Terrorist bombs rock London train stations

LONDON (AP) — A bomb exploded at Victoria Station during morning rush hour Monday, 45 minutes after a caller claiming to represent the Irish Republican Army warned of bombs at all of London's train stations, police said. One man was killed and 40 people were wounded.

The explosion at 7:46 a.m. sent screaming commuters running from the train ter-minal, some trailing blood across the concourse. Rush-hour rail traffic was halted for hours as police searched on their hands and

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the blast at Victoria, one of London's two main train stations.

The warning was delivered by a man with an Irish accent who said: "We are the Irish Republican Army. Bombs to go off at all mainline stations in 45 minutes,' saidScotland Yard's anti-terrorist chief, Commander George Churchill-Coleman.

It came less than three hours after a bomb exploded at Paddington station, the city's other main station. Only a dozen employees were on duty, and no one was in-

Churchill-Coleman said the call was only one of a number of threats following the Paddington explosion, and that the others "transpired either to be false or malicious." Iain McGregor, deputy chief constable of the British Transport Police, said his de-partment gets half a dozen bomb threats a day.

Churchill-Coleman said the warning was passed to the British Transport Police, who already were searching all the main railway

The bomb, which was hidden in a trash can on the concourse, "was quite deliberately intended to maim and kill," he said.

British Rail Chairman Robert Reid said the caller's timing may have been a deliberate attempt to make his warning appear to

"Let's face it, as soon as you have an incident, your telephone lines are choked with hoax calls," Reid said in an interview on

British Broadcasting Corp. radio. "Since these two incidents we've had hoax calls a the way up the line.

British Rail closed all mainline station after the bombings, suspending service the carries half a million people into the capital

Several hours after the Victoria blas, Heathrow Airport, Britain's busiest, was evacuated briefly Monday after police to ceived a vague bomb threat, an airpo spokeswoman said. Police searched a found nothing.

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Pro-choice bill passes in Maryland Legislature

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) - A bill that would protect a woman's right abortion in the event Roe vs. Wade is overturned won final passage Monday in the Maryland Legislature, ending intense lobbying and a yearlong battle.

The House approved the bill on a vote of 84-52 and sent the measure to Gov. William Donald Schaefer, who was expected to make it law later Monday.

A proposed, anti-abortion "conscience amendment" to bar lawsuits against people who refuse to refer patients for an abortion was rejected on a vote of 61-73.

The bill already contained a provision barring such suits. It also includes a parental notification provision, but one that doctors may opt to

In the hours leading up to the House session, lobbyists for the Ro-man Catholic Church and other anti-abortion groups sought support for the amendment, which would have sent the measure back to the Senate

The Senate approved the bill Feb. 11 on a vote of 29-18.

The bill was at the center of a year-long legislative fight over at-tempts by pro-choice legislators to write into Maryland law key elements of the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe vs. Wade decision. The move was launched in response to indications the high court might reverse the Roe vs. Wade ruling. Both houses of the Legislature are

heavily dominated by Democrats and have tended to be pro-choice on abortion in recent years. Last year, an abortion rights bill was killed by a filibuster in the Senate after the bill's supporters failed by just one vote to a two-thirds majority to cut off get a ty

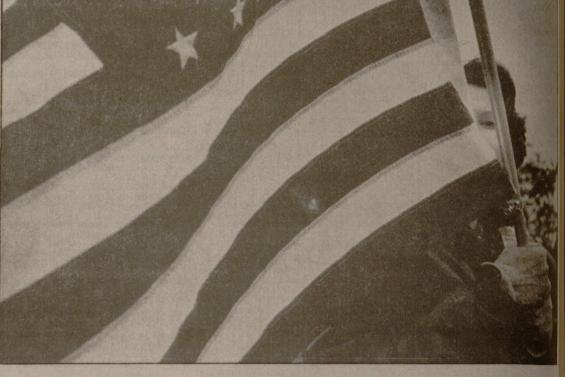
The pro-choice bill grants adult women unrestricted access to abortions up to the time when a fetus is able to survive outside the womb. After that, abortions could be performed only to protect a woman's health or in cases where the fetus is deformed.

The measure also includes what both sides agree is a weak parental notification clause. It requires that at least one parent must be notified when an underage girl seeks an abortion. Doctors would be allowed to ignore the requirement if they deemed it to be in the best interests

of the girl.
"Only Connecticut has passed a pro-choice bill since Webster," said Delegate Samuel I. Rosenberg, D-Baltimore, referring to a U.S. Supreme Court decision in 1989 that allowed states to restrict access to

abortions. Karyn Strickler, director of the state chapter of the National Abortion Rights Action League, described the measure as "a step backward." She complained that the parental notification provision could force some teen-agers into risking illegal abortions.

"To view this bill as a very liberal bill is simply erroneous," she said.



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Showing the colors

Texas Transportation Institute, peers around her A&M campus early last Saturday morning.

Leanne South, an editorial assistant for the U.S. flag at a pro-troops rally held on the Texas

Marines prepare for landing Seaborne assaults have roots in ancient warfare

WASHINGTON (AP) — An amphibious landing on the oil-stained shores of Kuwait would be the largest such undertaking since Gen. Douglas MacArthur ordered 40,000 troops into action at Inchon harbor in Korea 40 years ago. Amphibious warfare, attacking

from the sea, is a weapon honed on the seawalls of Inchon, the bullettorn coral of the Pacific and the galelashed rocks of Normandy.

Dress rehearsals for a seaborne in-

vasion of Kuwait have been under way for months on the beaches of friendly nations nearby. A task force of about 17,000 Marines is poised on ships in the Persian Gulf, backed by a flotilla of support vessels. The operation they have been

practicing requires precision. It uses bombing runs and battle-

ship guns to beat up targets on shore, landing craft to bring in troops, helicopter gunships and lowflying jets to support them, special equipment to clear away mines and obstacles, and tanks, armored vehicles and howitzers to drive the attack Amphibious landings have their

03805001 roots in the warfare of ancient times. The Persians brought an army in by sea to face the Athenians at Marathon in 360 B.C.

straits that separate European and

Major amphibious landings were ordered at Gallipoli in April following the sinking or disabling of six British and French warships in an undetected mine field.

Once ashore, the British, Australian and New Zealand troops were plagued by the mistakes of their commanders and bogged down in murderous trench warfare. They Amphibious war in the modern never broke out of their beachheads.

world dates from one of the darkest episodes of World War I — the British attempt in 1915 to force a pastaled 214,000. Amphibious landings sage up the Dardanelles, the narrow as a method of war were largely dis-

But in the United States, Gallin was seen in a more positive li The Marine Corps, attempting carve out a future role for its viewed Gallipoli in terms of possibility.

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In 1921, Maj. Gen. John J. Jeune, then the Marine Corps of mandant, recognized the grow military power of Japan and or missioned a study that resulted the first detailed plans for a ious operations in the Pacific.

LeJeune was convinced that be failure at Gallipoli was due to the competence of commanders and the nature of amphibious war induced according to Edward L. Beat 1986 history of the U.S. Navy.

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After Pearl Harbor, all of this put to the test of war.

Beginning at Guadalcanal in gust 1942, the Marines and the N conquered the Pacific in a series amphibious assaults, most of the fiercely opposed by Japanese trown who preferred death to surrende

Suspects in church robbery remain in custody

Officer arrests seven in high-speed chast

WHEAT RIDGE, Colo. (AP) -Five men and two women — all Vietnamese — were being held in a Kansas jail Monday under suspicion in a weekend robbery and shooting at a Vietnamese Catholic church here, officials said.

Five were from Houston and one from the Houston suburb of Pasadena.

One member of the group had "provided some information in regards to the shooting and robbery at the church," Randall Jones, Colby, Kan., chief of police, said.

The group, driving in two cars, was stopped by a Kansas Highway Patrol officer about 9 a.m. Sunday for driving in excess of 90 mph, Jones said. After running a check on driver's licenses, one of the men, Hoang Nguyen, 20, was found to be wanted by Houston authorities for a Feb. 8 robbery and shooting at a residence there.

"He was supposedly armed and dangerous," Iones said.

Also held by Kansas authorities Monday were: Tai Kim Pham, 22, of Denver; Vinh Tran Nguyen, 20, of Houston; Khai Kinh Nguyen, 20, Houston; Tam Hoang Nguyen, 18, Houston; and two women identified as Lily Nguyen, 20, of Houston, the wife of Hoang Nguyen; and Joo Yum Baek, 19, of Pasadena, Texas.

Aside from the Texas felony warrant for the arrest of Hoang Nguyen, Jones said, there have been no charges filed against seven people.

The seven were being held at the Thomas

County Law Enforcement Center in Colby. Jones said diamond rings, gold jewelry and money were found in the car. A red ski mask and four handguns were found under the hood of one of the cars, tucked into an engine part, he said.

The jewelry, some with initials and names inscribed, matched the description of some that were taken during the church robbery here, Jones said.

Wheat Ridge Police were en route to Col Monday afternoon to investigate, said Re Rowlett, a spokeswoman of the Wheat Ridge lice Department.

A gang of Asian gunmen stormed the Que of Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church just ter midnight Saturday, shot a handyman a robbed about 30 members. Parishioners w cleaning up after a Vietnamese new year's co

The Nguyen, 57, a volunteer at the chu was hit by a shotgun blast during the attack. In tors amputated his right leg and he was in seri condition Monday at St. Anthony Hospital (6

tral in Denver. Several other parishioners were treated minor wounds after they were pistol-whipped

the robbers.

Jones said Kansas authorities heard news ports of the Wheat Ridge robbery and shoot Monday morning and called police there.

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