Republican Army*** wasn't a terrorist movement, but a group of freedom fighters. Even if they did sometimes cause civilian deaths, what choice did the oppressed people of Northern Ireland have?

I clung to pieces of this terribly naive, ends-justified-the-means thinking for a long time. In recent years I came to view the IRA as once misguided, but commendable in its decision to participate in the peace process there.

Then came the cosmic nudge.

SEPT. 11 DIDN'T just change the world around us, it changed us as individuals and in different ways. Boarding a plane six days after the attacks, I felt a deep sense of anxiety, anger and outright fear. I got a better glimpse of why it's called terrorism.

Legitimate resistance movements and freedom fighters never, ever target civilians. They may attack their oppressors covertly, but they do so to the exclusion of non-combatants. American patriots aimed their musket balls at Redcoats, not the civilian men, ***women*** and children who believed in retaining British rule.

Thirty-four years ago The Troubles started off the way it should have ended: With a massive, peaceful protest over discrimination aimed at Catholics in Northern Ireland. Yes, there was a devastating police crackdown afterwards, and that, in turn, led to the resurrection of the IRA.

There was never a need to strike terror in the hearts of British civilians, however. Northern Ireland is moving away from British rule today because all sides know that prosperity is impossible if the conflict isn't resolved. Given the disruptive capacity of mass demonstrations, and the dampening effect on the economy of curfews aimed at controlling them, there would still be a need to settle this dispute even if a single act of terror had never been committed.

Likewise, the Palestinians have always drawn the most sympathy and made the most progress when they've resorted to massive nonviolent protests.

Here is what Jack Hurley's grandson believes today: The IRA is not made up of freedom fighters and heroes, but rather of thugs and villains who wrongly believed that the rightness of their cause would justify their evil deeds.

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No cause can justify this evil.

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Blair visits Gadhafi as Libya edges back into the international fold

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Body

British Prime Minister Tony Blair and Libyan leader Col. Moammar Gadhafi greeted each other with smiles and handshakes Thursday in a meeting that marked a major step back into the international mainstream for the North African state.

The two leaders sat, separated by a small table, and chatted briefly through an interpreter in a tent hung with green and yellow tapestries of camels and palm trees.

Reporters listened nearby as the leaders talked in hushed tones.

"It is good to be here at last after so many months," Blair said.

Gadhafi responded initially in Arabic, and then said in English: "You did a lot of fighting on this issue and seem exhausted."

Britain has taken the diplomatic lead in ending Libya's international isolation after Gadhafi agreed to dismantle his nuclear weapons program and renounce terrorism. Blair's visit was the first by a British leader since Gadhafi seized power in 1969.

Relations between the nations hit bottom after Libya was implicated in the bombing of a Pam Am jetliner over Lockerbie, Scotland, that killed 270 people in 1988.

"I think it is a very important visit," said Libya's foreign minister, Abdel-Rahman Shalqam. "Libya and Britain play a very important role in this region of North Africa and the African continent. We have the same obligations. We are going to exchange our views and analyses together."

Blair's official spokesman said the two leaders were discussing the need to form partnerships to tackle terrorism.

"What we're not pretending is that we agree on every issue," he said.

Shalqam said Libya warned of the dangers of al-Qaida in the 1980s and 1990s "when Europe and even America were supporting these people." He did not elaborate.

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

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Blair received a red-carpet welcome from his Libyan counterpart, Shukri Ghanim, and Shalqam after his chartered British Airways jet touched down at Tripoli's Matiga military airport. He passed through an honor guard before his motorcade headed off for the desert tent on the outskirts of Tripoli, where he met with Gadhafi.

Some in Britain have criticized the country's strengthening ties with the state long considered a pariah. But Blair said countries that cooperate with the international community should be welcomed back into the fold.

"Of course there's always a risk," Blair said Wednesday in Lisbon, Portugal. "But I think it's important to take the risk, if by doing so we can show that as well as being able and willing to take action against states that defy international order, that also if countries are prepared to come back into compliance with the international community, then we are able to extend the hand of friendship."

Blair has lauded Gadhafi's swift progress in dismantling his chemical, nuclear and biological weapons programs, and the British leader holds up Libya as an example of successful diplomacy.

"I believe in dealing with these issues in whatever way we can," Blair said in Lisbon. "When we have to take action, we take action. Where we can by diplomacy and negotiation bring people to a more sensible strategy for the future, let us also do that."

Britain has a history of grievances with Gadhafi, who supplied shiploads of weapons to the **Irish Republican Army** in the 1980s.

Britain broke off diplomatic relations with Libya in 1984 after British policewoman Yvonne Fletcher was killed by a shot fired from a window of the Libyan embassy, or "people's bureau," in London.

The two countries restored diplomatic relations in 1999 after Libya accepted responsibility for Fletcher's shooting, apologized and agreed to pay her family compensation.

Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said Thursday that British detectives would visit Libya on April 3 as part of the investigation into Fletcher's death. No one has been charged with her killing.

Gadhafi's government also took responsibility for the Lockerbie bombing and agreed to compensate relatives of the victims, a move that resulted in the lifting of U.N. sanctions against Libya.

Relations also have improved between the United States and Libya. In the highest-level meeting in decades, a U.S. envoy gave Gadhafi a letter from President Bush on Tuesday commending Libya's progress in eliminating weapons of mass destruction.

However, Washington remains more skeptical than London about Libya's progress. U.S. officials say Libya must further improve its human rights record and end support for terrorism before Washington restores diplomatic relations and removes wide-ranging sanctions.

British companies, including British Aerospace, already are looking for business in Libya, British officials said.

Royal Dutch/Shell Group said Thursday it has signed a preliminary agreement with Libya to develop gas resources in the north African nation. A Blair spokesman said the deal was worth \$200 million and potentially as much as \$1 billion.

Blair aides said Libya could expect cooperation with its defense needs and Britain would, in time, push for an European Union arms embargo to be lifted.

Since Libya announced in December that it would scrap its weapons of mass destruction, it has shipped hundreds of tons of equipment associated with its nuclear program to the United States and is allowing international inspectors to destroy or secure chemical stockpiles.

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**US-led forces in new push to find Osama;
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KARACHI - In Pakistan's rugged tribal areas bordering Afghanistan, bearded men in turbans toting automatic rifles shuffle by shops and mud-brick houses daubed with defiant graffiti: Osama bin Laden Zindabad.

Translation: Long live Osama.

It is a message that has irked Washington since the Sept 11, 2001, attacks blamed on the Al-Qaeda leader and one that Islamabad has run out of patience with as it steps up the hunt with the United States for the world's most-wanted terrorist.

Life is harsh for most of the six million people scratching out a living in the rugged terrain straddling a 2,400km border where illiteracy prevails. Burka-clad **women** look in vain for water in dry gravel beds; barefooted children in torn clothes run aimlessly in dusty fields.

But it could get a lot tougher soon. Last week, Pakistan issued an ultimatum to tribal leaders: hand over suspicious foreigners and anyone sheltering them, or face military action.

Across the border in the former Taleban stronghold of Afghanistan, US-led forces are reportedly massing for a new push into mountainous areas that intelligence officers say is where Osama and a small band of his followers are hiding.

A British newspaper reported yesterday that US and British special forces had cornered Osama in north-west Pakistan and are monitoring him by spy satellite.

Citing 'two senior American sources' - a senior Republican and an intelligence source - the Sunday Express said Osama and 50 of his supporters had been 'boxed in' within a 16km by 16km area north of the town of Khanozai and the city of Quetta, on the Pakistan-Afghanistan border.

The report was denied by Pakistani Information Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed, who told the Associated Press that he had no knowledge that Osama had been located. US officials also declined to comment.

The report of US-led forces closing in on Osama comes in the wake of statements last week by US Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman Richard Meyers that US forces were engaged in 'intense' efforts to find Osama.

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Asked whether the Al-Qaeda leader was believed to be in Pakistan, he replied: 'Don't know that. We think in that border region somewhere. We don't know where it is precisely.'

Soldiers on the ground literally face an uphill battle as they sweep through a remote region infamous for arms and drug dealing.

They will also have to contend with locals openly antagonistic to 'infidels'.

With a mosque every kilometre and some 2,000 Islamic seminaries propagating the virtues of jihad (holy war), extremist tribesmen seek the downfall of the US-backed government in Kabul and a return to Taleban rule.

Pakistani officials estimate that 10,000 armed tribesmen crossed into Afghanistan to support the Taleban following the 2001 US invasion.

Pakistani officials say that the arms and drugs markets in the tribal areas blossomed in the 1980s when US and other Western intelligence services funded jihad, using the areas as a launching pad against Soviet occupying forces in Afghanistan.

'There were special funds given to the ISI (Pakistan's military intelligence agency) by the CIA for the establishment of Islamic seminaries, which also imparted guerilla training in the tribal areas,' said General Hamid Gul, who headed the ISI in the late 1980s.

Dera Admakhel is known as the world capital for wholesale deals in hashish and is home to the world's biggest cottage industry for small arms.

'Clients, from the **Irish Republican Army** to the Tamil Tigers, come here for their shopping of small and medium arms,' according to Haji Behroz Gul Afridi, a shopkeeper in the market.

While ruling the sub-continent, the British devised a special system of political administration to govern the freedom-loving Pashtun tribes that resisted colonial rule fiercely.

When Pakistan was granted independence in 1947, the tribal people were given maximum autonomy and were allowed to run their affairs according to their Islamic faith, customs and traditions.

The tribal areas' political landscape may be little changed since, but US and Pakistani forces aim to transform the fight against terror in a region that has already yielded more than 500 suspected Al-Qaeda and Taleban fugitives since the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

EXTREMISM: Learnt in childhood

THE seeds of militancy are sown early in the Pakistan's tribal border areas.

Islamabad, which has never really brought the historically autonomous frontier region under its control, opened schools there but most remained without teachers, books and proper classrooms.

The majority, who are poor, are left with little choice but to send their children to madrasahs, where they are brainwashed.

'The children in the tribal areas are taught lessons in gun shooting before being sent to schools,' said tribal leader Malik Jangul Afridi, from the Khyber district.

Only 15 in every hundred men there are literate. The rate for **women** is one in 50. For people in the area, Osama bin Laden is a hero to be honoured.

'Since 9/11, some 24 dozen newborn sons in neighbourhoods around Dara Adam Khel have been named Osama,' said Haji Sher Zaman, who owns a weapons factory in the shanty town.

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Many shops and houses are decorated with life-sized pictures of Osama and Mullah Omar, the deposed Taleban leader. -- Kamran Khan

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Turkey's 'death fasters' focus spotlight on prison conditions

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The home where Fatma Sener carries on her hunger strike has become a grim ward of death. Three women have starved to death here in the last three weeks protesting against conditions in Turkey's prisons, and four more people are preparing to die for the same cause.

Inside the modest house in a working-class neighbourhood of Istanbul, activists help one of the weakest hunger strikers shuffle to the bathroom. She is Zehra Kulaksiz, 22, whose 19-year-old sister Canan died two weeks ago. Afterward, three women gently massage her hands and feet as she curls on a bed. Sympathizers bring flowers for a small shrine in the hall. Posters proclaim "Either life with pride or death" and "Heroes don't die and people don't get beaten."

Washington Post

"This is not a suicide," said Sener, 22, who today marked the 169th day of her hunger strike. "We are death-fasting in order to help others live. But this is about death, and it can take time. For us, victory is close, and so is death."

In the last five weeks, 20 people in Turkey have starved themselves to death in an increasingly gruesome campaign to highlight - and, they hope, change - what critics say is Turkey's shameful prison system, particularly its policy of holding political prisoners in isolation. International human rights organizations say the practice of isolation is inhumane and often leads to abuse of prisoners by guards.

Sixteen of the dead were inmates, and four - including the three who died here - were activists fasting in solidarity with them. Between 200 and 400 inmates and six activists are participating in the so-called death fast. The independent organization Human Rights Watch said last week that about 60 prisoners "are facing imminent death."

Away from the prisons, Sener said, the activists "decided to show people what it looks like to die cell by cell, but outside the prison." Like the others, Sener drinks water mixed with salt, sugar or powdered juice to maintain her strength and hold death at bay.

A clear picture of what is happening in Turkey's continuing prison crisis - now entering its sixth month - is difficult to grasp, because the hunger strike is mostly taking place inside prisons, away from public view. But the turmoil is galvanizing domestic and international human-rights activists, who cite Turkey's poor prison record as another

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reason that it is not ready to join the European Union. Political analysts say the hunger strike is a low priority with a government fighting for political survival during Turkey's economic crisis.

Turkish authorities say the hunger strikers belong to terrorist groups and the state will not bargain with them, a position that is coming under increasing criticism as the death toll climbs. The toll now surpasses a 1996 hunger strike by Turkish prisoners that claimed 12 lives; it is twice the number of **Irish Republican Army** supporters who died in a Belfast prison during a celebrated hunger strike in 1981.

Even the duration of the hunger strike is creating some controversy, with medical authorities saying it is impossible for people to live so long without food, noting that in most mass hunger strikes, people begin to die after about 65 days. But whatever the explanation, there is no dispute that since the first death March 21, death fasters have been succumbing fairly regularly, and more deaths are expected.

The fasters began their hunger strikes at different times, some as long ago as Oct. 20, and while many are approaching death, others apparently are several weeks or months behind. After Turkish police stormed 20 prisons in December - a four-day operation code-named Return to Life that left 30 inmates and two officers dead - there were conflicting reports that the hunger strikers had been force-fed. Others were isolated in hospitals and gave up their fasts after being told that they were the only ones continuing the strike, doctors said.

The December police action was designed to wrest control of Turkey's prison system from radical leftist groups that ran dormitory-style prisons like ideological indoctrination camps. Guards were not allowed inside. After police retook the facilities, state officials transferred about 1,000 inmates to new prisons designed to isolate inmates in individual cells, potentially for years.

The cells, each with its own electric, water and sewerage systems controlled by guards, were in prisons that often had no communal facilities for group meals, exercise or other activities. Critics complain that the facilities were designed for "brainwashing" political prisoners, many of whom are teenagers who have been behind bars for years for offenses such as handing out political leaflets at rallies and shouting anti-state slogans.

Most of the fasters belong to leftist and terrorist organizations, and some were ordered to fast by their political leaders and are not free to stop, state officials assert. The groups have no unified set of demands: some fasters say they seek negotiations with the state, while others want wide-ranging prison and legal reforms.

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Belfast Walls Emblems of Conflict

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They live only a few hundred yards apart, these two hospitable and soft-spoken women with hair almost the identical shade of red. But they doubt they will ever meet.

Their working-class neighborhoods one Roman Catholic, one Protestant, both relentlessly grim despite gaily colored Christmas decorations adorning the low-slung buildings are separated by a high wall of solid brick, corrugated metal and wire mesh.

And neither woman would even think of visiting the other side.

"Peace lines," these barriers are called. They're a legacy of three decades of bitter sectarian conflict that has claimed hundreds of lives. More than a half dozen miles of the fortified walls snake across Belfast's cityscape, cutting through backyards, slicing residential streets, dividing desolate no man's lands.

Both sides say the walls provide a much-needed buffer between neighborhoods that have again and again been flashpoints for fighting. But they also serve as an emblem of a psychological divide: the mistrust that persists despite Northern Ireland's hard-won progress toward peace.

The province's landmark 1998 peace accord to be commemorated in a visit this week by President Clinton, who worked tirelessly to bring the two sides together is largely holding, but old hostilities die hard, and setbacks have mounted in recent months.

Paramilitary groups, including the Irish Republican Army, are supposed to be gradually disarming, but the IRA accuses Britain of lagging on promised troop withdrawals and police reforms.

And sectarian violence still flares despite the cease-fires. On Wednesday, a Catholic construction worker was shot dead and a Catholic taxi driver seriously wounded less than 24 hours after a Protestant cabbie was slain. No group claimed responsibility for any of the shootings.

On opposite sides of the "peace lines," even a dramatic ebb in the overall level of violence can take a long time to translate into life's daily realities.

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Laura McAnoy, a 40-year-old Catholic mother of five, should know. Her back garden directly abuts a "peace line" that separates her neighborhood, known as the Falls, from the Protestant area called the Shankill, each named for the main road running through it.

"Well, it's really more of a battle line, isn't it?" McAnoy says.

The glass in her back windows is bulletproof, and heavy metal grills cover the upstairs windows. The back wall is scorched black where firebombs have sailed over the barrier, and small stones litter the tiny yard.

On the Shankill side, 43-year-old Elizabeth Weir opens her door reluctantly to a stranger but is soon offering tea and recalling her childhood, when children played stickball in the street that now dead-ends where the fortified wall cuts across it.

"We'd just play together, all of us," she says, shaking her head in wonder. "It's hard to imagine now."

Weir crosses the "peace line" for one reason only: to go to Belfast's best hospital, the Royal Victoria, on Falls Road. Even though it would be only a short walk from her home, she takes a taxi trembling hard, she says, as soon as it passes through the wall's metal gates.

Like so many zones of conflict, Belfast's scale is startlingly small, its geography intimate. Much of the worst violence of recent years has taken place within a few square miles. Traveling by car, a trip of only minutes can take you from a staunchly Protestant stronghold into a Catholic enclave and back again.

These days, less and less of Belfast lives the strictly segregated lives that McAnoy and Weir do.

In well-to-do outlying areas, Catholics and Protestants live peacefully side-by-side, united by a solid suburban concern for keeping up property values. Several religiously integrated schools have opened in recent years, although they draw only about 4 percent of the city's pupils, most of them from middle-class homes.

In the rebuilt city center, repeatedly ravaged in the past by car bombs, Protestant and Catholic shoppers mingle in the busy weeks before Christmas.

"It's money, you know that's what brings people together," says jewelry seller Peter Robinson, who remembers a car bomb going off almost at the spot where his vending stall now stands. "Making money, spending money everyone's got that in common."

It is the disadvantaged neighborhoods that tend to be the hard-line ones, the ones that need dividing. Joblessness and crime are rampant in the Falls and Shankill, where walls are dotted with slogans and initials of paramilitary groups or daubed with murals of gunmen.

Laura McAnoy's husband spent seven years in prison for involvement with a Catholic nationalist group. Released in July, he has been unemployed since then.

"When he was away, my little boys would say how they wanted to be just like him, and play at fighting with guns or being in jail," she says. "I couldn't stop them. It didn't seem right."

Over on the Shankill side, Elizabeth Weir says she hopes the barriers stay up forever.

"All I know is that I can't imagine this ever being one neighborhood again," she says.

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Belfast's 'peace lines': Enduring emblems of conflict and mistrust

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The glass in her back windows is bulletproof, and heavy metal grills cover the upstairs windows. The back wall is scorched black where firebombs have sailed over the barrier, and small stones litter the tiny yard.

On the Shankill side, 43-year-old Elizabeth Weir opens her door reluctantly to a stranger - but is soon offering tea and recalling her childhood, when children played stickball in the street that now dead-ends where the fortified wall cuts across it.

"We'd just play together, all of us," she says, shaking her head in wonder. "It's hard to imagine now."

Weir crosses the "peace line" for one reason only: to go to Belfast's best hospital, the Royal Victoria, on Falls Road. Even though it would be only a short walk from her home, she takes a taxi - trembling hard, she says, as soon as it passes through the wall's metal gates.

Like so many zones of conflict, Belfast's scale is startlingly small, its geography intimate. Much of the worst violence of recent years has taken place within a few square miles. Traveling by car, a trip of only minutes can take you from a staunchly Protestant stronghold into a Catholic enclave and back again.

These days, less and less of Belfast lives the strictly segregated lives that McAnoy and Weir do.

In well-to-do outlying areas, Catholics and Protestants live peacefully side-by-side, united by a solid suburban concern for keeping up property values. Several religiously integrated schools have opened in recent years, although they draw only about 4 percent of the city's pupils, most of them from middle-class homes.

In the rebuilt city center, repeatedly ravaged in the past by car bombs, Protestant and Catholic shoppers mingle in the busy weeks before Christmas.

"It's money, you know - that's what brings people together," says jewelry seller Peter Robinson, who remembers a car bomb going off almost at the spot where his vending stall now stands. "Making money, spending money - everyone's got that in common."

It is the disadvantaged neighborhoods that tend to be the hard-line ones, the ones that need dividing. Joblessness and crime are rampant in the Falls and Shankill, where walls are dotted with slogans and initials of paramilitary groups or daubed with murals of gunmen.

Laura McAnoy's husband spent seven years in prison for involvement with a Catholic nationalist group. Released in July, he has been unemployed since then.

"When he was away, my little boys would say how they wanted to be just like him, and play at fighting with guns or being in jail," she says. "I couldn't stop them. It didn't seem right."

Over on the Shankill side, Elizabeth Weir says she hopes the barriers stay up forever.

"All I know is that I can't imagine this ever being one neighborhood again," she says.

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Highlights in history on this date:

1544 - Sweden's King Gustavus I forms alliance with France to counter Denmark's alliance with the Holy Roman Empire.

1739 - Peace of Belgrade is signed by Holy Roman Emperor and Turkey, whereby Austria cedes Orsova, Belgrade and Serbia to Turkey.

1759 - The French formally surrender Quebec to the British.

1793 - George Washington lays the U.S. Capitol Building's cornerstone in Washington D.C.

1810 - Chile declares its independence from Spain.

1850 - U.S. Congress passes the Fugitive Slave Act, which allows slave owners to reclaim slaves who escaped to other states.

1851 - The New York Times newspaper publishes its first issue.

1860 - Italian troops under Count Camillo Cavour defeat Papal forces at Castelfidardo.

1898 - A British expedition trying to establish a north-south corridor the length of Africa reaches the fort of Fashoda in the Sudan, only to find it occupied by the French. The standoff brings the countries to the brink of war.

1913 - Bulgaria and Turkey sign a treaty settling their frontiers in Thrace.

1916 - Greek army surrenders to Germans at Kavalla, Greece, in World War I: Russian offensive under Alexei Brusilov is checked by Germans.

1927 - The Columbia Phonograph Broadcasting System (later CBS) debuts in the United States with a network of 16 radio stations.

1931 - Japan begins siege of Mukden, using bomber seaplanes, and occupies strategic points in Manchuria.

1932 - King Ibn Saud unifies the dual kingdom of the Hejaz and Najd under the name Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

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1947 - The U.S. National Security Act, unifying the Navy, Army and newly formed Air Force goes into effect.

1948 - Indonesian Communists set up Soviet-style government in Java but are forced to withdraw.

1955 - At least 166 persons are killed, 100 missing and 1,000 injured due to destructive winds and floods in the central and northern Gulf Coast area of Mexico where Hurricane Hilda struck.

1961 - Swedish U.N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold, 56, is killed in air crash in northern Rhodesia (now Zambia), while on a peace mission to Congo.

1967 - United States announces it will build anti-missile network to counter any attack by China; Explosives planted by Communist terrorists destroy Taiwan's embassy in Saigon.

1971 - Egypt and Israel exchange rocket fire across Suez Canal for first time since cease-fire 13 months earlier.

1973 - East Germany, West Germany and the Bahamas are admitted to United Nations.

1975 - Newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst is captured by the FBI in San Francisco, 19 months after being kidnapped by the Symbionese Liberation Army and then becoming one of its members.

1978 - Egypt's Foreign Minister Ibrahim Kamel and Ambassador to United States Ashraf Ghorbal resign in protest of Egypt's Camp David agreement with Israel.

1983 - British adventurer George Meegan finishes a six-year long walk from the southernmost tip of South America to Prudhoe Bay, Alaska; covering 30,605 kilometers (19,021 miles).

1988 - Burma's military commander San Maung overthrows Burma's civilian President Maung Maung in coup.

1990 - The **Irish Republican Army** claims responsibility for an attack the previous night on Sir Peter Terry, former governor of the British colony of Gibraltar.

1991 - Two earthquakes rock Guatemala, killing at least 17 people and injuring dozens when their houses collapse.

1992 - The Group of Seven (G-7) nations, the United States, Germany, Japan, France, Great Britain, Italy and Canada, meet in Washington, D.C. to discuss the currency crisis and commit to a managed exchange-rate system.

1993 - A United Nations investigation finds Liberian army troops are responsible for shooting, bludgeoning and mutilating more than 400 refugees, most of whom were **women** and children.

1994 - U.S. President Bill Clinton announces Haiti's strongman Raoul Cedras has agreed to leave power by Oct. 15 and permit U.S. troops to enter the country.

1995 - Bosnian government and Croat forces seize another 92 square kilometers (36 square miles) from Serbs, adding to the 6,144 square kilometers (2,400 square miles)- just over 12 percent of Bosnia - they say they've captured in the past week.

1996 - In Lagos, Nigeria, anti-riot police clash with thousands of Muslims and 10 people are killed.

1997 - In Cairo, Muslim extremists open fire on a tourist bus outside a museum, killing 10 people, mostly German tourists; media mogul Ted Turner pledges \$1 billion to the United Nations.

1998 - The Basque separatist group ETA begins observing an open-ended cease-fire after 30 years of fighting for an independent homeland in lands straddling northern Spain and southwest France.

1999 - Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs becomes the first player in American major league baseball history to hit 60 home runs two seasons in a row.

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2000- Three gangs of armed gunmen break into three jails in the outskirts of Sao Paulo, Brazil, in separate incidents, freeing more than 200 inmates, many of them convicted and suspected drug traffickers.

2001 - Letters postmarked in Trenton, New Jersey, which test positive for anthrax, are sent to the New York Post and the U.S. NBC broadcasting network anchor Tom Brokaw.

2002 - Burundi's government reports 173 civilians are killed by uniformed gunmen. It was one of the worst massacres in the country's nine-year-old civil war between the Hutu and Tutsi ethnic groups.

Today's Birthdays:

Samuel Johnson, English poet-critic (1709-1784); Jean-Bernard-Leon Foucault, French scientist (1819-1868); Greta Garbo, Swedish-born actress (1905-1990); Agnes Demille, U.S. dancer/choreographer (1905-1993); Kwame Nkrumah, Ghanaian statesman (1909-1972); Robert Blake, U.S. actor (1933--); Dee Dee Ramone, U.S. rock musician (1952-2002).

Thought For Today:

If you are patient in one moment of anger, you will escape a hundred days of sorrow - Chinese proverb.

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Seeking to hold together Northern Ireland's uneasy truce, President Clinton acknowledged Tuesday that there are "still a few hills we have to climb" and urged residents not to turn their backs on peace. "I don't think reversal is an option," he said.

Clinton opened his third and final visit to Ireland as president by fusing the political and the sentimental, telling reporters in Dublin that he was willing to be "a resource" should his successor take up Northern Ireland as a foreign policy priority, and expressing pride that he played a role in negotiating peace in the ancestral land of his family and many other Americans.

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

Clinton met with Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern, who said Clinton's very presence was helping the parties "to focus on, still, what are difficulties and to try to narrow down those difficulties."

"To expect all of the problems to be resolved in one go, of course, is impractical," Ahern said. "I know that the talks we'll have ... will allow people to see all that we have achieved."

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

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

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

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"Nobody wants to go back to the troubles," Clinton said. "There are still a few hills we have to climb. ... If you're contributing to the present vitality of this great nation, you are helping to make the peace whole. For that I am grateful."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Northern Ireland conflict is between the Unionists - mostly Protestants - who want Northern Ireland to remain a part of the United Kingdom, and the nationalists - mostly Catholic - who want to see the six counties of Northern Ireland reunited with the rest of the island.

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

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

Trimble traveled to London on Monday for private talks with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, fueling some speculation that a new initiative might be in the works. But Adams suggested this was wishful thinking, and Ahern doesn't plan to travel to Belfast for Clinton's talks, further dampening hopes for a breakthrough.

Clinton on Monday dropped efforts to deport nine men whose convictions for IRA activities should have barred them from ever entering the United States. Before coming to the United States, all nine had finished serving jail terms in Northern Ireland for crimes including murder and attempted murder, bombing and weapons offenses.

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Today is Tuesday, September 9, the 252nd day of 2003. There are 113 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1509 - Turks take Nicosia on Cyprus.

1513 - Scotland's King James IV is killed in Battle of Flodden with British.

1585 - Pope Sixtus V excommunicates Henry of Navarre of France.

1776 - Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia changes the name "United Colonies" to "United States."

1813 - San Sebastian, Spain, falls to British forces under Duke of Wellington.

1835 - September Laws in France severely censor press and suppress radical movement.

1850 - California becomes a state.

1888 - Chile annexes Easter Island in South Pacific.

1893 - Frances Cleveland, wife of President Cleveland, gives birth to daughter, Esther, in the White House. It's the first time a president's child is born in the executive mansion.

1894 - Sun Yat-sen heads his first attempt at revolution in China. The revolt does not succeed until 1911.

1921 - Constitution of Central American Union is signed by republics of Guatemala, Honduras and San Salvador.

1926 - The National Broadcasting Co., NBC, is created by the Radio Corporation of America.

1943 - A day after the Italians surrender, Allied troops land at Salerno, south of Naples, but face stiff resistance from a German Panzer division, which consists of armored vehicles.

1944 - While the Soviet army advances in Bulgaria, the government is overthrown in a Communist-led coup.

1945 - U.S. troops land in South Korea at end of World War II, Soviets take over north from Japanese, and 38th parallel is made dividing line.

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1948 - Korean People's Democratic Republic is formed in North Korea, claiming authority over entire country.

1951 - Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru becomes president of the governing Congress Party, succeeding Purchottamdas Tandon who resigned in a policy dispute.

1957 - U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower signs into law the first civil rights bill to pass Congress since the Civil War.

1962 - A new threat of open warfare between factions of the Algerian nationalist leadership is averted when 4,000 troops enter, supporting Vice Premier Ahmed Ben Bella.

1968 - Teachers' strikes by United Federation of Teachers (UFT) paralyze New York City's public school system at the start of the fall term. The strikes don't end until November 19 as a million pupils are kept out of classes for 36 school days.

1971 - Prisoners seize control of the maximum-security Attica Correctional Facility near Buffalo, New York, beginning a siege that claims 43 lives.

1974 - U.S. President Gerald Ford is criticized heavily in Congress over his pardoning of former President Richard Nixon.

1980 - Iranian Premier Mohammed Ali Rajai responds sharply to Secretary of State Edmund Muskie's request to negotiate the release of 52 American hostages but doesn't reject the U.S. offer outright.

1986 - Gunmen kidnap American director of Lebanese school as he drives from his home in Muslim west Beirut.

1987 - Iraq launches series of coordinated air raids on Iranian power plants, factories and oil centers.

1988 - Burma's former Prime Minister U Nu, toppled in a 1962 military coup, announces formation of a rival government.

1990 - The former immigration processing center on Ellis Island in Upper New York Bay, which served as the gateway to America for millions of immigrants, is dedicated as a museum after undergoing an eight-year, \$156 million renovation.

1991 - Saudi Arabia releases 400 Iraqi citizens held in the kingdom in exchange for a Saudi prisoner of war and a Saudi woman held in Iraq.

1992 - In a bid to defuse tensions with U.N. forces, the Khmer Rouge, Cambodia's radical communist movement that ruled the country from 1975 to 1979, invites the peacekeeping chief to its secluded base.

1993 - Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization agree that mutual recognition will be part of an upcoming peace accord.

1994 - The United States agrees to accept at least 20,000 Cuban immigrants a year in return for Cuba's promise to halt people who boarding rafts and trying to sail to America.

1995 - NATO warplanes return to the skies over Bosnia to attack repaired Serb air defenses, and acknowledge that the attacks probably killed some civilians.

1996 - Typhoon Sally hits coastal areas of Guangdong, China's most developed province, killing more than 130 and injuring thousands.

1997 - Sinn Fein, political ally of the **Irish Republican Army**, formally renounces violence and enters talks on the future of Northern Ireland.

Tuesday, September 9

1998 - Independent prosecutor Kenneth Starr submits to the U.S. Congress a report on possible impeachable offenses by U.S. President Bill Clinton.

1999 - Israel begins releasing Palestinian prisoners as part of new peace deal.

2000 - Gunmen wound three people in a beauty salon in Kashmir, 24 hours after warning women to wear veils in public or be shot. The group said to be behind the warning denies it had issued any such threat.

2001 - Afghanistan's military opposition leader Ahmed Shah Massood is fatally wounded and later dies after a suicide attack by assassins posing as journalists.

2002 - The U.S. releases \$42 million in military aid to Colombia after certifying that its armed forces' human rights record met U.S. congressional requirements. The U.S. had released the first \$62 million installment of a \$104 million military aid package in April.

Today's Birthdays:

Cardinal Richelieu, French churchman-statesman (1585-1642); Cornelius van Tromp, Dutch admiral (1629-1691); Luigi Galvani, Italian physiologist (1737-1798); Max Reinhardt, Austrian stage/screen director (1873-1943); Chaim Herzog, Israeli president-statesman-legislator (1918--); Otis Redding, U.S. soul singer/songwriter (1941-1967); Hugh Grant, English actor (1960--).

Thought for Today:

Think wrongly if you please, but in all cases, think for yourself - Gotthold Lessing, German dramatist-critic (1729-1781).

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U. CITY MAN, 8 OTHERS WITH IRA TIES WON'T BE DEPORTED;
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Body

The State Department dropped efforts Monday to deport nine men whose convictions for **Irish Republican Army** paramilitary actions should have barred them from entering the United States.

Among them is Matthew Morrison of University City, Mo.

The government did so in an effort to help the peace process in Northern Ireland before President Bill Clinton's trip there today.

"While in no way approving or condoning their past criminal acts," Clinton said, "I believe that removing the threat of deportation for these individuals will contribute to the peace process in Northern Ireland."

"We are hoping that it is over," Morrison's wife, Francie Broderick, said Monday night. "We had a long campaign, and we are really grateful to all the people who have supported us over the years." Morrison could not be reached for comment Monday night.

Morrison, 45, is a pediatric nurse at St. Louis Children's Hospital, a job he has had for about three years. The couple have been married 15 years. They have a son, Matthew, 12, and a daughter, Katie, 9.

Hours before Clinton left for his third visit to Ireland and Northern Ireland on Monday night, Attorney General Janet Reno announced the decision. She acted at the request of Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and national security adviser Sandy Berger to "promote the process of reconciliation . . . in Northern Ireland."

Irish Foreign Minister Brian Cowen praised the move as a step to "help those involved to lead more normal lives in the country they have lived in for a long time now."

Reno dropped pending but suspended deportation proceedings against Morrison and five other men and announced that the Immigration and Naturalization Service also would forgo deportation proceedings against three others.

U. CITY MAN, 8 OTHERS WITH IRA TIES WON'T BE DEPORTED; U.S. ISSUES RULING ON EVE OF CLINTON TRIP TO IRELAND

All nine had finished serving sentences ranging from three to 14 years in Britain for crimes including murder and attempted murder, bombing and weapons offenses before they came to the United States. But they illegally concealed those convictions to gain entry to this country, according to a federal law enforcement official who requested anonymity.

Morrison has lived in the St. Louis area with his American wife since 1985. He was convicted of attempted murder in 1976 after an IRA attack on a British Army barracks.

Reno said, "The British and Irish governments have been consulted, and this action parallels their efforts to reintegrate former paramilitary prisoners into society."

All prisoners in Northern Ireland with similar convictions were released from prison as of July 30, according to a senior administration official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Clinton was traveling Monday night for a three-day visit to Ireland, Northern Ireland and Britain to get a firsthand update on the peace accord he helped negotiate. The trip will include an audience with Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday.

He was to meet with Prime Ministers Tony Blair of Britain and Bertie Ahern of Ireland, as well as David Trimble, first minister in the new Northern Ireland government, and Seamus Mallon, deputy leader of the province's moderate Roman Catholic Social Democratic and Labor Party.

The senior administration official said there had been no specific requests from the IRA or the IRA-associated Sinn Fein party on behalf of the nine men, nor had there been any promises of a specific response in Northern Ireland. However, he acknowledged that the action was aimed at helping persuade skeptics on the Catholic side to keep with the peace process.

This official said the nine posed no threat to the United States. All nine have work permits. Several have married American women and have children who are U.S. citizens. In addition to Morrison, others live in Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York. Families, friends and some members of Congress have mounted appeals on their behalf.

Reno gave the nine "deferred action" status, which allows them to live and work here indefinitely but which can be revoked any time by the attorney general and does not give them any claim on permanent legal residence.

The six in deportation proceedings suspended in 1997 at Albright's request were Morrison, Brian Pearson, Gabriel Megahey, Noel Gaynor, Gerald McDade and Robert McErlean. The three against whom the immigration agency is dropping deportation proceedings are Don Mulholland, Kevin Crossan and a third man whose name was withheld under the Privacy Act because he is a permanent legal resident.

Only one, Megahey, was convicted of crimes in the United States, administration officials said. He served five years for interstate transportation and exportation of explosives and firearms and attempting to buy surface-to-air missiles for the IRA from an FBI undercover agent in New York.

Two of the nine, Gaynor and Morrison, have generated a lot of support from Americans. Gaynor, 46, was convicted of murdering a policeman in 1973. He and his American wife live in Bloomfield, N.J.

Graphic

PHOTO Color Photo Headshot - (Matthew) Morrison, Has lived here since 1985

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EUROPE

RUSSIA: PUTIN OPENS DOOR TO PAST -- President Vladimir V. Putin has agreed to permit a search of Soviet archives for data on the millions who died or were jailed under Stalin's rule, a leader in the effort to rehabilitate Stalin's victims said. Aleksandr Yakovlev, a former adviser to Mikhail S. Gorbachev, said the president "takes to heart this tragic period in our history," and had ordered military and intelligence agencies to open their archives to help clear the names of unfairly persecuted citizens.

Michael Wines (NYT)

CROATIA: TUDJMAN DAUGHTER CHARGED -- The police charged the daughter of the late president, Franjo Tudjman, with graft, the first move against the Tudjman family since a reformist coalition took power this year. The police said they had charged Nevenka Tudjman, 48, with acting as an illegal agent, and added that it was in connection with a \$1.1 million graft scheme. An investigating judge will decide whether to bring a formal indictment or drop the case. (Reuters)

NORTHERN IRELAND: OPTIMISM ON I.R.A. -- Two weapons monitors, Cyril Ramaphosa of South Africa and Martti Ahtisaari of Finland, met with Prime Minister Tony Blair in London and with Ulster's political leaders in Belfast and said their two inspections of *Irish Republican Army* arms dumps left them with "the distinct impression that the I.R.A. are serious about the peace process." Warren Hoge (NYT)

NORTHERN IRELAND: PROTESTANT FEUD -- A Belfast man was seriously wounded at his butcher shop in the latest retaliatory shooting in a territorial feud between Protestant paramilitary gangs that has claimed four lives in five days and a total of seven this fall. A day earlier two men were killed by masked intruders who broke into their homes and shot them in front of their families.

Warren Hoge (NYT)

World Briefing

THE AMERICAS

BRAZIL: WOMAN ON SUPREME COURT -- Despite objections that the principle of seniority was being ignored, a woman has been named to the Supreme Court for the first time. Ellen Gracie Northfleet, 52, a former federal prosecutor and regional court judge, said President Fernando Henrique Cardoso's decision to appoint her to the Supreme Court represents "considerable progress" for Brazilian women. Larry Rohter (NYT)

PERU: APRIL ELECTION SET -- Congress approved constitutional changes that will cut short its mandate and Alberto Fujimori's presidency, clearing the way for elections on April 8. The approval was a major step toward resolving a crisis that began in mid-September when Mr. Fujimori said he would step down and call new elections in which he would not be a candidate. The legislature voted 109 to 2, with 5 abstentions, for Mr. Fujimori and the 120 congressmen to leave office four years ahead of schedule. (AP)

EL SALVADOR: GENERALS' JURY STILL OUT -- A federal jury in West Palm Beach, Fla., continued to deliberate without reaching a verdict in the civil trial against two retired Salvadoran generals accused of responsibility for the deaths of four American churchwomen in 1980. The 10-person jury requested a list of exhibits and asked for a clarification of the case's central legal theory of command responsibility, which holds military superiors responsible for failing to control their subordinates. The survivors of the churchwomen are seeking \$100 million in compensatory damages and an unspecified amount in punitive damages. Deliberations continue today.

David Gonzalez (NYT)

ASIA

INDONESIA: SUHARTO SON IS DENIED PARDON -- President Abdurrahman Wahid refused to pardon the youngest son of former President Suharto, paving the way for him to serve an 18-month sentence for corruption. The decision not to grant clemency to Hutomo Mandala Putra, known as Tommy, comes less than two months after Mr. Suharto avoided prosecution for corruption on the ground of ill health.(AP)

CHINA: TOP U.S. GENERAL VISITS -- The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Henry H. Shelton, arrived in Beijing for three days of meetings with top military and government officials, underlining an extraordinary turnaround in military relations between the two countries in the last six months. China broke off all military exchanges after NATO bombed the Chinese Embassy in Yugoslavia in May 1999. Elisabeth Rosenthal (NYT)

SRI LANKA: POLICE ACCUSED IN SLAYINGS -- The Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka said the police were guilty of "grave dereliction of duty" in the massacre of 27 detained Tamil rebels last month. The commission said it did not believe that a mob, which had no guns, overpowered the police and beat the inmates to death. The police "could have easily brought the crowd under control and dispersed it," the commission said. Celia W. Dugger (NYT)

AFRICA

MALAWI: CABINET FIRED -- President Bakili Muluzi fired his cabinet after accusations that several government ministers and officials had been implicated in a major graft scandal. "The cabinet is dissolved," he said. "Functions of government departments revert to the office of the president." Mr. Muluzi has been criticized by opposition groups and Western aid donors for failing to punish officials accused of abuse of office, conflict of interest, fraud and corruption. (Reuters)

MIDDLE EAST

IRAQ: ALLIED RAIDS -- Iraq said three people were wounded in a U.S.-British airstrike on civilian targets in the southern no-flight zone. The U.S. military confirmed an allied strike on southern Iraq and said it was carried out in response to anti-aircraft fire. (AP)

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Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon urged European leaders to cut off ties with Yasser Arafat, and a key Sharon aide said Saturday that Israel would consider deporting the Palestinian leader if he continued trying to "scuttle the peace process."

A senior Palestinian official told the Associated Press it was Sharon who was endangering peace moves with his "incitement" against Arafat, who is waging something of a power struggle against his moderate, U.S.-backed prime minister, Mahmoud Abbas, also known as Abu Mazen.

Sharon and Abbas are expected to travel to Washington in coming weeks for meetings that could be crucial to the "road map" peace plan aimed at ending 33 months of Mideast fighting and creating a Palestinian state by 2005.

Sharon, who travels to London today to meet British Prime Minister Tony Blair, was quoted by Britain's Daily Telegraph as saying European officials were making "a major mistake" by maintaining links with Arafat.

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Sharon aide Raanan Gissin said Israel told the United States "we would have no other choice but to re-examine the status and condition of Mr. Arafat due to the fact that he continues to attempt to scuttle the road map to peace and undermine Abu Mazen and his government in his efforts to implement the road map."

All but one U.S. base

in Germany might close

Every U.S. military base in Germany except one supporting operations in Afghanistan and Iraq could be closed in a reorganization of American forces, the top U.S. commander in Europe said in an interview published Saturday.

The bulk of about 115,000 U.S. military personnel stationed in Europe are in Germany, prompting analysts to forecast that thousands will leave once Pentagon planners decide how to adapt structures left over from the Cold War to new tasks such as fighting terrorism.

In an interview with a German newspaper, U.S. Gen. James Jones, NATO's Supreme Allied Commander, said that while "a row of concrete proposals" on reorganizing U.S. forces across Europe have been made, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has not made any decisions.

Israel threatens to deport Arafat

"Only the Ramstein base is not up for discussion - it's too important," Jones was quoted as saying in the Sueddeutsche Zeitung daily. "We would like to operate Ramstein for as long as we're welcome in Germany. I don't want to talk about the others.

"Basically, anything is possible."

Iran's president offers to quit if Iranians ask him to

TEHRAN, Iran - Iran's besieged president said he would resign if Iranians, dissatisfied over his failure to deliver promised reforms, want him to, according to press reports Saturday.

Mohammad Khatami's offer to step down came amid continuing attempts by ruling hardline clerics to stymie his reform agenda and deepening public discontent over the country's slow pace toward democratic change.

"We are not masters of people but servants of this nation. If this nation says we don't want you, we will go," Khatami was quoted as saying by the government-owned daily Iran.

Thousands mourn as conjoined twins buried

LOHRASB, Iran - Ladan and Laleh Bijani, twins who died last week in separation surgery, were prayed over by a cleric, then buried in separate graves Saturday as thousands of mourners wept.

About 20,000 people attended the burial in the twins' home village. A note, in Farsi and English, attached to flowers on the coffins read: "Separated. Rest in Peace."

Russian forces kill trainer of female suicide bombers

MOSCOW - Russian forces in Chechnya have killed a Chechen fighter who recruited women for suicide bombing missions, a military spokesman was reported as saying Saturday.

Russian soldiers killed the fighter, Aslan Gasayev, commander of a group of Chechen separatist fighters, and three of his bodyguards during a raid on the village of Alkhan-Kala, Ilya Shabalkin told Russian news agencies.

Shabalkin was quoted by Interfax as saying that Gasayev's "reported involvement in the latest terrorist attacks in Moscow is being investigated. He allegedly recruited female suicide bombers and exerted psychological pressure on them."

Gadhafi says "straight' people won't get AIDS

MAPUTO, Mozambique - Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi told a conference of African leaders Saturday that Africans who are "straight" need not fear AIDS, which is ravaging many countries on the continent.

Speaking through a translator, Gadhafi drew some laughter with his reference to AIDS only affecting gays.

He told the closing session of the eight-day annual African Union conference, "All you have to do is observe the rules. If you are straight, you have nothing to fear from AIDS."

However, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says HIV can be spread by an infected person through heterosexual or homosexual sexual contact, the sharing of needles or syringes and, less commonly, through transfusions of blood or blood clotting factors.

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PROTESTANTS MARCH: The Orange Order, the major Protestant brotherhood in Northern Ireland, mounted its largest annual demonstrations Saturday to commemorate a victory over Irish Catholics that raged from 1689-91. Firefighters reported 86 emergencies, double the volume of last year, caused largely by out-of-control bonfires. Sinn Fein, the ***Irish Republican Army***-linked party, led several small protests, but there was no violence.

Correction

The U.S. military wants to maintain more than one base in Germany. Because of incorrect information that the Associated Press took from a German newspaper, a report Sunday misstated the number of bases that might close.

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Graphic

PHOTO, Associated Press; PROTESTANTS MARCH: The Orange Order, the major Protestant brotherhood in Northern Ireland, mounted its largest annual demonstrations Saturday to commemorate a victory over Irish Catholics that raged from 1689-91.

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In the Nation

Man, 89, avoids jail; says he killed wife to end her pain

* An 89-year-old man who suffocated his ailing, 85-year-old wife in what he said was an effort to end her misery pleaded guilty yesterday in Bridgeport, Conn., to manslaughter and will not have to go to prison. Morris Meyer, who is in a wheelchair, received a three-year suspended sentence and must spend that time at the nursing home where he lived with his wife. Meyer told police that Cornelia Meyer, his wife of 63 years, had begged him to help end her pain. She died March 24.

32 women at Denver Mint

allege sexual harassment

* Thirty-two women working at the U.S. Mint in Denver - nearly a third of the facility's female workers - have signed a complaint alleging sexual harassment and discrimination by male colleagues and supervisors. U.S. Mint Director Henrietta Holsman Fore, who oversees all U.S. mints, on Tuesday ordered a search of lockers, toolboxes, and other areas of the mint for offensive art and graffiti, and ordered a team of managers to go to Denver to meet with employees.

D.A. in Texas drug cases

guilty of drunken driving

* The Texas district attorney who prosecuted many of the now-discredited 1999 Tulia drug arrests was found guilty of drunken driving and sentenced to two days in jail in Carrizozo, N.M. After Tuesday's verdict, Terry McEachern was urged to resign by an official in Swisher County, Texas. McEachern's office covers Swisher, Hale and Castro Counties in West Texas.

FEC is auditing president

of clean-election group

News in Brief

* The president of Common Cause, a group that campaigns for clean elections, is being audited by the Federal Election Commission after failing to comply with reporting rules during her 2002 bid for the Senate. Chellie Pingree, a Democrat who lost to Sen. Susan Collins (R., Maine), said yesterday that the audit probably occurred because her campaign had failed to respond to two FEC requests for more information about financial disclosures. Pingree, who took her job in March, characterized the lapse as routine paperwork a busy staff overlooked.

Environmental radicals

say they set 4 house fires

* Members of the radical environmental group Earth Liberation Front have claimed responsibility for fires at four luxury homes being built in Detroit's outer suburbs. The claim was posted on the Web site of the group, which opposes urban sprawl. FBI agent Willie Hulon said yesterday that he thought the group was behind the blazes. Fires destroyed two homes in Washtenaw County on March 21 and two nearly completed homes in Macomb County on June 4.

In the World

N. Ireland extremists

said to lead crime empire

* Criminal gangs led by Protestant extremists and the **Irish Republican Army** are making millions of dollars and casting a shadow over Northern Ireland's economy, the British government said in a report yesterday. The Organized Crime Task Force said about 100 gangs smuggle fuel and cigarettes, peddle drugs, rob armored vans, and commit other crimes in the province. The report said illegal paramilitary groups were involved in two-thirds of the gangs.

Modified cell phones found

in Saudi bombing probe

* Cell phones found during the inquiry into a terrorist bombing in Saudi Arabia were rigged to detonate explosives by remote control, the FBI said yesterday, urging U.S. law-enforcement officials to be on the lookout for such devices. The modified cell phones turned up during searches in Saudi Arabia after the May 12 bombing in Riyadh that killed 35 people, including nine Americans, according to a weekly FBI bulletin.

Opposition leader seeks

end to his Zimbabwe jailing

* Zimbabwe opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai went to the country's high court in shackles yesterday, pleading for freedom after five days in detention on treason charges. He was arrested Friday after his party had organized protests and work boycotts aimed at ousting President Robert Mugabe. Court arguments in the case were to continue today.

A full Russian craft takes

supplies to space station

* A Russian cargo ship laden with food, water, fuel and other supplies successfully docked with the International Space Station yesterday, Russia's Mission Control said. Russian launches have become the only links to the station since the U.S. shuttle fleet was grounded after the Columbia accident Feb. 1.

Court refuses to put hold

on Italian leader's trial

News in Brief

* A Milan court yesterday threw out a request that Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's corruption trial be put on hold, requiring him to appear before the judges next week. With parliament close to introducing legal immunity for Berlusconi, his lawyers had sought an open-ended delay to the trial.

Russian officer who spied

for U.S. gets 18 years

* A military court in Moscow yesterday sentenced a former Russian intelligence officer to 18 years in prison for spying for the United States. Alexander Zaporozhskiy, 52, was arrested in Russia in 2001 and charged with state treason in the form of passing information about Russia's Foreign Intelligence Service and its officers, a spokesman for the court said.

Graphic

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CLAUDE PARIS, Associated Press

A woman walks past heaps of garbage in Marseille, in southern France, where garbage collectors have been striking for the last week. Most unions are striking in France in protest of government plans for pension changes that would increase the number of years public employees must work to get full retirement benefits.

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FILM REVIEW;
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"Titanic Town" is by no means the first film to portray the profoundly disruptive effects on everyday life of the long-running troubles in Northern Ireland. But in its harshly realistic scenes of British Army tanks rolling across the lawns of a middle-class housing development in West Belfast, it stirs your blood. As helicopters hover overhead and armed gunmen dart from house to house to flush out **Irish Republican Army** guerrillas in the middle of the afternoon, the community appears to be a besieged enclave continually terrorized by a ruthless occupying army.

It's not that simple, of course. In 1972, the year this beautifully acted film remembers with an acute eye and ear for period detail, the Andersontown section of West Belfast, in which "Titanic Town" is set, was an I.R.A. stronghold. But although "Titanic Town," which opens today at the Loews State, aspires to be nonpartisan and on the side of peace, its portrayal of British officials as supercilious and conniving, and the Irish Catholic residents of Andersontown as victims, leaves little doubt as to where the movie's political sympathies lie.

The film, directed by Roger Michell from a screenplay by Anne Devlin, is based on Mary Costello's autobiographical novel of her own adolescence in Andersontown in the early 1970's. No sooner have the McPhelimys, a family of six, moved to the area than they are horrified to find themselves trapped in a war zone where sporadic violence erupts at all hours of the day. The situation is so stressful that before long Aidan (Ciaran Hinds), the McPhelimys' pessimistic, sad-faced paterfamilias, develops a severe case of bleeding ulcers and has to be rushed to the hospital.

His wife, Bernie (Julie Walters), however, is so outraged by the daytime skirmishes that she impulsively takes action and comes up with the faintly comical notion of requesting that both sides schedule their conflicts at hours that are less hazardous to children. The final straw that drives her to undertake what evolves into a full-scale peace movement is an I.R.A. gunman's accidental shooting of an innocent neighbor who is caught in crossfire. Refusing to acknowledge its mistake, the I.R.A. gleefully fans the flames of hatred by blaming the British.

When Bernie naively accepts an invitation to speak at a meeting organized by local Protestant **women**, it is disrupted by an angry mob of her neighbors, who storm the meeting hall, screaming curses. She is deemed a traitor

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to the Irish Republican cause, and the McPhelimys become neighborhood pariahs, harassed with death threats and bricks tossed through their windows.

All this is viewed through the frightened and resentful eyes of the McPhelimys' teenage daughter, Annie (Nuala O'Neill), who just wants a boyfriend and a normal teenage life. But her mother turns a deaf ear to her misery. The harassment has only stiffened Bernie's resolve to work for a peaceful solution to the violence. Eventually she comes up with the notion of circulating a petition among the women of Andersontown, calling for a cease-fire. The rest of the film follows her uphill, eventually successful campaign for support.

Mr. Michell, a South African-born theater director and playwright who was a resident director of the Royal Shakespeare Company and created a splash with his adaptation of Jane Austen's "Persuasion," emerges with "Titanic Town" as a gifted realist filmmaker. Ms. Walters's powerful performance underplays Bernie's heroism, emphasizing her bull-headedness, political naivete and indifference to her family's needs. But as Bernie evolves, she learns to become a more sophisticated political strategist and a bit more sensitive to her loved ones' anguish. This blunt, rough-hewn character is entirely devoid of vanity, even after she becomes something of a celebrity.

Ms. Devlin's screenplay shows a fine ear for everyday conversation. But except for Mr. Hinds's haunted, anxious Aidan, the movie falters in bringing the other McPhelimys (including Annie) fully to life. When the movie ends with their departure from Andersontown, we still don't know enough about who they are, where they came from or where they're going.

The soundtrack makes exquisite use of the early 1970's recordings of John Martyn, the Scottish singer and songwriter whose romantic growl also memorably embellished the end credits of "The Talented Mr. Ripley."

TITANIC TOWN

Directed by Roger Michell; written by Anne Devlin, based on the novel by Mary Costello; director of photography, John Daly; edited by Kate Evans; production designer, Pat Campbell; produced by George Faber and Charles Pattinson; released by the Shooting Gallery. At the Loews State, Broadway at 45th Street, Manhattan. Running time: 96 minutes. This film is not rated.

WITH: Julie Walters (Bernie McPhelimy), Ciaran Hinds (Aidan McPhelimy), Nuala O'Neill (Annie), James Loughran (Thomas), Barry Loughran (Brenda) and Elizabeth Donaghy (Sinead).

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Photo: Julie Walters and Ciaran Hinds as a besieged couple in "Titanic Town." (Liam Daniel/Shooting Gallery)

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IN THE NATION Man charged in slayings of 5 women in Kansas

Lenexa, Kan., authorities said a man was charged yesterday with the murders of five women whose bodies were found in barrels and a storage locker, and prosecutors plan to seek the death penalty. John Edward Robinson, 56, was being held on \$5 million bail on charges of aggravated sexual battery and theft involving two women he allegedly met for sadomasochistic sex after making contact online.

Computer firms held liable in plane crash

A federal jury in Miami yesterday found that a software company and the manufacturer of a flight computer were partly responsible for the 1995 crash of an American Airlines jetliner that killed 159 people. The flight from Miami was carrying mostly Colombians going home for Christmas on Dec. 20. The pilots entered a wrong code into the computer, sending the Boeing 757 into a mountainside near Cali. American sued, alleging that computer maker Honeywell Air Transport Systems of Phoenix and software manufacturer Jeppesen Sanderson of Englewood, Colo., helped cause the crash.

Compromise in Ten Commandments dispute

Commissioners in Wilkes County, N.C., hope adding the Declaration of Independence and the Magna Carta to a courthouse display of the Ten Commandments will end a lawsuit. The American Civil Liberties Union suit asked a judge to declare the display unconstitutional. A judge declined to order the plaques removed after commissioners pledged to supplement them with a display of historic documents, which was done Monday.

NTSB proposes new air traffic rules

Government safety investigators yesterday recommended new air traffic procedures to combat near misses on the U.S. runways, skeptical that a technological solution will be reached soon. There were at least 320 so-called runway incursions reported in 1999, an increase of more than 70 percent from 1993. Among the suggestions of the National Transportation Safety Board is for the Federal Aviation Administration to forbid pilots from crossing active runways without specific clearance.

Immediate angioplasty best after heart attack

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Heart attack victims are far more likely to survive if they have an angioplasty almost as soon as they get to the hospital, according to a study at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston and reported in today's Journal of the American Medical Association. The findings underscore what doctors have long suspected about angioplasty, in which a balloon is inserted via a catheter to open a blocked artery in the heart - time counts.

Ex-congressman sentenced for contempt

Former Rep. Chris Perkins of Kentucky was sentenced yesterday to three months in a halfway house for criminal contempt related to a House banking scandal for which he served prison time. Perkins, a Democrat who served in Congress from 1984 to 1992, pleaded guilty in March to lying to a federal probation officer about his income while a judge was trying to determine whether he should be fined for his role in the scandal. The scandal involved thousands of overdrafts from lawmakers at a private bank that paid the overdrafts.

IN THE WORLD Putin told joint antimissile shield unfeasible

U.S. Defense Secretary William S. Cohen told Russian officials yesterday that their proposal of a joint antimissile shield would not be feasible any time soon and could not replace the system Washington aims to deploy. Russian President Vladimir V. Putin has proposed that the United States, NATO and Russia develop a joint defense.

Nigeria reduces fuel-price hike, averting strike

Nigerian labor leaders called off a five-day national strike yesterday after the government agreed to substantially reduce a 50 percent hike in fuel prices. President Olusegun Obasanjo says the government can no longer afford the \$2 billion annual subsidy required to keep fuel prices down.

Three convicted of shipping arms to IRA

Three men were convicted in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., yesterday of shipping weapons to Ireland for the Irish Republican Army. Conor Claxton of Northern Ireland, Martin Mullan of Philadelphia and Anthony Smyth of Weston, Fla., were acquitted of the more serious charges of shipping weapons to terrorists and conspiracy to maim or murder persons in a foreign country. If convicted of those charges, they could have faced life in prison. Sentencing is Aug. 18.

Chilean military to investigate dissidents' fate

Chile's military promised yesterday to help determine the fate of more than 1,000 dissidents who disappeared after being arrested under the dictatorship of Gen. Augusto Pinochet. Defense Minister Mario Fernandez said an agreement was reached after a meeting involving top officers, human-rights activists and government officials.

China leader lays wreath for embassy bombing

Li Peng, head of the Chinese parliament, laid a wreath yesterday at the gate of Beijing's embassy in Belgrade to commemorate the three people who died when it was mistakenly bombed during last year's NATO air strikes.

Japanese prime minister starts reelection bid

Japanese Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori launched his bid yesterday to stay in office with the start of the campaign for June 25 parliamentary elections. Polls show support for his government is low.

Solomon Islands leader resigns in wake of coup

The prime minister of the Solomon Islands, Bartholomew Ulufa'alu, has resigned ahead of a no-confidence vote in parliament forced by armed rebels who seized the capital last week, the media reported today. Minister of State Alfred Sasako was quoted as saying Ulufa'alu resigned late yesterday.

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Body

While American military planners have concentrated since the Persian Gulf War on making more and better use of high technology, their Iraqi counterparts appear to have been taking lessons from every battle the United States, Great Britain and Israel have either lost or failed to win.

Unable to compete with American technology, firepower and intelligence-gathering, U.S. officials say, Saddam Hussein's commanders have turned to Vietnam, Lebanon, Somalia and Northern Ireland for inspiration, and also borrowed one idea from Yugoslavia's losing battles against NATO forces in Bosnia and Kosovo.

Senior U.S. officials believe the resulting Iraqi strategy, an ever-shifting mixture of suicide bombing, guerrilla warfare, deception and concealment, is designed to slow the U.S. and British advance on Baghdad, rattle green American troops, create as many civilian casualties as possible, frustrate coalition efforts to win Iraqi hearts and minds, encourage international opposition to the war and preserve Saddam's best fighting forces for as long as possible.

"It's a textbook example of how a weak state can try to fight a stronger one," one senior U.S. official said yesterday. "There's nothing new in what they've been doing, but they've recycled a lot of stuff from all sorts of conflicts."

If there's a central organizing principle to the Iraqi strategy, it appears to have been drawn from Vietnam, Lebanon and Somalia: If you can inflict enough American casualties and make enough Americans think they've lost the moral high ground, you can lose the battles but win the war.

Iraq's aim appears to include killing Americans, displaying corpses and captives on television for shock value and making the most of the small number of civilian casualties so far.

Like the North Vietnamese, the Viet Cong and the militants of the ***Irish Republican Army***, Iraqi fedayeen paramilitaries, probably supported by some experienced Republican Guard soldiers, have been ambushing American supply convoys and rear areas. Typically, U.S. officers in the field say, the Iraqis wait for a convoy to pass and then attack its tail end.

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Yesterday, the Iraqis added suicide bombing to the familiar guerrilla manual. The militant Islamic group Hezbollah used truck bombs to drive first the Americans and then the Israelis out of Lebanon, and Iraqi officials said the first such attack wouldn't be the last.

That threat may be a combination of bravado and psychological warfare, but the use of suicide bombing has several advantages for the Iraqis.

* It makes it impossible for U.S. and British troops to distinguish combatants from civilians, which means they may kill more civilians, which in turn angers Iraqis who might otherwise turn against Saddam. Such killings energize Arab and Muslim opposition to the war, repulse Americans and anger the rest of the world.

The use of children, women and parents as suicide bombers heightens the shock value, and there's no way to tell when it's over whether the bomber was motivated by love for Saddam or a gun at his children's heads.

* Suicide attacks wear down the mostly young American soldiers, most of whom have never been in combat before, by keeping them constantly on edge.

* Finally, by embracing a tactic pioneered by Muslim radicals, suicide bombers create the impression that Saddam, a secular ruler, is allied with Osama bin Laden and others in a Muslim holy war against Christians and Jews.

"Any method that stops or kills the enemy will be used," Iraqi Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan said yesterday, adopting the language of Islamic radicalism. "The United States will turn the whole world into martyrs against it."

U.S. officials said they also thought the Iraqi tactics, drawn in part from Vietnam, were designed to keep the Americans and British as far from the Iraqi people as possible and to prevent them from delivering humanitarian aid, as the Iraqis have tried to do by mining the southern port of Umm Qasr.

"The idea is to make us appear to be the enemy of the people we're there to help," said one administration official. "It had some success in South Vietnam."

Iraqi tactics in the southern city of Basra, and probably Saddam's plan for Baghdad, as well, suggest that the Iraqis also studied the American retreat from Somalia. Their conclusion appears to have been that if you draw the Americans and the British into narrow city streets where tanks, artillery and air power are of less use, you give them two unpalatable choices: Fight house-to-house, take a large number of casualties and lose public support; or level the city and lose public support.

Finally, like the Yugoslavs, the Iraqis seem to be trying to preserve their best forces, the Republican Guard and the Special Republican Guard, for last by moving and concealing them. Despite three months of NATO air attacks, the Yugoslavs managed to protect more than 90 percent of their army.

Iraq's concealment also is a lesson from the 1991 war, when thousands of its troops were killed as they congregated in the open desert.

It isn't clear, however, whether the Iraqis read all the way to the end of the Yugoslav textbook. The Yugoslavs lost, and many of their leaders are now on trial, accused of war crimes.

Graphic

Photo: David Lesson/Dallas Morning News: A soldier with the Task Force 2-69 Armor, 3rd Brigade Combat Team of the Army's 3rd Infantry Division from Fort Benning, Ga., holds a photograph of Saddam Hussein confiscated from a building yesterday in Kifl, Iraq. Another soldier from the task force added the crosshairs to the photo.

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Trimble barely stays in control of party

BELFAST, Northern Ireland - Assailed by critics of compromise, Nobel laureate David Trimble narrowly won re-election Saturday as leader of the Ulster Unionists, a Protestant party central to the success or failure of Northern Ireland's peace accord.

The Ulster Unionists' grassroots council gave Trimble 457 votes to 348 for a last-minute challenger, the Rev. Martin Smyth. Smyth, a party veteran, argued that Trimble had been wrong to attempt a coalition government with the Sinn Fein party, which is linked to the **Irish Republican Army**.

Trimble's victory came by a narrower margin than had been predicted. He also suffered a significant defeat when grassroots members voted to link the party's future participation in government to retention of the formal name of the province's predominantly Protestant police force, the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Police in Uganda search for more sect members

BUHUNGA, Uganda - Police mobilized across this East African nation Saturday to search buildings and land belonging to a doomsday Christian sect, fearing they could find many more murdered cult members after the discovery of mass graves containing strangled and hacked bodies.

Authorities were planning to examine six properties known to be owned by the Movement for the Restoration of the Ten Commandments. "We think wherever there was a sect branch, there could be more graves," said Jim Muhwezi, a parliament member.

The smell of rotting corpses hung heavily over one corner of this tiny village, perched on a lush green hillside, where a mound of dirt is the only memorial to the 153 members of the sect buried in a mass grave - some 20 miles away from the sect compound where at least 330 other members died in a fire March 17 in a makeshift church.

The exact number of dead in the fire in Kanungu, 215 miles southwest of Kampala, remains unclear. Many of the corpses were reduced to ashes.

Iraq will boost exports, Oil Ministry officials say

BAGHDAD, Iraq - In an apparent attempt to grab the initiative from OPEC, senior Oil Ministry officials said Saturday that Iraq will boost exports by about 700,000 barrels per day in the coming few weeks.

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Word of the plan to increase exports from 1.6 million barrels per day to at least 2.3 million barrels per day comes as major oil producers are gathering in Vienna to review output levels.

It is not clear what impact Iraq's move will have on the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries decision Monday.

Canada's divided right faces important test

CALGARY, Alberta - A political gamble intended to unify Canada's divided right faced a critical test Saturday with auditors counting votes by members of the nation's second-largest party on whether to join a new conservative alliance.

The goal of the alliance created in January is to combine the Reform Party, the official opposition in Parliament, with supporters of the Conservative Party to create a rightist movement capable of toppling the governing Liberal Party in national elections expected in 2001.

An independent auditing firm spent Saturday tallying ballots mailed in by most of the Reform Party's 75,000 members. A two-thirds majority of the total vote is required for approval, along with majority support in at least six of the nation's 10 provinces and territories.

Osama bin Laden ailing, intelligence official reports

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan - Osama bin Laden seemed weak and gaunt at a meeting about President Clinton's visit to Pakistan, a witness said, and a Western intelligence official said the alleged terrorist leader is suffering from kidney and liver disease.

Bin Laden has kidney failure and "his liver is going," the official said, speaking on condition that neither he nor his nation be identified. He said bin Laden's followers were trying to find a kidney dialysis machine for their ailing leader.

Afghanistan's ruling Taliban militia, however, insists bin Laden is fine.

82 ethnic Albanian victims remembered in Celina

CELINA, Yugoslavia - Old women placed their hands on the graves, sobbing in anguish and calling out names as they remembered the 82 ethnic Albanians - including 11 children - killed here last year by Yugoslav forces in revenge for NATO's bombing of the country.

The women were among the thousands who gathered in Celina on Saturday, about 30 miles southwest of Kosovo's capital of Pristina, to honor the dead. They say President Slobodan Milosevic's paramilitary forces began streaming in March 25, 1999, lining up the civilians, shooting them outside their homes and then burning many of the corpses.

The Celina killings were never widely reported, as they came only one day after NATO started bombing Yugoslavia, dominated by the Serbia republic. In early April, the rebel Kosovo Liberation Army, which has since disbanded, circulated reports of the killings in Celina.

4 detained on suspicion of involvement in attack

DURBAN, South Africa - Police arrested four men on suspicion that they might be behind a tear-gas attack on a nightclub in South Africa that left 12 schoolchildren dead and 150 injured.

The men were detained for questioning, Durban South police area commissioner Raj Ramsaroop said Saturday. He said the investigation was progressing and that more arrests were expected, but he declined to give further details.

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IN THE NATION U.S. wants to bring oil prices down

The Clinton administration is trying to persuade world oil producers to put more oil on the market and is studying whether emergency U.S. stocks should be tapped to drive down prices from the current level of nearly \$30 a barrel, White House chief of staff John Podesta said yesterday. Oil prices have nearly tripled since the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries cut production in late 1998. President Clinton last week released \$45 million to help low-income people in the frigid Northeast with their heating bills.

Columbia student, boyfriend found dead in N.Y.

A Columbia University student was found dead in her dormitory room on Saturday, and her boyfriend, considered a suspect in her death, died hours later after throwing himself in front of a subway train, New York City police said. Kathleen Roskot, 19, from Long Island, was found dead in her bedroom with a stab wound to the neck. Roskot's wallet was found in the possession of Thomas Nelford, 23, of Oxnard, Calif., after he jumped in front of a train.

Arkansas county at a racial standstill

A racial division in an Arkansas county board has created a budget gridlock that forced the shutdown of all county operations except emergency services. The lawmaking body for Phillips County in eastern Arkansas, called a Quorum Court, failed to pass a budget this year or to extend last year's budget. The five black and four white members of the Quorum Court have been at odds for years.

Court rules Wis. statue unconstitutional

A federal appeals court has ruled that a statue of Jesus Christ that stands on privately owned land within a Marshfield, Wis., city park violates the law because people could assume the city government endorses a religion. A group of citizens paid \$21,726 to buy the small piece of the parkland under the statue after an atheist group sued the city in 1998. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, in Chicago, ruled Friday that the statue still violated the constitutional separation between church and state, even though it was not directly on public property.

Sen. Kennedy resting in Washington hospital

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Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D., Mass.) was admitted to a Washington hospital yesterday morning for a viral condition after complaining of back and shoulder pain, an aide said. Will Keyser said Kennedy, 67, was resting comfortably at Sibley Memorial Hospital.

Child dies after Ohio woman sets man on fire

A Youngstown, Ohio, woman set her boyfriend on fire after he had reportedly beaten her early Saturday, triggering a house fire that killed her 7-year-old daughter, police said. Jamie Bennett was killed in the fire set by Rita Ashford, 37, police said. Ashford and her boyfriend, Kenneth Harris, 41, were hospitalized with burns.

IN THE WORLD Hezbollah attack kills Israeli in Lebanon

An Israeli soldier was killed and seven were wounded in a Hezbollah guerrilla attack in southern Lebanon yesterday, the Israeli army said. The attack, which followed the killing of three Israeli soldiers in southern Lebanon last Monday, raised questions in Israel about whether Prime Minister Ehud Barak would reverse a policy of relative restraint in retaliating as he tries to advance peace talks with Syria.

IRA dissidents suspected in hotel bombing

Suspected **Irish Republican Army** dissidents bombed a rural hotel in Northern Ireland yesterday. No one was injured by the blast, the first such attack in the province since 1998. It came as international pressure was building on the mainstream IRA to begin disarming in support of a peace accord. A caller claiming to be from the Continuity IRA, a small dissident group opposed to the IRA's 1997 truce, claimed responsibility for the bombing in County Fermanagh.

Japan elects first **female** mayor, in Osaka

A candidate backed by Japan's ruling coalition won the election for mayor of Osaka yesterday, giving a victory to Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi's government. Fusae Ota's victory makes her Japan's first **female** mayor, succeeding Isamu "Knock" Yokoyama, who stepped down in December amid charges that he sexually harassed a campaign worker. Ota, who as mayor will also serve as governor of the Osaka region, received 1,380,583 votes in the final count. She was followed by Makoto Ajisaka, who was backed by the Japan Communist Party and pulled in 1,020,483 votes.

Group says NATO bombs killed 500 civilians

Last year's NATO bombing campaign in the former Yugoslavia killed about 500 civilians in 90 separate incidents, Human Rights Watch said in a report released yesterday. NATO, which is reviewing the report, said it took "scrupulous care" to avoid civilian casualties but was unable to make an educated estimate of deaths and injuries from the 78-day bombing campaign.

IMF withholding \$640 million loan to Russia

The International Monetary Fund announced Saturday that it would not release a delayed \$640 million loan to Russia until it sees more evidence of economic reform. Even though Russia's economy performed better than the IMF expected last year, the government has made only limited progress in adopting structural reforms, the IMF said.

Croats to vote today for new president

Croatia chooses a successor today to the late President Franjo Tudjman in a runoff between Stipe Mesic and Drazen Budisa. Both candidates have promised to end the autocratic style of Tudjman and integrate the Balkan country into Europe.

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IRELAND: KILLER'S RETURN BLOCKED -- The High Court temporarily blocked the extradition to Northern Ireland of a former **Irish Republican Army** man facing a life sentence for killing a British officer in Belfast in 1980. Angelo Fusco, 43, was arrested by the Irish police and was being driven to the border when the court intervened. Mr. Fusco, who served 10 years in Irish prisons for a 1981 escape from a Belfast prison, had been at large since Ireland's Supreme Court ruled two years ago that he could be sent to Ulster. Warren Hoge (NYT)

BRITAIN: JEWS CONDEMN DEPORTATION -- Jewish groups condemned the government's decision to deport, rather than arrest, an 86-year-old man accused of being a senior commander in a Latvian secret police unit that may have been responsible for more than 30,000 murders in World War II. Home Secretary Jack Straw said there was not enough evidence to arrest the man, Konrad Kalejs. But Rabbi Jonathan Romain, a spokesman for the Reform Synagogues of Britain, said that prosecuting him would show the world that "people have to face the consequences of their actions." Sarah Lyall (NYT)

FRANCE: TOLL ON TREES -- French officials say it will take up to two centuries to restore France's forests, devastated by freak Christmas weekend storms that killed 87 people. The National Forestry Office said gales blowing up to 125 miles per hour uprooted or broke in half 270 million trees of all kinds, from century-old oaks to young pines, beeches and maples. Suzanne Daley (NYT)

VATICAN: CHINESE CHURCH ASSAILED -- The Vatican expressed surprise and disappointment after China's state-backed church, the Patriotic Catholic Association, said it would ordain three new bishops tomorrow, the same day Pope John Paul II is scheduled to ordain nine bishops from Poland, Italy, the United States, Hungary, Angola, India and Romania. The Chinese church does not recognize the Pope's authority. Elisabetta Povoledo (NYT)

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COLOMBIA: PEASANTS INVADE RED CROSS -- Nearly 100 displaced peasants protesting the lack of government help in providing housing, health care and education invaded the Bogota headquarters of the International Committee of the Red Cross and held more than 30 employees for several hours before releasing most of them. A few aid officials remained to conduct negotiations. As a result, the group suspended operations in Colombia, which include supplying aid to civilians driven from their homes by the conflict among left-wing guerrillas, the armed forces and right-wing groups. Larry Rohter (NYT)

MEXICO: ANTI-CORRUPTION SPEECH -- Francisco Labastida Ochoa, the presidential candidate of the governing party, the PRI, returned to the campaign after a holiday break with an anti-corruption speech in which he called on the PRI to adopt rules obliging all candidates to disclose their assets. The newspaper Reforma said at least 10 PRI leaders who hailed his speech have been accused of embezzling public funds. Sam Dillon (NYT)

ASIA

EAST TIMOR: DILI CRIME WAVE -- A crime wave in the capital, Dili, prompted United Nations civilian police officers to ask for more equipment to deal with the surge in gang fights, break-ins and at least one attempted rape. Fred Eckhard, the United Nations spokesman, said a transitional judicial service was being created, and a court system could be set up in a week to begin to deal with criminal cases. Barbara Crossette (NYT)

AFGHANISTAN: MEDICAL TRAINING -- The World Health Organization has begun training programs for female and male doctors in several provinces of Afghanistan, the office of the United Nations coordinator for Afghanistan said. W.H.O. is also training midwives and has set up a one-week program on safe motherhood for 25 public health workers in Kandahar, the ruling Taliban's spiritual headquarters. Barbara Crossette (NYT)

MIDDLE EAST

IRAQ: FIRING REPORTED -- For a second day, Iraq's official news agency reported that Iraqi forces had fired on American and British warplanes over southern Iraq, but American officials reported no confrontations. American warplanes patrolling southern Iraq have made no attacks since Dec. 9, a period of relative quiet coinciding with the Islamic holy month, Ramadan. Steven Lee Myers (NYT)

AFRICA

MOZAMBIQUE: VOTE UPHELD -- After investigating complaints of ballot rigging in Mozambique's second national election, the highest court rejected calls for a recount and announced that President Joaquim Chissano, left, had fairly won a second term and his party had fairly won control of Parliament. The Constitutional Court said Afonso Dhlakama and his opposition party, known as Renamo, had failed to provide proof of fraud. Renamo officials said their deputies would protest by refusing to take their seats in Parliament. Rachel L. Swarns (NYT)

NAMIBIA: FRENCH CHILDREN SLAIN -- Three children of a visiting French family were killed in an ambush by armed men near the border with Angola. Fighting in the region has intensified after Namibia decided to allow Angola to use Namibian territory to attack Angolan rebels. Henri E. Cauvin (NYT)

UNITED NATIONS

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9 COUNTRIES PAY UP -- Nine countries started the new year by paying their annual dues in full on the first working day. They are Belarus, Finland, Gabon, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Marshall Islands, St. Kitts and Nevis, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. The largest payment was Finland's: \$5.7 million. The island nations paid \$10,519 each. Barbara Crossette (NYT)

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WALES: NEW ASSEMBLY CHIEF -- Rhodri Morgan, 60, a Welsh politician whom Prime Minister Tony Blair blocked from becoming the first leader of the new Welsh Assembly in Cardiff last year, became the sure successor to Alun Michael, Mr. Blair's choice, who resigned. Mr. Blair said he now welcomed Mr. Morgan's candidacy and praised his "loyalty." Warren Hoge

BRITAIN: PLEA DENIED -- The Appeal Court upheld the conviction of Anthony Sawoniuk, 78, for murdering two women in 1942 during the massacre of 3,000 Jews in Domachevo, in what is now Belarus. The retired railway worker, who came to Britain in 1946, argued that it was impossible to have a fair trial after so many years. He is the first person to be tried under a 1991 war crimes act that permits prosecution for crimes committed outside Britain. He is serving two life sentences. Warren Hoge

NORTHERN IRELAND: ULSTER LAW PASSES -- Parliament passed an emergency law enabling Britain to shut down the new Northern Ireland government and bring Ulster back under direct rule from London today, while politicians in London, Dublin and Belfast worked at finding an 11th-hour formula to persuade the Irish Republican Army to begin disarming. Warren Hoge

TURKEY: HOME-GROWN MISSILES -- The military reported successfully testing two new ground-to-ground missiles with ranges of 40 and 62 miles. They are the country's first domestically produced weapons systems, and are expected to be placed on the market for sale to foreign countries. Stephen Kinzer

SLOVAKIA: RABBINICAL PROTEST -- European rabbis have moved a meeting to Bratislava from Vienna to protest the Freedom Party's inclusion in the Austrian government, the Slovak daily Narodna Obroda said. Aba Dunner, secretary general of the Conference of European Rabbis, called it an ethical issue. Reuters

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THE AMERICAS

ARGENTINA: MILITARY CUTS -- Over the complaints of military officers, the government is cutting \$150 million in defense spending, reducing the budget for the armed forces to \$3.75 billion. The cuts continue a trend begun a decade ago that has drastically reduced the influence of what was once the society's most powerful institution. Clifford Krauss

MEXICO: DRUG AIDE'S VISIT -- Gen. Barry McCaffrey, President Clinton's top drug adviser, praised Mexico's anti-narcotics efforts, but acknowledged that the drug lords' power to corrupt continues to grow in Mexico and the United States. Officials documented a \$60 million bribe offer from the drug lords, he said, without specifying where the incident occurred. "That's getting close to my price," he said. Sam Dillon

ASIA

SRI LANKA: SUPPORT FOR PEACE PLAN --The main opposition party urged President Chandrika Kumaratunga to move forward more quickly with a peace plan to ease the country's ethnic strife by giving greater political autonomy to ethnic Tamil regions of this majority Sinhalese nation. The opposition blocked the plan for two years, but announced a change of heart last month. Celia W. Dugger

JAPAN: ROCKET FAILS -- In the latest setback for Japan's beleaguered space program, a three-stage M-5 rocket carrying a research satellite failed to reach its proper orbit, according to the space agency. The failed launching was the second in a row for the National Space Development Agency, and the latest in a string of failures in recent months. Howard French

MALAYSIA: MAHATHIR ON STAND? -- Lawyers for former Deputy Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim insisted that Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad must testify at Mr. Anwar's trial on charges of sexual misconduct. Dr. Mahathir was expected to resist an appearance. Seth Mydans

CAMBODIA: U.N. REJECTED -- Prime Minister Hun Sen said a demand by the United Nations for international control of a trial of Khmer Rouge leaders failed to address Cambodian concerns about national sovereignty and "cannot be welcomed." Seth Mydans

MIDDLE EAST

IRAQ: U.S. ATTACKS -- Responding to Iraqi fire, American jets bombed Iraq's air defense system in the northern no-flight zone, near Mosul, 250 miles north of Baghdad, the United States military said. All planes left the area safely, the statement said. (AP)

AFRICA

RWANDA: COOPERATING AGAIN -- Three months after it angrily cut ties, Rwanda agreed to cooperate again with the United Nations tribunal investigating the massacre of at least 500,000 Tutsi by Hutu in 1994. The move came after a meeting in Rwanda by Vice President Paul Kagame, left, with the new prosecutor, Carla Del Ponte. Rwanda ceased cooperation after a top Hutu propagandist, Jean-Bosco Barayagwiza, was released on a technicality. Ian Fisher

WORLD BRIEFING

SUDAN: MILITIA FREES 3 -- Two Kenyan pilots and an American United Nations official, held hostage by a pro-government militia for a week, were freed and flown to Kenya, the United Nations announced. Reuters

UNITED NATIONS

SECURITY COORDINATOR -- Faced with mounting deaths and injuries among aid workers in a new generation of civil wars, the United Nations will appoint a full-time security coordinator in the field. "We cannot let violence drive us out," said Deputy Secretary General Louise Frechette, announcing the move to the Security Council. Since 1992, 18 relief workers have been killed. Barbara Crossette

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Because of an editing error, a report in the World Briefing column on Friday about the appointment of a security coordinator by the United Nations misstated the number of relief workers killed since 1992. It is 184, not 18.

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As Christians throughout Indonesia were gathering for worship on Christmas Eve 2000, bombs exploded outside dozens of churches and religious schools, even the nation's Roman Catholic cathedral. The assault left 15 dead and more than 100 wounded and led Pope John Paul to decry a "tragic time of trial and suffering."

The carnage in Indonesia offers a sadly appropriate image for this yuletide. As the handiwork of al-Qaeda associates, it supplies bloody proof that Islamist terrorists view Christians among their chief targets -- not just Christians as emblems of the West, or Christians as stand-ins for Americans, but Christians as Christians, period.

The past few months alone have seen the murder of a Christian missionary in Lebanon and the burning of Nigerian churches. Workers at a Christian charity were executed in Pakistan. Nightclub revelers in Bali perished in a bombing designed to punish supporters of Southeast Asia's Christian minority.

Neither an ideological nor a military war against the Islamists can be won without recognizing the fact of anti-Christian hatred. Yet, time after time, American leaders in media, religion and politics have downplayed the inescapable conclusion, as if the worthy goals of interfaith tolerance, ecumenical dialogue and diplomatic alliance require rationalizing away atrocities.

The very phrase "war on terror" skirts reality. It is not the ***Irish Republican Army*** or Basque separatists or Colombian guerrillas, contemptible though they are, who leave a trail of death from Moscow to Mombasa, from the World Trade Center to the Philippines. And Islamists do not wish to destroy just America or the West or Israel or the Jews.

Osama bin Laden's own words could not be any more direct. Al-Qaeda merged with Egyptian Islamic Jihad in 1998 -- before the collapse of the Middle East peace process, before the election of George W. Bush -- under the name "World Islamic Front for Holy War Against Jews and Crusaders." "There are two parties to this conflict," bin Laden told al Jazeera in 1998, "world Christianity" and "the Islamic world." Repeatedly, al-Qaeda has described its enemy as the "Jewish Crusader coalition" or the "Jewish Crusader alliance" or "infidels."

Years before Islamists bombed a nightclub in Bali, they assailed Indonesia for ending its occupation of East Timor and granting independence to the largely Catholic territory. Threats had been made against the Australian embassy in Singapore because of Australia's role in brokering the East Timor settlement.

It was no coincidence, then, that al-Qaeda affiliates blew up a nightclub favored by Australian tourists. Although virtually no Western media paid attention, the author and human-rights activist Paul Marshall of Freedom House

Terrorists target local Christians

has pointed out that bin Laden said in his taped message last month that the nightclub had been attacked because of Australia's "despicable effort to separate East Timor" from overwhelmingly Muslim Indonesia.

"The Islamists have needed to build an enemy," said Rohan Gunaratna, author of the book *Inside Al Qaeda*. "They need to have a symbol, a group of identifiable opponents. They have been opposed to Jews, but they have been equally opposed to Christians. Osama's own statements are the best guides to al-Qaeda's future actions. He's very consistent. He has a very clear mission."

One could rightly ask, then, why there is such a resounding silence on terrorism against Christians. It is true, of course, that the intolerance does not flow only in one direction. Such prominent evangelical Christians as the Rev. Jerry Falwell and the Rev. Jerry Vine have issued offensively broad condemnations of Islam. The Balkans war saw Bosnian Serbs, who were Christians, slaughtering Bosnian Muslims, most notoriously in Srebrenica. Several nuns in Rwanda were complicit in the mass murder of Tutsis by the country's Hutu majority.

Still, no one purporting to speak for Christianity, in the way bin Laden has sought to speak for Islam, has called for, or indeed mounted, holy war. By using the terms "Crusader" and "infidel," bin Laden has played on the image of Christians as the invaders, the oppressors and the overdogs. And by conflating Christianity with the West, journalists and politicians have inadvertently evoked the same archetype.

But the Christians who are dying, the churches that are burning, are in Nigeria, Kenya, Indonesia, Algeria, Pakistan and the Philippines -- nations that are neither white nor Western. The historian Philip Jenkins of Penn State University calculates that by the year 2025 close to 70% of the world's 2.6 billion Christians will live in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Already in Nigeria one can see Islamism encroaching on modernity province by province, as adulterers are sentenced to be stoned to death in accordance with Islamic law and the presence of a beauty pageant with women in swimsuits offers reason enough for a cataclysm of anti-Christian rioting.

"What Americans need to realize is that we're in an age of Southern (hemisphere) Christianity, not Western (hemisphere) Christianity," said Professor Jenkins, the author of *The Next Christendom: The Coming of Global Christianity*. "Americans are still living in a legacy of guilt, and it's not that atrocities weren't committed by Christians. But if we want to defend the poor and nonwhite of the world, then we have to pay attention to these religious conflicts. Defending Christians, besides being part of human decency, makes good policy sense."

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Britain's Blairs a poster couple for marriage

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According to his spokesman, British Prime Minister Tony Blair was "completely, totally, 100 percent stunned."

What could have caused such a reaction in the normally unflappable Mr. Blair? That the *Irish Republican Army* had finally surrendered its weapons? That Margaret Thatcher had joined the Labor Party? That the hands on Big Ben were running backward?

No, it was news of the most elemental sort - that Blair's 45-year-old wife, Cherie, is expecting a baby.

Call me hopelessly sentimental, but I can't think of a more romantic story to come out of Britain since 1936 when King Edward VIII abdicated the throne in favor of "the woman I love." Only in this case, there's no downside at all - the British press and public are already so enamored of the unborn Blair that its father could probably keep his job forever. (Or at least until the kid grows old enough to start piercing various body parts.)

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What makes this story so appealing is not Cherie Blair's age - after all, a lot of women are having babies later in life. Nor is it the fact that this will be the first child born to a sitting British prime minister in more than a century.

No, what I find so endearing is that the Blairs, after three children and 20 years of marriage, still seem to be so much in love. Whatever else you might say about Blair - that he is slick, authoritarian, over-earnest - there's never been the slightest hint of personal scandal about him. This in a country where monogamy often seems to be going out of style.

Britain may lean toward the United States in a lot of ways, but it is far more European in its attitude toward extramarital sex and the occasional by-products of such. Earlier this year, Hello! magazine, the British equivalent of People, ran a glowing cover story on a journalist who had given birth to the illegitimate son of 69-year-old Lord Snowdon, Princess Margaret's ex. Last month, Londoners went giddy over the news that the illegitimate daughter of the king of Belgium was living right in their midst.

In this permissive society, the Blairs could have been the models for the happy little couple on top of the wedding cake. To see them together, both slight of build and dark of hair, you are struck by how cute and well-matched they are.

When I spent a day with them on the campaign trail in 1997, shortly before Blair's Labor Party took power, they held hands and giggled like teenagers. On the morning after Labor's landslide victory, as they embraced in the doorway of No. 10 Downing Street, you could almost feel the support they drew from each other.

Britain 's Blairs a poster couple for marriage

For Cherie Blair, an Oxford-educated lawyer who once aspired to be prime minister herself, the past two years have been especially hectic. She often accompanies her husband on official functions, yet has continued to work as a part-time judge earning far more per hour than he does.

What Cherie Blair doesn't do is give interviews. For that reason perhaps, press coverage has sometimes bordered on the cruel. A 1998 magazine profile, noting her crooked smile and nervous tics, described her as looking "almost goofy." On her arrival in South Africa last January, she struck one fashion writer as a "dowdy apparition whose stodgy outfit" should be donated to charity.

But once news about The Baby leaked out, the press turned cuddly as a teddy bear. In the past few days, British papers have reported the story from every conceivable angle, right down to the place of conception (during an August vacation in Tuscany or, more likely, on a visit with the queen at Scotland's Balmoral Castle).

How long will Cherie take off, reporters have wondered? (Probably four months.)

Will her husband help out? ("I think she would appreciate the support," said an aide.)

What kind of maternity clothes should she wear? ("Indulge the earth mother - hippy chic," one paper advised.)

Will the family need more room? (They may have to kick Chancellor Gordon Brown out of his adjacent Downing Street flat.)

Some say the Blairs are too old to be having another baby, and Tony Blair, 46, noted that he will be collecting his pension when his youngest child is still in school. But the couple have the financial wherewithal to support their growing brood and Cherie Blair is, by all accounts, a wonderful mother.

It turns out that the Blair pregnancy has stirred maternal feelings in another famous first lady. Among the first to offer congratulations - and a helping hand when the baby arrives - was Hillary Clinton. According to the British press, she acknowledged, somewhat wistfully, that she would liked to have had more than just one child.

Seeing how happy - and faithful - the Blairs are, Mrs. Clinton may have been thinking other thoughts as well.

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BLACK AND WHITE PHOTO, Associated Press; Prime Minister Tony Blair and his wife, Cherie, arrive last week at a conference in Florence, Italy.

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NORTHERN IRELAND LAUNCHES HISTORIC NEW ERA

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BELFAST, Northern Ireland - They glared, they sparred, they jibed, they stalled.

But in the end, the 108 members of the Northern Ireland assembly bowed to peace and progress, and voted to appoint an executive that would return home rule to the province for the first time in 25 years.

"Today, the hard work of creating a new future can begin," said Seamus Mallon, who was confirmed by a wide margin as the new executive's first deputy minister.

The majority of the Catholics and Protestants sitting alongside him in the new power-sharing body agreed.

But in a day marked by uncertainty and wariness, rather than unrestrained joy, many were simply glad the next step in transferring power from Britain to Northern Ireland had finally arrived.

'Today, the hard work of creating a new future can begin' After new legislation is passed in Britain and the Republic of

Ireland by the end of the week, power will officially pass to the assembly, and liaison bodies of northern and southern politicians will meet for the first time.

The ***Irish Republican Army*** and other paramilitaries will appoint disarmament representatives, and a schedule for turning over weapons to the commission headed by retired Canadian Gen. John de Chastelain should emerge.

"All of us are re-shaping the political context in which we stand," said Gerry Adams, leader of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the IRA.

"We now have the possibility that we all can pursue our different goals with mutual respect."

But the day in the Stormont assembly room began with mutual insults, bitterness and recriminations.

The hardline Protestant Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) made it clear it would do everything possible to stall or sink the devolution process, if it meant Sinn Fein would be seated in government before any IRA weapons were handed over.

NORTHERN IRELAND LAUNCHES HISTORIC NEW ERA

Disarmament has been a major stumbling block to peace since the Good Friday agreement was signed in April, 1998. Last July, the peace process came close to collapse when the majority Ulster Unionist Party refused to appoint ministers if Sinn Fein took part, and the assembly was dissolved.

The Ulster Unionists last week voted to accept Sinn Fein in the executive, with the option of withdrawing support if the IRA doesn't turn over weapons by February.

"It's a historic day - but it's historic for the wrong reasons," said Ian Paisley Jr., son of the flamboyant anti-Irish DUP leader .

"People with links to terrorists will sit in the government of Northern Ireland."

The DUP and other hardline unionist splinter parties, who want to preserve ties with Britain and bitterly oppose the reuniting of Northern and Southern Ireland, were determined to filibuster.

They began by stringing out a nearly three-hour-long debate on Mallon's bid to resume his role as first deputy minister after his sudden resignation in July.

If Mallon was rejected, it would also hobble First Minister David Trimble, who could not continue to head the new government alone.

But the DUP failed to force a legal review of Mallon's reappointment, which was engineered by Britain's Northern Ireland Secretary Peter Mandelson.

It also fell short of 30 votes needed to block Sinn Fein's inclusion in the executive for one year.

But the DUP and its allies could only fall back on angry hissing when Martin McGuinness, a one-time IRA leader and now Sinn Fein's chief political negotiator, was nominated to serve as education minister in a historic gesture.

McGuinness' appointment was a shock for the Unionists, who consider the portfolio one of the most sensitive.

"We were absolutely taken by surprise," said George Savage, an Ulster Unionist assembly member and close ally of Trimble. "We had no idea what was going on."

Although the appointments had been studied for months in advance by the political parties, there was little co-ordination in the days before the landmark meeting yesterday.

Occasionally, derisive laughter broke out, as when Brid Rodgers, a prominent member of the moderate Catholic Social Democratic and Labour Party, was appointed to the agriculture portfolio, over several other assembly members with farm backgrounds.

But the biggest controversy, and one which will overshadow the work of the assembly and executive, is over disarmament.

Former U.S. senator George Mitchell, who mediated the Irish negotiations, said from the White House yesterday he expected all aspects of the Good Friday accord to be implemented, including the thorny issue of decommissioning of weapons.

Asked whether he thought splinter paramilitary groups opposed to peace might launch fresh attacks, Mitchell said that threat exists but he expected it would diminish in time.

"They're a tiny minority on both sides and I think in time that threat will subside."

While many unionists expressed fears that there would be a pre-Christmas bombing by republican or hardline Protestant dissidents, for now the challenge is to make the latest experiment in peace in Northern Ireland permanent.

NORTHERN IRELAND LAUNCHES HISTORIC NEW ERA

"We've had the politics of self-righteousness, the politics of blood and loyalty," said Monica McWilliams of the Women's Coalition party. "We're moving out of it now to the politics of civic principles, tolerance and mutual respect."

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JOY OF SHARING:

Social Democratic Labour Party Leader John Hume, left, celebrates Northern Ireland's new government with Seamus Mallon, the new first deputy minister, and Brid Rodgers, the new agriculture minister.

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ISLAMABAD, Pakistan

Pakistan enacts new anti-corruption law

Pakistan's military government enacted an anti-corruption law today and began arresting hundreds of the country's wealthiest people. The government interrupted television programming with a special bulletin to announce the names of some of those arrested and said former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto is wanted for arrest on corruption charges.

The new law disqualifies politicians found guilty of corruption or defaulting on loans from holding office for 21 years. It also provides for a jail term of up to 14 years. The law requires that trials conclude within 30 days and establishes special courts to conduct the proceedings quickly. It allows for one appeal.

One of the first major promises of Army Chief Gen. Pervaiz Musharraf, after taking power in the coup last month, was to clean up the country's corrupt political system.

MACON, Ga.

Baptists expel churches over gay leaders

Georgia Baptists have for the first time in their 177-year history expelled churches, taking the step against two congregations because they have homosexual leaders.

At the close of their annual convention Tuesday, delegates voted overwhelmingly to expel Oakhurst Baptist of Decatur and Virginia-Highland Baptist of Atlanta. Both have gay deacons, and Oakhurst has a gay assistant pastor. A year ago, the Georgia Baptist Convention changed its constitution to exclude congregations that "affirm, approve or endorse homosexual behavior."

BALTIMORE

Women dominate U.S. college campuses

A decline in the number of male college students is expected to continue through the next decade as experts say non-degreed sports stars and high-tech pioneers help some men to feel school is uncool.

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Women, who in 1970 accounted for less than 45 percent of college students, have slowly reversed the numbers. Now, it's men who constitute the minority.

Census figures put the nation's population at 51 percent male. U.S. Department of Education researchers predict that by 2008, men will comprise about 42 percent of college students.

WASHINGTON

Major general demoted in sex scandal

A general has been demoted at the end of his 29-year career in the latest in a string of sex cases to hit the Army. Major Gen. John Maher III, who was vice director of operations with the Joint Chiefs of Staff until October, "engaged in conduct unbecoming an officer" sexual misconduct with three women during the period of 1991 to 1998, the Army said Tuesday.

Maher was demoted two ranks and will retire with a reduction in pension benefits, Army Secretary Louis Caldera said.

The action was ordered after a hearing last month found Maher had sexual relationships with the wives of two military subordinate officers and attempted to have a personal relationship with a female subordinate soldier, the Army said.

DECATUR, III.

Jackson stays off school property today

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, undaunted by his arrest a day earlier, continued his protest today against the expulsion of several students accused in a brawl, while supporters staged a sit-in and demanded a meeting with school officials.

Jackson abided by the conditions of his release by staying off the grounds of MacArthur High School as he spoke briefly in support of the six students. The school board, meeting after his arrest Tuesday, refused to ease its position on the expulsions.

VATICAN CITY

Vatican confirms March visit to Holy Land

Pope John Paul II will visit the Holy Land in March, a Vatican official said today in the first confirmation of the long-awaited trip. The trip will take place during the last 10 days of March, and probably include stops in Jerusalem and Nazareth, Archbishop Crescenzo Sepe said.

John Paul was invited by both Israeli and Palestinian authorities, and will be expected to visit Jerusalem and Bethlehem.

BELZONI, Miss.

Three men get 20 years in 1970 killing

Three white men convicted of manslaughter in the beating death of a one-armed black sharecropper almost 30 years ago were sentenced today to 20 years each in prison.

The sentences were the maximum allowed by law for the manslaughter convictions returned Saturday.

James "Doc" Caston, 66; his brother, Charles E. Caston, 64; and their half-brother, Hal Crimm, 50, had been charged with murder. The jury convicted the men of the lesser charge in the 1970 death of Rainey Pool. Pool was beaten by a white mob, his larynx crushed and his body dumped off a bridge into the Sunflower River. The case was revived at the request of his family.

WORLD & NATION BRIEFS

BELFAST, Northern Ireland

IRA pledges to talk to disarmament panel

The ***Irish Republican Army*** said today it intends to open negotiations with Northern Ireland's disarmament commission, a significant gesture in support of the Good Friday peace accord.

The outlawed organization emphasized, however, that it won't meet the commission until a joint Protestant-Catholic administration for Northern Ireland is appointed.

Graphic

A.J. WOLFE / The Associated Press * King lawsuit: Coretta Scott King hugs Coby Smith on Tuesday in Memphis, Tenn. Both testified in the King family's lawsuit against Lloyd Jowers, who once claimed that he hired someone other than convicted killer James Earl Ray to assassinate the Rev. Martin Luther King. King's widow testified that she believed Ray "might have had some involvement" in her husband's slaying but "was not the person we felt that really, actually killed him."

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EX-ENEMIES FORM BELFAST GOVERNMENT

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After 30 years of sectarian violence, this divided British province opened a new chapter in its troubled history yesterday with the formation of a cross-community government with equal numbers of Protestants and Roman Catholics.

Backers of the Good Friday peace plan were firmly in control as Northern Ireland's legislature nominated a 12-member Cabinet that includes a man said to be a former Irish Republican Army gunman and two veteran politicians who have been targeted by IRA assassination squads.

Whether such traditional enemies can work together remains to be seen. But after bitter decades in which more than 3,500 men, women and children were killed in political violence, there was a palpable feeling in Belfast that a new era of cooperation was at hand. Just five months ago, when the same legislature met for its first try at picking a Cabinet, the session ended in failure amid a torrent of insults and catcalls. Yesterday's meeting was, for the most part, quiet and businesslike.

The selection of the provincial executive, or Cabinet, is one of a sequence of steps organized by the architect of the peace process, former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell. Mitchell's careful choreography, with formation of the local government to be followed by steps toward IRA disarmament, was a central reason the legislature succeeded yesterday.

The session was held behind the imposing Ionic columns of Stormont Castle, the provincial parliamentary hall. When Stormont was dedicated in 1934, the leader of the province, Lord Craigavon, declared proudly that the building would house "a Protestant parliament for a Protestant state." In sharp contrast, the assembly members who gathered at Stormont yesterday represent "all the people of our province, in all their variety," said Seamus Mallon, a leading Catholic politician.

The Cabinet named yesterday, which will formally assume governing authority later this week, comprises six Protestants and six Catholics. All six Protestants are unionists - they want to continue Northern Ireland's political union with Britain. The Catholic members are from the republican and nationalist camps - they want to break with Britain and merge with the Republic of Ireland to the south. Two Cabinet members are women.

EX-ENEMIES FORM BELFAST GOVERNMENT

The most striking evidence that Northern Ireland's struggle moved out of the street and into the Cabinet room came when Sinn Fein, the party affiliated with the IRA, named its first Cabinet nominee: Martin McGuinness. The local media and histories of the IRA describe him as a former commander of an IRA guerrilla unit. McGuinness, who was named education minister, won't discuss these reports.

The nomination sparked a mild outburst of hissing from the unionist side of the chamber, and three unionists stormed out in protest. Minutes later, though, the hardest of the hard-line unionist parties, the Democratic Unionists, nominated their own Cabinet members: Nigel Dodds and Peter Robinson, both of whom were once unsuccessfully stalked by IRA gunmen. Dodds and Robinson indicated they will take part in Cabinet meetings with McGuinness and other republicans.

The new legislature and Cabinet were set up by the April 1998 Good Friday deal, which creates the new power-sharing government and requires that paramilitary groups give up their weapons. Almost no disarmament has taken place.

The largest Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, said they will withdraw from the new government if the IRA does not start disarming by February. Since the governmental institutions cannot function without the involvement of both the Protestant and Catholic communities, a withdrawal by the Ulster Unionists would shut down the government.

Still, the biggest divide was not between unionists and nationalists, but between the parties that favor the peace plan and the minority parties - all unionist - that oppose it.

The changes that have swept this province since Good Friday of 1998 were dramatically evident yesterday in the diminished stature of the Rev. Ian Paisley, the forceful and outspoken leader of the self-described "No-Men," or opponents of the agreement.

For two decades, Paisley was the strongman of the unionist community, and thus the most powerful politician in Ulster. yesterday, he couldn't even get a motion to the floor of the assembly. When Paisley proposed to ban Sinn Fein from the Cabinet, the presiding officer questioned whether he had the support necessary to introduce a motion.

To meet that test, Paisley would have needed 30 backers. But when he called on his supporters to stand, only 28 people in the 108-member assembly were willing to stand up with him.

The motion to bar Sinn Fein was a non-starter. And for the first time anyone here can remember, the bellicose Paisley was speechless. He sat quietly thereafter, watching the proceedings with a sheepish grin.

Over the next two days, the British government in London will give final approval to legislation transferring governing authority for Northern Ireland to the new legislature and Cabinet. Meanwhile, the Irish Parliament in Dublin is to approve a bill that amends the Irish constitution, removing the clauses that assert a territorial claim over the six northern counties that comprise Northern Ireland.

On Thursday, the new government will formally take power. The same day, the IRA is expected to name a representative to the board overseeing disarmament, another historic development set up by the Good Friday agreement.

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YUGOSLAVIA

NATO's leader urges Kosovars to end hatred

NATO's outgoing secretary-general called on the leadership of the Albanian Kosovars to stop "violence and hatred," warning Monday that Kosovo will never achieve peace without ethnic reconciliation. In a sign of Kosovo's deep-rooted ethnic troubles, the province's main Albanian Kosovar leader did not show up for a meeting with the secretary-general, Javier Solana. "The Kosovo Albanian political leaders should publicly reaffirm their commitment to build a multicultural, multiethnic society and we expect from them to turn actions in this direction," Solana told reporters. Solana arrived in Kosovo's provincial capital, Pristina, Sunday night and met with Serbian representatives. But the leader of the former Albanian rebels, Hashim Thaci, failed to appear for a scheduled meeting.

MALAYSIA

Official denies indictments mean crackdown

Despite recent indictments of opposition leaders, Malaysia is not embarking on another crackdown like the one that crippled the country's opposition 12 years ago, a Malaysian leader said Monday. Deputy Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi was quoted in the newspaper The Star as denying any similarities between recent arrests and past roundups of opposition members. In 1987, 119 opposition leaders and social activists were arrested and three newspapers were shut down in Operasi Lalang - or "Weeding Operation." The recent indictments and manhunts for opposition leaders began after more than 10,000 people took to the streets of the capital, Kuala Lumpur, on Sept. 19, clashing with police in the largest anti-government protest in nearly a year. In Malaysia, public rallies require police permits. Since then, 12 high-profile activists have been indicted on charges of illegal assembly.

CANADA

2,000 head home after cruise ship runs aground

WORLD

Roughly 2,000 passengers from a Norwegian luxury cruise ship that ran aground in the St. Lawrence River Friday were heading home from Quebec City Monday, officials said. About 150 Norwegian Sky passengers left by bus for Boston Sunday, while the rest were leaving the city by plane by Monday evening. In a press release Monday, Norwegian Cruise Line said the 850-foot ship would be towed to a shipyard just across the river from Quebec City, for repairs to its rudder and propellers. The Norwegian Sky, just put into service a month ago, sailed into Quebec City early Sunday after running aground on a sandbar in a narrow channel at the confluence of the St. Lawrence and Saguenay rivers near Tadoussac, Quebec. None of the passengers or crew members was injured.

GAZA STRIP

Palestinian court releases militant Muslim leader

A Palestinian court ordered the release Monday of a top member of the Muslim militant group Hamas. The court ordered police to free Abdel Aziz Rantisi, arrested a month ago during a crackdown on militants. Relatives at his family home said Monday evening he had not arrived yet. Rantisi has been arrested by the Palestinian Authority several times, and once spent 15 months in jail without being charged. The arrests usually are made during sweeps following suicide attacks in Israel. Hamas officials believe Rantisi was arrested for making media statements affirming the group's policy to continue armed struggle against Israel. Such arrests are part of the security obligation required of the Palestinian Authority in the land-for-security agreement with Israel. Hamas opposes the peace process and calls for the destruction of Israel.

VATICAN CITY

Official denies abortion stance has changed

Responding to a U.N. official's statement that the Vatican had conceded defeat on reproductive issues, a spokesman repeated Monday the church's opposition to abortion and the "morning-after" pill. The U.N. Population Fund's director, Nafis Sadik, said last week that the Vatican has "accepted that the international community has accepted that family planning is one of the human rights of women. They believe the debate has been lost." Sadik made the statement in London as she presented her agency's yearly report on world population. Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls issued a two-page statement Monday insisting that "the Holy See has not changed at all its well-noted position," repeating its opposition to abortion and use of the "morning-after" pill, which it considers to be abortive.

NORTHERN IRELAND

Panel collects evidence in Bloody Sunday inquiry

International fact-finders said Monday they have compiled 60,000 pages of evidence in hopes of determining what really happened on Bloody Sunday 1972, when British soldiers shot to death 13 Catholic protesters. A lawyer for the Bloody Sunday Inquiry - led by three judges from England, Canada and New Zealand - detailed results from the past year's work at a public hearing. Soldiers' claims that they fired after being provoked by Irish Republican Army gunmen - an assertion accepted by a 1972 investigation - have long infuriated Catholic residents of Londonderry, who insist the soldiers fired first and killed only unarmed people. Attorney Christopher Clarke said the inquiry's legal team had identified about 1,500 residents and 800 soldiers as potential witnesses.

Graphic

WORLD

PHOTO Photo by THE ASSOCIATED PRESS - Iran's papers shed caution - A vendor sells newspapers in a traffic jam in downtown Tehran, Iran, last week. More and more Iranian newspapers are tackling once-unimaginable subjects, such as alleged corruption and questions about Islam's role in politics.

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Downtown cameras: who'll watch the watchers?

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Hamilton Police Service is promoting a plan to install video cameras along King Street East, between James Street and Walnut Street. The plan calls for using volunteer students from Mohawk College, under the supervision of police officers, to watch the video-camera monitors.

Is this a good idea?

No.

The Hamilton Spectator

There have been several serious abuses of police video cameras reported in the media over the past few years.

In 1998, video-camera operators at a police station in New York were caught printing close-up images of unsuspecting women's breasts and rear ends, and taping the pictures onto the police station walls. Similar incidents have been reported elsewhere in the United States, as well as in the United Kingdom.

A recent long-term study by a British university examined the viewing patterns of downtown video-camera operators and found that one out of every 10 women within range of their cameras would be watched for "voyeuristic" reasons. Women in tight or revealing clothing would very often attract video-camera surveillance. Several camera operators would sometimes gather around a single video monitor to stare at, and make comments, about particular women.

Women were not the only targets of inappropriate scrutiny. Video-camera operators in the U.K. frequently made decisions based on racial stereotypes, especially in regard to young black males.

The Hull University study found that the video-camera operators tended to watch black people much more frequently than they watched white people, and that black people (especially young males) were often watched for longer periods of time. Racial profiling was common. Opinion studies from the U.K. indicate that more black people feel intimidated by police cameras than do white people, and that the cameras have increased the mistrust felt by young black men towards the police.

There is also the effect of downtown police video cameras on the gay and lesbian community.

The New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project opposes downtown police video cameras there because of their chilling, repressive effects. Many homosexuals are nervous about being video-recorded when they are showing affection towards a same-sex partner, or otherwise acting "different."

Downtown cameras: who'll watch the watchers?

Although supporters of spy cameras often use the catchy slogan "if you have nothing to hide, you have nothing to fear," it seems that many people who are not criminals have reasons to feel uncomfortable about this new technology.

A more meaningful slogan would be, "Who will watch the watchers?"

There are activities in almost everyone's life that we would prefer not to be recorded by invisible agents of the government. Police spy cameras may be unwelcome to someone who is visiting a psychiatrist, or a religious temple, or an adult literacy centre, or an abortion clinic, or an alcohol/drug rehabilitation centre. Social and religious activists may be intimidated when in view of a camera, especially if they have opinions that are critical of police or mainstream society.

Does Hamilton really need downtown police video cameras?

No.

In the U.K., there are now millions of police video cameras operating 24/7 in public places. This expansion happened very quickly. The U.K.'s closed-circuit television surveillance system was built up quickly since the early 1990s, supposedly as a way to fight terrorist bombers from the *Irish Republican Army*. (The cameras have not led to the arrest of a single terrorist.)

This constellation of unblinking digital eyes now reaches almost every place in the U.K. -- public streets, schools, hospitals, parks, even washrooms -- and it costs huge amounts of taxpayers' money every year for maintenance, upgrades and expansion.

Over the course of a day, the average person in Britain is recorded by almost 100 different video cameras -- including newer models with night vision, facial recognition software, devices that can "see" through clothing, and a new Web-based system of roadside video cameras that can read licence plates and keep a record of every place you drive your car. And the cameras don't even reduce crime.

Last year, Britain's violent crime rate increased by more than 4 per cent.

Recent studies for the British and Scottish governments show that police video cameras have no effect on violent crime rates, and that the statistics used to promote cameras are "unreliable" and "without credibility."

According to the Supreme Court of Canada, downtown police video cameras are illegal in Canada. They are an unjustified violation of Section 8 of our Charter of Rights and Freedoms (the right to be free from unreasonable searches).

Mr. Justice Gerard La Forest, on behalf of the Supreme Court of Canada, wrote in 1990:

"To permit unrestricted video surveillance by agents of the state would seriously diminish the degree of privacy we can reasonably expect to enjoy in a free society ... (General police video surveillance) is fundamentally irreconcilable with what we perceive to be acceptable behaviour on the part of government ... General video surveillance can be readily abused ... "

Do we really need police video cameras in downtown Hamilton?

Is it a good idea to allow volunteer college students to secretly record us whenever we go downtown?

Can spy cameras be a part of Canada's free society?

No, no and no.

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THE GLOBE AT A GLANCE

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1. MEXICO

UNIVERSITY HEAD TALKS TOUGH

President of the National Autonomous University of Mexico Francisco Barnes de Castro issued an ultimatum to striking students. He said their shutdown of the campus "must not continue for another day" and warned he could use "the force of the law" to end it. He spoke to some 10,000 students and faculty at the largest demonstration so far against the 134-day-old strike.

2. PANAMA

FEMALE PRESIDENT TAKES OFFICE

Mireya Moscoso, the first woman to win the presidency of Panama, took office Wednesday. A successful business executive in her own right, the widow of ex-President Anulfo Arias, was elected to the post in May.

3. COLOMBIA

HUGE ANTI-GOVERNMENT STRIKE

Up to 1.5 million workers from both the public and private sectors are expected to begin a nationwide strike in Colombia today in protest against the government's austerity measures. The action, which the government said would cost \$130 million a day, would be the second in 11 months. A 21-day stoppage last October collapsed when President Andres Pastrana refused to give in to workers' demands.

4. VENEZUELA

CHAVEZ DEFIES TRAVEL BAN

New President Hugo Chavez vowed to defy legislators and travel abroad anyway, despite their intention to use their few remaining powers to block him. He went to Panama Tuesday and to Brazil today amid the worsening political climate in Venezuela. Chavez, in his weekly radio call-in program, said, "We aren't going to raise the flag of tyranny." But bitter confrontations over his campaign to "revolutionize" public institutions have renewed accusations that Venezuela is edging toward dictatorship.

5. SIERRA LEONE

THE GLOBE AT A GLANCE

REBEL COMMANDERS KIDNAPPED

Two rebel commanders who recently signed a peace accord with the government remained in captivity after a group of former soldiers kidnapped them in Freetown. The soldiers are among those who also held a group of UN officials in July for several days, saying they had been excluded from the agreement. They had been allied since 1997 with the Revolutionary United Front, whose leader, Foday Sankoh, has yet to return to Sierra Leone almost two months after the signing of an increasingly fragile peace deal.

6. BURUNDI

HUTUS BLAMED FOR ATTACK

A rebel attack rocked the capital of Burundi, resulting in at least 46 deaths. The attack was blamed on Hutu rebels who appeared to be targeting Bujumbura neighbourhoods inhabited by minority Tutsis. It came as a new round of negotiations -- seen as crucial if the country's fragile peace process is to take hold -- draws near in neighbouring Tanzania.

7. INDIA

WEAPONS FOUND BEFORE VOTE

The police are beginning a major effort to guard polling places as the first round of parliamentary elections take place Sunday in the capital and other locations after discovering several caches of explosives and ammunition in New Delhi. Most recently, a large supply of bomb-making materials was seized from a member of an Islamic militant group active in hit-and-run raids in Kashmir, police said. India's 600 million voters go to the polls for the third time in three years, starting Sunday and continuing over the following four weekends.

8. TAIWAN

NO STATE-TO-STATE CLAUSE

Members of Taiwan's ruling Nationalist Party stopped short of resolving that the call for state-to-state relations by President Lee Teng Hui be written into the Constitution to avoid further angering the communist regime in China. But they formally adopted his proclamation in the party's mission statement. Lee's July 9 call unleashed weeks of furious rhetoric from Beijing, which warned that writing it into the charter could lead to a military attack.

9. TURKEY

QUAKE AFTERSHOCKS INJURE 70

Two more strong tremors struck the region of Turkey devastated by last month's earthquake, sending thousands of frightened people back into the streets to escape collapsing buildings. One death and at least 70 injuries were reported. Scientists said the first of the late-morning aftershocks had a magnitude of 5.2 and the second 4.6. The Aug. 17 quake is blamed for at least 14,202 deaths, and hundreds of thousands of other people are considered homeless.

10. RUSSIA

EXECUTION PROPOSED FOR BOMBERS

Execution by firing squad was proposed by angry Moscow mayor and presumed Russian presidential candidate Yuri Luzhkov for the perpetrators of an underground shopping-mall bombing that injured 41 people, some of them seriously. A group calling itself the Union of Revolutionary Writers claimed responsibility for the attack, which it said was aimed at the "false sun" of consumerism. The mall is a centrepiece of Luzhkov's efforts to renovate key areas of the capital.

11.N. IRELAND

THE GLOBE AT A GLANCE

IRA ASSEMBLING ARSENAL

A whole new arsenal of weapons is being assembled by the ***Irish Republican Army***. London's Sunday Times reports, citing government intelligence sources, that the IRA's refusal even to begin surrendering its stockpile of arms continues to block implementation of last year's Northern Ireland peace deal. Last week, British Cabinet minister for Northern Ireland Mo Mowlam angered the province's Protestant majority by saying the IRA's two-year-old unilateral truce -- although imperfect -- remains intact.

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Highlights in history on this date:

1544 - Sweden's King Gustavus I forms alliance with France to counter Denmark's alliance with the Holy Roman Empire.

1739 - Peace of Belgrade is signed by Holy Roman Emperor and Turkey, whereby Austria cedes Orsova, Belgrade and Serbia to Turkey.

1759 - The French formally surrender Quebec to the British.

1793 - George Washington lays the U.S. Capitol Building's cornerstone in Washington D.C.

1810 - Chile declares its independence from Spain.

1850 - U.S. Congress passes the Fugitive Slave Act, which allows slave owners to reclaim slaves who escaped to other states.

1851 - The New York Times newspaper publishes its first issue.

1860 - Italian troops under Count Camillo Cavour defeat Papal forces at Castelfidardo.

1898 - A British expedition trying to establish a north-south corridor the length of Africa reaches the fort of Fashoda in the Sudan, only to find it occupied by the French. The standoff brings the countries to the brink of war.

1913 - Bulgaria and Turkey sign a treaty settling their frontiers in Thrace.

1916 - Greek army surrenders to Germans at Kavalla, Greece, in World War I: Russian offensive under Alexei Brusilov is checked by Germans.

1927 - The Columbia Phonograph Broadcasting System (later CBS) debuts in the United States with a network of 16 radio stations.

1931 - Japan begins siege of Mukden, using bomber seaplanes, and occupies strategic points in Manchuria.

1932 - King Ibn Saud unifies the dual kingdom of the Hejaz and Najd under the name Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

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1947 - The U.S. National Security Act, unifying the Navy, Army and newly formed Air Force goes into effect.

1948 - Indonesian Communists set up Soviet-style government in Java but are forced to withdraw.

1955 - At least 166 persons are killed, 100 missing and 1,000 injured due to destructive winds and floods in the central and northern Gulf Coast area of Mexico where Hurricane Hilda struck.

1961 - Swedish U.N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold, 56, is killed in air crash in northern Rhodesia (now Zambia), while on a peace mission to Congo.

1967 - United States announces it will build anti-missile network to counter any attack by China; Explosives planted by Communist terrorists destroy Taiwan's embassy in Saigon.

1971 - Egypt and Israel exchange rocket fire across Suez Canal for first time since cease-fire 13 months earlier.

1973 - East Germany, West Germany and the Bahamas are admitted to United Nations.

1975 - Newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst is captured by the FBI in San Francisco, 19 months after being kidnapped by the Symbionese Liberation Army and then becoming one of its members.

1978 - Egypt's Foreign Minister Ibrahim Kamel and Ambassador to United States Ashraf Ghorbal resign in protest of Egypt's Camp David agreement with Israel.

1983 - British adventurer George Meegan finishes a six-year long walk from the southernmost tip of South America to Prudhoe Bay, Alaska; covering 30605 kilometers (19,021 miles).

1988 - Burma's military commander San Maung overthrows Burma's civilian President Maung Maung in coup.

1990 - The **Irish Republican Army** claims responsibility for an attack the previous night on Sir Peter Terry, former governor of the British colony of Gibraltar.

1991 - Two earthquakes rock Guatemala, killing at least 17 people and injuring dozens when their houses collapse.

1992 - The Group of Seven (G-7) nations, the United States, Germany, Japan, France, Great Britain, Italy and Canada, meet in Washington, D.C. to discuss the currency crisis and commit to a managed exchange-rate system.

1993 - A United Nations investigation finds Liberian army troops are responsible for shooting, bludgeoning and mutilating more than 400 refugees, most of whom were **women** and children.

1994 - U.S. President Bill Clinton announces Haiti's strongman Raoul Cedras has agreed to leave power by Oct. 15 and permit U.S. troops to enter the country.

1995 - Bosnian government and Croat forces seize another 92 square kilometers (36 square miles) from Serbs, adding to the 6,144 square kilometers (2,400 square miles)- just over 12 percent of Bosnia - they say they've captured in the past week.

1996 - In Lagos, Nigeria, anti-riot police clash with thousands of Muslims and 10 people are killed.

1997 - In Cairo, Muslim extremists open fire on a tourist bus outside a museum, killing 10 people, mostly German tourists; media mogul Ted Turner pledges \$1 billion to the United Nations.

1998 - The Basque separatist group ETA begins observing an open-ended cease-fire after 30 years of fighting for an independent homeland in lands straddling northern Spain and southwest France.

1999 - Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs becomes the first player in American major league baseball history to hit 60 home runs two seasons in a row.

Wednesday, September 18 Today is Wednesday, September 18, the 261st day of 2002. There are

2000- Three gangs of armed gunmen break into three jails in the outskirts of Sao Paulo, Brazil, in separate incidents, freeing more than 200 inmates, many of them convicted and suspected drug traffickers.

2001 - Letters postmarked in Trenton, New Jersey, which test positive for anthrax, are sent to the New York Post and the U.S. NBC broadcasting network anchor Tom Brokaw.

Today's Birthdays:

Samuel Johnson, English poet-critic (1709-1784); Jean-Bernard-Leon Foucault, French scientist (1819-1868); Greta Garbo, Swedish-born actress (1905-1990); Agnes Demille, U.S. dancer/choreographer (1905-1993); Kwame Nkrumah, Ghanaian statesman (1909-1972); Robert Blake, U.S. actor (1933--); Dee Dee Ramone, U.S. rock musician (1952-2002).

Thought For Today:

If you are patient in one moment of anger, you will escape a hundred days of sorrow - Chinese proverb.

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A FIRST-HAND VIEW OF THE CURRENT TROUBLES IN NORTHERN IRELAND

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Body

ON July 6, a British soldier held me in his rifle sights. I was standing alone at my post, the Obins Road Orange Parades entrance to Garvaghy Road, Portadown, County Armagh, Northern Ireland.

The other two international observers had gone to get tea for the three of us. I turned my head and saw a soldier with his gun raised, aiming at me.

He was 100 yards from me, one of four British soldiers and four Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC) military police officers standing guard at the entrance to prevent Orangemen from marching down Garvaghy. In other years, the army and the RUC have forced the Orange Parade down the road. This night the watching soldiers and the RUC laughed as the one aimed his rifle at me.

I stood stock still, terrified, not wanting to startle the gunman -- but I was angry, and I stared him down. It was a full minute before he lowered the gun and turned away.

The other two observers brought back the tea and we drank it (first things first). Then the three of us, wearing electric blue INTERNATIONAL OBSERVER jackets with big photo IDs around our necks, walked down the block to the soldier and asked for his name, regiment and identification number. He refused. Soldiers in Northern Ireland don't wear names or numbers. I copied the regimental crest on his tan beret. But so far, no officers will identify the regiments serving that night at the Obis and Spring Streets viaduct barrier.

Holding nationalists in their sights is a mild form of military intimidation here. Apparently now the soldiers' "best behavior" was wearing thin and they'd begun trying to intimidate the observers as well.

It must grate on the soldiers and the RUC (97 percent Protestant, mostly Orangemen) to protect the nationalists. Since 1922, when Ireland was divided, the RUC has not only supported and covered up, but instigated and led looting and burning of thousands of Catholic homes and beatings and murders of thousands of Catholics.

The B-Specials, a government-paid paramilitary group, terrorized Catholics for 50 years. It disbanded in 1970, but no one collected the guns, much less dismantled the sectarian structures that systematically deny jobs and housing to the Catholic population. So in 1972, the British government took direct control of the six counties that comprise Northern Ireland, suspending parliament.

A FIRST-HAND VIEW OF THE CURRENT TROUBLES IN NORTHERN IRELAND

AS a result of terrible persecution, most Catholics are nationalists, along with some Protestants, non-Christians and non-believers. They want the British out of the country and Orange Order sectarianism out of government. It grates on the nationalists that while Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble rails against IRA weapons, libel laws deter reporters from asking about his alleged links to a Unionist/RUC Committee accused of running death squads.

The current troubles in Northern Ireland began modestly. Nationalists inaugurated a civil rights movement in 1964 with several local fair-housing initiatives.

The Orange Order blocked these efforts and attacked peaceful marches in Deere. In Portadown a series of pogroms in integrated neighborhoods forced Catholics to move into a ghetto along Garvaghy Road where the Portadown Orange Parade marched. Since 1969, lootings and burnings of Catholic houses and businesses and murders of Catholic men, women, and children have been part of every parade. Orangemen broke a U.S. observer's wrist this year. Suspects, charges and convictions for these crimes have been meager.

The Garvaghy Road community is wrapped in razor wire by the RUC and the army as protection from Orange violence. Last year no one dared go to jobs outside the barriers. Even incoming food caravans were attacked.

Then on July 12, 1998, a big Orange marching day, the three Catholic Quinn children were murdered near Portadown.

Three more unionist killings followed: RUC constable Frankie O'Reilly; Elizabeth O'Neil, the Protestant wife of a Catholic; and Rosemary Nelson, the Garvaghy Road attorney. No one has been charged for these crimes.

Unionists have looted, burned, and murdered nationalists in Ireland for 300 years.

In 1916, the **Irish Republican Army** declared war and fought back. But in Portadown, the parade protests since the beginning of the civil rights campaign have been peaceful.

"No corpses have been found in our alley except our own," said Aidan McCormack, a Garvaghy Road resident.

The Parades Commission has stated that it will allow no more marches here until the Portadown Orange District meets face-to-face with the Garvaghy Road Residents' Coalition. The residents are waiting for an Orange dialogue and a Unionist commitment to the Good Friday Agreement.

Graphic

PHOTO (1) PHOTO by THE ASSOCIATED PRESS - Two British soldiers and a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary (right) stand at the front line barrier last week at Drumcree Church, Portadown, blockading the annual Oranges' parade.

(2) PHOTO by THE ASSOCIATED PRESS - Protestant Orangemen make their way through the plowed a field at Drumcree Church in Portadown, Northern Ireland on July 4. The field was dug up by the British army to stop Orangemen from crossing a moat and security fencing after the banning of the Drumcree Church parade.

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NEW:

US-MIDEAST. U.S. hopes Egyptian leader's visit bodes well for Mideast peace.

LEBANON-ISRAEL. Israeli says targeting agreement with Lebanon void.

KOSOVO-GYPSIES. Ethnic Albanians target Gypsies in reprisals.

RUSSIA-DROWNING NATION. Russians drown at high rate.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

IMRALI ISLAND, Turkey A Turkish court on Tuesday condemns Kurdish rebel leader Abdullah Ocalan to hang, saying his 15-year guerrilla struggle led to the deaths of 37,000 men, women and children. TURKEY-OCALAN. Lead expected by 1900. By Selcan Hacaoglu. AP Photos ANK105,106, 108-110, 113; MDY101.

WITH:

EUROPE-OCALAN. European leaders warn Turkey that carrying out Tuesday's death sentence against Ocalan could jeopardize its already shaky prospects for joining the European Union. Moved. BER102,107; ROM104.

TURKEY-OCALAN-KURDISH REACTION. Kurdish rebels threaten to step up violence Tuesday after their leader is sentenced to death. Moved.

TURKEY-OCALAN PROFILE. Ocalan used charisma plus guns and bombs in deadly struggle for Kurdish autonomy. Moved.

CACAK, Yugoslavia Opposition members hold the first major public rally against Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic since the end of the NATO air campaign. YUGOSLAVIA-KOSOVO. Lead expected by 2000 GMT. By Aleksandar Vasovic. CAC101-106.

PEC, YUGOSLAVIA. Kosovo's Gypsies, accused as being henchmen for Serbs, face reprisals from returning refugees. KOSOVO-GYPSIES UNDER FIRE. Has moved. By Ellen Knickmeyer. AP Photo planned.

ALSO MOVED:

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KOSOVO-BACK TO BUSINESS. Ethnic Albanian proprietors repair their shops and restaurants. NY194.

CHINA-US-BOMBING. China denies that three reporters killed in NATO bombing of Belgrade embassy were spies.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil Europe and Latin America embark on a new era of economic and political cooperation Tuesday, signing a declaration of their intention to liberalize trade between the continents and work for peace and democracy. RIO SUMMIT. Lead expected by 2100 GMT. By Peter Muello. AP Photos RIO102,106,118,126.

WITH:

RIO-SUMMIT-STATEMENT.

JERUSALEM Israel regards a 3-year-old agreement with Lebanon aimed at protecting civilians as void, a senior defense official says Tuesday, scuttling a stopgap that has generally succeeded in containing hostilities. LEBANON-ISRAEL. Lead has moved. By Laurie Copans.

ALSO:

ISRAEL-POLITICS. Prime Minister-elect Ehud Barak's gains another political ally Tuesday in an ultra-Orthodox party as he prepares to form a new Israeli government.

TEL AVIV, Israel Lawyers detail Tuesday how Holocaust survivors and their heirs around the world can apply to take part in a dlr\$ 1.25 billion settlement by two Swiss Banks. SWISS BANKS-NAZIS. Lead has moved. By Dina Kraft. TLV101.

WASHINGTON U.S. officials welcome President Hosni Mubarak for what they hope will mark a turning point toward renewed Mideast peace talks. US-MIDEAST. Lead expected following Mubarak news conference under way. By Barry Schweid. WX102.

DRAS, India Indian soldiers recapture a strategic mountaintop in Kashmir near the Pakistan frontier Tuesday in fierce fighting that causes dozens of casualties, officers say. INDIA-PAKISTAN. Lead expected by 1800 GMT. By Krishnan Guruswamy. DRA104-105.

ALSO MOVED:

PAKISTAN-INDIA-MILITANTS. Pakistan-based Islamic rebels fighting Indian forces in Kashmir urge their hosts to continue supporting their struggle. ISL103, 104.

DILI, Indonesia A rock-throwing mob attacks U.N. staff and ransacks their office during an anti-independence protest Tuesday in East Timor, injuring several people, a U.N. official says. INDONESIA-EAST TIMOR-ATTACK. Lead has moved. JAK101.

ALSO MOVED:

INDONESIA-EAST TIMOR. Negotiator says East Timor's rival factions have reached agreement on how to give up their weapons ahead of a planned independence referendum.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland The British and Irish governments order a long-awaited report into the disarmament of the **Irish Republican Army** delayed Tuesday as Northern Ireland's rival negotiators struggle to come to terms. NORTHERN IRELAND. Lead has moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik. XBT104,106.

LUSAKA, Zambia Foreign and defense ministers meet Tuesday to iron out differences over the most detailed plan yet to end the Congo civil war. CONGO. Has moved. By Angus Shaw. CSK102.

MOSCOW It is a fixture of the Russian summer, adults and children in every town and village splashing and frolicking in local lakes and rivers. That thousands drown each year is taken as matter-of-factly as the need to cool off. RUSSIA-DROWNING NATION. Has moved. By Barry Renfrew. MOSB106.

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LOOKING AHEAD: Wednesday is the latest deadline set by Britain and Ireland for the formation of Northern Ireland's Protestant-Catholic coalition government. Thursday, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak meets U.S. President Bill Clinton in Washington.

FEATURES MOVED:

FEA-JAPAN-WAR MUSEUM. War controversy kept out of national museum chronicling events of World War II. AP Photo NY190.

FEA-SINGAPORE-LEESON'S RELEASE. Trader whose risky deals drove Britain's oldest bank into bankruptcy to be released from prison. AP Photo NY117.

FEA-TAIWAN-TRADE BAN BLUES. While Taiwan's trade ban with China remains, illicit island trade thrives. AP Photos NY192-NY195.

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FEA-US-AUTOS-METAL BATTLE. Automakers look to lighten up as they face pollution controls.

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Body

David Trimble, the First Minister of the Northern Ireland Assembly, said today that the stalled peace effort in Ulster could be saved by a simple statement from Sinn Fein, the political wing of the *Irish Republican Army*, that the I.R.A. is committed to disarming by May 2000.

In a television interview this morning, Mr. Trimble, the leader of the Protestant Ulster Unionist Party, did not mention the position he has voiced repeatedly that the I.R.A. must start to disarm before Sinn Fein will be allowed to take ministerial posts in the Assembly. "No guns, no government," he has said.

Some politicians and analysts said this was a sign that Mr. Trimble was getting ready to compromise. In oblique reply, Sinn Fein's chief negotiator, Martin McGuinness, said on Irish national radio that his party would continue to try to persuade the I.R.A. to agree to disarm by May 2000, the deadline set in the 1998 peace agreement.

The disarmament issue has stymied the peace effort for more than a year. Leaders of the Protestant majority and the Roman Catholic minority and the Prime Ministers of Britain and Ireland are to meet in Belfast on Monday, facing a Wednesday deadline for compromise on the dispute.

Prime Minister Tony Blair of Britain set the deadline for a settlement and the creation of a Cabinet, including two Sinn Fein ministers, that will be authorized to accept a transfer of power from the British Government, under terms of the 1998 agreement.

The transfer of power would then coincide with the establishment of new powers for two other British provinces, Wales and Scotland. Mr. Blair has said the Wednesday deadline is absolute, but he has not said what he would do if negotiations collapsed this week. If the talks do fail, it could provoke sectarian tensions, and violence, in the Protestant Orange Order parade season, which accelerates in July.

"I want to see the leaders of the Republican movement across the table tell the rest of us that they accept that they have an obligation to decommission all paramilitary weapons by May 2000," Mr. Trimble said, referring to meetings in Belfast in the coming days. "No ifs. No buts. No excuses. That is what is necessary to save this agreement."

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Mr. McGuinness, asked if he could persuade the I.R.A. to change its position that it has no plans to disarm, said he would use "whatever influence I have." Sinn Fein says it is independent of the I.R.A., a position virtually no one in Northern Ireland or the Irish Republic believes. The I.R.A. has observed a cease-fire for 23 months.

David McKittrick, the author of several books on Northern Ireland, said the words of Mr. McGuinness and Mr. Trimble provided "a new little ray of hope," for a compromise. "Fingers are very firmly crossed, and toes as well," he said. "There are sources of optimism." And he added, referring to the Cabinet, "They both want the executive."

Paul Arthur, a professor of politics at Ulster University in Belfast, said: "The stakes are incredibly high. It might collapse. If it does, the leadership of David Trimble will be threatened."

He said that the Sinn Fein leadership of Gerry Adams, the party president, and Mr. McGuinness would also be challenged by those in the I.R.A. splinter groups, "the dissidents of the Continuity I.R.A. and the Real I.R.A., who want to return to violence -- who simply say, 'We told you so.' "

He noted that Mr. Trimble is being urged not to compromise by many hard-line Protestant politicians, including some in his own party, and the Rev. Ian Paisley, the fundamentalist preacher who leads the Democratic Unionist Party.

The 1998 peace agreement, he recalled, was approved in a referendum by about 70 percent of the province's population. But Protestants were almost evenly divided.

Monica McWilliams, an Assembly member representing the Northern Ireland Women's Coalition, said that she would trust a compromise in which the I.R.A. promised to disarm, not necessarily by surrendering arms, but by destroying weapons in its arsenal, estimated at 100 tons.

Methods for disarming, and a timetable for it, are expected to be proposed on Monday by the International Commission on Decommissioning, headed by a former Canadian general, John de Chastelain.

Seamus Mallon, the Deputy First Minister of the Assembly and a leader of the mainstream Catholic Social Democratic Labor Party, said: "I still believe we're going to get there. But there is no rabbit going to be pulled out of anybody's hat." The two sides have to compromise their "very rigid positions," he added.

Then Mr. Mallon, a moderate but firm nationalist, turned to a character from Dickens to illustrate the unrealistic optimism he shuns. "We don't want to be like Micawber," he said. "Somehow or other something will turn up."

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Graphic

Photo: A Protestant girl practiced her flute yesterday in front of graffiti mocking the death of Rosemary Nelson, a prominent civil rights lawyer. Irish and British leaders are to meet today in Belfast on the stalled peace talks. (Reuters)

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***Omagh families can sue killers from Real IRA;
How the Daily Mail raised the money to fund the fight for justice***

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Body

FAMILIES of the victims of the Omagh bombing learnt last night that the Real IRA killers can finally be brought to justice, thanks to the Daily Mail.

Days before the expiry of a legal deadline threatening their historic civil action, they were told sufficient financial support is in place to enable them to bring the terrorists to court.

The dramatic development came 19 months after the Mail launched a fighting fund for the brave families to get justice for the 29 people and unborn twins murdered in Northern Ireland's biggest single atrocity.

The despairing families were forced to bring the unprecedented civil case because police conducting investigations in an atmosphere of terror and intimidation of witnesses have failed to produce criminal charges against the gang identified as prime suspects.

Now their solicitors can physically serve writs for damages on the five men the families believe planted the 500lb car bomb in the middle of the market town in 1998.

A spokesman for the trustees of the Omagh Victims Legal Trust said: 'This is a fantastic breakthrough. Both we and the families had real concerns that we simply would not be able to raise enough support in time.

'This means they can go ahead, but the fundraising campaign does not end here. There will obviously be other legal costs over the months ahead as the case comes to court.' Once writs are served on the men a subsequent Belfast court hearing will follow when lawyers for the families can publicly reveal evidence they claim links the Real IRA gang to the Omagh outrage.

The Mail launched a fighting fund in October 2000 when the families announced they intended to launch their own action against the terrorists.

Police believe they know the identities of the gang but, because of lack of evidence, intimidation and fear by witnesses to come forward, nobody has been charged with the deaths of the men, women and children.

The IRA apology last week for killing hundreds of civilians during three decades of bloodshed was rejected by Lord Tebbit, the former Tory minister badly injured in the 1984 Brighton bomb blast.

Omagh families can sue killers from Real IRA; How the Daily Mail raised the money to fund the fight for justice

He said the Provisionals should expose the Real IRA gang responsible for Omagh. But Colm Murphy, sentenced earlier this year in a Dublin court to 14 years for conspiring to commit the outrage, is the only person to be charged.

The families believe bringing the men before the civil courts is the only way to force them to account for their actions under oath and in public.

The Mail spearheaded a campaign which was supported across the religious and political divide.

It has been boosted by contributions from thousands of readers, ranging from a few pounds from pensioners to large sums from individuals and companies, as well as money raised by the families themselves.

Mail readers have donated hundreds of thousands of pounds while former Northern Ireland Secretary Peter Mandelson pledged GBP 10,000 he was paid for newspaper interviews. Formula One star Eddie Irvine contributed GBP 100,000 and there have been many other generous pledges from private individuals and companies.

At Westminster, 100 MPs signed a motion commending the families' bravery.

President Bush backed them in a letter to the father of one of those killed and Sir Bob Geldof added his formidable voice.

Commenting on the latest developments, Mr Mandelson said last night: 'Bringing the members of the Real IRA into court to face up to the responsibility for their actions will heal a deep wound as well as putting further pressure on individuals whose over-riding aim is to wreck the peace in Ulster.' Last August, on the eve of the third anniversary of the atrocity, solicitors for the families issued writs at Belfast High Court against the five men and the RIRA itself, claiming 'damages (including aggravated damages and/or exemplary damages) as a result of the explosion of a bomb at Omagh town centre on 15 August 1998 for which the defendants and each of them are responsible'.

The unique document the first time terrorists have been sued demanded damages for 'the intentional infliction of harm, trespass to the person and/or conspiracy to commit trespass to the person and/or conspiracy to injure.' Members of nine families representing ten victims were named as the 21 plaintiffs on the writ.

The defendants named were Michael McKevitt and Liam Campbell, both sued 'on his own behalf and/or as representing the Real **Irish Republican Army** and/or the Army Council and/or leaders and/or members of the RIRA'; Colm Murphy, Seamus Daly and Seamus McKenna.

The families had 12 months to actually serve the writs.

Now, with financial support in place, their case for damages would be led by Lord Brennan, a leading barrister in the same chambers as Cherie Blair, the Prime Minister's wife.

The men named on the writs may simply ignore the legal action, but the families can still put their case in open court and win judgment by default.

If judgment goes in favour of the families, the men face losing all their personal assets including homes and businesses.

Cheques can be sent to : Omagh Victims Legal Trust, 21 Southwick Mews, London W2 1JG or to the Bank of Ireland, Omagh, Co Tyrone, Northern Ireland.

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Omagh families can sue killers from Real IRA; How the Daily Mail raised the money to fund the fight for justice

CARNAGE: THE AFTERMATH OF THE OMAGH BLAST IN AUGUST 1998. TWENTY-NINE LIVES WERE LOST BUT THE BOMBERS HAVE YET TO BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE

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Body

In the age of AIDS, an age-old practice -- young women and girls dating older men -- is becoming deadly, especially to women, the 14th International AIDS Conference was told Tuesday. Sex between people of different generations is one of the main factors fueling the AIDS epidemic in many countries, a U.N. public health expert said. Whistling, shouting and clapping activists Tuesday drowned out the speech of U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy Thompson. About 50 to 100 sign-carrying protesters demonstrated for nearly 30 minutes, although Thompson gamely recited his remarks that no one in the auditorium could hear.

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

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

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U.S. forces did not know civilians in area U.S. military forces who accidentally killed up to 48 Afghan civilians in Uruzgan province last week believed they might have found the refuge of dozens of Taliban officials including the movement's spiritual leader Mullah Mohammed Omar, and were on high alert, but did not know civilians were in the

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area, Pentagon officials said Monday. Launched July 1, operation Full Throttle, as the mission was codenamed, was one of the largest ground operations by U.S.-led forces since Operation Anaconda in March. It was the culmination of five months of surveillance and reconnaissance, and followed several brushes with hostile forces in the southeastern province north of Kandahar.

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U.S. seeks to defund Palestinian Authority The United States is quietly pushing the European Union and Arab States to stop funding the Palestinian Authority in the aftermath of President Bush's call last month for the Palestinian people to seek new and different leadership. Two Bush administration officials told United Press International that Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs William Burns pitched the proposal to his counterparts in the European Union, United Nations and Russia, last week in a working level meeting for what has come to be called the "Quartet."

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Israel shuts Al Quds University offices Israeli police said Tuesday they were closing the offices of Jerusalem's Al Quds University. The University's President Sari Nusseibeh is a prominent member of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

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Rich world jobless rate seen rising The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development said Tuesday the jobless rate in the world's richest economies is likely to climb to 6.9 percent of the active population in 2003, equivalent to 35.6 million people out of work, after rising to 6.4 percent this year on sluggish economic growth. In its yearly employment outlook, the Paris-based think tank said the rate should decline slightly, to 6.7 percent in 2004 as economic growth picks up. However, the OECD noted that among its members, Greece, the Slovak Republic, Poland and Spain will continue to have double-digit rates of unemployment in 2002 and 2003.

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Stocks rise in Asia Stock prices on the Tokyo Stock Exchange ended higher Tuesday, as investors were encouraged by Wall Street's limited decline on Monday in the wake of the latest corporate accounting controversy. Stocks also rose in Hong Kong; Seoul, South Korea; Taipei, Taiwan; and in Sydney, Australia. Japan's blue-chip Nikkei Stock Average of 225 selective issues, which eased 56.89 points Monday, rose 191.05 points, or 1.8 percent, to 10,960.25. The broader Topix Index rose 16.15 points, or 1.6 percent, to 1,050.14. Volume declined to an estimated 703.46 million shares from 751.02 million shares changing hands on Monday.

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Baseball Players Assn sets no baseball strike date The Players Association held off on a strike date at its meeting Monday, but the possibility that Major League baseball will face a work stoppage sometime this season looms over Tuesday night's All-Star Game in Milwaukee. Without a collective bargaining agreement since last November, owners have promised not to lock the players out through the World Series, but the union is fearful management will impose economic changes after the postseason. The union's most likely defense is a strike in August, repeating what happened in 1994. However, the union's executive board did not set a strike date at Monday's meeting.

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The state is a powerful killing machine

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To start off the 21st century, 9/11 of 2001 has become the most notorious calendar date in the Western world. For most of the remainder of this century, 9/11 will continue to stand out as a day of horror, a day of attack by an enemy that is and was only hazily identifiable.

How do you hit back at a perceived enemy which has no state borders and supposedly operates elusively out of caves in the hills of a mountain range separating Afghanistan and Pakistan.

One method is to personalize this hazy enemy. You order your troops to get this guy, this Osama bin Laden, dead or alive. As commander in chief, you command your military forces to blow up every mole hole in "them there hills," regardless of the collateral damage the killing of innocent civilians.

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When you can't catch this Osama bin Laden, you start a second front, a "war of liberation" against a people and a country ruled by a brutal dictator which has no known connections with this al-Qaida terrorist outfit. And what do you get? So far, a country in turmoil; more than 1,100 dead American soldiers and more than 10,000 dead Iraqi men, women and children. And how many more casualties -- the wounded, the missing and the kidnapped -- have been tallied?

Recently, via our media we were again confronted with another callous act of evil, the capture and deaths of schoolchildren in a place near Chechnya -- a part of the globe most of us cannot even locate on the map, somewhere in or next to southern Russia.

The horror of such random killings is so effective upon the governors of our "peaceable kingdoms" because the psychological need and factual necessity to eradicate the wrongdoers is impossible. When one random murderer is killed, another one pops up. Murder by terrorists is nothing new. Brutal terrorist acts have occurred during nearly every year of every decade over the past 100 years or more. Recall the Irish Republican Army, the Red Brigades, the Baader-Meinhof Gang in Germany, the assassins of Egyptian president Anwar Sadat, the blowing up of passenger airplanes, the terrorists supported by Libya, and so on, sickeningly so.

But in sheer total numbers of killings there is no institution more brutal and more bloodthirsty than the modern nation state. And the more power that governments of nation states arrogate to themselves, the more violence is inflicted upon its citizens.

The state is a powerful killing machine

Professor emeritus Rudolf J. Rummel of Hawaii has made a lifetime study of mass murder by authoritarian government thugs. He wrote a number of books, two of which stand out, namely *Death By Government* and *Statistics Of Democide*. His numerous charts and calculations of killings, slaughter, rapes, massacres, mass starvation of peoples numbs the mind. His statistics cover up to the year 1987. His current website address is www.hawaii.edu/powerkills.

The following paragraph extracted out of *Death By Government* catches the horror of all the killing of civilians during the first 88 years of the last century when "almost 170 million men, women, and children have been shot, beaten, tortured, knifed, burned, starved, frozen, crushed, or worked to death; buried alive, drowned, hung, bombed, or killed in any other of the myriad ways governments have inflicted death on unarmed, helpless citizens and foreigners . . . It is as though our species has been devastated by a modern Black Plague. And indeed it has, but a plague of Power, not germs."

The 170 million civilian deaths does not include soldiers who died on the battlefield. He figures that the battle deaths during all wars of the 20th century add up to only (only ?) 38.5 million troops, equal to about 25 per cent of the civilians murdered during the same time period.

He computes the killings of the 15 most murderous nation states, outside of war dead, and comes up with about 151 million innocent citizens of these countries wiped off the map by their top guns. The most absolute powers -- former Communist Russia; Communist China, China under Chiang Kai-shek, Cambodia and the Khmer Rouge, Vietnam, Yugoslavia and former Nazi Germany -- together account for about 128 million civilians murdered.

The real killers, however, are the brutal autocratic rulers who controlled those security states, those countries; the autocratic mass murderers who ruled absolutely and who killed absolutely -- no questions asked.

Stalin leads the list. He and his henchmen were responsible for the murder of more than 42 million persons from 1929 to 1953.

Mao Tse-Tung of Communist China comes along in second place. He killed about 38 million of his own people between 1923 and 1976.

Then there is Adolf Hitler, who from 1933 to 1945 was responsible for exterminating 21 million humans.

And the list continues on: Chiang Kai-shek, more than 10 million dead; Lenin, more than four million; Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge of Cambodia, nearly 2.5 million out of a population of approximately seven million. And during and after the First World War, the Turks tried to kill every Armenian they could get their hands on. And the murder statistics continue on ad infinitum.

The recent random killings by elusive killers, the terrorists, are indescribably horrible, but, comparatively, their numbers of innocent victims slaughtered do not even come into the gunights of the government authorized killers who murdered millions upon millions of their own citizens.

The more power governments have, the more government violence is perpetrated upon a country's own citizens. The more freedom a country's people have, the more government violence upon its own citizenry is kept in check. As Prof. Rummel states again and again: "Power kills and absolute power kills absolutely."

Richard Haalboom is a Kitchener lawyer.

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Photo: ASSOCIATED PRESS ARCHIVAL PHOTOGRAPH; Auschwitz Inmates appear behind barbed wire during the 1945 liberation of the Nazi concentration camp in Poland. During the 20th century, millions of innocent people throughout the world were slaughtered by repressive regimes.; Photo: RICHARD HAALBOOM

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Ireland's prime minister triumphs, opposition leader resigns following election

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

And Michael Noonan, shellshocked leader of the main opposition Fine Gael, resigned as his party absorbed the most grievous defeat in its 70-year history. He said most voters rewarded Ahern for presiding over Ireland's last five years of unprecedented economic expansion.

"It's a very, very bad day for Fine Gael. It was beyond our worst expectations and beyond our worst fears," said Noonan, 59, who took charge of Ireland's No. 2 party just 15 months ago in hopes of mounting a serious challenge to Ahern.

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

"This was the St. Valentine's Day massacre for our party, bodies everywhere," said former Fine Gael leader Alan Dukes, another unexpected loser.

Fianna Fail, basking in the Celtic Tiger boom and the personal popularity of their 50-year-old leader, appeared close to claiming more than half of Ireland's 166-seat parliament to form a government on its own, a feat achieved just once before in 1977. Lawmakers will convene June 6 to re-elect Ahern.

Ahern said he expected his party to net 80 to 85 seats, well up from 1997's 77-strong bloc, when he took power with help from a small fiscally conservative party, the Progressive Democrats. He said he wasn't sure whether he'd need their help again.

With a sly smile on his face he noted, "We'll have to wait 'til 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning as usual to see what happens."

Indeed, 32 seats had yet to be officially filled after midnight (2300gmt) with Fianna Fail confirmed winners of 67 seats, Fine Gael just 25. In most cases the eventual winners of open seats were clear, but electoral officials - exhausted after 15 hours of counting - planned to halt for the night and resume work Sunday morning.

Ireland 's prime minister triumphs, opposition leader resigns following election

Ireland's complex method of proportional representation allows each district to elect three to five lawmakers, with several time-consuming recounts of ballots required to transfer "surplus" votes to less-popular candidates. The system is designed to give smaller parties a foothold in parliament.

While Fianna Fail was the runaway winner, smaller parties had heartening wins. The Progressive Democrats gained five seats, up one from 1997. The environmentalist Green Party also won five seats, up three.

Sinn Fein, the **Irish Republican Army**-linked party that is remodeling itself into a socialist voice, won at least five seats, up four. The party, already part of the Catholic-Protestant government in the neighboring British territory of Northern Ireland, fielded a mix of community workers and IRA veterans.

Led by Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams, die-hard Sinn Fein activists roared with joy as their candidates' strong votes in the capital's urban constituencies were announced in the Dublin Royal Society hall. Two Sinn Fein candidates, Sean Crowe and Aengus O Snodaigh, won posts.

And in the remote southwest district of North Kerry, Sinn Fein activists hefted onto their shoulders victorious Martin Ferris, who pumped his fists and waved an Irish flag. Ferris had spent 10 years behind bars after being caught in 1984 aboard a weapons-filled boat from Boston.

"We have the common touch with the people on the ground. They see we deliver results," Ferris said.

With other Irish left-wing parties in decline, Sinn Fein rallied a substantial anti-establishment vote in impoverished districts that feel left behind by Ireland's eight years of economic growth.

With the outlawed IRA already five years into a cease-fire following 27 years of bloodshed, young voters in particular appeared ready to look beyond the party's IRA pedigree and embrace its radical rhetoric.

"This has to be seen as the culmination of years of hard work on the ground and an endorsement of our peace strategy," said Adams, who in 1986 persuaded Sinn Fein to end its boycott of electoral politics in the Republic of Ireland, a state it long branded illegitimate.

But it was all dismal news for Fine Gael, a middle-of-the-road party strong on law and order. Its goal had been to form a coalition with the No. 3 party, left-leaning Labor, its usual partner in previous governments.

But Saturday's projections indicated that Fine Gael's 55-seat bloc in parliament would plunge into the 30s, its lowest levels since the 1940s when the parliament was considerably smaller.

Nor was Labor, once the coalition "kingmaker" in Irish politics, gaining much ground under its leader, Ruairi Quinn, who struggled to retain his seat in southeast Dublin.

And Quinn's predecessor as Labor chief, Dick Spring, became the party's highest-ranking casualty when he lost in North Kerry, mostly because of Sinn Fein's Ferris.

Spring, a former foreign minister who led Labor to electoral highs in 1992, had represented the southwest coastal district since 1981, his father Dan before him since 1943.

He made a good-humored speech following his defeat.

"Don't worry, nobody died," he said to tearful **female** supporters in the front of the crowd.

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WORLD AT 1700 GMT

NEW:

YUGOSLAVIA-BITTER EASTER. Air raids cast pall on Orthodox Christian holy day.

NIGER-UNREST. Military to name new president after assassination.

RUSSIA-POLITICS. Prime minister appeals for stability in television address.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia Bad weather puts a damper on NATO's bombing campaign against Yugoslavia, but the allies warn Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic Saturday that the lull won't last. YUGOSLAVIA-KOSOVO. Lead has moved; developments will be expedited. By George Jahn. AP Photos KUK101,103,105, XSKJ103,105.

BRAZDA, Macedonia Scores of frightened ethnic Albanians make it out of Kosovo on Saturday, some saying Serb police forced them from their homes on pain of death and terrorized them throughout their harrowing journey. KOSOVO-REFUGEES. Lead has moved. By Elena Becatoros. AP Photos XSKJ101-105,107-109.

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia It's a bitter Easter this year for Belgraders, who would normally shopping for decorations and special meals ahead of the most festive Christian Orthodox holiday. YUGOSLAVIA-BITTER EASTER. Has moved. By Veselin Toshkov. AP Photos BEL104-105.

ALSO MOVED:

US-KOSOVO The Pentagon prepares to deploy dozens more jet-fighters, bombers and other warplanes for NATO airstrikes in Yugoslavia as defense officials move to intensify the battle against Serb forces. Pentagon briefing scheduled for 1800 GMT.

RUSSIA-KOSOVO Russia reiterates anger over NATO airstrikes.

NATO-KOSOVO Weather hampers air campaign, but allies take out radio relay station.

CYPRUS-KYPRIANOU MISSION, NATO-THE CONSENSUS, KOSOVO DEVELOPMENTS.

AP News Digest

NIAMEY, Niger A day after the president died in a hail of gunfire, residents return to the notably calm streets of Niger's capital on Saturday, while military leaders meet to name a successor. NIGER-UNREST. Lead expected by 1800 GMT. By Tim Sullivan.

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DUBLIN, Ireland Spokesmen for the **Irish Republican Army** confirm Saturday that the outlawed group opposes the latest compromise plan for making Northern Ireland's peace accord work. NORTHERN IRELAND. Has moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik.

ISTANBUL, Turkey The military and the courts have been relentless in their crackdown on the opposition Islamic party, and experts are divided as to whether it will maintain its position as parliament's largest in April 18 parliamentary elections. TURKEY-ISLAMIC PARTY. Has moved. By Louis Meixler. AP Photo IST105.

ALSO MOVED:

TURKEY-NO TOURISTS Tourists shy away from Turkey after Kurdish threats. AP Photos IST104.

DENVER Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji, disappointed by the failure of trade talks in Washington, visits a state Saturday that will benefit from some of the few breakthroughs. US-CHINA. Lead has moved. By Robin McDowell. AP Photos planned.

ALSO MOVED:

PAKISTAN-CHINA Ex-Chinese premier Li Peng blames West for East Asian economic crisis. AP Photo ISL101.

DJIBOUTI The hand-picked successor to Djibouti's longtime leader has won a landslide victory in presidential elections, state-run radio says Saturday. DJIBOUTI-ELECTIONS. Lead has moved. By Dianna Cahn.

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa Six years after popular black leader Chris Hani was gunned down, politicians and supporters gather Saturday to commemorate the anniversary of his death and kick off election campaigns. SOUTH AFRICA-HANI. Lead has moved. By Pat Reber. AP Photo JOH101.

KAMPALA, Uganda Twenty years after Idi Amin Dada was forced from power after eight years of terror that bled Uganda dry, few in this East African nation even want to think about the man who lives quietly in exile in Saudi Arabia. UGANDA-FORGETTING IDI AMIN. Expected by 1900 GMT. By Henry Wasswa.

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida Come 2001, **women** may have an inside track in the male-dominated world of space. Within the next two years, NASA may be flying all-**female** space shuttle crews for science. US-**WOMEN** IN SPACE. Expected by 1800 GMT. By Marcia Dunn.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Sunday, voters across Japan participate in local and parliamentary by-elections being watched as an indicator of the popularity of Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi. On Monday, in The Hague, Netherlands, two notorious Bosnian Croat war crimes suspects go on trial before the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal.

FEATURES MOVED:

FEA-REFUGEES IN AMERICA Chased by war, aided by 'angels,' refugees find uneasy peace. AP Photos NY417-419.

FEA-INDIA-WARRIOR SAINTS Followers of India's youngest religion a divided lot. AP Photos ASR203,204.

INDIA-SIKH SCHOOL Foreigners head to India to join Sikh faith. AP Photos ASP201-203.

TRAV-JAMAICA-PADDLING PEDDLERS Jamaican souvenir vendors take to the water. AP Photos NY408- 409.

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TRAV-US-TUNICA'S LUCK Las Vegas-style action in a Delta cotton field. By David L. Langford. AP Photos NY400-402.

With TRAV-TUNICA'S LUCK-CASINOS, TRAV-TUNICA'S LUCK-TIPS.

TRAV-US-SPRINGFIELD Lincoln lore, if not Bart Simpson, lures visitors. AP Photos NY403-407.

With TRAV-SPRINGFIELD-TIPS.

TRAV-US-MYSTERY TOURS Private investigator shows the dark side of Seattle. AP Photo NY410.

TRAV-TRAVEL BRIEFS.

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Man Accused of Bicoastal Bilking

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Body

Michael Dean Rockey has been many things to many people.

Police say that in the course of duping vulnerable women out of tens of thousands of dollars, he posed as a Cornell University psychiatrist, a prospective Irish Republican Army member and a British wool-business scion just to name a few.

Rockey's trail of deception leads from California to New York, "and who knows where in between," said Robert Weiner, a deputy district attorney in this mountain town.

Rockey is supposed to show up in May for trial on charges of bilking a woman out of more than \$30,000. He's out on bail, and Weiner doesn't know where Rockey is. California wants him in May, too, for sentencing in another case.

The affidavit for Rockey's arrest reads like a cross between a bodice-ripper romance tale and a cheap crime novel: Stranger comes to town, seduces women and makes off with their money.

"It seems to be his chosen profession," Weiner said.

The Glenwood Springs trial will focus on the charges involving Sonya Doyal, a bail bondsman who is married with two children. But the affidavit lists several others mostly women whom the 47-year-old Rockey also has allegedly conned out of money.

"He's got a way with women and he's got a way with the talk," Doyal said of Rockey, a tall, bulky man with a perpetually ruddy complexion.

The tools of his trade, according to the affidavit, include a British accent, a list of aliases including Mikal Dhalgren, Michael Finnegan and Michael Beckett, and a story about a wife, Kathleen, who died of cancer.

"To my knowledge, Kathleen never existed," said John White, a Colorado Springs private investigator who looked into Rockey's past.

"It's just a ploy to get in close," White said. "He gets in close, takes them for as much money as he can and just disappears."

Man Accused of Bicoastal Biking

Rockey's public defender, Peter Rachesky, declined to discuss the Doyal case.

Doyal said she met Rockey in 1992, when she was a jailer in Glenwood Springs and he was held on felony theft and impersonation charges. They exchanged letters during his two years in state prison for those crimes.

She didn't hear from Rockey for a year after his release, but in November 1995 he wrote from California with news: He loved her, he was terminally ill, he had become a Christian and he wanted to go straight.

They arranged to meet, but first he needed a \$2,200 loan, he said. Doyal sent him a cashier's check.

That launched a relationship marked by rare meetings at hotels, motels, even a highway exit and a sheaf of receipts from the Western Union office where Doyal wired Rockey money.

Rockey was always on the verge of coming into money, Doyal said, but he always needed some to tide him over legal fees, traveling money, cash to carry him until his book deal came through.

The book was supposed to be about how Rockey grew marijuana in California to pay for his wife's cancer treatment a story several alleged victims said he used, and one Doyal found convincing.

"I could see him, I could feel him picking his wife up in the hospital, just a bag of bones, and her dying of cancer," she recalled.

Doyal said she lost friends because she refused to heed their warnings that she was being duped.

"I wanted to believe so much that this guy had changed," Doyal said. "He would tell me in letter after letter, 'I'm going to live in the light, I'm going to be a good person.'"

Also, Doyal said she had had major surgery and was having marriage problems when she met Rockey, so she was depressed and insecure a pattern Weiner said was common to many of his alleged victims.

"You're dealing with situations in which people are vulnerable, caring and trusting and trying to help their fellow man," Weiner said. "That is turned around and they become victims."

Among those victims the affidavit lists a multiple sclerosis patient, the son of the owners of an Ithaca, N.Y., motel where Rockey stayed in 1992. He allegedly gave Rockey \$400 to buy special computer equipment after Rockey told him he was a computer company executive and could get a discount.

Another alleged victim is Lori Pinello, a Colorado Springs woman who said she loaned him \$9,500. After Rockey skipped town, Pinello began investigating and called Doyal, whose name he had mentioned. Their revelations prompted Doyal's decision to go to authorities.

"He found a good victim he thought," Doyal said. "But I'm saying: You're not going to do this to me, and you're not going to do it to anyone else."

Rockey is charged with three felony theft counts, and faces up to 96 years in prison because of prior convictions in Colorado, Nevada and California.

Rockey was out on \$25,000 bail, but that was raised to \$250,000 on March 24. A warrant was issued for his arrest until he posts the larger amount, a bid to put him behind bars in Colorado before California sentences him in May on a felony conviction involving a rental car that wasn't returned.

"It's a matter of who gets him first," Weiner said.

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Saturday, September 18

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Today is Saturday, September 18, the 261st day of 2004. There are 104 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1544 - Sweden's King Gustavus I forms alliance with France to counter Denmark's alliance with the Holy Roman Empire.

1739 - Peace of Belgrade is signed by Holy Roman Emperor and Turkey, whereby Austria cedes Orsova, Belgrade and Serbia to Turkey.

1759 - The French formally surrender Quebec to the British.

1793 - George Washington lays the U.S. Capitol Building's cornerstone in Washington D.C.

1810 - Chile declares its independence from Spain.

1850 - U.S. Congress passes the Fugitive Slave Act, which allows slave owners to reclaim slaves who escaped to other states.

1851 - The New York Times newspaper publishes its first issue.

1860 - Italian troops under Count Camillo Cavour defeat Papal forces at Castelfidardo.

1898 - A British expedition trying to establish a north-south corridor the length of Africa reaches the fort of Fashoda in the Sudan, only to find it occupied by the French. The standoff brings the countries to the brink of war.

1913 - Bulgaria and Turkey sign a treaty settling their frontiers in Thrace.

1916 - Greek army surrenders to Germans at Kavalla, Greece, in World War I: Russian offensive under Alexei Brusilov is checked by Germans.

1927 - The Columbia Phonograph Broadcasting System - later CBS - debuts in the United States with a network of 16 radio stations.

1931 - Japan begins siege of Mukden, using bomber seaplanes, and occupies strategic points in Manchuria.

Saturday, September 18

- 1932 - King Ibn Saud unifies the dual kingdom of the Hejaz and Najd under the name Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- 1947 - The U.S. National Security Act, unifying the Navy, Army and newly formed Air Force goes into effect.
- 1948 - Indonesian Communists set up Soviet-style government in Java but are forced to withdraw.
- 1955 - At least 166 persons are killed, 100 missing and 1,000 injured due to destructive winds and floods in the central and northern Gulf Coast area of Mexico where Hurricane Hilda struck.
- 1961 - Swedish U.N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld, 56, is killed in air crash in northern Rhodesia - now Zambia - while on a peace mission to Congo.
- 1967 - United States announces it will build anti-missile network to counter any attack by China; Explosives planted by Communist terrorists destroy Taiwan's embassy in Saigon.
- 1971 - Egypt and Israel exchange rocket fire across Suez Canal for first time since cease-fire 13 months earlier.
- 1973 - East Germany, West Germany and the Bahamas are admitted to United Nations.
- 1975 - Newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst is captured by the FBI in San Francisco, 19 months after being kidnapped by the Symbionese Liberation Army and then becoming one of its members.
- 1978 - Egypt's Foreign Minister Ibrahim Kamel and Ambassador to United States Ashraf Ghorbal resign in protest of Egypt's Camp David agreement with Israel.
- 1983 - British adventurer George Meegan finishes a six-year long walk from the southernmost tip of South America to Prudhoe Bay, Alaska; covering 30,605 kilometers (19,021 miles).
- 1988 - Burma's military commander San Maung overthrows Burma's civilian President Maung Maung in coup.
- 1990 - The ***Irish Republican Army*** claims responsibility for an attack the previous night on Sir Peter Terry, former governor of the British colony of Gibraltar.
- 1991 - Two earthquakes rock Guatemala, killing at least 17 people and injuring dozens when their houses collapse.
- 1992 - The Group of Seven (G-7) nations, the United States, Germany, Japan, France, Great Britain, Italy and Canada, meet in Washington, D.C. to discuss the currency crisis and commit to a managed exchange-rate system.
- 1993 - A United Nations investigation finds Liberian army troops responsible for shooting, bludgeoning and mutilating more than 400 refugees, most of whom were ***women*** and children.
- 1994 - U.S. President Bill Clinton announces Haiti's strongman Raoul Cedras has agreed to leave power by Oct. 15 and permit U.S. troops to enter the country.
- 1995 - Bosnian government and Croat forces seize another 92 square kilometers (36 square miles) from Serbs, adding to the 6,144 square kilometers (2,400 square miles)- just over 12 percent of Bosnia - they say they've captured in the past week.
- 1996 - In Lagos, Nigeria, anti-riot police clash with thousands of Muslims and 10 people are killed.
- 1997 - In Cairo, Muslim extremists open fire on a tourist bus outside a museum, killing 10 people, mostly German tourists; media mogul Ted Turner pledges \$1 billion to the United Nations.
- 1998 - The Basque separatist group ETA begins observing an open-ended cease-fire after 30 years of fighting for an independent homeland in lands straddling northern Spain and southwest France.
- 1999 - Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs becomes the first player in American major league baseball history to hit 60 home runs two seasons in a row.

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2000- Three gangs of armed gunmen break into three jails in the outskirts of Sao Paulo, Brazil, in separate incidents, freeing more than 200 inmates, many of them convicted and suspected drug traffickers.

2001 - Letters postmarked in Trenton, New Jersey, which test positive for anthrax, are sent to the New York Post and the U.S. NBC broadcasting network anchor Tom Brokaw.

2002 - Burundi's government reports 173 civilians are killed by uniformed gunmen. It was one of the worst massacres in the country's nine-year-old civil war between the Hutu and Tutsi ethnic groups.

2003 - Akila al-Hashemi, one of three women on the 25-member Iraqi governing council, dies five days after she was shot by unidentified assailants near her home in Baghdad. This is the first assassination of an Iraqi political leader appointed by the U.S.-led occupation authority.

Today's Birthdays:

Samuel Johnson, English poet-critic (1709-1784); Jean-Bernard-Leon Foucault, French scientist (1819-1868); Greta Garbo, Swedish-born actress (1905-1990); Agnes Demille, U.S. dancer/choreographer (1905-1993); Kwame Nkrumah, Ghanaian statesman (1909-1972); Robert Blake, U.S. actor (1933--); Dee Dee Ramone, U.S. rock musician (1952-2002).

Thought For Today:

If you are patient in one moment of anger, you will escape a hundred days of sorrow - Chinese proverb.

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Today is Thursday, September 9, the 252nd day of 2004. There are 113 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1509 - Turks take Nicosia on Cyprus.

1513 - Scotland's King James IV is killed in Battle of Flodden with British.

1585 - Pope Sixtus V excommunicates Henry of Navarre of France.

1776 - Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia changes the name "United Colonies" to "United States."

1813 - San Sebastian, Spain, falls to British forces under Duke of Wellington.

1835 - "September Laws" in France severely censor press and suppress radical movement.

1888 - Chile annexes Easter Island in South Pacific.

1893 - Frances Cleveland, wife of President Cleveland, gives birth to daughter, Esther, in the White House. It is the first time a president's child is born in the executive mansion.

1894 - Sun Yat-sen heads his first attempt at revolution in China. The revolt does not succeed until 1911.

1921 - Constitution of Central American Union is signed by republics of Guatemala, Honduras and San Salvador.

1926 - The National Broadcasting Co., NBC, is created by the Radio Corporation of America.

1943 - A day after the Italians surrender, Allied troops land at Salerno, south of Naples, but face stiff resistance from a German Panzer division, which consists of armored vehicles.

1944 - While the Soviet army advances in Bulgaria, the government is overthrown in a Communist-led coup.

1945 - U.S. troops land in South Korea at end of World War II, Soviets take over north from Japanese, and 38th parallel is made dividing line.

1948 - Korean People's Democratic Republic is formed in North Korea, claiming authority over entire country.

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1951 - Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru becomes president of the governing Congress Party, succeeding Purchottamdas Tandon who resigned in a policy dispute.

1957 - U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower signs into law the first civil rights bill to pass the U.S. Congress since the Civil War.

1962 - A new threat of open warfare between factions of the Algerian nationalist leadership is averted when 4,000 troops enter, supporting Vice Premier Ahmed Ben Bella.

1968 - Teachers' strikes by United Federation of Teachers (UFT) paralyze New York City's public school system at the start of the fall term. The strikes don't end until November 19 as a million pupils are kept out of classes for 36 school days.

1971 - Prisoners seize control of the maximum-security Attica Correctional Facility near Buffalo, New York, beginning a siege that claims 43 lives.

1974 - U.S. President Gerald Ford is criticized heavily in Congress over his pardoning of former President Richard Nixon.

1980 - Iranian Premier Mohammed Ali Rajai responds sharply to Secretary of State Edmund Muskie's request to negotiate the release of 52 American hostages but doesn't reject the U.S. offer outright.

1986 - Gunmen kidnap American director of Lebanese school as he drives from his home in Muslim west Beirut.

1987 - Iraq launches series of coordinated air raids on Iranian power plants, factories and oil centers.

1988 - Burma's former Prime Minister U Nu, toppled in a 1962 military coup, announces formation of a rival government.

1990 - The former immigration processing center on Ellis Island in Upper New York Bay, which served as the gateway to America for millions of immigrants, is dedicated as a museum after undergoing an eight-year, \$156 million renovation.

1991 - Saudi Arabia releases 400 Iraqi citizens held in the kingdom in exchange for a Saudi prisoner of war and a Saudi woman held in Iraq.

1992 - In a bid to defuse tensions with U.N. forces, the Khmer Rouge, Cambodia's radical communist movement that ruled the country from 1975 to 1979, invites the peacekeeping chief to its secluded base.

1993 - Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization agree that mutual recognition will be part of an upcoming peace accord.

1994 - The United States agrees to accept at least 20,000 Cuban immigrants a year in return for Cuba's promise to halt people who boarding rafts and trying to sail to America.

1995 - NATO warplanes return to the skies over Bosnia to attack repaired Serb air defenses, and acknowledge that the attacks probably killed some civilians.

1996 - Typhoon Sally hits coastal areas of Guangdong, China's most developed province, killing more than 130 and injuring thousands.

1997 - Sinn Fein, political ally of the **Irish Republican Army**, formally renounces violence and enters talks on the future of Northern Ireland.

1998 - Independent prosecutor Kenneth Starr submits to the U.S. Congress a report on possible impeachable offenses by U.S. President Bill Clinton.

Thursday, September 9

1999 - Israel begins releasing Palestinian prisoners as part of new peace deal.

2000 - Gunmen wound three people in a beauty salon in Kashmir, 24 hours after warning women to wear veils in public or be shot. The group said to be behind the warning denies it had issued any such threat.

2001 - Afghanistan's military opposition leader Ahmed Shah Massood is fatally wounded and later dies after a suicide attack by assassins posing as journalists.

2002 - The U.S. releases \$42 million in military aid to Colombia after certifying that its armed forces' human rights record met U.S. congressional requirements. The U.S. had released the first \$62 million installment of a \$104 million military aid package in April.

2003 - The Roman Catholic archdiocese of Boston, Massachusetts, and lawyers representing 552 alleged victims of sexual abuse by priests announce a legal settlement worth up to \$85 million.

Today's Birthdays:

Cardinal Richelieu, French churchman-statesman (1585-1642); Cornelius van Tromp, Dutch admiral (1629-1691); Luigi Galvani, Italian physiologist (1737-1798); Max Reinhardt, Austrian stage/screen director (1873-1943); Chaim Herzog, Israeli president-statesman-legislator (1918--); Otis Redding, U.S. soul singer/songwriter (1941-1967); Hugh Grant, English actor (1960--).

Thought for Today:

Think wrongly if you please, but in all cases, think for yourself - Gotthold Lessing, German dramatist-critic (1729-1781).

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NEW:

EGYPT-TRAIN CRASH. At least two killed, 46 injured in train crash in northern Egypt.

US-CHINA-SCIENTIST. FBI raids home of scientist fired in China investigation.

JAPAN-ELECTION. Ballots cast in election for Tokyo governor that has drawn national attention.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia Air-raid sirens sound in the Yugoslav capital as residents prepare to usher in Orthodox Easter in the midst of a NATO bombing campaign. Refugees making their way out of Kosovo, meanwhile, tell harrowing stories of Serb atrocities. YUGOSLAVIA-KOSOVO. Recap by 0200 GMT. By Veslin Toshkov. AP Photos KUK101,103,105, XSKJ103,105.

BRAZDA, Macedonia Burned villages. Corpses. Trapped, terrorized refugees. Reaching safety in Macedonia over mountain passes, ethnic Albanians joining the exodus from Kosovo tell a tale of horror along the route. KOSOVO-REFUGEES. Recap by 0200 GMT. By Elena Becatoros. AP Photos KUK101,103,105; XSJK105.

LARNACA, Cyprus A jubilant but tired Spyros Kyprianou flew into Yugoslavia, expecting to win the release of three captured American soldiers. He left bitterly disappointed two days later, returning home after riding a rollercoaster of hopes and recriminations. CYPRUS-KYPRIANOU MISSION. Recap by 0200 GMT. By Alex Efty. AP Photos NIC102-105.

ALSO:

YUGOSLAVIA-BITTER EASTER Air raids, wartime cast pall on Orthodox Christian holy day. AP Photo BEL105.

US-KOSOVO Pentagon readying more planes for NATO airstrikes. Has moved.

RUSSIA-KOSOVO Political solution to Kosovo crisis ever more elusive. Has moved.

NATO-KOSOVO Weather hampers NATO airstrikes; radio relay station destroyed. Has moved.

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NIAMEY, Niger A day after the president died in a hail of gunfire, residents return to the notably calm streets of Niger's capital on Saturday, while military leaders meet to name a successor. NIGER-ASSASSINATION; was NIGER-UNREST. Recap by 0300 GMT. By Tim Sullivan.

SHIRBIN, Egypt Two trains collide head-on in northern Egypt, killing at least two people and injuring 49 others, the government says. EGYPT-TRAIN CRASH. Lead has moved. By Tarek El-Tablawy.

LOS ALAMOS, New Mexico FBI agents search the home of a fired Los Alamos National Laboratory scientist for nearly six hours, hauling away boxes of evidence in their investigation into whether nuclear weapons secrets were leaked to China. US-CHINA-SCIENTIST. Lead has moved. By Barry Massey.

WITH:

US-CHINA. Chinese premier visits Denver after trade talks fail in Washington. Lead has moved. AP Photos DX106; DXR200-201; NY138.

MOSCOW Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov delivers a nationally televised address to give an accounting of his government's first seven months in office and to appeal for political stability. RUSSIA-POLITICS. Lead has moved. By Judith Ingram. AP Photos MOSB101-102,105.

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CAIRO, Egypt Sudanese rebels overrun two camps of the pro-government militia, killing more than 120 militia fighters and wounding about 300, their spokesman says. SUDAN-REBELS. Has moved.

TOKYO Voters heading to the polls to cast ballots in an election for Tokyo governor that has drawn nationwide attention. JAPAN-ELECTION. Expected by 0300 GMT.

KAMPALA, Uganda Twenty years after Idi Amin Dada was forced from power after eight years of terror that bled Uganda dry, few in this East African nation even want to think about the man who lives quietly in exile in Saudi Arabia. UGANDA-FORGETTING IDI AMIN. Has moved. By Henry Wasswa. AP Photo NY190.

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida Come 2001, women may have an inside track in the male-dominated world of space. Within the next two years, NASA may be flying all-female space shuttle crews for science. US-WOMEN IN SPACE. Has moved. By Marcia Dunn. AP Photos NY123-124.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Monday, in The Hague, Netherlands, two notorious Bosnian Croat war crimes suspects go on trial before the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal. On Tuesday, negotiations aimed at forming Northern Ireland's new Protestant-Catholic government resume.

FEATURES:

POPAYAN, Colombia Anger is brewing on the Indian reserves that blanket Andean ridges rising above this colonial capital. The somewhat surprising targets of the discontent are leftist rebels who having been fighting for decades in the name of Colombia's poor and oppressed. FEA-COLOMBIA-INDIANS IN MIDDLE. To move as wire time permits. By Jared Kotler. AP Photos NY335-337.

With BC-FEA-INDIANS-RESERVE.

HAVANA The passion for Cuba's high-quality cigars has fired up in recent years. American politicians, actors, businessmen and a growing number of women are indulging in what, for many people, remains a politically incorrect habit. FEA-CUBA TOBACCO. To move as wire time permits. By Anita Snow. AP Photo NY343-348.

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TULA, Russia Even for this atrophying country, the state of Russia's penal system is horrendous. It's broke and bursting at the seams with more than 1 million inmates, and rampant tuberculosis is making things worse. Up to 20,000 inmates have died of the disease the past two years. FEA-RUSSIA-SICK PRISONS. To move as wire time permits. By Angela Charlton. AP Photo NY331-333.

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Why the Israeli tail is again wagging the American dog

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LAST weekend's condemnation of terrorism by Palestinian Authority chairman Yasser Arafat is no more likely to make Israel withdraw from Palestinian cities on the West Bank than the distant sound of US President George Bush stamping his foot.

Killing Arabs is what Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon does best -- and he hasn't even smashed up the Gaza Strip yet.

Mr Arafat's "deep condemnation for all terrorist activities, whether it is state terrorism, terrorism by a group, or individual terrorism," was hypocritical, of course.

He may not have had any real control over the recent wave of Palestinian suicide-bombers but he was certainly a practising terrorist in an earlier phase of his career.

His organisation spent most of the 70s and 80s hijacking airliners and killing innocent people in a successful campaign to rebrand anonymous "refugees" as "Palestinians" with some rights to the land of Palestine.

But Mr Sharon is also a hypocrite. He has been killing innocent people ever since 1953 when his "anti-terrorist" Unit 101 destroyed the Palestinian village of Qibya and killed 69 people, most of them women and children, in revenge for the murder of a Jewish woman and her two children by Palestinian terrorists.

Until recently, his worst crime was the ghastly massacres in the Palestinian refugee camps of Sabra and Chatila in 1982 but what happened in Jenin this month may run it a close second. Mr Sharon cynically uses the word "terrorism" only as a synonym for "killing Israelis" though he clearly understands that terror can be a rational strategy for Israelis, too.

President Bush naively supposes that terrorism -- a word he used 24 times in one recent five-minute speech -- is some blind, malevolent and essentially irrational force that can be "rooted out." But Mr Arafat tells it like it is.

"State terrorism, terrorism by a group or individual terrorism." That is the real context in which events are unfolding.

Terrorism is not an ideology; it is a technique, equally available to governments, to organised groups and even to individuals like Timothy McVeigh. If you leave state terrorism out of the equation, you cannot understand what is happening either strategically or morally.

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State terror is a staple of world history. Often it is used against a country's own population, as in Stalin's purges or Argentina's "dirty war." At other times, it is directed against a foreign enemy, as in the British Bomber Command's campaign against German cities in World War 2, or the nuclear "balance of terror" that was at the heart of the old Cold War.

The power of the state is very great so state terrorism often achieves impressive results. Non-state terrorism is generally less effective but "national liberation wars" are a striking exception. The colonial power has all the heavy weapons so the nationalists resort to ambushes, assassinations and bombings to convince the foreigners that it is time to go home.

And since the foreigners do have the alternative of going home, it's relatively easy to make the cost of staying seem too high.

From Vietnam and Algeria to Cyprus and Rhodesia, the nationalists' strategies depended heavily on terrorism and in the end they won.

Leaders like Jomo Kenyatta, of Kenya, and Yitzhak Shamir, of Israel, once condemned by Britain as terrorists, were invited to have tea with the Queen for they had become the legitimate leaders of independent countries. Since Israel's current campaign against the Palestinians is in many senses the last colonial war, a similar outcome is likely there sooner or later.

But that's where it ends: A government that cannot cut its losses and "go home" to somewhere else is a tireless and ruthless opponent.

Terrorism rarely works for ethnic or religious minorities trying to break away from an existing country, like the Tamil Tigers of Sri Lanka or the **Irish Republican Army** in Northern Ireland, and for those without a distinct ethno-religious base it never works.

From the anarchists who assassinated half a dozen heads of state in Europe and America in the late 19th century to the Red Brigades, Montoneros and Weathermen of the 1970s, terrorists trying to overthrow their own governments (or the entire international order, in the more delusional cases) have been ruthlessly crushed in relatively short order. Al-Qaida, needless to say, fits into this group.

As a man who has spent more than half his life leading a national liberation struggle, Mr Arafat knows all this by heart. That is why he will only condemn "terrorism by a group, or individual terrorism" in the same breath as "state terrorism" and why he never loses confidence in the ultimate emergence of a Palestinian state.

Mr Sharon never publicly acknowledges the moral equivalence of the two forms of terror but he shares Mr Arafat's understanding of the way the world works. He has devoted his life to thwarting the emergence of a Palestinian state and he is as adept and ruthless in the use of state-backed terror as Mr Arafat is in its mirror-image.

The odd man out is George Bush who thinks there is a moral distinction between a Palestinian teenager wearing an explosives belt who kills an innocent Israeli family and Israeli soldiers in Jenin who kill an innocent Palestinian family.

Even as suspicions mount that the Israeli Army is concealing a massacre in Jenin, Mr Bush is more moved by the news of a single suicide-bomb attack in Israel and so once again the Israeli tail wags the American dog.

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CAPTION:

Ariel Sharon and Yasser Arafat play their deadly games in the Middle East.

Why the Israeli tail is again wagging the American dog

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Man accused of bilking vulnerable victims coast-to-coast

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Michael Dean Rockey has been many things to many people.

Police say that in the course of duping vulnerable women out of tens of thousands of dollars, he posed as a Cornell University psychiatrist, a prospective Irish Republican Army member and a British wool-business scion - just to name a few.

Rockey's trail of deception leads from California to New York, "and who knows where in between," said Robert Weiner, a deputy district attorney in this mountain town.

Rockey is supposed to show up in May for trial on charges of bilking a woman out of more than \$ 30,000. He's out on bail, and Weiner doesn't know where Rockey is. California wants him in May, too, for sentencing in another case.

The affidavit for Rockey's arrest reads like a cross between a bodice-ripper romance tale and a cheap crime novel: Stranger comes to town, seduces women and makes off with their money.

"It seems to be his chosen profession," Weiner said.

The Glenwood Springs trial will focus on the charges involving Sonya Doyal, a bail bondsman who is married with two children. But the affidavit lists several others - mostly women - whom the 47-year-old Rockey also has allegedly conned out of money.

"He's got a way with women and he's got a way with the talk," Doyal said of Rockey, a tall, bulky man with a perpetually ruddy complexion.

The tools of his trade, according to the affidavit, include a British accent, a list of aliases including Mikal Dhalgren, Michael Finnegan and Michael Beckett, and a story about a wife, Kathleen, who died of cancer.

"To my knowledge, Kathleen never existed," said John White, a Colorado Springs private investigator who looked into Rockey's past.

"It's just a ploy to get in close," White said. "He gets in close, takes them for as much money as he can and just disappears."

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Rockey's public defender, Peter Rachesky, declined to discuss the Doyal case.

Doyal said she met Rockey in 1992, when she was a jailer in Glenwood Springs and he was held on felony theft and impersonation charges. They exchanged letters during his two years in state prison for those crimes.

She didn't hear from Rockey for a year after his release, but in November 1995 he wrote from California with news: He loved her, he was terminally ill, he had become a Christian and he wanted to go straight.

They arranged to meet, but first he needed a \$ 2,200 loan, he said. Doyal sent him a cashier's check.

That launched a relationship marked by rare meetings at hotels, motels, even a highway exit - and a sheaf of receipts from the Western Union office where Doyal wired Rockey money.

Rockey was always on the verge of coming into money, Doyal said, but he always needed some to tide him over - legal fees, traveling money, cash to carry him until his book deal came through.

The book was supposed to be about how Rockey grew marijuana in California to pay for his wife's cancer treatment - a story several alleged victims said he used, and one Doyal found convincing.

"I could see him, I could feel him picking his wife up in the hospital, just a bag of bones, and her dying of cancer," she recalled.

Doyal said she lost friends because she refused to heed their warnings that she was being duped.

"I wanted to believe so much that this guy had changed," Doyal said. "He would tell me in letter after letter, 'I'm going to live in the light, I'm going to be a good person.'"

Also, Doyal said she had had major surgery and was having marriage problems when she met Rockey, so she was depressed and insecure - a pattern Weiner said was common to many of his alleged victims.

"You're dealing with situations in which people are vulnerable, caring and trusting and trying to help their fellow man," Weiner said. "That is turned around and they become victims."

Among those victims the affidavit lists a multiple sclerosis patient, the son of the owners of an Ithaca, N.Y., motel where Rockey stayed in 1992. He allegedly gave Rockey \$ 400 to buy special computer equipment after Rockey told him he was a computer company executive and could get a discount.

Another alleged victim is Lori Pinello, a Colorado Springs woman who said she loaned him \$ 9,500. After Rockey skipped town, Pinello began investigating and called Doyal, whose name he had mentioned. Their revelations prompted Doyal's decision to go to authorities.

"He found a good victim - he thought," Doyal said. "But I'm saying: You're not going to do this to me, and you're not going to do it to anyone else."

Rockey is charged with three felony theft counts, and faces up to 96 years in prison because of prior convictions in Colorado, Nevada and California.

Rockey was out on \$ 25,000 bail, but that was raised to \$ 250,000 on March 24. A warrant was issued for his arrest until he posts the larger amount, a bid to put him behind bars in Colorado before California sentences him in May on a felony conviction involving a rental car that wasn't returned.

"It's a matter of who gets him first," Weiner said.

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PLENTY TO WORRY ABOUT WITHOUT INCLUDING MYTHS

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In a world already amply supplied with terror and misery, some fairy tales are merely grim.

Consider the one about the perfume being mailed to women around the country by shadowy terrorists. One whiff and they drop over dead. It's poison. Five women have died since the terrorist attacks last September. We know this to be true because it's out there on the Internet and has been since 1998.

As urban legends go, the poison perfume story -- which began simply as a perfume used to knock people unconscious -- was already circulating when it morphed into a new version in the panicky days after Sept. 11.

Calls about it and a half-dozen other myths and rumors prompted the Pennsylvania State Police intelligence squad to open an e-mail account -- sp-intelligence@ state.pa.us -- to handle inquiries and debunk various stories.

"At one time people would hit 'delete' and move on. But this one just kind of mutated," said Lt. Robert Petyak, commander of the state police intelligence unit.

Mutated is a good way to put it. Of the urban legends springing up after Sept. 11, several have long pedigrees.

Consider the story of the woman whose Middle Eastern boyfriend dropped out of sight -- presumably on some terrorist mission -- but sent a message warning her to keep out of the shopping mall on Oct. 31.

"That one had to be verified," said Petyak, whose staff tried mightily to figure out where it began.

Well, a decade earlier, the missing boyfriend was Irish and the girlfriend was being told to keep away from the Trafford Centre Mall in England. It arose at a time the Irish Republican Army was bombing various sites in Britain.

"There was an immediate, huge surge of rumor after 9-11," said Barbara Mikkelsen, a Los Angeles researcher who, with her husband, David, runs Snopes.com, a Web site devoted to knocking down and -- rarely -- verifying urban legends. "Prior to 9-11 one of the common bogeymen we had was the inner-city gangs. That bogeyman is being replaced."

The replacement is sometimes obvious.

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Consider the much-circulated e-mail warning women about oncoming cars that flash their headlights. In its original, the story suggested that the headlight-flashers were gang members going through an initiation that required them to turn around and kill the first motorist who flashed his or her headlights back.

The dust cloud had barely settled on Lower Manhattan when the gang members somehow became foreign terrorists.

Drinking Snapple, no doubt.

That innocent soft drink had already battled back bizarre rumors that it was somehow connected to the Ku Klux Klan and had a photo of a slave ship on its label, when the CIA -- as in the Central Intelligence Agency -- had to step in on behalf of it and other beverage makers.

It began as a rumor that Snapple was secretly owned by Osama bin Laden.

Then, as that one faded, stories circulated that bin Laden actually controlled the world's supply of gum arabic, an ingredient in many soft drinks, so that just about any thirst-quenching was an enrichment to terrorists.

The CIA later issued a statement discounting the reports.

"Over time there have been odd rumors of all kinds," said a weary Dave Jarmon, Snapple spokesman. "It's a lame-brained urban myth, but sometimes competitors pick up on it and drive it along."

Procter & Gamble, the Cincinnati-based soap giant, found out as much when, after 15 years of fighting reports that it was linked to the church of Satan, several Amway distributors were accused of spreading the rumor anew.

Urban legends can stretch back impossibly long distances in time. Daniel Defoe, author of "Robinson Crusoe," kept a journal during a plague in London in the 18th century and passed along an account of plague-infested men who would kiss and deliberately infect young women. Flash ahead 200 years, says folklore scholar Philip Hiscock, and you get the story of AIDS Mary, the infected woman who seduces men and leaves behind a message, usually in lipstick on the motel room mirror, saying "Welcome to the World of AIDS."

Like many urban legends, the stories share a common moral: Be careful out there.

Other myths, such as the persistent one that a man "surfed" down the crumbling wreckage of the World Trade Center and survived with only a broken leg, have another purpose.

"To my mind it was one of the great classics," said Hiscock, who specializes in contemporary myth and legend at Memorial University in Newfoundland. "It incorporated such deep-rooted mythic ideas on how you could be a superman, how you could preserve your life using these simple skills."

Then again, if the story had been true -- the New York Fire Department later debunked it -- the great survivor should have seen it coming.

After all, didn't Nostradamus write in 1654:

In the city of York there will be a great collapse. Two twin towers torn apart by chaos. While the fortress falls the great leader will succumb. The third big war will begin when the big city is burning.

Variations mention the "new city" and "twin brothers," and the fortress "endures" and the quatrains place the attacks in "the eleventh day of the ninth month."

Either way, it's pretty clear that Nostradamus, seer of seers, predicted the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. That he did so in 1654 -- some 88 years after his death -- speaks either to the potency of a prophet or the irresistible allure of the urban myth.

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Rats immune to guitar music, candlelight

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Had Al Gore become president, it is likely that many Clinton appointees would have remained in office. We would have a government peopled by those who, while not directly responsible, employed policies that did not threaten the terrorists that have so recently attached America.

The first attempt on the World Trade Center brought a tepid response that merely punished the most immediate and lowest-level terrorists. Then, the Clinton administration proclaimed a war on terrorism. After a lot of talk and spin, it turned out to be only a war of words and empty threats.

Then U.S. embassies in Africa were bombed. In retaliation, a few missiles were lobbed into Afghanistan and Sudan, killing innocent people. The symbolism of virtual action satisfied the Clintonoids, and they continued to talk and spin.

The actions -- or inaction -- of the Clinton administration sent a clear message: 'Terrorists: You can kill us with impunity, unless the president needs to distract the public from impending scandal, but you are probably safe even then.' Those who would target the innocent were emboldened. Clinton might have been able to win the war on terrorism, if he could have rounded up all the terrorists, put them in a room and talked them to death. But that did not happen.

Then, to further clarify our disdain for terrorists, Clinton embraced Yassar Arafat, of Munich Olympic massacre fame. Then, Gerry Adams, of Sein Fein, the political wing of the *Irish Republican Army*, which army regularly blows up men, women and children on Irish streets.

Clinton sought at some United Nations function to shake the hand of Fidel Castro, the documented killer and oppressor. Unmistakably, killers of the innocent realized that, even if you murder, eventually the leader of the free world may want to be your friend. Terrorist tendencies may, in fact, be a method of upward social mobility.

Poor Bill Clinton, the peace crowd and the liberals. I personally love the sentiments of the peace-and-disarmament crowd. Such good intentions. Such noble ideals. Regardless of reality, they continue to harbor the illusion that everyone can get together, light candles, sit on pillows and work out differences by establishing 'dialogue.' Just like in their college days, with Joan Baez softly playing in the background.

If it were only so. If everyone in the world were just as smart and kind as they, we could have Utopia. If only we could all talk, the mean people could be guided to Utopia. We could all take that beautiful walk into geopolitical bliss.

Rats immune to guitar music, candlelight

The concept of multiculturalism and the attendant cultural relativism espoused by the liberal left turns out to be a mirage, a figment of emotional longing. Unfortunately, all societies and social arrangements are not equal in their effect on people. Some cultures are oppressive and backward. Some cultures are nurturing and liberating.

Western Judeo-Christian culture, which is constantly denigrated and demeaned by the American elites and academic intelligentsia, has the most material success, the healthiest people, the most political freedom -- and is emulated by most of the people in the world who are given the opportunity to live as they want. Our recent exposure to the cultures of the Middle East is interesting, but obviously all cultures are not functionally equal or equally desirable. Another bit of liberal lunacy is now exposed.

It turns out that some people are power-hungry, mean, stupid and evil. They will not sit on pillows and candlelit rooms and be reasoned with.

At present, we have an especially unique war on our hands. When the fighting is over, we will not sign some paper with another country, the vanquished agreeing to behave, the good old United States providing money to rebuild the losers' country.

Sadly, this war will be more like living in a house infested with rats. You are not able to negotiate with the rats. You cannot ask or demand that they leave you alone. No, in this war the only option is to exterminate the vermin.

With this realization, I ask myself what Jesus would have done. Turned the other cheek? Held out a hand in love? Perhaps he would have acted just as the peaceniks. This is where I am entirely confused by the ethic of love and the harsh reality of hate.

The national press and the intellectual elite told us George W. Bush was an imbecile. They raised the specter of a right-wing theocracy, if 'W' became the president. The national press and the intellectual elite began using the word 'quagmire' and comparing the war in Afghanistan to Vietnam, telling us over and over how the English and Russians had been flummoxed by the Afghans. As smart as they tell us they are, they always seem to be wrong. Still, whenever they talk, we are expected to listen with deference.

The liberal national press and intellectual elite who loved the talk and spin of the liberal Clinton crowd continue to confuse talking with doing. And they continuously contemplate and examine themselves, trying to understand the disdain much of society has for them and their profession.

Firefighters, police officers and military personnel in the United States are overwhelmingly conservative, overwhelmingly religious and largely Republican. The values that enable these life-risking, lifesaving servants are continuously denigrated by the national press and intellectual elite. Thank God, the doers are protecting us, while the talkers and spinners continue to talk and spin.

We have a president of unquestioned personal strength and morality. We have Donald Rumsfeld running the war. Evil will be defeated. And atheists claim there is no God.

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N. Ireland government on brink of collapse

Northern Ireland's Catholic-Protestant government faced suspension or collapse Friday after two rebellious Protestant lawmakers refused to support their party chief's effort to be re-elected government leader.

David Trimble, leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, couldn't rally enough support from the Protestant side of the 108-seat legislature, which must approve the selection of Cabinet ministers. While Catholics unanimously backed Trimble, fellow Protestants voted 30-29 against him - fatal in a voting system that requires majority support from both camps.

Trimble had hoped to receive sufficient support on the heels of last week's breakthrough decision by the **Irish Republican Army** to begin disarming, a long-held Protestant demand.

Pivotal in Trimble's defeat were two fellow Ulster Unionists who sided with other Protestants determined to sabotage the administration, which has been leaderless since Trimble resigned in July in protest at the IRA's refusal to scrap weapons.

Laws governing the nearly 2-year-old legislature require the government to elect a leader by Saturday, otherwise Britain must resume direct control of the province, at least temporarily.

Trimble said his party would punish the rebels, who blocked him in hopes of killing off a coalition that includes the IRA-linked Sinn Fein party. The dissidents complained the IRA disarmament was too secretive and unlikely to lead to the surrender of more weapons.

Trimble vowed that he and others determined to keep the power-sharing government alive would find a way to get him re-elected.

President's new book causes stir in Taiwan

TAIPEI, Taiwan - Taiwan's leader is creating a stir with a new book that criticizes his own party, intelligence officials and major players in the island's volatile political world.

President Chen Shui-bian's "First Voyage of a Century" - published this week - describes his first 500 days in office, a historic transition of power marred by intense political feuding and economic woes.

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The former attorney and democracy activist's upset election victory in March 2000 broke the Nationalist Party's five-decade grip on the island's presidency.

Although the Nationalists peacefully left the presidency, Chen's book accuses the party and its sympathizers within the government of hindering a smooth transfer of power.

10 killed by gunmen in El Salvador massacre

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador - Gunmen burst into a bar and attached hotel in a rough San Salvador neighborhood and killed 10 people in an execution-style slaying that could be related to the drug trade, police said Friday.

The massacre of five women and five men just before midnight Thursday was the worst single incidence of violence in the Salvadoran capital since the country's 12-year civil war ended in 1992.

There were no arrests.

Czech Republic's president released from hospital

PRAGUE, Czech Republic - Czech President Vaclav Havel was released from the hospital Friday, more than a week after being admitted for bronchitis.

Havel, whose stay at Prague Military Hospital began Oct. 23, will continue to recover at his official residence in Lany, outside Prague, said his doctor, Ilja Kotik.

Indian army kills at least 25 suspected Islamic militants

JAMMU, India - Indian forces in Kashmir killed at least 25 suspected Islamic militants who tried to cross over to Pakistan on Friday, the Indian army said.

The fighting came after security forces intercepted messages suggesting some militant groups would try to leave Kashmir to join Taliban forces in Afghanistan, said Brig. Gen. P.C. Das.

He said the militants were killed in four separate gun battles along the mountainous cease-fire line in the Poonch sector, about 140 miles northwest of Jammu, the winter capital of Jammu-Kashmir state.

U.S., Japan wrap up talks about military role in war

TOKYO - Senior Japanese and U.S. officials wrapped up two days of discussions Friday on Japan's military role in the war on terror but came up short on specific plans, a Japanese foreign ministry spokesman said.

Under a new law, the Japanese military is allowed to provide non-combat support for the U.S.-led strikes in Afghanistan. Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's administration has been examining various options, including sending warships and personnel to help with refueling and reconnaissance missions in the Indian Ocean.

Japanese officials outlined plans under consideration to their U.S. counterparts during Friday's meeting, a Japanese foreign ministry spokesman said on condition of anonymity.

He refused to give details, but said U.S. officials expressed satisfaction with Japan's efforts.

Investigator rips treatment of refugees in Australia

CANBERRA, Australia - The thousands of men, women and children kept behind barbed wire while authorities review their applications for asylum are treated worse than convicted criminals, an independent government investigator said Friday.

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Conditions at immigration detention camps are inadequate, Commonwealth Ombudsman Ron McLeod in an annual report to Parliament. There is evidence of self-harm by detainees at every center, and little distinction between the way women and children and single men are treated, he said.

"Immigration detainees have lesser rights than convicted criminals held in jails and ... (are) held in an environment that appeared to have a weaker accountability framework," he said in his report.

The Commonwealth Ombudsman is an independent statutory office that investigates complaints from people against government departments and agencies.

Prime Minister John Howard's conservative government has come under sustained attack from human rights groups at home and abroad for its policy of imprisoning all asylum seekers who arrive in Australia until their applications for refugee status can be processed.

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The Culture of terrorism

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My colleague and dear friend at United Press International, Marty Sieff, wrote the following on the much-awaited reopening of Washington's Reagan National Airport on Thursday: "The idea stinks. It is an appallingly irresponsible and dangerous one."

With all due respect to Marty, whose judgment and analysis I much value, I am forced to strongly disagree with him in this case. Here are the reasons why.

The idea being that those who wish us harm, want to force us into changing our ways and conform to theirs. This we must never do.

Terrorism, by its very nature, forces us to alter our way of life, which we should do to some extent, but should in no way change it. There is a major difference here. Let me explain.

Yes, we must become more aware of our surroundings, we must learn to look out for suspicious packages, alarming signs, and be aware that there are people out there who wish us harm. But we must not become paranoid. We must not fall into the trap of seeing an enemy's face in everyone who looks different. The last thing we should do is retrench inside our individual castles, pull up the drawbridges and fill the moats. If we do that, then we give in to the terrorists.

What we need to do is to adapt, but continue with our democratic way of life. Show the terrorists that they cannot and will not win.

When I lived in Beirut during the Lebanese civil war we learned to adapt. Upon checking into the Commodore Hotel, home to the large contingent of international journalists covering the war, it was not unusual to be asked in all seriousness by the front desk receptionist if you "preferred a room on the car bombing side, or the shelling side." This was not a joke. We adapted.

Neither did some of the worst days of shelling and fighting prevent many of us from going out for the night to enjoy a dinner in a fancy restaurant, or to dance in a basement discotheque. The DJs would simply turn up the volume when the shelling got closer so as to drown out the noise of incoming bombs. And the bouncers' role would reverse -- they would prevent customers from leaving the joint until the shelling subsided.

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We adapted and decided that they -- the fighters -- those trying to terrorize our lives, would not force us to live a life of terror. Of course we were afraid, that is only natural, but these actions helped us face our fears, and prove to ourselves, and the world that life must go on.

Years later when I moved to London, in much the same way we adapted to the **Irish Republican Army**'s bombing campaign. **Women** would open their purses for inspection at the theatre without allowing the search to interrupt a conversation.

In his argument to keep Reagan airport closed, my dear friend Marty adds: "Through most of the Soviet era, civilian airliners were barred from flying over Moscow."

Indeed that was well the case. But in 1987, the Soviet Union -- the Evil Empire, as President Reagan called it -- with all its might, with all its radars, its SAMs missile batteries, its multitude of MiGs patrolling the skies of the Motherland and its extreme paranoia of the West, was unable to prevent a 19-year-old West German man called Matthias Rust from flying his Cessna 172 B from Hamburg, past the Soviet air defenses, and landing it smack in the middle of Red Square, less than a snowball's throw from the Kremlin.

The distance from Red Square to the windows of the Kremlin is much shorter than Reagan National's to the White House.

What does that prove? Simply, that there will always be holes in every system, no matter how much of a police state it is or how open the culture is. This proves that as a society we cannot, and must not, give in to those who will try to make us change our ways.

Reagan airport today is a symbol of our fight against the forces of evil. Yes, it's true as Marty Sieff points out, the airport does represent a danger because of its proximity to "the great buildings of the Federal Government, the White House and the United States Capitol itself." Not to mention the Pentagon, now forever scarred by the madness of Sept. 11.

Just as we turned up the volume in Beirut, so must we adapt here too. More stringent security measures are required. This includes federally controlled security at airports, stricter background checks on who is admitted into airport "secure areas," and who handles baggage, refueling, catering and cleaning airports and planes.

We need to implement a number of demands, as requested by the nation's largest flight attendant union; no curbside check-ins, matching bags to passengers as they do in many other countries around the world, tamper-resistant doors between cockpits and cabins and possibly even air marshals on airplanes. But that last one is debatable.

This fight against terrorism will require a joint effort by both the government and the public to combat those who want to make us change, but in the end, we will win because our battle is one of ideas.

A day or two after the Sept. 11 attacks, I was watching a television news program with my 14-year-old son as images of the planes smashing into the World Trade Center kept being run over and over. Out of the blue, my son turned to me and said: "You know why they can never defeat America?" I gave him a blank look wondering what he would say. "Because," he continued, "America is an idea, and you cannot kill an idea."

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Macedonian Peace Pact Overshadowed by Ambush

The leaders of Macedonia's divided ethnic communities approved a peace plan that commits the country to step toward greater political and cultural rights for ethnic Albanians. The pact was overshadowed by the killing of 10 Macedonian soldiers in an ambush by Albanian guerrillas, the deadliest single attack so far. A1

Iran Reformer Issues Warning

President Mohammad Khatami of Iran delivered the inaugural address for his second term, vowing to enact reforms sought by Iranian voters and warning his opponents that failure would reflect badly on the very idea of Islamic government. A1

Fading Hopes in North Ireland

Hopes of a breakthrough in the stalemated Northern Ireland peace negotiations faded, and Britain faced the likelihood of shutting down the power-sharing Northern Ireland government this weekend. There was no evidence that the **Irish Republican Army** was about to take the step necessary to surmount the barrier: beginning to disarm. A1

New Criticism for Bush

Tom Daschle, the Senate majority leader, plans to accuse President Bush of taking a "single-minded approach" to national security, according to an advance text of a speech Mr. Daschle was scheduled to deliver today. A4

Troubled Talks in Colombia

A day after President Andres Pastrana broke off peace talks with Colombia's second-largest rebel group, guerrilla leaders criticized the government while the Bush administration expressed support. A8

New Trouble for Chirac

President Jacques Chirac is facing accusations that he abused his position as the treasurer of a charity to obtain control of a piece of land close to his vacation home so he could prevent its development. A8

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Spending Decision Looms For Rumsfeld, and Military

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld has to decide within weeks between drastic cuts in forces to free money for missile defense and new technology, or maintaining current levels of personnel and weapons already stretched to fulfill their global mission. He met with military leaders to debate these options for how best to both win wars and deter adversaries, officials said. A1

Child Pornography Arrests

Federal authorities announced the results of a two-year investigation into a child pornography ring that produced the arrests of 100 people and dismantled an Internet-based sales operation they said was the largest they have uncovered. A1

Death Sought in Child Killings

A district attorney said he would seek the death penalty for the Houston mother accused of drowning her five children in a bathtub. The mother, Andrea Pia Yates, pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity to two counts of capital murder. A12

Nuclear Compensation Check

The government admitted 18 months ago that nuclear weapons production had sickened or killed workers. The labor secretary plans to make the first compensation payment today, a \$150,000 check. A15

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Cholesterol Drug Withdrawn

Bayer withdrew Baycol, its highly profitable cholesterol-lowering drug, from the market after 31 patients died from complications. A12

An Anti-Diabetic Lifestyle

A large clinical study has found that even modest lifestyle changes -- eating less fat, exercising two and half hours a week and losing a moderate amount of weight -- cut the incidence of the diabetes by more than half among those most at risk. A16

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17 Officers Disciplined After Party and Fatal Crash

Police Commissioner Bernard B. Kerik disciplined 17 officers in a Brooklyn precinct where an officer is accused of killing 3 people with his minivan after a day of drinking with colleagues to celebrate a supervisor's upcoming wedding. A1

Record Heat, and Cooling

Temperatures set records again, reaching 101 degrees in Newark, 99 in New York and 96 in Bridgeport, Conn. The demand for power set records, too, and the region was pockmarked by blackouts. B1

Scholar Returns From Russia

John E. Tobin Jr., 24, the American Fulbright scholar who was accused of being a spy and then jailed in Russia for six months on marijuana charges, returned to the United States. B5

Body Falls From Passenger Jet

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A body that fell out of the sky and landed near a playground in Island Park, N.Y., the police said, was that of an unidentified man who had hidden in the landing gear of an American Airlines jet from London. When the wheel wells opened as the jet made its approach to Kennedy Airport, the man plummeted to the ground about 6 miles from the airport's eastern runways. B1

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Fringe Festival Opens

The New York International Fringe Festival, which opens tomorrow, is the largest (almost 200 shows from 18 countries) and the longest (17 days) in its five-year history. E1

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The league's commissioner said he might use replacement referees if an agreement on a new contract is not reached soon. D1

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A General Motors executive said that the strength of the dollar continued to hurt manufacturers and that G.M. has asked the Bush administration to rethink its policy. C1

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Stocks fell after the Federal Reserve said the economy stayed sluggish in June and July and Cisco Systems suggested that a malaise in technology spending could drag on. C7

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The outspoken daughter of former President Ronald Reagan was a politically active feminist who supported the Equal Rights Amendment, lobbied for abortion rights and helped elect women. She was 60. B8

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Libya's change of heart and mind

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Colonel Moammar Gadhafi's recent political about-face regarding his country's weapons of mass destruction and his willingness to relinquish them has caught much of the world by surprise. It was a rare bit of good news emanating from an otherwise tumultuous part of the world.

In truth, the Libyan leader's decision to alter his image as the rebel with multiple causes is nothing but his wakening up to the realities of 21st century, post Cold War, economic realpolitik.

Gadhafi viewed himself as the Great Revolutionary leader of the Third World -- a sort of Arab Che Guevara. He might have lacked Guevara's charisma, and to compensate for that, Gadhafi had oil, and wielded its economic powers as a weapon.

Gadhafi fought on a number of fronts simultaneously. He financed a number of groups, from Palestinian extremists to African rebels to the ***Irish Republican Army***. Along the way he managed to irritate almost everyone, from the United States to the European powers and most Arab states, who regarded him with suspicion and considered him to be marginal, due to his unconventional behavior.

During a 1990 Arab summit in Cairo, soon after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, Gadhafi showed up escorted by a phalanx of sexy ***female*** bodyguards. He wore a single white glove on his right hand, which he said was to prevent him from "soiling his hands when forced to shake the hand of anyone who had exchanged a handshake with an Israeli." It was a thinly covered insult directed at Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and any other Arab leaders who might have had diplomatic exchanges or meetings with Israel.

His costly military adventures, as for example his prolonged venture into the Aozou Strip in northern Chad, failed miserably, and squandered his oil funds. His continued support for terrorism eventually led to an attempt by the Reagan administration to eliminate him. After a terrorist bomb in a German nightclub killed several American servicemen in 1986, Reagan dispatched U.S. Navy planes to bomb his residence. Gadhafi escaped unhurt, though one of his adopted daughters was killed.

His support of terrorism also led to the United Nations sanctions being imposed on Libya in 1992, which caused great harm to the country on a number of fronts, not least of which was the economy. Although the sanctions were eventually lifted in April 1999, Libya continued to figure on the United State's Department of State's list of countries supporting terrorism and pursuing programs aimed to acquire and build weapons of mass destruction.

Libya 's change of heart and mind

Gadhafi's socialist-based economy depends primarily on revenue from the country's oil industry, which according to the U.S. government contributes to practically all export earnings and about one-quarter of its gross domestic product.

But despite lucrative revenues derived from its petrochemical industry and a relatively small population of just 5.5 million, which until recently enjoyed one of the highest per capita GDPs in Africa, the country has felt the strain of U.S.-imposed sanctions and could no longer continue being the world's pariah.

Little if any, of the millions of dollars from oil revenues trickled down the ladder of Libyan society. Restrictions on imports and gross mismanagement of the economy have led to shortages of basic goods at times -- a real problem on the population in a country that imports up to 75 percent of its foodstuff.

The rise in world oil prices over the last three years has somewhat helped Libya, as it saw an increase of revenues. This has partially improved the macroeconomic balance, but overall, has had little impact on the economy.

Given the grim picture caused by Gadhafi's failed politics, there is little surprise that he decided to "come out of the cold."

The Bush administration would like to take credit for Libya's sudden change of heart that came with its recent admitting to possessing weapons of mass destruction programs and its willingness to give them up and to re-establish ties with the West.

Bush' supporters advocate that if the administration had not routed Saddam, Gadhafi might have still kept his WMD programs. And there may even be some truth in the fact that Saddam's demise may have speeded up Gadhafi's decision-making, but in truth, negotiations between Libya and Britain had been in the works for several months.

Perhaps the person who deserves the most credit in bringing about these drastic changes in Libya is Seif al-Islam, Gadhafi's son, and some say political heir.

The Leader's second son, heads the Gadhafi Foundation, a charity which tries hard to project a positive image of Libya. Seif al-Islam, through his foundation, has been active in attempting to obtain the release of Western hostages in the Philippines and Afghanistan. However, when the younger Gadhafi tried to negotiate the release of a group of Western hostages detained in the Philippines by the Abu Sayyaf Group in exchange for payment, the ransom only served to encourage the kidnappers into taking more hostages.

Now aged 61, the Libyan leader is purported to be grooming Seif al-Islam, 31, to eventually take over the reins of power. The son, one of five, is said to be very different from his father. He is always impeccably dressed, usually in designer suits, and well mannered. He was educated in Switzerland and Austria, where he studies economics and engineering. In recent years he has toured many Western capitals, laboring to give Libya a better image. He is reported to have sued a London newspaper that had accused him of distributing counterfeit money in Iran.

Some observers believe that Seif al-Islam played a fundamental role in bringing about Libya's new rapprochement with the West and convincing his father to give up his WMD. Just this week, Libya's foreign minister was received at No. 10 Downing Street and Britain's Prime Minister Tony Blair is said to be planning a visit to Tripoli to welcome Gadhafi back into the international community.

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EUROPE

NORTHERN IRELAND: URGENT TALKS -- Prime Minister Tony Blair flew to Belfast to meet with Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, Seamus Mallon of the moderate Catholic Social Democratic and Labor Party, and Jim Steinberg, left, the former deputy national security adviser representing the White House. The urgent talks seek a way for the ***Irish Republican Army*** to begin disarming so that the Northern Ireland peace pact does not collapse. The dominant Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, is threatening to pull out of the new home rule government if there is no disarmament move by the end of the month. Warren Hoge (NYT)

CZECH REPUBLIC: TV BATTLE CONTINUES -- The fight between striking Czech Television workers and management continued, with journalists taking over the station's headquarters, announcing that a new director had been installed and calling for new public protests. A striker said they had appointed Ladislav Paluska, the former finance director, to head the station. (Reuters)

RUSSIA: DEBT DEBATE -- Russia's debate over whether to pay its debts to official creditors intensified after the economic adviser to President Vladimir Putin called on the government to meet all payments. "Russia needs to pay its debts, it should pay, it can pay, and it's advantageous to pay," said Andrei Illarionov. Russia has sent conflicting signals on whether it will meet payments this year on the more than \$48 billion in Soviet-era debt it owes creditor governments. Sabrina Tavernise (NYT)

GERMANY: SCHRODER SUPPORT -- As Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer faced an intense barrage of opposition questioning in Parliament over his days as a self-styled revolutionary in the 1970's, Chancellor Gerhard Schroder came to his defense. "You want to destroy Mr. Fischer's political career," he said, "but you will fail. We will defend this open society that most Germans support." An overwhelming majority of Germans have indicated they think Mr. Fischer should stay in office. Roger Cohen (NYT)

ITALY: PAPAL SYMPATHY -- A day after Italy confirmed its first case of mad cow disease since 1994, John Paul II said he felt close to "honest" cattle farmers caught up in what he called a "time of serious difficulty." As in much of Europe, beef prices have plummeted in Italy. All 190 cows in the herd in Lombardy where one cow tested positive

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are to be destroyed. Local farmers on tractors surrounded the farm to protest the measure. Alessandra Stanley (NYT)

FRANCE: **WOMEN** PROTEST -- Tired of being groped, **female** commuters on the often overcrowded Line A that connects the center of Paris to its suburbs, have asked the city's transit authority to set aside cars just for **women**. "Of course we want everyone to have enough room," said Nabila Ramdani, 22, the president of the Committee of **Women** Users of Line A. "But, while we wait, it's the **women** travelers who have to suffer from forced body contacts and roaming hands."

Suzanne Daley (NYT)

AFRICA

SUDAN: 30,000 SAID TO FLEE -- Thousands of civilians have fled rebel-held areas in the remote Nuba mountains and sought sanctuary in government-controlled territory, a government official said. The state-run television said some 30,000 people had so far taken refuge in the town of Kadugli, about 562 miles southwest of Khartoum, and nearby areas. A spokesman for Sudan's People Liberation Army in Nairobi, Kenya, denied any civilians "have joined the government side." (AP)

THE AMERICAS

CANADA: ELECTION PULLOUT -- Yves Michaud, the conservative legislative candidate who set off a crisis within the Parti Quebecois over remarks that were deemed to be anti-Semitic, announced that he is withdrawing from a by-election race in a Montreal suburb. Lucien Bouchard, Quebec's premier, resigned last week after hundreds of party members signed a manifesto defending Mr. Michaud's free speech rights after Mr. Bouchard and the provincial legislature condemned Mr. Michaud, a 70-year-old separatist hard-liner, for his remarks. James Brooke (NYT)

CANADA: ALBERTA PAYS -- In the latest setback for Stockwell Day, Canada's opposition leader and a fiscal conservative, Alberta taxpayers will pay \$523,000 to settle a defamation suit that could have been settled last year for \$44,000. The suit stemmed from a letter Mr. Day wrote to a newspaper in 1999, when he was a provincial legislator, criticizing a school board member for defending an accused pedophile in court and suggesting the lawyer shared his client's views. After Mr. Day rejected offers to settle, legal bills alone rose to \$475,000. James Brooke (NYT)

BRAZIL: ASIAN TRIP -- After stopping in Vancouver in an unsuccessful attempt to settle a growing trade dispute with Canada over aircraft manufacturing subsidies, President Fernando Henrique Cardoso has set off on an Asian trip that will make him the first Brazilian president to visit South Korea and Indonesia and is aimed at strengthening trade ties.

Larry Rohter (NYT)

CUBA: TRIAL FOR CZECHS -- Cuba defied protests from the Czech Republic, saying a former Czech finance minister and a former Czech student leader would be put on trial on charges of spying for the United States. The Czech Republic has demanded that the two men be freed. The former minister and current legislator, Ivan Pilip, above, was arrested last week with Jan Bubenik, one of the student leaders in the 1989 protests that toppled the Czech Communist government. Katka Fronk (NYT)

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INDIA: MISSILE TEST -- India successfully test-fired a longer-range version of its intermediate-range Agni ballistic missile from its eastern coast, prompting expressions of concern from Pakistan, Japan and Britain. It was the second test of the upgraded version of the original Agni, a two-stage missile with a 1,250-mile range. Pakistan said it felt threatened by the test. (Reuters)

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BELFAST, Northern Ireland -- President Clinton promised on Wednesday to join forces with Britain and Ireland to "root out" terrorist groups that undermine the peace process in Northern Ireland.

"Those who reject peace should know there is no place to hide," he told an audience of 8,000 here. Clinton also called on leaders here to resolve the controversies over policing and decommissioning that have snagged the Good Friday peace accord of 1998.

The accord aimed to end 30 years of sectarian bloodletting in Northern Ireland known as "The Troubles" -- the dispute between those who want this province to remain British and those who want to join with the Irish Republic to the south.

In denouncing the dissident paramilitary groups, Clinton set the stage for preventing them from fundraising in the USA -- a move the British and Irish governments have advocated.

While he did not name any groups, Clinton was referring primarily to the Real IRA, the breakaway terrorist group responsible for a bombing in 1998 that killed 29 in Omagh. Clinton visited bombing victims and their families in 1998.

Saying a "fresh start" is required, the president also demanded that leaders implement recommendations of a report on policing. He said Northern Ireland needs a security force that will "involve everyone equally." Catholics have criticized the Royal Ulster

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Constabulary for being too pro-Protestant.

Clinton also told Sinn Fein, the political affiliate of the **Irish**

Republican Army, to renew discussions on decommissioning the IRA's weapons, a crucial requirement of the peace agreement. It is imperative, he said, to put "all arms fully, finally and forever beyond use."

"Unlike hockey, peace is not a spectator sport. No one can afford to sit on the sidelines," Clinton said in reference to the Odyssey Arena, where he was speaking. The waterfront stadium is home to the new Belfast Giants hockey team.

On the second day of his visit, Clinton talked with party leaders in an effort to re-energize the peace accord that he helped broker. He met with the heads of pro-Irish Catholic and pro-British Protestant parties at Stormont, the parliament building that is home to the Northern Ireland Assembly. The power-sharing body was established in 1998. Clinton then met separately with British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Clinton also met with Sinn Fein leaders. Protestant Unionists have refused to allow Sinn Fein to participate in meetings until the IRA agrees to discuss ways to put their weapons beyond use. Sinn Fein, meanwhile, has refused to discuss decommissioning the IRA's arms until the British government takes steps toward reducing its military presence in Northern Ireland, in addition to reforming the police force.

Some observers say that a move by Blair to further reduce the British military presence in Northern Ireland might edge the negotiations closer toward compromise.

However, there is no question that the Good Friday pact has changed Northern Ireland and its capital, Belfast. The previously bombed-out downtown is a vital shopping and business center. Where shops once posted security agents at their doors and searched shoppers' handbags, people walk freely into stores.

Buses are no longer swept for bombs before they move through the streets, and cars are allowed to park in most areas. Windows blown out by bombs have been replaced and destroyed buildings repaired.

For the first 15 years that he drove a taxi, Roy Donaghey was not allowed to drive down many of the roads in the heart of Belfast for security reasons. Now Donaghey, a Protestant, drives freely throughout the city, even in heavily Catholic areas he once avoided. "There is no question Belfast is a better place to live now,"

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he says.

The city also has benefited from the economic boom that has washed over all of Ireland. Unemployment here has dropped from 17% to 5%.

Construction has taken off, particularly along the waterfront, where condominiums -- in areas where people previously would not live -- sell for as much as \$ 400,000. The Hilton Hotel where Clinton stayed is 2 years old.

Clinton was greeted at Stormont by politicians, soccer players and even Irish-American folk dancer Michael Flatley.

The president also was cornered for several minutes by Ian Paisley and members of the Democratic Unionist Party. Opponents of the peace accord, they are angry because they had not been included in the formal talks. "The froth on the top of the pint is all we are getting," Paisley said.

Meanwhile, at the Belfast opera house, which was bombed twice at the height of The Troubles, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton made a strong call for pursuing peace. She told the predominantly

female audience of several hundred that their "small acts of daily courage" are the basis for peace.

"There is always a back-to-Troubles committee," she said in reference to those who oppose the peace process.

She also admitted that this final visit to Ireland was a "heartfelt and bittersweet time" for her husband and herself. The current visit to Ireland is the third for the president during his tenure.

Clinton flew to England late Wednesday to spend the night at Chequers, the prime minister's country estate.

Before leaving today for the USA, Clinton was to meet with Queen Elizabeth at Buckingham Palace and speak at Warwick University near Coventry.

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PHOTO, b/w, Ron Edmonds, AP; PHOTO, b/w, Paul Richards, AFP; Meeting the people: President Clinton wades into the crowd after his speech at the Odyssey Arena in Belfast, where he told the audience, "Unlike hockey, peace is not a spectator sport." The wave: Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams, left, and deputy leader Martin McGuinness prepare for President Clinton's speech.

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IN THE NATION Fayad is denied papers linked to Diana's crash

An appeals court in Washington yesterday rejected a request by Mohamed al-Fayed to obtain CIA files relating to the 1997 car crash in Paris that killed Princess Diana and his son, Dodi. A three-judge panel of the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit unanimously upheld a judge's decision to quash a subpoena seeking the papers. Fayed had said they might help prove his theory that his son and Diana were slain by "evil and racist forces" working through Britain's security service because the royal family wanted to prevent their marriage.

Reinstatement sought of tobacco-suit claims

The Justice Department asked a federal judge yesterday to reinstate some of the claims dismissed by a court last month from the administration's lawsuit against the tobacco industry. Government lawyers sought to reinstate the administration's claims for health-care costs paid through the Defense Department, Veterans Administration, and other programs besides Medicare.

U.S. citizenship legislation goes to Clinton

Children adopted from abroad and other foreign-born children of American parents will receive automatic U.S. citizenship under legislation Congress has passed and sent to the President. The legislation, which passed the House last month and the Senate late Thursday, would confer automatic and retroactive citizenship on all foreign-born children who are under the age of 18, are admitted to the United States as lawful permanent residents, and are in the legal and physical custody of at least one parent who is a U.S. citizen.

Hispanic farmers sue Agriculture Department

Hispanic farmers are the latest minority group to sue the Agriculture Department for racial discrimination, alleging in a case filed in Washington yesterday that they were unfairly denied loans and other aid. The department settled last year with black farmers; a suit on behalf of American Indian producers is pending. The new suit seeks \$20 billion in damages. USDA officials declined to comment.

3 men in motorcycle club get life sentences

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Three men from the Outlaws Motorcycle Club were sentenced to life in prison for sometimes-deadly crimes that sprang in part from a war that tried to keep the Hell's Angels out of their Midwestern territory. U.S. District Judge J.P. Stadtmueller on Thursday called the crimes an "incredible series of barbaric acts we only find in Third World, uncivilized societies." Among the charges were murder, bombing, arson and drug distribution.

Four million infant car seats recalled

Century Products Co. recalled four million infant car seats yesterday because they have handles that can break off, seriously injuring babies. The handle can break when the seat is used as a carrier, causing an infant to fall, said Barbara Riggins, a spokeswoman for Century's parent company, Graco Children's Products Inc. in Elverson, Pa. Century is providing free replacement handles to consumers who call a toll-free hotline at 1-800-865-1419.

IN THE WORLD N. Ireland meeting may lead to Trimble's ouster

Northern Ireland's largest Protestant party announced plans yesterday for an Oct. 28 conference that could force out its leader, David Trimble. Many members of the Ulster Unionist Party want Trimble to withdraw from the province's joint Protestant-Catholic administration because of the ***Irish Republican Army***'s apparent unwillingness to disarm. If Trimble loses a council vote on the issue, he will be expected to step down as party leader.

Collision of vessel with Kursk is ruled out

No fragments of a foreign submarine have been found near Russia's sunken nuclear submarine Kursk, and officials no longer consider a collision with another vessel the most likely cause of the tragedy, Deputy Prime Minister Ilya Klebanov said yesterday. Investigators still have not determined the cause of the explosion that sent the Kursk to the bottom of the Barents Sea during naval exercises Aug. 12. All 118 sailors aboard died.

11 abducted Colombian villagers shot to death

Eleven Colombian villagers were found shot to death along a dirt road yesterday, a day after allegedly being kidnapped by a right-wing paramilitary group. The corpses of the seven men and four ***women*** turned up outside Barbosa, a rural town 18 miles northeast of the country's second-largest city, Medellin. Paramilitary fighters abducted the villagers from Barbosa on Thursday, accusing them of collaborating with leftist guerrillas, a Medellin police spokesman said.

2 runners-up in Lithuania to form coalition

Two runners-up in Sunday's Lithuanian election said yesterday they had signed a coalition agreement clearing the way for them to form a minority government. The center-right Liberal Union party and center-left New Union came in behind the leftist Social Democrats of former President Algirdas Brazauskas. But the two parties outmaneuvered Brazauskas to gain the support of enough independents and small parties to build a coalition.

Anti-Jewish attack damages French synagogue

A synagogue in a working-class Paris suburb was set afire yesterday, the latest in a series of anti-Jewish attacks in France apparently linked to recent Mideast violence. Incendiary devices lobbed into the synagogue destroyed a limited area of the building but caused no injuries, officials said.

1 dead, 28 missing after landslide in Ecuador

One person was killed and 28 were missing yesterday after a landslide of ice and rock from central Ecuador's extinct El Altar volcano hit the towns of Penipe and Guano, the Red Cross said. Thirty people suffered minor injuries and 30 homes were damaged, officials said.

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EUROPE

BRITAIN, GERMANY: NORTH KOREA TIES

Britain and Germany plan to set up diplomatic relations with North Korea. Speaking to the BBC before a meeting of Asian and European leaders in Seoul, Foreign Secretary Robin Cook of Britain said, "This opening of diplomatic relations is not in any way an approval of the conduct of the regime." Chancellor Gerhard Schroder told German television, "It will happen." Neither country announced a date for setting up ties. Sarah Lyall (NYT)

NORTHERN IRELAND: DALAI LAMA MEETS ADAMS

The Dalai Lama began a three-day visit by sharing a moment of silent prayer in Belfast with Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Fein, the ***Irish Republican Army's*** political wing. The exiled Tibetan religious leader will meet with religious and community groups, as well as Irish and British political figures. The two men exchanged gifts: for Mr. Adams a long white silk scarf; for the Dalai Lama a Celtic cross. Brian Lavery (NYT)

IRELAND: NEW OMAGH ARREST

The police arrested a fourth man in connection with the 1998 bombing that killed 29 people in Omagh, Northern Ireland. The Irish police can detain people suspected of terrorist acts for 72 hours without charge; a court extended this period by 24 hours for three suspects arrested on Tuesday. One has been freed, and the two others must be charged or released by today. Brian Lavery (NYT)

FRANCE: CHARGED IN THAI RAPE

In the first case of its kind, a 47-year-old-transport worker has gone on trial for raping an 11-year-old girl during a "sex holiday" in Thailand seven years ago. He is the first person to stand trial under a 1994 law that allows suspects in "sex tourism" cases involving minors abroad to be prosecuted in France. Unicef, which is a civil plaintiff, estimates some two million children are pressed into prostitution, including 400,000 in Thailand. Suzanne Daley (NYT)

WORLD BRIEFING

AUSTRIA: CAUGHT CHATTING

Transport Minister Michael Schmid, a member of the far-right Freedom Party, turned himself in to the police after television showed him breaking the law by using his mobile phone while driving a car. He issued an apology, saying he answered the phone "on a reflex." He faces a fine of \$18.

Victor Homola (NYT)

THE AMERICAS

MEXICO: CRYING FOUL IN VOTE

Candidates for governor in the state of Tabasco are calling for protests, new elections and an interim government to take over from the departing governor, Roberto Madrazo, a stalwart of the Institutional Revolutionary Party, known as the PRI. A recount is under way after Sunday's vote, with the PRI candidate, Manuel Andrade, and his rival, Raul Ojeda of the Party of the Democratic Revolution, both claiming victory in a contest marked by irregularities. Mr. Ojeda and Jose Antonio de la Vega, from President-elect Vicente Fox Quesada's National Action Party, say the PRI stole the vote. Tim Weiner (NYT)

CHILE: STRIKE DRIVES UP PRICES

Striking truckers blocked roads across Chile for a third day in a strike against a tax on diesel fuel. Short lines formed at fuel stations in Santiago, the capital, and market traders said fish and vegetable prices were climbing. The government backed down slightly from a previous stance of no talks, offering to negotiate an end to the dispute if the truckers stopped blocking roads. (Reuters)

AFRICA

ZIMBABWE: CALM RETURNS TO CAPITAL

After three days of sporadic riots over the soaring cost of food, the townships near the capital, Harare, settled into an uneasy calm as the police and soldiers continued their patrols. The leading opposition party, the Movement for Democratic Change, said it planned to introduce a parliamentary motion calling for the impeachment of President Robert Mugabe. Rachel L. Swarns (NYT)

IVORY COAST: O.A.U. BOYCOTTS VOTE

The Organization of African Unity said it would not send observers to Sunday's presidential election, fearing it would legitimize an undemocratic process. Two major groups, the Democratic Party, which held power from independence until 1999's military takeover, and the Rally of Republicans, headed by former Prime Minister Alassane Ouattara, will both boycott the poll after a Supreme Court ruling barring most challengers to the military ruler, Gen. Robert Guei. (Agence France-Presse)

ASIA

SRI LANKA: AMERICANS HURT IN BOMBING

Three American women were among 21 people injured when a suicide bomber set off explosives strapped to his body in the capital, Colombo. Two people died in the attack, presumed to have been carried out by the separatist Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam. Another suicide bomber nearly killed President Chandrika Kumaratunga on the same spot last Dec. 18. Celia W. Dugger (NYT)

WORLD BRIEFING

SRI LANKA: CABINET SWORN IN

President Chandrika Kumaratunga, left, swore in a large cabinet of more than 40 ministers at her official residence, retaining the most powerful portfolios -- finance and defense -- for herself. Her ruling coalition emerged from elections short of a parliamentary majority, and she handed out a raft of plum ministerial jobs to satisfy allies. Celia W. Dugger (NYT)

MIDDLE EAST

IRAN: REFORMISTS CONDEMN COURT

Major reformist parties condemned a hard-line court controlled by the country's supreme leader in a sign of their increasing dissatisfaction with the slow pace of reforms. The Special Court for Clergy, instrumental in prosecuting reformist clergy, recently charged a progressive cleric with apostasy, spreading corruption and waging war on God, crimes that carry the death penalty. The Islamic Iran Participation Front said the court was unconstitutional and was used as a tool to eliminate opponents of the establishment. (Reuters)

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EUROPE

BRITAIN: IRISH BOMB SNARLS LONDON -- A bomb planted by dissident Irish republicans on a suburban rail line brought traffic gridlock to London. Northern Ireland Secretary Peter Mandelson said the bombers used a known code word in telephone warning calls from Dublin. The police shut down the rail line and safely detonated the bomb. Renegade groups have pledged a bombing campaign to protest the cooperation of the ***Irish Republican Army*** and its political party, Sinn Fein, in the Northern Ireland peace pact. Warren Hoge (NYT)

GERMANY: FALLING POPULATION -- An expected 20 percent drop in the population by 2050 could only be made up for by raising the retirement age and importing millions of immigrant workers, a study by the Federal Statistics Office said. The population is expected to drop by 17 million from 82 million now, even if 100,000 more people move to Germany each year than leave. In 1950 there were twice as many people under 20 as over 60, a ratio that will be reversed by 2050. Victor Homola (NYT)

SPAIN: BASQUE OFFENSIVE CONTINUES -- Armed Basque separatists continued an offensive with the bombing of a shopping center in Vitoria, the capital of the Basque region, and a failed bid to blow up a politician's car in Malaga as he took his wife and daughter shopping. There were no injuries in either incident, the fourth and fifth in a week tied to the E.T.A. group. Benjamin Jones (NYT)

THE AMERICAS

ARGENTINA: FALKLAND SUIT THROWN OUT -- The European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, France, has ruled that it is too late for relatives of Argentine sailors killed in the Falkland war to seek compensation from Britain. The court said a claim by relatives of 2 of the 323 sailors killed in the sinking of the Argentine Navy cruiser General Belgrano, should have been made their claims within six months of the sailors' deaths in 1982. No appeal is possible. Suzanne Daley (NYT)

World Briefing

MEXICO: POLICE CRACKDOWN -- Concluding an investigation into the embezzlement of \$121 million budgeted for police salaries, the Mexico City auditor barred several dozen current and former police commanders from holding public jobs in the future. The sanctions virtually decapitated the Auxiliary Police, a 40,000-officer force that serves private companies and government agencies. Sam Dillon (NYT)

AFRICA

SOUTH AFRICA: AIRPORT ALERT -- Security forces have increased patrols at the country's airports after a small bomb exploded outside a terminal at Cape Town International. No one was injured, but it was another blow to the image of the city, a leading tourist destination. In the last two years, Cape Town has been hit by a string of bombings carried out, the police suspect, by a vigilante group. Henri E. Cauvin (NYT)

KENYA: ANONYMOUS CORRUPTION -- After weeks of rowdy debate, an investigative report on corruption in Parliament was diluted as members voted to delete names of top officials and their relatives involved in the theft of hundreds of millions of public dollars. The report was known in Kenya as the "List of Shame" because it made allegations by name, including the vice president, George Saitoti; Trade and Tourism Minister Nicholas Biwott; a son of President Daniel arap Moi, and nearly a dozen cabinet members. Ian Fisher (NYT)

ASIA

KOREAS: SUMMIT FOLLOW-UP PROPOSED -- The South Korean government proposed high-level talks with the North Korean government in Seoul July 27-29 to discuss how to carry out the accord reached in the summit meeting between the two leaders of the divided peninsula last month. President Kim Dae Jung of South Korea agreed with Kim Jong Il of the North to work toward reconciliation. The follow-up talks would be the first governmental talks between the two sides in Seoul in nine years. Samuel Len (NYT)

INDIA: 3 AIDES QUIT -- Three government ministers handed in their resignations in protest at a decision to arrest Bal Thackeray, the leader of their hard-line Hindu party, Shiv Sena. But Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee refused to accept them, a spokesman said. The Maharashtra state government gave the police permission to prosecute Mr. Thackeray for his writings in a party newspaper during 1992-93 religious clashes that left thousands dead. P. J. Anthony (NYT)

CHINA: FALUN GONG ARRESTS -- Armed policemen rounded up more Falun Gong followers in Tiananmen Square on the eve of the first anniversary of the government's crackdown on the spiritual group. Plainclothes officers converged on a man who tried to unfurl a banner, bustling him into one of the many police vans that are parked around the clock on the square. Dozens of others were rounded up and the square cleared for a visit by President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia. Craig S. Smith (NYT)

MALAYSIA: NO TO UNISEX -- Islamic politicians in Terengganu state said barbers will no longer be allowed to cut both women's and men's hair. The fundamentalist Pan-Malaysian Islamic Party will give salon operators in Terengganu until the end of the year to choose whether they want male or female clients, the national Bernama news agency reported. (AP)

MIDDLE EAST

World Briefing

IRAN: CONVICTED JEWS APPEAL -- The defense team for 10 Jews convicted and jailed on espionage charges filed an appeal, a spokesman for them said. The 10 were convicted July 1 of spying for Israel and sentenced to prison terms of from 4 to 13 years. Three others were acquitted. The spokesman, Esmail Naseri, said he was hoping the charge of cooperating with a hostile government, the most serious one, would be dropped. (AP)

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EUROPE

GREECE: TURKS STORM BEACH -- In a dramatic display of the improved state of Greek-Turkish relations, about 160 Turkish troops, one of whom is at left, stormed a beach at Kyparissia, in the western Peloponnese, as part of a NATO exercise in recapturing lost territory. Some 2,000 Greek, American and Spanish marines were also involved. Greece and Turkey came close to war in 1996 when Turks seized a disputed rocky islet about 310 miles west of Kyparissia. Anthee Carassava (NYT)

NORTHERN IRELAND: HITCH OVER FLAG -- Ministers in the new government from Sinn Fein, the political wing of the **Irish Republican Army**, refused to permit the flying of the Union Jack from their office buildings, the official practice on June 2, the anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's coronation. The pro-British Ulster Unionist Party accused Sinn Fein of violating the terms of the peace pact that created the new home rule government. First Minister David Trimble said the dispute would be debated when the Northern Ireland Assembly reconvenes Monday. Warren Hoge (NYT)

CZECH REPUBLIC: 'MEIN KAMPF' SUIT -- The Czech publisher of Hitler's "Mein Kampf" has been charged with promotion of Nazism, the police said. Michal Zitko published the unabridged Czech translation in March, saying he wanted Czechs to be exposed to an important historical document. A first edition of 10,000 copies sold out. He faces up to eight years in prison if convicted.

Steven Erlanger (NYT)

SLOVAKIA: TOP U.N. JOB DENIED -- Prime Minister Mikulas Dzurinda and Foreign Minister Eduard Kukan conspired to keep a choice United Nations job offer from Finance Minister Brigita Schmognerova. Secretary General Kofi Annan suggested to Mr. Kukan that she become director of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, but Mr. Dzurinda decided he needed Ms. Schmognerova in his government and never told her about the offer. "It would have been one of the greatest positions a Slovak official could hold," she told Radio Twist in Bratislava. Steven Erlanger (NYT)

World Briefing

GERMANY: **WOMENS** ARMY ROLE -- Defense Minister Rudolf Scharping announced that **women** would have unrestricted access to all jobs in the armed forces starting in January. Until now, **women** in the German Army have been permitted to serve only as nurses and musicians. Mr. Scharping's decision follows a court ruling that said **women** could not be excluded from performing most military tasks. Alan Maimon (NYT)

RUSSIA: POPE NOT WELCOME -- The Russian Orthodox Church, responding to reports that President Vladimir V. Putin plans to invite Pope John Paul II to visit Russia when they meet at the Vatican on Tuesday, said it is not ready to receive him until differences between the two churches are resolved. The Orthodox Church objects to missionary work by Catholics in Russia. (NYT)

THE AMERICAS

PERU: FINAL VOTE TALLY -- Election authorities released final results of last Sunday's presidential runoff showing President Alberto K. Fujimori winning 51.20 percent of the vote. Alejandro Toledo, the business professor who dropped out of the race charging fraud, won 17.68 percent. The remaining voters, 31.12 percent, canceled or left their ballots blank. Clifford Krauss (NYT)

CANADA: VIETNAM TO FREE WOMAN -- Vietnam has told Canada it will release from a Hanoi jail a 74-year-old Canadian-Vietnamese woman convicted of heroin trafficking. Tran Thi Cam was convicted with her daughter, Nguyen Thi Hiep, in a case in which the Canadian police suspected they were tricked into trying to embark from Hanoi with art panels laden with heroin. The daughter was executed in Hanoi. James Brooke (NYT)

ASIA

JAPAN: PARLIAMENT DISSOLVED -- In the face of some of the worst-ever polling data, Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori dissolved the lower house of Parliament and announced national elections for June 25. The elections have been sparked by a series of controversies surrounding Mr. Mori, from the circumstances surrounding his arrival in power, to a remark calling Japan a divine country. Mr. Mori became prime minister on April 3 his predecessor, Keizo Obuchi, suffered a stroke. Mr. Obuchi died last month. Howard W. French (NYT)

INDONESIA: SUHARTO SUIT -- Lawyers for former President Suharto filed an appeal of a government order placing him under house arrest during an investigation into his involvement in corruption and abuse of power. Court officials said the appeal would be heard next week.

Seth Mydans (NYT)

MIDDLE EAST

ISRAEL: REJECTING RED CROSS -- Israel said it was rejecting a proposal by the International Committee of the Red Cross to allow it membership if it agreed to replace its red Star of David with a neutral symbol, like a diamond, in certain zones. The director of the Magen David Adom, or Red Star of David organization, said that since the symbol would be for Israel only, it would be "like a yellow star," the Nazi insignia for the Jews. Deborah Sontag (NYT)

AFRICA

World Briefing

ETHIOPIA, ERITREA: TALKS RESUME -- The Organization of African Unity resumed talks in Algiers with Ethiopian and Eritrean delegations after a 24-hour break to allow the two countries to study proposals to end their border war. Officials said Justice Minister Ahmed Ouyahia of Algeria met Ethiopia's foreign minister, Seyoum Mesfin, left, and would hold talks with the Eritreans. (Reuters)

ZIMBABWE: U.N. MISSION ON HOLD -- Secretary General Kofi Annan postponed a high-level mission to Zimbabwe this weekend after President Robert Mugabe's government published a list of 804 farms that authorities plan to seize under a new law aimed at expediting land redistribution. Henri E. Cauvin (NYT)

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IN THE NATION Radar troubles again snag Boston airport

Radar problems caused delays at Boston's Logan Airport yesterday for the second time in less than a month, at one point halting all traffic on the New York-Boston route, a federal official said. Travelers expected delays to last throughout the day as the number of flights in and out of the nation's ninth-busiest airport was cut to 24 an hour. Normally, more than 60 flights an hour can land in clear weather.

House OKs Medicaid early detection program

The U.S. House, by a vote of 421-1, passed legislation yesterday that would give states the option of providing Medicaid coverage to low-income women who are diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's early detection program. The one vote against the measure was cast by Rep. Mark Sanford (R., S.C.), a fiscal conservative. The Senate has not taken up the measure.

Lull in winds helps N.M. firefighters

Aided by a brief lull in winds, firefighters accelerated efforts yesterday to extinguish two wildfires that forced hundreds of evacuations and scorched more than 9,000 acres near Los Alamos in New Mexico and near Ruidoso. But forecasters said winds would rise again today and tomorrow with gusts of up to 50 m.p.h.

Houston man admits Columbine threats

A Houston man pleaded guilty in Denver yesterday to mailing death threats to Columbine High School and to the sheriff leading the inquiry into last year's massacre at the school. Arthur Thomas, 19, a truck loader, admitted in U.S. District Court to sending the threats on Sept. 30, 1999, five months after a shooting rampage at the Littleton, Colo., school left 15 people dead. In the plea agreement, prosecutors recommended that Thomas be jailed for 27 to 33 months when he is sentenced in August. Thomas' attorney, Janine Yunker, in the same document, recommended a sentence of 12 to 18 months.

Fla. seeks to protect tobacco companies

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Florida Gov. Jeb Bush signed legislation yesterday to protect tobacco companies facing a possible \$300 billion verdict in a Miami class-action lawsuit that they say may force them into bankruptcy. The measure is meant to allow companies to continue to pay Florida billions from the 1997 settlement of a lawsuit seeking compensation for years of paying to treat sick smokers. The new law caps the bond the companies would have to post to appeal the verdict at \$100 million or 10 percent of the firms' net worth, whichever is lower.

Fire at Ky. bourbon warehouse imperils water

Flames shot 50 feet into the air yesterday as a blaze consumed a seven-story warehouse near Lexington, Ky., full of Wild Turkey bourbon and reduced it to rubble, threatening the city's water supply. Burning bourbon mixed with water from fire hoses flowed down a gully beside the warehouse into the Kentucky River. A water-treatment plant was shut after a large amount of bourbon entered the river. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

IN THE WORLD Norwegian workers end six-day strike

Norwegian union members ended a six-day strike that hit everything from oil exports to hotels in the nation's most serious labor dispute since the 1980s. The strike ended after employers raised a 2000 pay offer to 4.6 percent from the previous offer of 3.5 percent to 4 percent. The offer averted a threatened escalation of stoppages to 102,000 workers from 86,000.

With a warning, Putin recalls defeat of Nazis

Paying tribute to veterans on the 55th anniversary of the defeat of Nazi Germany, Russian President Vladimir V. Putin yesterday invoked the Soviet victory as a warning to those who would take on the nation's army. Although he did not mention Chechnya directly, the caveat appeared aimed at Chechen rebels in a war Putin has executed aggressively.

In reaction to IRA, Britain to shut 2 bases

Britain said yesterday that it would close two army bases and abandon three observation posts in Northern Ireland in response to the *Irish Republican Army's* move to disarm. The move was seen as a first step in a planned gradual return to normal security levels in the province.

U.N. urges China to probe torture allegations

The U.N. Committee Against Torture urged China yesterday to investigate all allegations of torture and to abolish administrative detention under which criminal suspects can be sent to labor camps for up to three years without trial. Human-rights groups said the committee did not go far enough.

Closing a chapter, 3 on trial in Berlin deaths

Three former high-level East German politicians went on trial yesterday in Berlin for manslaughter in the shooting deaths of four Germans who tried to cross the Berlin Wall between December 1984 and May 1989. It is the last such trial planned against ranking members of the former communist regime. The accused - Herbert Haeber, 69; Siegfried Lorenz, 69; and Hans-Joachim Boehme, 70 - were members of the Politburo.

Berlusconi's bribery conviction overturned

An Italian appeals court overturned a 1998 bribery conviction against media mogul and opposition leader Silvio Berlusconi yesterday. He had been convicted of complicity in the bribery of tax inspectors in return for lenient audits of his companies.

Court bans sale of wool from Tibetan antelope

An Indian court has banned the manufacture and sale of shahtoosh - soft wool derived from the endangered Tibetan antelope - in the state of Kashmir, the only place where trading it was still permitted. The Wildlife Protection

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Society of India requested the ban. Shahtoosh shawls are so fine that a large one can be pulled through a wedding ring.

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Loyalist gangs of Belfast wage bloody turf war: With sectarian shooting over, the gunmen have turned to crime -- but they don't like to share, Tom Hundley writes.

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BELFAST - Bad guys named Mr. Green, Mr. White, Mr. Gray and Mad Dog. A Chihuahua named Bambi killed in the crossfire. The mean streets of Belfast never sounded so much like a Quentin Tarantino script or an episode of The Sopranos.

Northern Ireland is in the throes of an all-out turf war between rival Protestant paramilitary gangs. The Chicago Tribune

The prize, according to police, is control of the Protestant side's extortion rackets, drug trade, prostitution and money laundering rings.

The main character is Johnny "Mad Dog" Adair, 39, the notoriously violent commander of the Ulster Defense Association's C-Company. Fast-talking, elaborately tattooed and with a physique that attests to years spent in the prison weight room, Mr. Adair attracts a certain following among the young, impressionable and out-of work in Belfast's gritty Lower Shankill neighbourhood.

The story line is simple. Mr. Adair was released from prison in 1999 under terms of the Good Friday peace and power-sharing agreement between Protestants and Catholics. He then promptly set out to establish himself as the boss of all bosses of the Protestant paramilitaries.

Act One of Mr. Adair's power grab left seven people dead. It also resulted in about 100 families being displaced from their homes on the Lower Shankill Road for refusing to pledge fealty to Mr. Adair.

In August 2000, British authorities deemed him a "danger to others" and returned him to prison.

Released last May, Mr. Adair again tried to move in on the turf of other warlords within his own organization, the UDA, while at the same time forging an alliance with a rival Protestant paramilitary group, the Loyalist Volunteer Force, or LVF. This set off the current spate of killing.

The first casualty was Stephen Warnock, a drug dealer and senior LVF figure, who was gunned down in September by the UDA in a dispute over drug money.

Loyalist gangs of Belfast wage bloody turf war: With sectarian shooting over, the gunmen have turned to crime -- but they don't like to share, Tom Hundley write....

"The drug money is supposed to go back into the paramilitary organizations, but they say that Johnny Adair's money often gets lost," said a Lower Shankill resident who asked that his name not be used.

The LVF retaliated by killing a UDA man named Alex McKinney, and the UDA hit back by killing LVF man Thomas Gray.

The stakes escalated significantly when Adair was linked to botched assassination attempts on two of the UDA's senior commanders. Jim Gray, the UDA's "brigadier" in East Belfast, survived a gunshot wound to the face while John "Grug" Gregg, "brigadier" for Southeast Antrim, escaped a booby-trapped car.

The UDA's outraged leadership council formally expelled Mr. Adair and his "political adviser" John White, another former paramilitary who served time for murder. The council also put a \$10,000 U.S. bounty on Mr. Adair's head, with a \$10,000 bonus if he were killed before Christmas.

Mr. Adair's men responded with the Dec. 26 shooting of Jonathan Stewart, 22, whose only connection to the paramilitaries was a relative who had had a falling out with Mr. Adair.

The UDA retaliated the next day, gunning down Adair supporter and convicted drug dealer Roy Green as he strolled out of a bar.

Numerous other beatings, non-fatal shootings and incidents of property damage have been attributed to the feud.

Since the start of the new year, unnamed UDA commanders have been issuing death threats in interviews with the local press. "This feud won't end until there are two coffins going down the Shankill Road, and those coffins will carry Johnny Adair and John White," said one.

Graffiti in UDA neighbourhoods declare Mr. Adair and Mr. White to be "dead men walking."

Sammy Duddy, a retired female impersonator who now serves as the UDA's official spokesman, makes no apologies for the threats.

"Johnny Adair and John White are the main instigators of all this," he said. "We were trying to clamp down on the criminal activity and anti-social behaviors. Johnny Adair was told to stand down by the leadership, and he refused."

It was Mr. Duddy's pet Chihuahua that was killed in November when gunmen fired two shots through the front door of his home.

"A cowardly act," Mr. Duddy called it.

In many ways, the fighting among the Protestant paramilitaries reflects a broader pattern of fragmentation, disarray and discontent within the much of the Protestant community since the Good Friday agreement.

With the sectarian shooting war effectively ended by the political settlement, the gunmen found themselves unemployed. Many turned to crime, with the existing paramilitary structures lending themselves easily to drug dealing, racketeering and extortion.

According to police and community leaders, the crime wave cuts across sectarian boundaries, but in the Catholic areas, the **Irish Republican Army** appears to operate with far more discipline and discretion.

The bloodletting on the Protestant side shows no sign of abating.

"We have a team of 70 investigators working on this feud investigation with additional support from uniform officers," said Maggie Hunter, acting assistant chief constable for the newly created Police Service of Northern Ireland.

But community leaders from both sides of the sectarian divide say the police have been strangely ineffective.

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"Even the dogs in the street are talking about why the police won't raid certain drug houses. The drug dealing is so ostentatious, it seems only the police can't see it," said David Ervine, a former Protestant paramilitary leader who has eschewed violence and was elected to Northern Ireland's parliament.

On Friday, in what could be his best bet for survival, police rearrested Mr. Adair and returned him to prison in an effort to halt the turf war.

Graphic

Photo: Peter Morrison, The Associated Press; When Johnny Adair was released from prison in 1999, he set out to establish himself as the boss of all bosses of the Protestant paramilitaries.

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WHAT a week. First a Kenyan Airlines jet crashes into the sea with over 160 lives lost.

Next an Alaska Airlines jet drops into the sea with 88 men, women and children on board.

If accidents really do come in threes, this is not the time to accept a lift from a member of the Kennedy clan.

But worry ye not. Phoney Blair has already decided reports of the crashes were too negative and has sent accident investigators back to write new ones.

Soon we'll be able to read that no planes crashed at all-well, only a little bit-and everybody on board was just hunky dory, thank you. At least they haven't put in an official complaint yet, so it can't have been all that bad.

This is certainly what happened to General de Chastelaine's report on decommissioning last week. The General wrote it, the powers that be read it and then the General was sent away to write it again. Apparently, there weren't too many laughs in the first draft. But if the General didn't find any evidence of paramilitary decommissioning, then he didn't find any.

There's no point asking him to leave the room for five minutes, then come back in and announce: "You'll never guess what? I HAVE just found evidence of decommissioning. It was in the pocket of my other jacket all along."

By the end of the week, even Phoney seemed to accept that there's more chance of the Wolfe Tones winning a Brits award than of the IRA ever getting rid of its weapons. And why should they?

WITHOUT weapons, the *Irish Republican Army* has about as much chance of getting its own way as the Salvation Army.

WITH weapons, they can go on treating negotiations with the British like a round of "One Man And His Dog". Here, boy. Down, boy. Sit up and beg, boy.

Phoney and Mandy may be talking a good fight on decommissioning this weekend. But if it comes to a real scrap, my money's still on them throwing in the towel faster than John Inman at the prospect of a 12-round bout with Iron Mike.

HE'S MAD AS HATTER

SERIAL killing GP Harold Shipman objected to being questioned by a female constable.

Write mess as the pact falls apart; Opinion

He wanted to be interviewed by an "equal".

Unfortunately they couldn't get the Yorkshire Ripper in at such short notice.

He also claimed the prison medical wing "is full of total nutters".

It's even fuller now.

* OPRAH Winfrey has launched a TV channel for women. It's slogan is: "I am strong, I am invincible, I am woman." I feel sick.

Almost as sick as when I read about US author Laura Doyle telling women the secret of happiness is doing exactly what their hubby tells 'em.

BET IT'S A LONG WAIT

CARIBBEAN Elizabeth Israel has laid claim to being the world's oldest woman.

In her 125 years, she's seen IN two centuries and seen OUT two world wars, a cold war, the moon landings, invention of TV, computers...

But she's still waiting for the day when my boss finally puts his hand in his pocket and pays out on his losing bets.

ROD REMODELS HIS LIFE

ROD Stewart's growing up. In the past year, he's dated five models. Now he's only dating an EX-model.

Rod's obviously weaning himself off the habit gradually. At this rate, he might even get round to dating a woman who's never taken her clothes off for a living.

New love Penny Lancaster didn't take all her clothes off for the camera, mind you. She modelled swimwear and lingerie. And she was good at it too. "She always knew instinctively what to do when the camera focused on her," says an ex colleague. Strip to her undies and pout, presumably?

Rod's so in love he's even "given her the keys to his Range Rover". Not the Range Rover itself, notice, just the keys.

As for Penny, she says of Rod: "We're very close." He lives in California. She lives in Chigwell.

Which is probably as "close" as any sensible girl should get to the old goat.

FAT CHANCE IT'S MILK TRAY LADY

THE people who make Milk Tray have a lot to answer for. Their ads have convinced a whole generation of men that what the modern woman really wants is a stalker who sneaks round her house after dark leaving anonymous messages. Very romantic.

Now, for the first time in 33 years, the mysterious lady who loves Milk Tray so dearly that men ski down avalanches to bring her a box has finally made her screen debut on TV ads.

At least they said it was her, but I'm not convinced. She's been having boxes of chocolates delivered to her bedside regularly for the past 33 years.

She ought to look like Harold Shipman's wife. Instead there was so little of her that she'd make any ordinary woman's SHADOW look fat.

O'NEILL'S OWN GOAL

Write mess as the pact falls apart; Opinion

MARTIN O'Neill says Ken Bates is "a footballing cretin". Bates is chairman of the wondrous Chelsea. Belfast-born O'Neill is still manager of lowly Leicester City after turning down every offer to go somewhere bigger and better. Sorry, who was the cretin again?

NICE WORK!

SUPERMODEL Naomi Campbell says she's giving up work. I wasn't aware she ever did any. Meanwhile, pals of the Countess of Wessex say she only bought that fox fur hat in St Moritz "because it was so cold". SHE thinks it's cold? She should see the fox!

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1. CHILE

Pinochet appeals rejected

Two applications for a formal review of Britain's decision to send ex-Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet home because he's too ill to stand trial were rejected by a court in London. One was filed by Belgium on behalf of Chilean exiles, and the Brussels government said it likely would appeal the ruling.

2. Cuba

Elian's grandmoms are heroes
The Spectator

The grandmothers of Elian Gonzalez were treated to a heroes' welcome on their return to Cuba, despite failing to bring the boy home from the U.S. Hundreds of thousands of people lined the 25 kilometre route from the airport to Havana's Convention Palace, where one of the women said only "a tiny group" of Americans oppose sending Elian back to Cuba. The championship game of the national soccer tournament was postponed so the parade and rally could be held.

3. Ivory coast

Crash rescue delay 'reasonable'

Emergency authorities were defending the two-hour lapse between the crash of a Kenya Airways jet and the time rescuers began the search for survivors off Ivory Coast. A Hamilton missionary couple, Bob and Ruth Chapman, perished in the crash. The plane was aloft for only about one minute on a flight from Abidjan to Lagos, Nigeria, before crashing in the chilly Atlantic Ocean with 179 people aboard. It appeared as few as 10 had been found alive. Officials said the delay in response was "reasonable" because equipment had to be assembled and the reported location of the wreckage was "imprecise."

4. Northern Ireland

IRA says its 'guns silent'

A statement delivered to a Dublin radio station said that the **Irish Republican Army** remains committed to peace and its guns continue to be silent. It came as all sides awaited the public release of a report on the surrender of

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weapons by the North's independent disarmament commission. The British and Irish Republic governments were meeting in private to study the still-secret document.

5. Austria

Haider issue sparks concern

Half of the Cabinet posts in Austria's controversial proposed new government -- chiefly the finance, justice and social affairs ministries -- will go to the ultrarightist Freedom Party, reports said. The decision, following negotiations between Freedom leader Jorg Haider and the People's Party of Chancellor Viktor Klima, came amid angry protests from around Europe. The new lineup still must be approved by President Thomas Klestil, who told an interviewer he had little choice in the matter because the two parties had a majority in parliament.

6. Israel

Barak deflects demands

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

7. chechnya

Rebels quit Grozny

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

8. Kuwait

Women press for franchise

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

9. Sri lanka

Tamils suspected in bombing

Pedestrians were among the 21 people hurt when a bomb exploded aboard a bus bound for Colombo, Sri Lanka's capital. The incident was the second of its type since last Thursday, when a device killed eight and wounded 73 others at a post office. There was no immediate claim of responsibility in either explosion, but suspicion fell on extremists in the Tamil separatist movement.

10. China

New sect declared 'evil cult'

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A government crackdown against another movement that combines meditation with exercises was expanded in China. Zhong Gong, which, like the better-known Falun Gong, is believed to have a following in the millions, was declared an "evil cult." Cults are illegal under Chinese law and, therefore, are effectively banned. A Hong Kong-based human rights group said more than 100 Zhong Gong centres across China have been closed by police since November. Despite the banning of Falun Gong, now in its sixth month, followers as recently as Jan. 24 staged a small protest in Beijing's Tiananmen Square.

11. Japan

Gas attackers offer cash

The Aum Shinri Kyo sect has offered almost \$1.5 million a year in damages to the survivors of its 1995 nerve-gas attack on Tokyo's subway system. The move was the group's first announcement of how much it would pay in compensation and followed last month's formal apology for the incident, which killed 12 people and made another 5,500 ill.

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**Europe and Asia try 'security with smile' ;
Passengers find airports less onerous**

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As someone who has taken 100 flights this year, Steve Richardson has a few things to say about airport security.

In the United States, where he lives, a stick of deodorant inside his luggage once set off the alarm of an explosives-detection machine. A suitcase he checked in was unpacked and then repacked -- with someone else's clothing.

He said he had been "punished" by security screeners after he balked at taking off his shoes (they subjected him to an intimate pat-down, the kind now being reviewed in the United States after complaints).

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But in Europe and Asia, Richardson and many other passengers report, there is less hassle and more politeness at airport security checks. There is little tension while waiting in line, and screeners use a wand instead of their hands when searching passengers.

"It's often a pleasure clearing a checkpoint in Europe while it can be a nightmare here in the States," Richardson said by e-mail.

This opinion is shared by Gaston Sendin, a 28-year-old Argentinian who is studying neurobiology near Hannover, Germany, and often travels within Europe and to the United States.

"In the States, I get the impression they want to appear like barking dogs as a way to dissuade," said Sendin in the waiting area of Hannover's small international airport on a recent afternoon.

Nearby, five screeners operated the x-ray and metal-detection equipment at the gate. A woman and man passed a metal-detecting wand over passengers who set off the walk-through detector. Another screener playfully teased a child at the checkpoint.

With a longer history of terrorism -- everything from attacks by the ***Irish Republican Army*** to the bombing of a Pan American jetliner over Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988 -- European screeners have had far longer to hone their skills than their U.S. counterparts.

The European Civil Aviation Conference, led by Britain, reacted to the Lockerbie bombing by requiring baggage to travel on the same plane as the passenger who checked it.

Europe and Asia try 'security with smile' ; Passengers find airports less onerous

The United States let 13 years go by before it took that step -- after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and on the Pentagon.

The post-9/11 American security measures were put together quickly under orders from Congress. The result was a hodgepodge of measures that are still being reconciled. Airports were not designed for the new screening equipment, which was often installed with little or no planning.

The 40 countries involved in the European Civil Aviation Conference spent six years planning the design and installation of equipment to screen all luggage, allowing airports the time to integrate the new items. In Europe, 100 percent screening began in 2002.

But there are also differences on the human level, officials say.

Travelers say they appreciate the little touches, like the sandals provided at Shanghai's airport after mandatory shoe removal.

In Europe, security personnel have been trained to be courteous, and there is continuous training to keep their skills sharp.

In the United States, courtesy training has been an afterthought, often imposed after public relations disasters such as the recent controversy over pat-downs of women's breasts.

"They've always been very polite, very smiley," said Coralie Bouffard, a 22-year-old Web master, after passing through security at Charles de Gaulle International Airport near Paris.

Many airports in Europe "make sure their screeners take a two-week course called 'security with a smile,' which encourages security personnel to behave as part of the airport customer service team, rather than as cops," said a senior international security official who asked not to be identified because of the sensitivity of his position. "The entire feel at most European airports is that screening personnel are professional and vigilant."

This is often not the case in the United States, where many passengers have complained recently about feeling arbitrarily singled out by screeners.

Anju Ali, a newspaper editor from India who is living in Wisconsin, says she is often pulled aside and given a more thorough search than other passengers during airport screenings in the United States.

"I was told by one security agent that I get this special treatment because 'some people with your last name have done some pretty bad things,'" she said.

In Europe, by contrast, she is not treated differently from other passengers, she said. And in India, she is put through the same procedure as everyone else: those chosen for extra screening are taken to a curtained booth where a screener runs the metal-detecting wand over her body.

The different approaches to security inside and outside the United States leave many passengers stumped.

Why, for example, is a passenger in New York asked to remove her suit jacket and walk through the metal detector in a camisole when in Copenhagen she can pass through with a thick sweater and long coat on?

Why does the U.S. Transportation Security Administration make passengers take their laptops out of their bags, but most other countries do not? Is one system more safe than the other?

Not necessarily, says Anthony Concil, the spokesman for the International Air Transport Association, which represents the world's major airlines.

"Security, in order to be effective, doesn't need to be inconvenient," Concil said. "Airports in Europe and Asia were built to take security considerations into their architecture."

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In the United States, in contrast, he said, long lines often build up at airports because newly installed screening equipment is located near check-in counters, with passengers having to bring their suitcases to the screening machine themselves.

The more relaxed environment at European airports does not please everyone. A businessman at the Paris airport who gave his name only as Bruno said he was puzzled as to why on some days there were multiple identity checks, while on others he showed his identity card only once before boarding.

"Sometimes I think the controls are a bit light," he said.

Richardson, the frequent flier, said that the authorities in the United States should realize that no amount of security is foolproof.

"We can have all of the security in the world and risk will still exist," Richardson said. "In many parts of the world, security is sane and I think they realize there is only so much you can do."

Like many other travelers, Richardson has found that the U.S. approach to airport security also involves fear. He agreed to comment for this article on condition that his home state not be mentioned.

"I'd hate to find myself on a government watch list for my comments," he said, "but these days, you just never know."

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IN THE NATION National Security Agency has systems trouble

The super-secret National Security Agency says its computer systems suffered a serious problem for three days last week. The agency, which eavesdrops on conversations overseas to monitor possible security threats, said that the problem had been resolved and that officials were confident "no significant intelligence information has been lost." It took agency technicians thousands of hours and about \$1.5 million to get the computers up and running again at agency headquarters at Fort Meade, Md.

NASA says weather may delay Endeavour trip

Bad weather at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla., could pose a problem for today's scheduled launch of the space shuttle Endeavour's 11-day Earth-mapping mission, the space agency said yesterday. If Endeavour does not launch today or tomorrow, the next opportunity would be Feb. 9.

Calif. mayor resigns after prostitution arrest

The mayor of Folsom, Calif., resigned on Saturday after his arrest in a prostitution sting. Mayor Reggie Drew, 57, was arrested Thursday in neighboring Sacramento, where police allege he offered cash and rock cocaine to an undercover female officer in exchange for sex.

Ill. governor reportedly to halt executions

Illinois has seen more of its death sentences overturned than it has carried out, so Gov. George Ryan plans to block executions altogether pending a special investigation, the Chicago Tribune reported yesterday. The decision would make Illinois the first state to stop executions while it reviews its death-penalty procedures. Since reinstating the penalty in 1977, the state has had 13 cases in which men were wrongly convicted; it has executed 12 men.

Fla. lawmakers billed state for funeral trip

State legislators billed the State of Florida nearly \$20,000 for the cost of attending the funeral of Gov. Lawton Chiles in 1998, the Florida Times-Union reported yesterday. Fifty-three legislators billed the state for hotel stays, meals and rental cars in Tallahassee for the funeral, the Jacksonville newspaper said, citing public records. "That would

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strike many constituents as . . . perhaps not a good use of their dollars," said Pete Sepp, spokesman for the Washington-based National Taxpayers Union.

Siren test panics residents near Calif. dam

A test of a siren system to warn of a failure at a dam near Ventura, Calif., sent panicked residents rushing for higher ground, trampling fences and jamming streets. People in the Ventura River valley heard sirens late Saturday afternoon and a voice from a loudspeaker declaring: "This is an emergency. Head for high ground. You have one hour." Radio and newspaper announcements of the test appeared last week, and the loudspeaker warning was prefaced with the statement: "This is a test," but many people apparently did not hear it, police said. Emergency telephone lines were jammed with anxious callers, and police and sheriff's deputies were called out to help calm the panic.

IN THE WORLD Report on IRA disarming due today in N. Ireland

David Trimble, Northern Ireland's Protestant leader, made a last-ditch plea to the ***Irish Republican Army*** yesterday to disarm and save the province's peace drive. A report is due today on whether the IRA has begun disarming. Trimble's Ulster Unionist Party is putting pressure on Britain to suspend the province's eight-week-old government this week if the report shows no movement on IRA disarmament.

Russian fighters kept out of Chechen square

Chechen rebel forces relying on rooftop snipers and scouts at important intersections kept frustrated Russian troops out of a key square in Chechnya's shattered capital, Grozny, yesterday. The Russians have been trying to seize Minutka Square for more than a week. Controlling it would give the Russians a strong vantage point for taking the city center.

30 hurt as train hits freighters in Canada

At least 30 people were injured, five seriously, when a Canadian passenger train crashed into two parked freight cars at Miramichi in eastern Canada yesterday, said a spokeswoman for the passenger service VIA Rail. She said there were 127 people on board the train, including 14 crew members. The Canadian Transportation Safety Board was investigating the cause of the crash.

N. Korean official to visit U.S. for talks

North Korea will send a senior official to Washington in March for high-level talks with the Clinton administration, the State Department said yesterday. The visit is designed to match talks former Defense Secretary William S. Perry held in Pyongyang last year as a special Clinton administration emissary. It is another step in U.S. efforts to coax North Korea out of its isolation and to neutralize its nuclear weapons program.

Chernobyl reactor shut down for repair

The only working reactor at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in Ukraine has been shut down for five days of unplanned repairs to fix a faulty safety valve, officials said yesterday. The reactor was taken off line Saturday morning and is expected to resume operation on Thursday, the State Nuclear Regulation Administration said. The plant's reactor No. 4 exploded and caught fire in 1986 in the world's worst nuclear accident, which sent a radioactive cloud over much of Europe.

Turkish police find 6 people killed by Hezbollah

Police in Turkey found the remains of six more people yesterday in their two-week-old search for suspected victims of a radical Islamic group, the Anatolia news agency reported. The remains were discovered in Diyarbakir and brought the number of presumed victims of Hezbollah to 48. Hezbollah is an armed group that wants to create an Islamic state in Turkey's largely Kurdish southeast.

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IN THE NATION Computer on fritz at Oak Ridge nuclear plant

A year 2000 computer glitch at an Energy Department nuclear weapons plant in Tennessee remained yesterday, but workers have been able to track nuclear material at the site using an alternative system. John Gilligan, who oversees the department's computer systems, said that the Oak Ridge plant had been operating safely and that workers had been able manually to work around the problem. The glitch affected a computer that tracks nuclear material used at the plant.

Atheist O'Hair fled country, ex-convict says

Atheist leader Madalyn Murray O'Hair and her two adult children cooperated with the men suspected in their disappearances because they wanted help fleeing the country to avoid tax problems, an ex-convict told authorities. Gary Karr, a Detroit handyman charged with kidnapping and robbing the family, told authorities last year that the O'Hairs were not abducted and murdered for \$500,000 in gold coins, as U.S. authorities allege, the San Antonio Express-News reported yesterday. The atheist leader enlisted her former office manager, David Waters, to help her flee the United States, he said.

Border Patrol comes up short in hiring

Despite increased concern about terrorists, the Border Patrol fell far short of its goal of hiring 1,000 new agents. It hired only 369 agents during the year that ended Sept. 30, compared with the 1,000 new border agents directed by Congress, the General Accounting Office said. While the agency blames the tight job market for the shortfall, congressional critics say the Immigration and Naturalization Service was too slow to react when it became clear its recruitment efforts were slipping.

New test may rival Pap smear

A test for the human papilloma virus that doesn't require a pelvic exam may soon rival the Pap smear as an accurate way of screening for cancer and precancerous conditions in the cervix, researchers say. However, the test produced far more false-positives than the Pap smear, causing many more women to need further testing, according to two studies in today's Journal of the American Medical Association. The test may be most applicable in

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developing countries, where pelvic exams and lab exams are often unavailable, said Dr. Jack Cuzick of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund in London.

Gun, jacket may be linked to Seattle slayings

Seattle police yesterday were investigating whether a handgun and camouflage jacket found last weekend in a park are linked to two execution-style slayings at a nearby shipyard. No arrests have been made in the Nov. 3 killings in which a man wearing an overcoat over camouflage opened fire at Northlake Shipyard with a 9mm semiautomatic handgun. Marine engineer Russell James Brisendine, 43, and bookkeeper Peter Giles, 26, died, and two other men were wounded. Police have said the killings were deliberate, but the motive remains a mystery.

IN THE WORLD Red Cross suspends operations in Colombia

The International Committee of the Red Cross suspended all operations in Colombia yesterday after about 100 civil war refugees smashed their way with sticks into the organization's Bogota headquarters, and took 40 officials hostage. The peasants later released the hostages, but continued to occupy the offices while they held talks with the government on their demands for jobs, health care and new homes.

Putin says Yeltsin gave him advance warning

Acting Russian President Vladimir V. Putin said yesterday that Boris N. Yeltsin's resignation as Kremlin leader was intended to give him a boost in the forthcoming presidential election. Putin, in an emotional interview with ORT public television, said Yeltsin had first indicated to him his intention to quit about 10 days before his Dec. 31 announcement.

French tourists attacked in Namibia; 3 killed

Uniformed gunmen attacked a family of French tourists in Namibia, killing three children and seriously injuring their father, in a remote border region recently embroiled in Angola's civil war, officials said yesterday. The attack was one of at least three on Monday that authorities blamed on UNITA rebels seeking money and food. The rebels denied responsibility and accused Angolan troops.

Ireland blocks extradition of IRA convict

Ireland's second-highest court yesterday blocked the extradition of an escaped ***Irish Republican Army*** convict who had been ordered sent back to Northern Ireland. Angelo Fusco, 43, is scheduled to appear before the High Court tomorrow for legal arguments about whether his extradition can proceed. Fusco was a member of a four-man IRA unit that ambushed and killed a British army commando in Belfast in 1980.

China's move seen as snub to Pope

China said yesterday that it would install three bishops loyal to the communist government tomorrow in a move some described as a snub to Pope John Paul II. The bishops are to be installed on the same day that the Pope installs 12 new prelates around the world in a Vatican ceremony.

France taken to court over British beef ban

The European Commission took France to the European Court of Justice yesterday because of its refusal to lift a ban on British beef due to fears of mad cow disease. France says it is not satisfied there is no risk to humans from eating the beef.

Netherlands plans variation of Megan's Law

Under a variation of Megan's Law, mayors and police in the Netherlands will be warned when convicted child molesters move into their towns, the Justice Ministry said yesterday. The step followed months of debate over how to warn victims and still protect the privacy rights of released convicts.

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IVORY COAST: CRASH - APTN is making efforts to access material relating to the crash of a Kenyan Airlines Airbus 310 passenger jet shortly after it took off on a flight to the Ivory Coast. (Expected First Run As Available)

CAMBODIA: FAMILY - This APTN report follows the work of members of the group gathering evidence to use in trials of Khmer Rouge leaders accused of atrocities. In this report the group is visiting relatives of a victim of a torture camp. (Expected First Run 0715 Asia Pacific Late)

TAIWAN: CANDIDATE - This package has comment from the presidential candidate, Chen Shui-bian, for Taiwan's pro-independence opposition party who has promised that the island would not declare independence unless Beijing tried to retake it by force. Chen Shui-bian says that if he wins the election next month he will resume cross-strait talks with China. (Expected First Run 0715 Asia Pacific Late)

HK: STOCKS - APTN reports on Hong Kong Stockmarket reaction to a dip in the Dow Jones Industrial Index in the United States. (Expected First Run 0715 Asia Pacific)

UK: PINOCHET - APTN is covering the expected judge's ruling on whether or not Belgium, together with Amnesty and other human rights groups, can challenge British Home Secretary, Jack Straw's wish to allow former Chilean dictator, Augusto Pinochet, to leave the U-K. (Expected First Run As Available)

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RUSSIA: ALBRIGHT - APTN will be covering the visit to Moscow o f US Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright who will hold talks wit h Russian Foreign Minister, Igor Ivanov, when the situation conc erning fighting in Chechnya is expected to be raised. (Expected First Run 0900 Europe Morning)

RUNNING:

CUBA: ARRIVALS 3 - APTN has an updated package on the return t o Cuba of the grandmothers of Elian Gonzalez. This package includes t heir heroes' welcome on the streets of Havana and a full ceremony attended by Cuban President Fidel Castro, plus comment from on e of the grandmothers, Raquel Rodriguez. (First Run 0400 Europe Ear ly).

US: NEW HAMPSHIRE - With less than 48 hours to go before the N ew Hampshire primary polls open, the presidential hopefuls are criss-crossing the state looking for support. APTN has the lat est

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pictures of campaigning. (First Run 1930 North America Update)

NIRELAND: TRIMBLE/ADAMS - David Trimble, the Protestant leader of the new Northern Ireland Cabinet, has predicted that the four- party coalition will lose its powers or collapse altogether if a report doesn't indicate IRA disarmament is under way. This package wraps together his comment with earlier comment from Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams. Adams says he can't guarantee decommissioning of **Irish Republican Army** weapons by the May deadline set out in the Good Friday agreement. BBC material. (First Run 2030 North America) No Access UK/CNN/CNBC/Euronews/Internet.

DAVOS: EURO - This is a report on comment from international financier, George Soros, following on from comment by the President of the European Central Bank, Wim Duisenberg, agreeing that Britain is years away from having economic conditions compatible with joining the European Single Currency. (First Run 0200 Europe Overnight) Part No Access UK/CNN/CNBC/Euronews/Internet.

SLEBANON: BOMB AFTERMATH - We expect to have pictures of the explosion and aftermath of a Hezbollah guerrilla bomb attack which killed the second highest ranking officer in the Israeli-allied South Lebanon Army. (First run 1900 Latin America)

CUBA: ARRIVALS - APTN has a package on the welcome home and street parade for Elian Gonzalez's grandmothers in Cuba. The two women have returned from the United States where they campaigned for the boy's return. (First Run 2110 Cuba L-I-V-E)

COLOMBIA: PEACE TALKS - The Colombian government has resumed peace

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talks with FARC guerrillas, but a top rebel leader has condemned a planned surge in US military aid to the Colombian government, saying it would only intensify the country's long-running civil conflict.

APTN has comment from FARC and the High Commissioner for Peace .

(First Run 1900 Latin America)

COLOMBIA: MASSACRE - Pictures of the latest massacre by paramilitary groups in Colombia. 11 local villagers, including women and children, were killed. (First Run 1900 Latin America)

DAVOS: MIDEAST WRAP - We have a wrap of US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's bilateral talks with key players in the Middle East peace process. The package includes comment from Albright and her bilateral meetings with Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa and former Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres, with comment from Moussa and Peres. It also includes Albright's bilateral meeting with Palestinian Planning Minister Nabil Shaath, with comment from Shaath. (First Run 1800 Europe Evening)

LEBANON: SLA - We have reaction in Beirut to the guerrilla bombing which has claimed the life of the second highest ranking officer in the Israeli-allied South Lebanon Army. (First Run 1800 Europe Evening)

US: IMPLOSION - We have pictures of the demolition of the Mape s Hotel in Reno, Nevada. No Access North America/CBC. (First Run 1800 Europe Evening)

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This town is old and gray, and a coat of wet grime clings to everything that doesn't move. A dark sky hangs overhead like a wet blanket. It's not cold enough for a heavy coat and not warm enough for a light one. It's just damp and chilling and grim. Someone joked that it rains here 100 percent of the time, only a slight exaggeration.

It is this weathered industrial city of 434,000 in the English Midlands that Mike Tyson has been heating up ever since his arrival Wednesday. He is here to fight British champion Julius Francis tomorrow night in a scheduled 10-round fight at the new MEN Arena. The bout is scheduled to begin at 10 p.m. British time and will be shown in America five hours later, at 10 p.m. in Philadelphia, on Showtime.

It is a nontitle fight, a "safe" tune-up for the former heavyweight champion from Brooklyn, N.Y. It is expected to be so one-sided, British bookmakers gave 6-1 odds early this week that it will never enter the second round.

But the fight is a 21,000-seat sellout in the largest indoor sports arena in Europe, a scalper's dream.

A crowd of almost 1,000 curious fans greeted Tyson when he arrived at his midtown hotel Wednesday, causing him to duck into the rear of the hotel, where he later appeared on a balcony and waved like a returning hometown hero.

Manchester, it turns out, is a Mike Tyson kind of town - cold and depressing, with a violent side, a big nightlife and an interesting past.

Like Tyson, Manchester has known good times, when it was a bustling industrial town of cotton, wool and steel mills and big manufacturing early in the 1900s.

Mr. Rolls met Mr. Royce in Manchester, and their first car was built here. Mr. Marks and Mr. Spencer opened their first store in Manchester. And the computer was invented here, according to the chamber of commerce.

DARK, DANK CITY IS A LOT LIKE TYSON MANCHESTER, ENGLAND, HAS HAD ITS UPS AND DOWNS.
SO HAS THE EX-CHAMPION WHO WILL FIGHT THERE TOMORROW.

Manchester is also the home of the world's richest and most famous soccer team, Manchester United, which won the European championship last year.

Like Tyson, Manchester has had its bad times. It was bombed by Hitler's Luftwaffe in World War II. In 1996, the **Irish Republican Army** set off the largest bomb ever detonated on the mainland in the heart of the City Centre. Although the area was evacuated at the time and no one was killed, buildings were blown apart with such force that flying glass and debris injured many people blocks away. There were stampedes in the streets by scared, confused and disbelieving citizens.

The city has been plagued by areas of high unemployment and extreme poverty, high crime and social deprivation - including Colleyhurst, which is home to Strangeways Prison, and Moss Sides, where there have been 40 shootings and eight deaths in the last 12 months. Three have died since Christmas.

But like Tyson, Manchester has been making a comeback of late. It took close to \$1 billion to rebuild, but with help from the British government, City Centre is back, better than ever. It offers theaters, world-class entertainment, fine restaurants and museums.

Manchester was among the bidders to host the 1996 and 2000 Olympic Games. Although it failed, it did land the Commonwealth Games for 2002 and has benefited from its Olympic planning, including the arena where Tyson is fighting, a velodrome, and the world's only double-decker swimming pool, now under construction.

At one time, Manchester was one of the biggest fight towns on the continent, a showplace for fighters from neighboring Liverpool and the nearby coal region. Gyms were on every other corner. Three world boxing champions came out of Manchester, specifically the Colleyhurst section, but none whose names one would easily recognize. Manchester never had a great heavyweight.

Tyson is the superstar Manchester never had. Of all the towns in Europe, perhaps none has a greater appreciation and understanding for the troubled Tyson, his past successes and failures, and his attempt to regain past glories.

The Manchester City Council, however, did not endorse Tyson's coming, and although it made no effort to stop the fight, it is supporting a silent vigil by **women's** groups that will take place in Peace Park while the fight is going on. Tyson is a convicted rapist.

"We don't think Mike Tyson is a good role model," a council spokeswoman said, "because of his past convictions and behavior. There won't be a reception for him."

Instead, the council called for him to donate half his purse, believed to be between \$10 million and \$12 million, to groups helping **female** victims of violence.

And as fight time nears, sentiment is picking up for Tyson's opponent, Francis, the onetime street tough from South London who has been overshadowed by the Tyson media blitz. Francis has won respect for turning his life around after serving five jail terms.

The British boxer was mobbed by well-wishers when he showed up outside Tyson's hotel during his arrival Wednesday night, and he had to be driven to safety on the top of a police vehicle.

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DARK, DANK CITY IS A LOT LIKE TYSON MANCHESTER, ENGLAND, HAS HAD ITS UPS AND DOWNS.
SO HAS THE EX-CHAMPION WHO WILL FIGHT THERE TOMORROW.

Mike Tyson faces reporters in Manchester, England, where he will take on Julius Francis in a 10-round heavyweight bout tomorrow. (ADAM BUTLER, Associated Press)

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WORLD AT 1800 GMT:

NEW:

CUBA-US-BOY. Castro demands that Cuban boy be returned.

US-MEXICO. In ties with United States, Mexico rejects 'tequila curtain.'

US-FOREIGN STUDIES: Rise in American collegians studying abroad.

NORTHERN IRELAND. IRA has first meeting with disarmament commission.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

NAZARAN, Russia The Russian military concedes Sunday that Chechen rebels are turning what had been largely an air and artillery war into a guerrilla conflict the kind of close-fought war the Russians had been hoping to avoid. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Lead has moved. By Yuri Bagrov. AP Photo MOSB102-104.

WASHINGTON The head of the largest U.S. labor federation welcomes the lack of results from the World Trade Organization meeting in Seattle, while the White House defends its trade stand. WORLD TRADE. Lead expected by 2000 GMT. By William C. Mann. CARLB101.

ALSO:

WORLD TRADE-SUPACHAI. Future Thai leader of WTO finds hope in collapse of talks. NY107.

VIENNA, Austria Four Austrians and one Australian are dead and 16 people remain hospitalized Sunday after a panicked crowd stampedes out of a former Olympic stadium following a snowboarding event. AUSTRIA-SNOWBOARD DEATHS. Lead has moved. By Melissa Eddy. XVI101-104.

HAVANA An angry President Fidel Castro demanded Sunday that the United States return a Cuban boy rescued at sea to his father within 72 hours, warning that the Cuban people are losing patience. CUBA-US-BOY. Has moved. By Anita Snow. NY190.

WASHINGTON It was a scene that would have been unthinkable a few years ago: 60 FBI agents and U.S. forensic experts crossing the border into Mexico to join a criminal investigation. US-MEXICO. Has moved. By George Gedda. NY195.

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NEW YORK America's global trade in higher education is brisk these days, with more U.S. college students taking courses abroad and more foreign students nearly half a million enrolled in this country, according to a survey to be released Monday. US-FOREIGN STUDIES, HFR. Expected by 2300 GMT. By Arlene Levinson. NY111. Hold for release at 0501 GMT.

PASADENA, California The big ears of NASA's Deep Space Network listen Sunday for a signal from the Mars Polar Lander as the silence since it began a plunge toward the Red Planet grew more ominous. US-MARS LANDER. Lead has moved; Ten-minute communications window at 1850 GMT. By John Antczak. XJPL108,110.

JAKARTA, Indonesia At least 31 people are killed in a fresh wave of fighting between Christians and Muslims in Indonesia's eastern province of Maluku, news reports say Sunday. INDONESIA-VIOLENCE. Lead has moved.

HANOI, Vietnam Rescuers scramble to get food and life vests to inundated areas in central Vietnam after a new round of flooding leaves 55 people dead, government officials say Sunday. VIETNAM-FLOODING. Has moved. By Tini Tran.

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia The young NATO medic thought he was going to a car accident. But the victims a husband and wife and an elderly mother had been beaten and the man was shot. KOSOVO-REVENGE OF THE MOB. Has moved. By Danica Kirka. NY110.

SKOPJE, Macedonia Scattered violence and ethnic tensions break out Sunday as Macedonians vote for the third time in just over a month to elect a new president. MACEDONIA-ELECTIONS. Lead has moved. By Konstantin Testorides. SKJ102.

MAPUTO, Mozambique Mozambicans wrap up voting on Sunday, proud of their emergence as a democracy after a war which killed more than a half-million people. MOZAMBIQUE-ELECTIONS. Has moved. By Andrew Selsky. MAP101-102.

ALSO MOVED:

SOUTH AFRICA-HOLBROOKE. U.S. envoy Holbrooke meets with Mandela in Johannesburg. JOH101.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland The *Irish Republican Army* says Sunday its representative has met a Belfast-based disarmament commission signaling another step toward the arms handover vital to the survival of a Protestant-Catholic administration. NORTHERN IRELAND. Lead has moved.

BERLIN Few Germans noticed as prosecutors in a Bavarian town chased evidence of alleged bribe-taking by a defense official. Then, there was a break: A witness fingered an arms dealer as a cash conduit for former chancellor Helmut Kohl's revered party. GERMANY-KOHL'S SCANDAL. Has moved. By Tony Czuczka. NY192-194.

BANGKOK, Thailand *Women* faint, monks pray and flags wave Sunday as Thailand celebrates the king's 72nd birthday, a milestone event marked by the opening of a skytrain. THAILAND-KING'S BIRTHDAY. Has moved. By Matthew Pennington. BK104-106.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Monday in Zurich, Switzerland, officials release final report on search through Swiss banks for missing assets of Holocaust victims.

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EUROPE

WALES: ASSEMBLY CHIEF QUITs -- Alun Michael, the first secretary of the Welsh Assembly, resigned moments before opposition parties in the new regional legislature in Cardiff voted no confidence in his leadership. He was faulted for failing to get the government in London to provide matching funds required to free up \$2 billion in European money for Wales. The Labor Party will resubmit his name or select a new candidate. Warren Hoge

IRELAND: MURDER TRIAL DATE SET -- Dublin's Special Criminal Court set an Oct. 3 date for the trial of John Gilligan, 47, accused of ordering the murder of Veronica Guerin, a reporter who was killed in a gangland-style shooting as she sat in her car in 1996. Mr. Gilligan, 47, the subject of investigative articles by Ms. Guerin, 36, on drug dealing, lost a three-year battle to prevent his return to Ireland from prison in England. Warren Hoge

BRITAIN: PINOCHET RULING -- After three days of hearings, the High Court said it would rule next week on whether Britain must make public the doctors' examination of Gen. Augusto Pinochet that led to its conclusion that the former Chilean dictator is medically unfit to be extradited to Spain on torture charges. Belgium and six rights groups brought the challenge to the action by Home Secretary Jack Straw. Warren Hoge

NORTHERN IRELAND: PLEA TO I.R.A. -- Northern Ireland Secretary Peter Mandelson issued a direct appeal to the Irish Republican Army to start disarming to save the province's two-month-old power-sharing government. Britain says the I.R.A. insistence on keeping all its weapons intact while its Sinn Fein political representatives sit in government leaves it no choice but to suspend the new Ulster administration tomorrow and reimpose direct rule from London. Warren Hoge

FRANCE: SCIENTOLOGISTS FIGHT BACK -- The Church of Scientology says it will try to enlist other groups in its fight against a parliamentary commission that has suggested it should be banned. The church says it will hold a hearing in March and invite 172 churches and groups it says have been attacked by the commission "to tell us how

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the climate of religious persecution has affected them." The commission said Scientology was among a group of cults that reject democratic norms and should be outlawed. Suzanne Daley

FRANCE: LE PEN LOSES OFFICE -- The leader of the far-right National Front, Jean-Marie Le Pen, has been told he will be stripped of his two elective offices because of a court decision banning him from public office for a year. Mr. Le Pen has 15 days to object before the cabinet makes the decision final. Mr. Le Pen, 71, who was found guilty of assaulting a female Socialist official, said he would fight the ruling. Suzanne Daley

THE AMERICAS

MEXICO: SINGER DENIES RAPE -- Karina Yapor, a 17-year-old backup singer for Gloria Trevi, a Mexican rock star, testified in Chihuahua State that Ms. Trevi's manager, Sergio Andrade, had sired a son with her when she was 14 years old. The couple later abandoned the child. But Ms. Yapor denied that Mr. Andrade had raped her, testimony that lawyers said would probably prevent his prosecution on felony sex charges. Mexico has requested the extradition of Mr. Andrade and Ms. Trevi from Brazil. Sam Dillon

ARGENTINA: SMUGGLING ALERT -- Special prosecutors will be appointed to hunt smugglers and support 1,000 paramilitary policemen reinforcing the border with Paraguay after armed clashes with smuggling gangs this month, the government said. The government says smuggling costs the country up to \$1.5 billion a year in lost revenues. (Reuters)

AFRICA

NIGERIA: 17 DIE IN OIL FIRE -- Seventeen people died in Ogwe, eastern Nigeria, when a fire erupted in a pit where they had been siphoning fuel from a pipeline. People routinely sabotage pipelines to sell fuel on the black market in the Niger Delta, the oil-producing area that has been kept in extreme poverty. In October 1998, 700 people collecting spilling fuel died in an explosion in the town of Jesse. Norimitsu Onishi

ZIMBABWE: OPPOSITION ATTACKS -- With the government threatening to crack down on political violence, the opposition stepped up its attacks on President Robert Mugabe and the proposed constitution scheduled to be put before voters this weekend. The Movement for Democratic Change, which says the new charter would give Mr. Mugabe too much power, accuses him of inciting some of the political violence that has flared in recent days. Henri E. Cauvin

ASIA

CAMBODIA: TRIAL PLAN REJECTED -- The United Nations has told Prime Minister Hun Sen that his plan for a war crimes tribunal to hear cases against former Khmer Rouge leaders is not acceptable. Several leaders of the Khmer Rouge, whose rule in the 1970's left hundreds of thousands dead, are living freely in Cambodia. Mr. Hun Sen, a former Khmer Rouge official himself, wants to retain control of trials. The United Nations wants an international panel. Barbara Crossette

KAZAKHSTAN, UZBEKISTAN: BORDER TALKS -- The two countries will begin talks in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, today on the issue of marking their common border, the Kazakh Parliament was told. The issue is a sensitive one for the former Soviet republics, both vying for the unofficial role of regional leader in Central Asia, a region rich in oil deposits. (Reuters)

MIDDLE EAST

IRAQ: 3 BOMB DEATHS REPORTED -- American and British jets killed three people in an attack on southern Iraq, state-run television reported. A United States Central Command spokesman confirmed the strike, calling it a "measured response" against radar, artillery and missile sites to reduce the threat to allied aircraft. (AP)

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IN THE NATION Florida acts to block foe of affirmative action

Florida's attorney general has asked the state Supreme Court to stop a bid by California businessman Ward Connerly to stamp out affirmative action in Florida. Attorney General Robert Butterworth on Tuesday urged the court to quash proposed constitutional amendments to eliminate racial preferences in state government and public schools. Connerly, who succeeded in pushing similar referendums in California and Washington, is trying to place the issue on the November ballot.

Mass. lowers passing mark for school test

The Massachusetts Board of Education has set a low passing mark for a test that students must take to graduate from high school, saying a higher standard would prevent many students from earning diplomas. Students taking the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System tests will have to score only 220 out of 280 to graduate. A 220 score is at the lowest possible level of the "needs improvement" category, one point above "failing." Overall, more than half of the students in 1999 either failed or scored in the "needs improvement" range.

\$3.6 billion pledged for school Web hookups

The company designated by federal regulators to distribute money to schools and libraries for Internet hookups says it has promised more than \$3.6 billion over the last two years. This year, the Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Service Administrative Co., which is overseen by the Federal Communications Commission, made commitments of \$1.92 billion to schools and libraries to pay for discounted Internet connections. That's on top of the \$1.7 billion set aside the first year. The money is collected through fees on phone bills.

Six held in Baltimore killing, crime rampage

Baltimore police blamed a group of men, including two juveniles, for a "well-planned" 5 1/2-hour crime rampage that resulted in one person dead, four others carjacked, and 12 people held up at gunpoint. Six suspects were arrested Tuesday at a Pikesville hotel room after a Baltimore County police officer found two stolen cars parked outside. Detectives said they found two 9mm handguns in the room.

Air Force program cuts suicides in half

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Suicides in the Air Force have been cut in half in the four years since it launched a prevention program aimed at breaking down macho resistance to seeing a therapist and talking out personal problems. For years, suicide has been the second-leading cause of death among the Air Force's 350,000 personnel, behind only accidental injuries. Suicides dropped from 68 in 1994 to 34 last year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This year, there were just six suicides through August.

House fire kills five in suburban Boston

Fire swept through a home in Lynn, Mass., a suburb of Boston early yesterday, killing five people, destroying the three-story house and damaging two nearby buildings, authorities said. One of the victims was a pregnant woman and four of the five dead were members of the same family, firefighters said.

IN THE WORLD Ulster group at odds in disarmament talks

An outlawed pro-British group announced yesterday that it would not talk to Belfast's disarmament commission unless the ***Irish Republican Army*** does so first, a position at odds with the latest plans to make Northern Ireland's peace accord work. The announcement by the Ulster Defense Association - the biggest paramilitary group in Northern Ireland with more than 1,000 members in hard-line Protestant districts - was certain to complicate and confuse efforts to persuade others to compromise.

Kohl makes appeal on bribery allegations

Former German Chancellor Helmut Kohl appealed yesterday for an early chance to clear his name before a parliamentary committee set up this week to probe allegations his party took bribes while in office. A \$520,000 campaign donation to Kohl's Christian Democratic Union from an arms dealer in 1991 is currently being probed by state prosecutors.

'Code of conduct' drafted for South China Sea

Southeast Asian officials agreed yesterday in Manila, Philippines, on a draft "code of conduct" aimed at cooling territorial disputes in the South China Sea, one of the region's most serious security threats. Philippine Foreign Undersecretary Lauro Baja declined to provide details of the code, and said he did not know whether China would accept it.

China lays down the law on public gatherings

China has set tough new rules for public gatherings that require groups of more than 200 people to first get government approval, the official Xinhua news agency said yesterday. China's communist rulers were shocked in April when more than 10,000 members of the Falun Gong movement staged a surprise protest outside Beijing's leadership compound to demand official recognition.

Thailand executes ***female*** heroin trafficker

A convicted heroin trafficker has become the first woman in more than 20 years to be executed in Thailand, where a record number of executions have been carried out this year, an official said yesterday. Samai Pan-in, 59, was executed by rifle fire along with two other inmates Tuesday, the official said.

France strips ex-Vichy aide of Legion of Honor

Former Vichy official Maurice Papon, jailed for his role in the deportation of French Jews during World War II, has been stripped of the Legion of Honor, France's highest award for lifetime achievement, the government said yesterday.

Turnout high in Niger elections to replace junta

NEWS IN BRIEF

Niger voted yesterday to elect a president and parliament to take over from the West African nation's military junta, and witnesses said the turnout was high. Results were not expected until next week.

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N. Ireland parties appoint executive; Process expected to hit problems

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On the eve of a historic week that will see Northern Ireland's two warring communities sitting down together in a power-sharing government, an uneasy quiet descended on the province.

"I think that it will happen, but it will not happen as quickly or smoothly as expected," said Monica McWilliams of the small ***Women's*** Coalition party.

Before the Northern Ireland Assembly was to gather at Stormont this afternoon, both sides were already warning that the great leap forward to peace could encounter more hurdles.

The four largest parties of the Northern Ireland Assembly will appoint a new 10-member executive, in a move that begins the process of transferring power from London to Belfast.

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Sinn Fein, the political wing of the ***Irish Republican Army*** -- the province's largest paramilitary group -- will join the executive alongside the Ulster Unionists, the pro-British Protestant party.

Immediately afterwards, Sinn Fein has promised to name a representative who will begin talks with John de Chastelain, the retired Canadian general overseeing the disarmament of all paramilitary groups.

But the Ulster Unionists only agreed to approve the arrangement temporarily. They say they will withdraw support unless the IRA makes real progress in handing over its weapons by February.

Party leader David Trimble also warned he will resign if Sinn Fein fails to turn in its guns.

"This is very disappointing," said Martin McGuinness of Sinn Fein, echoing the words of the party's leader Gerry Adams, who denounced the move as contrary to the recent review of the Good Friday peace agreement.

"I certainly think that talk of post-dated resignation letters from David Trimble ... is not planning for success, it is planning for failure. I think that that is a very serious mistake," McGuinness said.

Northern Ireland Secretary Peter Mandelson, playing an uneasy mediating role, encouraged the Unionists to go ahead with appointing the executive by promising they wouldn't be locked into a power-sharing arrangement if the IRA reneged on its first step toward disarming.

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"As far as I am concerned, when devolution starts on Thursday the ... IRA will appoint their own representative to (de Chastelain's) decommissioning commission," Mandelson said in a BBC interview.

But both sides know the history of decommissioning has been dismal in the months since the peace agreement was signed in April 1998.

Only two groups, both Protestant paramilitaries, appointed go-betweens. The largest, the Ulster Volunteer Force, turned over no weapons, while the small but vicious Loyalist Volunteer Force (LVF) made one delivery then withdrew from the process.

Meanwhile, security has been tightened in Northern Ireland and the British mainland, as fears of a renewed terrorist campaign to wreck the peace process have escalated.

"You will not see any increase of uniforms on the streets," said a source close to the province's security forces. "But intelligence operations and plainclothes surveillance have moved up a notch.

"There is a great deal of anxiety."

As the crucial week in Northern Ireland's peace process approached, police leaked information that a dissident group calling itself the Real IRA were holding new meetings and beginning a renewed recruitment campaign.

They are angry with Sinn Fein for accepting a governing role in Northern Ireland, which they do not recognize as a separate entity from the Irish republic to the south.

Police sources say terrorists from republican splinter groups have amalgamated, forming what appear to be assassination squads that could target members of the security forces.

But disaffected Protestant groups also pose a serious threat.

"They are furious that Sinn Fein is going to be part of the government without the IRA handing over any weapons," said a Protestant source. "They're ready to take revenge."

Protestant dissidents such as the LVF and the Orange Volunteers have resumed arming and training, he said. They are now preparing to target "major political figures" in the Unionist party.

And, he added, "they are quite willing to start actions down south, in the republic."

In the imposing Stormont castle buildings today, the security guards who normally protect the assembly will be beefed up by plainclothes officers mingling with the crowds.

It's a sign of the fragility of the peace in Northern Ireland, where Britain has ruled with increasing reluctance since an attempt at home rule collapsed 25 years ago.

Today's meeting of the assembly is the second time Catholic and Protestant politicians have tried to form a power-sharing executive to fulfil the Good Friday agreement.

The last meeting, in July, ended in farce with the Ulster Unionists boycotting the event and Rev. Ian Paisley's hardline Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) attacking Sinn Fein.

The DUP is expected to attempt a filibuster today, to hold up the appointment of the executive, which it categorically opposes.

Politicians and local media have said they are preparing for hours of debate, possibly stretching into tomorrow.

The decommissioning of IRA weapons has been the main stumbling block to progress since the peace deal was signed, and the refusal of Sinn Fein and the Ulster Unionists to compromise on the issue almost sank the peace process.

N. Ireland parties appoint executive; Process expected to hit problems

It was resuscitated two weeks ago when U.S. mediator George Mitchell brokered the compromise formula.

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Photo: Paul McErlane, Reuters; David Trimble, Ulster Unionist Party leader, leaves last Saturday's meeting where delegates voted to back the deal for a cabinet with representatives from the Ulster Unionists, Sinn Fein and other parties.; Photo: David Trimble, Ulster Unionist Party leader, leaves last Saturday's meeting where delegates voted to back the deal for a cabinet with representatives from the Ulster Unionists, Sinn Fein and other parties. Paul McErlane, Reuters

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