

The cacophony that precedes a federal budget — 100- byists reacting to trial balloons and economists issuing warnings — has been unusually absent in the week leading to Finance Minister Paul Martin's third budget. That could indicate a consensus that deficit reduction and lowering of interest rates remain the right course, but when will the interest rates fall? ..... B1

**RCMP criticized over arrest**

The lawyer for a man charged with trespassing at Prime Minister Jean Chrétien's official residence accused the RCMP yesterday of trying to repair its image at his client's expense. He said that the incident Friday night was so minor that charges would probably not have been laid were it not for recent security breaches. Kevin Barry Snow, 36, an unemployed Newfoundlander, is to appear in an Ottawa court this morning.....A4

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**Dole says he has the momentum**

With a decisive victory in South Carolina on Saturday, Robert Dole may have turned the corner in his quest for the Republican presidential nomination. He won 45 per cent of the vote in South Carolina to Patrick Buchanan's 29 per cent, far ahead of Steve Forbes and Lamar Alexander. Mr. Buchanan, who seemed to be refighting the Civil War, said he expects the tide to turn against Mr. Dole soon.....A6

**Coalition keeps Islamists from power**

In secular Turkey, the Islamists won last fall's election, but they never could gain power. Yesterday, two rival conservative parties joined forces in a coalition government that brings to a close a five-month political impasse. The leaders of the two parties, both free-market conservatives who share a pro-Western vision for the republic, a NATO member, plan to have a rotating premiership.....A6

**Britain to keep gays out of military**

LONDON — Britain will maintain its ban on homosexuals in the military, Defence Minister Michael Portillo said yesterday. He said that lifting the ban would be bad for discipline and morale. "People are working in a situation of absolute trust. They are living almost literally on top of each other in very confined situations. They need to know they can trust one another," he told BBC television. The Homosexual Policy Team spent four months canvassing opinions in the military and visiting overseas armed forces. The High Court upheld a ban on homosexuals in the armed forces last June. — Reuters

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**Spanish voters turf out Socialists**

**Right wing ends 13-year reign**

BY MADELAINE DROHAN  
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MADRID — An era ended in Spanish politics yesterday when the Socialist Party of Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez was defeated after 13 years in power by the right-wing Partido Popular headed by Jose Marie Aznar.

Incomplete results last night gave Partido Popular, which stretches from the centre right to the far right on Spain's political spectrum, the most votes but not an absolute majority. Mr. Aznar faces the difficult task of forming an alliance with either

Unida, made up of former Communists, or the Catalan nationalists,

**Quiet on Business**

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QUEBEC — Quebec set itself apart from Canada in defying attempts to unite with the rest of the country against the devastating social

ment. A report obtained from the Parti Québécois structure Quebec to drastically restructure the province over the next five years, which is endorsed by the government, will form the basis of a new Quiet Revolution.

Over the next few months, the report will be in co-operation with the provincial government to develop

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