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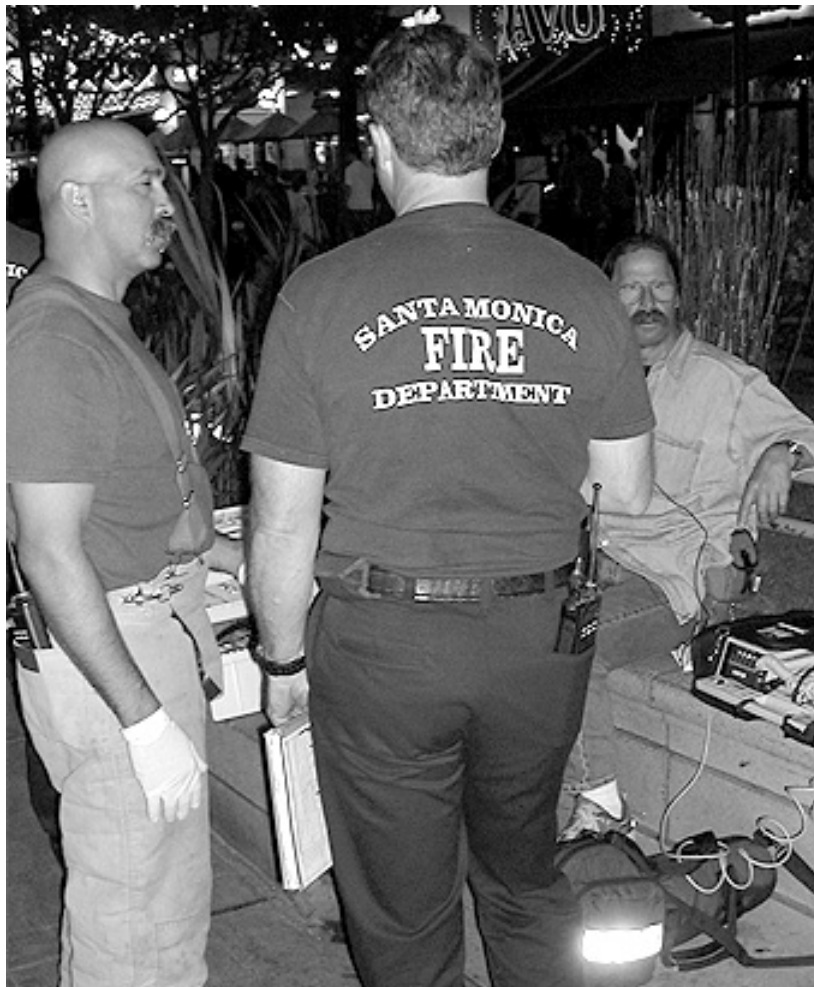
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Santa Monica fire and rescue workers were called to the Third Street Promenade Sunday evening when a man collapsed.

Pico residents caught in political tug of war

Neighborhood association and activist split on issue

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

There's a turf war in the Pico neighborhood. But this time it's political.

The troubled neighborhood on Santa Monica's east side struggles with gang violence, drug dealing and weak political clout. But some residents think a proposed election reform this November may give the Pico neighborhood a chance to be heard.

The Voters Election Reform Initiative for a True Accountability System, also known as VERITAS, seeks to split the city into voting districts so citizens would vote for one council member from their neighborhood, instead of all seven at large as it is now.

The Pico neighborhood has never had council representation, which some argue is why there are so many problems there. The neighborhood covers about eight square blocks just north of the Santa Monica Freeway to Pico

Boulevard, and east to the city limits.

But Pico Youth & Family Center Director Oscar de la Torre and the leadership of the Pico Neighborhood Association — two of the most prominent voices in the Pico neighborhood — are divided on the election reform issue.

While the newly opened Pico center is slowly growing roots in the community, de la Torre has been long-involved in Pico issues. A graduate of Santa Monica High School, de la Torre, 30, grew up in Pico and his family continues to live there.

"I'm registering a no vote on VERITAS," said de la Torre. "I don't think (VERITAS) will benefit the Pico neighborhood or a great number of working class families that live and work in the Pico neighborhood."

However, both PNA chairman Peter Tigler and vice-chair Don Gray said they support VERITAS and will attempt to convince the association to endorse the measure.

"I think informally from speaking with other board members that we'll probably support it," Gray said. "Santa Monica has a skewed (elec-

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Palm Beach listed as mean to homeless

By The Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — The streets of Palm Beach County can be a mean place for the homeless, according to the National Coalition for the Homeless.

The group has placed the county on a list of a dozen "meanest" places in the country, saying Palm Beach follows a national trend of criminalizing homelessness and poverty.

Jacksonville also was on the list published in the coalition's January report, "The Criminalization of Homelessness in the United States."

The coalition did not rank the entries but did report that Atlanta, San Francisco and New York were the "absolute meanest" cities for the homeless. Also listed were

Salt Lake City, Chicago, Honolulu, Baltimore, Pontiac, Mich., Santa Cruz, Calif. and Austin, Texas.

California was listed as the meanest state.

The group said Palm Beach County's homeless database was proof Palm Beach was making it a crime to be homeless. Advocates for the homeless said the database puts them in a special class, and violates their civil rights.

The sheriff's office said it is using the database to find solutions for the homeless. The database was designed to help identify homeless people and locate family members in case of a health problem or death, the sheriff's office said.

Santa Monica College asks voters Tuesday for \$160M

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

Up until a few weeks ago, it appeared Santa Monica College had nothing but support for its \$160 million bond measure.

But just weeks before Tuesday's election, a small but organized group of SMC critics came out to urge voters to vote 'No' on Measure U.

Santa Monica and Malibu residents will be asked on Tuesday to approve the bond so SMC can use the money to renovate buildings at the aging campus on Pico Boulevard. It would also partially fund the purchase of the 10-acre BAE Systems property the college recently bought for \$30 million near the airport for a satellite campus and more parking.

Opponents say the college's growth is hurting Santa Monica and the bond would only exacerbate the problem. The idea of more satellite campuses concerns many residents who have been impacted by the school's expansion and its 32,000 students — many of which com-

mute from outside of the city.

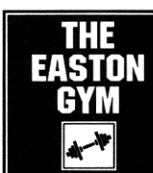
Neighbors of the college are fed up with parking and traffic generated by the school. One of the college's critics is City Councilman Richard Bloom, who lives in Sunset Park, a southeast Santa Monica neighborhood near SMC's main campus. That area of the city, as well as the Pico neighborhood, have been the most affected by the college's growth.

"This is a very grassroots effort," said Peter Tigler, president of the Pico Neighborhood Association who is heading up the "Vote No on Measure U" campaign. "We've been gathering support quietly and I cannot believe the response. A lot of people were against it, but they didn't want to be labeled anti-education."

But Don Giard, SMC's director of marketing, said many of SMC's opponents are spreading misinformation about the college's future development plans. He also thinks many of the opponents are using the bond measure to further their own political motivations.

"This is a last minute effort by some people who have an agenda," he said, adding the college has worked with neighbors in the past

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★★★★ Your decisions could rapidly change because of the inevitable flux of calls and messages. Learn to go with the flow rather than getting jumbled up by what you hear. Deal with each person individually rather than as a group. Don't let irritation from one situation flow into different meetings or events. Tonight: Do some breathing exercises, then decide.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Others circle around you, looking to make more of their relationship with you. Listen carefully to another's feedback, especially if it involves a money matter. Professional matters might appear one way, but actually they are another way. Tonight: Schedule some quality time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Zero in on what needs to be handled immediately at work. Priorities change early on. Demonstrate your adventuresome style. Realize that more is going on than meets the eye. Schedule meetings as late as possible. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Visualize more of what you want. Nearly anything could be possible in the present circumstances. Laughter delights you. Unexpected developments occur financially. Don't take emotional or financial risks unnecessarily. Tonight: Soak away stress.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Dance to a different tune, and someone will give you a jolt. If you're easy and relaxed, the same thing might happen, but you'll respond differently. Someone who is close to you could be unstable, whether you want to recognize this problem or not. Review a decision. Tonight: Play away tension.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Though you might be encouraged to speak your mind, someone doesn't listen. His or her actions surprise you. You might opt to be a bit more mum with some people. No matter what others say, use your own discretion. Tonight: Race on home and relax.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★ Continue a careful approach with finances. A mistake could jeopardize your immediate sense of well-being. Walk a more conservative course, and you will smile. Later, catch up on phone calls and e-mail. Your smile wins friends. Tonight: Swap news with friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Your sense of humor helps you handle a bump in your day. You accept what is going on with ease. Review an important decision involving finances later in the day. Someone's creative input could be most worthwhile. Tonight: Pay bills first.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You find it a hard day to get going. Someone might change your routine or do something different. Fatigue also could be part of your problem. Slow down and take your time with any details or decisions. In the late afternoon, work with a second wind. Tonight: Hang out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Aim for more of what you want. When working with a purchase or a commitment, you could be stunned by the cost. Back off for a while and think about what it is you might want or need. Close your door if you are feeling pressured. Tonight: Make it easy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You continue to jolt someone. Allow more feedback from someone that counts. Others observe your style when dealing with this issue. Not everything is as it appears. Maintain a sense of humor when dealing with a boss, or else conflict could result. Tonight: Happy as a clam.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Share your feelings with someone who has perspective and understanding. You rarely need to worry about this person's reaction. After a conversation you feel much better. Take charge only when you're ready, later in the day. Tonight: In the limelight.



QUOTE of the DAY

**“We all have the strength to endure
the misfortunes of others.”**

— La Rochefoucauld (1613-1680)

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LOCAL



Neighborhood leaders split on merits of VERITAS

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toral) system. Pico definitely doesn't have fair voting representation."

Under the current election guidelines, all seven council members are elected citywide. Council members then vote for who will serve as mayor.

Paul DeSantis and Irene Zivi, authors of VERITAS, argue Pico residents have not been able to elect one of their own to city council for the past 60 years because of at-large elections.

"Some neighborhoods have been over-represented with two or three residents on the city council but the Pico neighborhood has always been under represented," said DeSantis. "Currently, the mid-city neighborhood — which is next to Pico — is also underrepresented."

Original city law had split the municipality into voting districts. That was overturned in the 1940s when large numbers of African Americans moved into the Pico neighborhood, one of the first areas in the state to allow minorities to own property, DeSantis said. City officials at the time changed the voting system to at-large elections to address the new minority voice in Pico.

"I would say that the 1946 charter amendment was designed in part to keep African Americans out of government," he said. "Subsequently, there has not been a representative elected from the Pico neighborhood."

However, opponents of the measure disagree. Mayor Mike Feinstein said residents are better off having seven council members interested in listening to their

complaints than just one.

"This bad government measure would reduce voice and representation for Pico neighborhood residents by allowing them to vote for only one council seat instead of all seven like they currently can," he said.

"My expectation for the November election is not only will a majority of residents citywide vote against this reckless and ill-conceived measure but so will a majority of residents in the Pico neighborhood," he added.

de la Torre plans to challenge the PNA to make sure a balanced hearing is given before any organization tries to speak for the neighborhood.

"I think they owe it to the community to hold an educational forum before they represent the neighborhood on such an important issue," de la Torre said. "I plan

to make contact with the PNA and their leadership and other organizations in the community to sponsor a debate or a forum to educate people about this proposal and what it means to the community and the future of Santa Monica."

But Tigler said whether or not the PNA votes to support VERITAS, the neighborhood has to become more politically active. He has been asking for a larger police presence on the streets, more graffiti clean up efforts and more beautification projects.

"I look around town and I see more flowers planted in parkways and street improvements that you can shake a stick at, and there is nothing going on in the Pico neighborhood," Tigler said. "Perhaps if we had a councilman, these things would finally get done."

Voters will decide Tuesday on SMC funding measure

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regarding parking and traffic.

He added that Friends of Sunset Park, the group that represents the neighborhood, did not take a position on the bond measure, indicating it remains impartial.

SMC has received the endorsement of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, the Santa Monica-Malibu Council of PTAs, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, State Senator Sheila James Kuehl and Santa Monica's apartment owner's association, to name a few. SMC President Piedad Robertson said Santa Monica for Renters' Rights is also supportive of the ballot measure.

The Santa Monica City Council discussed the bond measure last week, but took no formal action endorsing it.

The bond's average cost to taxpayers would be \$1.12 per month for renters and \$77 per year for the average homeowner in Santa Monica and Malibu, according to Graham Pope, the co-chair for the committee supporting the measure.

The bond issue in the first year is estimated at \$16.21

per \$100,000 in assessed valuation and the average cost over the bond's life will be \$19.21 per \$100,000.

"This is a last minute effort by some people who have an agenda."

— DON GIARD

Santa Monica College director of marketing

A facilities assessment completed earlier this year outlined 21 projects at the college. Priorities are to replace the earthquake-damaged liberal arts building and temporary buildings with modern labs and classrooms. Facilities for the nursing, environmental studies, earth sciences and math programs also need upgrades and improvements are needed to meet standards for campus lighting, security and the American Disabilities Act.

Other pressing needs are to find space for student parking and the emeritus college program, which is geared to students ages 55 years or older.

The emeritus program is housed on the ground floor of a city parking structure on Second Street and the city has plans to turn property into a park at Santa Monica Airport, where students park and ride shuttles to the main campus a mile away.

Renovations are expected to be completed over the next 10 to 12 years. The college's last bond issue was for \$22 million in 1992 to build an addition to the science building and library, but most of the buildings on campus are more than 50 years old.

The measure will need a 55 percent approval from residents in Santa Monica and Malibu to pass. Proposition 39, approved by California voters in November 2000, decreased the percentage needed to pass a bond measure from 66 and two-thirds percent to 55 percent. It also limits the maximum annual cost to \$25 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation.

Pier construction will detour bike path

By Daily Press staff

Repairs will begin today on the roadway leading from Ocean Avenue down to the Santa Monica Pier.

The city is removing raveled asphalt, broken deck boards and fixing damaged stringers, a city press release stated.

However, the roadway construction will require closing the beach bike path and service road directly under the pier.

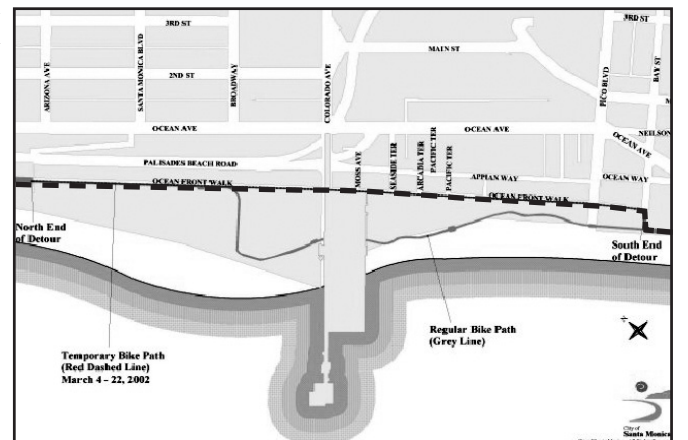
The bike path will be detoured around the east side of

the pier starting at Bay Street north to Arizona Avenue until the project is completed on March 22.

Concrete barricades will also be installed to keep beach-goers and pier visitors from entering the construction area.

Construction notices have been posted on the bike path and all streets feeding into it, along with a map that highlights the detour route.

For more information on the roadwork, bike path closure or detour route, please contact the city's Pier Maintenance Department at (310) 458-8693.



The dotted line denotes a bike path detour that will be in effect while pier construction continues until March 22.



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Jones replaces Fisher in 'Celebrity Boxing' special

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Amy Fisher's out and Paula Jones is in as Tonya Harding's "Celebrity Boxing" opponent, Fox announced Saturday.

Network spokesman Joe Earley declined to comment on why the "Long Island Lolita" is being replaced by one of former President Clinton's earliest accusers.

"Paula is eager to participate in the special, which certainly will make for a lively match against Tonya," Earley said. The program will air March 13.

Jones, who lives in Cabot, Ark., told the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette she's not concerned about the notorious skater. Her only fear: the safety of her new nose job.

"Of course, that's my first concern as a woman, messing my face up," she said. "I just got my nose done, and I don't want to mess it up."

Also on the special, former "Brady Bunch" star Barry Williams will be pitted against Danny Bonaduce, once part of

TV's "Partridge Family."

The network said the fights will be real, each lasting three rounds.

Harding gained notoriety when, in January 1994, the figure-skating champ was involved in a bungled plot hatched by her ex-husband to disable her rival Nancy Kerrigan.

Kerrigan took the silver medal while Harding, who finished eighth in the Winter Olympics, later pleaded guilty to conspiracy.

Jones claimed Clinton made an unwelcome sexual advance in 1991 in a Little Rock hotel room while he was Arkansas governor and she was a state employee. A federal judge dismissed the lawsuit against Clinton.

Fisher made headlines as "the Long Island Lolita" when, as a teen-ager having an affair with auto mechanic Joey Buttafuoco, she shot and wounded his wife in 1992. Fisher served almost seven years in prison.

Hundreds protest planned strip club in Pico Rivera

By The Associated Press

PICO RIVERA — A nude dance club managed only a single dancer and a lone customer before shutting down in the face of strong community opposition, but the owners vowed to reopen Monday.

Shortly after its unveiling Friday evening, the owners agreed to close Imperial Showgirls until the Los Angeles County Fire Department can inspect it and issue a permit. That was expected to be done on Monday, attorney Roger Diamond said.

About 500 people, including Rep. Grace Napolitano, D-Norwalk, and parishioners from 10 local churches lined Slauson Avenue in a daylong demonstration against the club, which is trying to open inside a former billiard hall.

"We will protest this as long as needed," said the Rev. Richard Ochoa of the Lord's Vineyard Fellowship Church.

Nearly businesses also disapproved. "I want them to go somewhere else, like Hollywood, where this kind of thing

is acceptable," said Christina Villarreal, manager of Haircuts Etc.

"We have little kids and families coming in who might be scared off by this," said Cindy Castro, an employee at the Santo Tomas Medical Clinic two doors down from the club.

The club does not serve alcohol and will post security guards to keep out the underaged.

LeRoy and Glenn Smith own the club, which is the first adult business in the religiously conservative, working-class suburb 20 miles from Los Angeles. It actually opened in January but was closed within days by city officials who said it was operating without proper permits in an area not zoned for adult businesses.

The Smiths sued, and U.S. District Court Judge Dickran Tevzian issued an injunction overruling the city's actions.

"This is our First Amendment right to be here," Glenn Smith said. "The same way it is their First Amendment right to protest."

Santa Cruz City Council puts ugly sign on e-Bay

By The Associated Press

SANTA CRUZ — For the bargain price of \$5,000, some lucky e-Bay shopper can buy the big blue welcome sign ditched by city officials and community members here as a massive eyesore.

City officials have been itching to get rid of the 15-by-30 foot sign since it was erected in September. But after spending six years and \$83,000 on the project, they couldn't justify spending another estimated \$20,000 to remove it.

So they did what many do with unwanted junk: They listed it on e-Bay, the popular Internet auction site.

The sign, with yellow letters on a blue background, stands at the edge of town. It reads: "Welcome to River Street,

Downtown Santa Cruz." After it was put up, hundreds of residents complained it was too ugly to welcome visitors to the quaint, coastal town.

But according to the online advertisement, listed by Councilman Ed Porter, the sign is a "crown landmark" that would fit nicely in any town, especially one with a River Street.

City Council voted last month to remove the sign, and Councilman Mark Primack said then he thought it was odd the city would ridicule the sign, then try to sell it to others.

The discounted price won't include any perks. Buyers must remove the sign themselves and no returns or refunds will be accepted.

STATE



Santana parents remember shooting on anniversary

BY BEN FOX
Associated Press Writer

EL CAJON — She cries in line at the local movie theater, at the bookstore and after noticing the March 5 expiration date on a milk carton in the supermarket.

As Mari Gordon-Rayborn prepares to mark the first anniversary of the school shooting that killed her son and another teen-age boy, she confronts grim reminders at every turn.

"There's just no way around it," Gordon-Rayborn said. "It's a part of our lives now."

A year ago Tuesday, a student allegedly opened fire with his father's gun just after 9 a.m. at Santana High School in Santee. The six-minute shooting spree killed 14-year-old Bryan Zuckor and 17-year-old Randy Gordon, and wounded 11 students, a teacher and a campus monitor.

The school district in the San Diego suburb plans a private memorial service on campus Tuesday. A local church will hold another that evening.

The parents of Zuckor and Gordon grieve every day. "Sometimes I don't know how long I can take it," reads a message posted by Zuckor's mother, Michelle, on a Web site devoted to the Santana victims. "I miss him so much."

Charles "Andy" Williams, now 16, remains in a high-security section of juvenile hall awaiting trial on two counts of murder, 13 of attempted murder and 13 of assault with a firearm. A state Supreme Court ruling Thursday cleared the way for him to be tried as an adult; if convicted, he faces terms of 25 years to life for each murder charge.

Gordon-Rayborn said she cried after receiving a phone call from the prosecutor informing her that the trial would proceed.

"It means we can move on, but it also means we have to relive it all over again," she said in an interview at her lawyer's office in El Cajon, next door to the courthouse where a preliminary hearing for Williams is expected to take place later this year.



Jack Smith/ The Associated Press
Mari Gordon-Rayborn, mother of Randy Gordon who was killed March 5, 2001, during a shooting at Santana High School in Santee, Ca., holds a portrait of her son as she talks about events surrounding his death, Friday, March 1, 2002, outside her Santee home.

Even without the trial, Gordon-Rayborn, 35, faces constant reminders. Her other son, 15-year-old Michael, is now a freshman at Santana, where one of his teachers cradled Gordon as he lay dying. Her 13-year-old daughter

will also attend the school, which is about a mile from their home.

Gordon-Rayborn sees Gordon's friends working at the movie theater and remembers her son in the bookstore when she finds a book by an author he liked.

Even watching the news can hurt. Gordon had planned to join the Navy after graduation, work in military intelligence and eventually become an FBI agent. He avidly read newspapers and watched CNN to keep up on current events, sometimes quizzing his mother on the news of the day.

"He never got to be everything that he worked so hard to be," she said.

Gordon-Rayborn and Zuckor's family will attend the memorial service at the campus, which is forever changed by March 5, 2001.

The school's sheriff's deputy position has gone from part time to full time. Posters advertise a confidential hot line for students to report threats. There are new first-aid kits in every classroom. The bathroom where Zuckor was killed before Williams allegedly opened fire in the quad is closed.

It can be tense. Seven hundred of Santana's 1,900 students stayed home one day in November when bathroom graffiti warned of another shooting.

"There's never a way to get back to normal," said Mark Pettis, a district spokesman. "You redefine what normal is and get there."

The families of Zuckor and Gordon have taken the initial legal steps toward filing lawsuits against the district.

Their lawyer, Kenneth Hoyt, a former teacher and youth counselor, described the lawsuit as a "search for accountability" that the parents may abandon if they decide the school has taken sufficient steps to prevent future violence. The district declines comment.

Gordon-Rayborn said she plans on going back to school to become a social worker who counsels victims of violent crime. She and her husband, Stan, a mechanic, have no plans to leave Santee. Despite the memories, they feel comfort being around people who knew Gordon.

Voters decide next chapter in Rep. Gary Condit saga

BY BRIAN MELLEY
Associated Press Writer

MODESTO — The 10-month saga of the missing intern and the embattled congressman reaches a turning point Tuesday as voters decide what the next chapter holds for Rep. Gary Condit.

It's the toughest race Condit has faced in a 30-year career that has carried him from City Hall in Ceres, a farming town in the middle of the state, to the state Capitol and on to Congress.

And some voters can't wait for the turmoil to be over.

"This district is wound up pretty tight right now," said Sandra Lucas, chairwoman of the Stanislaus County Democratic Central Committee. "Everyone's praying for Tuesday night. This district needs this battle over."

A year ago, no one could have expected that Condit would even face opposition in Tuesday's primary election. He had won by wide margins ever since capturing the 18th Congressional District seat in a special election in 1989.

Then Modesto native Chandra Levy, 24, vanished from Washington in May and Condit's political fortunes changed.

Washington police sources have said Condit admitted he had an affair with Levy, although in media interviews he has refused to reveal the exact nature of their relationship. Law enforcement officials have said he is not a suspect in her disappearance.

In addition to the scandal, the Central Valley district once known as Condit Country has been reconfigured, making the career politician scramble to get to know as many new faces as possible in an area that now includes a slice of urban Stockton to the north.

But his toughest challenge in the Democratic primary comes from Assemblyman Dennis Cardoza, a former aide-turned-adversary who has successfully wooed Condit's supporters for cash and endorsements.

Cardoza, who once said he would not run against Condit, has raised three times as much money as Condit and says his polling shows he'll win by double digits.

The winner of the primary will face the victor in a four-candidate GOP field.

Amid the controversy over Levy, Condit virtually dropped out of the public eye and there was uncertainty whether he would defend his seat even after Cardoza got into the race.

But at the final hour, Condit rolled up to the county election office Dec. 7 with his papers in hand and said he was in the running to keep his job.

He has gone from blaming the news media for his

downfall to courting reporters and casting himself as a victim in a bid for support.

And in the awkward dance around the matter of his reported affair with Levy, Condit has gone from avoiding the issue to embracing it.

He says he prays that she'll be found and that his presence in the race keeps her case alive. He even suggests that re-electing him would bring more attention to her plight.

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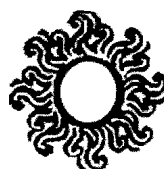
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NATIONAL

**Marchers protest high court
decision in cop torture case**

BY CHAKA FERGUSON

Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — About 150 marchers gathered outside a federal courthouse Sunday to protest an appeals court's overturning the convictions of three white former police officers in the torture case of Haitian immigrant Abner Louima.

"Don't blame us when our people get tired of marching, tired of holding press conferences, tired of saying, 'No justice, no peace,'" said City Councilman Charles Barron, who addressed the rally at the Brooklyn courthouse.

On Thursday, a federal appeals court ordered a new trial for Officer Charles Schwarz, 36, who denies he was in the bathroom when Officer Justin Volpe

sodomized Louima with a broken broomstick in 1997.

The court found there was insufficient evidence to sustain the obstruction-of-justice convictions of Schwarz and Officers Thomas Wiese and Thomas Bruder.

Marcher Nicole Bird called the appeals court ruling "a slap in the face to Americans."

"If the justice system doesn't work for some of us," she said, "it doesn't work for any of us."

Mayor Michael Bloomberg, addressing the appeals court ruling on Sunday, said he had visited officers at the stationhouse where the torture occurred, and told them, "What we need to do is make sure that it never happens again."

**Man hospitalized after being
mistakenly shot by FBI**

By The Associated Press

PASADENA, Md. — A 20-year-old man riding in a car with his girlfriend was mistakenly shot in the face by an FBI agent who was seeking a bank robber.

Joseph Charles Schultz was in serious but stable condition Sunday at a Baltimore hospital. He suffered a gunshot wound to the cheek, said Charles Ravenell of the Anne Arundel County police.

Schultz, who works for a medical company, has no connection to the bank robbery, FBI officials said.

Schultz and his girlfriend, 16-year-old Krissy Harkum, were pulled over in Pasadena late Friday, authorities said.

FBI agents were attempting to serve an arrest warrant based on the description of a bank robber, The Washington Post reported Sunday.

There was no immediate word where or when the bank robbery occurred; FBI

and Anne Arundel County officials did not return calls Sunday from The Associated Press.

Harkum's father, Joseph Harkum, said the agent ordered the two to put their hands up, and then fired, hitting Schultz once. Krissy Harkum was sprayed with glass and blood but was not injured, he said.

Schultz, of Orchard Beach, was unable to speak while being treated at the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center. But he wrote his girlfriend a note asking, "Why did he shoot me?" Joseph Harkum said.

"Here you got two of the sweetest kids on the Earth going to the mall and having Slurpees, getting shot through the car window. It's a mess," Joseph Harkum said.

The FBI would not identify the agent who shot Schultz and said it would not release information while the investigation was underway.

**Study shows Internet is
becoming less of a novelty**

BY ANICK JESDANUN

AP Internet Writer

NEW YORK — As Americans gain online experience, the nature of their Internet usage is shifting from quantity to quality.

A study released Sunday found that as the Internet becomes less of a novelty, veterans spend less time online and e-mail their friends and family less often. But they use their online time to do more tasks and are more likely than newcomers to share worries or seek advice.

"People get more serious," said Lee Rainie, director of the Pew Internet & American Life Project, which conducted the study. "It's a story about how the Internet is working its way into everyday rhythms of life."

Suggesting people are becoming less dazzled by the Internet, 12 percent of people who e-mail relatives did so every day in March 2001, compared with 21 percent a year earlier.

In March 2000, 88 percent of Americans who e-mail family members considered e-mail "very" or "somewhat"

useful for keeping up with relatives. When respondents were contacted again a year later, only 79 percent thought so.

Subject matter is becoming more serious. Forty-four percent in 2001 sometimes raised issues they were worried or upset about, up from 37 percent in 2000. Fifty-six percent e-mailed a relative seeking advice, up from 45 percent.

The study found similar patterns with e-mail to friends.

But they made better use of their time, buying stocks, making travel reservations and finding jobs online as they gain experience.

The study was initially based on a random telephone survey of 3,533 people in March 2000. Researchers attempted to reach everyone a year earlier and succeeded in completing 1,501 follow-up interviews. Comparisons were based on the cases where interviews were conducted both years.

The survey has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points, with larger margins for subgroups such as Internet users.



Study suggests link between child snoring and ADHD

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO — New research suggests children who snore face nearly double the risk of being inattentive and hyperactive, providing fresh evidence of an intriguing link between sleep problems and attention deficit disorders.

While the study doesn't answer whether one condition causes the other, the researchers believe snoring and other sleep problems may be the culprit in some cases because children often express sleepiness by being inattentive and "hyper."

If it turns out to be true, this theory could help explain the paradox over why stimulants such as Ritalin can effectively treat children with conditions like attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder who already seem over-stimulated, said Dr. Ronald Chervin, a University of Michigan neurologist and sleep researcher, and the study's lead author.

"If there is indeed a cause-and-effect link, sleep problems in children could represent a major public health issue," Chervin said. "It's conceivable that by better identifying and treating children's snoring and other nighttime breathing problems, we could help address some of the most common and challenging childhood behavioral issues."

ADHD is the most common neurobehavioral disorder in childhood, affecting between 4 percent and 12 percent of school-age children — or as many as 3.8 million youngsters. Data cited by Chervin suggest that between 7 percent and 12 percent of children snore frequently, with apnea — brief breathing lapses during sleep that can cause snoring — present in up to 3 percent of school-age children.

Numerous other studies have found a link between sleep problems and ADHD, but many sleep specialists and psychiatrists are divided

over which condition might cause the other.

"There's absolutely a connection," said Dr. Stephen Sheldon, a sleep specialist at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago. "There is a proportion of youngsters that have sleep pathology causing their daytime symptoms that appear virtually identical to ADHD."

Dr. Timothy Wilens, a child psychiatrist at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, is more skeptical.

"I would say the verdict is still out," said Wilens.

ADHD is thought to have a genetic cause and runs in families, Wilens said. The sleep disturbances his research has found in ADHD children, including restlessness and difficulty falling asleep, are likely the result of behavioral problems, not vice versa, he said.

Chervin's study involving 866 children aged 2 through 13 is published in the March issue of Pediatrics. It is based on surveys of parents about their children's behavior and sleep patterns.

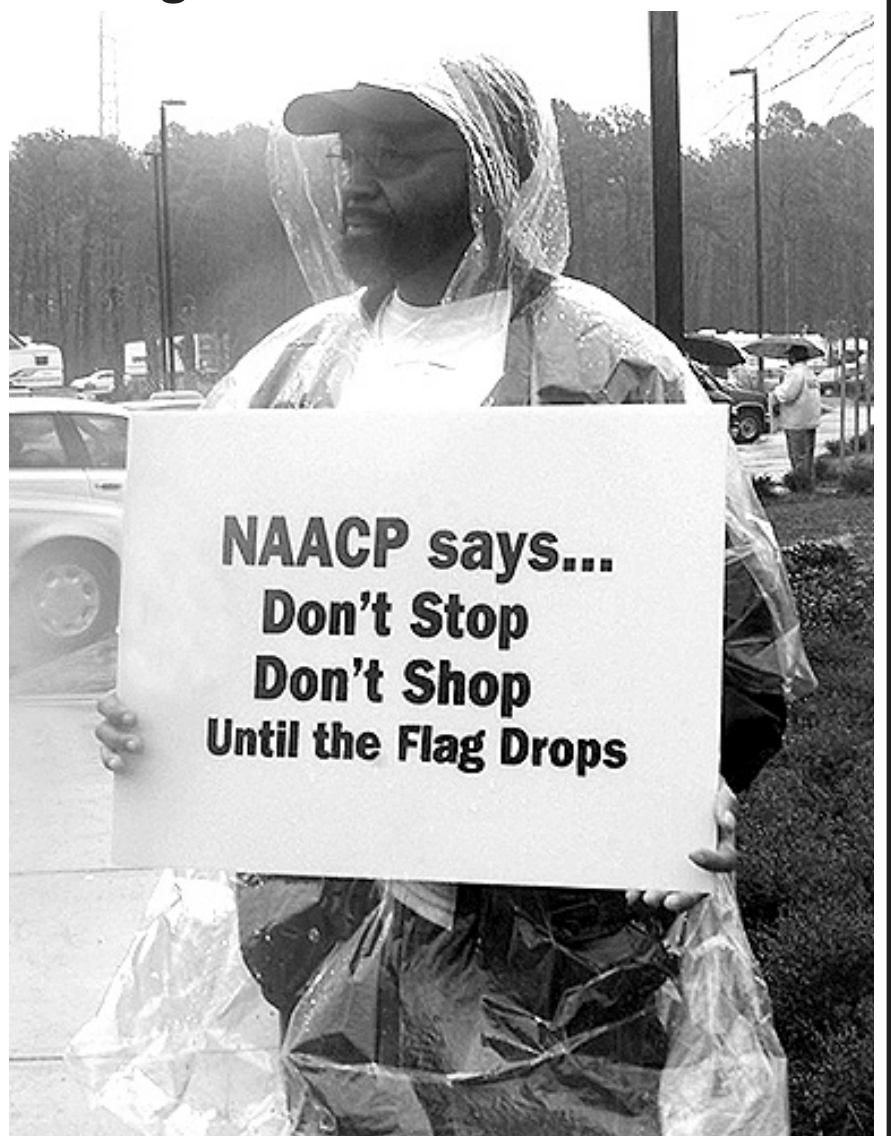
Parents rated their children's behavior based on a list of psychiatric criteria for ADHD, which includes impulsiveness, inability to pay attention and excessive activity. Parents weren't asked if their children had been diagnosed with ADHD, which Chervin acknowledged limits being able to generalize the results.

Overall, 16 percent were frequent snorers and 13 percent scored high on the ADHD scale.

Among frequent snorers, 22 percent had high ADHD scores, compared with only 12 percent among infrequent snorers.

Since snoring is often caused by apnea, which in turn is frequently caused by large tonsils, removing the tonsils might in some cases improve behavior, Chervin said.

Taking a stand



The Associated Press

Ken James, president of the Hilton Head-Bluffton, S.C., branch of the NAACP, and other members protest at the Hardeeville welcome center Saturday against the Confederate battle flag flying on the South Carolina State House grounds. About 20 members of the civil rights organization gathered to flash signs and banners telling travelers and tourists alike to stay out of South Carolina and avoid spending money anywhere in the state.

Five-day hunger protest still in effect with 13 prisoners

BY ANDRES LEIGHTON

Associated Press Writer

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba — Scores of captives from the Afghan war refused meals Sunday in a protest that has lasted five days, but the U.S. military said only 13 of them had kept to the hunger strike since its start.

The military revealed the new tally after officials finished a cell-by-cell count of those who had refused food since the start of the protest on Wednesday.

The announcement coincided with a visit on Sunday by FBI Director Robert Mueller, who arrived in the afternoon and was whisked away for a tour of the detention compound known as Camp X-ray.

"He wanted to visit our people on the ground there and to touch base with other agency representatives," said FBI spokeswoman Debbie Weierman.

Mueller didn't comment to reporters on his agency's role, but Weierman said FBI officials have been among investigators interviewing detainees.

Meanwhile, 91 of the 300 detainees at Guantanamo Bay refused breakfast and 81 declined lunch on Sunday, military officials said.

"We have 13 individuals who have not eaten at all since this hunger strike started," said Marine Capt. Joe Kloppe, a spokesman for the detention mission at this U.S. outpost in southeastern Cuba. "Others have had at least one meal since this whole thing started."

Military spokesmen had previously said at least half of those participating appeared to have been refusing food

since Wednesday.

So far, at least nine detainees have been given liquids with an intravenous drip, one against his wishes.

A large group among the 300 detainees stopped eating Wednesday, some telling their captors they were upset that a guard stripped a detainee of his turban during prayers on Tuesday.

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Spokesman for the detention mission

Marine Brig. Gen. Michael Lehnert, commander of the detention mission, said on Saturday that while the turban issue was one cause, the detainees' underlying concern is uncertainty over their indefinite detention.

U.S. officials are determining whether and how to prosecute the men. They say those not tried by a military tribunal could be prosecuted in U.S. courts, returned to

their home countries for prosecution, released outright, or held indefinitely.

Lehnert was escorting the FBI director during his brief visit, said Army Maj. Rumi Nielson-Green, a spokeswoman.

The number of prisoners refusing to eat has varied by day and meal, with 85 detainees declining breakfast on Saturday, and then 73 refusing lunch and 90 skipping dinner that day, officials said. The number has declined from a high of 194 who refused lunch on Thursday.

Those given fluids intravenously are evaluated and then "they retreat to their units and we have observed they have both been drinking and eating," said Navy Capt. Al Shimkus, chief medical officer at Guantanamo.

Most of those who are dehydrated agreed to treatment, he said. But one of the nine who resisted is still "being given IV without consent," Shimkus said.

The hunger strike is the first such protest since the initial group of detainees was flown to Guantanamo on Jan. 11.

It began after two military guards shackled an inmate and removed his turban during prayers Tuesday.

Lehnert later told detainees he would allow them to wear turbans but that guards had the right to inspect them at any time. In the past, turbans had been banned because of fears a prisoner could hide a dangerous object in it.

Tensions had been building at the camp even before the protest. In recent days, prisoners have been ignoring a taped call to prayer and instead have picked individual detainees to announce and lead prayers.

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BUSINESS

Google programmer creates buzz with logos

BY BRIAN BERGSTEIN
AP Business Writer

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. — During the Olympics, when a speed-skating fox, a bear pushing a curling stone and other cutesy images adorned the "Google" logo on the popular Internet search engine, hundreds of users wrote in to compliment the art department.

That provoked a lot of laughs at Google headquarters, because the "art department" actually is just one guy: Dennis Hwang, a 23-year-old Web programmer who whips up the doodles in his spare time, usually for holidays.

"I think your readers are going to be disappointed it's just me," Hwang said with a smile during an interview last week in the "Googleplex," the company's cheerful offices in Mountain View.

Hwang's designs are simple, befitting the spare nature of Google's site. They cleverly remind Google's tens of millions of users that real people, not just soulless computers, are working behind the scenes.

Hwang's signature move is to coyly play off the letters in "Google," especially those two Os no doodler could resist.

He has turned them into pumpkins, globes, a Nobel Prize medal, a hockey puck and a stopwatch. For New Year's, he had a rabbit and bird hold signs reading "2" next to each O so the image displayed "2002."

The L often becomes a flagpole, such as on Bastille Day, when it supported a French banner.

Sometimes every letter gets involved. Hwang honored Claude Monet's birthday last year by giving the logo a muted watercolor look, with little lily pads underneath. That one is his favorite, partly because he did it in just 30 minutes while sick with a fever.

Hwang majored in art at Stanford University, with a minor in computer science. But for these frivolous designs he

relies more on skills he developed while growing up in South Korea, where often he found himself doodling in his notebooks instead of listening to teachers.

"I can always refer back to my childhood hobby," he said.

Hwang's role as Google's in-house artist came about accidentally.

The site's founders, Sergey Brin and Larry Page, altered the logo from time to time. In 1998, when Google had just a small following, Brin and Page put the stick-figure image of the Burning Man festival behind the second "O" to indicate they would be off for a while at the counterculture gathering in the Nevada desert.

As Google's popularity soared because of its unique method of ranking search results by relevance, Brin and Page hired an outside artist to tinker with the logo around holidays.

Not long after Hwang started working for Google in 2000, he developed a reputation as a skillful and creative Web designer, and people knew he had majored in art.

So someone asked him to take a July Fourth logo submitted by the outside designer and make it more lighthearted and playful. Hwang added some cartoons of three celebrating forefathers.

Brin and Page loved it, and Hwang had a new side job.

Now the site's assistant Webmaster, Hwang comes up with many of his own designs — he watched the Olympics specifically to scout for ideas. Some are commissioned by his boss, Karen White.

They have to get approval from Brin, who rubs his chin as he scans the designs, and then either says OK or sends Hwang back to the drawing board.

Google can block users in specific countries from seeing logos they might not appreciate. For example, Hwang replaced the first O with a poppy to honor Remembrance Day in the United Kingdom, and only British users saw it.

Arctic drilling called 'dead'

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush's plan to drill for oil in a remote Alaska wildlife refuge is all but dead for now, Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle said Sunday.

Debate on the administration's energy plan is expected to begin in the Senate this week.

An amendment that would expand domestic production of fuel — principally by drilling in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge — is opposed by most Senate Democrats and about a half-dozen GOP senators. Republicans have acknowledged they lack the 60 votes needed to break an expected Democratic filibuster on the bill.

Pills cure nuclear illness

By The Associated Press

BUCHANAN, N.Y. — Troy Jones, president of NukePills.com, is selling thousands of potassium iodide tablets a day in recent weeks, many to people near the Indian Point nuclear plant 35 miles north of Manhattan.

The pill, better known by its chemical symbol KI, is meant to prevent thyroid cancer, one of the most common radiation-caused illnesses.

Since Sept. 11, when an airborne terrorist attack on nuclear plants suddenly seemed possible, the widespread distribution of KI has gained credibility here and across the country as a means of protecting the public.

Nine states — Alabama, Arizona, Connecticut, Florida, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York and Vermont — have requested a total of 3.7 million tablets from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, which is offering states enough pills to treat everyone within 10 miles of a nuclear reactor.

INTERNATIONAL



More than 20 Israelis killed in two-day wave of Palestinian attacks

BY GREG MYRE
Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM — Taking aim from a hilltop, a sniper killed 10 soldiers and civilians at a checkpoint Sunday in the deadliest of a two-day string of Palestinian attacks that killed 21 Israelis.

Israel sent tanks and helicopters on retaliatory raids that hit several Palestinian Authority security targets, killing four Palestinian policemen, while Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and his Cabinet weighed additional military action.

Following the weekend bloodletting, Sharon huddled with senior government ministers and security officials and his office issued a statement just before midnight saying that the inner security Cabinet had approved military plans for ongoing attacks on Palestinian targets.

"Ministers approved an operational program presented by the army to apply constant military pressure on the Palestinian Authority and the Palestinian terror organizations," the statement said. "Its object is to halt Palestinian terror." It gave no further details.

Recent days have seen some of the worst carnage in months, and bitter comments by both sides pointed to further confrontations.

"There is no alternative but to put an end to (Palestinian leader Yasser) Arafat's rule," Israeli Cabinet Minister Dan Naveh said in remarks that are expressed with increasing frequency in Israel.

Speaking during an official visit to Mexico, Israeli President Moshe Katsav also denounced Arafat and called on Palestinians to question his leadership.

"The Palestinian people should ask which achievement their president brought to them in the last 18 months," Katsav said in Mexico City. "He must, he should do something to stop the violence."

The Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, a mili-

tia linked to Arafat's Fatah movement, claimed responsibility for three of the four lethal attacks carried out in a 12-hour period from Saturday night to Sunday morning, including the checkpoint shooting.

Militants had vowed to strike after Israeli forces pushed into two Palestinian refugee camps in the West Bank last Thursday in search of militants believed responsible for earlier violence. During the incursions, 23 Palestinians were killed in three days, including gunmen, policemen and civilians.

"The Palestinian leadership considers the recent Israeli escalation ... to be aimed at destroying peace and security in the whole region," the Palestinian Authority said in a statement.

The Sunday morning shooting occurred at the military roadblock near the Palestinian village of Silwad. The army described it as an ambush carried out by a single sniper.

The gunman had a clear view from a hill overlooking the checkpoint. After the first Israeli was struck by gunfire, soldiers began climbing the steep hill toward the gunman and more were hit, witnesses said.

An army helicopter soon reached the area, but the assailant had escaped, said Hezi Tsur, a paramedic at the scene.

The dead included seven soldiers and three civilians. Six people were injured, the army and rescue services said.

The Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades circulated a leaflet saying the shooting was in response to Israeli army actions in the two refugee camps.

In the Gaza Strip, Palestinian gunmen opened fire on a group of soldiers early Sunday along a road that runs on the Israeli side of the fence between the Gaza Strip and southern Israel.

One soldier was killed and four soldiers were wounded, the army said. The military wing of the radical group Islamic



Charl/Associated Press

Militant Hamas activists, dressed as suicide bombers with fake explosives strapped to their waists, raise their fingers with hundreds of other Palestinians to pledge their support to the struggle against Israel during a demonstration in Jebalya, northern Gaza Strip on Sunday. Hundreds of Palestinians rallied to thank the militants responsible for Saturday's bombing in Jerusalem and Sunday's shooting in the West Bank and vowed to continue their attacks against Israel.

Jihad claimed responsibility for that attack in a telephone call to The Associated Press.

The pair of Sunday morning attacks followed a suicide bombing by a member of the Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades Saturday night in a crowded ultra-Orthodox Jewish neighborhood of Jerusalem. The bombing killed nine Israelis and wounded dozens.

The dead included two babies, one seven months and the other 18 months, and children ages 3, 7, 12 and 15.

"I searched the streets like a mad person, street by street — it was crowded with people and I just screamed and screamed," said Aviva Nachmani, who eventually found her three children unharmed.

The Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades also said it shot dead an Israeli police detective riding a motorcycle Saturday night along a desert trail in the West Bank, near Jerusalem.

Israel says Arafat bears responsibility for the Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades and could halt their attacks if he was serious about ending the Palestinian violence.

Palestinian leaders denounced the sui-

cide bombing and again said they oppose violence against civilians. But they say they cannot tell Palestinians to put down their weapons at a time when the Israeli military is regularly operating in Palestinian areas.

In retaliatory action Sunday, Israeli tanks shelled a Palestinian intelligence office south of Nablus, and the Palestinians said a policeman was killed.

Palestinians also reported a policeman killed when Israeli forces shelled a police installation outside Ramallah in the West Bank.

Two more policemen died when Israeli troops fired on a police post in the West Bank town of Qalqiliya, the Palestinians said.

Meanwhile, the Israeli forces on Sunday pulled out of the Balata refugee camp on the edge of Nablus, where troops had searched for militants and weapons since Thursday.

In the Jenin refugee camp, about 20 miles away, the Israeli forces pulled out Saturday, but sent at least eight tanks back into the camp on Sunday afternoon, camp residents said.

Religious riots taper off after death toll reaches 499

BY BETH DUFF-BROWN
Associated Press Writer

AHMADABAD, India — Muslims in the western state of Gujarat were still too frightened to leave their homes or return to those they fled, fearing more attacks from Hindus after five days of mob violence that claimed another 14 lives Sunday.

As the death toll rose to 499, the violence spread beyond the borders of Gujarat. Police said a Muslim vendor was stabbed to death on Sunday while followers of both faiths threw rocks at each other in Aligarh, a city with a history of Muslim-Hindu violence in the central state of Uttar Pradesh. Some 2,000 paramilitary troops were sent to the city and a curfew imposed to prevent further clashes.

Muslims began the wave of violence that has gripped Gujarat since last Wednesday, when a group of them attacked a trainload of Hindu nationalists and set it on fire. The 58 deaths provoked a retaliatory rampage by Hindus.

Most of those killed since then have been Muslims, many burned alive by vengeful Hindus. On Sunday, authorities said the violence was subsiding in Gujarat, although another 13 people died.

In one town, Deodhar, four Muslims were burned

alive Sunday and police shot to death two of the Hindu crowd attacking them.

Rioting and looting occurred in three villages in the Kheda district, and police shot four people to death, while three others died in fights. Mobs also set fire to shops and trucks on a highway at Bhavnagar.

In Ahmadabad, the city of 3.5 million that saw most of the bloodshed, a curfew was lifted in some neighborhoods but many Muslims were still too frightened to leave their homes or return to those they had fled. Instead, they sent frantic text messages on their cell-phones to friends and relatives.

"Need milk and vegetables. Have nothing for children to eat," read one message received by Ghulam Mohammad, who was hiding in his apartment in a Muslim section of the city.

The plea came from his friend Kamaluddin Lakhani but there was little Mohammad could do. He had no money, no gasoline, and was running out of food himself. He too was afraid to go out.

Elsewhere in Ahmadabad, the staff and students of the Indian Institute of Management, one of India's most prestigious universities, held a peace rally Sunday that was disrupted by slogan-shouting Hindu activists who burned placards.

"I cannot say the situation is normal, but the situation

is returning to normalcy," said Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi.

"Deaths have come down in Ahmadabad. The government cannot be lenient with the rioters," he said in an interview with Star News TV.

He had been heavily criticized for sympathizing with the Hindu mobs earlier, and delaying effective police and army deployment.

Outside the city, which two days ago was blocked with burning trucks and Hindu mobs, tea stalls and small soda pop and cigarette stands had reopened. Children played cricket in open fields and villagers visited one another for their usual Sunday chats.

Police arrested two more people in connection with the train fire — Mohammed Hussain Abdul Rahim Kalota, chairman of the Godhra municipality, and Shiraz Abdullah Jamesha, a local transporter. The arrests bring to 27 the number of suspects detained in the attack on the train.

"No one has the right to take the law into their hands," said Modi, the highest elected official of the state. "These incidents should make our heads hang in shame."

In Sardarpur, a village where 28 Muslims were killed by a mob of 4,500 Hindus, Hindu residents were reluctant to speak about the violence, and a dozen paramilitary soldiers patrolled deserted streets.



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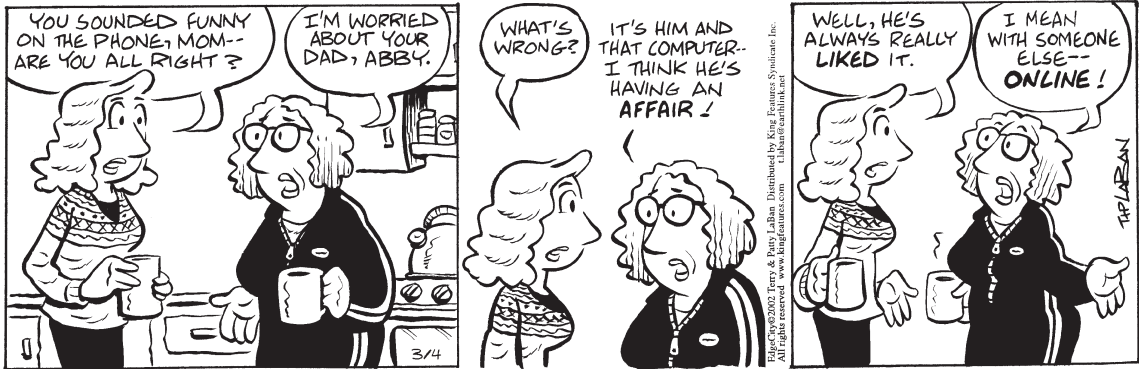


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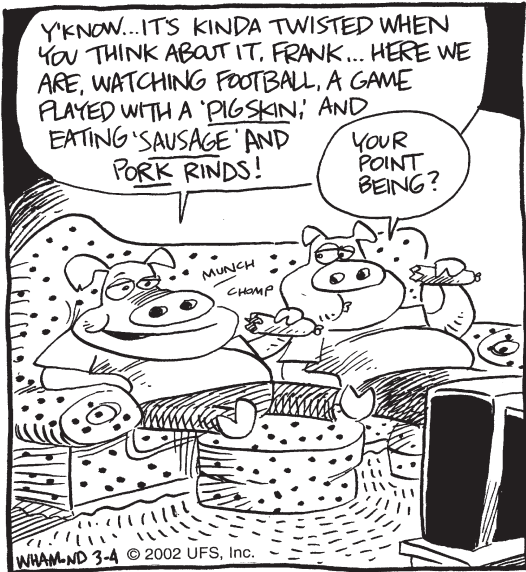


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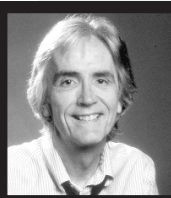
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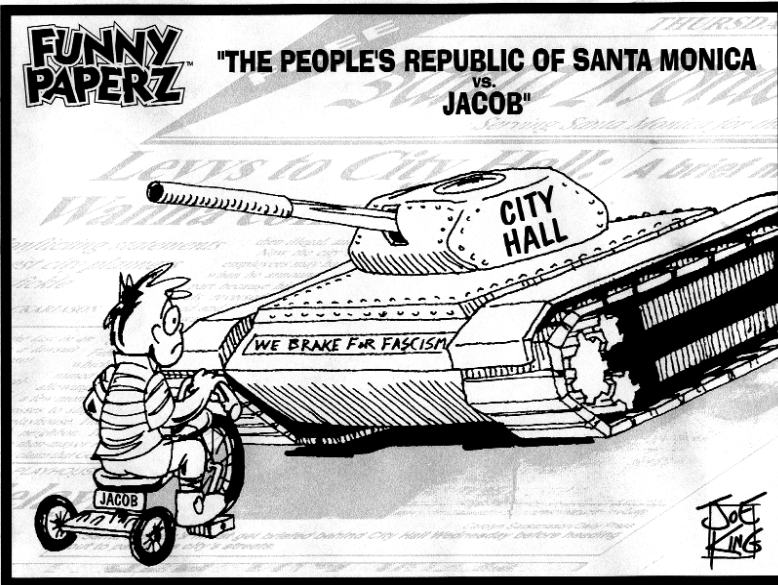


NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

Terrorists disguised as environmentalists

- The Washington Times reported in December that the U.S. Forest Service had admitted that three of its employees, and other government environmentalists, had planted endangered lynxes' hairs in Washington state forests, thus skewing a research project on whether to restrict development in those forests.
- The FBI disclosed in February that the largest U.S. domestic terrorist group (600 attacks in five years) is the environmentalist Earth Liberation Front, whose spokesman took the Fifth Amendment 50 times during a February congressional hearing.
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