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1. [AP Top News at 10 a.m. EDT Friday, Aug. 3, 2001](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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Search Type: Natural Language

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2. [AP Top News at 6 a.m. EDT Wednesday, August 1, 2001](#)

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3. [AP Top News at 3 a.m. EDT Friday, Aug. 3, 2001](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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4. [Armchair Canucks love their Olympians](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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5. [Sunday, August 1](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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Search Type: Natural Language

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6. [Peace pact threatened as hard-liners advance in Northern Ireland vote](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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Search Type: Natural Language

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7. [Wednesday, May 19](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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Search Type: Natural Language

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8. [AP Top News at 11 a.m. EST Thursday, March 8, 2001](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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9. [CATHOLIC-HATER GETS INVITE Bush to welcome Belfast rev at St. Patrick's eve reception](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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Search Type: Natural Language

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10. [Blair meets Gadhafi, says Libya can be partner in global war on terror](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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11. [Saturday, March 13](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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12. [Blair says Libya can be partner in war against terror](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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Search Type: Natural Language

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13. [FEDS WON'T DEPORT 9 IRA MEN ACTION TO ENHANCE NORTH IRELAND PEACE](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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14. [Friday, February 27](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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15. [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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16. [Saturday, November 8](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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17. [Thursday, September 4](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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18. [Saturday, September 6](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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19. [Today's News news](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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20. [Through Irish eyes](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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21. [WORLD IN BRIEF](#)

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Search Type: Natural Language

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22. [Denis Thatcher, former British prime minister's husband, dies at 88](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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23. [NEWS SUMMARY](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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24. [Three can be a crowd in undersized living quarters](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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Search Type: Natural Language

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25. [Co-founder of Baby Love center retires](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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26. [Mitchell once again shows how worthy he is of Peace Prize; If this isn't worth a Nobel, nothing is.](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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27. [A LONG TIME SINCE BRITANNIA RULED SPORT](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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28. [AP Top News at 1 a.m. EST Saturday, Nov. 27, 1999](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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29. [Thursday, March 13](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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30. [Thursday, February 27](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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31. [AP Top News at 1 p.m. EDT Thursday, Aug. 26, 1999](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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32. [Clinton Urges Irish to Lay Down Arms](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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33. [AP Top News at Noon EDT Wednesday, Aug. 25, 1999](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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34. ['Let go' of violence, president asks Northern Ireland leaders](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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36. [AP Top News at 1 a.m. EDT Saturday, July 3, 1999](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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37. [AP Top News at 7 a.m. EDT Saturday, July 3, 1999](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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38. [AP Top News at Midnight EDT Friday, July 2, 1999](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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39. [Europe Advisory European circuits of The Associated Press by 1500 GMT, unle](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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40. [AM-Chretien-NIreland, Bgt ; Budget; INDEX: International, Politics; Canada lauded for contribution to peace in Northern Ireland](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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41. [AP Top News at 9 a.m. EDT Saturday, July 3, 1999](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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42. [SHOWING US THE MONEY](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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43. [Europe Advisory](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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Search Type: Natural Language

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44. [AP Top News at 11 p.m. EDT Friday, July 2, 1999](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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46. [No end in sight to N. Ireland 's misery misery misery](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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47. [AP Top News at 10 p.m. EDT Friday, July 2, 1999](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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48. [AP Top News at 9 a.m. EDT Thursday, July 15, 1999](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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49. [AP Top News at 1 a.m. EDT Friday, June 25, 1999](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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50. [AP Top News at Midnight EDT Sunday, April 18, 1999](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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51. [AP Top News at Noon EDT Friday, July 2, 1999](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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52. [AP Top News at 9 a.m. EST Tuesday, March 30, 1999](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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53. [AP Top News at 1 p.m. EST Thursday, April 1, 1999](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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Search Type: Natural Language

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54. [AP Top News at 9 p.m. EST Wednesday, March 17, 1999](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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Search Type: Natural Language

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55. ['Articulate, hell-raising' actor dies at 72](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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Search Type: Natural Language

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56. [Wednesday, October 30](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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Search Type: Natural Language

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57. [AP Top News at 11 a.m. EST Monday, Feb. 22, 1999](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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58. [From the rubble, a resurrected city; New sports facilities and a rebuilt core help old industrial Manchester kick start commercial development](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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59. [Three elderly American tourists killed in bus crash in Italy](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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Search Type: Natural Language

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60. [Terrorism defined by viewpoint](#)

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61. [Despite strong support from the Arab group, some Nordic countries and the non-governmental community, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan looks like hes ditching Mary Robinson, the U.N. 's top human rights official. The Bush administration's frosty relationship with the High Commissioner for Human Rights, a former Irish president, has made it practically impossible for the U.N. chief to put her name forward to the General Assembly . Robinson's principled stance on issues like the treatment of prisoners of war, the death penalty and social rights has put her on a collision course with the Bush administration. Her strong attacks on Israeli abuses in the occupied territories have also angered Condoleezza Rice's National Security Council. The Kremlin is angered by her criticisms over Chechnya and Tony Blair has stopped even trying to defend her. And potential successors are gathering. Possible candidates include former foreign ministers from Canada \(Lloyd Axworthy\) and Poland \(Bonislav Jeremek\), former Finnish President Marti Artishari and the popular special U.N. envoy in charge of East Timor 's transition, Sergio de Mello of Brazil . Other names include the former Foreign Minister of South Korea Han Seung Soo, who stepped down form his post last month and Nepal 's ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva Shambhu Ram Simkhada. Insiders reckon the Brazilian who missed out for the post of U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees last year is the likely frontrunner. But diplomats say the Korean would also be a serious contender if he throws his hat in the ring.](#)

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62. [*Insider notes from United Press International for March 15*](#)

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63. [*Miraculous devotion*](#)

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64. [*A bump in the street sparks bloody riot*](#)

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65. [*Monday, September 6*](#)

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66. [*Protestants menace streets, attack police as clash over march deepens*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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67. [Youngstown State U. profs explain allure of terrorism](#)

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68. [IRELAND](#)

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69. [Letters](#)

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70. [AP News Digest](#)

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71. [WORLD REPORT](#)

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72. [AP Top News at 5 p.m. EDT Saturday, June 9, 2001](#)

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73. [AP Top News at 4 p.m. EDT Saturday, June 9, 2001](#)

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74. [WORLD IN BRIEF](#)

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75. [Blair Invites Libya to Join War on Terror](#)

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76. [Blair says Libya can be partner in war against terror](#)

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77. [Blair visiting Gadhafi as Libya edges back into the international fold](#)

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78. [News in Brief](#)

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79. [Blair says Libya can be partner in war on terror](#)

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80. [ATLANTA AND THE WORLD](#)

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81. [News in Brief](#)

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84. [U.S. foregoes deporting 9 IRA figures to boost Northern Ireland peace](#)

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86. [ON COURT RULINGS, CONGRESS , IRAN ,< CM+RTIRAQ, PROSTITUTION TAXES, ETC.](#)

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87. [Sir Denis Thatcher, 88, Dies; a 'Most Shadowy Husband'](#)

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90. [Sir Denis Thatcher, former prime minister's husband, dies at 88](#)

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91. [Castro warns U.S. against attack](#)

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93. [Daytime on Discovery Health Channel, Viewers Get the Full Spectrum Of Health and Lifestyle Programming: Women Especially Can Find Food, Fitness, Childcare And Other Targeted Wellness Viewing](#)

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95. [2000-Calendar Saturday, January 1:](#)

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96. [Violent turf war hits Belfast; Paramilitary groups fight for control of drugs, prostitution](#)

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97. [Shelter is led back from the precipice](#)

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98. [Books: Reviews and Commentary: Doyle's 'Star' casts a pall of darkness on Irish life](#)

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99. [AP Top News at 2 p.m. EDT Saturday, Aug. 14, 1999](#)

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Byline: DAVID GOODMAN

Body

Jobless Rate Holds at 4.5 Percent

WASHINGTON (AP)

The nation's unemployment rate held steady at 4.5 percent in July as the yearlong hemorrhaging of manufacturing jobs slowed and service jobs posted a small gain. The Labor Department reported today that the unemployment rate was unchanged, surprising analysts who thought it would climb to 4.7 percent because of the yearlong economic slowdown. Businesses cut payrolls for the second month in a row, eliminating 42,000 jobs in July after a loss of 93,000 in June.

Court Overturns Neb. Death Penalty Sentencing
AP-NewsBrief ,0903

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP)

The Nebraska Supreme Court overturned the state's method of sentencing killers to death today, throwing out the use of three-judge panels who were not required to reach a unanimous decision. The high court ruled in the cases C. Michael Anderson and Peter Hochstein, who have been on death row for 23 years for the 1975 contract killing of an Omaha real estate developer Ronald Abboud. Attorneys for the two men argued that the panel's split decision indicated doubt in their sentence and a flaw in Nebraska's system of three-judge sentencing panels in capital cases.

Russia Releases American Student

ROSSOSH, Russia (AP)

American Fulbright scholar John Tobin was released today from a Russian prison after serving half of a one-year drug sentence and winning a parole recommendation, ending a high-profile case that had strained U.S.-Russia relations. Tobin, carrying his belongings in a shopping bag, left the prison in the southern Russian town of Rossosh, escorted by two U.S. Embassy representatives. He was freed shortly after a 15-judge panel approved a parole board's recommendation for his release.

House Republicans OK Patients' Rights Bill

WASHINGTON (AP)

AP Top News at 10 a.m. EDT Friday, Aug. 3, 2001

Potentially bruising House-Senate compromise talks are expected after House Republicans passed patients' rights legislation that scaled back lawsuits against HMOs that the Senate-passed version would allow. The administration celebrated the slim House approval of a deal brokered between Bush and Rep. Charles Norwood, R-Ga., who made the agreement without involvement of his original Democratic and moderate Republican allies. "This issue is not going away," said Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass.

Sinn Fein Criticizes Peace Plan

CASTLEBELLINGHAM, Ireland (AP)

Sinn Fein leaders said today they are "not impressed" with a joint British-Irish plan to inspire **Irish Republican Army** disarmament, the long-unresolved issue unraveling Northern Ireland's 1998 peace accord. Discussing strategy for several hours at a village hotel north of Dublin, the IRA-linked party said Britain hadn't promised enough cutbacks in military bases and troops, particularly along the highly militarized border with the Republic of Ireland. An overnight car-bomb attack blamed on IRA dissidents wounded seven people in London.

Sharon Scales Back Peace Goals

JERUSALEM (AP)

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon says he does not believe full peace with the Palestinians is possible and is aiming for less, while the official Palestinian news agency today called for an end to armed attacks. A 6-year-old boy today was lightly wounded when Palestinians fired a mortar shell at a Jewish settlement in Gaza and a Palestinian **women** tried to carry a bomb into the Tel Aviv central bus station, police said, but security guards challenged her and she dropped the bag with the bomb.

Tyco Agrees to Buy Sensormatic

NEW YORK (AP)

Industrial products and services provider Tyco International Ltd. is buying Sensormatic Electronics Corp., which makes the electronic security tags often used to discourage theft from clothing stores and other retailers, for \$2.2 billion in stock. Bermuda-based Tyco said the deal announced today will complement its existing fire and security monitoring operations marketed under names like ADT, SimplexGrinnell and Thorn Security.

Dow Down 9; Nasdaq Down 15

NEW YORK (AP) Stock prices opened lower today with the Dow Jones industrial average down 9 points in early trading. The Nasdaq Composite Index was is down 14 points.

Kim, Moodie, Johnson Lead Open

SUNNINGDALE, England (AP)

South Korea's Mi Hyun Kim collected seven birdies in a 65 to capture a share of the clubhouse lead with Trish Johnson and Janice Moodie in the second round of **Women's** British Open today. Moodie bogeyed the last two holes to toss away the outright lead having taken a 1-stroke advantage at the end of the rain-disrupted opening round.

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Body

British-Irish Peace Plans Presented

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

The British and Irish governments gave their peace proposals today to key Northern Ireland parties, urging each to accept their recommendations in full and thereby save the province's Catholic-Protestant administration. Officials from Sinn Fein, the ***Irish Republican Army***-linked party, and the Ulster Unionists, the major Protestant party, confirmed they received copies of the document this morning.

Palestinians Bury Dead in West Bank

NABLUS, West Bank (AP)

Thousands of mourners, some firing guns into the air, poured into the streets of Nablus in a funeral procession Wednesday for eight Palestinians killed in an Israeli helicopter raid. The crowd surrounded the bodies as they were removed from the Nablus hospital and carried through the streets on stretchers, covered with Palestinian flags. ***Women*** and children screamed and cried. Many waved green flags of the radical Palestinian group Hamas, whose offices were the target of Tuesday's assault.

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Computer Users Warned About Code Red Worm

WASHINGTON (AP)

The viruslike "Code Red" worm hasn't reared its head again yet, but federal officials monitoring Internet traffic say they won't know for sure that the Internet clogger hasn't returned until next week. The original Code Red worm took seven days to hit its stride, according to Alan Paller, director of research at the SANS Institute, a computer security think-tank. Government and private security officials made a last-ditch effort yesterday to persuade Internet site operators to inoculate their computers against the Code Red worm.

House Votes No to Allow Human Cloning in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP)

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The House has decided that the United States should allow no cloning of human cells, even for medical research. Lawmakers rejected the overall question of human cloning yesterday, 265-162, and said no by a 249-178 margin to cloning human cells in the search for possible cures to Alzheimer's, Lou Gehrig's and other fatal or disabling diseases. House members saw their vote as a way to get ahead of scientific advances that forced Congress to grapple with the ethics of biotechnology.

Landslides Kill 64 in Indonesia

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)

Torrential rains triggered massive landslides burying houses and killing at least 64 people on a remote Indonesian island, government officials said today. The landslides struck Tuesday after days of heavy rain on the island about 60 miles off the northwest coast of Sumatra, said Abdurrahman Nasution, a local government official. Nasution said that rescue workers were on their way to Sambulu village in the island's mountainous interior, where at least 62 people were reported dead.

U.S. Presses GOP on Patients' Rights Bill

WASHINGTON (AP)

White House officials are pressing key House Republicans to scale back the kind of lawsuits allowed under a Senate-passed patients rights bill just enough to allow President Bush to claim victory. The focus was on Rep. Charlie Norwood, the Georgia dentist and pivot man in whatever the House passes on the popular legislation.

Research on Rising College Costs

NEW YORK (AP)

While college students and their families may get a sinking feeling with every report of rising college costs, research is under way that aims at least to show students and families what colleges do with all that money. The National Association of College and University Business Officers is doing a school survey to devise a formula for calculating the cost of educating undergraduates, from faculty salaries to heating classrooms.

Chess Champ Faces Computer Rematch

LONDON (AP)

Four years after chess champion Garry Kasparov's loss to a supercomputer shook the chess world, man is getting a rematch. The latest installment of Man vs. Machine pits a different computer against a different chess champion, but the stakes will still be high in October when Vladimir Kramnik faces the world's top chess program, Deep Fritz, in Manama, Bahrain.

Tokyo Stocks Advance

TOKYO (AP)

Tokyo stocks advanced today as the Nikkei gained 98.56 points to close at 11,959.33.

Reds 3, Dodgers 1, 11 Innings

LOS ANGELES (AP)

Ken Griffey Jr. scaled the wall to rob a homer and vaulted over catcher Chad Kreuter to score the go-ahead run as the Cincinnati Reds beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 3-1 in 11 innings last night. Griffey drew a one-out walk off Jesse Orosco (0-1) in the 11th, and Ruben Rivera greeted Matt Herges with a liner.

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Rice Aims for New Russia Framework

WASHINGTON (AP)

Russia might share defense plans with the United States and buy American missile technology if a new strategic framework is worked out in talks that open in Washington next week, President Bush's national security adviser says. Even membership in NATO is not ruled out, Condoleezza Rice said in an Associated Press interview as she outlined the Bush administration's concept for converting a relationship rooted in Cold War hostility to one based on friendly cooperation.

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Study: 850,000 Kids Being Taught at Home

WASHINGTON (AP)

In the first detailed profile of homeschooled children, a government report reveals that most live in cities and have well-educated parents rearing a handful of children on one income. About 850,000 of the nation's 50 million schoolchildren are being taught at home rather than in schools, according to a study released this week by the Education Department. It calculates that 1.7 percent of American children were homeschooled in 1999, resulting in a total estimate higher than in the past.

Blast Injures Six in London

LONDON (AP)

AP Top News at 3 a.m. EDT Friday, Aug. 3, 2001

A suspected car bomb went off near a London subway station late Thursday, showering bystanders with glass and injuring at least six people in what police said was an attack by IRA dissidents. Police said they believed the blast, which struck just before midnight, was caused by a car bomb planted by ***Irish Republican Army*** dissidents seeking to raise political temperatures back home in Northern Ireland at a crucial juncture in peacemaking efforts there.

War Crimes Tribunal Convicts Bosnian Serb

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP)

The U.N. war crimes tribunal on Thursday handed down its first conviction for genocide, sentencing Gen. Radislav Krstic, 53, to 46 years in prison for his role in the deaths of up to 8,000 Muslims in 1995 at the U.N.-protected enclave of Srebrenica. The court ruled that even though Krstic may have received orders to carry out mass executions of men and deportations of ***women*** and children, he bore responsibility for genocide.

Senate Confirms Mueller as FBI Director

WASHINGTON (AP)

Senators overwhelmingly agreed Thursday to make federal prosecutor Robert Mueller the FBI's new director, voicing confidence he can lead the problem-plagued agency out of its troubles. The Democratic-led Senate voted 98-0 for the Republican prosecutor only hours after the Senate Judiciary Committee unanimously recommended his nomination.

Guerrillas Seize 16 Hostages in Raid

MANILA, Philippines (AP)

A band of Muslim extremist guerrillas raided a southern Philippine village and seized 16 Filipinos, including four children, a police chief said Friday. Abu Sayyaf militants swooped down Thursday night on the village of Balugo on the island of Basilan and took the people hostage, Basilan provincial Police Chief Ahmadulla Pangambayan said.

22 Rescued Cubans to Come to U.S.

MIAMI (AP)

Twenty-two Cubans rescued after their speedboat capsized will be brought to Florida and two will be charged with smuggling illegal immigrants, the Coast Guard said Thursday. The other 20 are considered witnesses against the accused smugglers and will be allowed to remain in the United States after they testify, the Immigration and Naturalization Service official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. The 22 Cubans and one body had been pulled from the Florida Straits on Wednesday.

Tokyo Stocks Fall

TOKYO (AP)

Tokyo stocks slid Friday morning as the Nikkei Stock Average shed 157.23 points to close at 12,241.97.

Braves 2, Cardinals 1

ST. LOUIS (AP)

Tom Glavine won his fifth straight decision and Javy Lopez hit a two-run opposite-field home run as the Atlanta Braves beat the St. Louis Cardinals 2-1 Thursday night, avoiding a three-game sweep. The game was delayed 2 hours and 11 minutes in the bottom of the seventh with Mark McGwire at the plate and a 2-2 count. McGwire took a called third strike from Steve Reed, Reed's only pitch of the game, once the game resumed.

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Armchair Canucks love their Olympians

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Body

Eighty per cent of Canadians plan to watch some of this summer's Olympics while 89 per cent believe the performances of the country's athletes are a source of pride, a poll suggests.

The Leger Marketing survey indicated 21 per cent of Canadians would watch the Games regularly, 35 per cent would tune in somewhat regularly.

Twenty per cent of respondents in the July 6-11 poll said they wouldn't watch any of the sporting spectacle.

The poll also suggested athletics will be the most popular sport at the Games for 33 per cent of men, followed by aquatics at 12 per cent and soccer at four per cent.

Record news services

Among women, 27 per cent opted for aquatics, 18 per cent chose athletics and 12 per cent picked gymnastics.

THE INCREDIBLE AGING HULK

Mumba, a hulking 180-kilogram gorilla, celebrated his 44th birthday this weekend with thousands of well-wishers at Granby Zoo, south of Montreal

He is believed to be one of the oldest silverback gorillas living in captivity.

Zoo management distributed 440 pieces of cake -- roughly one slice for each pound Mumba weighs -- to visitors.

It was an especially happy birthday because, as late as October, the zoo had considered putting the African lowland ape down because of arthritis.

In January 2001, he began receiving anti-inflammatories and other medication normally used by humans, but the treatments were ineffective. Late last year, zoo staff switched to an all-natural cure and Mumba recovered.

He was a 15-month-old orphan when he arrived at the zoo in 1961.

A SPOT OF LUCK FLOODS IN

An anonymous well-wisher has mailed a lottery ticket worth \$2.3 million to a government office in northern Japan to help victims of recent flooding in the region, officials in Tokyo said yesterday.

Armchair Canucks love their Olympians

The winning ticket was delivered by express mail to Fukui state governor Issei Nishikawa with a short message of condolence to the flood victims, who were hauling through mud and debris.

"We were so grateful," said Hiroko Imatomi, a secretary to the governor. "It's unfortunate we could not directly thank the sender."

Torrential rains have killed 18 people in northern Japan since last week.

Yesterday, nearly 150 people remained in school gymnasiums and other public shelters in Fukui, as soldiers and volunteers helped victims clean up.

Two people are still missing and 17 others are injured.

IF THE DRESS FITS . . .

A City of Montreal food inspector has dropped his dress in favour of a long dark wig to protest his employer's "discriminatory" pension program.

Patrick Le Lann wore the rock star-style wig while inspecting food kiosks Sunday at Peruvian celebrations in a municipal park.

The 50-year-old single father of two received a written reprimand recently after wearing a dress to work. He took the dramatic step to protest a clause in the city's collective agreement that allows women hired before 1983 to retire after 25 years of service. Men are required to work 30 years.

Le Lann was threatened by the city with further disciplinary action if he donned the dress again. So he chose instead to wear the wig.

"Today, I put on a wig. I don't usually wear one. I should have that right. Women do," he said.

PASSINGS

Joe Cahill, a founding father of the modern Irish Republican Army who once narrowly avoided the hangman's noose, has died, the IRA-linked Sinn Fein party said.

Cahill, 84, died Friday in his Belfast home after suffering for years from asbestosis, a lung-ravaging condition he acquired while working in Belfast's Harland & Wolff shipyards in the 1950s.

Cahill, born in Belfast in 1920, was sentenced to death alongside five other IRA members in 1942. Although one of his colleagues, Tom Williams, was hanged, Cahill and the others had their sentences commuted to life. British authorities freed him in 1949.

Cahill was also the principal mentor of Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams.

Under the Adams-McGuinness leadership, the IRA modernized its practices and sought to develop Sinn Fein, its political wing, into a substantial political party.

Dr. Edward B. Lewis, a geneticist whose landmark observations of fruit fly genes shed light on embryonic development in humans and was recognized with a Nobel Prize in 1995, died of prostate cancer July 21 in Pasadena, Calif., at 86.

"Ed Lewis worked to use genetics to show profound evolutionary strategies," said Dr. Gerald R. Fink, a professor of genetics at MIT and former director of the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research in Cambridge, Mass.

"The genes that Edward Lewis discovered have, in fact, the same order in our DNA as in that of the fruit fly, and they work in the same way," the Nobel Committee's presentation speech noted.

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Sunday, August 1

Associated Press International

July 24, 2004 Saturday

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Body

Today is Sunday, August 1, the 213th day of 2004. 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 4 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.

Sunday, August 1

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 pull out almost 3,000 U.S. troops from Vietnam.

1975 - Leaders of 35 nations meet in Helsinki, Finland and affirm a peace charter in Europe.

1981 - Music video channel MTV makes its first broadcast.

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.

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.

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

1996 - Former Nazi SS Capt. Erich Priebke is absolved by the military court in Rome of charges for a 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 Serb doctor implicated in some 2,000 deaths in concentration camps during the Bosnia-Herzegovina war, dies of a heart attack weeks after the start of his trial on war crimes charges.

1999 - Palestine Liberation Organization leader 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 1993 Oslo accord with Israel.

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.

2002 - Iraqi Foreign Minister Naji Sabri invites U.N. weapons inspectors to visit Iraq for the first time since 1998.

2003 - A suicide bomber driving an explosives-laden truck in Russia smashes through the gates of a military hospital in the southern republic of North Ossetia and kills 50 people.

Today's Birthdays:

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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Thought For Today:

As scarce as truth is, the supply is always greater than the demand - Josh Billings, American author (1818-1885).

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Peace pact threatened as hard-liners advance in Northern Ireland vote

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Body

Protestant hard-liners scored big gains Friday in Northern Ireland's elections to British Parliament, threatening moderate supporters of the province's 1998 peace accord. The *Irish Republican Army*-linked Sinn Fein party also surged in popularity.

The sharp shift in Protestant voting spelled trouble for efforts to keep Northern Ireland's joint Catholic-Protestant government on track.

Sinn Fein, which held two seats going into Thursday's vote, won three seats and was leading narrowly in a fourth, an unprecedented showing since it began contesting British general elections in 1983.

Northern Ireland-Election, 5th Ld-Writethru

Sinn Fein's triumphs heaped more pressure on Ulster Unionist Party leader David Trimble, the embattled leader of Northern Ireland's power-sharing coalition. He has repeatedly survived threats to his leadership as he steered Protestants through a series of compromises with Catholics, most controversially with Sinn Fein.

Largely completed counts showed Trimble's Protestant party fighting closely with the hard-line Democratic Unionists in several districts including, against all expectations, Trimble's own.

Trimble and his wife Daphne required police bodyguards as a crowd of angry Protestants, shouting "Traitor!" and other abuse, confronted him at the count center.

Trimble did wrest back a seat held by an outspoken Protestant opponent of the 1998 pact in Northern Ireland's wealthiest district, the North Down suburbs east of Belfast. Later he took back a second in South Antrim, where his candidate David Burnside emphasized his own distance from Trimble by denouncing aspects of the 1998 accord.

Elsewhere, Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionists were ascending to levels previously unseen in Northern Ireland. The victors pledged to use their strengthened mandate to force Trimble from office and Sinn Fein out of power, too.

In North Belfast, the Democratic Unionists' Nigel Dodds trounced the sitting Ulster Unionist member, Cecil Walker, by 16,718 votes to 4,904. Sinn Fein's Gerry Kelly, a one-time IRA car bomber, finished second there with 10,331 votes.

Peace pact threatened as hard-liners advance in Northern Ireland vote

Shortly after the Democratic Unionists' deputy leader Peter Robinson was re-elected in East Belfast, his wife Iris overturned a 6,000-vote Ulster Unionist majority to win the coastal district of Strangford, where the Democratic Unionists had never won.

She and the Ulster Unionists' winner in North Down, Sylvia Hermon, became the first **female** British Parliament members from Northern Ireland since 1970, when Catholic civil-rights firebrand Bernadette Devlin won.

Paisley himself cruised to easy victory in North Antrim, the seat that the anti-Catholic evangelist has held since 1970. From the podium he led supporters in singing hymns and a chest-thumping rendition of "God Save the Queen."

One Ulster Unionist fared exceptionally well: hard-liner Jeffrey Donaldson, long considered Trimble's most likely successor as Ulster Unionist leader. He saw his vote rise slightly to nearly 26,000 in Lagan Valley.

Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams registered a crushing 20,000-vote majority in his West Belfast constituency. The party's other incumbent, Martin McGuinness who caused a furor earlier this year when he publicly acknowledged his role as a top IRA leader _ increased his own majority by several thousand in his district.

Sinn Fein's surging vote came at the expense of the Social Democratic and Labor Party, which had traditionally won most Catholic votes as it opposed IRA violence. That issue has faded in importance among Catholics ever since the IRA called cease-fires in 1994 and 1997.

The changing electoral tide proved most striking in West Tyrone, a hotly contested rural district along Northern Ireland's border with the Republic of Ireland. There, in what was expected to be the closest Catholic contest, Sinn Fein vice president Pat Doherty crushed the SDLP's best candidate, Brid Rodgers, by nearly 6,000 votes.

If elected, all Sinn Fein members would continue to refuse to attend debates or vote in Parliament in London, on the grounds this would require they give an oath of allegiance to Queen Elizabeth II.

SDLP leader John Hume, who shared the 1998 Nobel Peace Prize with Trimble, easily defended his seat in Northern Ireland's second-largest city, Londonderry, beating Sinn Fein chairman Mitchel McLaughlin by a 2-to-1 margin.

But his party's wider standing versus Sinn Fein has been eroding ever since Hume inspired the Northern Ireland peace process back in 1993 by opening negotiations with Sinn Fein's Adams, then an isolated figure.

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Today is Wednesday, May 19, the 139th day of 2004. There are 226 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

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

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

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

1588 - The Spanish Armada sets sail for England; it is soundly defeated by the English fleet the following August.

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

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

1881 - The American Red Cross is founded by Clara Barton.

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

1898 - Postcards are first authorized by the U.S. Post Office.

1900 - The Tonga Islands in the South Pacific become a British protectorate; the world's longest railroad tunnel, the 19-kilometer (12-mile) long Simplon Tunnel opens. The Tunnel links Switzerland to Italy through the Alps.

1916 - Britain introduces Daylight Savings Time, originally called "summer time."

1930 - White women are enfranchised in South Africa.

1935 - T.E. Lawrence, also known as "Lawrence of Arabia," dies in England from injuries sustained in a motorcycle crash.

1943 - In an address to the U.S. Congress, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill pledges his country's full support in the war against Japan.

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1962 - Actress Marilyn Monroe performs a rendition of "Happy Birthday" for U.S. President John F. Kennedy during a fund-raiser at New York's Madison Square Garden.

1964 - The U.S. State Department discloses that 40 hidden microphones had been found in the U.S. Embassy in Moscow.

1967 - The Soviet Union ratifies a treaty with the United States and Britain banning nuclear weapons from outer space.

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

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

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

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

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

1993 - Colombian jetliner crashes near Medellin, killing 132.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2001 - The World Health Organization adopts diluted proposal on wider international access to cheap HIV/AIDS drugs. The WHO urges tackling the epidemic instead.

2002 - Senior U.S. government officials predict another major terrorist attack against the U.S. on a par with that of September 11 is inevitable.

2003 - The Indonesian military begins an offensive against the Free Aceh Movement (GAM) separatist rebel group. The attack marks the abandonment of a cease-fire agreement signed by the two sides in December 2002, and signals the country's largest military operation since the annexation of East Timor in 1975.

Today's Birthdays:

Nellie Melba, Australian opera singer (1861-1931); Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, the founder of modern Turkey (1881-1938); King Faisal I, first king of independent Iraq (1883-1933); Ho Chi Minh, Vietnamese Communist leader and

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president of North Vietnam (1890-1969); Pol Pot, Cambodian communist leader (1925 or 1928-1998); Pete Townshend, British rock singer-composer of The Who (1945--); Glenn Close, U.S. actress (1947--); Grace Jones, Jamaican-born singer-actress (1952--).

Thought For Today:

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

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House To Vote on Bush Tax Cut

WASHINGTON (AP)

Trying to build momentum for President Bush's \$1.6 trillion tax relief package, Republicans sought a quick House victory today on a bill that would cut income taxes for every American who pays them. While most Democrats are opposed, majority Republicans predict the 10-year, \$958 billion income tax cut will pass and move to the Senate, where its fate is less assured and little action is expected until May. Bush, who has spent much of his young presidency campaigning for tax cuts, said the projected \$5.6 trillion budget surplus over the next decade is more than ample to meet government obligations.

Sharon Considers Peace Talks

JERUSALEM (AP)

On his first full day in office, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said today he would be willing to meet Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat for negotiations if the current violence ends. A smiling, relaxed Sharon stood shoulder-to-shoulder with outgoing premier Ehud Barak at a brief ceremony marking the handover of power a month after Sharon won a landslide election victory. Arafat sent a letter congratulating Sharon on forming the new government and calling for the relaunching of peace talks that broke off shortly before Israel's Feb. 6 election, Sharon's office said.

IRA To Renew Disarmament Talks

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP)

The **Irish Republican Army** announced today it intends to resume talks with Northern Ireland's disarmament commissioners, raising hopes that a stalled peace process could soon move forward. The announcement set no date for the renewed dialogue. The IRA, which was supposed to disarm gradually under terms of Northern Ireland's 1998 peace accord, has yet to scrap any weapons. The outlawed group's lead negotiator last met the disarmament commission 13 months ago. The IRA emphasized that it would make concrete moves toward disarmament only if Britain responded by meeting its own demands.

Congress Repeals Workplace Rules

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WASHINGTON (AP)

Congress voted yesterday to repeal new workplace rules aimed at curbing repetitive motion injuries, the first legislative accomplishment for business-friendly Republicans who won control of the White House and Congress last year. The measure cleared the House on a largely party line vote of 223-206, less than 24 hours after Senate passage. Democrats and organized labor protested vociferously, but President Bush has signaled he will sign it.

Discovery Heads for Space Station

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)

Space shuttle Discovery blasted off today on a mission to replace the weary crew of the international space station with three fresh workers. The shuttle climbed through a clear, chilly, peach-tinged sky just moments after sunrise, carrying six astronauts and one cosmonaut as well as a full load of station supplies. To NASA's relief, the temperature stayed in the mid to high 40s during the final few hours of the countdown, not nearly cold enough for ice to form on the shuttle's external fuel tank.

Mammograms Still Said the Best Test

WASHINGTON (AP)

No new breast cancer detection systems, including highly touted digital mammograms, so far have proven better than old-fashioned mammograms, a congressional advisory panel said today. But because mammograms aren't perfect, the report by the Institute of Medicine urged more study of technologies, such as MRI, that might one day help catch cancer more effectively in certain women.

Yahoo! Shares Plunge

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP)

Shares of Yahoo! Inc. plunged nearly 20 percent today after the former dot-com darling warned that its first-quarter operating earnings will come in at "approximately break-even," well short of analysts' projections. The company also announced yesterday that chief executive Tim Koogle plans to step down from that position. Koogle will stay on as chairman.

Dow Rises 47, Nasdaq Falls 39

NEW YORK (AP)

Buyers bid blue chip stocks higher for a fifth straight session today but were less enthusiastic about technology after an earnings warning and management shakeup at Yahoo!. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 47.46 at 10,777.06, while the Nasdaq composite index fell 39.36 to 2,184.56.

Lewis, Tyson Ready To Fight

LONDON (AP)

Lennox Lewis and Mike Tyson say they're ready to stop blustering and start negotiating for a heavyweight showdown this year. The two fighters issued a joint statement today pledging to end their public posturing and make the multi-million-dollar fight the boxing world wants to see. "We are both aware that the public eagerly awaits a championship bout between us," the statement said. "It is the bout we both want. We both expect that it will be finalized soon."

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CATHOLIC-HATER GETS INVITE Bush to welcome Belfast rev at St. Patrick's eve reception

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WASHINGTON - President Bush has put out the St. Patrick's Day welcome mat at the White House for the anti-Catholic bigot Rev. Ian Paisley of Belfast, administration officials said yesterday.

Paisley, a Protestant who has shouted insults at the Pope, "expressed an interest in coming" to a St. Patrick's eve reception Friday at the White House for Irish, British and Northern Ireland leaders, an administration official said.

"He may decide he doesn't want to come," the official said, "but if he shows up, he's welcome. The President is certainly going to shake his hand."

Representatives of the struggling coalition government in Northern Ireland were not thrilled at the idea of sharing the White House stage with Paisley, but they grudgingly agreed that he has a right to be there as the leader of one of the main Protestant parties.

Rep. Pete King (R-L.I.), who helped the Clinton administration broker a Northern Irish peace deal, was resigned to Paisley's presence.

"I can't stand Ian Paisley, he's an anti-Catholic bigot," King said. But he added, "He has to be invited with all the elected leaders. There are times when you have to sit down with the devil."

Al O'Hagan, an Irish-American community leader who organizes Brooklyn's Great Irish Fair each year, called the Paisley visit "outrageous."

"He's a bigot, he professes hatred," O'Hagan said. "He opposes any kind of peace process, so I think it is shocking."

The presence of Paisley was never an issue for former President Bill Clinton because Paisley refused to be in the same room with Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams, the political ally of the **Irish Republican Army**. Adams and Paisley are expected to be present Friday.

In his long career in Belfast politics, the 75-year-old Paisley has rarely missed a chance to insult Catholics and the Vatican in his determination to keep Northern Ireland under British rule.

He staged his first protest in 1963, when he organized a demonstration against lowering the British flag to half-staff over Belfast City Hall in mourning after the death of Pope John XXIII.

CATHOLIC-HATER GETS INVITE Bush to welcome Belfast rev at St. Patrick's eve reception

In 1988, he interrupted Pope John Paul as he addressed the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France. Unfurling a red placard that read "Pope John Paul II Anti-Christ," Paisley roared, "Antichrist! I renounce you and all your cults and creeds."

He has spoken dozens of times at Bob Jones University and brags about the honorary doctorate he received from the South Carolina college that considers the Catholic Church a cult and until recently banned interracial dating.

As head of the Democratic Unionist Party and a member of the British Parliament, Paisley sought to block the efforts of Ulster Unionist Party leader David Trimble to work out agreements with Catholic parties in Northern Ireland.

Anne Smith, Trimble's U.S. representative, said of the possibility that Paisley would join the St. Patrick's reception, "we wish he wouldn't, but he has a right to be there."

Rita O'Hare, Sinn Fein's U.S. lobbyist, said having Paisley at the White House "would give it a little added fizz. It's entirely up to the White House. It's their business."Graphic: FIERY REV'S WRATHKnown as The Big Man and Dr. No to his supporters, the Rev. Ian Paisley has inflamed generations of Catholics and peace advocates in Northern Ireland with his fiery rhetoric.Here are some samples, from the campaign stump and his pulpit at Martyrs Memorial Free Presbyterian Church in Belfast:On the Pope: The "great fornicator." Also, "Popery is contrary to Christ's gospel. We ought to pray against it."On the Catholic Church: The "mother of all harlots" and "the instrument of the devil."On the 1998 Good Friday agreements for peace in Northern Ireland: "They are stamped with the words of liars and murderers. It's right to say 'No.'"On then-President Bill Clinton offering to come to Belfast: "If he did, we'd have to lock up all the women."On British Prime Minister Tony Blair: "He came to lie, he came to deceive, he came to try and sell a colossal lie to the Ulster people."On his political philosophy: "British we were born, British we will live and British we will die!"

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Blair meets Gadhafi, says Libya can be partner in global war on terror

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TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) _ Setting aside decades of acrimony over Tripoli's sponsorship of terrorism, British Prime Minister Tony Blair chatted cordially with Moammar Gadhafi on Thursday and said the Libyan leader could be an important partner in the war on terror.

Without giving details, Blair said Britain would offer a "new military relationship" to a country long considered a pariah _ a country that once armed Britain's foe, the **Irish Republican Army**.

Blair became the first British leader to visit Libya since prime minister Winston Churchill was there in 1943 during the Second World War. Blair is also the first British prime minister to meet with Gadhafi since the Libyan seized power 35 years ago.

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Business interests, meanwhile, were running ahead of the diplomats.

During the visit, Blair said BAE Systems, a British defence manufacturer, would announce a major deal in Libya shortly. And Royal Dutch/Shell Group said Thursday it had signed a preliminary agreement with Libya to develop gas resources in the North African country. A Blair spokesman said the deal was worth \$200 million US and potentially as much as \$1 billion.

Blair aides said Libya could expect co-operation with its defence needs and Britain would, in time, push for an European Union arms embargo to be lifted. Libyan officers may be invited to train in Britain, as Gadhafi did as a junior army officer in 1966.

The two men smiled and shook hands then settled into low chairs inside Gadhafi's tent in the desert. It was hung with tapestries of camels and palm trees. Outside, a herd of camels wandered nearby.

After their 90-minute meeting, Blair praised Libya's progress in dismantling its chemical, nuclear and biological programs and said it "gives us real hope we can build a new relationship with it for the modern world."

Blair said Libya's December deal with the United States and London to dismantle its weapons of mass destruction ensured "we have a more secure world."

"We are showing by our engagement with Libya that it is possible for countries in the Arab world to work with the United States and the United Kingdom to defeat a common enemy of extremist fanatical terrorism driven by al-Qaida," Blair told reporters.

Blair meets Gadhafi, says Libya can be partner in global war on terror

Britain has a history of grievances with Gadhafi, who supplied shiploads of weapons to the IRA in the 1980s. It broke diplomatic relations with Libya in 1984 after British policewoman Yvonne Fletcher was killed by a shot fired from a window of the Libyan embassy in London.

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

But the two countries restored diplomatic ties in 1999 after Libya accepted responsibility for Fletcher's shooting, apologized and agreed to pay her family compensation. Blair said 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 victims, a move that resulted in the lifting of UN sanctions against Libya.

Now, Britain has taken the diplomatic lead in ending Libya's international isolation. The visit marked a major step back into the international mainstream for the North African state.

Blair announced the appointment of Maj.-Gen. Robin Vincent Searby, 56, as defence co-ordinator for Libya. Without giving details, Blair said Britain "will offer Libya a chance of a new military relationship with the U.K."

Some in Britain have criticized strengthening ties, but Blair said countries that co-operate with the international community should be welcomed back into the fold.

"I was particularly struck by Col. Gadhafi's ... recognition that Libya's own future is best secured by a new relationship with the outside world and of a common cause with us in the fight against al-Qaida extremism and terrorism, which threatens not just the West but Arab nations, too," Blair said.

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

Shalqam said Libya had warned of the dangers of al-Qaida in the 1980s and 1990s "when Europe and even America were supporting these people." He was referring to western support of Islamic fighters who'd gone to Afghanistan to battle the Soviet occupation.

"For us, they (al-Qaida terrorists) are the real obstacle against our progress," Shalqam said. "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."

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Today is Saturday, March 13, the 73rd day of 2004. There are 293 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1325 - Tenochtitlan, the capital of the Aztec Empire, is founded.

1552 - Turks invade Hungary.

1567 - Margaret of Parma, Regent of the Netherlands, uses German mercenaries to annihilate 2,000 Calvinists.

1639 - Harvard University is named for clergyman John Harvard.

1707 - Holy Roman Empire agrees to Convention of Milan whereby French troops are to leave northern Italy.

1714 - Battle of Storkyro leads to Russian domination of Finland.

1781 - The planet Uranus is discovered by Sir William Herschel just past the planet Saturn. It was the first of three planets to be sighted during the next two hundred years.

1868 - The impeachment trial of U.S. President Andrew Johnson begins in the U.S. Senate.

1877 - Ear mufflers are patented by Chester Greenwood of Maine, Connecticut; inspired no doubt by the chilly New England winter.

1881 - Russia's Czar Alexander II is assassinated by radical terrorists who demand a constitutional government in Russia. Ironically, the czar had just signed a bill to establish exactly what they wanted. When he died, so did the agreement.

1884 - Using Greenwich, England as the commencement point from which all time will be measured, an international time standard is adopted throughout the United States.

1900 - British forces under Frederick Roberts capture Bloemfontein, South Africa.

1913 - New Australian federal capital officially named Canberra.

1925 - A law goes into effect in Tennessee prohibiting the teaching of evolution.

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- 1938 - Austria is annexed by Germany a day after Nazi troops march in.
- 1942 - British bombers stage saturation raid on German city of Cologne in World War II.
- 1964 - Thirty-eight residents of a New York City neighborhood fail to respond to the cries of Kitty Genovese, 28, as she was stabbed to death.
- 1967 - Peasant rioting is reported in China.
- 1971 - Quebec separatist Paul Rose is given life sentence in Montreal, Canada, for his part in kidnap and murder of Quebec Labor Minister Pierre LaPorte.
- 1974 - The Arab nations agree to end their five-month oil embargo on sales to the U.S. Their sanction crippled both the American industry and economy.
- 1978 - South Moluccan gunmen seize more than 70 hostages in government building in Essen, the Netherlands, and demand release of comrades in Dutch jails.
- 1980 - A jury in Winamac, Indiana, found Ford Motor Co. innocent of reckless homicide in the fiery deaths of three young women riding in a Ford Pinto.
- 1988 - Gallaudet University, a liberal arts college for the hearing-impaired in Washington D.C., choose I. King Jordan to become the school's first deaf president.
- 1989 - Christian army units and Syrian-backed Muslim militiamen shatter cease-fire in clash across Beirut's dividing Green Line.
- 1990 - Soviet Congress approves strong presidency, sanctions multiparty system and private ownership of factories.
- 1991 - Kuwait's emir, Sheik Jeber al-Ahmed al-Sabah, returns from exile after his country is liberated from Iraqi occupation.
- 1992 - An 6.2 magnitude earthquake rocks Turkey, claiming at least 570 lives.
- 1993 - Hundreds of refugees pour into Srebrenica in Bosnia, and desperate crowds prevent a French U.N. commander Gen. Philippe Morillon from leaving the war-battered Muslim enclave.
- 1994 - Police shut down London's Heathrow and Gatwick airports after bomb threats from the Irish Republican Army. No explosives are found.
- 1995 - Mortar and gun fire kills at least six people in Sarajevo in the city's worst violence in months.
- 1996 - A gunman in Dunblane, Scotland, shoots to death 16 children and a teacher.
- 1997 - A military cargo plane crashes in the mountains in northeastern Iran, killing all 88 people on board.
- 1998 - South Korean President Kim Dae-jung, himself once imprisoned for his political beliefs, grants amnesty to some 5 million South Koreans, including six elderly political prisoners.
- 1999 - Reknown violinist Yehudi Menuhin dies in Berlin. His career began at age 11 when he played at Carnegie Hall with the New York Symphony Orchestra.
- 2000 - Alcoa Inc. settles a government lawsuit by agreeing to spend US\$8.8 million to clean up the Mississippi River and reduce pollution.
- 2001 - Foot-and-mouth disease strikes France's vital farm belt.

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2002 - Angola's government announces a cease-fire in its 27-year civil war against the rebel National Union for the Total Independence of Angola, known as UNITA.

2003 - The U.S. Senate passes a legislation banning a late-term abortion procedure that opponents called "partial-birth abortion."

Today's Birthdays:

Holy Roman Emperor Joseph II (1741-1790); Hugo Wolf, Austrian composer (1860-1903); George Seferis, Greek poet and diplomat, Nobel literature laureate (1900-1971); Kofi Awoonor, Ghanaian poet (1935--); Neil Sedaka, U.S. singer (1939--); William H. Macy, U.S. actor (1950--); Dana Delany, U.S. actress (1956--).

Thought For Today:

Die Weltgeschichte ist das Weltgericht (The history of the world is the verdict of the world.) - Friedrich von Schiller, German author (1759-1805).

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Blair says Libya can be partner in war against terror

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Body

British Prime Minister Tony Blair met Thursday with Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi and said after the historic talks that the former pariah state could become an important partner in the war on terror.

Blair also offered military links to the North African state, saying he would appoint a British general as defense coordinator for Tripoli "that will offer Libya a chance of a new military relationship with the UK." Blair would provide no other details.

Blair praised Gadhafi's progress in dismantling chemical, nuclear and biological programs under a December plan negotiated by the United States and Britain and viewed as a strong signal to the rest of the Arab world of the need for moderation.

"Libya's voluntary and open implementation of the decision ... gives us real hope we can build a new relationship with it for the modern world," Blair said.

"I was particularly struck by Colonel Gadhafi's ... recognition that Libya's own future is best secured by a new relationship with the outside world and of a common cause ... in the fight against al-Qaida extremism and terrorism."

Blair met with Gadhafi for 90 minutes, becoming the first British leader to sit down with the Libyan boss since he seized power in 1969. The session marked a major step in Libya's return to the mainstream international community.

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

The new opening is laden with economic and security benefits to both sides.

Blair said that BAE Systems, a major British defense manufacturer, would announce a major deal in Libya shortly.

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

Blair aides also said Britain would, in time, push for the European Union arms embargo to be lifted. Libyan officers may be invited to train in Britain, as Gadhafi himself did as a junior army officer in 1966.

Blair says Libya can be partner in war against terror

Some in Britain have criticized the country's strengthening renewal of links with the state long considered an outlaw. But Blair said countries that cooperate with the international community should be welcomed back into the fold.

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 yet 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.

Libya's relations with the United States also have improved. In the highest-level meeting in decades, a U.S. envoy earlier this week gave Gadhafi a letter from President Bush 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.

Gadhafi and Blair met in a tent in the desert, a herd of camels nearby. The two leaders sat on low chairs, chatting through an interpreter. The tent was hung with green and yellow tapestries of camels and palm trees.

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

Gadhafi responded initially in Arabic, 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.

"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."

Shalqam said Libya warned of the dangers of al-Qaida in the 1980s and 1990s "when Europe and even America were supporting these people."

"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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FEDS WON'T DEPORT 9 IRA MEN ACTION TO ENHANCE NORTH IRELAND PEACE

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Body

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FEDS WON'T DEPORT 9 IRA MEN ACTION TO ENHANCE NORTH IRELAND PEACE

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When Clinton arrives in Dublin today and later in Belfast, he'll find that the joint Catholic-Protestant Northern Ireland government produced by the Good Friday Accord of 1998 is buckling under mounting mistrust. And the IRA, fearful of exacerbating a split in its ranks, is refusing to deliver a promised start to disarmament.

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.

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Today is Friday, Feb. 27, the 58th day of 2004. There are 308 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1560 - Treaty of Berwyck is established between England and lords of the Scottish Congregation, calling for expulsion of French from Scotland.

1700 - Southwest Pacific island of New Britain is discovered by English navigator William Dampier.

1801 - The District of Columbia is placed under the jurisdiction of Congress.

1861 - Russian troops fire on a crowd in Warsaw that was protesting Russian rule over Poland. Five marchers were killed.

1881 - Boers defeat British force at Majuba Hill in South Africa.

1889 - Railroad is opened in Burma from Rangoon to Mandalay.

1901 - Russia's minister of propaganda is murdered to avenge repression of student agitation.

1922 - The Supreme Court unanimously upholds the 19th Amendment to the Constitution that guaranteed the right of women to vote.

1929 - Turkey signs Litvinov Protocol, or Eastern Pact, between Russia, Estonia, Latvia, Poland and Romania, for renunciation of war.

1933 - Germany's parliament building, the Reichstag, catches fire. The Nazis, blaming the Communists, use the fire as a pretext for suspending civil liberties.

1939 - Britain and France recognize General Francisco Franco's government in Spain; the U.S. Supreme Court outlaw sit-down strikes.

1960 - The U.S. Olympic hockey team defeat the Soviet Union 3-2 at the Winter Games in Squaw Valley, Calif. The U.S. team goes on to win the gold medal.

1968 - Britain's House of Commons approves bill to restrict colored immigration to Britain.

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1972 - U.S. President Nixon and Chinese Premier Chou En-lai issue the Shanghai Communique at the conclusion of Nixon's historic visit to China.

1973 - Members of the American Indian Movement occupy Wounded Knee, S.D., the site of the 1890 massacre of Sioux men, women and children. The occupation lasts until May.

1974 - Ethiopia's cabinet resigns as military mutiny spreads from captured city of Asmara.

1976 - Eskimo leaders in Canada present government with claim to 640,000 square kilometers (quarter of million square miles) of land.

1978 - Egypt restricts special privileges of Palestinians living in that country, and says they will be treated as any other Arab aliens.

1982 - Wayne B. Williams is found guilty of murdering two of the 28 young blacks whose bodies were found in the Atlanta area over a 22-month period.

1986 - Ferdinand E. Marcos starts life in exile in Hawaii after hurried departure from Philippines.

1989 - Yugoslavia imposes emergency measures in strike-torn southern province of Kosovo.

1990 - Former Philippine Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile arrested for supporting 1989 coup attempt against Corazon Aquino.

1991 - U.S. President George Bush announces a cessation of offensive military action in the Gulf War.

1992 - A bomb explodes at one of London's busiest train stations injuring 28 people. The Irish Republican Army is blamed.

1993 - Two U.S. soldiers are wounded in a firefight with Somalis in Mogadishu.

1994 - A bomb explodes in a packed Maronite Catholic church in Lebanon, killing nine worshippers and wounding at least 60 as they lined up at the altar to take Communion.

1995 - Baring Brothers and Co., one of Britain's oldest and most prestigious investment banks, goes broke when a trader loses more than US\$800 million gambling in Asian futures markets.

1996 - The United Nations suspends sanctions against the Bosnian Serbs after NATO verifies that Serb forces have withdrawn from buffer zones.

1997 - A car bomb explodes outside a police station in the violence-plagued town of Apartado, Colombia, killing at least seven people and injuring 43.

1998 - U.S. Vice President Al Gore announces that the United States is lifting a 35-year-old arms embargo against South Africa.

1999 - Nigeria elects Gen. Olusegun Obasanjo in the first presidential elections after fifteen years of military rule, but the results are disputed.

2000 - After a stormy debate and vociferous opposition from legislators, Egypt's parliament endorses President Hosni Mubarak's decision to extend the country's 19-year-old state of emergency for three more years.

2001 - A mob of native Dayak fighters in Indonesia attack and massacre at least 118 migrants traveling under police escort. Security forces called in to quell the ethnic violence instead turned their guns on each other.

2002 - Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah says he will press the Arab League to back a Saudi land-for-peace offer to end the Arab-Israeli conflict.

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2003 - Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva deploys 3,000 troops to Rio de Janeiro to back up the 30,000 state and local police officers during the city's six-day Carnival celebration. It is the first time troops are sent to guard the city during Carnival.

Today's Birthdays:

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, U.S. poet (1807-1882); John Steinbeck, U.S. writer (1902-1968); Joanne Woodward, U.S. actress (1930--); Elizabeth Taylor, U.S. actress (1932--); Ralph Nader, U.S. environmental activist (1934--).

Thought For Today:

All that is human must be retrograde if it does not advance - Edward Gibbon, English historian (1737-1794).

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

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Body

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Among them is Matthew Morrison of University City, Mo.

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

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Saturday, November 8

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Today is Saturday, Nov. 8, the 312th day of 2003. There are 53 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1519 - Spanish conqueror Hernan Cortez reaches Mexico City with his small Spanish force and 1,000 Tlaxcaltec allies. The Aztecs, believing he is an incarnation of the Aztec god Quetzalcoatl, receive him with great honor.

1520 - Swedes loyal to Denmark's king Christian II execute over 80 political opponents in the central square in "the blood bath of Stockholm."

1793 - The Louvre Museum in Paris opens to the public.

1892 - Former U.S. President Grover Cleveland beats incumbent Benjamin Harrison and becomes the first U.S. president to win nonconsecutive terms in the White House.

1895 - Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen, German physicist, discovers X-rays.

1917 - Vladimir I. Lenin becomes chief commissar in Russia and Leon Trotsky is named premier.

1923 - Adolf Hitler stages unsuccessful coup in Munich, Germany, that comes to be known as the "Beer-Hall Putsch."

1932 - New York Governor Franklin Delano Roosevelt is elected U.S. president.

1942 - U.S. and British troops land in French North Africa during World War II.

1950 - First battle between jet planes breaks out as U.S. fighters are attacked by North Korean MiGs near Yalu River in Korean conflict.

1956 - U.N. General Assembly demands that Soviet troops withdraw from Hungary.

1960 - Massachusetts Senator John F. Kennedy defeats Vice President Richard M. Nixon for the U.S. presidency

1966 - Italian city of Florence appeals to the world to help save art treasures damaged by floods; Edward W. Brooke of Massachusetts becomes the first black to be elected to the U.S. Senate by popular vote.

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1977 - Israel shells Palestinian guerrilla concentrations in southern Lebanon.

1987 - A bomb planted by the **Irish Republican Army** kills 11 people and injures 55 at a memorial service for Britain's war dead in Enniskillen, Northern Ireland.

1988 - Nearly 9,000 foreign tourists are evacuated from Sri Lanka beach resorts after Sinhalese extremists threaten to attack south coast hotels.

1989 - Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega offers to end arms imports to his country in exchange for demobilization of Contra rebels.

1990 - U.S. President George Bush orders 200,000 more U.S. troops to the Gulf; United States readies U.N. resolution that would authorize an attack on Iraq.

1991 - The European Community and Canada impose economic sanctions on Yugoslavia in an attempt to stop the Balkan civil war.

1992 - U.S. Senator Bob Dole calls for an investigation into the action of the Iran-contra special prosecutor's office in connection with the indictment of former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, who was charged with making false statements to Congress.

1993 - Russian President Boris Yeltsin approves a draft constitution that will give him increased powers at the parliament's expense.

1994 - France arrests 95 people in its biggest sweep against Islamic militants.

1995 - Russia agrees to have peacekeeping troops in Bosnia report to an American division instead of having them directly under NATO command, which the Russians resisted.

1996 - U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali calls for an international military force to aid and protect a million refugees caught in a civil war in Zaire, but is blocked by the United States in the Security Council.

1997 - Chinese engineers divert the Yangtze River from its natural course, clearing way for the construction of the enormous Three Gorges dam.

1998 - In Bangladesh, 15 former military commanders are sentenced to death for the 1975 assassination of the country's first prime minister.

1999 - Israel's national airline graduates its first Arab flight attendant in nearly a decade, several months after it came under attack for discriminating against Arabs.

2000 - Fusako Shigenobu, a Japanese revolutionary responsible for terrorist massacres in Israel and Italy, is arrested in Japan after decades on the run.

2001 - The discovery of eight remains - five skeletons and the partially clad bodies of three young **women** - in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, ignites fear that the series of 57 rape-murders did not end in the 1990s.

2002 - A Yemeni-American is killed in a CIA airstrike in Yemen. The man identified by Yemeni officials as Ahmed Hijazi has is believed to have links to alleged members of the al-Qaida cell in suburban Buffalo, New York, that was raided by U.S. authorities in September.

Today's Birthdays:

Edmund Halley, British astronomer (1656-1742); John Milton, English poet (1608-1674); Hermann Rorschach, Swiss psychiatrist (1884-1922); Margaret Mitchell, U.S. author (1900-1949); Katharine Hepburn, U.S. actress (1907-); Alain Delon, French actor (1932--); Mary Hart, U.S. television host (1950-).

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Thought For Today:

Man is born to live, not to prepare for life - Boris Pasternak, Russian author (1890-1960).

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Thursday, September 4

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August 27, 2003 Wednesday

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Today is Thursday, September 4, the 247th day of 2003. There are 118 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

422 - St. Boniface I ends his reign as Catholic Pope

476 - Romulus Augustulus, last Roman emperor in west, is deposed

1571 - Marian Party in Scotland stages successful coup in which regent Lennox is killed.

1576 - Members of the Netherlands Council of State suspected of Spanish leanings are imprisoned.

1627 - Turks sign treaty with Holy Roman Emperor Ferdinand II.

1669 - Venetians surrender Crete to Turks after one of the longest sieges in history, begun in 1648.

1781 - Los Angeles is founded by Spanish settlers.

1872 - Anglo-French dual control of Egypt is re-established.

1894 - Some 12,000 tailors in New York City go on strike to protest sweatshops.

1916 - British forces take Dar-es-Salaam in Tanganyika.

1917 - The American expeditionary force in France suffers its first fatalities in World War I.

1929 - German dirigible Graf Zeppelin completes trip around world.

1932 - France and Poland sign mutual assistance agreement.

1939 - South Africa and Canada declare war on Germany.

1948 - Queen Wilhelmina abdicates the Dutch throne for health reasons.

1951 - In America's first live coast-to-coast television broadcast, U.S. President Harry Truman addresses the nation from the Japanese peace treaty conference in San Francisco.

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1957 - Egypt and Syria form economic union.

1964 - British Commonwealth troops move against Indonesian guerrillas in Malaya.

1970 - In Chile, Salvador Allende becomes the first Marxist freely elected president in the Western hemisphere.

1972 - U.S. swimmer Mark Spitz wins a record seventh Olympic gold medal in the 400-meter relay at the Munich Summer Olympics.

1974 - United States establishes diplomatic relations with East Germany, the last major western nation to do so.

1975 - Representatives of Egypt and Israel sign interim peace agreement in Geneva, Switzerland.

1980 - According to Iraqi count, the Iran-Iraq war starts this day with Iranian shelling of Iraqi border posts.

1987 - U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar says Iran has agreed to negotiate implementation of U.N. peace plan to end its war with Iraq.

1990 - Prime ministers of South and North Korea meet for first time; U.S. President George Bush asks Congress to write off Egypt's \$7 billion debt to the United States as a sign of appreciation for help in Gulf War.

1991 - Croatian guardsmen shoot four people at roadblock and Serb rebels block the Zagreb-Belgrade highway.

1992 - Fearing an influx of arms from Afghanistan, four former Soviet republics send troops to guard the Tajikistan border.

1993 - Fighting breaks out in eastern Liberia and spills over for the first time into the Ivory Coast.

1994 - A car bomb explodes outside the offices of the ***Irish Republican Army***'s Sinn Fein political allies. An outlawed Protestant paramilitary group, the Ulster Volunteer Force, claims responsibility.

1995 - The U.N. ***women***'s conference opens in Beijing.

1996 - New Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu shakes the hand of Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasser Arafat at a meeting on the Israel-Gaza border to help clear the air of animosity.

1997 - Three Buddhist nuns acknowledge in Senate testimony that their Los Angeles temple illegally reimbursed donors after a fund-raiser attended by U.S. Vice President Al Gore.

1998 - The first genocide sentence by an international court is handed down by U.N. tribunal in Arusha, Tanzania, which condemns a former Rwandan prime minister to life in prison for the slaughter of more than 500,000 Rwandans.

1999 - Pro-Indonesia militiamen rampage in East Timor, prompting the evacuation of U.N. staff just hours after the world body announced that residents overwhelmingly voted for independence.

2000 - Four people are killed in the Democratic Republic of the Congo when militiamen armed with guns and machetes launch a pre-dawn raid on a camp in a gorilla reserve in the rebel-held border town of Bukavu.

2001 - Mahendra Chaudhry, Fiji's first ethnic Indian prime minister, is elected to Parliament along with the George Speight, who overthrew Chaudhry's government 16 months ago.

2002 - A court in Jakarta, Indonesia's capital, convicts the speaker of parliament, Akbar Tandjung, on charges of abuse of power and corruption, sentencing him to three years in prison.

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Francois Chateaubriand, French author (1768-1848); Anton Bruckner, Austrian composer (1824-1896); Daniel Burnham, U.S. architect/city planner (1896-1912); Antonin Artaud, French poet (1896-1948); Henry Ford II, U.S. industrialist (1917-1987); Dawn Fraser, Australian Olympic swimming champion (1937--); Damon Wayans, U.S. actor/comedian (1960--).

Thought for Today:

Labor is the great producer of wealth; it moves all other causes - Daniel Webster, American statesman (1782-1852).

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Saturday, September 6

Associated Press International

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Today is Saturday, September 6, the 249th day of 2003. There are 116 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1565 - Spanish troops arrive from Sicily, forcing Turks to abandon siege of Malta.

1620 - Pilgrims sail on the Mayflower from Plymouth, England, to settle in the New World.

1672 - William of Orange captures Naarden in Holland.

1688 - Turks lose Belgrade to Holy Roman Emperor Leopold I, whose forces subsequently occupy Bosnia, Serbia and Wallachia.

1715 - Jacobite uprising known as "The Fifteen" begins at Braemar in Scotland.

1813 - French under Marshal Michel Ney are defeated by Prussians at Dennewitz in Germany.

1837 - The first U.S. coeducational college opens in Oberlin, Ohio.

1901 - U.S. President William McKinley is shot by an anarchist and dies eight days later.

1909 - American explorer Robert Peary sends word that he has reached the North Pole five months early.

1914 - First battle of the Marne in northeastern France begins in World War I.

1926 - Chiang Kai-shek's forces reach Hankow in his northern campaign in Chinese civil war.

1930 - President Hipolito Yrigoyen of Argentina is toppled by a military coup.

1939 - South Africa declares war on Germany.

1941 - Jews over the age of six in Germany are forced to wear yellow stars of David.

1944 - The German V-2 missile, the precursor of modern ballistic missiles, is used for the first time, against Paris.

1949 - Howard Barton Unruh, 28, a U.S. war veteran, shoots and kills 13 people, including 5 women and 3 children in Camden, New Jersey.

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1955 - Anti-Greek riots break out in Istanbul and Izmir in Turkey.

1958 - Rioting in Mexico City over the ban on a rally by dissident members of a teachers' union causes injuries to 300 persons.

1965 - India invades West Pakistan, the modern-day Pakistan, and bombs city of Lahore.

1966 - South African Prime Minister Hendrik Verwoerd is stabbed to death by a deranged page during a parliamentary session in Cape Town.

1968 - Kingdom of Swaziland gains independence from Britain.

1970 - Palestinian guerrillas seize control of three jetliners which are later blown up on the ground in Jordan after the passengers and crews were evacuated.

1975 - More than 2,300 people are killed by an earthquake in eastern Turkey.

1982 - Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon presses Lebanese authorities to conclude a formal peace treaty with Israel. If they do not, he warns, Israel will create a buffer zone in southern Lebanon.

1986 - Two Arab terrorists kill 21 Jewish worshippers and themselves in an attack on a synagogue in Istanbul, Turkey.

1989 - Track athlete Ben Johnson's victories are stricken from the record books after he tests positive for drugs.

1990 - The oil industry unveils a US\$800 million, five-year plan to combat major oil spills off the U.S. coast.

1991 - Soviet Union recognizes the independence of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.

1992 - Troops in South Africa fire on African National Congress supporters near the Transkei homeland, killing 28 and wounding 200.

1993 - Six oil-producing Arab nations give crucial endorsement to the peace deal that would give Palestinians self-rule.

1994 - Irish premier Albert Reynolds and Gerry Adams, leader of the **Irish Republican Army**-allied Sinn Fein party, commit to peaceful settlement in Northern Ireland.

1995 - A car bomb injures 11 in a southern suburb of Algiers, Algeria.

1996 - Army troops drive Hutu rebels from their hillside positions outside Burundi's capital after three days of fighting.

1997 - Princess Diana is buried after a funeral service at Westminster Abbey seen by millions around the world.

1998 - Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei says the country will not use its military against Afghanistan's Taliban militia, easing tensions after Iran massed troops on the border.

1999 - Indonesia imposes martial law in East Timor as thousands of people flee the province and pro-Indonesian militias continue a wave of terror.

2000 - The largest gathering of global leaders in history assembles at the U.N. Millennium Summit to chart an agenda for the 21st century.

2001 - The first Air France Concorde plane in more than a year is cleared for commercial flights. The carrier's fleet had been grounded after a Concorde crashed outside Paris in July 2000, killing 113 people.

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2002 - Russian authorities discover a mass grave in the Russian republic of Chechnya, near the border of Ingushetia. Seven of the 15 dead were Chechen males who reportedly disappeared when Russian forces swept through their villages.

Today's Birthdays:

Guillaume Dubois, French cardinal-statesman (1652-1723); John Dalton, British chemist (1766-1844); Marie Joseph du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette, French politician and soldier (1757-1834); Joseph P. Kennedy, U.S. businessman and ambassador to England (1888-1969); Louis Federico Leloir, Argentinian Noble-winning biochemist (1906-1987); Jane Curtin, U.S. actress (1946--); Rosie Perez, U.S. actress (1964--).

Thought for Today:

Laziness is often mistaken for patience - French proverb.

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Today's News news

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Ross Perot's Reform Party ousted party chairman Jack Gargan, an ally of dissident Jesse Ventura, during a Saturday showdown that exploded almost immediately with raw hostility and scuffling. At one point, police in Nashville, Tenn., threatened to shut down the proceedings, organizers said. Party members picked Pat Choate, who was Perot's running mate in 1996, to be the new chairman. At one point, a Perot ally who identified herself only as Melanie of San Diego rushed the front of the room and tried to unplug Gargan's microphone because he wouldn't call the meeting to order. Gargan supporter Sue Harris de Bauche of Virginia slapped and pushed Melanie to the floor, and two police officers separated the two women. The name of Ventura, the governor of Minnesota who quit the national party Friday, did not come up during the meeting, but he said of the action Saturday, "It saddens me, but it doesn't surprise me. That's why I made the decision I made yesterday."

The double-edged sword of campaign finance reform has drawn a little blood from Republican presidential candidate John McCain. While the Arizona senator rails against special-interest money, he also has raised a lot of money from businesses that deal with his committee. Story/11C 11C

The senior Protestant in Northern Ireland's impotent administration said Saturday that the Irish Republican Army must promise to disarm if the government is to have its powers restored. Ulster Unionist Party leader David Trimble emerged unscathed from a party conference in downtown Belfast, where his many critics had planned to demand his ouster and the party's withdrawal from the 10-week-old administration. But Britain had already stripped the Cabinet's authority Friday and resumed direct control from London - effectively saving Trimble's political skin.

The one that got away can still be mounted over the fireplace. Nowadays taxidermists are making trophies out of resin, plastic and paint. Story/10A

Airlines temporarily grounded 11 more jets Saturday under a government order to examine tail wings for a problem that may have caused an Alaska Airlines jet to crash two weeks ago. Since Thursday, at least 21 planes have been found to have irregularities with tail wing jackscrews, the 2-foot-long rods that drive the stabilizers that keep planes level, according to numbers from the Federal Aviation Administration and airlines. The jackscrew recovered from the submerged wreckage of Alaska Airlines Flight 261 had damaged threads and metal shavings. The National

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Transportation Safety Bureau has not determined whether jackscrew damage caused the Jan. 31 crash that killed all 88 people aboard, but after similar damage was found on other Alaska Airlines jets, the FAA ordered all airlines to inspect their MD-80s, MD-90s, Boeing 717s and DC-9s - about 1,200 planes in all.

Prosecutors think they have finally cornered former Louisiana Gov. Edwin Edwards. He is on trial in Baton Rouge on charges of taking payoffs from casino interests. Story/12C

John Deutch, a former director of central intelligence, recommended a top CIA official for a high-paying job at Citibank even as she was monitoring an internal investigation into evidence that Deutch had mishandled classified information, according to agency records and interviews with officials. Deutch resigned as director in December 1996 and was almost immediately elected to the board of Citibank. That same month, CIA computer security officials uncovered evidence that he had placed large amounts of classified information on non-secure computers at his home.

Steve Sawyer has been painting his vision of Christ for about four years - not the crucified man of sorrows common in the art of centuries ago, but a heartthrob who could star in the movies or beat you at arm wrestling. Story/8B

The case of a 5-year-old who says her teacher made her lick a blackboard clean has renewed questions of fairness, race and competence in Oakland, Calif.'s, troubled schools. The questions are not new; a task force began reviewing the treatment of black students some years ago. But the answers may not have been heard - the task force's first report included the roundly criticized recommendation to embrace ebonics, or black English. Task force Chairman Sylvester Hodges says the controversy obscured other findings, including the determination that black students were getting harsher punishments.

A picture frame with an Internet connection displays those digital photos you've been taking. The frame will download what you upload to Ceiva Logic's Web site. Story/6C

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A new history aims to make sense of Ireland's endless troubles

Armed Struggle: The History of the IRA

By Richard English, Macmillan,

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INEVITABLY, any book about the ***Irish Republican Army***, and there are shelves of them, will contain a lot of death and atavistic savagery. This one is no exception. Included in its tally of about 3600 killings over the past 30-odd years -- nearly half done by the IRA and its off-shoots -- are the murders of 79-year-old Earl Mountbatten and his grandson along with 18 British soldiers in a single day in 1979, and numerous shootings, hijackings and bombings that blew the legs off women shoppers and killed their children.

Some of the IRA's most publicised atrocities in England horrified the world as much as the terrorist attacks of September 11 because, as we can see now, they were scaled-down versions of the same thing.

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The organisation has also given shelter to demented creatures more in love with cruelty than politics -- like the republicans who nailed Martin Doherty, a Belfast teenager, to a wooden fence by driving metal spikes through his knees and elbows. Still, Richard English writes boldly, it is wrong to regard this bloody history only as a spectacle of self-sustaining brutality and vengeance. The IRA, he insists, is a richer, more complex and protean organisation than is frequently recognised.

Though its leaders are frequently dismissed despairingly as the inhabitants of a world beyond rationality or political explanation, in truth their beliefs and objectives are the product of reasoned and coherent strategic analysis. They are also driven by a certainty that their republican goals can be achieved only through armed struggle. Logic flies out of the window when that comes into play.

Richard English, a distinguished historian at Queen's University, Belfast, quotes an intransigent Sinn Feiner in 1993: "The British came by force of arms many hundreds of years ago. They maintain their presence by force of arms and they'll have to be removed by force of arms."

Gerry Adams, the clever but deceitful president of Sinn Fein, has argued that without violence the issue of Ireland would not even be an issue. Until the late 1990s, when it began to dawn that conventional politics might offer

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superior rewards, the IRA embraced its creed of violence with a remarkable, visceral dedication. Robbing banks and post offices, kidnapping, extortion and financial gifts from Americans paid for an armoury of powerful plastic explosives, Russian RPG-7 rockets and Kalashnikov rifles, Chinese Simarol rifles, Armalites and M60 machine guns from Libya.

Most commentators use the word "terrorist" in deploring how these weapons are used but English rejects that. The word reeks in condemnation, he says, and -- because the IRA regards itself as the legitimate army of a nation denied proper self-determination -- he prefers to describe the conflict by the more neutral label "guerilla war".

What an ugly, murderous little war it is. Since the Easter Rising of 1916, the republicans have never come close to ending British rule in Ireland. On the other side, the British government has given no sign it could ever be bombed into surrender and Ulster unionists remain firmly unpersuaded that life would be better in a united Ireland.

Yet no one could say the IRA has been defeated. So what has been achieved? Any lasting assessment will depend on whatever the so-called peace process of the past decade conjures up -- and whether the IRA and all its splinter groups really have stopped fighting.

For the present, English leans toward optimism. IRA leaders, he writes, are talented and intelligent enough to know how to bring their campaign to an end -- and are no more trapped in the past than the players in other political games.

Whether or not one agrees with this conclusion, English's work is a solid and compelling read for anyone hoping to make sense of all the arguments and foggy illogicalities of Ireland's troubles. His book, he says, aims to offer the fullest, most balanced and most authoritative treatment of one of the world's leading revolutionary movements.

It succeeds splendidly. Based on years of formidable research and innumerable interviews, the work offers crisp, thoughtful analysis of how the IRA thinks and a highly readable narrative of the organisation's beginnings and events that led to the murderous rages of recent years, including the hunger strikes, internment and the tragedy of Bloody Sunday.

English says "the voices of the victims still deafen". The same might be said, of course, for the voices raised in objection to peace: Every member of the IRA, but especially the extremist Provisionals, believes Britain alone is responsible for Ireland's troubles -- all the killings, therefore, are Britain's fault and no other opinion can be tolerated. It is not easy to see how bridges might be built over that kind of bleak, deluded self-righteousness.

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EgyptAir pilot seeks refuge in Britain

An EgyptAir pilot who claims to have information about the crash of Flight 990 that killed all 217 people on board reportedly has asked for political asylum in Britain. The official Middle East News Agency Friday quoted EgyptAir Chairman Mohammed Fahim Rayan as saying that the pilot, Hamdi Hanafi Taha, had asked for asylum, but the report said that Taha "does not have any connection to or knowledge about the cause of the plane crash."

Both the Egyptian government and public have condemned as outrageous and insulting speculation by some American investigators that Flight 990's copilot may have deliberately crashed the plane as an act of suicide.

A spokesman for Britain's Home Office said only that "we can confirm an Egyptian national has sought entry into the U.K. and his application is being considered by the immigration services."

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AFRICA: Crash investigators find Kenya Airways 'box'

Divers off Ivory Coast brought up a "black box" of a Kenya Airways jet that crashed into the Atlantic on Sunday with 179 people aboard, leaving only 10 survivors. The device was the flight data recorder; the cockpit voice recorder remained submerged. Search efforts will continue.

Cease-fire in Congo threatened by clash

Congolese soldiers tried to overrun Rwandan troops in southern Congo but were ambushed instead, Rwandan military officials said. They said it was the most flagrant violation yet of a fragile cease-fire in Congo. The Rwandans said they killed five Congolese soldiers, captured five and seized written details of the operations.

ASIA: Security minister refuses to resign

Indonesia's powerful security minister, Gen. Wiranto, ignored for a third time President Abdurrahman Wahid's demand that he resign, while the army chief of staff denied Friday that soldiers would overthrow the democratically elected government. Wiranto has been accused by government investigators of allowing pro-Indonesia militias to devastate East Timor after its August vote for independence.

N. Korea may offer information on remains

North Korea has tentatively agreed to discuss with American officials its claim to have unearthed remains of hundreds of Americans killed in the Korean War, Defense Secretary William Cohen said. The Pentagon believes

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the North Koreans have only two sets of remains. North Korea insists the number is about 400. U.S. and other U.N. troops aided South Korea in the 1950-53 war.

THE AMERICAS: Hundreds arrested in violent protest

Police and soldiers used tear gas, clubs and whips Friday to scatter thousands of rock-throwing demonstrators protesting a 20 percent hike in water prices in Cochabamba, Bolivia's third largest city. At least 200 protesters were arrested and dozens injured.

EUROPE: N. Ireland coalition faces loss of power

Britain announced it will strip authority from Northern Ireland's power-sharing Cabinet in seven days if the **Irish Republican Army** doesn't confirm it will disarm. The timing means the Cabinet would be rendered powerless the day before Northern Ireland's major Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, votes on whether to remain in the administration.

MIDDLE EAST: Israel, Syria hold secret talks in Geneva

With Israeli-Syrian peace talks frozen, a senior Israeli negotiator has held secret talks with a Syrian official. The talks took place last weekend in Geneva, said Amit Zimmer, a spokesman for Tourism Minister Amnon Lipkin-Shahak. The Yediot Ahronot daily said Lipkin-Shahak won assurances that Syrian President Hafez Assad wants to resume negotiations.

Iran's religious right seeks official's death

Iranian clerics lashed out at President Mohammad Khatami's moderate policies and demanded the culture minister be executed. The Muslim clerics said a political cartoon portraying hard-liner Ayatollah Mohammad Taqi Mesbah Yazdi as a crocodile --- a symbol of treachery and deception --- was encouraged by Culture Minister Ataollah Mohajerani.

COMING UP

In a presidential election Sunday, the people of Finland will choose between a former prime minister who has embraced the business community and a labor lawyer with strong ties to the working class. Recent surveys show Esko Aho gaining on Foreign Minister and Social Democrat Tarja Halonen, who hopes to become the country's first **female** president.

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Photo

Drum dancers perform during opening ceremonies at the Dragon Lake park fair in Beijing on the eve of the Lunar New Year on Friday. It was one of many such events throughout East Asia marking the arrival of the Year of the Dragon. / GREG BAKER / Associated Press

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Denis Thatcher, former British prime minister's husband, dies at 88

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LONDON (AP) _ Sir Denis Thatcher, husband and ever-supportive, self-effacing confidante of former prime minister Margaret Thatcher, died Thursday at age 88, a family spokesman said.

Thatcher, who had coronary bypass surgery in January and had been hospitalized for several weeks, died at London's Lister Hospital, the spokesman said.

"His family were with him at his bedside when he died," the spokesman said on condition of anonymity.

A tall, well-dressed and wealthy man who was always a step behind his famous wife during her years in power from 1979 to 1990, Thatcher learned to turn the self-effacing remark into a high art. He once described himself as the most "shadowy husband of all time."

AP

Lady Thatcher, 77, suffered a series of small strokes last year that forced her to give up most public speaking engagements.

Before that, she cited her husband's poor health in turning down an invitation to visit the Falkland Islands to mark the 20th anniversary of the 1982 war between Britain and Argentina.

"A great deal will have been lost in her life," said Sir Bernard Ingham, who was Margaret Thatcher's spokesman when she was in power.

"She's not all that well in herself in terms of loss of memory. Therefore, I don't think she's going to find it easy to recover," Ingham told Sky News TV.

At the age of 80, Denis Thatcher looked back on his marriage and mused, "All I could produce, small as it may be, was love and loyalty."

But he was much more _ a sort of national institution in his own right.

To satirists he was an amiable, boozy old buffer, golf-mad and hen-pecked, always trying to sneak off for a "tincture" with chums, and airing vigorously right-wing views.

To his wife, he was the bedrock; the wealthy provider of nannies and expensive boarding schools for their two children; and the love story that made the rest possible.

Denis Thatcher, former British prime minister's husband, dies at 88

"I think people adore him _ and I do, too," she once said.

Thatcher was 64 and a retired oil executive when his wife led Britain's Conservative Party to victory and became Europe's first **female** prime minister in May 1979.

He remained by her side through two more national elections, the 1982 Falkland Islands War, a 1984 assassination attempt and extensive foreign travel.

He chatted with the wives of other leaders at summit meetings, and was pushed around, often unrecognized, by crowds mobbing his wife on walking tours from Moscow to English regional cities.

He was still there, waving briskly beside his tearful spouse, as they left the prime minister's 10 Downing Street residence in November 1990 after she was ousted in a party revolt.

A month later he was made a hereditary baronet.

"Years ago, if anyone had said to me 'You'll be doing all this,' I'd have told them, 'You've got to be out of your mind,'" he said in 1985.

Why did he do it? "God gives you a job. Get out and do it."

His image came partly from a satirical magazine, Private Eye, which ran spoof letters from Denis Thatcher to a golfing pal, Bill Deedes, now Lord Deedes, former editor of London's Daily Telegraph.

The "Dear Bill" letters were scattered with complaints about "pinkos" at the British Broadcasting Corp., the tedium of another visit with "old Hopalong" (U.S. President Ronald Reagan) and reproofs from "The Boss."

The letters hit some chords.

"There's a lot of Dad in Private Eye," daughter Carol Thatcher once remarked.

John Whittingdale, formerly the prime minister's political secretary, said the Private Eye character "was an awful long way from the real Denis Thatcher, who was an immensely successful businessman and a very sharp operator.

"But he didn't resent the fact that he was portrayed in this way, and occasionally played up to it," Whittingdale said.

Once, when asked the secret of his trim figure, Thatcher said: "gin and cigarettes."

After the **Irish Republican Army** blew up the prime minister's hotel during the Conservatives' 1984 party convention in Brighton, wrecking part of the Thatchers' suite and killing five people, Denis Thatcher responded with an English stiff-upper-lip classic.

"It was quite a thump," he said. "You should have seen the bathroom."

Born into an upper-middle-class family, Thatcher took over his grandfather's paint and chemicals company, Atlas Preservatives, after Second World War service as an army officer. His wartime first marriage had ended in divorce.

He met 25-year-old Margaret Roberts in 1950 at a Conservative Party function. They married a year later and their twins, Mark and Carol, were born in 1953.

Thatcher sold the family company in 1965 to Burmah Oil, but remained in the business until he retired. He also was on the boards of several companies.

He is survived by his wife, his children and two grandchildren. Funeral arrangements were not immediately announced.

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Three can be a crowd in undersized living quarters

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Living in a reasonably confined space with three adults can be a challenge at the best of times. At the worst of times it can bring a whole new meaning to the concept of challenging.

The words needed to define that new meaning cannot be printed in a family-oriented newspaper.

When our sons were quite small we hired a British nanny to look after them while my wife and I were at work. At the time we were living in a small duplex that measured about 1,050 square feet. I've always been convinced that in order to get the stated square footage as high as they did, the builders measured every conceivable square inch, including the space occupied by the mail slot.

At times the cramped quarters got to be a bit oppressive, but in general, Sarah was a joy to have around, even if she did have trouble with some of our habits and customs.

For example, no one had told her ahead of time that people in North America generally don't want to have chickens exploding in their ovens. One of the first meals Sarah cooked for us involved poultry that had to be scraped from the oven walls before it could be served.

To this day I'm not sure how she did it, but at the time I had to wonder if she had her culinary training at an *Irish Republican Army* camp.

North American English was something that took her by surprise. While some of her ways of saying things were amusing to us, some of our ways were a downright affront to her version of the Queen's English. Having heard various members of the Royal Family speak, I still maintain that ours is a much easier version of the language to comprehend.

Some phrases were enough to turn her spine into jelly. One that always got her was the famous American university that shares its name with a cathedral in Paris. To you and I Notre Dame is pronounced "Note-Ur Dame." Sarah could never accept that pronunciation. She insisted that it was something that sounded like "Not-Rah Damn."

We discouraged that kind of language around the children.

It's been 15 years since Sarah returned to her mother country, vowing to never say Note-Ur Dame for the rest of her life. We eventually moved into a larger house, but then, in a moment of pure insanity, decided to move into an 1,100-square-foot apartment. Just as with the builders of our duplex did many years ago, I am convinced that the

Three can be a crowd in undersized living quarters

designers of this palace have measured the cumulative space created by each individual shelf in the medicine cabinet to bring the total area up to that number.

Once again we find ourselves compacting the lives of three adults into a confined space. Our rather large 21-one-year-old Brad moved back into our home after he returned from eight months in Japan. It's taking some getting used to.

When it was just Diane and I living in the apartment, we found it small but workable.

Now we find it small, cramped, and minutely undersized for our needs. We're thinking about posting a schedule showing who can be in the living room at any given time. I don't even want to discuss the splitting hairs that took place in negotiating bathroom privileges.

There is an obvious difference between sharing a cramped space with petite British 21-year old **female**, and trying to do the same thing with a large Canadian 21-year-old male.

Sarah may have blown up the occasional chicken before serving it. Brad can devour the same chicken and start looking for more. Sarah could make the place look spotless before we came home from work. Brad, on the other hand makes the place look spotted.

There's a spot for his books, a spot for his clothes, and a spot for his dirty dishes. Unfortunately they are the same spots we earmarked for the dining room table, and the china cabinet. Somewhere under the books, clothes and dirty dishes we think we might still have a dining room table, but we aren't quite sure.

I guess I shouldn't complain. After all it is nice to have him around, especially after so many months with him living 16 time zones away. Still it is going to be awfully nice to have some breathing room again, if and when Diane and I can afford to get a place of our own.

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Co-founder of Baby Love center retires

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When Betty and Dave McKeag returned to the United States after having served for 17 years as Christian missionaries to Ireland, they were startled to see how commonplace abortion had become here.

Immediately, they began thinking of what they could do to stem the tide. At first, they considered opening a house for young women in trouble. But when it became apparent they didn't have the cash for a large house, the McKeags set a different course.

In 1985, about two years after their return from Ireland, the McKeags began a ministry in Spring Hill that would cater to pregnant women who need help. It became known as the Baby Love Pregnancy Crisis Center.

For 18 years, Baby Love has been providing free pregnancy tests and counseling to women. It has offered them free clothing, diapers and baby supplies, even classes on how to care for their babies. Above all, Baby Love has been showing women there are options available to them other than abortion.

Now, after serving thousands of women as the center's only director, Betty McKeag is retiring from Baby Love. Officially, her last day is Thursday.

"I'm getting old," she said. "I think I need a rest."

Mrs. McKeag, 78, has come to represent the face of Baby Love to people in the community, says the woman poised to replace her, Teri Sturgill. In fact, Sturgill says Mrs. McKeag is as synonymous with Baby Love as Kleenex is with facial tissue.

"I think it's a big deal, and she'll be missed," Sturgill said.

Mrs. McKeag will not be totally out of the picture. She will still be involved in raising financial and material support for Baby Love. And her husband, Dave, will continue serving as president of Baby Love's board.

Located at 2107 Mariner Blvd., near the Dairy Queen restaurant, Baby Love gets about 400 "contacts" a month. They range from women in their 40s to preteen girls. Last month, an 11-year-old girl came seeking help, Sturgill said. Most are poor and single. Many are desperate.

Co-founder of Baby Love center retires

McKeag says she finds it "amazing" that, despite a name like "Baby Love," women still call seeking abortion services. When that happens, Baby Love counselors attempt to persuade the women to come in and talk about what abortion entails, as well as alternatives to abortion. No one is ever referred to an abortion clinic, McKeag said.

"We can't twist a girl's arm. What we do is tell them the facts. It's their choice. We tell them this is not really what God wants for your life," she said.

With no government support, Baby Love is entirely dependent on donors for cash and supplies and volunteers to carry out its mission. As such, Mrs. McKeag says there have been many times over the years when she wasn't sure how Baby Love was going to make it.

"I feel very thankful that the Lord really was with us the whole time. We just never knew where the money was coming from," she said. "God always provided."

Mrs. McKeag grew up in Upper Darby, Pa. At 21, she married Dave. Together they had eight children. For a time, the McKeags were a conventional family. Dave worked in a chemical plant in Delaware. But both felt called to the ministry. So, when Betty was 37 and Dave was 41, they entered a Bible college in Buffalo, N.Y. They graduated in 1965. Within two years, they were missionaries in Ireland.

Their ministry was geared toward young people. They handed out Christian tracts explaining the plan of salvation to people coming out of movie theaters. They invited them home for parlor games. And they brought them into Bible studies. At the end of their 17-year stint in Ireland, the McKeags even became involved in pregnancy counseling.

With their oldest children already filtering back to America and with **Irish Republican Army** violence making the streets unsafe for the younger ones, the McKeags returned to America. By then, the Supreme Court decision making abortion legal was more than a decade old.

Mrs. McKeag says the greatest reward for her service at Baby Love over the years has been hearing women tell her they owe their baby's lives to her counsel.

"A girl came in with a 9-month-old baby girl with long, beautiful eyelashes," Mrs. McKeag recalled. She had been considering an abortion. But after talking with Mrs. McKeag, she opted against it.

"She said, 'It's because of you that she's here,' " Mrs. McKeag said.

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Graphic

PHOTO, MAURICE RIVENBARK; Betty McKeag retires Thursday as director of Baby Love Pregnancy Crisis Center. She and her husband, Dave, began the ministry in 1985.

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**Mitchell once again shows how worthy he is of Peace Prize;
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George Mitchell is giving the Nobel Committee another chance to do right by him.

The committee unaccountably passed over Mitchell the last time around, after he had crafted the breakthrough agreement that held out the promise of a true peace in Northern Ireland following decades of violence there.

The 1998 Peace Prize went to David Trimble, leader of the Protestant Ulster Unionists, and John Hume, head of the Catholic Social Democratic and Labor Party. Overlooked was the patient and persistent Mitchell, who put the agreement together and got those two one-time bitter enemies to shake hands on it.

Actually, it was a lot more complicated. During two years of talks, Mitchell brought together a whole slew of bitter enemies representing multifarious national, religious, political and paramilitary interests, each tugging in a different direction.

Anybody who says he understands the politics of that region in all its ramifications is lying. But Mitchell came about as close as anyone to sorting it all out and convincing the various parties that peace was worth plucking from the briar patch of "troubles" in Northern Ireland.

The 1998 Good Friday Accord was followed by popular ratification of the plan to create a new assembly in which Catholics and Protestants would share power and ties to the Irish Republic would be strengthened by a new north-south council.

Mitchell returned home exhausted but hopeful. At the same time, he warned, there was a long way to go before Northern Ireland settled into anything resembling peaceful governance. In fact, the forces of conflict and mutual resentment began making a comeback almost before the ink dried on the agreement. Relations between the Protestant and Catholic sides deteriorated dramatically.

It boiled down to a question of who goes first. Trimble, the Nobel laureate of peace, vowed that the Ulster Unionists would never sit in the same assembly hall with representatives of Sinn Fein until its ally, the **Irish Republican Army**, gave up its arms. For its part, the IRA said it would never surrender its weapons until the new Northern Ireland Assembly was up and rolling. So they called again on Mitchell the Magician.

When the call came from Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern -- "Come back, George, we need you" -- his first inclination was to say no. He'd been there and done that, to the disruption of his private and professional life, and

Mitchell once again shows how worthy he is of Peace Prize; If this isn't worth a Nobel, nothing is.

he had nothing more to give. But of course he did return and began once more the frustrating and essentially thankless job of sitting and listening and urging and remonstrating and soothing and prodding and suggesting avenues of compromise.

If you followed the daily headlines from Belfast over the past couple of months, you'd find nothing but pessimism and belligerence. The operative words were "failure" and "breakdown." Nobody was prepared to budge. President Clinton likened the battling parties to a couple of drunks trying to leave a saloon and daring each other to go through the door first. He got into trouble for that, but a lot of people privately acknowledged the aptness of the metaphor.

But while the new talks seemed to be going nowhere, Mitchell continued to work his magic behind closed doors. Finally, this week for the first time, it appeared to be paying off.

Inch-by-inch, the slow and deliberate steps of compromise are coming out, with a carefully worded proffer here followed by a narrowly framed concession there. You promise this, I pledge that, somebody over there praises us both and then all of us move just a little closer together.

It could all still come apart, of course, but as of the moment it appears the road to peace has been regained, thanks in large measure to the man from Maine who couldn't say no to a cry for help. And if the Nobel Prize Committee falls a bit short in its admiration for the real workhorse of peace in that troubled region, the Irish people themselves are far more open with their affection.

Saco attorney and Democratic operative Barry Hobbins tells of encountering evidence of that during a recent visit to Ireland. A **female** patron in a local pub pointed out to Hobbins and his traveling companions that many Irish homes display three pictures: one of Jesus Christ, one of the pope and one of John F. Kennedy.

"Your Senator Mitchell's picture should be the fourth," she declared with enthusiasm.

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ON THIS day of the vote on a republic, we are sharply reminded of the thing that has bound us as tightly to the apron strings of Old Mother England as any legal, political or social system: our Anglomania in sport.

We mirrored the English, after all, in our passion for those pastimes which are steeped in English tradition: horse racing, cricket and football.

And this week we have had the running of the Melbourne Cup, in which an Aussie battler (Rogan Josh) beat an English-based aristocrat (Central Park), Australia defending its reputation as the leading Test cricket-playing nation and Australian teams contesting world supremacy in both rugby codes.

All this happening, too, around Guy Fawkes Day, Fawkes being the sort of guy I imagined, as an innocent child lighting effigies on bonfires and setting off sky rockets and jumping jacks, to be quintessentially Australian, in the spirit of Ned Kelly and all that. Well, he did try and blow up the English Parliament.

The fact that all this is going on in the last furlong, the final over, the dying minutes of the century seems somehow to be bringing it extra poignancy.

Australia caught and passed England in matters sporting a long time ago, of course. As have many of the other former colonies of the Empire.

England hasn't produced a truly great racehorse of its own since Shergar, which the **Irish Republican Army** kidnapped and killed. Even before that, Australia - with the close alliance of New Zealand - was considered its superior in breeding, training and racing for big prize money.

In cricket, the Ashes series has become, in the context of international competition, an irrelevancy. Australia, indeed, looks to England for some light relief after playing Tests against the likes of Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka, South Africa and the West Indies. English cricket is lampooned even at home. During the rugby union World Cup, former England scrumhalf Steve Smith commented that New Zealand produced great rugby players who were better cricketers (Jeff Wilson, a dual international at 19) than were England's full-time Test players.

Last night, Australia's Kangaroos played the New Zealand Kiwis in the final of the Tri-Series rugby league tournament. The third party to the competition was Great Britain, comfortably beaten in the preliminary rounds by both finalists. The demise of Great Britain as a rugby league force is perhaps the saddest of all aspects of England's fading prowess in sport. It has not beaten Australia in an Ashes series since 1970 and, in fact, has become something of a joke.

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England fell by the wayside in the rugby, where it was beaten convincingly by South Africa at the quarter-final stage, the cricket, where it failed to qualify for the Super Six play-offs, and the netball, where it scraped through to the semi-finals.

England was once only too willing to remind us that it taught us how to play all of these games (whatever one may think about the origins of these sports, they were unmistakably nurtured to their present status by the English). Doing so was part of the "colonising" process by which Australia, New Zealand and South Africa were roped in under the English yoke.

In Ireland in the latter part of the 19th century, "Anglophile" sports such as cricket (the Irish believe horse racing and football are as much theirs as England's) were rejected as part of the push to throw off England's shackles and attain independence.

Here, we have gone about things a slightly different way. We have continued to embrace the English sport, but slowly but surely turned from pupil to master in them. The process is complete, and has been for some time. And in a week in which we have confirmed our sporting superiority on all important fronts, it is perhaps timely that we take the next significant step.

If a New Zealand Government could be seen to be relying on an All Black World Cup victory for re-election, an Australian nation can surely take some encouragement from its sportsmen and women.

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Developing Nations Close Conference

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP)

Leaders from developing nations demanded Friday that the world's poorest countries be allowed to export goods duty-free to wealthy economies, closing a conference that highlighted a gulf of bitterness apparently made worse by

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globalization. The demand by representatives of 71 developing countries is to be presented to a meeting of trade ministers from member states of the World Trade Organization that begins in Seattle on Tuesday.

NYC Ballet Uses Recorded Music

NEW YORK (AP)

Dancers opened the perennial holiday favorite "The Nutcracker" at Lincoln Center on Friday performing to a recorded score as musicians from the striking New York City Ballet orchestra failed to reach a contract settlement after hours of negotiations. Bill Dennison, an official with the union, said the musicians had offered to play during the holiday season while talks went on, but that the ballet had wanted the musicians to agree to play during the spring season as well, to which the musicians refused. That refusal prompted the ballet to lock the orchestra out, Dennison said.

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OSLO, Norway (AP)

A Norwegian passenger ferry sank in heavy seas and high winds Friday in the North Sea off western Norway, leaving at least 11 people dead and 12 missing. Eldbjørg Vaage, of the Norwegian Rescue Coordination Center at Sola, said by telephone that 65 survivors and 11 dead were accounted for. Some survivors among the boat's 88 passengers and crew members were in serious to life-threatening condition from hypothermia.

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SEATTLE (AP) - Vin Baker scored 24 points and Brent Barry scored five points in the final 45 seconds Friday, as the Seattle SuperSonics beat the Los Angeles Clippers for the ninth straight time with a 98-93 victory. Gary Payton had 20 points and 11 assists and Rashard Lewis came off the bench to score a career high 11 points and grab a career-best seven rebounds for the Sonics. Barry hit two free throws with 45 seconds left for a 94-91 lead, then drilled a 3-pointer with 11 seconds left to seal the win.

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Jeremy Roenick scored three goals for the second straight night to lead the Phoenix Coyotes to a 7-0 victory over the Colorado Avalanche on Friday night. Roenick, who started the scoring spree Thursday night in a victory over New Jersey, has eight points in the two games. He leads the Coyotes with 14 goals in 18 games. Keith Tkachuk also scored twice against the Avalanche, and Greg Adams and Shane Doan each added goals as the Coyotes extended their winning streak to five games.

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Cops Kill Man After 3-Hour Chase

SAN DIEGO (AP)

A man was fatally shot by police on live television after leading them on a 200-mile freeway chase through Southern California on Friday. The chase began about 6:45 a.m. in San Bernardino County when a sheriff's deputy tried to stop the man for driving with expired tags, said sheriff's spokesman Chip Patterson. When the car appeared headed for the U.S.-Mexico border, police put a spike strip in the road that punctured one of the car's front tires. The car rolled to a stop and the man waved a handgun through the window, then got out, started walking onto the freeway. "One of the sergeants yelled, 'He's got a gun,'" California Highway Patrol spokesman Phil Konstantine said. "Then shots were fired."

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California at War Against Pike

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HANOVER, Germany (AP)

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Ailing Yeltsin Is Working

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President Boris Yeltsin spent today working at his country estate while he recovers from a viral infection and acute bronchitis, the Kremlin press service said. Yeltsin's doctors sent him home from the Kremlin on Thursday after treating him briefly at the Central Clinical Hospital. Dr. Sergei Mironov, head of the Presidential Administrative Department Medical Center, told the ORT television network Friday that "the condition of Boris Nikolayevich is now satisfactory. Still, he is coughing and has a fever."

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DILI, East Timor (AP)

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COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP)

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Russia Keeps Up Chechnya Barrage

GROZNY, Russia (AP)

More than 500 people in Grozny were believed killed in a ferocious Russian shelling of the Chechen capital, the city's mayor said today, while Russian artillery methodically continued the assault. Russia launched its offensive against Chechnya in September with the stated aim of wiping out Islamic rebels who twice invaded the neighboring Russian republic of Dagestan this summer. The rebels are also blamed in apartment bombings that killed 300 people in several Russian cities in September. The international community has put increasing pressure on Russia to halt the offensive, focusing its complaints on widespread civilian casualties.

Asian Leaders Arrive for Summit

MANILA, Philippines (AP)

Seeking to ensure economic recovery will gain momentum, Southeast Asian leaders arrived today to endorse stronger ties with their northeastern neighbors and efforts to push their agenda with global organizations. During informal talks today and during the annual Association of Southeast Asian Nations summit tomorrow, they also will

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Sharif Wants Better Jail Conditions

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP)

Pakistan's deposed premier is demanding better conditions from his jailers after six weeks in a dingy and dark prison cell, defense lawyers said today. Lawyers for former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said they will appear in court on Monday to make the request. Sharif has been in custody since Oct. 12, the day the Pakistani military overthrew his government in a bloodless coup. He and six loyalists are accused of trying to kill army chief Gen. Pervez Musharraf the day of the coup by refusing to let Musharraf's plane land at the Karachi airport. "He is a suspect, but is being treated like a condemned prisoner," said Iqbal Raad, a member of Sharif's legal team.

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Ethnic Albanians Tell of Fear

DOBROSIN, Yugoslavia (AP)

Tensions are rising in the collection of ethnic Albanian villages along the eastern side of the administrative boundary of Kosovo. On the other side of the boundary, NATO forces are safeguarding the security of Kosovo's ethnic Albanians. A few miles away, ethnic Albanians who live in territory controlled by Serb authorities say police are increasingly threatening their safety. In Bresic, villagers complained of Serb intimidation, reporting that gunfire late Wednesday and early Thursday drove them from their homes. NATO peacekeepers say they have no evidence of any organized activity along the boundary.

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NEWARK, N.J. (AP)

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U.S. Coast Guard Ends Rescue Efforts

MIAMI (AP)

The U.S. Coast Guard called off its search today for three Cubans still missing and presumed drowned after their boat capsized during an ill-fated attempt to reach the United States. The search began Thursday after a 5-year-old boy and two adults were found clinging to inner tubes off the southern coast of Florida. The bodies of seven others who had been on board the small power boat when it capsized Tuesday were recovered from the ocean during three days of searching that turned up no other survivors, said Coast Guard Petty Officer Silvia Olvera.

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TEHRAN, Iran (AP)

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Yugoslavia Stalls EU Oil Aid

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)

Yugoslavia's border authorities Saturday came up with new obstacles to the delivery of badly needed heating oil sent by the European Union for two opposition-run cities, an opposition leader said. The cargo was effectively halted as authorities said the weight of six of the trucks exceeded 40 tons, a limit for any vehicle traveling on Serbian roads.

Couples Wins on First Day of Skins

INDIO, Calif. (AP)

Fred Couples, playing in place of his friend, the late Payne Stewart, sprayed shots all over the course but sank two key putts today to win \$125,000 on the first day of the Skins Game. Couples, who already ranked as the event's career leading money-winner with \$1.3 million, added to his Skins Game bankroll by making a 3-foot birdie putt for \$25,000 on the first hole. Sergio Garcia of Spain, at 19 the youngest player ever in the Skins Game, came up with the shot of the day, chipping in from 35 yards at No. 8 for an eagle and \$50,000.

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Italy's St. Francis Basilica Reopens

ASSISI, Italy (AP)

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ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)

Freshman Curtis Borchardt hit a 3-pointer to snap a tie with 1:35 remaining and No. 9 Stanford hung on to beat second-ranked Auburn 67-58 today in the Wooden Classic. Borchardt led the Cardinal with 15 points and Jarron Collins added 13 points as Stanford (5-0) beat a ranked opponent for the third time this month. After Auburn's Doc Robinson tied the game at 56 on a 3-pointer, the 6-foot-11 Borchardt answered with a 3 from the top of the key to give Stanford the lead for good.

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Spanish Group Calls End of Truce

MADRID, Spain (AP)

The armed Basque separatist group ETA on Sunday announced the end to a 13-month truce, ruining hopes for peace in this northern Spanish region, news reports said. With the end of the truce it is now up to the group's armed commandos to decide what actions they should take. The group, blamed for nearly 800 deaths from bombings and shootings carried out since 1968, called an indefinite cease-fire Sept. 16, 1998. The cease-fire ushered in a tentative peace process that stagnated after an initial round of talks in May between the Spanish government and representatives of ETA failed to open the way for further dialogue.

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Suns Beat Nets 129-90

PHOENIX (AP)

Rookie Shawn Marion scored 27 points as the Phoenix Suns routed the New Jersey Nets 129-90 Saturday night for their fifth consecutive victory. Jason Kidd and Clifford Robinson each added 19 points for the Suns while Rodney

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Rogers had 14. Stephon Marbury had 25 points and Johnny Newman 13 to lead New Jersey, which made just 33 percent of its shots from the field and trailed 60-41 at halftime. Marbury, who entered the game as the NBA's fourth-leading scorer with a 25.1 point average, missed 14 of 19 field goal attempts. The Nets were playing their fourth game in five nights while Phoenix had the three previous nights off.

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Today is Thursday, March 13, the 72nd day of 2003. There are 293 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1325 - Tenochtitlan, the capital of the Aztec Empire, is founded.

1552 - Turks invade Hungary.

1567 - Margaret of Parma, Regent of the Netherlands, uses German mercenaries to annihilate 2,000 Calvinists.

1639 - Harvard University is named for clergyman John Harvard.

1707 - Holy Roman Empire agrees to Convention of Milan whereby French troops are to leave northern Italy.

1714 - Battle of Storkyro leads to Russian domination of Finland.

1781 - The planet Uranus is discovered by Sir William Herschel just past the planet Saturn. It was the first of three planets to be sighted during the next two hundred years.

1868 - The impeachment trial of U.S. President Andrew Johnson begins in the U.S. Senate.

1877 - Ear mufflers are patented by Chester Greenwood of Maine, Connecticut; inspired no doubt by the chilly New England winter.

1881 - Russia's Czar Alexander II is assassinated by radical terrorists who demand a constitutional government in Russia. Ironically, the czar had just signed a bill to establish exactly what they wanted. When he died, so did the agreement.

1884 - Using Greenwich, England as the commencement point from which all time will be measured, an international time standard is adopted throughout the United States.

1900 - British forces under Frederick Roberts capture Bloemfontein, South Africa.

1913 - New Australian federal capital officially named Canberra.

1925 - A law goes into effect in Tennessee prohibiting the teaching of evolution.

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- 1938 - Austria is annexed by Germany a day after Nazi troops march in.
- 1942 - British bombers stage saturation raid on German city of Cologne in World War II.
- 1964 - Thirty-eight residents of a New York City neighborhood fail to respond to the cries of Kitty Genovese, 28, as she was stabbed to death.
- 1967 - Peasant rioting is reported in China.
- 1971 - Quebec separatist Paul Rose is given life sentence in Montreal, Canada, for his part in kidnap and murder of Quebec Labor Minister Pierre LaPorte.
- 1974 - The Arab nations agree to end their five-month oil embargo on sales to the U.S. Their sanction crippled both the American industry and economy.
- 1978 - South Moluccan gunmen seize more than 70 hostages in government building in Essen, the Netherlands, and demand release of comrades in Dutch jails.
- 1980 - A jury in Winamac, Indiana, found Ford Motor Co. innocent of reckless homicide in the fiery deaths of three young women riding in a Ford Pinto.
- 1988 - Gallaudet University, a liberal arts college for the hearing-impaired in Washington D.C., choose I. King Jordan to become the school's first deaf president.
- 1989 - Christian army units and Syrian-backed Muslim militiamen shatter cease-fire in clash across Beirut's dividing Green Line.
- 1990 - Soviet Congress approves strong presidency, sanctions multiparty system and private ownership of factories.
- 1991 - Kuwait's emir, Sheik Jeber al-Ahmed al-Sabah, returns from exile after his country is liberated from Iraqi occupation.
- 1992 - An 6.2 magnitude earthquake rocks Turkey, claiming at least 570 lives.
- 1993 - Hundreds of refugees pour into Srebrenica in Bosnia, and desperate crowds prevent a French U.N. commander Gen. Philippe Morillon from leaving the war-battered Muslim enclave.
- 1994 - Police shut down London's Heathrow and Gatwick airports after bomb threats from the Irish Republican Army. No explosives are found.
- 1995 - Mortar and gun fire kills at least six people in Sarajevo in the city's worst violence in months.
- 1996 - A gunman in Dunblane, Scotland, shoots to death 16 children and a teacher.
- 1997 - A military cargo plane crashes in the mountains in northeastern Iran, killing all 88 people on board.
- 1998 - South Korean President Kim Dae-jung, himself once imprisoned for his political beliefs, grants amnesty to some 5 million South Koreans, including six elderly political prisoners.
- 1999 - Reknown violinist Yehudi Menuhin dies in Berlin. His career began at age 11 when he played at Carnegie Hall with the New York Symphony Orchestra.
- 2000 - Alcoa Inc. settles a government lawsuit by agreeing to spend \$8.8 million to clean up the Mississippi River and reduce pollution.
- 2001 - Foot-and-mouth disease strikes France's vital farm belt.

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2002 - The Angolan government announces a unilateral cease-fire in its 27-year civil war against the rebel National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA), to begin the next day.

Today's Birthdays:

Holy Roman Emperor Joseph II (1741-1790); Hugo Wolf, Austrian composer (1860-1903); George Seferis, Greek poet and diplomat, Nobel literature laureate (1900-1971); Kofi Awoonor, Ghanaian poet (1935--); Neil Sedaka, U.S. singer (1939--); William H. Macy, U.S. actor (1950--); Dana Delany, U.S. actress (1956--).

Thought For Today:

Die Weltgeschichte ist das Weltgericht (The history of the world is the verdict of the world.) - Friedrich von Schiller, German author (1759-1805).

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Today is Thursday, Feb. 27, the 58th day of 2003. There are 307 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1560 - Treaty of Berwyck is established between England and lords of the Scottish Congregation, calling for expulsion of French from Scotland.

1700 - Southwest Pacific island of New Britain is discovered by English navigator William Dampier.

1801 - The District of Columbia is placed under the jurisdiction of Congress.

1861 - Russian troops fire on a crowd in Warsaw that was protesting Russian rule over Poland. Five marchers were killed.

1881 - Boers defeat British force at Majuba Hill in South Africa.

1889 - Railroad is opened in Burma from Rangoon to Mandalay.

1901 - Russia's minister of propaganda is murdered to avenge repression of student agitation.

1922 - The Supreme Court unanimously upholds the 19th Amendment to the Constitution that guaranteed the right of women to vote.

1929 - Turkey signs Litvinov Protocol, or Eastern Pact, between Russia, Estonia, Latvia, Poland and Romania, for renunciation of war.

1933 - Germany's parliament building, the Reichstag, catches fire. The Nazis, blaming the Communists, use the fire as a pretext for suspending civil liberties.

1939 - Britain and France recognize General Francisco Franco's government in Spain; the U.S. Supreme Court outlaw sit-down strikes.

1960 - The U.S. Olympic hockey team defeat the Soviet Union 3-2 at the Winter Games in Squaw Valley, Calif. The U.S. team goes on to win the gold medal.

1968 - Britain's House of Commons approves bill to restrict colored immigration to Britain.

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1972 - U.S. President Nixon and Chinese Premier Chou En-lai issue the Shanghai Communique at the conclusion of Nixon's historic visit to China.

1973 - Members of the American Indian Movement occupy Wounded Knee, S.D., the site of the 1890 massacre of Sioux men, women and children. The occupation lasts until May.

1974 - Ethiopia's cabinet resigns as military mutiny spreads from captured city of Asmara.

1976 - Eskimo leaders in Canada present government with claim to 640,000 square kilometers (quarter of million square miles) of land.

1978 - Egypt restricts special privileges of Palestinians living in that country, and says they will be treated as any other Arab aliens.

1982 - Wayne B. Williams is found guilty of murdering two of the 28 young blacks whose bodies were found in the Atlanta area over a 22-month period.

1986 - Ferdinand E. Marcos starts life in exile in Hawaii after hurried departure from Philippines.

1989 - Yugoslavia imposes emergency measures in strike-torn southern province of Kosovo.

1990 - Former Philippine Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile arrested for supporting 1989 coup attempt against Corazon Aquino.

1991 - U.S. President George Bush announces a cessation of offensive military action in the Gulf War.

1992 - A bomb explodes at one of London's busiest train stations injuring 28 people. The Irish Republican Army is blamed.

1993 - Two U.S. soldiers are wounded in a firefight with Somalis in Mogadishu.

1994 - A bomb explodes in a packed Maronite Catholic church in Lebanon, killing nine worshippers and wounding at least 60 as they lined up at the altar to take Communion.

1995 - Baring Brothers and Co., one of Britain's oldest and most prestigious investment banks, goes broke when a trader loses more than \$800 million gambling in Asian futures markets.

1996 - The United Nations suspends sanctions against the Bosnian Serbs after NATO verifies that Serb forces have withdrawn from buffer zones.

1997 - A car bomb explodes outside a police station in the violence-plagued town of Apartado, Colombia, killing at least seven people and injuring 43.

1998 - U.S. Vice President Al Gore announces that the United States is lifting a 35-year-old arms embargo against South Africa.

1999 - Nigeria elects Gen. Olusegun Obasanjo in the first presidential elections after fifteen years of military rule, but the results are disputed.

2000 - After a stormy debate and vociferous opposition from legislators, Egypt's parliament endorses President Hosni Mubarak's decision to extend the country's 19-year-old state of emergency for three more years.

2001 - A mob of native Dayak fighters in Indonesia attack and massacre at least 118 migrants traveling under police escort. Security forces called in to quell the ethnic violence instead turned their guns on each other.

2002 - Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah says he will press the Arab League to back a Saudi land-for-peace offer to end the Arab-Israeli conflict.

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Today's Birthdays:

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, U.S. poet (1807-1882); John Steinbeck, U.S. writer (1902-1968); Joanne Woodward, U.S. actress (1930--); Elizabeth Taylor, U.S. actress (1932--); Ralph Nader, U.S. environmental activist (1934--).

Thought For Today:

All that is human must be retrograde if it does not advance - Edward Gibbon, English historian (1737-1794).

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Reno Pledges To Find Truth on Waco

WASHINGTON (AP)

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Conviction in 'Jenny Jones' Trial

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP)

A man who killed a gay acquaintance who had revealed a crush on him during a taping of "The Jenny Jones Show" was convicted today of second-degree murder for a second time. Jonathan Schmitz could be sentenced to life in prison for the March 1995 death of Scott Amedure, which occurred three days after the two taped a segment for the talk show. Schmitz was found guilty of second-degree murder in 1996 but the verdict was thrown out on appeal due to errors in jury selection. The shooting led to debate over ambush tactics sometimes used by talk shows like Jones'. Sentencing is scheduled for Sept. 14.

Downpour Cripples NYC Rush Hour

NEW YORK (AP)

An early morning downpour today filled city streets with rainwater, crippled subways and commuter trains, and turned the rush hour into a slow, sodden slog. The normal 45-minute commute from the city's outer boroughs to midtown Manhattan was turned into a two-hour trek featuring wet bus seats, 6-inch-deep puddles at intersections and non-existent taxicabs. Up to 3 inches of rain fell after midnight, much of it between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m., the National Weather Service said.

Norplant Lawsuit Settled

NEWARK, N.J. (AP)

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BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

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Cleric: Rushdie Wasn't To Be Killed

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)

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Rodman: Lakers Will Want Me Back

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (AP)

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Stricter Building Vowed in Turkey

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP)

Turkey's prime minister has promised stricter building rules to prevent any more of the shoddy construction blamed for the thousands of deaths from last week's massive earthquake. Meanwhile, eight days after the powerful 7.4-magnitude temblor reduced a wide swath of western Turkey to rubble, searchers said they still held out hopes though slim _ that more people could be found alive. The government on Tuesday said the death toll rose to 17,997, but revised that figure down to 12,514 early today.

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ELWOOD, Ill. (AP)

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Wildfires Roar in Nevada, Calif.

STEAD, Nev. (AP)

Firefighters struggled through the night to slow a wildfire that forced the evacuation of 60 ranch homes and threatened exotic animals at a shelter. The evacuation of the Antelope Valley about 10 miles north of Reno remains in effect this morning, but residents will be allowed to return during the day. The blaze is 40 percent contained today. In northeastern California, firefighters continue to battle over 100 lightning-ignited fires that have charred 30,000 acres. More than 1,000 firefighters are battling the blazes.

IRA Blamed for Belfast Man's Death

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

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Drowned Kosovo Refugees Found

PODGORICA, Yugoslavia (AP)

Montenegrin police said today they had found an additional 16 bodies of Kosovo Gypsy refugees after a ship used to smuggle people to Italy sank last week. There are fears that as many as 100 refugees, including **women** and children, might have been on the ship. So far, police have found a total of 33 bodies, including the 16 found yesterday. Meanwhile, police arrested several people suspected of organizing the smuggling of Kosovo Gypsies, or Roma, the Pobjeda daily reported today.

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PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP)

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Astros Snap Reds' Winning Streak

CINCINNATI (AP)

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HANOI, Vietnam (AP)

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Vietnam and the United States are close to signing their first trade agreement, U.S. Ambassador Pete Peterson was quoted as saying today. Peterson also told the official English daily Vietnam News that President Clinton may visit Vietnam before his term expires next year. Talks on the trade agreement have gone on for more than three years. Vietnam has been unwilling to open its markets out of fear that the country's state-owned enterprises would be unable to compete with foreign companies.

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BARCELONA A 45-year-old Moroccan who used a fake pistol to hijack an airliner to Spain surrendered peacefully after seven hours, releasing unharmed all the passengers and crew. SPAIN-AIRLINE HIJACKING.

ISTANBUL, Turkey The Istanbul stock exchange plummeted Thursday on its first day of trading since an earthquake devastated the country's industrial heartland and Turks questioned government plans to raise taxes to repair damage. TURKEY-QUAKE.

ORAHOVAC, Yugoslavia NATO and Russian officers failed for the fourth straight day Thursday to persuade ethnic Albanians to remove blockades preventing access to their town by Russian peacekeepers who are supposed to take over security here from the Dutch. YUGOSLAVIA_KOSOVO.

MOSCOW Responding to allegations of corruption, the Kremlin said Thursday that President Boris Yeltsin and his family have never had a foreign bank account and have always abided by the law. RUSSIA-SCANDAL.

MAKHACHKALA, Russia Russia's military said Thursday that its planes bombed a column of Islamic militants retreating to Chechnya after fighting in the neighboring Russian region of Dagestan. RUSSIA-REBELS.

BISHKEK, Kyrgyzstan Kyrgyz troops clashed Thursday with militants occupying villages near the Tajik border, as the government declared a state of emergency in the region, news reports said. KYRGYZSTAN-HOSTAGES.

LONDON Death rates from cancer are continuing their gentle drop in Europe, where the downturn in deaths from lung cancer among men is more pronounced than it was a few years ago but more **women** are dying of the disease than ever before, new research has found. MED-BRITAIN-EUROPEAN CANCER DEATHS. Embargoed for release until 2301 GMT.

BELFAST The **Irish Republican Army** has not broken its cease-fire, despite allegations it was behind the recent killing of a Belfast man, Britain's top official in Northern Ireland decreed Thursday. NORTHERN IRELAND.

LONDON A ranking officer who headed an anti-corruption drive in London's huge Metropolitan Police force was named its new commissioner Thursday. Deputy Commissioner John Stevens will take over the 44,000-employee department in January, replacing the retiring Sir Paul Condon. BRITAIN-POLICE COMMISSIONER.

LISBON Portugal urged the United Nations Security Council to convene an urgent meeting on East Timor after violent clashes in the territory cast fresh doubt on whether next week's planned ballot on independence can go ahead. PORTUGAL-EAST TIMOR.

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BONN A Jewish organization urged German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder on Thursday to intervene in talks on German firms' compensation for Nazi-era slave laborers. GERMANY-SLAVE LABOR.

DILI, Indonesia Armed gangs of anti-independence militiamen roam the deserted streets of East Timor's capital Thursday, after clashes with supporters of independence for the troubled territory leave two people dead and three wounded. INDONESIA-EAST TIMOR. Lead has moved.

CARACAS, Venezuela A constitutional assembly controlled by supporters of President Hugo Chavez declares a legislative emergency in Venezuela, usurping most of Congress's functions. VENEZUELA-LEGISLATIVE EMERGENCY.

CANBERRA, Australia The Australian parliament on Thursday recognizes 200 years of injustice to Australia's indigenous people and expresses regret for "the most blemished chapter" in the country's history. AUSTRALIA-ABORIGINES.

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia Thousands of demonstrators call Thursday for the United Nations to take the lead role in a proposed tribunal of surviving Khmer Rouge leaders. CAMBODIA-KHMER ROUGE TRIAL.

JERUSALEM The top Palestinian negotiator squeezes in one last session with his Israeli counterpart Thursday before flying to the United States to brief the Clinton administration on progress in reviving a U.S.-brokered accord. ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS.

UNITED NATIONS The U.N. Security Council unanimously adopts a resolution urging warring parties to protect children and stop turning them into soldiers. UN-CHILDREN AT WAR.

HONG KONG The pilot of a China Airlines jet that crashed in a tropical storm has been grounded and instructed to stay in Hong Kong for questioning, the airline says Thursday. HONG KONG-PLANE FIRE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"And I think his message to us would be: You need to move this on."

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

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

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

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

"And I hope that the next two weeks will produce the results that they seem to all want and of course that we want for them."

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

The IRA has refused, saying the Good Friday agreement doesn't demand IRA guns in exchange for seats on the executive for Sinn Fein, its legal political wing.

While there has been no sign of progress to date, Adams insisted the stalemate can be resolved.

"If there is political will, there is no reason at all why the institutions cannot be put in place by the end of this month and why both governments cannot transfer power to those institutions."

"There is no reason whatsoever, if people take their courage in their hands and have the political will to make progress."

While most people in the process express great frustration at the lack of progress, many say they take heart in the fact that while the parties are still talking the province won't slip back into violence.

But McWilliams warned against a false sense of security, saying "the preponderance for violence is what makes Northern Ireland very different."

"It could turn like that," she said with a sharp snap of her fingers.

"There are still dangerous people out there who are determined that we shall not work independently of violence. But let me tell you, democracy is not just killed by violence. It's also killed by intransigence. And for me that's the danger."

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PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP)

In a sign that opposition to Slobodan Milosevic is growing, thousands of disgruntled protesters yesterday demanded the Yugoslav president's resignation during the second anti-government demonstration this week. In Novi Sad, Serbia's second-largest city, 5,000 people demonstrated against the government. Meanwhile, thousands of ecstatic ethnic Albanians poured into the streets of Kosovo to mark the day nine years ago when opposition movements declared independence.

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Russia Premier Confident Over Loan

MOSCOW (AP)

Prime Minister Sergei Stepashin said today he was confident that the International Monetary Fund would soon release a \$4.5 billion loan to Russia. "A loan will be given to us," Stepashin said before addressing the Federation Council, the upper house of parliament. An IMF team that visited Moscow this week praised Russia's economic performance and indicated that lending could be resumed, allowing Russia to pay off debts due this year and avoid a potentially disastrous default.

Padres Rout 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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SHOWING US THE MONEY

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STARTING TODAY, New Yorkers can see who's behind their government. Starting today, anyone going online can find the campaign contributions of all 211 state legislators, the four statewide elected officials, state Supreme Court justices and political action committees. You can visit the state's official Web site to see for yourself at www.elections.state.ny.us/finance/.

When the Legislature passed the law requiring computerized filing two years ago, the implementation was delayed until after the November 1998 election. That was a dirty move, but the day of reckoning is here. No more trudging up to Albany to sift through incomplete, illegible bits of paper to find out who's paying whom. Now just type in a name to trace the money.

Albany has long been notorious for having some of the nation's worst campaign finance laws. The weak rules allowed Gov. Pataki to flout the meaning of disclosure by listing donors alphabetically by first name or by printing names in tiny, unreadable type. No more.

The state has joined the online filings available from the Federal Election Commission and the New York City Campaign Finance Board. Those agencies have had computerized filing for 10 years.

But, as always, Albany remains behind, and the information posted is still bare-bones. There are no data on the employer or occupation of the donors, or if any intermediary was used to bundle the money. And local candidates who don't join the city's voluntary program don't file electronically anywhere.

Still, today's unveiling is a small step toward more open government. A bigger step would be to overhaul the laws and cut the money flowing through the Capitol.

Republican Pataki has a plan that is backed by state Controller Carl McCall, New York's top Democrat. The plan would lower the far-too-high limits on campaign contributions, ban the unlimited "housekeeping" accounts party committees use to hide money, severely cut giving by corporations and unions and mandate more detailed disclosure.

That's bipartisan support, leaving the Legislature no reason to block reform. No good reason, that is.

History awaits

Northern Ireland Unionist Party chief David Trimble must be afraid of peace. That's the only possible explanation for his stubborn resistance to the sound diplomatic compromises from Great Britain and Ireland aimed at getting him to honor the Good Friday peace accord.

SHOWING US THE MONEY

His party's conclave yesterday to discuss whether to support the peace plan crumbled after just 15 minutes. "I have not sought, nor will I seek, a change in the party's policies," Trimble said upon emerging. For a supposed leader of the new Northern Ireland Assembly, Trimble sounds like a perfectly fine follower.

The sticking point is Trimble's unrealistic demand that the **Irish Republican Army** give up its weapons before its political arm Sinn Fein can participate in the all-party government in Northern Ireland.

Trimble's recalcitrance has forced British Prime Minister Tony Blair and Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern to work diplomatic overtime. But the solution has been as consistent as it has been right: Seat the government and give a firm deadline for decommissioning all the paramilitary groups. If those groups don't honor the deal, they will be tossed from the provincial government.

The latest Trimble roadblock could stall the implementation of the Good Friday accord for weeks or months. And it's not as though Blair and Ahern have not tried mightily to get Trimble to trust them and by extension, the IRA.

Trimble's apprehension is understandable up to a point. After sectarian violence, skepticism, even cynicism, are as natural as the Irish mist.

Yet if Trimble truly wants peace, he will have to lead the Protestant majority to it. Indeed, the last year has seen much bridge building, and the only way forward is to keep building on that progress.

The car bombs, the assassinations, the blood and loss of innocence of an entire generation have done nothing but deepen the divide between Protestants and Catholics. Here's an opportunity to end the horror of the past.

It's so close. Seize it.

Getting it off her chest

From the wires: SANTA CRUZ, Calif. (AP) Kitten Reynolds, 36, who said she had been harassed daily by construction workers, launched a unique protest by putting pork chops on her chest and walking around outside the construction company. She said she wanted to demonstrate that **women** should not be treated like pieces of meat.

Bet some of the workers still wanted to bring home the bacon.

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GOTEBORG, Sweden A disaster at sea was averted before dawn Thursday when more than 1,160 passengers on an overnight ferry from Germany to Norway were safely evacuated after fire broke out below decks. SWEDEN-FERRY FIRE.

PRISTINA Increasing protests against Slobodan Milosevic in Serbia show that ordinary Serbs are "waking up" to the horrors he incited in Kosovo, British Defense Secretary George Robertson said Thursday. YUGOSLAVIA-KOSOVO.

WITH:

RUSSIA-MILITARY President Boris Yeltsin warned top military leaders Thursday to avoid confrontation with NATO and the United States, even though relations with the West were damaged by the Yugoslavia crisis.

GERMANY-KOSOVO REFUGEES The first planeload of Kosovo refugees left Germany to return to the Balkans Thursday, their desire to get home outweighing fears about what kind of future awaited them there.

BALKANS-SOLANA NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana lauds Bulgaria, Romania for solidarity with the alliance.

RUSSIA-YUGOSLAVIA Russian peacekeepers leave by boat for Yugoslavia.

LUSAKA, Zambia Leaders of countries fueling the 11-month-old civil war in Congo, which has destabilized Central Africa, will meet Saturday to give final approval to a long-awaited peace plan, a mediator said. CONGO.

WITH:

RWANDA-CONGO Rwanda says peace in Congo depends on cooperation of others.

PARIS Elf Chairman Phillipe Jaffre told senior management Thursday that French oil giant will fight a takeover bid from TotalFina which the company considers premature and hostile. FRANCE-ELF-TOTALFINA.

COURMAYEUR, Italy French and Italian investigators release a report on the causes of a devastating fire in the Mont Blanc Tunnel that killed 39 people. Failure to properly operate the ventilation system is expected to be targeted as a prime cause of the March blaze. FRANCE-ITALY-TUNNEL.

Europe Advisory

BELFAST Ireland's prime minister appealed Thursday for the outlawed **Irish Republican Army** to provide "a clear, unambiguous" commitment to surrendering its weapons. NORTHERN IRELAND.

ALGIERS Algerian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika said Thursday that leaders of the banned Islamic Salvation Front would not at present be covered by an amnesty aimed at restoring peace to this nation torn by an insurgency. ALGERIA.

KIEV German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder was expected to ask Ukraine to stop building two nuclear reactors meant to compensate for the closure of the Chernobyl nuclear power plant during a visit starting Thursday. UKRAINE-GERMANY.

WITH:

GERMANY-NUCLEAR German environment minister threatens to force nuclear plant shutdown.

RIGA Latvia's new president, Vaira Vike-Freiberga, was sworn in Thursday, becoming the first **female** head of state in any former Soviet republic. LATVIA-NEW PRESIDENT.

PRAGUE The Czech government on Thursday decided to halt the restitution of property confiscated by the former communist regime from churches, saying that returning the property to its original owners requires a special law. CZECH-CHURCH.

LONDON Their fortune destroyed by the Nazis during World War II, the Austrian arm of the Rothschild clan places a spectacular collection of art and furnishings on the auction block Thursday. BRITAIN-ROTHSCHILD AUCTION.

VATICAN CITY Crediting the generosity of faithful from around the world as well as profits on investments and real estate activities, the Vatican reported its sixth straight year in the black Thursday. VATICAN-FINANCES.

PAMPLONA, Spain Several people were trampled on by the bulls or fellow runners but no serious injuries were reported as more than 2,000 people took part in the second bull run of Spain's immensely popular San Fermin Fiesta on Thursday. SPAIN-PAMPLONA-BULL RUN.

MUSHKOH VALLEY, India Indian troops seized another peak in Kashmir's northern battle zone Thursday, while Pakistan's prime minister returned home to explain his peace agreement with Washington that critics called a sellout. INDIA-PAKISTAN.

JERUSALEM Cracks appeared two days into Prime Minister Ehud Barak's coalition Thursday when the speaker of parliament refused to rush through a law aimed at satisfying Barak's coalition partners, and two legislators defected. ISRAEL-POLITICS.

THE HAGUE A team of experts headed for Iraq on Thursday to assess and destroy chemicals and mustard gas left at a laboratory by the U.N. weapons inspection mission which pulled out of Baghdad in December. IRAQ-CHEMICAL WEAPONS.

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U.S. Sees Serb Threat on Montenegro

WASHINGTON (AP)

Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic and his army are threatening Montenegro with the presence of some 40,000 troops, four times the normal strength in the republic, the Clinton administration said today. State Department spokesman James Foley said the troops were a threat to the democratically elected government of President Milo Djukanovic. The smaller of Yugoslavia's two republics behind much stronger and larger Serbia, Montenegro has staked out an independent course from Belgrade, thereby pleasing the Clinton administration.

Clinton, Kim Warn NKorea on Missiles

WASHINGTON (AP)

President Clinton and South Korean President Kim Dae-jung agreed today that any further long-range ballistic missile tests by North Korea would pose "a serious obstacle to peace." At the same time, the two leaders ruled out the possibility of responding to a new missile test by disavowing the 1994 U.S.-North Korean agreement, under which the North pledged not to become a nuclear power. Clinton and Kim, who met for two hours, did not discuss the actual measures that would be taken in the event of a new missile test, senior officials said.

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Boorda's Navy Record Won't Change

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP)

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The Navy has decided that the official record of Adm. Jeremy "Mike" Boorda, who committed suicide amid questions about Vietnam combat decorations he had worn, should continue to show he did not earn the medals. Boorda, who joined the Navy at 16 and became the only enlisted man to rise to chief of naval operations, took his life in 1996 after 40 years of service. He was about to be asked by Newsweek reporters about why he wore Combat Vs tiny bronze letters standing for "valor." Wearing an unauthorized decoration is a severe breach of military protocol.

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Negotiations in N. Ireland Fail

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

Negotiations on a new 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.

Chinese Tattoo Spurs Lawsuit

GRETN, La. (AP)

A tattoo artist commissioned to inscribe Jeremy Van Camp's first name in Chinese on his back instead inked six Chinese characters whose meaning isn't even close, Van Camp says in a lawsuit. "'Kung Po karate, martial arts expert, and Shaolin fifth.' That's what it says on my back," said Van Camp. The English and Chinese languages are vastly different and letters in English have no direct counterparts in Chinese. Van Camp is demanding the tattoo company pay for laser surgery to remove the tattoo and to compensate him.

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PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP)

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Russia Premier Confident Over Loan

MOSCOW (AP)

Prime Minister Sergei Stepashin said today he was confident that the International Monetary Fund would soon release a \$4.5 billion loan to Russia. "A loan will be given to us," Stepashin said before addressing the Federation Council, the upper house of parliament. An IMF team that visited Moscow this week praised Russia's economic performance and indicated that lending could be resumed, allowing Russia to pay off debts due this year and avoid a potentially disastrous default.

Graf, Davenport in **Women's** Final

WIMBLEDON, England (AP)

Seven-time champion Steffi Graf reached her ninth Wimbledon final today by overcoming 17-year-old Mirjana Lucic in a tight three-set duel. Graf will face Lindsay Davenport, who reached her first Wimbledon final by routing 18-year-old qualifier Alexandra Stevenson, 6-1, 6-1, in just 47 minutes. Graf, chasing her 23rd Grand Slam title, was pushed to the brink by the hard-hitting Lucic before prevailing 6-7 (7-3), 6-4, 6-3 in 1 hour, 50 minutes.

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A novel from a congressman is always a novelty; they are not as a group literary. Peter King's "Terrible Beauty" is more and less than that. It is not so much a novel as a tract. Nobody will read it for its style or its character development. development. development. It is King's impassioned tribute to the **Irish Republican Army** and a love letter to the **women** of Northern Ireland, who, with their husbands in jail, spoke, organized - and killed - for the cause. It will annoy the British and make Irish blood boil. It also helps us to understand why once again the laborious peace process in Northern Ireland is hanging by a thread.

The advance circulation of King's fiction coincided with a visit from a small, bleak delegation from South Armagh, who feel, as so many north of Ireland Protestants do, that only the IRA and its Sinn Fein spokesmen get a hearing in the United States.

"Families Acting for Innocent Relatives," as the year-old group is called, visited many Capitol Hill offices, including Peter King's, and pleaded for recognition of their woes and the losses their families have suffered. Their documentation is daunting: 370 murders, 1,255 bombings, 1,158 gun attacks - all, they charge, at the hands of

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Catholic terrorists.

Where were they while the rest of the North was beating a path to Bill Clinton's door? Young Brian McConnell, the group's secretary, says it was "too dangerous" to speak up before. "The security forces had to travel by helicopter."

They have a humble agenda: audience with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, change of the release date for a killer-prisoner, a memorial for victims. Their brochure has a picture of a flag-draped coffin, just as King's book jacket does. They had a "nice" meeting with King, they said.

King, a Republican from Long Island, is an engaging politician. Even the British ambassadors who have invited him to their embassy here, and have borne his jibes, enjoy his company. They also found him helpful - he could always get through to Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein leader.

He was born in Queens, a hotbed of IRA support. His father, a New York cop, was once a member of the IRA. For King, Ireland's troubles could always be described in two words: the British. During the '70s and '80s, he took it upon himself to get involved, shuttling between his Long Island home and Belfast. Soon his presence was sought by both sides as an observer at several notorious trials at which "supergrasses" - paid informers - gave testimony that put many an Irishman in jail for life.

His novel's heroine is Bernadette Hanlon, who King says is a "composite of all the women I met in those years, the women whose husbands are in jail and who do everything for the family and the cause." What tips Bernadette into violent activism is the murder of a 12-year-old girl by a British policeman and the fate of a decent woman who witnessed the crime and tries to report it to the authorities. She is tortured by British police and made to retract her charges.

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King recounts her brutal treatment in harrowing detail. It is a graphic sequence that explains the implacable hatred that poisons life in Northern Ireland. King knows it is appalling and apt to rouse new passions, but he says he had no intention of hurting "the cause of peace."

The cause is currently imperiled by a dispute over decommissioning, the laying-down of arms in the overgunned country. David Trimble, leader of the Ulster Unionists, the largest Protestant party, is adamant that he must have a "gesture" of progress so that the new Northern Ireland assembly with Sinn Fein ministers can go forward. Sinn Fein says the Good Friday Agreement provides for decommissioning by 2004. Trimble says he had a promise of action in a private letter from British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who has been exemplary in his conduct of the Irish initiative. Blair maintains he only pledged "a best endeavor."

Blair is telling the politicians that they must finally trust each other and "all jump together." He is telling the Irish people to demand peace. King speculates that Catholic training has made them too accepting of bad outcomes - "you know, this 'vale of tears' talk makes them passive." All we keep learning is what we already know: In Northern Ireland, there is no end of pain, and no end in sight of passing it around. around. around.

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Economy Booming for All

WASHINGTON (AP)

A record-length peacetime economic expansion is reaching groups that often lag behind. The jobless rate for blacks fell to a record low of 7.3 percent in June, the Labor Department said today. And rates for women and Hispanics remained close to their lowest levels in three decades. The economy is still roaring ahead, creating more than a quarter-million new jobs overall in June. Though the overall unemployment rate crept up to 4.3 percent, all industries except manufacturing and mining posted solid gains. Financial markets were buoyed by today's report. The Dow Jones industrial average posted a record high close, up 72.82 points to 11,139.24.

Anti-Gov't Rally Erupts in Serb City

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP)

Thousands of Serbs in the northern city of Novi Sad clamored Friday night for President Slobodan Milosevic to resign the second, large anti-government demonstration to erupt in Yugoslavia this week. Novi Sad was heavily bombed during the 78-day NATO air campaign. Three Danube River bridges in Novi Sad were destroyed and much of its infrastructure was damaged. Leaders of NATO countries that bombed Yugoslavia have refused to help rebuild the country while Milosevic remains in power.

UN OK's Population Growth Proposals

UNITED NATIONS (AP)

Delegates from 180 countries today 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.

Plan Unveiled for N. Ireland Gov't

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

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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*.

Barak Calls Arafat To Discuss 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.

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 yesterday 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.

Japan Suicide Rate Surges in 1998

TOKYO (AP)

Amid a stubborn recession and rising layoffs, more Japanese killed themselves in 1998 than in any other year on record. The number of middle-aged people taking their lives surged, as a wave of corporate restructuring forced employees on once secure career tracks suddenly out of jobs. The number of suicides in 1998 hit 32,863, a 34.7 percent increase over the previous year and the highest since the government started tracking it in 1947, the National Policy Agency said.

Woods Shares Western Open Lead

LEMONT, Ill. (AP)

After notching an eagle and seven birdies, Stuart Appleby bogeyed Nos. 17 and 18 today, leaving him tied with Tiger Woods at 10-under 134 after the second round of the Western Open. Both shot 6-under 66s today. Mike Brisky, the first-round leader, shot a 69 and is one shot back at 9-under 135. Vijay Singh, the 1998 runner-up, is among four at 7-under 137 in the \$2.5 million tournament on the 7,073-yard Dubsdread course at the Cog Hill Golf and Country Club.

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Consumer Prices Unchanged in June

WASHINGTON (AP)

Consumer prices remained frozen in June for the second straight month, the best showing on inflation in 13 years as energy costs dropped sharply and food prices held steady. The Labor Department said today that its Consumer Price Index the most closely watched gauge of inflation was flat in June, as it was in May. The last time prices showed no increase for two straight months was in 1986, when for three consecutive months the CPI actually fell. June's performance was even better than economists had been expecting. They had been forecasting a slight rise of 0.1 percent.

Jobless Claims Rise Sharply

WASHINGTON (AP)

The number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits rose sharply last week to its highest level in a month. The Labor Department said today that 310,000 Americans filed new claims for jobless benefits for the week ending July 10 _ up by 11,000 from the previous week. Last week's increase was larger than economists had been expecting, but still kept claims at a level indicating that the nation's job market remains exceptionally healthy.

N. Ireland Party Refuses Nominations

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

Northern Ireland's major Protestant party today refused to nominate ministers for the new provincial administration here, a long-delayed decision that threw years of peacemaking efforts into disarray. The Ulster Unionists refused even to attend today's session of Belfast's year-old legislature. The legislature last year elected Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble to lead a four-party, 12-member Cabinet. But Trimble's party is refusing to support any administration that includes the IRA-linked Sinn Fein party, until the **Irish Republican Army** starts to disarm.

U.S. Launching Mideast Peace Drive

WASHINGTON (AP)

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President Clinton today is launching a new U.S. drive for Mideast peacemaking, looking to Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak for a formula to reopen negotiations with the Palestinians and to affirm he will give up West Bank land to them. Clinton is holding to the idea that Israel's security depends on land-for-peace accords with all the Arabs. And from Barak the president hopes to hear that the stalled agreement to yield an additional 13.1 percent of the territory will be implemented soon.

Clinton To Meet Columbine Students

WASHINGTON (AP)

As the battle over gun measures enters a new phase on Capitol Hill, President Clinton today will discuss gun control efforts with students from Colorado's Columbine High. Lawmakers are trying to reconcile a Senate-passed juvenile justice bill with a House version that lacks Clinton-backed gun measures. Twelve students and a teacher were killed in an April shooting rampage at Columbine High. Clinton, who visited Littleton in May, says the deaths caused a change in America's attitudes toward gun control. The students also plan to go to Capitol Hill to lobby lawmakers.

Iran Protesters Dragged Away

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)

Pro-democracy student protesters were tied hand-and-foot and dragged from a huge rally called by Iranian hard-liners, the Neshat daily reported today. The newspaper quoted Ali Afshari, a leader of weeklong pro-democracy demonstrations, as saying that the whereabouts of several of his fellow students were not known. Tehran television, controlled by hard-liners, said at least a million people attended the rally. Witnesses estimated 100,000 people participated. Streets near Tehran University were quiet today for the first time since protests began July 9.

China's Military Threatens Taiwan

BEIJING (AP)

China's military today threatened to use force against Taiwan if President Lee Teng-hui declares independence on the island. In a sharply worded commentary run in newspapers nationwide, the military's newspaper, the Liberation Army Daily, said the armed forces stood ready to enforce a long-standing government policy to attack Taiwan, if need be, to uphold China's claim to the island. The commentary echoed warnings delivered yesterday and carried in newspapers today by Defense Minister Chi Haotian.

Japanese Stocks Finish Higher

TOKYO (AP)

Japanese stocks finished moderately higher today with the Nikkei gaining 74.00 points to close at 18,431.86.

West Wins 1st WNBA All-Star Game

NEW YORK (AP)

The Western Conference stars defeated the Eastern Conference 79-61 in the first-ever WNBA All-Star game. Lisa Leslie was named the game's MVP, while rookie sensation Chamique Holdsclaw suffered a chip fracture on her left index finger. The crowd of 18,645 included Garden courtside regular Spike Lee and five members of the U.S. women's World Cup soccer championship team.

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War Crimes Reward Offered for Milosevic

WASHINGTON (AP)

The State Department announced a reward of up to \$5 million Thursday for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic and other suspected war criminals indicted by an international tribunal. Milosevic was indicted by the tribunal in the Netherlands for alleged crimes by Serb forces against ethnic Albanians in Kosovo. Meanwhile, NATO leaders basked in a jubilant reception in Pristina provided by ethnic Albanians, but noted that Kosovo's people face a long, difficult struggle to free themselves from the hatreds that grip the Serbian province.

House Votes on Property Seizures Reform

WASHINGTON (AP)

House members voted 375-48 Thursday to set new rules for how the federal government seizes houses, cars, boats, cash and securities. Police would have a tougher time seizing private property with suspected links to crime under the bill. Civil asset forfeiture is a powerful anti-crime tool, but it also is a seductive opportunity for abuse, they said, especially for law enforcement agencies hungry for money to supplement tight budgets.

New Transplant Policy Favors Sickly

WASHINGTON (AP)

Patients with less than a week to live will have a better chance getting a donated liver under a new policy approved Thursday by the nation's organ transplant network. The policy change brings the United Network for Organ Sharing closer to the Clinton administration, which has been pressing the network to send scarce organs to the sickest patients first, rather than favoring patients in the area where the organs were donated. The network's board, meeting in Atlanta, also was poised to retreat from its long-standing refusal to release information about individual transplant centers and their performance.

Blair Offers N. Ireland Strategy

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

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British Prime Minister Tony Blair laid out Friday his new strategy for breaking the deadlock that has thrown the Northern Ireland peace accord into crisis. In a detailed column in The Times newspaper, Blair said that a new Protestant-Catholic government for Northern Ireland the central but long-stymied goal of the accord would depend on the outlawed ***Irish Republican Army*** committing itself to a fixed timetable of disarmament. Blair has set next Wednesday as a final deadline to get the government formed.

Concerns Close Six U.S. Embassies

WASHINGTON (AP)

In response to possible surveillance by suspicious individuals, the U.S. on Thursday temporarily closed six of its embassies. The embassies are to be shut down until June 27 as a precautionary measure, an anonymous State Department source said. The embassies are in Gambia, Togo, Madagascar, Liberia, Namibia and Senegal. The department has received no specific threats targeted at American citizens overseas. But the spokesperson said they should continue to exercise caution while abroad.

Mellon Gives Museum Another Gift

WASHINGTON (AP)

Philanthropist Paul Mellon has left the National Gallery of Art yet another gift: a 73-piece art collection assembled in the last years of his life at his office and homes. The collection includes French, American and English works, The Washington Post reported in Friday's editions. Among them is the Mellon set of unique Edgar Degas waxes, including "Little Dancer Fourteen Years Old," and five domestic still lifes by John Frederick Peto. One of the contributions a poodle portrait from 1780 is by Mellon's favorite British painter, George Stubbs.

Tokyo Stocks Lower in Early Trading

TOKYO (AP)

Japanese stocks were mixed Friday, with the Nikkei losing 64.88 points to 17,563.44. On Wall Street Thursday, the Dow ended down 132.03 at 10,534.83. The Nasdaq fell 44.04 to 2,554.08.

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CHICAGO (AP)

The United States emphatically displayed why it is one of the world's best ***women***'s soccer teams with a 7-1 rout of Nigeria on Thursday before 65,080, the second straight sellout for the American squad in the ***Women***'s World Cup. The victory, following the Americans' 3-0 defeat of Denmark in the opener, virtually assured a spot in the quarterfinals and a berth in the 2000 Olympics. But North Korea's 3-1 victory over Denmark in Portland, Ore., prevented the United States from clinching advancement.

Jaromir Jagr Wins NHL MVP Award

TORONTO (AP)

Jaromir Jagr won the NHL's most valuable player award and Wayne Gretzky added to his trophy collection at the league's annual awards banquet Thursday night. The league scoring champion with 127 points, including 44 goals, Jagr edged out Buffalo goalie Dominik Hasek and Ottawa center Alexei Yashin in voting by members of the Professional Hockey Writers' Association for the Hart Memorial Trophy.

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Yugoslav Officials Warn of Disaster

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)

Serbian authorities today warned of an ecological catastrophe if NATO strikes a chemical plant near Belgrade, floodlighting the factory so allied planes can see it. The factory, which processes components for washing detergents, contains 180 tons of hydrofluoride. If NATO strikes the plant, a cloud with a lethal dose of the acid would spread in a 20-mile radius, said Slobodan Tosovic said, a Belgrade health official. His warning comes on a day that saw NATO's most active airstrikes in its assault on Yugoslavia.

Albright Says Strikes Are Working

WASHINGTON (AP)

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright today said NATO airstrikes at oil refineries, ammunition depots and Serb military command and control centers are "wearing down" Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic's military and choking off vital supplies. The administration, she said, is acting to prevent "outside powers" from delivering oil to the Serb military through ports in Montenegro, a second Yugoslav republic. U.S. officials also are giving an international war crimes tribunal evidence of suspected Serb atrocities. The information includes satellite photos of mass graves and reports of ethnic Albanian women being raped and civilians slaughtered.

Rebels Admit Avianca Kidnappings

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)

Colombian rebels admitted on Sunday that they hijacked an Avianca airliner last week and kidnapped all of its occupants. The National Liberation Army, Colombia's second-largest rebel group, acknowledged the hijacking in a statement faxed to a local television station. The group did not say what its demands were for the release of the hostages.

N. Irish Militants Asked To Disarm

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

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Two militant groups based in Northern Ireland today were urged to turn over their weapons, an appeal aimed at persuading the IRA to follow suit. David Trimble, elected last year to lead Northern Ireland's still-unformed Protestant-Catholic government, said the two pro-British groups should turn in weapons to a disarmament commission established as part of the year-old peace accord. The **Irish Republican Army** has refused to start disarming as the peace agreement anticipated.

Italy Election Fails To Draw Voters

ROME (AP)

A referendum to change Italy's electoral system and make its revolving-door governments more stable failed to draw enough voters to be binding. The measure, which proposed abolishing the proportional representation system used to divvy up 25 percent of the seats in the Chamber of Deputies, needed a turnout of more than 50 percent to be valid. The current system allows even tiny parties to wield enough power to bring down a shaky coalition or stall legislation.

Water Polo Team Stripping for Funds

MEDELLIN, Colombia (AP)

Colombia's national water polo team is promising "The Full Monty" in a one-time-only striptease show to raise enough money to reach the world championships in Essen, Germany. The team hopes to earn \$32,000 at next Thursday's show at a disco. Only **women** will be admitted, at \$12 a ticket. The idea, which came from a team member's girlfriend, was inspired by the 1997 British movie about male strippers in unemployment-stricken Sheffield, England.

Tokyo Stocks Mixed Early

TOKYO (AP)

The Nikkei Stock Average was down in early trading on first 30 minutes of trading on Monday. It lost 55.71 points to 16,795.87 in the first 30 minutes of trading. The dip follows a 124.50-point gain on Friday.

Gretzky Exits Ice For Last Time

NEW YORK (AP)

Wayne Gretzky ended his 21-year career Sunday with an assist, setting up a second-period goal as his New York Rangers lost to Pittsburgh 2-1 in overtime. Slowly circling the rink, soaking in the farewells from his fans, teammates and opponents, Gretzky didn't want it to end. NHL commissioner Gary Bettman ensured it would end historically by announcing before the game that no one will ever again wear No. 99 in the league.

Bulls Edge Bucks 79-77

CHICAGO (AP)

The Chicago Bulls snapped a seven-game losing streak tonight by beating the Milwaukee Bucks 79-77 Sunday night. Glenn Robinson, who beat the Bulls with a last-second dunk at the United Center in February, missed a 13-footer at the buzzer, ending an 18-turnover, 38-percent shooting performance by the Bucks. The win marked the first time the Bulls defeated the Bucks this season.

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Jobless Rate Rises to 4.3 Percent

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 as amusement parks, restaurants and construction firms gobbled up workers, 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.

N. Ireland Negotiators Struggle

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

Negotiators in Northern Ireland are struggling today to surmount the single obstacle blocking the creation of a new Protestant-Catholic government. David Trimble, leader of the Ulster Unionists, said his party will postpone forming the government indefinitely until the **Irish Republican Army** commits itself to a timetable for giving up its arms. He said the alternative to securing IRA decommissioning was "to decommission democracy." Sinn Fein's chief negotiator today criticized the Ulster Unionists for rejecting the maximum distance Sinn Fein is prepared to go toward promising IRA disarmament.

Bald Eagle Leaving Endangered List

WASHINGTON (AP)

Once near extinction, the American bald eagle is being removed from the endangered species list, President Clinton announced today. The bald eagle once thrived, with as many as a half million soaring the skies of North America. But by 1963, only 417 breeding pairs remained in the lower 48 states as a result of hunting, loss of prey and habitat and the use of the pesticide DDT. With the banning of DDT in 1972 and the passage of the Endangered Species Act a year later, the bald eagle began making a dramatic recovery. Today, there are 5,800 breeding pairs.

Plane Crash Prompts Investigation

MIAMI (AP)

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A federal grand jury is investigating the August 1997 crash of a Fine Air cargo plane for possible criminal activity, The Miami Herald reported today. At least 17 employees of Fine Air Services and Aeromar Airlines, a Fine Air joint venture whose workers loaded and secured the plane's cargo, have been subpoenaed to testify, according to attorneys. Sources said the grand jury is exploring whether concerted efforts were made to violate regulations and endanger the safety of the flight crew and public, the newspaper reported. Attorneys for both companies deny any wrongdoing.

French Court Rejects Castro Charges

PARIS (AP)

A French appeals court today upheld a ruling throwing out three civil complaints against Cuban leader Fidel Castro on charges of drug trafficking and crimes against humanity. Judge Herve Stephan, who also heads the investigation into the death of Princess Diana, ruled earlier this year that French law was not applicable and therefore the cases could not go forward. One complaint was filed by lawyers for Ileana de la Guardia, the exiled daughter of Cuban Col. Antonio de la Guardia, who was convicted and executed in 1989 in Cuba for allegedly smuggling drugs.

Indonesians Protest Vote Count

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)

A day after a violent clash that injured about two dozen people, demonstrators returned today to protest police violence and demand that the Indonesian military cease meddling in politics. The protesters gathered in front of Indonesia's General Election Commission headquarters to complain about the excruciatingly slow vote count of June 7 poll results. Only about 60 percent have been counted so far. The Indonesian Democratic Party for Struggle, led by Megawati Sukarnoputri, has a commanding 35 percent lead. The ruling party, Golkar, trails with 22 percent.

Dow Gains 43; May Close at New High

NEW YORK (AP)

Just before noon EDT, the Dow industrials were up 43.69 points at 11,110.11. Advancing issues on the New York Stock Exchange led decliners 1,370-1,241. The Nasdaq was up 19.10 at 2,725.28.

Sampras, Agassi, Stevenson Advance

WIMBLEDON, England (AP)

Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi today advanced to the Wimbledon semifinals, setting up a possible all-American final on the Fourth of July and Alexandra Stevenson, an 18-year-old from California, became the first qualifier in Wimbledon history to reach the semifinals. She beat Jelena Dokic, 6-3, 1-6, 6-3. Sampras moved into the semis when Mark Philippoussis quit with a knee injury while holding a one-set lead. Agassi overpowered Brazil's Gustavo Kuerten 6-3, 6-4, 6-4. In the other women's quarter, Mirjana Lucic of Croatia downed Nathalie Tauziat 4-6, 6-4, 7-5.

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NATO Steps Up Air Attacks on Serbs

WASHINGTON (AP)

The Pentagon is sending five B-1 bombers and additional radar-evading jets to Europe for intensified NATO airstrikes on Serb troops. A Pentagon spokesman said the planes will target troops and military vehicles. But he said that the Yugoslav military is widely dispersed in mountainous terrain, making for difficult targets. NATO has promised to continue airstrikes until Yugoslavia's military can't continue routing the ethnic Albanians in Kosovo or until President Slobodan Milosevic agrees to sign a peace agreement granting ethnic Albanians autonomy in the province. Meanwhile, a Yugoslav official for the first time acknowledged that atrocities by Yugoslav troops in Kosovo may be occurring.

Russia Premier Meets With Milosevic

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)

Russian Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov is in the Yugoslav capital to meet with President Slobodan Milosevic and push for a diplomatic solution to the Kosovo crisis. Russia has been a vocal opponent of the NATO airstrikes on Serb targets. In Moscow, Russian President Boris Yeltsin said the attacks violate international law, but said his country will not get involved militarily. He also said he doesn't want the crisis to undermine relations with the United States.

Fed Said Unlikely To Change Rates

WASHINGTON (AP)

The Federal Reserve's policy-making panel will meet today, and in light of continued U.S. economic growth, most economists expect that the Fed will vote to leave short-term interest rates unchanged. The Fed says a rate cut is not needed to stave off recession. The Fed has not changed interest rates since last Nov. 17, the day it cut its benchmark rate on overnight loans between banks for the third time in seven weeks. Those moves were taken after Russia's economic crisis sent Wall Street reeling and threatened to induce a U.S. credit crunch.

Blair Calls for Trust in N.Ireland

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

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British Prime Minister Tony Blair appealed today for Northern Ireland's rival politicians to overcome their differences and form a coalition government. The Protestant-Catholic government is the linchpin of the nearly year-old peace accord. Blair called Protestant demands for **Irish Republican Army** disarmament before the government can be formed "a dispute that goes to the heart of the agreement, because it is about trust. Without trust between the parties, this agreement isn't going to work." The accord calls for the IRA to finish disarming in cooperation with an international commission by May 2000, but specifies no starting point.

Four Teens Killed in Texas Shooting

ABILENE, Texas (AP)

Four teen-age girls were shot to death and a man was wounded at a duplex last night, and authorities are searching for a car seen speeding from the scene. Police described the scene as "very, very gruesome" and said it appeared some of the **women** might have been trying to escape. Police had no motive for the killings.

Death Toll in India Quake at 110

BIYASI, India (AP)

Rescue workers are searching today for survivors and more victims of yesterday's powerful earthquake in the lower Himalayas that left at least 110 people dead. In Chamoli, the devastated town near the epicenter, residents and army engineers pulled survivors and corpses from under collapsed homes and shops. Soldiers were breaking up concrete slabs with power tools, while townspeople dug with shovels and their bare hands.

Japan Jobless Rate Hits Record High

TOKYO (AP)

A shrinking economy and spreading layoffs drove Japan's jobless rate to a record 4.6 percent last month, jumping sharply from January and swelling the ranks of jobless to a historical 3.1 million. The figures come as Japan is battling its deepest economic slowdown in 50 years. The government has pumped billions of dollars into the economy in an all-out campaign to prod consumers to spend. A major factor behind spreading joblessness is corporate restructuring.

Tokyo Stock Prices Fall

TOKYO (AP)

Tokyo stocks fell today as concerns about Japan's weak economy overpowered the record close overnight for the Dow Jones industrial average. The Nikkei lost 149.72 points to close at 15,859.12.

UConn Beats Duke 77-74

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)

Richard Hamilton scored 27 points and Ricky Moore made two key stops in the waning seconds as Connecticut won its first NCAA men's basketball title with a 77-74 victory over Duke last night. The loss ended Duke's 32-game winning streak, kept the Blue Devils from an NCAA record for wins in a season, and prevented them from ending the '90s with a third national crown.

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Captured U.S. Soldiers To Be Tried

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)

Three U.S. soldiers captured by Yugoslav forces in Kosovo will face a military trial tomorrow, the state news agency reported. The Tanjug report said Jovica Jovanovic, a judicial official in Pristina, the Kosovo capital, said an authorized military court would conduct the trial of the three soldiers. NATO officials warned today they would hold Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic responsible for any mistreatment of the three Americans, who disappeared during a patrol along the Macedonia-Yugoslavia border on Wednesday after sending a radio message they were under attack.

Clinton Says Strikes Need Time

WASHINGTON (AP)

President Clinton says NATO allies and the American public need to show resolve with the air campaign against Yugoslavia, now in its second week. Despite a growing humanitarian crisis, Clinton remains opposed to sending in U.S. ground troops. "The thing that bothers me about introducing ground troops into a hostile situation into Kosovo and into the Balkans is the prospect of never being able to get them out," Clinton said in an interview yesterday with CBS. As Serb forces appear to be pushing ethnic Albanians out of Kosovo, critics of Clinton's policy increasingly are saying an air-power-only approach will not bring Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic to the peace table.

Marine: I Said To Ditch Cable Tape

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. (AP)

A crewman on the Marine jet that clipped an Italian gondola cable, killing 20 people, testified today he advised the navigator to get rid of a videotape shot during the flight. Capt. Chandler Seagraves' admission came during the sentencing phase of the court-martial of Capt. Joseph Schweitzer, 31, of Westbury, N.Y. Schweitzer pleaded guilty to charges of obstruction of justice and conspiracy to obstruct justice. He faces 10 years in prison. The Marine EA-6B Prowler was on a low-level training flight near Cavalese, Italy, when it severed the ski lift cable Feb. 3, 1998.

Northern Ireland Talks Adjourn

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

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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.

South African Prisoners Can Vote

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP)

South Africa's highest court ruled today that prisoners should be allowed to vote in upcoming national elections. The Constitutional Court's decision means provisions must now be made for the country's 146,000 prisoners to register and vote in the June 2 elections, which they previously were barred from doing. More than 17.2 million people about 75 percent of the estimated 23 million eligible voters have registered for South Africa's second all-race elections.

Dolly the Cloned Sheep Has 3 Lambs

EDINBURGH, Scotland (AP)

Dolly the sheep, the first cloned mammal, has given birth to healthy triplets conceived the old-fashioned way, scientists announced today. Dolly gave birth to two males and one **female** lamb yesterday, and "we are delighted," said Dr. Harry Griffin, assistant director of the Roslin Institute near Edinburgh. It was a second pregnancy for Dolly, who gave birth to a single lamb, Bonnie, last spring. The institute says Dolly's pregnancies show that despite her unusual origins, she is able to breed normally.

Stocks Somewhat Higher; Dow Up 10.83

NEW YORK (AP)

Stocks rose today but were well off their earlier highs as reports of continuing economic strength deepened the market's concerns about inflation. Just before 1 p.m. EST, the Dow was up 10.83 at 9,796.99. Decliners led advancers 1,406-1,376. The Nasdaq was up 16.57 at 2,477.97.

Norm Stewart Resigns From Missouri

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP)

Norm Stewart resigned as Missouri basketball coach today after 32 years. He was college basketball's third-winningest active coach with 731 victories. Stewart's last team went 20-9, losing in the first round of the NCAA tournament to New Mexico. It was another postseason disappointment for Missouri _ Stewart took the Tigers to the tournament 16 times without ever reaching the Final Four. Stewart did not immediately say what was behind his decision.

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Clinton Urges Irish Peace

WASHINGTON (AP)

President Clinton sent a St. Patrick's Day message to Northern Ireland's peacemakers. He appealed for them to cross "the last divide of the peace process" by forming a Protestant-Catholic government. Clinton met separately with Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams and Ulster Unionist Party leader David Trimble. The two have argued for months over when, if ever, the **Irish Republican Army** will disarm.

Deadly Amtrak Crash Probed

BOURBONNAIS, Ill. (AP)

Investigators are focusing on the time just before an Amtrak train on Monday slammed into a tractor-trailer truck loaded with steel bars. The crash killed 11 people and injured 100 more. The National Transportation Safety Board says the engineer has been too shaken by the experience to provide a clear account of what happened. State police are analyzing two tire tracks in the mud at the crossing to determine if the truck driver tried to go around the gates.

General OKs Plea Bargain

FORT LEWIS, Wash. (AP)

A retired Army general who pleaded guilty to sexual misconduct admitted that he targeted **women** in troubled marriages. Maj. Gen. David Hale pleaded guilty today to eight charges involving sexual improprieties with the wives of subordinates. In exchange, the Army dropped nine charges and Hale will get a reduced sentence.

Starr Prosecutors Defend Tactics

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)

Prosecutors today put a former Whitewater grand juror on the witness stand at Susan McDougal's trial. It was an effort to show that Kenneth Starr's investigators were not out to get President Clinton. Mrs. McDougal's lawyer responded by subpoenaing a top Starr deputy. Her defense begins its case tomorrow. She is on trial for her defiance of a federal judge's order to testify about Clinton.

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Spring Floods Are Forecast

WASHINGTON (AP)

The Weather Service's annual spring flood forecast today pointed to North Dakota and the Pacific Northwest as potential danger spots. The area of greatest flooding potential is along the Red River in North Dakota and Devil's Lake, N.D. John J. Kelly, director of the National Weather Service, said: "Now is the time to be thinking about what to do when the warning comes." Each year, floods kill 100-140 Americans and do an average of \$4.5 billion in damage.

Balloon Team Crosses Mexico

GENEVA (AP)

A Swiss-English balloon team raced across Mexico early today and then slowed down to change jet streams over the Caribbean beginning the final leg of their quest to become the first to circle the globe nonstop. The team's Geneva headquarters said the pilots, Brian Jones of England and Bertrand Piccard of Switzerland "admitted to being very tired." They already hold the world balloon distance record.

Microsoft Has New Internet Software

NEW YORK (AP)

Microsoft is releasing a new version of its Internet Explorer software that makes it easier to separate some Web navigation features from computer desktop functions. Critics said the features in Internet Explorer 5.0, which will be available starting tomorrow, are inconsistent with Microsoft's steadfast contention in its antitrust battle that its Web browser is an essential part of the Windows operating system.

Netscape Shareholders OK Merger

DULLES, Va. (AP)

America Online has completed its nearly \$10 billion acquisition of Netscape Communications, creating a powerful new Internet force. AOL completed its all-stock purchase after Netscape shareholders voted overwhelmingly in favor of the deal. The Justice Department said last week it wouldn't oppose the takeover.

Stocks Open Lower in Japan

TOKYO (AP)

Japanese stocks fell moderately early Thursday following a decline earlier on Wall Street. The Nikkei shed 106.55 points to 16,161.56 in early trading. In New York, the Dow fell 51.06 to 9,879.41.

Simpson Does Ads for Lawyer's Group

LOS ANGELES (AP)

O.J. Simpson said he agreed to do television ads for a lawyer's group because he feels many people accused of crimes don't have decent lawyers. "The main thing I have learned is you can't walk into a courtroom without competent legal representation," Simpson told The Associated Press. Justice Media plans to sell the Simpson commercials to law firms across the country.

NFL Brings Back Instant Replay

PHOENIX (AP)

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NFL owners voted today to bring back instant replay for the first time since 1991. The system to help officials make the right calls will include coaches' challenges and an official in the press box who will control replays in the final two minutes of each half.

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'Articulate, hell-raising' actor dies at 72

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LONDON (AP) -- Irish actor Richard Harris, the roistering star of screen gems such as A Man Called Horse and This Sporting Life, died Friday night at a London hospital, his family said. He was 72.

"With great sadness, Damian, Jarid and Jamie Harris announced the death of their beloved father, Richard Harris," the family said.

"He died peacefully at University College Hospital," where he was receiving treatment for Hodgkin's Disease after falling ill earlier this year, the family said.

Harris also played Dumbledore in Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone and will play that role in the next chapter in the Harry Potter Saga, Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets.

A tall, sturdy figure with a reputation as a hellraiser and a lived-in face, and once described as looking like "five miles of bad country road," Harris was never cut out to join contemporaries as a smooth matinee idol.

The critic Clive Barnes called him one of a new breed of British actors, who are "rougher, tougher, fiercer, angrier and more passionately articulate than their well-groomed predecessors . . . roaring boys, sometimes with highly coloured private lives and lurid public images."

He caught the eye of critic Kenneth Tynan who once bracketed him with Albert Finney and Peter O'Toole as one of the three best young actors on the British stage.

Inspired by the writings of the Russian director Konstantin Stanislavsky, the young Harris set his heart on directing, but acting soon claimed him and he enjoyed his first stage success with Joan Littlewood's pioneering Theatre Workshop.

He won the Best Actor award at the 1963 Cannes Film Festival for This Sporting Life. Other major roles include Major Dundee, Hawaii, Camelot, The Molly Maguires, A Man Called Horse and Cromwell.

Born Oct. 1, 1930, in Limerick, southern Ireland, Harris suffered a bout of tuberculosis in adolescence, which friends say fostered the brooding, introspective quality of his acting. Harris moved to London to study, but when he couldn't

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find a suitable directing course, he joined an acting course at the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art, in 1956.

While still a student, he hired the tiny "off-West End" Irving Theatre and directed his own production of Clifford Odets' *Winter Journey* (*The Country Girl*).

The critics approved, but the production used up all his savings, and he resorted to sleeping in a coal cellar for six weeks.

Harris left LAMDA in the summer of 1956 to join the Theatre Workshop, which helped lead the advance toward realism and experiment in British theatre. His first professional appearance was on July 24, 1956, as Mickser in the Littlewood production of Brendan Behan's *The Quare Fellow* at the Theatre Royal, Stratford.

It was a small part, but Lee Strasburg, director of the New York Actors Studio, said it had the "sharpest impact" of any performance he had seen by an actor in Britain.

A variety of roles followed: Louis in Arthur Miller's *A View From the Bridge* and Paulino in Pirandello's *Man, Beast and Virtue*. Harris also toured Russia and Eastern Europe with a Theatre Workshop production of Shakespeare's *Macbeth*.

To earn extra income, Harris turned to television, and his performance in a 1958 television play called *The Iron Harp* led to a contract with Associated British Picture Corp.

His first film part was a cameo in a comedy called *Alive and Kicking*, about three elderly women who escape from a home for seniors.

Harris's next commitment took him back to Ireland to shoot *Shake Hands With the Devil*, an ambitious production about the Irish Rebellion, in which he played the gun-happy rebel Terence O'Brien.

A role followed as the villainous Higgins in *The Wreck of the Mary Deare*, a maritime adventure starring Gary Cooper and Charlton Heston made in Hollywood by MGM.

In 1959, the actor returned to Ireland to make *A Terrible Beauty* about sectarian strife in Northern Ireland, in which he played the roistering bosom-buddy of a disenchanted Irish Republican Army member, played by Robert Mitchum.

Harris' first lead role in London's West End came later that year when he opened as Sebastian Dangerfield in J. P. Donleavy's *The Ginger Man* at the Fortune Theatre, a study of the life of a drunken Dublin student.

Graphic

Photo: Associated Press; Richard Harris in character as Frank Machin in *This Sporting Life* (1963). ;

Photo: Harris, who plays Dumbledore in the new movie *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, arriving at New York City's Ziegfeld Theater. Harris, the star of movies such as *A Man Called Horse*, died last night at a London hospital, a family spokesman said. ;

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Today is Wednesday, October 30, the 304th day of 2002. There are 62 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1270 - The eighth and last Crusade is launched.

1503 - Queen Isabella of Spain prohibits violence against Indians.

1697 - France signs the Peace of Ryswick, ending the War of the Grand Alliance between France on one side and England, the Netherlands, Spain, the Holy Roman Empire on the other.

1735 - John Adams, the second president of the United States, was born in Braintree, Massachusetts.

1817 - Simon Bolivar organizes independent government in Venezuela.

1888 - In London, Jack the Ripper murders his last victim.

1918 - Czechoslovakia is proclaimed an independent republic.

1928 - Experimental transmission of still photographs by television begins in Britain.

1930 - Treaty of friendship between Greece and Turkey is signed in Ankara.

1938 - The U.S. radio play, "The War of the Worlds," starring Orson Welles, airs on CBS. The live drama, which employed fake news reports, panicked listeners who thought its portrayal of a Martian invasion was true.

1945 - The U.S. government announces the end of shoe rationing.

1948 - After the city of Mukden is abandoned to the Chinese Communists leaving the Nationalists with only a southern fragment of Manchuria, President Chiang Kai-shek declares that a Communist sweep of North China and Manchuria would "mean the virtual beginning of another world war."

1953 - U.S. General George C. Marshall is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

1956 - Britain and France issue an ultimatum to Egypt and Israel calling for a cease-fire.

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1961 - The Soviet Union tests a hydrogen bomb with a force estimated at 58 megatons; the Soviet Party Congress unanimously approves a resolution ordering the removal of Josef Stalin's body from Lenin's tomb.

1963 - Algeria and Morocco sign a peace agreement in a border dispute.

1965 - Military activity by the Indonesian Communist party forces in Central Java intensify and assume aspects of a full-fledged revolt,

1974 - Muhammad Ali knocks out George Foreman in the eighth round of a 15-round bout in Kinshasa, Zaire, to regain his world heavyweight title.

1978 - U.S. President Jimmy Carter signs a law allowing the deportation of all naturalized U.S. citizens who had engaged in Nazi atrocities.

1983 - A powerful earthquake hits eastern Turkey killing over 1,300 people in Erzurum and Kars provinces.

1989 - Riot police in Moscow repeatedly charge and club demonstrators following a candlelight vigil outside KGB headquarters in memory of Stalin's victims.

1990 - Thousands of Hindus storm and occupy a Muslim mosque in the Indian holy city of Ayodhya before being driven out by police. Six rioters are shot by police in the city. Protests elsewhere claim 50 lives.

1991 - U.S. intelligence assessments cite that China is providing Iran with the equipment and technology to develop nuclear weapons.

1992 - Heavy fighting breaks out in Luanda, the capital of Angola, between the government and the Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA). The conflict rages for three days, claiming at least 1,000 lives, until both sides establish a truce November 1.

1993 - Two gunmen open fire in a village pub in Northern Ireland, killing seven.

1994 - Gerry Adams, leader of ***Irish Republican Army***'s political ally Sinn Fein, says that he is willing to accept a compromise that falls short of uniting Northern Ireland with the republic.

1995 - Quebec votes against separation from Canada by 50.6 percent to 49.4 percent.

1996 - An Ethiopian air force plane crashes in a market east of the capital Addis Ababa, killing eight people and setting 50 homes and stores on fire.

1997 - Sri Lanka's air force begins recruiting **women** to train as pilots for cockpits left vacant by the deaths of airmen in the country's 14-year civil war.

1998 - While cracking down on the militant Hamas movement, the Palestinian Authority cabinet ratifies the land-for-peace accord; in Nicaragua, a mudslide caused by Hurricane Mitch kills at least 2,000 people on the slopes of the Casitas volcano in Posoltega.

1999 - The last Indonesian troop ship sails out of East Timor, ending a bloody 24-year military engagement in the now independent nation. Some 200,000 East Timorese and 5,000 Indonesian troops have perished since the Indonesian invasion of the former Portuguese colony on Dec. 7, 1975.

2000 - A Supreme Court judge, his bodyguard and chauffeur are killed and 35 others injured in Southern Spain, by a suspected Basque separatist car bomb.

2001 - Ukraine destroys its last nuclear missile silo, fulfilling a pledge to give up the vast nuclear arsenal it inherited after the breakup of the former Soviet Union.

Today's Birthdays:

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Richard Brinsley Sheridan, Irish author-politician (1741-1816); Feodor Dostoyevsky, Russian novelist (1821-1881); Ezra Pound, U.S. poet (1885-1972); Louis Malle, French film director (1932-1995); Henry Winkler, U.S. actor (1945-); Diego Maradona, Argentine soccer star (1960--).

Thought for Today:

Nothing in life is to be feared. It is only to be understood - Marie Curie, Polish Nobel Prize-winning chemist (1867-1934).

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Fighting Breaks Out in Kosovo

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP)

Serb forces battled ethnic Albanian rebels northwest of Pristina today as negotiators tried desperately to save the Kosovo peace process. It was initially reported that Serb police were separating men from women and children in two ethnic Albanian villages near the fighting, which was the precursor to past group slayings, but one official said the report was untrue. The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe says the latest fighting began when about 10 Serb military vehicles came under fire. But ethnic Albanians say the fighting started when government troops attacked three villages. There is no word on casualties.

Albright Seeks Help for Kosovo Deal

RAMBOUILLET, France (AP)

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright pressured ethnic Albanians today to sign a Kosovo peace accord, so the full focus of diplomacy could be aimed at the holdout Serbs. A U.S. official said the future of the rebel Kosovo Liberation Army remained a sticking point for the ethnic Albanians. Under the proposed three-year interim plan, the KLA would be disarmed. Serb negotiators say they are prepared to sign a deal giving Kosovo Albanians wide autonomy, but they refuse a military annex to the agreement that calls for up to 30,000 NATO troops to enforce the deal. The NATO-imposed deadline for peace is less than 24 hours away. NATO has threatened to launch airstrikes on Yugoslavia if the sides don't agree.

US Warplanes Bomb Iraqi Radar Sites

ANKARA, Turkey (AP)

U.S. warplanes bombed Iraqi military sites today after being targeted by Iraqi radar in the northern "no-fly" zone, the U.S. military said. An unspecified number of U.S. F-15s dropped 11 precision-guided bombs on Iraqi anti-aircraft artillery and radar sites near Mosul, officials said. U.S. and British planes also struck in the southern no-fly zone today after two Iraqi planes crossed into the zone. Allied warplanes have barred Iraqi military flights over northern and southern Iraq since after the 1991 Persian Gulf War to protect Kurdish rebel and Shiite Muslim groups.

CIA Killer Wants Intervention

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WAVERLY, Va. (AP)

The convicted killer of two CIA employees wants the International Court of Justice to hear his case. Mir Aimal Kasi of Pakistan said he hasn't received justice in the United States and should be considered a political prisoner who "did my moral duty by attacking CIA." Kasi gunned down CIA communications worker Frank Darling, 28, and CIA analyst and physician Lansing Bennett, 66, as they sat in their cars at a stoplight. He said he was angry over the agency meddling in Muslim nations. Without intervention by the international court, Virginia will execute Kasi when his appeals are spent.

New Arrest in Omagh Bombing

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

Police arrested an eighth man today on suspicion of involvement in last year's car bombing in Omagh, the deadliest attack in the 30 years of Northern Ireland's conflict. Twenty-nine people were killed and about 370 were wounded by a bomb that tore through a crowd of Protestants, Catholics and Spanish tourists in the market town 60 miles west of Belfast. All of those arrested are allegedly members of an **Irish Republican Army** dissident group.

Minority Broadcasting Code Sought

WASHINGTON (AP)

The government is urging advertisers and broadcasters to adopt a system to prevent advertisers from discriminating against radio stations owned by or geared to minority listeners. Vice President Gore and the chairman of the Federal Communications Commission will be making the pitch today at an advertising conference. The FCC head is expected to suggest that the advertising and broadcasting industries develop a voluntary code guided by the principal of "fair competition." A by the FCC last month said advertisers often bypass or pay less money to minority-owned radio stations or stations targeting black or Hispanic listeners.

Dow Up 40

NEW YORK (AP)

Blue chip stocks opened higher today, jolted by a fresh round of corporate takeover news. Just before 11 a.m. EST, the Dow industrials were up 40.26 to 9,380.21. Advancing issues on the New York Stock Exchange led decliners 1,563-917. The Nasdaq was up 2.29 to 2,285.89.

Duke No. 1 in AP Men's Hoops Poll

DURHAM, N.C. (AP)

Duke remained No. 1 in the Associated Press' men's college basketball poll after winning its 22nd straight game. Auburn (25-1) moved up one place to No. 2, the highest ranking in school history. Big Ten regular-season champion Michigan State is No. 3. Connecticut fell from No. 2 to No. 4 after losing to Miami.

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From the rubble, a resurrected city; New sports facilities and a rebuilt core help old industrial Manchester kick start commercial development

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A rebuilt city with some sparkling new athletic facilities is prepared to host 72 nations as the 17th Commonwealth Games kick off tomorrow.

And the face of the Commonwealth is part of the show as countries sent gifts in advance to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's Golden Jubilee.

One of the smallest amongst them sent a massive reminder. The banner from Tonga graces Manchester city hall. The Hamilton Spectator

The 75-foot long banner was flown more than 20,000 kilometres from the South Pacific nation as part of the Jubilee celebrations.

The tapa banner was made by Tongan **women** from the beaten-out bark of the paper mulberry tree, and is painted with an abstract design. It looks and feels like heavy-duty blotting paper.

That's just one of many sights to behold as some 5,000 athletes invade this metropolis of 2.5 million.

When they wander away from the sporting venues, they'll see a city that underwent the most remarkable transformation, one that came by sad necessity.

An **Irish Republican Army** van- bomb in June 1998 ripped the downtown core open, digging a 10-metre crater in a city centre street. With 45 minutes notice stores and offices were evacuated, and though there were some severe injuries there was no loss of life.

But the city centre was forever changed. The van-bomb levelled the Marks & Spencer store it sat in front of but happily spared some historic buildings.

The Cotton Exchange building, which houses an ultra-modern pod theatre inside, was spared as were several ancient pubs.

In the place of levelled buildings is a new huge Marks & Spencer featuring four floors the size of football fields.

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And there's Exchange Square, which melds modern design motifs with centuries-old tradition and features rows of lights along Hanging Ditch that gently rock in the evening, simulating the watercourse which once ran through here.

Twenty-metre-high pop-art windmills rotate nearby and below there is the Old Wellington pub and Sinclair's Oyster Bar. The two establishments, the oldest buildings in Manchester, were moved about 100 metres to create a new square.

The city now enjoys the best of several worlds -- a new-world city centre with many retained and restored architecture ringed by its traditional industry.

As a footnote, that world-famous manufacturing sector once prompted folks in Hamilton to call Steeltown "the Canadian Manchester."

The Games, the biggest sports event ever held in Britain, is the crowning touch, if Queen Elizabeth will forgive the reference.

It brings Commonwealth athletes home to the bosom of the old empire and will include world stars such as Australia's Ian Thorpe, winner of three gold and two silver medals at the Olympics in Sydney.

"It's good that England will host the Games after such a long time because it is the country that such a lot of sports stemmed from and are now participated in all over the world," Thorpe said of the competitions here.

Some of the facilities born of the Games will have a profound effect as they are the linchpins of commercial development.

Sportcity, the Games centrepiece in the Eastlands area, will reshape East Manchester and is expected to draw about 4.5 million visitors a year after the Games.

City of Manchester Stadium, meantime, will seat 38,000 for the Games and then 48,000 for games of Manchester City, the soccer team cross-town from legendary Manchester United.

It is the centre of a pod including the National Cycling Centre, which has a new velodrome boasting the fastest indoor track in the world, and the English Institute for Sport, which houses indoor and outdoor athletic track facilities, multi-sports halls, the National Squash Centre and an indoor tennis centre.

These 146 acres devoted to sports is planned as the trigger for \$1 billion Cdn in public and private spending with the commercial and retail development connected to it.

Manchester also has featured arts and culture over the summer.

The Spirit of Friendship Festival runs to Aug. 10 and encompasses celebrations of the Golden Jubilee.

The Queen's Baton Relay which has run through numerous Commonwealth countries, including a visit to Hamilton, will conclude tomorrow as the baton is carried into the stadium and the Queen officially opens the Games.

The arts/culture element of the Games will include concerts and exhibitions with special events near sporting venues and street theatre breaking out in city squares.

Performers and artists from around the Commonwealth are expected to participate.

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Graphic

From the rubble, a resurrected city; New sports facilities and a rebuilt core help old industrial Manchester kick start commercial development

Photo: Andy Clark , Reuters; The Commonwealth Games are affecting Manchester in countless ways. Even the shrubs, such as this sculpted cyclist on a downtown street corner, have a sporting theme.

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Three elderly American tourists killed in bus crash in Italy

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FLORENCE, Italy (AP) _ A busload of American tourists heading to Florence collided with a truck going in the opposite direction Thursday, leaving at least three Americans dead and several others injured, police said.

Eighteen Americans and their Italian driver were travelling on the road from Lucca to Florence, when a truck going the other way veered into the guardrail and jumped into the oncoming lane, smashing into the bus, highway police said.

Two U.S. women, aged 74 and 75, and a 71-year-old U.S. man were dead at the scene, police said.

Several others were injured and were taken to local hospitals. Police said several of the Americans had since been discharged, although they could not give further details.

AP

The truck driver was also seriously injured, as well as two people in a car that rear-ended the bus after the initial accident.

The ANSA news agency reported that all three Americans killed were from Pennsylvania, although police could not immediately confirm this.

Highway police had few details on the victims, but said the tourists were on an Italian tour that began Sunday and was to end March 28.

HL: Court upholds one-year deadline for government to decide whether a species is endangered

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) _ In a victory for environmentalists, a U.S. federal appeals court ruled Thursday the government must determine within a year whether petitions seeking the listing of a species as endangered or threatened are warranted.

Under the Endangered Species Act, the Fish and Wildlife Service must make an initial finding on such petitions within 90 days if practicable, and a final finding within 12 months.

The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that those deadlines are firm, effectively reversing a lower court decision that said the service could make the initial finding at any time.

The decision could affect the speed with which species facing extinction get protection.

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The appeal stemmed from petitions filed in 1995, 1997 and 1998 to get the Spalding's Catchfly and the California population of the Mountain Yellow-Legged frog, Great Basin Redband trout and the Yellow-Billed cuckoo listed as endangered species.

HL:Four killed, including two police, in Yemeni car explosion

SAN 'A, Yemen (AP) _ Police said Thursday that a Yemeni car chase a day earlier ended with an explosion that killed four people _ including two police officers.

Details remain unclear about the cause of the explosion Wednesday on a road near the village of Amran, 40 kilometres north of the Yemeni capital, San'a, security officials said.

The official Yemeni news agency, Saba, reported Wednesday that two people were killed after an explosion tore through their sport utility vehicle. The explosion also injured four people travelling in a bus behind the SUV.

On Thursday, security officials said the SUV had failed to stop at a checkpoint near Amran and was being chased by two police who also died in the blast.

Two other police officers and a bystander were also injured, officials said.

HL:Police warn of possible bombings in Britain over Easter

LONDON (AP) _ Senior detectives at Scotland Yard on Thursday warned that a violent group opposed to the Northern Ireland peace agreement might carry out bombings in Britain over the Easter holiday weekend.

Anti-Terrorist Squad officers said they believe a mainland attack is overdue." The last suspected blast by the so-called Real IRA, which is also against the **Irish Republican Army's** ceasefire in the Irish province, took place in Birmingham on Nov. 3.

No specific intelligence of an attack had been received, said Assistant Commissioner David Veness, head of Scotland Yard's specialist operations, but he added that officers would be foolish" to ignore the threat posed by the four-day weekend March 29 through April 1.

An explosion that blew out the windows of a northwest London postal depot on the Easter weekend last year was believed by police to be the work of the Real IRA. No injuries were reported in that blast, which caused minor damage.

HL:Third-grade students say they were made to drop pants in class during search

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) _ Some third-grade students said they were made to drop their pants during an in-class search for \$5 in missing lunch money, according to school district investigators.

An elementary school teacher and principal have been suspended pending the investigation, the Kansas City School District announced Thursday.

District spokesman Edwin Birch said at least one set of parents told district officials that a male adult searched boys in a class, while girls searched other girls.

Letters sent this week to parents of all Pitcher Elementary students said district investigators may ask to talk to students who might have witnessed the search.

District policy states students cannot be required to undress during searches, which must be conducted in front of adult witnesses and never in front of other students.

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"Terrorism" is the new buzzword, replacing the now obsolete

"communism" as the stock term used by politicians and other ignorant people to justify the support of repression and sundry dictators. But it is a very slippery word. What exactly is terrorism and who is a terrorist? That is not at all clear, and it is apparently in the political interests of many that it remain so.

"The deliberate killing of civilians" is the most generally accepted definition, though perhaps it should be "innocent civilians," since both America and Israel do not hesitate shooting people out of uniform, claiming they are terrorists or supporters of terrorists. Yet both powers also consider any attack by non-military elements on their uniformed personnel to be acts of terrorism, as in the case of USS Cole.

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But what then is a freedom fighter? If armed Palestinians or Chechens or Kashmiris attack Israeli or Russian or Indian troops occupying their territory, are they terrorists? When French or Polish or Ukrainian civilians attacked German soldiers during World War II it was considered legitimate resistance, and it was in fact the Nazis who labeled Russian partisans and other freedom fighters

"terrorists."

Jews who killed British soldiers in Palestine during the Mandate are considered freedom fighters, even though Palestine was not then their country. Various international charters, all of which the United States has signed, in fact recognize the right of resistance on the part of people in a militarily occupied country.

Why then is the Palestinian who shoots an Israeli soldier in Hebron a terrorist and not a freedom fighter?

And what is an "innocent" civilian? People who happen to be in a Tel Aviv discoteque or the World Trade Center at the wrong time are clearly innocents, but what about foreign colonists in your country? The Israeli settlers in occupied Palestine, who can hardly have anything to do with the security of Israel, are armed to the teeth and have been accustomed for decades to shooting and otherwise doing violence to Palestinians with no fear of serious punishment.

Why are these people not considered terrorists or called "gunmen," as is every armed Palestinian? Is it not a legitimate act of resistance to shoot at colonists building fortified camps in your country? Men, like former Israeli

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Prime Ministers Menachem Begin and Yitzak Shamir, blew up civilians, including Jews, during the British mandate: are they terrorists or, as Israel would claim, freedom fighters?

Clearly, what terrorism is depends to a large degree upon point of view, especially the point of view of those with the biggest sticks, in this case the United States. One thing most governments and virtually all American politicians will agree upon, however: states cannot be terrorists. If the persons carrying out the killing are wearing uniforms and following the orders of state authorities, they cannot be terrorists.

Oh, individuals might be judged "war criminals," as current Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon implicitly was by an Israeli commission, but the state and its armed forces can never be terrorists. At worst, as is claimed for Iraq and Iran, the state can only "support" terrorism.

The idea of state terrorism is one most nations, at least outside the Arab world, are unwilling to countenance because it opens the door wide to examination of the legitimacy of their military activities. And America is especially reluctant since many of the actions of Israel clearly fall into the category of state terrorism, that is, deliberate violence against innocent civilians and international law carried out by the Israeli Defense Force.

Israelis might of course claim that shelling a United Nations post crammed with refugees or shooting Palestinian ambulance drivers or aiding its proxies in massacring women and children in refugee camps in Lebanon is ultimately necessary to their security. And the Germans might claim that slaughtering sub-humans and occupying all of Europe was necessary to theirs.

America -- and indirectly Israel -- is the superpower and consequently has the privilege of selectively defining terrorism to suit its interests. Colonial Americans who did violence to British officials or loyalists are considered heroes and patriots; Kashmiris who do violence to Indian officials are terrorists.

Israeli soldiers who shoot Palestinian policemen are defending their country; Taliban soldiers who shoot American soldiers are terrorists. Without hesitation, the U.S. government shuts down Muslim charities suspected of funneling money to terrorist organizations, but no mention is made of all the money flowing from Boston into the hands of Irish Republican Army terrorists.

With its virtually unqualified support of Israel, the government of the United States is in fact condoning terrorism. And with Israel under Sharon doing an increasingly convincing impersonation of Nazi Germany, the Bush administration will not even tell us how far Israel can go before we protest. Leveling entire Palestinian towns? Mass expulsions? Death camps? After all, what are a few dead Palestinians when it comes to being re-elected?

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The Killing of Sister McCormack

By Anne Henderson, HarperCollins,

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THERE are two stories here. One, freely available on the internet, tells how the daughter of a West Australian farming family and Josephite nun, Irene McCormack, for 30 years an inspiring teacher and latterly a school principal, became a missionary in a small town in Peru, where in May 1991 she was abducted from her convent residence by insurrectionary forces, taken to the town square and shot through the head. Pictures accompanying the internet reports show a very attractive and composed woman in middle age, with a crop of stunning white hair.

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The other story concerns Anne Henderson, deputy director of the Sydney Institute, and her attempts to assemble what she calls the "fragments" of McCormack's life and work in Australia and Peru, with a view to producing a case for her martyrdom.

Fragments is no exaggeration. McCormack spent much of her childhood and adulthood in institutions, first at boarding school and then, from her mid-teens, with the Sisters of St Joseph. So her siblings knew a lot less about her than might be expected. Historically, nuns are discouraged from forming the intimate relationships women easily embrace with one another, and in the convent their regime leaves little time for idle chat. Not much information to come from that source, then -- and McCormack's written record did not extend beyond a few letters.

In Peru, where the diminutive nun arrived in her 40s, clueless about Spanish, language difficulties were significant, and although the missionary's role was simply to "be" with the community, her energies were largely directed towards helping the local children after school with their homework and teaching them how to play. So communication with the adults, mainly indigenous peasants, must have been pretty basic.

It seems, however, that spontaneity and lack of reserve were dominant traits of McCormack's personality. She loved to dance and danced often, and having grown up with a swag of brothers and male cousins, she had no difficulty relating to men or boys. Apparently she was known to have sat once on a man's knee at a social and "used inappropriate gestures" (the mind boggles). It was thought that at a crisis point of her life she might have regretted forgoing marriage and children; and it seems too that she had a brief relationship with a Peruvian, ended

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it, and confessed to her priest. Altogether, a fairly straightforward history for a religious person, and one that the Catholic church must be well accustomed to.

Henderson, by her own admission, hadn't initially preoccupied herself with McCormack's death and was moved to reflect on it only after encountering a suggestion by a Sydney newspaper's religious columnist that the West Australian nun should be entered on the Pope's register of martyrs. In fact, McCormack hasn't been canonised but she was recorded among 13,000 witnesses of the faith shortly after Henderson began her mission.

It's enough to make a good feature in the weekend papers but extending the matter to a 300-page book aimed primarily, one imagines, at senior Catholic secondary schoolchildren, requires a lot of filler.

And there's no shortage of it. Henderson rounds up and trounces all the usual villains: totalitarian governments, terrorists (not just Peru's Shining Path, but the ***Irish Republican Army*** and Hamas -- how come no one ever mentions the Stern Gang or the Haganah?), and universities too, where "first-generation" students are easily seduced by pernicious Marxist doctrines and book-learning gives students twisted reasoning about revolutions and freedom. Shades of Savonarola! Toss in a few superficial comments about the drug trade in Peru and there you have it: a somewhat myopic version of the society that killed McCormack.

Speculations, imagined thoughts of McCormack and sideswipes at an odd priest or two also leaven the text. The approach is "new journalism", with some shifts in subject so erratic as to suggest the book was done in a hurry and inadequately edited.

Australian Protestants are pretty relaxed about Catholicism but I don't think there'll be many takers for the proposal that the first miracle McCormack worked (you need one miracle to be an accredited martyr) occurred on the night her sister received news of Irene's death. Their mother was staying with the sister that night. "Mum was never with me during the week. She was mostly with me at weekends -- but she was there that night." A miracle, eh?

Catholic writings are enjoyed by people of all denominations and beliefs. This particular book, I think, is only for the devout.

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A bump in the street sparks bloody riot

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IT BEGAN when two women bumped into one another in the street.

By the time it was over, this seemingly unimportant incident had escalated into astonishing scenes of hatred, mob violence and petrol bombings which left

\$3 million worth of damage.

The ultimate cost for Ulster will, however, be much higher after pictures of all-too-familiar thuggery outside Holy Cross Primary School in North Belfast were flashed around the world.

Violence flared again yesterday turning a minor incident into the worst sectarian rioting in months and highlighting the bitterness still dividing Northern Ireland's Protestant and Catholic communities.

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The fuse was lit when a Catholic mother was struck on the leg by a Protestant woman pushing a pram early on Thursday, witnesses said yesterday.

Mother-of-three Jeanette McKernan, 32, and her husband Damian, a hospital chef, who live in the nationalist Ardoyne area, saw the incident.

"A friend of mine was walking up the road when a woman hit her deliberately on the leg with a pram," said Mrs McKernan.

"When we walked back with our children a few minutes later, we were jostled and abused and when one woman said something back, she was hit in the face by a man. It just went on from there."

Loyalists said they had been angered by the removal from a street light -- by nationalists -- of a floral tribute to a Protestant taxi driver murdered last year.

First there were just angry voices. Then more punches were thrown and more men became involved.

When police moved in to restore order, they found themselves at the eye of not one, but two storms with angry mobs from both communities attacking them.

The violence, which raged for most of the night, was the worst the city has seen for several months.

A bump in the street sparks bloody riot

More than 500 rioters were on the streets, 136 petrol bombs were thrown and 48 officers were injured. Several cars were set alight or smashed and homes damaged.

Seven people were hit by plastic bullets fired by police, and four Catholic men needed hospital treatment after being wounded by shotgun pellets fired by an unknown assailant.

A few streets away from the school where the riot was sparked, a group of men hijacked a bus and, holding a hammer

to the head of the pregnant bus driver, ordered her to take them elsewhere.

The toll of bombs, burnt cars and injuries grew yesterday as another round of violence started.

The girls' school in the Protestant Glenbryn district was closed. Steel shutters on every window and iron gates gave it the appearance of a prison.

That didn't stop a gang of loyalist gunmen from venting their hatred elsewhere.

Six men -- two with guns, the others wielding crowbars -- early yesterday walked into Our Lady of Mercy Catholic school car park, barely 500m from Holy Cross, and damaged some 17 vehicles.

As anxious parents fled with their daughters, hooded youths further down the road who were being held back by police bawled "Don't come back" at them.

Hours earlier, Father Aidan Troy said that, after meetings with police and Security Minister Jane Kennedy, it had been decided it would be safe for children to return to school.

It was the wrong decision.

At least one police officer was injured as about 300 Catholic and 60 Protestant protesters again threw petrol bombs, stones and other projectiles at security forces trying to separate them.

According to police, several cars were set alight by nationalists in the same Ardoyne area of north Belfast.

In fact, in the past 30 years, more than 20 per cent of those murdered in political violence have died within 5sq km of the Holy Cross School on the Ardoyne Rd.

The area is a melange of Protestant and Catholic enclaves where many close neighbours are also bitter enemies. Northern Ireland Secretary John Reid blamed the violence on thugs.

"To anyone engaging in rioting in Belfast, I would say the people of Northern Ireland reject your violence. It belongs to the past."

Northern Ireland ended 2001 with some hope of progress in solving the conflict between Protestants and Catholics which has cost 3600 lives in 30 years.

The Catholic-backed **Irish Republican Army** guerilla group, which fought for decades to end British rule of the province, made its first move towards disarmament in October.

The following month some stability was brought to the fledgling home-rule coalition set up under the 1998 Good Friday agreement with the return of pro-British Protestant David Trimble to head the power-sharing coalition in Belfast.

Mrs McKernan said her six-year-old daughter Chloe had begged not to be taken to school along the corridor of hate any more.

A bump in the street sparks bloody riot

Some parents said they would send their children back after assurances from Protestants that they would not harass the school run.

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Today is Monday, September 6, the 249th day of 2004. There are 116 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1565 - Spanish troops arrive from Sicily, forcing Turks to abandon siege of Malta.

1620 - Pilgrims sail on the Mayflower from Plymouth, England, to settle in the New World.

1688 - Turks lose Belgrade to Holy Roman Emperor Leopold I, whose forces subsequently occupy Bosnia, Serbia and Wallachia.

1715 - Jacobite uprising known as "The Fifteen" begins at Braemar in Scotland.

1813 - French under Marshal Michel Ney are defeated by Prussians at Dennewitz in Germany.

1837 - The first U.S. coeducational college opens in Oberlin, Ohio.

1901 - U.S. President William McKinley is shot by an anarchist and dies eight days later.

1909 - American explorer Robert Peary sends word that he has reached the North Pole five months early.

1914 - First battle of the Marne in northeastern France begins in World War I.

1926 - Chiang Kai-shek's forces reach Hankow in his northern campaign in Chinese civil war.

1930 - President Hipolito Yrigoyen of Argentina is toppled by a military coup.

1939 - South Africa declares war on Germany.

1941 - Jews over the age of 6 in Germany are forced to wear yellow stars of David.

1944 - The German V-2 missile, the precursor of modern ballistic missiles, is used for the first time, against Paris.

1949 - Howard Barton Unruh, 28, a U.S. war veteran, shoots and kills 13 people, including 5 women and 3 children in Camden, New Jersey.

1955 - Anti-Greek riots break out in Istanbul and Izmir in Turkey.

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1958 - Rioting in Mexico City over the ban on a rally by dissident members of a teachers' union causes injuries to 300 persons.

1965 - India invades West Pakistan, the modern-day Pakistan, and bombs city of Lahore.

1966 - South African Prime Minister Hendrik Verwoerd is stabbed to death by a deranged page during a parliamentary session in Cape Town.

1968 - Kingdom of Swaziland gains independence from Britain.

1970 - Palestinian guerrillas seize control of three jetliners which are later blown up on the ground in Jordan after the passengers and crews are evacuated.

1975 - More than 2,300 people are killed by an earthquake in eastern Turkey.

1982 - Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon presses Lebanese authorities to conclude a formal peace treaty with Israel. If they do not, he warns, Israel will create a buffer zone in southern Lebanon, using some of that country's land.

1986 - Two Arab terrorists kill 21 Jewish worshippers and themselves in an attack on a synagogue in Istanbul, Turkey.

1989 - Track athlete Ben Johnson's victories are stricken from the record books after he tests positive for drugs.

1990 - The oil industry unveils a US\$800 million, five-year plan to combat major oil spills off the U.S. coast.

1991 - Soviet Union recognizes the independence of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.

1992 - Troops in South Africa fire on African National Congress supporters near the Transkei homeland, killing 28 and wounding 200.

1993 - Six oil-producing Arab nations give crucial endorsement to the peace deal that would give Palestinians self-rule.

1994 - Irish premier Albert Reynolds and Gerry Adams, leader of the **Irish Republican Army**-allied Sinn Fein party, commit to peaceful settlement in Northern Ireland.

1995 - A car bomb injures 11 in a southern suburb of Algiers, Algeria.

1996 - Army troops drive Hutu rebels from their hillside positions outside Burundi's capital after three days of fighting.

1997 - Princess Diana is buried after a funeral service at Westminster Abbey seen by millions around the world.

1998 - Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei says the country will not use its military against Afghanistan's Taliban militia, easing tensions after Iran massed troops on the border.

1999 - Indonesia imposes martial law in East Timor as thousands of people flee the province and pro-Indonesian militias continue a wave of terror.

2000 - The largest gathering of global leaders in history assembles at the U.N. Millennium Summit to chart an agenda for the 21st century.

2001 -The first Air France Concorde plane in more than a year is cleared for commercial flights. The carrier's fleet had been grounded after a Concorde crashed outside Paris in July 2000, killing 113 people.

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2002 - Russian authorities discover a mass grave in the Russian republic of Chechnya, near the border of Ingushetia. Seven of the 15 dead were Chechen males who reportedly disappeared when Russian forces swept through their villages.

2003 - Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas resigns after a prolonged power struggle with Palestinian President Yasir Arafat. Abbas blamed Israel, Arafat and the administration of U.S. President George W. Bush for undermining his government and causing his peace efforts to fail.

Today's Birthdays:

Guillaume Dubois, French cardinal-statesman (1652-1723); John Dalton, British chemist (1766-1844); Marie Joseph du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette, French politician and soldier (1757-1834); Joseph P. Kennedy, U.S. businessman and ambassador to England (1888-1969); Louis Federico Leloir, Argentinian Noble-winning biochemist (1906-1987); Jane Curtin, U.S. actress (1946--); Rosie Perez, U.S. actress (1964--).

Thought for Today:

Laziness is often mistaken for patience - French proverb.

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Protestants menace streets, attack police as clash over march deepens

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Anti-Catholic extremists menaced the streets of Northern Ireland once again Tuesday as the British territory suffered through what is expected to be a week of violent Protestant insurrection.

Rubble and burned-out vehicles scarred hard-line Protestant neighborhoods in Belfast and Portadown as youths, preparing for a second night of attacks on police and soldiers, stole crates of empty bottles for use as gasoline bombs.

The paramilitary outlaws coordinating the mayhem have warned that rioting will intensify unless the Orange Order, a legal Protestant fraternal group, is allowed to conduct a march through the main Catholic district of Portadown this weekend.

Annual confrontations over Orangemen's thwarted efforts to parade down the disputed Garvaghy Road ignited widespread street violence in 1996, 1997 and 1998.

Relative peace reigned last year after Orange leaders opted not to challenge a joint police-army blockade at their Portadown march's midway point, an Anglican church near the Catholic area.

But history appears set to repeat itself with tensions and destruction mounting and some of the province's most feared terrorists returning to the fore.

Politicians from all sides on Tuesday criticized Johnny "Mad Dog" Adair, a leading Belfast member of the outlawed Ulster Defense Association who was paroled from prison this year under terms of Northern Ireland's 1998 peace accord.

Adair, infamous for boasting about his past slayings of Catholic civilians, led more than 100 supporters late Monday to the confrontation zone outside Portadown where police and soldiers have been blocking Orangemen from reaching the nearby Garvaghy Road.

Later, Adair cheered behind three masked men from a Portadown-based terror group, the Loyalist Volunteer Force, as they fired a volley of shots into the air from handguns.

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"Fellow loyalists, once again the British government and the IRA are trying to take away our God-given right to complete the march from Drumcree church," the lead masked figure said in a speech widely broadcast Tuesday in Northern Irish news bulletins.

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Trouble resumed Tuesday night with Protestants blocking key roads in parts of Belfast and hurling firecrackers at passing police armored cars. Police set up a phone hotline to advise motorists what areas to avoid.

In Portadown the Anglican minister at the Drumcree church, the Rev. John Pickering appealed for women and children to stay away from the central protest point "because they may be in grave danger." But he pointedly refused to criticize the Protestants fueling the protests and street violence.

Chief Constable Ronnie Flanagan, commander of Northern Ireland's mostly Protestant police force, said Pickering ought to be advising "the troublemakers, not vulnerable bystanders," to leave the fields around the church. Riot police have clashed with 200-strong mobs there for the past two nights.

Anti-Orange protest groups led by paroled IRA members began blocking key parade routes in 1995, forcing police to decide whether to confront Catholic protesters or Protestant marchers. In Portadown, Orange leaders have refused to negotiate with the protesters, encouraging British authorities to restrict their annual march from Garvaghy Road.

Many Catholics despise Orange parades, which often feature drum-thumping "kick the pope" bands and commemorate 3-century-old Protestant victories over Catholics. More than 2,000 such parades are staged each summer, only a few dozen of which go through predominantly Catholic areas.

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Masked youths in hard-line Protestant neighborhoods hijacked vehicles and set them on fire in several parts of Belfast, as rage flared over British authorities' determination to restrict traditional Protestant parades from Catholic areas.

The paramilitary outlaws coordinating the mayhem have warned that rioting will intensify unless the Orange Order, a legal Protestant fraternal group, is allowed to march through the main Catholic district of Portadown this Sunday. Britain and the province's police commander, Chief Constable Ronnie Flanagan, say that won't be allowed to happen.

Annual confrontations over Orangemen's thwarted efforts to parade down the disputed Garvaghy Road in Portadown, 30 miles (50 kms) southwest of Belfast, ignited widespread street violence in 1996, 1997 and 1998.

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Politicians from all sides on Tuesday criticized Johnny "Mad Dog" Adair, a leading Belfast member of the outlawed Ulster Defense Association who was paroled from prison this year under terms of Northern Ireland's 1998 peace accord.

Adair, infamous for boasting about his past slayings of Catholic civilians, led more than 100 supporters late Monday to the confrontation zone outside Portadown where police and soldiers have been blocking Orangemen from reaching the nearby Garvaghy Road.

Later, Adair and his entourage cheered at three masked men from a Portadown-based terror group, the Loyalist Volunteer Force, as they fired a volley of shots into the air from handguns.

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On Tuesday, police set up a phone hotline to advise motorists what areas to avoid. As darkness fell, Belfast's streets were largely deserted.

Protestants ran onto roadways to block cars in several places. Those who didn't stop risked having their car pelted with missiles and stolen.

An Associated Press reporter accelerated past a hail of stones and bottles as he drove past a gathering of missile-wielding teen-agers and men in predominantly Protestant east Belfast. Two recently hijacked cars were already ablaze and sending plumes of black smoke into the night sky.

In Portadown, several hundred Protestants massed near the rows of riot police and armored cars blocking the path toward Garvaghy Road fanned out into the cow pastures flanking the Anglican Drumcree church to throw firecrackers and gasoline bombs at police lines.

In response, police deployed two Belgian-designed armored cars equipped with water cannons. One doused the lead ranks of rioters, forcing them back up the hill toward the church.

Police reported that Protestant protesters had blocked key roads in at least six other towns in Northern Ireland.

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The Royal Ulster Constabulary said police returned gunfire after they were fired on from an area near the Shankhill Road, where Adair is UDA commander.

There were no reports of injuries.

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Youngstown State U. profs explain allure of terrorism

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Sexy.

Allured by thoughts of young women rewarding them ... or thoughts of martyrdom ... or thoughts of an eternal life after death, many young people can easily be persuaded to commit terrorist acts, students and professors said.

Terrorism is caused by several factors, the director of Youngstown State University Peace and Conflict Studies theorizes -- most of which involve young students "seduced" by the thought of belonging.

With air strikes Sunday signaling the next step in the war on terrorism, Dr. Keith Lepak, associate professor, political science, acknowledged that terrorist groups often look for students -- and students are often looking for what the groups promise.

Youngstown State U.

"Young people want to do something. They're looking for an adventure," said Lepak, when asked how one becomes a terrorist.

Lepak said many young people -- particularly students -- are na ve and can be easily turned on by the ideological movements of a terrorist organization.

"Some terrorist groups have a way of appealing to certain forms of idealism in the young. Perceptions of religion get mixed up," he said.

Noting issues such as race, religion and sociology, students said young people are attracted to terrorism by ringleaders who appeal to the beliefs young people often have on those issues.

"I think becoming a terrorist takes strong feelings toward a certain cause, and a strong leader that can convince people to do anything they want," said Deena DeVico, junior, political science. "Just like Hitler was able to convince Nazis that killing Jewish people was OK."

Dan Procopio, junior, marketing, said terrorists are conditioned at a young age, victims of their upbringing and political surroundings.

"They learn to hate," Procopio said. "That hate turns into obsession."

Lepak agreed upbringing and surroundings play a role in spawning terrorism.

Youngstown State U. profs explain allure of terrorism

"Apart from idealism, there's a broad social reality -- where many people have no values," Lepak said. "Violence appeals to them. It becomes attractive."

DeVico said no matter how strong her beliefs, she does not think she would ever be compelled to use violence as a means to an end.

"I don't think I hate anyone enough to kill them. I also think it takes a certain lifestyle, I guess," she said, acknowledging life in the United States is different than life in regions where terrorist groups such as Taliban and the **Irish Republican Army**, among others, have become popular.

DeVico represented YSU at an international Model United Nations conference this past summer in The Netherlands, and mentioned the Egyptian students acted "nationalistic and antagonistic" toward Americans.

"But that's just the way they have been taught to think about Americans," DeVico said.

Lepak said other countries feed on the naivete of its students, appealing to their sense of acceptance.

"Young people are targeted to be suicide bombers. They become heroes and celebrities to their peers," he said.

Said DeVico, "These people know they have short life expectancies, and they become heroes in their culture if they commit these acts."

Procopio said he believes many terrorists are victims of "blind faith."

"There is wrong guidance," Procopio said. "I heard that [terrorists suspected in the Sept. 11 attacks] were told that Allah had 50 virgins waiting for them if they killed all those people."

But just because students here in the United States have strong opinions against terrorism from other countries, it does not mean they act totally different, Lepak said.

"Protest movements often develop [to start terrorism from other countries]. They often rely on the enthusiasm of young people," Lepak said. "Actually, much of this is like the energy of anti-war students here."

Procopio disagrees.

"Well that is a different situation," Procopio argued. "That is a bunch of people who protest a certain cause, but when someone comes along and riles everyone up and starts fighting, then it gets out of hand. I don't think violence should be demonstrated for a cause you want to happen."

A colleague of Lepak's, Dr. David Porter, associate professor, political science, and director of the Global Education Program, has said another way young people are targeted is through the Internet.

While Lepak noted the accessibility of terrorist materials through the Web and through literature, he said terrorists such as Osama bin Laden, the suspected mastermind of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, start out their organizations with family and then channel their efforts toward those impressionable -- students.

"Part of it is family-based. You have to look at the social structure of societies where terrorism develops," Lepak said. "Part of the terrorism network system is extended family or those who they trust. Like any secret society, they exert a seductive effect on young people."

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Body

Located in the northern Atlantic Ocean. It is separated from the British mainland to the east by the Irish Sea.

Capital: Dublin.

Population: 3.6 million.

Religions: 93% Catholic,

3% Anglican,

4% others.

Currency: Irish punt (pound)

Customs: The Irish celebrate St Patrick's Day on March 17. He is the patron saint of Ireland. Other celebrations include Easter, and Christmas Day.

Common words or phrases:

Top o' the morning to you,

slainte (cheers), great drying day, good craic and to be sure, to be sure.

Traditional cuisine:

Irish stew, salmon dishes, bacon and cabbage, seafood dishes and tatties.

Sports: Hockey, rugby,

hunting, racing, hurling, golf, gaelic football and soccer.

Landmarks: Rock of Cashel,

Dublin Castle, St Kevin's Church, Trinity College, Phoenix Park, General Post Office, Blarney Castle, O'Connell Bridge and street, Ring of Kerry, Halfpenny Bridge, Mountjoy Gaol and St Stephen's Green.

Local Influences: The Brothers' football and sporting clubs, The Irish Club, Irish pubs, Catholic schools, trade unions and the Labour Party.

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Land of Saints and Scholars

* It is understood St Patrick took Christianity to Ireland in AD 432. To this day, Catholicism remains the dominant religion. From 1846 to 1851, disease destroyed the Irish staple crop - potatoes - leading to famine and more than a million deaths. About half the population emigrated from the country, mostly to the United States.

* Although the Irish were granted a degree of autonomy in the 18th century, opposition to British rule festered throughout the 19th century.

* In 1916 the Easter Rising took place. Nationalists seized the Dublin General Post Office and proclaimed a republic. After a week of fighting the revolt was suppressed by the British Army and most of the leaders were executed.

* From 1918 to 1921, there was guerilla warfare against the British Army. It was undertaken mostly by the **Irish Republican Army** (IRA), formed by Michael Collins in 1919.

In 1921 the Anglo-Irish Treaty resulted in partition and the creation of the Irish Free State in southern Ireland.

* After Britain granted independence to the Irish Free State (Eire), Northern Ireland was plagued by terrorism and sectarian strife.

It started with spasmodic outbreaks of violence by the IRA. But by 1968/69 there were serious disturbances arising from Protestant political dominance in Northern Ireland, and discrimination against the Catholic minority in employment and housing.

* Mary Robinson became the first **female** president of Ireland in 1990.

* A highlight in the past 10 years has been the turning around of Ireland's flagging economy. The Government implemented national economic programs designed to curb inflation, reduce government spending and promote foreign investment.

On the Coast

When Patrick Clancy (above, right) moved to Australia from Ireland 21 years ago, he was looking for a better life.

Patrick, who came from Wicklow, a county south of Dublin, said work had been scarce in the country.

"It had been like that for the previous 10 years," said Patrick.

"So I decided to follow my sister who had moved to Sydney."

Eventually another two of his siblings followed him Down Under.

In Ireland, Patrick was a postman but when he moved to Australia he started working for Cadbury Schweppes.

"I started as a rep and within 12 months was made an account manager."

He stayed with the company for 16 years, even after he settled on the Gold Coast in 1988.

Two years ago he decided to venture out on his own with a pie-making business, which actually had its beginnings in the D'Arcy Arms, an authentic Irish pub in Surfers Paradise

"There were four of us at the D'Arcy Arms tossing up different business ideas over a few Guinnesses, and then someone said 'why not pies'," said Patrick. What resulted was Clancy's Pies, a business that tantalises the public's taste buds with 14 different flavours.

Favourites include steak and mushroom, and bacon and egg delicacies.

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"We also have pasta and pizza pies to suit young people, who don't like the meat so much," said Patrick.

Some of the recipes have been taken out of Ireland, such as the flavoursome Irish stew pie.

Patrick, whose pies are sold in service stations, employs 18 people at his West Burleigh business.

"I get a big buzz out of employing people."

While the expatriate visits relatives in Ireland every three years, he says it is the Gold Coast he calls home.

"Living on the Gold Coast is brilliant - the climate, beaches and lifestyle are fantastic. It is such a friendly place."

He says many Irish people who live on the Gold Coast are self-employed. They, in turn, employ a lot of other people.

There are thousands of Irish people who have settled on the Gold Coast and Patrick says that the Irish and Australians mix very well.

One of Patrick's favourite pastimes is meeting up with his mate, Roy D'Arcy, for a Guinness and a chat, at the D'Arcy Arms.

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Body

Oliver's critique of academia perpetuates cultural divide

Thomas Oliver's Tuesday column would be laughable were it not so arrogant, shamelessly divisive and hypocritical ("Adults among the left prepare to resume anti-American rant").

Oliver portends the outcry of academia and its influence on students with pious disregard for not only the intellect of the teacher but also of the student. His archaic theoretical characterizations of imaginary professors and their fictitious statements belie not only an ax-to-grind mindset when it comes to higher learning but an obsession with a stereotype that is at least 30 years old.

His article can only be construed as an pre-emptive attempt to exacerbate a divide that he is certain will come once the dust clears here and the bombs fall there. It might surprise Oliver to learn that rather than the old model of hawks and doves, we now have a nation of eagles. MICHAEL McKELVEY, Atlanta
For the Journal-ConstitutionMixed messages

The **Irish Republican Army** is one of the most violent and bloody terrorist organizations in the world. John Lennon backed the IRA.

Terrorists killed thousands of people in New York City just a few weeks ago. The president of the United States has made public declarations of war against all terrorist organizations, among them the IRA.

Tuesday night in New York, John Lennon was honored. Human senselessness continues unabated. ANDY HARALDSON, Atlanta

Religion's role

Thomas Sowell asserts in a Wednesday column that "this is not a religious war, on their side or ours" ("War driven by envy, resentment").

Certainly this is not a religious war on our side. Yet when someone willingly gives his life after being convinced that heavenly paradise is in store as a result, that must be a religious belief.

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Envy and resentment play a part, as Sowell stated, but knowing full well that you are giving your life in the process must have greater rewards, as far as that individual is concerned. Without the hijackers' distorted beliefs that their actions would result in a heavenly reward, it is doubtful they would have been participants. CARLOS HENDERSON, Alpharetta

Naive ramblings

I am trying to understand that youth gives way to intelligence, but a recent letter makes that difficult ("Equal evils," Wednesday).

Let me explain a few facts to the young writer. A cold-blooded killer commits his crime knowing his punishment when caught. He dies for his crime, period. He is not an innocent office worker starting his day at the World Trade Center on Sept 11.

I do not know of any innocent youths gunned down by the police last year. I do know of several young officers gunned down in the line of duty because they chose to place themselves in harm's way to keep us safe. As shown in New York, they are all heroes to the core. God bless them all.

Finally, young writer, wars are fought for freedom. We defend our country or another that cannot defend itself from the tyranny of others.

Walk through any national cemetery. Beneath those gleaming pearly white stones lay the hopes and dreams of someone who gave their all to protect the right to put to paper our political views, including even incredibly naive ramblings. TODD KOSLOSKI, Hapeville

Poor selection

It's easy to overlook liberties when you've never really had to think about them, and when you're probably two generations too young to remember Vietnam. So I am not upset at the young letter writer who equated police shootings with terrorism.

The real shame here is on the Journal. Please first make sure differing opinions have at least some basis in a defensible, logical argument with examples that accurately can be compared.

The number of lives lost to police shootings or military actions against civilians is minuscule when compared with the losses our country has suffered from the terrorism of Sept. 11. A printed comparison of the two is insulting and irresponsible, at best, and infuriating to the many of us who have military or police backgrounds of any sort.

I hope that future selections for letters to the editor will be better founded. JENNIFER FEINMAN Feinman, of Lawrenceville, teaches at Brookwood High in Gwinnett County.

Not equivalent

A recent letter shows something so wrong it is almost evil: Moral equivalence, or moral relativity. One person's terrorist is not another's freedom fighter. The American Revolutionary fighters wanted independence --- their targets were Britain's military. The Palestinians want independence --- their targets are civilians, women, children, schools.

The difference, one reason we are so completely morally superior to these evil extremists, is that their goal of Western destruction is brought by the murder of civilians. Now almost a month after the murder of our people, we have not yet even attacked. If we were really morally equivalent to these murderers, we would have sent nuclear cruise missiles and addressed our problem. KEITH BROOKENTHAL, Atlanta

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Body

WORLD AT 1800 GMT:

NEW:

US-HUMAN RIGHTS. Report praises elections in Indonesia, Nigeria.

SENEGAL-CHIC ELECTIONS. Senegalese seek change with Sunday's presidential vote.

EGYPT-POPE-DISCRIMINATIONS. Christians say their freedoms are still limited.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

MOSCOW TV footage of bodies lying in a ditch, their ankles bound with wire, sparks international demands Friday for Russia to investigate human-rights abuses in its offensive in Chechnya. RUSSIA-CHECHNYA-RIGHTS. Lead has moved; developments will be expedited. By Judith Ingram. AP Photos MOSB113-115.

ALSO MOVED:

RUSSIA-CHECHNYA. Russian soldiers, weary and demoralized, predict a drawn-out guerrilla war Friday, despite their commanders' claims that victory is imminent. MOSB101-106, NAZ101-102.

US-RUSSIA-JOURNALIST. The president of Radio Liberty on Friday urges the United States to press harder for release of its missing reporter.

KOSOVSKA MITROVICA, Yugoslavia Dozens of ethnic Albanians line up Friday to register to return to their homes in the Serb side of Kosovska Mitrovica. For many, the thought of returning after weeks of violence even with NATO protection is frightening. KOSOVO. Lead expected by 2000 GMT. By Elena Becatoros. AP Photos PRI101-103, AP Graphic KOSOVSKA MITROVICA.

ALSO MOVED:

NATO-KOSOVO. With tension easing, NATO on Friday delays a decision on a request by top generals to reinforce troops in Kosovska Mitrovica.

RED CROSS-KOSOVO. Nearly 3,000 still missing from Kosovo since fighting, Red Cross reports Friday.

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CAIRO, Egypt Declaring "there is no time to lose," Pope John Paul II prods fellow Christian leaders Friday to step up efforts to heal their divisions. EGYPT-POPE. Lead expected by 2000 GMT. By Victor Simpson. AP Photos XSL101,104,107; LON105.

ALSO MOVED:

EGYPT-POPE-DISCRIMINATION. The pope's visit draws attention to the freedoms that Christians enjoy, but Egyptian Christians say their liberty is limited.

EGYPT-POPE-TWO FAITHS. Christians and Muslims, inspired by the pope's visit, discuss religion and national unity Friday. CAI105.

DAKAR, Senegal For those who have nothing to lose in a land with few natural riches but a bounty of world-class musicians and slick businessmen, Sunday's presidential vote could prove a chance for change. SENEGAL-CHIC ELECTIONS. Expected by 2000 GMT. By Glenn McKenzie. AP Photo SEN101.

TEHRAN, Iran With reformists sweeping last week's parliamentary elections, former President Hashemi Rafsanjani on Friday cautions the winners against sidelining conservatives. IRAN-ELECTIONS. Lead has moved. By Vijay Joshi. AP Photos TEH103-105.

WASHINGTON Free elections last year in populous Indonesia and Nigeria have brought more people under democratic rule than at any other time in the recent past, the State Department reports Friday. The annual human rights report also praises international interventions in Kosovo and East Timor but criticizes actions by Serbian and Indonesian troops. US-HUMAN RIGHTS. Has moved. By George Gedda.

ALSO MOVED:

US-HUMAN RIGHTS-MIDEAST. Iran, Iraq and other repressive governments in the Mideast routinely abuse the rights of citizens, the U.S. State Department says Friday.

LEGAZPI, Philippines A river of orange lava pours down the side of Mayon volcano Friday, but scientists say there are signs the mountain may be quieting down. Despite warning of new eruptions, hundreds of villagers begin returning home. PHILIPPINES-VOLCANO. Lead has moved. By Jim Gomez. AP Photos LEG102, 106-108. AP Graphic PHILIPPINES BOMB.

ALSO MOVED:

PHILIPPINES-EXPLOSION. A bomb explodes Friday in a crowded bus aboard a ferry Friday, killing at least 26 people and injuring scores of others.

DUMBSI, Pakistan Pakistani officials accuse Indian soldiers Friday of crossing over the disputed Kashmir border and massacring 14 villagers, including four children. India denies the claim. PAKISTAN-INDIA-KILLING. Lead has moved. By B.K. Bangash. AP Photos ISL101-102,105.

MAPUTO, Mozambique Heavy rains fill rivers to overflowing in Zimbabwe and South Africa, meaning a fresh wave of misery is headed Friday for flood-weary Mozambique, located downstream from the neighboring countries. MOZAMBIQUE-FLOODS. Has moved. By Mike Cohen. AP Photo MAP101,103.

KADUNA, Nigeria On Monday, there was a war here. It began in the morning, when angry words over religious traditions turned to fistfights. By late afternoon, it was being waged with machetes, with human bonfires and gunfire. NIGERIA-A SUDDEN WAR. Has moved. By Tim Sullivan. AP Photos KAD101-106.

ALSO MOVED:

NIGERIA-RELIGIOUS VIOLENCE. Plans to introduce the Islamic law in some states spark bloody religious clashes.

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LOOKING AHEAD: On Sunday, Senegal holds a presidential election and Tajikistan holds parliamentary elections. In Dublin, Ireland, the **Irish Republican Army**-linked Sinn Fein party starts a two-day conference Sunday on the Northern Ireland peace process.

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Friday, Feb. 25:

No major events added.

Saturday, Feb. 26:

Charlotte Amalie, U.S. Virgin Islands Republican primary, with George Bush favored to win. The territory sends four delegates to the party's nominating convention.

Gaza City, Gaza Strip French Prime Minister Lionel Jospin visits, winding up trip to Israel and Palestinian areas.

Sunday, Feb. 27:

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San Juan, Puerto Rico John McCain is threatening to beat out George Bush in what would be a major upset for the traditional Republican power base in Puerto Rico. The U.S. Commonwealth sends 17 delegates to the GOP convention.

Oslo, Norway U.S. Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson and Norwegian Oil Minister Marit Arnstad meet to discuss global oil prices.

Dushanbe, Tajikistan Parliamentary elections.

Dublin, Ireland Start of two-day conference by the **Irish Republican Army**-linked Sinn Fein party, in which members will consider the party's response to the lifting of powers to Northern Ireland's fledgling Protestant-Catholic administration.

Jerusalem European Commission President Romano Prodi arrives for two-day visit to Israel and Palestinian territories.

Kiel, Germany State election in Schleswig-Holstein. It is the first electoral test in Germany since the Christian Democratic Party's financial scandal broke.

Monday, Feb. 28:

The Hague, Netherlands Trial begins at Yugoslav war crimes tribunal of Bosnian Serbs accused of running several of the most notorious prison camps during the Bosnian war.

Cairo, Egypt Conference on the emerging African market, organized by the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Economic Forum and Euromoney Institutional Investors. Through Feb. 29.

New Delhi, India Economic survey, annual report card of the Indian economy, to be released.

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Ousted deputy prime minister Anwar Ibrahim begins his appeal of a corruption conviction.

Moscow Chinese Foreign Minister Tang Jiaxuan arrives for two days of talks on deepening bilateral cooperation.

Brussels, Belgium EU finance ministers plan to propose German Deputy Finance Minister Caio Koch-Weser as the EU's candidate for the top post at the International Monetary Fund.

Linares, Spain Linares 2000 chess tournament with top grand masters. Through March 10.

Washington National Press Club news conference with former French Prime Minister Michel Rocard to discuss the proliferation of small arms.

Washington The Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe holds a hearing on Kosovo's displaced and imprisoned.

Washington National Committee on United States-China Relations hosts an address by Joseph Prueher, U.S. Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, on "U.S.-China Relations in 2000."

Tuesday, Feb. 29:

New Delhi, India Finance Minister Yaswant Sinha presents budget to parliament.

The Hague, Netherlands French President Jacques Chirac arrives for two-day visit.

Tehran, Iran Trial begins for 20 police officers involved in an attack on a student dormitory in July 1999 that led to pro-democracy riots.

Miami Beach, Florida Former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will be guest speaker at the **Women's** International Zionist Organization gala dinner.

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Wednesday, March 1:

Montevideo, Uruguay President-elect Jorge Batlle to be sworn in for five-year term.

Helsinki, Finland Inauguration of Finland's first **female** president, Tarja Halonen.

Kiev, Ukraine The North Atlantic Council, NATO's main governing body, opens two-day meeting, convening for the first time outside NATO headquarters in Brussels, Belgium.

Washington House International Relations Committee hears Energy Secretary Bill Richardson testify about U.S. policy toward OPEC.

Thursday, March 2:

Rome South Korean President Kim Dae-jung arrives for visit to Italy and the Vatican. Through March 6.

Washington Worldwatch Institute presents paper titled, "Underfed and Overfed: The Global Epidemic of Malnutrition."

Friday, March 3:

The Hague, Netherlands Yugoslav war crimes tribunal scheduled to deliver a verdict in the case of Bosnian Croat commander Tihomir Blaskic.

The Valley, Anguilla General election being held four years early in an attempt to end political squabbling.

Beijing China's top government advisory body, the China People's Political Consultative Conference, opens annual session.

Washington Secretary of State Madeleine Albright travels to Portugal for meeting with European leaders and Russian Foreign Minister, through March 4. She then visits the Czech Republic, March 5-8.

Saturday, March 4:

Kuwait Start of Kuwait International Investment Forum, expected to draw more than 2,000 investors to review proposals from 75 countries. Through March 9.

Bangkok, Thailand First elections for Senate under reform constitution of 1997. Under rules aimed at preventing vote buying, candidates are not allowed to campaign or belong to political parties. The Senate will have limited power.

Tehran, Iran Italian Foreign Minister Lamberto Dini arrives on a three-day visit.

Sunday, March 5:

Sohag, Egypt Murder trial scheduled to resume for Shaboob William Aarsal, accused of killing two men in southern Egypt. The case drew international attention because police investigating the murders were accused of torturing suspects in the murders.

Cairo, Egypt Mediterranean Development Forum, hosted by the Egyptian Center for Economic Development. Through March 8.

Beijing China's legislature, the National People's Congress, opens annual session.

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Northern Ireland election put on hold until autumn

Belfast

Elections for a new power-sharing administration for Northern Ireland will be postponed until autumn at the earliest, Britain announced Thursday, dealing a new blow to the province's 1998 Good Friday peace accord.

Northern Ireland Secretary Paul Murphy, the British governor to the province, said the ***Irish Republican Army*** was responsible for the decision to delay the May 29 vote because it didn't commit to a "full, immediate and permanent cessation of all paramilitary activity."

The decision was a defeat for British-Irish efforts toward persuading the ***Irish Republican Army*** to make clear-cut commitments to cease hostile activities and disarm in support of resumed Catholic-Protestant power-sharing.

Human eggs from male embryos likely: Scientists

London

The ability to make an endless supply of human eggs for post-meno-pausal ***women*** -- even for men -- could emerge from a breakthrough in reproductive science published today in the journal Science.

Scientists have found a way to mass produce eggs from embryos, even male embryos, a technique that could scrap the "biological clock" of ***women***, end the shortage of eggs for infertility treatments and remove one of the reasons given by maverick doctors for cloning babies.

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The U.S. research also makes it feasible for men to make eggs too so that it will be possible, in theory, for a homosexual male couple to have children that are genetically their own, with the help of a surrogate mother.

Although it seems likely a similar approach could also help infertile men to make sperm, the technique will not enable ***women*** to make sperm because they lack a Y chromosome, the "maleness" chromosome.

One professor of theology called the work "a cannon ball fired across the bow of Christian bioethics. Many still operate with the assumption that babies require a mummy and a daddy."

Labour crowd heckles Schroeder over reforms

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Berlin

Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder was heckled throughout a speech he made to a May Day trade union meeting Thursday, as he struggled to defend a harsh package of reforms which has infuriated left-wingers.

His speech to German Trade Union Federation (DGB) members in Neu Anspach in Hesse was a defence of the Agenda 2010 reforms that are being resolutely opposed by parts of his Social Democrat Party.

But he was whistled at by sections of the crowd as he urged them to support measures on which he has made clear his leadership and the government's future rely.

He played somewhat to the gallery by demanding employers should create new training places, but he refused to budge from his main theme that current generous state spending levels could not be maintained.

French chef who worked to reform Brit eating dies

London

Jean Conil, the French-born chef who made it his life's work to eradicate bad cooking from Britain, has died at the age of 85.

Conil, who lived in Cambridge, England, died on April 18, a notice in the Daily Telegraph said. No place or cause of death were given.

Conil began his crusade to improve British fare in the austere years after the Second World War, when many Britons were living on dried eggs and overcooked vegetables. In the process, he produced more than 100 cookbooks, wrote for magazines and newspapers and appeared on TV and radio.

Conil believed many of Britain's postwar problems were the result of bad cooking. He tried to publicize the problems of poor preparation and the low standing of professional cooks.

Victims' families respond cautiously to proposals

London

The British government and families of victims of Pan Am Flight 103 have responded cautiously to Libya's announcement that it has accepted "civil responsibility" for the 1988 explosion over Lockerbie, Scotland and is willing to pay \$2.7 billion US in compensation.

Libya's Foreign Minister Abdel-Rahman Shalqam said Tuesday that the families of each of the 270 victims will receive \$10 million in three installments in return for the lifting of United Nations and U.S. sanctions and Washington's removal of Libya from its list of states sponsoring terrorism.

A spokesman for the families of many British victims said they had heard nothing new from their lawyers regarding the compensation deal.

Police ensure May Day protesters are peaceful

London

A huge police operation, in which officers outnumbered demonstrators by up to 10 to one, ensured that May Day passed in central London with little of the violence and damage which marred the day in previous years.

The traditional trade union march, which attracted at least 3,000 people, passed off peacefully, although there was some traffic disruption from "a critical mass cycle ride."

Most of the unofficial and potentially troublesome events predicted on the Internet failed to materialize.

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Although a crowd of 300 dispersed in Trafalgar Square, many officers remained on duty throughout the night. In the previous two years, some elements of the crowds had managed to come together for brief but intense bouts of violence later in the evening.

Police said, while the crowd contained "many of the usual faces at this kind of demo," there was little evidence of the hard-core of violent agitators seen in recent years.

More than 50 killed after bus plunges into reservoir

Saulspoort Dam, South Africa

What started out as a joyful journey to a May Day workers' celebration ended Thursday when the bus plunged into a reservoir, killing more than 50 people.

Trade union officials and politicians watched as the bus was hauled from the water, hours after the pre-dawn crash near Bethlehem in the middle of the country.

At least 52 bodies had been recovered by late Thursday, police superintendent Selby Bokaba said. "They are still searching for other bodies. They are expecting this figure to rise."

About 90 members of South Africa's largest trade union were on their way to a May Day rally when the bus drove off the end of a gravel road and plunged 50 metres into the Saulspoort Dam. It was unclear why the bus did not stop.

Governor-general urged to step down in Australia

Sydney

The governor-general of Australia faced pressure to quit Thursday after an inquiry found he failed to act against a pedophile priest.

Dr. Peter Hollingworth, former Anglican archbishop of Brisbane, let the priest continue preaching despite knowing he abused a boy.

A board of inquiry commissioned by the church rejected Hollingworth's defence that the abuse by Rev. John Elliott was an isolated incident. Elliott is currently serving a prison sentence for sexual offences.

In another case, the report criticized Hollingworth for his lack of compassion toward a woman who was seduced as a 15-year-old schoolgirl by a priest who later became a bishop.

Opposition politicians and child welfare campaigners clamoured for the governor-general to be removed.

A million Cubans gather to defend political system

Havana

Hundreds of thousands of Cubans poured into the country's main plaza Thursday for a May Day celebration that aimed to defend the island's socialist system against criticism from abroad.

"We workers are gathered here to tell the American empire that we are not afraid, in spite of their lies," Jose Rego, a 66-year-old gardener in a straw hat, said before the ceremony began at Havana's Plaza of the Revolution.

Cheers erupted as Castro, wearing his typical olive green uniform and cap, arrived and took his place alongside other communist leaders.

Organizers said one million people were expected at the Havana rally, including more than 900 union leaders from around the world -- 160 of them from the U.S. Smaller gatherings were being held in other Cuban cities.

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New Age cult leaves road after camping for week

Tokyo

Members of a New Age cult who blocked traffic on a mountain road in western Japan for almost a week began departing Thursday, after police warned they were breaking traffic laws and could be arrested.

The group, Panawave, has become a focus of media attention in Japan since about 30 of its followers camped out along the remote two-lane road last Friday, obstructing traffic and draping trees with white cloth.

The group's followers say they are seeking sanctuary from electromagnetic waves generated by left-wing guerrillas who want to destroy their leadership. They claim the cloth neutralizes the effects of the waves.

Representatives said they could not leave until the end of this week because they were carrying a sick woman, believed to be their guru.

Ducking duty because of a doggoned excuse

Carmichael, Calif.

Lucille Marie Gordon is in the doghouse and she may be heading to the big house.

Last year, the chocolate Lab received a summons for jury duty in Sacramento Superior Court. Her owner, Caryn Gordon, responded with "Lucy is a dog" on the form and didn't hear anything back ... until last month.

The dog received another summons for jury duty. This time Gordon felt compelled to straighten things out.

Gordon said she phoned the jury commissioner's office and talked to a man, who was polite but insistent that he had heard all the excuses. He told her to bring in Lucy's canine credentials or there would be a bench warrant issued for the family pet.

"You mean like going to jail? Lucy might like that," Gordon responded. "All she has now is a doghouse outside."

Sex toys still illegal in Alabama after vote

Montgomery

Sex toys are still illegal in Alabama after legislators voted against a bill that would have removed a ban on sexual devices, such as vibrators, from the state's obscenity law. The ban on sexual devices was added at the last minute when the obscenity law passed the legislature in 1998.

A federal judge has twice ruled that the ban is unconstitutional.

The sponsor of the bill, Representative John Rogers said because of the court ruling, the law is unenforceable as long as it contains the sex toy ban.

"All this does is make our obscenity law unconstitutional," Rogers said.

With little serious discussion, the House voted 37-28 to leave the sex toys ban in state law, leaving Rogers at the microphone shaking his head.

"What you just did is make our obscenity law illegal. You voted for obscenity," Rogers shouted at lawmakers.

Men sentenced for brutal beating in surf rage case

San Francisco

Two men have been sentenced for the beating of another surfer last year in a case of surf territorialism.

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Ryan Farrell, 31, was ordered to serve 150 days of home confinement and barred from surfing federal parks in or near San Francisco for three years. He also must post fliers warning surfers that violence is against the law.

Yoel Gorfain, 23, got three years of probation and community service. He also must distribute leaflets.

The victim, Adam Browning, said the attackers shouted profanities and ordered him "not to surf here any more" as he tried to paddle out to a spot under the Golden Gate Bridge.

Browning suffered a broken nose, bruises and lacerations from the beating.

Graphic

Out of control: A demonstrator standing on a burning car throws stones Thursday in the Berlin district of Kreuzberg. Riots on May Day and the night before, centring on anti-globalization protests, have become an annual fixture in the capital over the past 16 years. Associated Press photo: Jockel Finck

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Bush Faces Tests on Upcoming Trip

WASHINGTON (AP)

In his first major overseas trip, President Bush hopes to soothe frustrated European leaders, set a new course for U.S-Russian relations and bolster his image back home. The six-day, five-nation tour starting Monday means Bush will face leaders who are critical of his policies on missile defense, trade and the environment. Heading into the trip, Bush has recalibrated his position on some issues and promised better consultation on others.

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BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

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Scores Flee Macedonia's Capital

ARACINOVO, Macedonia (AP)

Ethnic Albanian militants seized control of a suburb within shooting distance of Macedonia's capital today, sending scores of frightened civilians fleeing amid fears that the insurgency could engulf Skopje. Police blocked roads around Aracinovo to try contain the rebels, and the interior minister said his forces were waiting for a government order to start retaking the mostly ethnic Albanian suburb just 4 miles outside the capital. Rebels have reportedly threatened to target Skopje's airport, located near Aracinovo, if attacked. Air traffic continued normally today.

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War game plans cast a shadow toward Taiwan

Thousands of Chinese soldiers are massing opposite Taiwan for their biggest military exercises in several years, which will be coordinated with amphibious tanks, fighter aircraft, submarines and missile batteries, an official Chinese Web site reported Thursday.

The report, by BeijingNews.com, a site run by state-owned newspapers, said the main goals of the exercises are to practice "attacking and occupying an outlying Taiwanese island and fighting off an aircraft carrier." The mention of an aircraft carrier was seen as a reference to the U.S. Navy; Taiwan has no carriers.

The United States has long been committed to help Taiwan defend itself, although the commitment is deliberately vague. While declaring there is no change in policy, President Bush said April 25 he would do "whatever it took" to defend the island from any Chinese attack.

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At the Pentagon, officials expressed no concern, saying the planned exercises appear no larger and no more significant than similar efforts in previous years.

The Beijing Web site, whose content is approved by government censors, said the exercises will center on and around Dongshan Island in the Taiwan Strait, about 98 nautical miles west of Taiwan's Penghu Island and 166 nautical miles west of Kaohsiung, Taiwan's main southern port.

The exercises are expected to begin in June.

ASIA: Taliban bans driving by **female** aid staffers

Afghanistan's Taliban militia ordered all **female** aid workers working in the country to refrain from driving. It said **female** drivers are "against Afghan traditions and negatively impact society."

China punishes doctor for exposing AIDS risk

A retired Chinese physician who publicized the dangers of AIDS said health officials have blocked her from traveling to the United States to accept an award for her work. Dr. Gao Yaojie, 74, said officials accused her of

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helping "anti-China forces" when she publicized the spread of AIDS among poor farmers in central China, blamed on an unsanitary blood-buying industry.

Indonesian protesters turn fury on parliament

A day after Indonesia's parliament voted to begin proceedings to remove President Abdurrahman Wahid from office, throngs of his supporters converged on the presidential palace to urge him to block his ouster by dissolving parliament. Military leaders and some of Wahid's own Cabinet members warned him against such a desperate measure.

MIDDLE EAST: Deal delays decision on Iraq sanctions

The major powers on the U.N. Security Council avoided a standoff over Iraq by agreeing to extend a U.N. humanitarian program for one month --- allowing time to restructure sanctions. Iraqi Ambassador Mohammed Douri rejected the new proposal, which is expected to be adopted today.

Israel urges deadline for Palestinian truce

Visiting Washington, Israeli President Moshe Katsav asked President Bush to set a deadline for Palestinians to end attacks on Israel. But Bush, who called the idea "interesting," made no commitment. In the West Bank, Jewish settlers, enraged by mounting Israeli deaths in drive-by shootings, turned to vigilante tactics --- stoning and shooting at Palestinian cars.

Palestinian diplomat dies in Kuwait

Palestinians lost one of their most pragmatic and respected leaders when Faisal Hussein, the top Palestinian official in Jerusalem, died of a heart attack in Kuwait.

AFRICA: Algerians demand more minority rights

Several thousand demonstrators marched through the middle of Algeria's capital, Algiers, called into the streets by a group demanding greater rights for the country's minority Berbers.

Somaliland vote sends world a message

A region of Somalia that broke away a decade ago voted on whether to remain independent, in an effort to persuade outsiders to recognize Somaliland as a separate nation. The northwest province went its own way in 1991, and Somalilanders are proud of the relative peace they have maintained. But other nations have been reluctant to recognize independence because it would mean a formal division of Somalia and could encourage other separatist movements in Africa.

EUROPE: IRA noncommittal on disarmament talks The **Irish Republican Army** and a disarmament commission said they had met four times since March, but both sides declined to say whether their talks were producing progress.

Resignation clears way for power shift in Italy

Italian Prime Minister Giuliano Amato formally resigned, paving the way for media baron Silvio Berlusconi, whose center-right coalition won parliamentary elections May 13, to form a government.

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U.N. rights chief extends her term Former Irish President Mary Robinson, who last month reversed her decision to step down as U.N. human rights chief, had her term extended for another year until September 2002.

Anti-cult law clears final hurdle in France A new French law intended as a weapon against dangerous cults was given final legislative approval and will take effect in mid-June. Guy Canonici, president of the Christian Federation of Jehovah's Witnesses in France, said the law is ambiguous and open to broad and dangerous interpretation.

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Setting aside decades of acrimony over Tripoli's sponsorship of terrorism, British Prime Minister Tony Blair chatted cordially with Moammar Gadhafi on Thursday and said the Libyan leader could be an important partner in the war on terror.

Without giving details, Blair said Britain would offer a "new military relationship" to a country long considered a pariah and that once armed Britain's foe, the **Irish Republican Army**.

Blair became the first British leader to visit Libya since Prime Minister Winston Churchill was there in 1943 during World War II. He also was the first British prime minister to meet with Gadhafi since the Libyan seized power 35 years ago.

Business interests, meanwhile, were running ahead of the diplomats.

During the visit, Blair said BAE Systems, a British defense manufacturer, would announce a major deal in Libya shortly. And Royal Dutch/Shell Group said Thursday it had 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. Libyan officers may be invited to train in Britain, as Gadhafi did as a junior army officer in 1966.

The two men smiled and shook hands then settled into low chairs inside Gadhafi's tent in the desert. It was hung with tapestries of camels and palm trees. Outside, a herd of camels wandered nearby.

After their 90-minute meeting, Blair praised Libya's progress in dismantling its chemical, nuclear and biological programs and said it "gives us real hope we can build a new relationship with it for the modern world."

Blair said Libya's December deal with the United States and London to dismantle its weapons of mass destruction ensured 'we have a more secure world.'

Blair Invites Libya to Join War on Terror

"We are showing by our engagement with Libya that it is possible for countries in the Arab world to work with the United States and the United Kingdom to defeat a common enemy of extremist fanatical terrorism driven by al-Qaida," Blair told reporters.

Britain has a history of grievances with Gadhafi, who supplied shiploads of weapons to the IRA in the 1980s. It broke 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.

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

But the two countries restored diplomatic ties in 1999 after Libya accepted responsibility for Fletcher's shooting, apologized and agreed to pay her family compensation. Blair said 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 victims, a move that resulted in the lifting of U.N. sanctions against Libya.

Now, Britain has taken the diplomatic lead in ending Libya's international isolation. The visit marked a major step back into the international mainstream for the North African state.

Blair announced the appointment of Maj. Gen. Robin Vincent Searby, 56, as defense coordinator for Libya. Without giving details, Blair said Britain "will offer Libya a chance of a new military relationship with the UK."

Some in Britain have criticized strengthening ties, but Blair said countries that cooperate with the international community should be welcomed back into the fold.

"I was particularly struck by Col. Gadhafi's ... recognition that Libya's own future is best secured by a new relationship with the outside world and of a common cause with us in the fight against al-Qaida extremism and terrorism, which threatens not just the West but Arab nations, too," Blair said.

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

Shalqam said Libya had warned of the dangers of al-Qaida in the 1980s and 1990s "when Europe and even America were supporting these people." He was referring to Western support of Islamic fighters who'd gone to Afghanistan to battle the Soviet occupation.

"For us, they (al-Qaida terrorists) are the real obstacle against our progress," Shalqam said. "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."

Libya's relations also have improved with the United States. In the highest-level meeting in decades, a U.S. envoy this week gave Gadhafi a letter from President Bush 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.

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Blair says Libya can be partner in war against terror

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In return, Blair, during the first visit by a British leader since Gadhafi took power in 1969, said Britain would strengthen cultural ties and offer a "new military relationship" to a country long considered a pariah and that once armed Britain's foe, the ***Irish Republican Army***. He was not specific, but appointed Maj. Gen. Robin Vincent Searby as Britain's defense coordinator with Libya.

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Body

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

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

Reporters gathered nearby to listen 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, then 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. Blair's visit - the first by a British leader since Gadhafi seized power in 1969 - is Gadhafi's reward for dismantling his nuclear weapons program and renouncing terrorism.

"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 told reporters that the two needed to agree on the need to form partnerships to tackle terrorism both politically and in terms of security.

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

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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 in Lisbon Wednesday. "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 Libya out as an example of successful diplomacy.

"I believe in dealing with these issues in whatever way we can," Blair said at a news conference 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."

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

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In the Nation

Rep. Hutchinson is reportedly DEA pick

* Rep. Asa Hutchinson, one of the House prosecutors in former President Bill Clinton's impeachment trial, is President Bush's choice to head the Drug Enforcement Administration, administration sources said. Hutchinson, 50, an Arkansas Republican, would succeed acting Director Donnie R. Marshall. The position is subject to Senate confirmation.

Crowded Ala. prisons get 200 inmates

* Alabama's troubled corrections system was thrown into crisis yesterday when two sheriffs, backed by a court ruling, sent more than 200 inmates from their overcrowded county jails to already-packed state prisons. Gov. Don Siegelman said state prisons would accept the transferred inmates, but the state has asked a judge to halt the influx. Alabama has one of the nation's highest rates of incarceration but no plans to build more prisons.

Rights group urges Vietnam War inquiry

* The group Human Rights Watch called yesterday for "an urgent inquiry" into the possibility that U.S. forces may have engaged in rights violations during the Vietnam War. The request, sent to Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, cited recent disclosures by former Sen. Bob Kerrey (D., Neb.) that about 13 civilians were killed by mistake by his Navy SEAL team in February 1969.

ACLU sues Ga. schools over T-shirt rule

* The American Civil Liberties Union is suing a Georgia school system on behalf of nine students who were forced to turn their Confederate T-shirts inside-out or face disciplinary action. The First Amendment lawsuit, filed in federal court Monday against Seminole County school officials, is believed to be the first in Georgia challenging policies that discourage or bar students from wearing Confederate symbols.

Park Service to catch speeders on film

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* The National Park Service plans to use cameras on the George Washington Parkway in northern Virginia to photograph speeding motorists and mail them tickets. Rangers at other national parks are watching the experiment. Yellowstone National Park, which gets about 3.2 million visitors per year, has many of the same problems, as well as snowmobiles that have been caught going up to 80 m.p.h.

Birth-control patch does well in study

* A birth-control skin patch applied weekly prevented pregnancy just as well as an oral birth-control pill taken daily and was easier for women to use, according to a study released yesterday. A trial in 45 U.S. and Canadian clinics with 1,417 women found the level of compliance with the patch was more than 88 percent compared to 78 percent among those taking the pill.

In the World

N. Ireland leader sets an IRA ultimatum

* The Protestant leader of the power-sharing government of Northern Ireland said yesterday that he would resign - and risk the coalition's collapse - if the Irish Republican Army does not start to disarm by July 1. First Minister David Trimble's surprise announcement tied his political future to the actions of the IRA, which has proved unwilling to deliver on a pledge in May 2000 to scrap its weapons.

Chinese leader says Hong Kong still free

* Chinese President Jiang Zemin said yesterday in Hong Kong that the onetime British colony was freer than ever and that only unpopular fringe groups were "creating tension." Pro-democracy protesters and followers of the Falun Gong meditation group were kept from Jiang's speech to the Fortune Global Forum, a three-day conference. Hong Kong returned to Chinese rule in 1997.

New Zealand to scrap fighter jets

* New Zealand said yesterday that it would strip the air force of fighter jets and sharply reduce the navy, becoming the first advanced nation to all but abandon air defenses. Critics and some allies have said the move would leave the country virtually defenseless. Prime Minister Helen Clark said the government was improving the armed forces with more spending on equipment and plans to upgrade the army.

15 Russians killed in fight with Chechens

* In the largest battle in Chechnya in months, at least 15 Russian servicemen were killed and 20 wounded in a two-day fight with rebels, an official in the Chechen administration said yesterday. The fighting broke out Sunday when federal troops surrounded Argun, about 10 miles east of the capital, Grozny, and tried to flush out rebels. Fifteen militants were killed and 10 were taken prisoner, the official said.

S. Korea protests Japan's new textbooks

* South Korea called off a scheduled joint naval exercise with Japan yesterday to protest new Japanese textbooks that critics believe whitewash Japan's wartime atrocities. The exercise had been set for June. China also upbraided Japan over the eight textbooks.

4 killed, 61 abducted in Angola

* Sixty children and their teacher were abducted during an armed attack on a youth center in Angola that left four humanitarian workers dead and several civilians wounded, U.N. agencies said yesterday. The motive for Saturday's attack was unknown, and the attackers were not identified.

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Report cites reproductive care 'travesty' Every minute, a woman somewhere in the world dies from pregnancy complications. Each year, millions more become ill or disabled.

That is one of the findings of a report card on women's reproductive health issued Wednesday by the Atlanta-based relief and development agency CARE and the population policy group Population Action International.

The study --- "A World of Difference: Sexual and Reproductive Health & Risks" --- found the status of women's reproductive health continues to be unacceptable around the world and that the differences are staggering between poor nations and wealthy ones.

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"The great moral travesty here is that we have a billion people or more who do not even get access to basic reproductive health care," said Maurice Middleberg, director of CARE's Health and Population Unit. "When women can't decide when to have children or how many . . . that devastates a family as surely as loss of a crop or loss of a job. So the first thing to read into this are the consequences in exacerbating poverty."

The study ranked 91 developing and 42 industrialized countries based on 10 indicators, including teen births, contraceptive use, HIV/AIDS prevalence and access to prenatal care. Italy ranked best on the study's risk ranking, while Ethiopia ranked worst. The United States ranked 15th among the 25 industrialized nations, falling below several European countries and Singapore.

The United States, Middleberg said, falls behind its European counterparts in providing access to health care and prevention of teen pregnancy. One in 20 U.S. teenage girls gives birth each year compared to fewer than one in 100 in Switzerland, the Netherlands and Japan.

Middleberg said the United States has also failed to keep commitments made at the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development, at which 179 nations agreed on a plan to reform and fund reproductive health programs around the world.

"U.S. funding for family planning has gone backwards," he said. "It was \$540 million in 1995. For the current fiscal year, the budget is \$390 million."

That amount is less than half of what the United States had pledged.

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Another threat, Middleberg said, is President George W. Bush's decision in January to re-impose a total ban on U.S. funding for international family planning organizations that support abortions or offer abortion counseling.

"CARE is disappointed that there continues to be this level of terrible health consequences all over the world," Middleberg said, "and all of it tragically unnecessary."

Taiwan official to speak

Peng Ming-min, a senior adviser to Taiwan's President Chen Shui-bian, will speak at a luncheon sponsored by the Southern Center for International Studies at the Swissotel March 15. Peng, an eyewitness to the atomic blast at Nagasaki, Japan, during World War II, is one of Taiwan's most distinguished political scientists and has long been an advocate for peace and democracy. His democracy activities led to his arrest in 1964 and eventual self-exile in Sweden and the United States. In 1992, he returned to Taiwan after a general amnesty for political offenses and in 1995 was the Democratic Progressive Party's nominee for president. Chen became the first DPP member inaugurated as president last year.

Wiring pledge welcomed

A pledge extracted by Mexican President Vicente Fox from money-transfer businesses to reduce the cost of wiring funds to Mexico has won cheers in Atlanta. "It's a practice that has long needed some moderation," said Sam Zamarripa, chairman of the Latin American Association. "I understand there's a risk in dealing with people in transition but these companies set a commission rate that was above what we would consider appropriate."

Mexican immigrants in the United States send families back home more than \$6 billion a year, with an estimated \$1 million flowing from the paychecks of migrant workers in Georgia.

But depending on the amount sent, as much as 30 percent has been shaved off in commissions and in poor exchange rates.

"Before, individuals weren't being notified in advance of how much they were being charged in fees, and their families would end up receiving far less than what was being sent," said Hipolito Goico, co-founder of the Georgia Hispanic Bar Association. "Lower fees and more favorable exchange rates will mean significant savings for residents of both countries."

Sinn Fein leader to visit

Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Fein, the political party closely aligned with the ***Irish Republican Army***, will be guest of honor at the Atlanta St. Patrick's Day Ball at the Four Seasons Hotel in Atlanta on March 17. Individual tickets are \$250 with proceeds going to Friends of Sinn Fein. For details, call David Fitzgerald at 404-504-6940.

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In the Nation

Another shooting linked

to Ohio sniper attacks

* A bullet that pierced a van's windshield earlier this week near Columbus, Ohio, was linked yesterday to a series of highway sniper attacks, bringing the total number of shootings to 21. The shooting Tuesday expands the sniper's target area: It happened on Interstate 71, about 15 miles south of where most of the other attacks occurred.

Jury begins deliberating

in AIM murder case

* A federal jury in Rapid City, S.D., began deliberating yesterday in the murder case against a former American Indian Movement member accused of killing a woman suspected of being a government informant. Arlo Looking Cloud, 50, could get life in prison in the 1975 shooting death of Anna Mae Pictou Aquash, a 30-year-old fellow member of the Indian militant group. Her frozen body was found in 1976 on South Dakota's Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Judge says no cameras

during Jackson hearing

* The judge presiding over the Michael Jackson child molestation case yesterday rejected a bid by news organizations to place cameras in court at a Feb. 13 hearing. Santa Barbara, Calif., Superior Court Judge Rodney Melville, who last week denied requests by news organizations for a hearing on the issue, offered no reason for turning them down.

La. serial-killer suspect

wins delay in murder trial

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* The first trial for the man suspected in the serial killings of six women in the Baton Rouge, La., area was pushed back yesterday after defense attorneys argued they needed more time to prepare. Derrick Todd Lee's trial was delayed from March 1 to May 10. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

Calif. judge upholds

lethal injection for killer

* A federal judge in San Jose, Calif., ruled yesterday that lethal injection did not constitute cruel and unusual punishment, clearing the way for the execution next week of a man convicted of hacking four people to death. Kevin Cooper, 46, is to be executed Tuesday for using a hatchet and buck knife to kill two parents, their 10-year-old daughter and her friend in 1983.

DNA evidence frees man

serving life for murder

* A Winston-Salem, N.C., man who served 18 years for a slaying that DNA tests proved he did not commit was freed yesterday, after a judge threw out the case. Darryl Hunt, 38, was convicted twice and imprisoned for the 1984 murder of Deborah Sykes. Hunt had been serving a life sentence, but was released on bond Dec. 24, two days after DNA implicated another man in the crime.

In the World

Police station looted after

uprising in Haitian city

* Hundreds of people looted a police station yesterday in the northern Haitian city of Gonaives, a day after an opposition group took control in an uprising aimed at the overthrow of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. At least seven people were killed in Thursday's violence, the Haitian Red Cross said. The government has vowed to restore order in Gonaives, while the insurgent Gonaives Resistance Front says it plans to seize other towns.

U.S. pledges \$200 million

for Liberia reconstruction

* Secretary of State Colin L. Powell pledged \$200 million yesterday to start rebuilding Liberia after 14 years of civil war. He spoke at a U.N. conference after Secretary-General Kofi Annan appealed for nearly \$500 million in aid for Liberia's reconstruction and an additional \$100 million for immediate humanitarian needs.

N. Ireland Protestants

offer power-sharing plan

* Leaders of Northern Ireland's major Protestant party unveiled proposals yesterday to revive a joint Roman Catholic-Protestant government. The proposals at talks in Belfast raised for the first time the prospect of the hard-line Democratic Unionists eventually sharing power with the Irish Republican Army-linked Sinn Fein. But Sinn Fein lawmaker Conor Murphy rejected the offer as "a blueprint for a return to unionist majority rule."

Germany's Schroeder

to give up party leadership

* German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said yesterday that he would step down as Social Democratic Party chairman to focus on leading the country and settling disputes over the government's economic program.

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Schroeder said he would remain chancellor but planned to cede the party chairmanship in March to Franz Muentefering, leader of the party's parliamentary contingent.

U.S. and Libya discuss

diplomatic ties and travel

* U.S. and Libyan officials yesterday discussed assigning representatives to each other's capitals and ending the ban on Americans traveling to the North African country, the U.S. Embassy in London said. While accords were not reached on either issue, the talks were seen as another signal of improving ties between the longtime foes.

Two contractors charged

in Turkish building collapse

* A Turkish court charged two contractors yesterday with "causing deaths by negligence" in an apartment building collapse that killed at least 60 people and trapped dozens more who still have not been found. Shoddy construction has been blamed for the collapse Monday in the city of Konya.

Graphic

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ESTEBAN FELIX, Associated Press

Nicaraguan farmers claiming injuries from the insecticide Nemagon during the '70s march toward Managua to demand reparations from companies including Chiquita, Dole and Del Monte. More than 2,000 ex-workers of banana plantations joined the march yesterday. Nemagon has been linked to a variety of toxic effects.

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EUROPE

KOSOVO: VIOLENCE CONTINUES -- The commander of the peacekeeping forces in Kosovo ordered extra troops and two special police units into the divided town of Mitrovica in northern Kosovo as violence continued for a third day. Eleven French soldiers and several ethnic Albanian demonstrators were wounded by grenades as Albanians protested the death of a 15-year-old on Monday.

Carlotta Gall (NYT)

NORTHERN IRELAND: LONDON TALKS -- Prime Minister Tony Blair and his Irish counterpart, Bertie Ahern, met at 10 Downing Street for what the Northern Ireland secretary, John Reid, left, called a "stock-taking" on policing, demilitarization and guerrilla disarmament, issues that threaten the home-rule Belfast government. Talks have become intensive in an effort to reach agreement before a meeting next week of the Ulster Unionists, who want an end to the joint Protestant-Catholic administration unless the **Irish Republican Army** begins disarming.

Warren Hoge (NYT)

EUROPEAN UNION: LE PEN RETAKES SEAT -- The French far-right leader Jean-Marie Le Pen took his seat again in the European Parliament in Brussels after a court overturned a decision to bar him after he assaulted a **female** politician. The court found that the assembly had not followed proper procedures in barring Mr. Le Pen last October. Suzanne Daley (NYT)

GERMANY: COWS TO DIE -- The government authorized the slaughter of about 400,000 head of cattle to help curb mad cow disease as part of European Union efforts to kill two million cows over 30 months old in order to cope with the collapse of the beef trade. The European Commission proposed spending an extra \$903 million this year to help pay for the crisis.

Victor Homola (NYT)

GERMANY: PARTY FINE VOIDED -- A Berlin court overturned a \$20 million fine imposed by Parliament on the Christian Democratic Union over former Chancellor Helmut Kohl's political slush funds. The court found that the fine, pertaining to undeclared funds, was not in accord with laws concerning political parties. Leaders in Parliament indicated they would appeal. Victor Homola (NYT)

WORLD BRIEFING

RUSSIA: YELTSIN BILL APPROVED -- The upper house of Parliament approved a bill granting immunity from prosecution to former President Boris Yeltsin. The measure, which was modified in the lower house so Parliament could rescind immunity in cases of serious crimes, is expected to be signed by President Vladimir V. Putin. Mr. Yeltsin, who turns 70 today, is in the hospital with what is believed to be the flu.

Patrick E. Tyler (NYT)

THE AMERICAS

ECUADOR: TALKS WITH PROTESTERS -- With protests against the economic policies of President Gustavo Noboa growing larger and more violent, the government has agreed to begin talks with indigenous and labor groups. The announcement came after 24 Indian and student protesters were injured while trying to lead a march in Quito, the capital, and Indian groups tightened their blockade of highways, causing disruptions in food supplies and transportation. Larry Rohter (NYT)

URUGUAY: PACT OF SILENCE -- Hundreds of current and retired military officers made a pact of silence early last year after President Jorge Batlle set up a peace commission to establish what happened to about 160 people who disappeared during the 1973-85 military dictatorship, according to an article in *Busqueda*, a weekly. The information was based on information from a retired colonel, Manuel Cordero. Clifford Krauss (NYT)

MIDDLE EAST

LEBANON: IRISH PULL OUT -- As part of a United Nations decision to reduce its peacekeeping role in Lebanon, Irish Army troops will leave the country after 23 years. An Irish Defense Forces spokesman said 600 soldiers will start their last six-month tour of duty in May.

Brian Lavery (NYT)

AFRICA

ZIMBABWE: DRIVE FOR CHARTER -- Nearly a year after leading a successful campaign against constitutional changes criticized for strengthening the office of President Robert Mugabe, a coalition of civic groups is starting a drive for a new constitution. The vote against the proposed changes last February was a stinging setback for the president and his party. It laid the groundwork for a strong showing by a new opposition party in last June's parliamentary elections.

Henri E. Cauvin (NYT)

ASIA

MYANMAR: EUROPEANS HAIL TALKS -- A European Union delegation hailed talks between the military government and the pro-democracy opposition as the most interesting development for more than a decade, and promised to try to support the dialogue. Speaking in Bangkok after a three-day visit to Myanmar, a Swedish Foreign Ministry official, Borje Ljunggren, said talks between the ruling generals and the National League for Democracy, led by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, above, were "at a sensitive stage." (Reuters)

AFGHANISTAN: 110 REFUGEES DIE -- At least 110 people, most of them children and the elderly, died Monday during a single freezing night in displacement camps in the western city of Herat, according to United Nations officials. The dead were among the 80,000 people who have fled to the area in search of food and water since their crops were ravaged by drought. Emergency appeals to international donors have largely been ignored, the officials said. Barry Bearak (NYT)

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Did she die quickly or was she tortured?

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A moment of compassion,

a grisly crime and the anguish

of injustice tell

the tale of

Northern

Ireland

EUROPEAN BUREAU TEMPLETOWN, Ireland

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T THE EDGE of a crystalline blue sea, a man and a woman are digging in the sand.

But they are not moving with the relaxed gestures of middle-aged holiday makers enjoying a day on the beach.

Seamus and Helen McKendry are desperately attacking a gorge of sand, piled in damp heaps by earth movers that have disappeared, leaving only their tracks.

What the diggers are looking for is a corpse: the evidence of a 27-year-old murder that has thrown the couple and their family into an abyss of misery and despair.

It's a tragedy whose tentacles go back into the early days of Northern Ireland's Troubles, the 30-year bloodbath that, at its worst, resembled Stalin's terror for sheer paranoia and senseless violence.

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At its heart is Jean McConville, a 37-year-old widow whose life and death were symbols of the sectarian madness that turned Catholics and Protestants into bitter enemies.

She is one of several victims of republican paramilitary violence who disappeared without a trace, and whose deaths were recently acknowledged as murder by the **Irish Republican Army**, in a goodwill gesture.

The bodies of three have been recovered after their graves were pointed out by IRA members. But McKendry is losing hope that her mother's will ever be found.

After a massive \$6 million excavation was launched in an area mapped by the IRA, work was halted last week by the Irish police, who were overseeing the project.

Unless credible new evidence turns up, it's unlikely the effort will resume, leaving the family once more in emotional limbo.

For them, finding McConville's remains would bring emotional closure to the pain at the centre of their lives.

Even if the body were found, they know, there is little hope of justice. Under a peace deal signed in April, 1998, more than 200 men jailed for serious terrorist crimes have been released.

Zeal is diminishing for investigating crimes going back more than two decades. Political realities move on, while the lives of those left behind are still stuck in the violent past.

"I was only 15 when my mother disappeared," says McKendry, gazing out at the excavation with an impassive smile. "I didn't understand what happened then and I don't understand it now. I only want some sort of justice."

The setting for the 1972 mystery was the gritty Catholic ghetto of West Belfast.

It was the year of Bloody Sunday, when 13 Catholic civilians on a civil rights march from Derry were shot dead by British army paratroopers. The shootings inflamed Catholics, who were already outraged by the introduction of internment without trial.

Bombings and shootings by the **Irish Republican Army**, British security forces and Protestant paramilitaries rocked the province. More than 1,000 bombs were planted by terrorists in a single year.

Northern Ireland's parliament collapsed and was replaced by direct rule from London.

For those who lived in Catholic neighbourhoods, fear and anger focused on the British military.

"Hatred of the army in Catholic ghettos reached such a pitch that girls who 'fraternized' with soldiers were tied to railings or lampposts, covered in ink and adorned with placards proclaiming their crime," writes Tim Pat Coogan in his chronicle of Northern Ireland's dark years, *The Troubles*. Jean McConville, a small slight woman, was marked by fate as a double victim.

A Protestant, she married a Catholic who joined the British forces - one of a minority who risked reprisals to beat the massive unemployment that swamped the province.

"We were outcasts always," says McKendry, who at 41 has the hard lines of suffering on her face. "We were forced out of a Protestant neighbourhood because of my parents' mixed marriage. My mother converted to Catholicism, but it didn't seem to make any difference."

In the 1960s, McKendry's father became ill with cancer and left the army.

In their new Catholic neighbourhood of West Belfast, her mother was thrust into a cauldron of violence that was boiling out of control. Exhausted by poverty and the birth of eight children, she became increasingly unstrung.

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"It was a concrete jungle," says McKendry. "There were always people watching and gossiping and it got back to the IRA. Once (an army) major recognized my father on the street, but he pretended he didn't notice. Just to nod back would have been dangerous."

As her father's illness worsened, neighbourhood hostility dogged the family. "When he died, in January, 1972, my mother couldn't cope any longer," says McKendry. "I was one of the eldest, so I had to look after the others. Mother tried three times to kill herself."

She looks away, down the beach, to the glittering sea and the digger working methodically in front of it.

"Sometimes, maybe it's wrong, I wish she'd succeeded," McKendry says. "Then I wouldn't have to think about whether she died quickly, or if she was tortured. I can never stop thinking about those things."

In a state of near breakdown after her husband's death, McConville was treated at a psychiatric hospital. In the late summer of 1972, she returned, still emotionally fragile.

Then, in September, came the moment of rash humanity that was to seal her fate.

"There was a young soldier bleeding on the ground," says McKendry. "Mother went to him and comforted him. It was a natural thing for her. She didn't know who he was or whether he lived or died. Afterward, my brother was angry and said she did a stupid thing. She nearly hit him."

For the next two months, resentment against the McConville family escalated in the neighbourhood. There was name-calling, window-smashing and ostracism.

Unnerved, Jean applied for public housing in another Belfast Catholic neighbourhood.

But on Dec. 2, a gang of 12 paramilitary guerrillas broke into the house and dragged McConville away, as her daughter and four younger children watched in terror.

"One of them, a woman, didn't wear a mask like the others. She was a neighbour," says McKendry bitterly. "I think they were all local people, eight men and four women. Every dog in the street knew who did it, but nobody said anything."

McKendry believes the police also knew that the IRA had planned the kidnapping - something they deny - and that her mother was murdered.

"The IRA put out a story that my mother had run off with a (Protestant paramilitary) UDA commander and they'd robbed a bank and headed for Mexico," she says. "At the time, it was hard to believe they'd be sophisticated enough to make up an alibi like that. But they were."

The trauma of the kidnapping and suspected murder tore her and the orphaned family apart.

"I tried to hold things together," she says wearily, "but I was very young. The social services people came in and totally destroyed us. Each of us was sent to a different place. We lost touch with each other."

For years, McKendry struggled with her demons, marrying while in her teens and bearing five children. Deeply disturbed, she turned to alcohol.

Six years ago, she decided to face down the nightmares that have haunted her since adolescence.

"My older sister, who was mentally handicapped, died. When I saw her in her coffin, I felt I was as close to looking on my mother's body as I'd ever be in this life."

"Somehow, I made a decision to find out the truth."

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The decision cost her and her husband Seamus, a landscape gardener, all their life savings, their home and most of their time and energy.

In 1996, the same year that a two-year IRA ceasefire was shattered by the bombing of London's Docklands, death threats and vandalism forced Helen and Seamus McKendry to move from their housing estate.

Word of their quest for the truth about McConville's death had spread. Police refused to open a murder inquiry without a body. The IRA still denied involvement.

But through private contacts, the couple managed to find sketchy clues to the fate of McConville.

"I was told she was questioned and admitted to being an army agent," says Seamus. "You can imagine why she made that confession.

"They put a plastic bag over her head and she suffocated during interrogation. I was told, 'Yeah, we stiffed her and she's dead.' It was that brutal and callous."

Repulsed but determined, the McKendrys pursued the IRA for information. Sinn Fein, its political wing, denied there was any to give.

Then, six weeks ago, as the now-stalled peace process moved into its most crucial phase, with Sinn Fein close to taking its place in a new power-sharing government, the families of the disappeared received their first windfall.

IRA officials pointed out grave sites in Templetown and Colgagh, both over the border in the republic of Ireland.

At the end of June, the bodies of John McClory and Brian McKinney were found in a shallow grave in an overgrown area of Colgagh, County Monaghan.

Helen McKendry has received a private apology for her mother's death, but the extensive dig, covering 80 metres of beach and costing the equivalent of an estimated \$6 million, has yet to turn up the remains that will set the seal on the decades-old murder.

"They said she should never have been killed," says McKendry.

The funeral arrangements are made, but she knows there may never be a body to place in a family grave.

As it was Jean McConville's fate to live in the wrong place and time, so her bones will fail to claim even the bitter satisfaction of justice.

"All the people who did this are alive and well," says McKendry wryly.

"But my mother would have been 64 years old now. She would know her 30 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren."

McKendry lights a cigarette and turns again toward the beach. The diggers, relentless in their duty, are dropping another pile of sand.

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<SUBJECT> FAMILY NIGHTMARE: </SUBJECT> Helen McKendry, right, holds the arm of sister Agnes McConville as they wait for news. Their mother was snatched from their home 27 years ago. <SUBJECT> RAKING UP THE PAST: </SUBJECT> The \$6 million search for the body of Jean McConville, above, has proved fruitless.

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U.S. foregoes deporting 9 IRA figures to boost Northern Ireland peace

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Trying to prop up the shaky Northern Ireland peace process in advance of President Bill Clinton's trip there, the administration dropped efforts to deport nine men whose convictions for **Irish Republican Army** paramilitary actions should have barred them from ever entering the United States.

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

Air Force One took off in midevening from Andrews Air Force Base in suburban Maryland carrying Clinton and an entourage that included first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, the senator-elect from New York, and their daughter, Chelsea.

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

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

Reno dropped pending but suspended deportation proceedings against six men and announced that the Immigration and Naturalization Service also would forego deportation proceedings against three others.

All nine had finished serving sentences ranging from 3 to 14 years, in Britain for crimes including murder and attempted murder, bombing and weapons offenses, before they came to the United States. But they illegally concealed those convictions to gain entry to this country, according to a federal law enforcement official who requested anonymity.

"The British and Irish governments have been consulted, and this action parallels their efforts to reintegrate former paramilitary prisoners into society," Reno said. All prisoners in Northern Ireland with similar convictions were released from prison as of July 30, according to a senior administration official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

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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, a trip that will include an audience with Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday.

When Clinton arrives in Dublin on Tuesday and later in Belfast, he'll find that the joint Catholic-Protestant Northern Ireland government produced by the Good Friday Accord of 1998 is buckling under mounting mistrust. And the IRA, fearful of exacerbating a split in its ranks, is refusing to deliver a promised start to disarmament.

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. They live in Massachusetts, Missouri, New Jersey and New York. Families, friends and some members of Congress have mounted appeals on their behalf.

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

The six in deportation proceedings suspended in 1997 at Albright's request, were: Brian Pearson, Gabriel Megahey, Noel Gaynor, Gerald McDade, Robert McErlean and Matthew Morrison. The three against whom the INS is dropping deportation proceedings are: Don Mulholland, Kevin Crossan and a third man whose name was withheld under the Privacy Act because he is currently 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. Morrison, 45, has lived in St. Louis with his American wife since 1985. He was convicted of attempted murder in 1976 after an IRA attack on a British Army barracks.

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TEENS SEAL PEACE DEAL IN BELFAST

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BELFAST - If you could pull a thread from time and follow it back to 1994, the five poised, beautiful young women standing in the lobby of the Grand Opera House yesterday morning would have been giggling 11-year-olds.

Then again, you would not have found them on that corner where Glengall meets Great Victoria St., very nearly the center of the city.

On that corner of Belfast six years ago, the sight of sunny children would have been scarce indeed. The Opera House itself was dark most days and nights; the Europa Hotel, just across the street, had been bombed so many times that people said it would be the first hotel on the moon.

Just about the only teenagers back then would have been the young British soldiers in camouflage gear, creeping down main streets in foursomes, two walking forward, two walking backward, rifles cocked - four corners of a human box, living proof of a failed society.

And the girls themselves would have been strangers.

"Never would have known each other," said Aislinn White.

"They never would have allowed us to go into the town," said Jenny Morrow. "The parents wouldn't chance it."

"Plus, we all went to segregated primary schools," said Sinead Gormally.

Now, at age 17, they are close to finishing their schooling at an integrated secondary school. With luck and persistence, they will be the last generation to have lived as children through the cycle of state and paramilitary violence in Northern Ireland known as The Troubles.

Change has galloped through the street. The young women from Lagan College were solid evidence of the triumph of politics, as much as the young soldiers were of what we are left with when it fails.

They were intercepted yesterday morning after a speech by Hillary Rodham Clinton, whom they all pronounced brilliant, inspirational, dynamic, enchanting. Their own lives and time are just as interesting. Each grew up when sectarian violence seemed like the rain, more bad weather, inescapable.

They come from separate neighborhoods, and different religious traditions. Now they are girlfriends.

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In the first blush of peace, their parents decided to walk away from the intensely segregated schools of Northern Ireland and try sending their kids to mixed schools.

One by one, people dismantled the foundations of a segregated society. Since the 1994 ceasefires, the number of integrated schools has doubled. The mixed schools are swamped with applications.

At the Opera House yesterday, Clinton - the one just starting life as an elected official - gave a pep talk to a group of women, saying they had made the peace happen. "Woman after woman, daughter after daughter, mother after mother, grandmother after grandmother, has made it clear we cannot go back," she said.

The Lagan girls had a keen ear for the sense buried inside political generalities.

"The point is you can have your opinions, you don't have to sit on the fence to be polite," said Gormally.

"She brought out for us to really listen to each other, instead of just talking," said Stephanie Clark.

The matter of religious differences - something discernible only to scholarly theologians - had no place in their lives, and no place at an integrated school.

Said Siam Beers, "You get the opportunity . . ."

Interrupted Clark: "to hear what other people are saying . . ."

"From the other side of the divide," finished Beers.

Later in the day, President Clinton spoke at the Odyssey, a new arena.

The President had spent several hours trying to jaw the political parties into a few more concessions: the British on their military encampments, the **Irish Republican Army** about its guns and everyone on both sides about the police force, which is currently 95% Protestant.

No deal was struck, though one is said to be in the air; to declare failure would be a terrible mistake of avoiding the slower, less dramatic, but ultimately more powerful truths about how life is organized.

"When people are in war, they measure the progress by counting victims," said Clinton. "When people are involved in peaceful endeavors, it's easy to forget to measure, because the measurement is in 'pain avoided.' "

Other than following the thread of time backward, how could you measure this fresh and new world, where young women like those from Lagan College now are free to think with and about each other in ways that would have been impossible six years ago?

"You taught us to respect each other," said Seamus Mallon, the deputy minister of the new Northern Ireland Assembly, who was hailing Clinton but could have been talking about the young women from Lagan. "To learn, in John Hewitt's words, that 'you must give freedom if you would be free, for only friendship matters in the end.' "

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AP EMBRACING PEACE Hillary Rodham Clinton (l.) hugs Cherie Blair, wife of British Prime Minister Tony Blair, at session hailing women's peace efforts at Belfast's Grand Opera House yesterday.

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Body

Picking up some pieces left by the past weeks' news. . . .

The Supreme Court has ruled on affirmative action, after a fashion. Hardly definitive, the 5-4 ruling will lead only to more confusion and more rulings. The best Court thinking on the law school case came principally in the dissents. Clarence Thomas: "I believe blacks can achieve in every avenue of American life without the meddling of university administrators." Antonin Scalia: "The 'educational benefit' the University of Michigan seeks to achieve by racial discrimination . . . is a lesson of life rather than law"

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In a concurring opinion, even Ruth Ginsburg noted the evanescent, non-law aspects of the ruling: "One may hope . . . that over the next generation's span, progress toward nondiscrimination and genuinely equal opportunity will make it safe to sunset affirmative action." Yet of course the fundamental problem inhering in affirmative action is that it robs its "beneficiaries" of self-esteem. In an affirmative-action hour, no member of a minority, however good, can know whether he (or she) has attained any height because he is good or because he was born into a minority class.

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Then there was the Court's ruling in the Texas sodomy case. In a blistering dissent, Scalia once again demonstrated why many would like to see him as the next Chief Justice: With its ruling, he said, the Court has "taken sides in the culture war," has "largely signed on to the so-called homosexual agenda," and has made constitutional sanction of same-sex marriage the prospective next step. However defensible the Court's sodomy ruling may be in terms of privacy, federal sanction of same-sex marriage - thereby institutionalizing abnormal behavior as a statutory norm - would be profoundly wrong. A constitutional proscription against it may prove the only way to go.

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And speaking of the law, maybe you saw that Norma McCorvey, the "Jane Roe" of the Roe v. Wade case, persists in her 10-year tergiversation against precisely the abortion the Roe ruling defends. Ms. McCorvey now adamantly argues abortion is a hurtful practice that hurts, largely, women.

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In Congress, (1) the Senate has passed (and the House likely soon will) legislation giving federal employees (including members of Congress) better prescription drug benefits than those proposed in House and Senate proposals for the everyday rest of us. Question: If, as President Bush and certain members of Congress broadly contend, the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) is a model for Medicare, then why are the FEHBP's prescription drug benefits not a model for mere mortals who don't happen to be federal employees (or Congresspersons)?

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(2) Opening Senate debate on a House-approved measure to impose caps on jury awards in medical malpractice cases, Majority Leader Bill Frist (a physician), noted: "We are in desperate need of medical liability reform." Yet the Democrats disagree, and their opposition seems likely to kill the bill. Evidently it's Democratic payback time for the hefty contributions trial lawyers tend to make to Democratic political candidates - including Democratic Senators.

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What's more (3), the Senate seems destined to kill a House-approved bill to end the estate tax - forever. Right now, the untaxable amount of an estate is rising sharply, with a reversion to the \$600,000 range set for 2011. The House wants to make the higher untaxable amounts - in the millions - permanent, ending the tax in nearly all instances. To end the estate (or death) tax, the Senate will require a stronger Republican majority instead of the current circumstance, with the Democrats just barely out of power.

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Abroad, two points: First, not Iraq but Iran. (a) Despite the growing number of American casualties in Iraq, most Americans favor American military action to stop Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons. (b) Iran has just tested successfully a Shahab-3 missile, probably derived from North Korea's Rodong-1, that could deliver a nuclear warhead 900 miles away (in e.g. Israel or Saudi Arabia). (c) Tehran is the seat of mass demonstrations against the Iranian regime. So (d) maybe the time is approaching when the U.S. will have to take action - with apparent support from not only the American but Iranian peoples.

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Second, regarding Iraq itself, where President Bush has said of Saddam loyalists targeting American troops, "Bring'em on!" - this question: As for instance the Palestinians are bleeding Israel (and targeting Americans there) and the **Irish Republican Army** is bleeding Britain, so are Iraqi Saddamites now seeking to bleed - and thereby drive out - the United States?

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Lighter notes: (1) Hormel Foods Corp. is suing a Seattle software company (Spam Arrest LLC) for trademark infringement of its canned meat product Spam (6 billion cans sold since 1937). (2) About 120 trial lawyers, consumer advocates, and public health officials recently met in Boston to plot litigation against restaurants, food companies, and fast-food chains selling fatty foods - la suits against tobacco and gun manufacturers.

And (3) seeking to close a \$1-billion budget gap, and facing state prohibitions against income, business, payroll, and banking taxes, Nevada legislators are seriously contemplating a 10-percent "entertainment" tax on, yes, prostitution.

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Sir Denis Thatcher, 88, Dies; a 'Most Shadowy Husband'

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Body

Sir Denis Thatcher, steadfast husband of former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and a man who embraced his role as second fiddle with aplomb and humor, died today in a London hospital.

Sir Denis, 88, who had been in frail health, died with his wife and twin children, Carol and Mark, by his side, five months after undergoing heart bypass surgery.

Once described by Lady Thatcher as the "golden thread" that ran through her life, Sir Denis was hailed today by his admirers and friends for showing his wife unswerving loyalty in public and offering wise counsel in private.

Lady Thatcher herself frequently acknowledged the debt she owed her husband. "I could never have been prime minister for more than 11 years without Denis by my side," she wrote in her autobiography, "The Downing Street Years." "He was a fund of shrewd advice and penetrating comment. And he very sensibly saved these for me rather than the outside world."

At the same time, Sir Denis, who was made a baronet in 1990, was celebrated for the charm and ease he so often displayed as the first male consort to Britain's first **female** prime minister. He once described himself as the "most shadowy husband of all time," The Associated Press reported.

"Margaret Thatcher wasn't just the first woman prime minister, he was also the first prime minister's husband, which in many ways was as difficult a job, which he did terribly well," John Whittingdale, Mrs. Thatcher's former political secretary and now the Conservative culture secretary, told reporters. "He was always there to give support, but he was always happy to remain two or three paces behind her."

Lady Thatcher, 77, a Conservative, became British prime minister in 1979, earning the tag the "Iron Lady" for her political astuteness and proud stubbornness. She was named a baroness in 1992.

Prime Minister Tony Blair, head of the Labor Party, called Sir Denis a "kind and generous-hearted man, a real gentleman who had many friends here and abroad."

A retired millionaire oil executive, Sir Denis was routinely caricatured in the British press as gin swilling, cigarette puffing and golf obsessed, a portrait he did not exactly disavow. His daughter, Carol, recently remarked playfully that it was her father's "copious" intake of gin that helped him recuperate from heart surgery in January.

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He was most famously lampooned in the satirical weekly magazine "Private Eye," which ran a series of "Dear Bill" letters from Sir Denis addressed to his friend and golf partner in real life, Lord Deedes, the former editor of The Daily Telegraph. The letters from Sir Denis, who was famously right-wing, were often sprinkled with references to "pinkos" at the BBC and complaints about being upbraided by "the Boss."

Although Sir Denis never gave interviews, he enjoyed the camaraderie of reporters and preferred to sit in the more raucous section at the back of the plane on press trips. "Avoid telling them to sod off," was his advice on how to handle reporters. "It makes them cross."

Reporters liked him mostly because when Sir Denis decided to speak his mind, he did so without tiptoeing. He was quick with a quip and unabashed about telling off-color jokes.

Asked once the secret to his slim figure, he replied, "Gin and cigarettes." And, on the day he became a baronet, he accepted congratulations, saying: "Thanks. But more important than that, I have just been elected a member of Sunningdale golf club."

After a bomb set by the ***Irish Republican Army*** destroyed part of the Thatchers' hotel suite during the Conservatives' convention in 1984, he commented: "It was quite a thump. And you should have seen the bathroom."

Sir Denis, a gentleman of the old school, almost always accompanied his wife on her trips abroad, chatting amiably with the wives of other leaders. In developing countries, however, he sometimes grew famously cranky.

In a village outside Delhi one day, he was once forced to wear the local costume -- an oversized pink turban. "These blighters are trying to make me look like a fool," he complained.

A World War II veteran, he inherited his grandfather's paint and chemical company, Atlas Preservatives, which he later sold to Burmah Oil. He met his future wife, 25-year-old Margaret Roberts, in 1950 at a Conservative Party function. One year later, they were married.

The Conservative leader, Iain Duncan Smith, said today that he was devastated by the death of "one of the most decent, determined and kind people that we have known."

"In a world that so often seems to have lost its manners, Denis Thatcher represented so much of what was best in the wartime generation," Mr. Duncan Smith added.

Lady Thatcher's former press secretary, Sir Bernard Ingham, said the death of Sir Denis would be a great blow to the former prime minister, who suffered several small strokes last year. "She's not all that well in herself in terms of memory," Sir Bernard told Sky Television. "Therefore, I don't think she's going to find it easy to recover."

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Photo: Sir Denis Thatcher and Lady Thatcher in January 1987, when she became the longest-serving British prime minister of the 20th century. (Associated Press)

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CORZINE BEST PICK FOR JERSEY DEMS

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DESPITE ALL THE HOOPLA, New York isn't the only state around here with an open Senate seat. New Jersey will be losing the services of Sen. Frank Lautenberg after 18 years. Garden State Democrats should take Lautenberg's advice and back Jon Corzine in Tuesday's primary.

Like Lautenberg, Corzine made a fortune in private business before turning to public service, having risen to the top of Goldman, Sachs, the Wall Street powerhouse.

In becoming a financial kingpin with wealth measured in the hundreds of millions, Corzine had to have rare intelligence and the drive to succeed. He brings both those qualities to the Senate contest. And, a newcomer to politics, he has tapped his vast personal fortune to fund the race, breaking records along the way. But he is not just about money.

A man of rock-solid integrity and strong social conscience, Corzine has a basic decency that is reflected in his devotion to charities, both large and small, and his concern for everyday people. He is not only a key backer of Newark's high-energy Performing Arts Center, for example, but he also personally sponsors eight schools in poor areas.

Those are qualities not typically associated with Wall Street tycoons. And they make Corzine a standout choice for New Jersey Democrats.

Included in his platform are patients' rights and universal health care for children, "character education" for pupils, strict teacher-certification standards and full licensing and registration of guns.

Most importantly, Corzine is one politician who won't need to be briefed on the far-reaching significance of the wired economy. More than most, he understands the new digital technology and how crucial it is to continued growth, locally and globally.

In 1997, he was selected by President Clinton to lead a presidential commission to explore the use of capital budgets to spur investment in technology, infrastructure and education. That same year, Time magazine named him one of the top 50 technology executives in the nation.

Indeed, Corzine is about the future - just as his rival, Jim Florio, is about the past.

A lifetime pol, Florio was in Congress for 16 years. He ran for governor three times, winning only once in a close election. His single term, from 1990 to 1994, is remembered well, if not favorably, for his \$2.8 billion tax increase - one that, when he was running for office, he had said wasn't necessary.

CORZINE BEST PICK FOR JERSEY DEMS

Florio's deceptive turnaround not only cost him reelection, it made him the only New Jersey governor in eons to lose a general election. The domino effect wiped out the Democrats in both houses of the state Legislature, giving the GOP veto-proof majorities. The Republicans have retained control of both houses ever since.

The Senate could use a few more solid business people like Jon Corzine and lot fewer politicians like Jim Florio.

Ulster self-rule

Thanks to compromise by the **Irish Republican Army** and courage on the part of the Ulster Unionists, Northern Ireland once again is in charge of its own affairs. That is the way it should be. The way it must remain.

In February, just 11 weeks after being formed, Northern Ireland's power-sharing government was suspended when the IRA broke off disarmament talks. Given the recalcitrance, Great Britain had no choice. Now, though, the IRA has agreed to let international inspectors verify its disarmament.

Nothing could have advanced, however, without a nod from the Protestants' Ulster Unionist Party. One was given - barely. Yet, while the vote was narrow, its significance is great. It means that - for now - Northern Ireland is back on the road to peace.

We say "for now" because nothing in Northern Ireland is guaranteed. Decades of bombings and murders have etched hatred and mistrust so deeply in the psyche of both Catholics and Protestants that each side cannot help but be suspicious of the other's motives. Still, nothing at all can be accomplished without their cooperation.

Thanks to the positive steps by both factions, self-rule returned at 12:01 yesterday morning. The cabinet of the government that was created in the Good Friday peace agreement in 1998 is expected to go back into session tomorrow. Which means that a lasting peace - however distant it remains - is within sight. Let it not be lost in the fog again.

Docs-come-lately

From The Guardian newspaper of Britain: LONDON - British doctors have called on the media to use **female** models with more realistically proportioned bodies instead of "abnormally thin" **women** who contribute to the rise in eating disorders.

A report by the British Medical Association claims that the promotion of rail-thin models was creating a distorted body image that young **women** tried to imitate.

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Today is Friday, August 1, the 213th day of 2003. 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 no longer commonly used.

1995 - A Swiss woman, Bea Wyler, 44, becomes Germany's first **female** rabbi since the Holocaust. The appointment stirs controversy within Germany's 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 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 just weeks after his trial on war crimes charges begins.

1999 - Palestine Liberation Organization leader 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 1993 Oslo accord with Israel.

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.

2002 - Iraqi Foreign Minister Naji Sabri invites U.N. weapons inspectors to visit Iraq for the first time since 1998.

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Today's Birthdays:

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--).

Thought For Today:

As scarce as truth is, the supply is always greater than the demand - Josh Billings, American author (1818-1885).

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Sir Denis Thatcher, former prime minister's husband, dies at 88

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Body

Sir Denis Thatcher, husband and ever-supportive, self-effacing confidant of former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, died Thursday at age 88.

Thatcher, who underwent coronary bypass surgery in January and had been hospitalized for several weeks, died at London's Lister Hospital, a family spokesman said.

"His family were with him at his bedside when he died," said the spokesman, speaking on condition of anonymity.

A tall, well-dressed and wealthy man who was always a step behind his famous wife during her years in power from 1979 to 1990, Thatcher learned to turn the self-effacing remark into a high art. He once described himself as the most "shadowy husband of all time."

Lady Thatcher, 77, suffered a series of small strokes last year that forced her to give up most public speaking engagements.

Before that, she cited her husband's poor health in turning down an invitation to visit the Falkland Islands to mark the 20th anniversary of the 1982 war between Britain and Argentina.

"A great deal will have been lost in her life," said Sir Bernard Ingham, who was Margaret Thatcher's spokesman when she was in power.

"She's not all that well in herself in terms of loss of memory. Therefore, I don't think she's going to find it easy to recover," Ingham told Sky News TV.

At the age of 80, Denis Thatcher looked back on his marriage and mused, "All I could produce, small as it may be, was love and loyalty."

But he was much more - a sort of national institution in his own right.

To satirists he was an amiable, boozy old buffer, golf-mad and hen-pecked, always trying to sneak off for a "tincture" with chums, and airing vigorously right-wing views.

To his wife, he was the bedrock; the wealthy provider of nannies and expensive boarding schools for their two children; and the love story that made the rest possible.

Sir Denis Thatcher, former prime minister's husband, dies at 88

"I think people adore him - and I do, too," she once said.

Margaret Thatcher's successor, John Major, said Denis Thatcher provided his wife "with dispassionate advice that he was wise enough to keep private and Margaret was wise enough to accept."

Prime Minister Tony Blair paid tribute to "a successful businessman, a devoted family man (and) loyal friend" who "was always entertaining company."

Thatcher was 63 and a retired oil executive when his wife led Britain's Conservative Party to victory and became Europe's first **female** prime minister in May 1979.

He remained by her side through two more national elections, the 1982 Falkland Islands War, a 1984 assassination attempt and extensive foreign travel.

He chatted with the wives of other leaders at summit meetings, and was pushed around, often unrecognized, by crowds mobbing his wife on walking tours from Moscow to English regional cities.

He was still there, waving briskly beside his tearful spouse, as they left the prime minister's No. 10 Downing St. residence in November 1990 after she was ousted in a party revolt.

A month later he was made a hereditary baronet.

"Years ago, if anyone had said to me 'You'll be doing all this,' I'd have told them, 'You've got to be out of your mind,'" he said in 1985.

Why did he do it? "God gives you a job. Get out and do it."

His image came partly from a satirical magazine, Private Eye, which ran spoof letters from Denis Thatcher to a golfing pal, Bill Deedes, now Lord Deedes, former editor of London's Daily Telegraph.

The "Dear Bill" letters were scattered with complaints about "pinkos" at the British Broadcasting Corp., the tedium of another visit with "old Hopalong" (President Reagan) and reproofs from "The Boss."

The letters hit some chords.

"There's a lot of Dad in Private Eye," daughter Carol Thatcher once remarked.

John Whittingdale, formerly the prime minister's political secretary, said the Private Eye character "was an awful long way from the real Denis Thatcher, who was an immensely successful businessman and a very sharp operator.

"But he didn't resent the fact that he was portrayed in this way, and occasionally played up to it," Whittingdale said.

Once, when asked the secret of his trim figure, Thatcher said: "gin and cigarettes."

After the **Irish Republican Army** blew up the prime minister's hotel during the Conservatives' 1984 party convention in Brighton, wrecking part of the Thatchers' suite and killing five people, Denis Thatcher responded with an English stiff-upper-lip classic.

"It was quite a thump," he said. "You should have seen the bathroom."

Born into an upper-middle class family, Thatcher took over his grandfather's paint and chemicals company, Atlas Preservatives, after World War II service as an army officer. His wartime first marriage had ended in divorce.

He met 25-year-old Margaret Roberts in 1950 at a Conservative Party function. They married a year later and their twins, Mark and Carol, were born in 1953.

Thatcher sold the family company in 1965 to Burmah Oil, but remained in the business until he retired. He also was on the boards of several companies.

Sir Denis Thatcher, former prime minister's husband, dies at 88

He is survived by his wife, his children and two grandchildren. Funeral arrangements were not immediately announced.

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Castro warns U.S. against attack

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Fidel Castro accused the United States of wanting to attack Cuba, speaking at a May Day celebration Thursday that aimed to defend the island's socialist system against criticism from abroad.

"In Miami and Washington they are now discussing where, how and when Cuba will be attacked," the Cuban president told a crowd of hundreds of thousands gathered for the celebration in Havana's Plaza of the Revolution.

"I want to convey a message to the world and the American people: We do not want the blood of Cubans and Americans to be shed in a war," he said.

The crowd responded with cries of "Whatever it takes, Fidel!" while waving Cuban flags. One group hoisted an effigy of President Bush that read, "Bush: Don't mess with Cuba."

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Castro said U.S. officials "provoke and encourage" attacks like the recent hijackings of Cuban planes and boats.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said recently that "there are no plans for military action against Cuba."

The gathering came two weeks after the firing-squad executions of three men convicted of terrorism for trying to hijack a Cuban ferry full of passengers to the United States. No one was hurt in the hijacking, one of at least four over a few weeks.

The Bush administration, along with other governments and international human rights groups, condemned the quick trial and execution. Castro said the executions were necessary to halt the hijackings and stem a growing migration crisis.

Bus with South African workers crashes, kills 52

SAULSPOORT DAM, South Africa - A bus packed with passengers headed to a May Day celebration plunged into a reservoir Thursday, killing at least 52 people on board, police said.

The bus was pulled ashore hours after it plunged into the reservoir near the town of Bethlehem with 90 people inside. Some bodies were found on the bus; others were pulled from the water.

Ten survivors were pulled from the water and were briefly hospitalized.

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Several police mortuary vans ferried bodies from the scene and returned to collect more. Bodies pulled from the water and the bus were placed onshore and covered with white plastic sheets.

The bus was carrying members of South Africa's largest trade union to a May Day workers celebration when their bus driver apparently lost his way and drove down a gravel path that led into the reservoir.

Mexican women may have been killed for organs

MEXICO CITY - Federal investigators are looking into claims that some of the dozens of women slain in the border city of Ciudad Juarez over the past decade may have been killed for their internal organs.

Investigators were considering the theory for 14 of the 91 women whose slayings are still unsolved. They didn't specify what evidence they had to support the idea but suggested that autopsy evidence on some better-preserved bodies backed the claim.

"Several details support the idea that these women were killed to extract their organs and sell them," the Justice Department said in a statement Wednesday.

Those 14 cases involved women whose decomposed remains were found in Juarez in 2001, 2002 and early 2003.

The prosecutors indicated that the organs would be sold to wealthy people needing transplants.

But Oscar Maynez, the former head of the Ciudad Juarez forensics office who worked on the case until 2001, said he never saw any evidence of missing organs in the bodies he examined when he worked on the case.

Blair postpones elections in Northern Ireland

BELFAST, Northern Ireland - British Prime Minister Tony Blair canceled Northern Ireland's elections Thursday, saying deepening divisions among Catholic and Protestant voters threatened to bring "complete and total chaos."

Blair said he planned to move the May 29 election for Northern Ireland's dissolved Legislature to the autumn. But he warned the vote could be delayed longer if the outlawed Irish Republican Army doesn't explicitly renounce violence, cease all hostile activities and disarm.

Gaining such an IRA commitment "goes to the very soul of the Good Friday agreement," he said, referring to the 1998 pact that proposed power sharing between British Protestants and Irish Catholics in the province. He accused the IRA's Sinn Fein party of a "point-blank refusal" to go beyond "general assurances" on future IRA actions.

Northern Ireland legislators in 1999 overcame deep Protestant divisions to form a four-party administration that included Sinn Fein.

But Britain, fearing a walkout by the main Protestant party, shut down the crisis-prone coalition in October after police implicated Sinn Fein in an alleged IRA spy ring.

Stage set for evacuation of Nigerian rig workers

LAGOS, Nigeria - Ahead of a new round of negotiations, Nigerian navy ships and private helicopters prepared Thursday for a possible evacuation of 97 foreigners and 170 Nigerians being held hostage on oil rigs by striking workers.

The rigs' owners were to meet today with Nigerian labor leaders, including representatives chosen by the hostage-takers, in the Nigerian capital of Abuja, according to Peter Akpatason, president of the country's largest oil union.

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ALL-STAR HIP-HOP: Raphael Saadiq hooked up with Q-Tip and Snoop Dogg for a recording session last weekend -- but they were not in the same studio together. They used an ISDN line between studios in New York and Los Angeles to put the finishing touches on their collaboration "You." It's the first project to feature Q-Tip and Snoop together, and the first time that Q-Tip has rapped on a West Coast track. It was produced under the direction of West Coast producer Battlecat -- whose credits include Korrupt's "We Can Freak It" and Tha Eastsidaz "G'd up," also with Snoop. Saadiq -- formerly of Tony! Toni! Tone!, has joined with Dawn Robinson of the diva girl group En Vogue and Ali Shaheed Muhammad of A Tribe Called Quest to form the new band, Lucy Pearl. Their debut CD is scheduled for a May release. 0- SHEEN GOING TO 'CITY': Movie star Charlie Sheen is going to be a TV star too. Sheen has signed on to replace Michael J. Fox as the star of the ABC comedy "Spin City." Variety reports that, with Sheen in place, the network has decided to renew the show for the 2000-01 season and move production from to Los Angeles from New York -- where it has been shot since it first went on the air in 1996. The showbiz daily also says that Sheen has agreed to stay with the show as long as it's still on the air, or for four seasons -- whichever comes first.

Sheen will probably play a New York City deputy mayor, similar to the character Fox originated on the show. Fox is leaving to devote more time to his family and to the search for a cure and new treatment for Parkinson's disease. 0- CARREY'S NOT COMPLAINING: Gossip columnist Liz Smith is pulling back a bit from an item she wrote recently about Jim Carrey's reaction to not being nominated for an Academy Award for his performance as Andy Kaufman in "Man on the Moon." Smith says Carrey's publicist called to set her straight that Carrey "never complained" about being ignored again this year by Academy voters, even though the Hollywood Foreign Press Association reward Carrey with a Golden Globe for his work. It was the second year in a row that the over-the-top comic actor picked up a Golden Globe but was passed over for an Oscar. 0- STONE STILL IN LOVE: Sharon Stone and her husband, newspaperman Phil Bronstein, got married again on Valentine's Day. The New York Daily News reports that the celebrity couple renewed their wedding vows two years to the day after they got married the first time. Saturday night in Los Angeles, where Stone was honored by the Human Rights Campaign for her work on behalf of gay and lesbian rights, the actress told the paper's Mitchell Fink, "I don't think I can talk about Phil without crying." She said she doesn't think "it's any secret that I looked in all the wrong places for a long time." During her acceptance speech, Stone told the audience, "I am exactly like a gay woman except that I don't sleep with women." 0- YOKO SAYS JOHN GAVE NO MONEY TO IRA: Yoko Ono says there is no truth to reports that her late husband John Lennon gave money to the Irish Republican Army. Ono was responding to reports that documentary evidence would show that Lennon contributed to the IRA in the 1970s. Ono, who is in Spain for a showing of her art, said Lennon gave money to "people who were in need" when they asked for it, but not to the IRA. A former member of British intelligence told a British newspaper, The Observer, that a British spy inside a communist group had alleged that Lennon contributed to the IRA. 0- MANHATTAN TRANSFER SINGER LOSES VOICE IN MIDSET:

People

Reinforcements were close at hand at a Boston nightclub Sunday when the featured singer -- Cheryl Bentyne of the Manhattan Transfer -- lost her voice before she could finish her second set. It was the final night of a sold-out, six-night stand for Bentyne at Les Zygomates -- which began only three days after the Transfer played a gig in Hawaii. The club crowd was enjoying her reading of Cole Porter when Bentyne had to stop. She apologized and handed out free CDs. Local jazz singer Kaisanthi Pappas was in the house, and the Globe says she stepped up to the bandstand and sang a couple of songs, then stepped aside for Kansas City singer Kevin Mahogany, a visiting professor at the Berklee College of Music who was also attending the show. He worked until midnight, and the paper says his spontaneous set drew rave reviews from the audience, which included Phish drummer Jon Fishman.

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**Daytime on Discovery Health Channel, Viewers Get the Full Spectrum Of
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Discovery Health Channel offers a full spectrum of entertaining, enlightening information in synch with the needs of the 21st-century woman. From yoga classes to wake-up by and Cooking tips for busy schedules to daily, in-depth updates on **women's** special health-care needs, Discovery Health Channel Daytime offers viewer-friendly, woman and family-oriented programming that educates and entertains.

Regular Monday-Friday programming blocks include the following series (all times ET).

TAKE CHARGE!

(Monday-Thursdays 7 am, 12 pm & 4 pm)

These personal stories of strong people facing serious illness and injury are inspiring and informative. Heart-warming survivor stories, profiles of integrative medicine at work, and ways to discover inner willpower make TAKE CHARGE! important viewing. Viewers will feel empowered after learning (for example) how world champion cyclist Lance Armstrong beat cancer; how filmmaker Joe Viszmeg and his family coped with his long struggle with a rare cancer; how children wounded by an ***Irish Republican Army*** car bomb became global ambassadors for peace. Every program in the series offers a compassionate and compelling story of personal courage in the face of compromised health.

CUSTOM FIT

(Monday-Friday, 8 am & 5 pm)

This series defies couch-potato-ism, getting viewers moving with energetic, inspiring exercise programs. CUSTOM FIT highlights new trends in fitness, spotlighting vigorous workouts and ensure overall fitness and well-being. There are workouts for the body and soul, from Tai Chi to yoga, and step aerobics to strengthening floor exercises. Expert instructors with years of practice in the video format include yoga maven Rodney Yee (A.M. Yoga) of the Piedmont Yoga Studio in California; David Snively (Caribbean Workout), a former national diving champ turned educated master trainer; and Cathe Friedrich (Step-N-Motion), a pioneer in advanced step aerobics, who has helped transform her power aerobics into the most popular form taught today.

... THEN CAME BABY

(Monday-Friday, 9 am & 1 pm)

Daytime on Discovery Health Channel, Viewers Get the Full Spectrum Of Health and Lifestyle Programming;
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Some come by birth. Some come by adoption. And every one is loved. In ... THEN CAME BABY, each program follows an expectant couple as they prepare for the arrival of a new family member. The proud parents-to-be and other family members candidly describe their hopes and fears as they go through the most moving and miraculous part of the life cycle. The camera follows them almost everywhere and they describe their emotional and physical experience -- whether it be cravings, mood swings, ultrasounds or baby showers. Cameras go right into the delivery room, where the happy cries of new babies fill the air with joy.

SPILLED MILK

(Monday-Friday, 9:30 am & 1:30 pm)

This unique series just for parents mixes humor, professional expertise, market testing (as in, "let's let the kids try different crackers and tell us what's good") and the first-hand experience of everyday parents. Lively and informal, hosts Ramona Mar and Dave Cameron explore child development, family relationships and trends -- from fatherhood, through Internet parenting, to breast feeding and discipline. Conversational in tone and filled with practical advice, this program ventures outside the studio to give parents the big message that they're not alone. And it has tips on saving money and time; health and safety information; nutritional wisdom; and personal editorials.

SHE T.V.

(Monday-Friday, 10 & 10:30 am; 2 & 2:30 pm)

Co-produced with ABC News, this lively program features anchor Juju Chang, covering all the health and medical news every woman needs to keep herself and her loved ones strong and healthy. Medical and consumer correspondents investigate the latest scientific findings on subjects like calcium supplements and carbon monoxide poisoning; they also address such timely issues as whether the current rash of school "self-esteem" campaigns are in fact backfiring. And SHE T.V. also features medical experts answering the questions viewers pick from the "Ask the Doctor" section of the SHE T.V. Web page at discoveryhealth.com.

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THE NATION

Incomes, savings down Vanier Institute says

If your family piggy bank shrank from roly-poly to rail-thin during the '90s, you're likely not alone. A report released by the Vanier Institute of the Family says incomes slipped throughout much of the past decade and savings accounts were cut to the bone.

Real average family incomes fell about 5.6 per cent, from \$48,300 Cdn in 1989 to \$45,600 in 1997 -- the latest available statistics for total family earnings, says Roger Sauve, author of the study for the research organization. "It is curious that even though the economy as a whole has recovered robustly from the recession of the early 1990s, family incomes have, on average, declined."

The Spectator

Manning optimistic in UA 'debate'

Like a battle-scarred veteran, Reform leader Preston Manning tried Wednesday to regroup his battered troops to rally behind the United Alternative flag.

"I'm going to get out of this foxhole and run up the hill and I'm hoping there's a bunch of other people who are going to come with me ... I don't see a split in Reform. I see a debate." He reiterated he would resign as Reform leader if his proposal to form a new party failed.

International terrorists using Canada as base

International terrorist groups are exploiting Canada's immigration system to find a safe haven and raise funds for activities abroad, according to the Canadian Security Intelligence Service.

The Egyptian Islamic Jihad, Tamil Tigers, Sikh extremists, Kurdistan Workers Party, Hezbollah and extremist Irish groups all operate in Canada. "They appear to use Canadian residence to plan or support overseas activities ..."

THE PROVINCE

Harris, Cherry team up on organ donations

Premier Mike Harris has enlisted flamboyant hockey commentator Don Cherry to help double the number of organ donors and cut a 25 per cent fatality rate among those awaiting life-saving kidneys, livers and hearts. Cherry,

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whose daughter Cindy donated one of her kidneys to her brother Tim 20 years ago, says the importance of signing a donor card sinks home when it touches family. "All of a sudden my son came down with both kidneys gone and my world had gone. When it hits home, it gets to you." Doctors say Canada has one of the lowest organ donation rates in the Western world, and Ontario has one of the lowest rates in Canada.

Toyota has first layoffs at Cambridge plant

Ninety people are losing their jobs in the first layoffs in the history of Toyota's car assembly plant. The employees, all contract workers who have been with Toyota for less than a year, are being let go because the company anticipates a decline in sales of Corollas and Solaras -- models made at the plant in Cambridge.

The layoffs, which take effect later this month and in February, will leave the plant with 2,810 employees, including 170 contract employees.

Clement's blue about landfill sites

Environment Minister Tony Clement has brought together a group of industry leaders and told them to invent a better Blue Box. The province wants to divert to recycling and composting facilities about 50 per cent of the waste that normally goes to landfill sites.

THE WORLD

Abandoned by UN, women launch lawsuit

Two Rwandan women are setting out to sue the United Nations, saying it failed to stop the murder of their loved ones during the 1994 genocide in the east African country. It would be the first suit of its kind against the world body. Anonciata Kavaruganda and Louise Mushikiwabo say UN soldiers assigned to protect their families during the genocide by Hutu militants had abandoned them.

Queen Elizabeth buys into Internet company

Queen Elizabeth has jumped on the bandwagon of investors hoping to make money off the Internet, buying a \$164,000 Cdn stake in a new dot-com company. The monarch dipped into her personal fortune to take 5 per cent of the Millennium Mapping Co., which is building an aerial picture of Britain for a giant Internet map.

American firm helps with \$20m Mir bailout

Mir space station, which has orbited Earth empty since August, may get at least one more crew this year. Mir is due to be scrapped unless Russian officials find funds to keep it aloft. Russia's Energiya rocket builder said a U.S. firm, Golden Apple, had promised to send \$20 million to continue the program.

IRA mum on plans to destroy its arsenal

The Irish Republican Army was not commenting on a published report that it has invited witnesses to observe the destruction of some of its weapons later this month. The IRA also offered to seal its remaining arsenal in bunkers in the Republic of Ireland.

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New Year's Day celebrations worldwide.

London Millennium Dome opens at Greenwich.

Lisbon, Portugal Portugal takes over six-month presidency of the European Union.

Thursday, January 6:

Baghdad, Iraq Army Day, President Saddam Hussein addresses the nation.

Thursday, January 13:

Algiers, Algeria Deadline for Islamic militants to benefit from government-backed amnesty by turning in their weapons.

Sunday, January 16:

Santiago, Chile Second round of Chilean election to replace President Eduardo Frei.

Finland Presidential election.

Monday, January 17:

Geneva First session of the Conference on Disarmament. Through March 24.

Saturday, January 22:

Tokyo G-7 meeting of finance ministers and central bankers.

Monday, January 24:

Geneva Policy-making Executive Board of the World Health Organization holds annual meeting. Through January 29.

Croatia Croatians choose a new president to replace the late Franjo Tudjman.

Wednesday, January 26:

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Stockholm, Sweden International Forum on the Holocaust. Through January 28.

Thursday, January 27:

Davos, Switzerland Opening of annual World Economic Forum of leaders of business and government.

Tuesday, February 1:

Jiddah, Saudi Arabia Iranian export trade fair.

Saturday, February 12:

Bangkok, Thailand Tenth U.N. Conference on Trade and Development. 3,000 officials, experts and others expected from 188 countries. Through February 19.

Wednesday, February 16:

North Korea North Korean leader Kim Jong Il's birthday.

Friday, February 18:

Iran Parliamentary elections.

Wednesday, March 1:

Montevideo, Uruguay Jorge Batlle is sworn in as president of Uruguay for five-year term, continuing rule of the Colorado Party.

Sunday, March 5:

Cairo, Egypt Mediterranean Development Forum, hosted by the Egyptian Center for Economic Development. Through March 8.

Saturday, March 11:

Santiago, Chile New president starts six-year term.

Sunday, March 12:

Bern, Switzerland National referendum. The subjects up for vote include government judicial reforms and increasing the representation of women in government and reducing road traffic.

Saturday, March 18:

Taiwan National election.

Sunday, March 19:

Port-au-Prince, Haiti Legislative elections.

Monday, March 20:

Geneva U.N. Human Rights Commission meeting. Through April 27.

London High Court begins hearing former Chilean dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet's latest appeal against extradition to Spain.

Thursday, March 23:

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Lisbon, Portugal EU summit. Through March 24.

Thursday, March 30:

Caracas, Venezuela OPEC meeting.

Friday, April 7:

Bogota, Colombia 2000 VII Ibero-American Theatre Festival, with 55 companies from 32 countries. Through April 23.

Saturday, April 15:

North Korea Birthday anniversary of late North Korean leader Kim Il Sung.

Sunday, April 16:

Copenhagen, Denmark Queen Margrethe II of Denmark turns 60.

Sunday, April 23:

Vatican City Pope Easter mass for Millennium.

Sunday, April 30:

Vietnam 25th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War.

Monday, May 1:

Vatican City Pope leads Millennium year celebrations for workers.

Thursday, May 4:

London Londoners vote for the capital's first elected mayor.

Wednesday, May 10:

Cannes, France Cannes Film Festival. Through May 21.

Monday, May 15:

Geneva Annual governing assembly of the World Health Organization. Through May 20.

Oporto, Portugal EU Defense, Foreign Ministers meetings. Through May 16.

Monday, May 22:

Geneva Second session of the Conference on Disarmament. Through June 7.

Belfast, Northern Ireland Deadline for the **Irish Republican Army** and other paramilitary groups to surrender arms.

Wednesday, May 24:

Florence, Italy NATO foreign ministers. Through May 25.

Thursday, May 25:

Lisbon, Portugal EU foreign and trade ministers meet counterparts from a dozen Mediterranean and Middle Eastern nations. Through May 26.

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Tuesday, May 30:

Geneva Annual governing assembly of the International Labor Organization. Through June 15.

Sunday, June 4:

Moscow Russian presidential elections to replace Boris Yeltsin.

Thursday, June 8:

Brussels, Belgium NATO defense ministers meeting.

Sunday, June 18:

Vatican City Start of International Eucharistic Congress.

Monday, June 19:

Santa Maria da Feira, Portugal EU summit. Through June 20.

Saturday, June 24:

Reykjavik, Iceland Presidential elections.

Sunday, June 25:

Korea 50th anniversary of the start of the Korean War.

Monday, June 26:

Geneva Special session of the U.N. General Assembly to examine progress on social development. Through June 30.

Saturday, July 1:

Paris France holds presidency of European Union. Through Dec. 31.

Copenhagen, Denmark Planned opening of the tunnel-bridge crossing linking Danish capital to Swedish city of Malmoe.

Sunday, July 9:

Durban World AIDS conference. Through July 14.

Friday, July 21:

Nago, Japan G8 summit in Nago, Okinawa. Through Aug. 3.

Friday, Aug. 4:

London 100th birthday of Queen Elizabeth II's mother, Queen Mother Elizabeth.

Monday, August 7:

The third session of the Conference on Disarmament. Through September 22.

Tuesday, Aug. 15:

Sydney, Australia Summer Olympics. Through Oct. 1.

2000-Calendar Saturday, January 1:

Vatican City Pope celebrates the 15th World Youth Day.

Saturday, Sept. 16:

Brunei APEC finance ministers meet in Brunei. Through Oct. 1.

Friday, Oct. 20:

Seoul The Asia-Europe Meeting group (ASEM) summit. Through Oct. 21

Sunday, Dec. 10:

Stockholm, Sweden Awards ceremonies for Nobel prizes; peace
prize awarded separately in Oslo, Norway.

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Violent turf war hits Belfast; Paramilitary groups fight for control of drugs, prostitution

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Body

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 Defence Association's (UDA) C-Company. Fast-talking, elaborately tattooed and with a physique that attests to years spent in the prison weight room, 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. 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 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 allegiance to Adair.

In August 2000, British authorities deemed him a "danger to others" and returned him to prison.

Released last May, 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.

"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.

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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 Adair and his "political adviser" John White, another former paramilitary who served time for murder. The council also put a \$10,000 bounty on Adair's head, with a \$10,000 bonus if he were killed before Christmas.

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 Adair.

The UDA retaliated the next day, gunning down Adair supporter and convicted drug dealer Roy Green as he came 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 Adair and 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 behaviours. Johnny Adair was told to stand down by the leadership and he refused."

It was Duddy's Chihuahua that was killed in November when gunmen fired two shots through the front door of his home.

"A cowardly act," Duddy called it.

In many ways, the fighting among the Protestant paramilitaries reflects a broader pattern of fragmentation, disarray and discontent within 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.

Just over a week ago, in what could be his best bet for survival, police re-arrested Adair and returned him to prison in an effort to halt the turf war.

Graphic

Photo: The Associated Press File Photo; Johnny 'Mad Dog' Adair, commander of the Ulster Defence Association, is one of the ringleaders in Belfast's turf war.

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Shelter is led back from the precipice

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The new director of Salvation Army's Domestic Violence Center is credited with turning things around.

It was not even a year ago that the Salvation Army's Domestic Violence Center found itself in the middle of a public relations disaster.

Accused of turning away a battered woman in a wheelchair, Pasco's oldest women's abuse shelter faced a firestorm of controversy that ended with the agency surrendering its state license in December.

Critics, among them the program's founder, called for the shelter to close its doors. Threatened with losing more than \$ 161,000 in state funding, the shelter's future seemed in jeopardy.

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Now, with a new director and something of a new attitude, the agency is winning strong praise from former critics.

State officials, who have visited the shelter several times since the agency regained its license in May, say they could not be more pleased.

"We are real enthusiastic about their progress," said Elaine Fulton-Jones, spokeswoman for the Department of Children and Families, which oversees and licenses domestic violence shelters in Florida. "Their new director is doing a great job of getting out in the community, and we haven't heard anything but high praise."

Since she took over the west Pasco shelter in July, director Stephanie Walley said, her calendar has been packed with community events, speaking engagements and meetings with Pasco leaders, such as Sheriff Lee Cannon and Penny Morrill, director of the Sunrise of Pasco domestic violence shelter.

"I have just had wonderful support from the community," said Walley, who served as shelter supervisor at the Spring, Hillsborough County's domestic violence shelter, before coming to Pasco. "There were needs in west Pasco that were not being met, but I believe the potential here is phenomenal."

Walley emigrated to the United States in March 1998 from England, where she received her bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Manchester.

After three years of post-degree work, she became a licensed mental health counselor and took a job with the the Greater Manchester Police and the Lancashire Constabulary as a victim counselor.

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Eventually, she specialized in counseling domestic violence victims and rape victims. In 1996, she counseled victims of the **Irish Republican Army** bombing in Manchester.

In Pasco, Walley said, she wants to continue the Salvation Army's outreach programs for victims of domestic violence who might not need to enter a shelter but could benefit from the shelter's services, such as safety planning and legal advocacy.

To curb domestic violence, the focus must shift from intervention to prevention, Walley said. The Salvation Army has begun aggressive education programs for school counselors in elementary through high school grades to ensure that those who work with troubled children can recognize the signs of family violence. The agency also has age-appropriate education programs to teach children how to prevent or react to violence at home.

Walley said she wants Pasco residents of all ages to realize "Domestic violence is your business."

"If you hear a fight next door and a woman being beaten and you do something about it, you could be saving a woman's life," she said. "Most people, if they were driving down the street and heard a woman scream, they would at least call 911. . . . What a man does to a woman behind closed doors is not a private matter. We've got to break that archaic notion."

Walley was hired by the Salvation Army in July after the previous shelter director, Carol Lang, was tapped to head the agency's social service programs throughout Florida.

Morrill, the director of Sunrise, said she has been impressed by Walley's first three months on the job. Last year, Morrill received several complaints about the shelter and forwarded them to state officials, including a report from a 35-year-old woman with multiple sclerosis who said she had been turned away. The woman eventually found shelter at Sunrise, some 45 miles away in Dade City.

At the time, the Salvation Army shelter had been without a director for several months and was plagued by high turnover among its staff. Those troubles are in the past, Walley said; the shelter has a full staff and almost always is filled to capacity with **women** and children, she said.

Morrill said she hopes the good news for the west Pasco shelter continues.

"The new director has been very open and involved and I've been very pleased," Morrill said. "Hopefully, she won't leave."

Fulton-Jones said the state hopes Walley will stick around. The shelter is certified through April and likely will undergo another state evaluation in March.

"She's a real people person and seems to be on top of things," Fulton-Jones said. "The program is really doing well."

Graphic

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Books: Reviews and Commentary: Doyle's 'Star' casts a pall of darkness on Irish life

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A Star Called Henry. By Roddy Doyle. Viking. \$ 23.95. 352 pages.

The verdict: Heartbreaking comedy.

As she lowers a gutted bunny into a stew pot, a woman talks to it: "In you go now, said Missis Drake to the disappearing rabbit. And mind you don't eat all the carrots." Why? Because, as anyone who has ever read a Roddy Doyle novel knows, that's how the Irish, or at least Doyle's Irish, are: grim, comical and more than a little prone to surreal utterances.

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In a deft transition, though, "A Star Called Henry" segues into more sinister goings-on in jolly old Dublin. This time the bodies that disappear under water are those of men who are tapped on the skull and slid into the river Liffey, while still others are fed to pigs. (Vegetarians, take note: Carnivorism is an equal-opportunity preference in these pages.)

The Irish in Doyle's new novel are, in addition to being grand entertainment, a race of murderers as well. Following such early comic successes as "The Commitments," "The Snapper" and "The Van," all of which were made into films, as well as the best-selling "Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha," here Doyle examines the darker side of his native country through the eyes of one Henry Smart, whose dad is a one-legged bouncer in a Dublin brothel. Born in 1902, an orphaned Henry reaches puberty just in time to participate in the young century's greatest dramas, beginning with the Easter Uprising of 1916, when a force of some 1,000 rebels against English rule seized the Dublin General Post Office and sparked the flames of a revolt that still burns today.

Though the rebellion fails and its leaders are executed, Henry manages to escape. As he makes his way in a perilous world, he has two things going for him, the first being his drop-dead good looks ("What are you doing after the insurrection, young fella?" asks a typically smitten *female*). The other is his dad's wooden leg, a talisman he loses, finds again and uses as everything from a weapon to a divining rod. Once, when he is stopped and searched, Henry convinces the English he is a traveling pipe salesman and the leg is a "giant- sized match" he uses as a display item; yet another time he bends his own leg up in back and straps the false limb on in a move that might seem Freudian were it not for the fact that Henry comes across entirely as his own self- creation. He's an impetuous, lucky fellow who always manages to find a way out of the fire and back into the frying pan, saved again

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and again either by some gooeey-eyed damsel or his pop's prosthesis, surely the oddest good luck charm in all literature.

As a group, his fellow rebels are a worthless lot: "The half of them are spies," a friend tells Henry, "and the other half are eejits." So Henry is inducted into the **Irish Republican Army** and then into an even more extreme group, the Twelve Apostles. The English respond by sending in their own "hard men," which is exactly what the fanatics want. The occupying forces "never let us down," Henry says in a rare moment of quiet cogitation. "It wasn't that they made bad judgements, got the mood of the country wrong: they never judged at all. They never considered the mood of the country worth judging. They made rebels of thousands of quiet people who'd never thought beyond their garden gates. They were always our greatest ally; we could never have done it without them." In the end, though, Henry decides he's being used by his own people and takes it on the lam; only 20 years old, he says he's heading for Liverpool, though it seems just as likely he's destined to turn up in Doyle's next novel.

"A Star Called Henry" carries a vast freight of history in its pages, and in a note the author cites several dozen books that served as source material. More massive than any cluster of fact, though, is something like fact's utter opposite --- it's the awful sense of mindlessness that Doyle conjures. His is an Ireland that, like Henry himself, succeeds, when it succeeds at all, on luck and charm, though mainly it fails, and it fails mainly through lack of foresight. Doyle's Irish break Henry's heart, the reader's and their own; they are a race that laughs and weeps ceaselessly as they devour themselves.

David Kirby is the W. Guy McKenzie professor at Florida State University and author of the forthcoming book of poems "House of Blue Light."

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Former AFL-CIO Chief Kirkland Dies

WASHINGTON (AP)

Lane Kirkland, who reunited the major U.S. unions during his presidency of the AFL-CIO from 1979 to 1995, died today of lung cancer. He was 77. His wife Irena said Kirkland died at home nine months after being stricken. Kirkland struggled against cancer for many years, losing one kidney and part of another to surgeries in the 1970s and '80s. Last June, he had a lung claimed removed.

L.A. Postal Worker To Be Buried

LOS ANGELES (AP)

Funeral services will be held today for Joseph Santos lleto, the postal worker who was gunned down Tuesday after the Jewish community center shootings in Los Angeles. Months before white supremacist Buford O. Furrow Jr. was accused of killing lleto, he was ordered by a judge in Washington to give up his guns. But according to a report in today's Los Angeles Times, Furrow's probation officer never checked to see if he complied with the judge's order, and did not make recommended visits to his home. Washington state corrections officials say they'll review the handling of the probation of Furrow.

Iowa Poll Could Shape GOP Field

AMES, Iowa (AP)

Under carnival tents filled with free food and music, Republican presidential candidates courted Iowa voters today in an informal poll that could reshape the GOP field as George W. Bush seeks to solidify his standing as front-runner. The Texas governor and eight other White House hopefuls poured millions of dollars into this initial caucus state to test their political operations. A confidant Bush, speaking to supporters at a fishing hole outside Ames, introducing his wife Laura as "the next first lady of the United States."

Clinton: Tax Plan Hurts Environment

WASHINGTON (AP)

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The GOP's \$792 billion tax cut would reverse a quarter century of environmental progress, cutting pollution controls, stalling toxic waste cleanups, "even shutting down national parks," President Clinton contended today. The Republican budget plan "would actually threaten our environment," Clinton said in his weekly radio address. Clinton has promised to veto the package once Congress sends it to him after its August recess. In his radio address, Clinton also outlined new plans for cleaning up the nation's most polluted lakes, rivers and bays.

Russians, Islamic Militants Clash

MAKHACHKALA, Russia (AP)

Russian forces fought Islamic militants in scattered skirmishes in Dagestan today, suffering at least four deaths as officials admitted that the rebels remained in control of seven villages. The fighting was concentrated in the Caucasus region of Dagestan, a mountainous Russian republic that borders breakaway Chechnya. A Dagestani government spokesman said the heaviest ground fighting was in villages north of the main combat zone in Dagestan's Botlikh district. The rebels remained in control of seven out of Botlikh's 32 settlements.

Colombians Mourn Slain Satirist

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)

Thousands of Colombians filed past the open casket of slain comic Jaime Garzon today as a nation in shock mourned the loss of its best-loved political satirist. Garzon, 38, was killed yesterday, shot as he drove to work at a Bogota radio station. The slaying stunned a country long numbed to political violence and raised fears that Colombia's civil conflict is spiraling out of control. Activists called on Colombians to turn out by the millions for marches demanding an end to a dirty war that pits right-wing paramilitary groups against leftist rebels.

Clashes Erupt in N. Ireland Marches

LONDONDERRY, Northern Ireland (AP)

A day of Protestant marches throughout Northern Ireland got a violent start today, with masked men setting afire a truck and protesters clashing with police. The violence heightened tensions between police and Catholic residents of Londonderry, Northern Ireland's second-largest city. Senior politicians from all sides appealed for calm as the people of Omagh, 30 miles from Londonderry, prepare to mark tomorrow's first anniversary of the worst terrorist attack in Northern Ireland's history. A car bomb planted by a dissident ***Irish Republican Army*** group took the lives of 29 people and wounded 330 others.

Steinhauer Takes British Golf Lead

WOBURN, England (AP)

Defending champion Sherri Steinhauer had six birdies, including one at the final hole, and took a one-stroke lead after three rounds at the ***Women's*** British Open today. With second-round leader Iben Tinning bogeying the 16th and 17th holes, Steinhauer fired a 5-under 68 to go into tomorrow's final round at 9-under 210. Steinhauer is one stroke ahead of Cindy McCurdy, her playing partner on the day, who also had a 68 for 211, and Australia's Fiona Pike, a rookie on the U.S. Tour, who shot a 71. Tinning is at 212 after a 75.

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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 the 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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