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IRA cease-fire causes Britain to relax security

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Despite continuing doubts that the Irish Republican Army has laid down arms forever, Britain said Wednesday it is relaxing security in Northern Ireland.

On the seventh day of the IRA cease-fire, British Prime Minister John Major said, "Gradually, it is being made a little clearer that perhaps this is not just a temporary cease-fire."

"But," he added, "it isn't clear yet."

In Shannon, Ireland, Vice President Al Gore met with Irish Prime Minister Albert Reynolds and then indicated he accepted Reynolds' judgment that the IRA's 24-year war against British rule in Northern Ireland was over.

Gore also urged Protestant unionists in Northern Ireland to trust Reynolds in his effort to work out a peaceful solution to the province's sectarian strife.

"He is a man of his word, totally and absolutely. And I would encourage anyone to make a decision on participation on that basis," Gore said.

In launching a new effort to

find a peaceful solution, Reynolds and Major pledged last December that they would not implement any settlement unless it was acceptable to a majority of Northern Ireland's people.

Once Major is satisfied that the IRA cease-fire is permanent, Britain has promised to meet with the guerrillas' political allies in the Sinn Fein party to discuss terms for joining all-party negotiations.

Britain's top official in the province, Sir Patrick Mayhew, confirmed Wednesday that security has relaxed. News reports have said that some vehicle checkpoints have been abandoned.

"Certain things are not in place that were," said Mayhew, who mentioned that many soldiers have been wearing berets instead of helmets.

But in the IRA heartland around Belfast's Falls Road, soldiers had helmets in place as they patrolled residential areas. And the prospect that they may go away makes some Catholics nervous, so long as Protestant "loyalist" gunmen remain active.

Cycle Cops

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at 7:45 in the morning, Livingston said. "It seems like UPD could have had the student body that they were going to be giving out tickets."

Scott Bernstein, president of the Bicycle Club, said bicycle traffic laws should be enforced.

"Bicycles are supposed to obey the same laws as cars," Bernstein said. "If you run a stop sign you should get a ticket."

Schneider said the purpose of the bicycle patrol is not just to control bicyclists who violate traffic laws.

"The primary issue the patrol is to see to the security and safety of the campus," he said. "We are looking at the complete package, not just the traffic issue."

Schneider said the program has been very effective this year.

"We have had great success with the program," he said. "Our officers are highly visible, which in itself maintains order on campus."

ADA

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The city of Bryan has authority to make business owners comply with ADA regulations, he said, but in some cases they have helped owners make changes to the buildings.

Government buildings must comply as well, and modifications are being carried out in Bryan and College Station's public buildings.

Adam Davidson, personnel analyst and ADA coordinator for College Station, said the city has spent \$15,000 upgrading its public buildings since the act was passed in 1990.

"Most of our buildings are pretty new, so they comply," he said.

Brown said even public buildings may require modifications because the ADA specifications are very strict.

For example, some door frames and bathroom stalls must be wide enough for wheelchairs, and door knobs must be replaced with straight handles that can be grasped with prosthetic limbs, he said.

These changes have already been made to the Bryan city hall, which was built in 1989, Brown said.

"Here at city hall, probably the latest thing we've done is install automatic doors," he said.

Another recent change is the availability of sign language interpreters at city council meetings and in municipal courts, Brown said.

"Right now what we're working on is downtown Bryan," Brown said.

The planned changes in the downtown area include adding curb ramps and lowering the buttons on crosswalks so persons in wheelchairs can reach them, he said.

The state of Texas is making similar changes to its roadways, several of which are major thoroughfares in Bryan-College Station.

Denise Fischer, public information officer for the Bryan district of the Texas Department of Transportation, said wheelchair ramps on curbs and sidewalks will be installed on all state roads within the city limits in the next four to six months.

Roads through Bryan-College Station that will be modified include Texas Avenue, George Bush Drive, Villamaria Road, Briarcrest Drive, University Drive, Harvey Road, Wellborn Road, FM 2818, College Avenue, Boonville Road and William J. Bryan Parkway, Fischer said.

She said the curb ramps are helpful, not only to those in wheelchairs, but also to persons who use a walker or are dependent on a cane.

"It can also be very difficult to step down off a curb in those situations," she said.

National standards to regulate access for the blind are being debated in Washington, she said, and the state will wait until it receives those regulations to make adaptations for visually-impaired persons.

HOT ON THE TRAIL OF THE COST CUTTING COLOR PRINTER.

I just cleared up "The Case Of The Vanishing Ink," and was cleaning off my desk when it hit me like a ream of paper: even my most brilliant work looked dull.

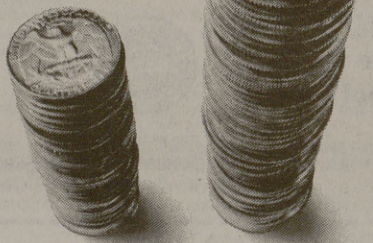
The reason? Everything was in black and white. So I said to myself, "Mr. Print Detective, you need a color printer."

I made a phone call and received a tip from one of my sources at 1-800-848-4123, "The Canon® BJC-600 is a sure thing for color."

It sounded good, but I had to investigate. After all, I am Nick Canon, Print Detective.

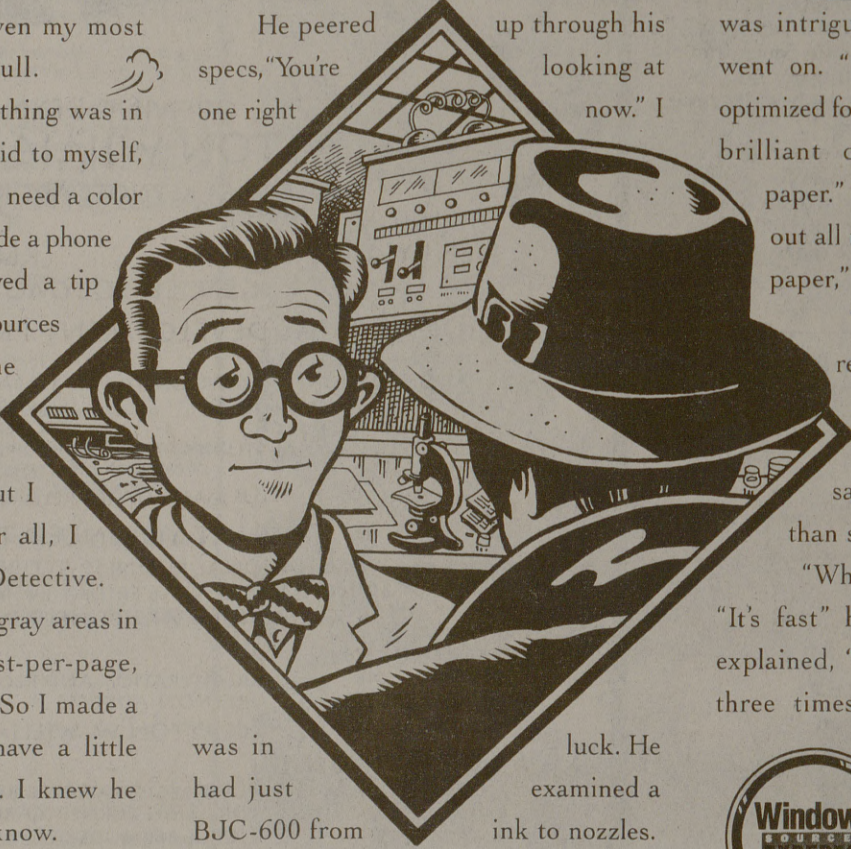
Now, there are a lot of gray areas in color printers. Like cost-per-page, color quality and speed. So I made a bee-line to the lab to have a little chat with my pal, Specs. I knew he knew what I needed to know.

"The facts prove the BJC-600 costs about half as much to operate as most other color ink jet printers." -NICK



His desk looked like a bomb had gone off. There were printer parts everywhere. "Specs, you ever seen a Canon BJC-600?"

He peered up through his specs, "You're looking at one right now." I



was in luck. He had just examined a BJC-600 from ink to nozzles.

"What's it all mean?," I asked. Specs quoted The Hard Copy Observer verbatim, "No matter how you slice it, the BJC-600 costs about half as much to operate as most other ink jet printers."

"How can that be?" I questioned. "Elementary. There's a separate ink cartridge for each color, so you don't have to go and spend a fortune replacing all the other colors when one runs out." I

"Put a clock to the BJC-600. You'll find it's fast." -NICK



was intrigued. He went on. "It's also optimized for printing brilliant color on low-cost plain paper." "But I thought I had to fork out all my dough on special coated paper," I exclaimed.

"Not with the BJC-600," he replied. "I see," I said. He said I hadn't seen anything yet, and showed me a print sample. The color was more than swell. It was killer.

"What about speed?" I inquired. "It's fast" he fired back. He slowly explained, "You see the BJC-600 has three times as many nozzles as its nearest competitor."

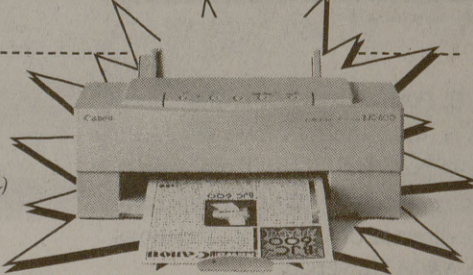
It was heady stuff, but I knew what it all meant.

I had finally found a color printer that was head and shoulders above the rest, and wouldn't cost an arm and leg to own.

Well, I guess you could say that "Before you buy a printer, it pays and saves to investigate."



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