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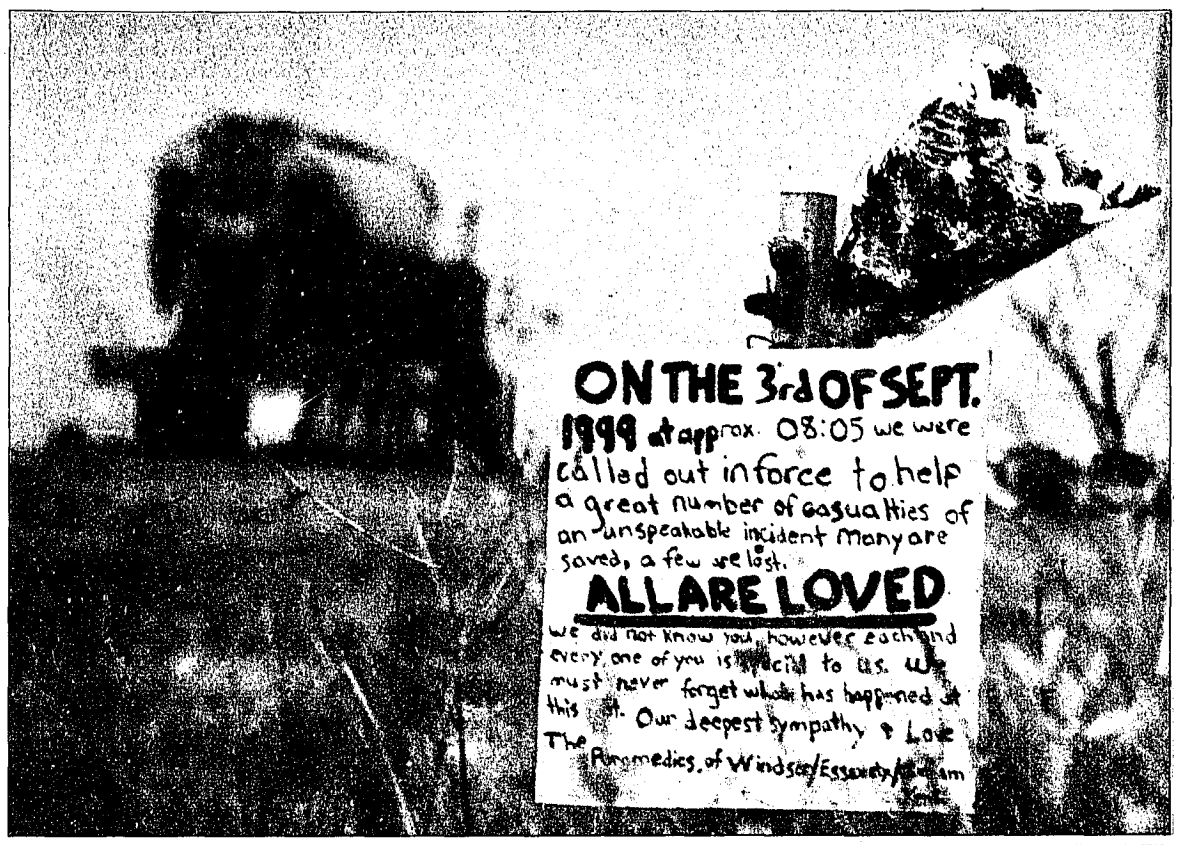
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'We must never forget what happened'



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Local paramedics have posted a tribute to the seven people killed and 40 injured on the foggy stretch of Highway 401 near Windsor last Friday. The sign reads in part: "We did not know you, however each and every one of you is special to us. We must never forget what happened on this spot." Full story, A4

Schreiber bailed out by famous friends

Former cabinet ministers put up $100,000 each to aid businessman

BY TRACEY TYLER
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Two former federal cabinet ministers have come to the rescue of Karlheinz Schreiber, a key figure in the Airbus probe wanted for suspected tax evasion in Germany.

A week after he was arrested by the Mounties in Toronto, Schreiber, 65, was bailed out yesterday, thanks to money and promises from former solicitor general Elmer MacKay and former justice minister Marc Lalonde. Each put up $100,000 and vowed Schreiber wouldn't skip bail.

"It goes without saying that both of these honourable gentlemen have more to lose than $100,000," said Mr. Justice David Humphrey of Ontario's Superior Court.

"In a certain sense, their personal integrity is on the line."

Lalonde is expected to show up at the University Ave. courthouse today to sign the necessary papers before Schreiber is released on bail totalling nearly $1 million, to which Schreiber and two others contributed.

Humphrey set "very strict" bail conditions, including Schreiber consenting to have his telephones wiretapped.

The decision came after an often bizarre two-day bail hearing featuring testimony about alleged secret commissions, a purported "escape kit" carried by Schreiber and his marketing of an amazing "instant spaghetti" machine.

Germany wants to extradite Schreiber on suspicion he evaded about $20 million in trade and income taxes on hidden commissions from business deals, including the sale of

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Elmer MacKay yesterday

Who put up bail

- **Karlheinz Schreiber and wife Barbara:** Ottawa condo, valued at $330,000
- **Barbara Schreiber:** $200,000
- **Marc Lalonde,** former justice minister: $100,000
- **Elmer MacKay,** former solicitor general: $100,000
- **John Harding,** former external affairs official: $225,000
- **Hans Jorg Reichert,** Toronto businessman: $25,000

■ Schreiber's climb to the top, A8

City offers paramedics $2 million contract deal

Ambulance strike to be averted, Jakobek says

BY JOSH BROWN
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The city has offered paramedics a deal worth more than $2 million to avert a strike by the 700 municipal employees.

"The city, in attempting to resolve the labour dispute, has made a very comprehensive offer to the union to take the paramedics off the table," Councillor Tom Jakobek said late last night.

"It means that the public need not be concerned about the lack of ambulance service on Saturday."

The offer would bring paramedics close to a firefighter's wage, "a level that they have historically wanted to be at," said Jakobek, the city's budget chief.

He would not confirm widespread reports that the offer to the paramedics in Local 416 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees includes a 6.5 per cent wage hike.

The offer only concerns paramedics. Local 416 is also bargaining for other outside municipal workers such as garbage collectors, road crews and sewage treatment workers.

■ Royson James' view, B1

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New Ottawa columnist

Chantal Hébert's first column from Ottawa for The Star appears today on the Opinion page.

Hébert, who joined The Star this year, was most recently based in Montreal, where she wrote a weekly column on a wide range of Quebec issues, including federal-provincial relations.

In today's column, Hébert explains why France is much cooler to Quebec separatism than it once was.

Her column will appear in The Star on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

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Up Front

Noisy golf fans come to the fore

Young devotees are changing atmosphere at pro tournaments

BY MICHAEL CLARKSON
SPORTS REPORTER

Once upon a time in the land of professional golf, you could hear robins warbling and the wind rustling through the trees as players lined up their putts.

But these days fans are starting to drown out nature. Worse yet, they're distracting the players.

"People are happier, a little more rowdy than they used to be," Tiger Woods, the world's top golfer, told reporters recently after lashing out at hecklers who "said some things they shouldn't have said" during the Professional Golfers' Association championship tournament in Illinois.

"Obviously, it's a tough situation, especially on weekends when they're downing some beer," said Woods, who attracts such large, often emotional galleries that, for the last two years, he's had a security escort usher him from hole to hole.

Golf fans may never rival their counterparts in hockey and other professional sports for heckling and rowdiness, but David Fay, executive director of the U.S. Golf Association, admits the atmosphere is

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10-second quake in Athens leaves 32 dead, 100 missing

BY BRIAN MURPHY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATHENS — Rescue teams and stunned residents used cranes and garden tools yesterday to dig for those pinned under wreckage from the strongest earthquake to hit the Greek capital in nearly a century — a 10-second shudder that claimed at least 32 lives and left close to 100 missing.

The scenes of desperate searches and survivors too frightened to return indoors were sadly similar to last month's monstrous quake in neighbouring Turkey.

But some significant differences came to light in the shared disasters.

Decades of progressively stricter building codes in Greece allowed Athens to ride out yesterday's 5.9-magnitude tremblor with much less misery than western Turkey, where shoddy construction was blamed for the near total destruction of some places after the 7.4-magnitude quake on Aug. 17.

"Damage like we saw in Turkey is difficult to occur here with the modern buildings we have," said Manolis Skordilis, head of the Thessaloniki Seismological Institute.

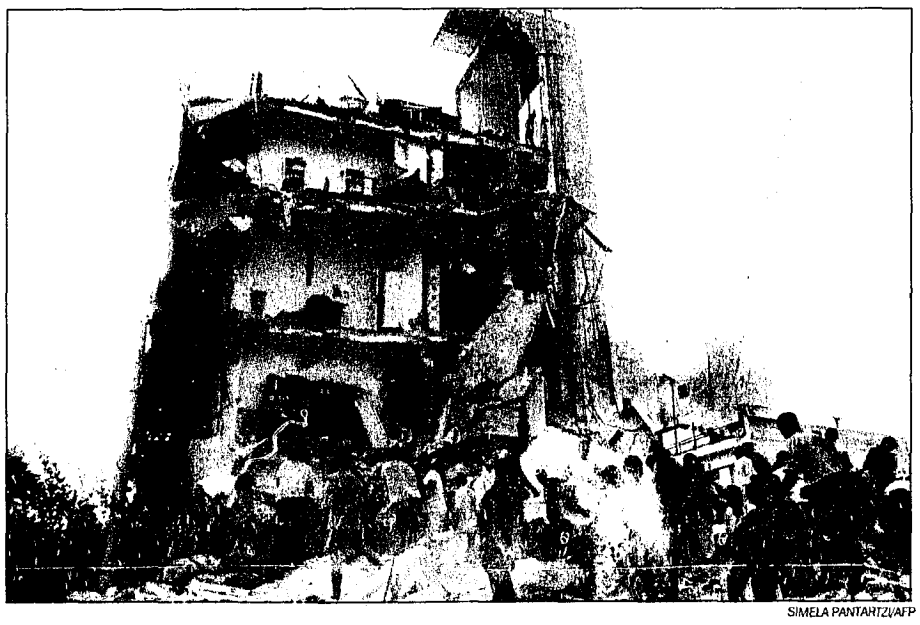
In central Athens, there was no apparent damage to ancient sites, including the Acropolis and the towering columns of the Temple of Zeus.

Most of the damage and casualties were concentrated in working-class and immigrant areas north of Athens, where construction standards were apparently lower or builders used shortcuts, some officials suggested. More than 100 buildings collapsed, from multi-storey apartment houses to factories, and hundreds more were left with cracks or crumbled facades.

State television reported at least 32 people dead, including several young children. Most of the victims were crushed and a few suffered fatal heart attacks.

The exact number of missing

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REDUCED TO RUBBLE: Residents sift through the ruins of a collapsed building in the Athens region yesterday. Toronto Greeks fear for family; see story, A24

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