

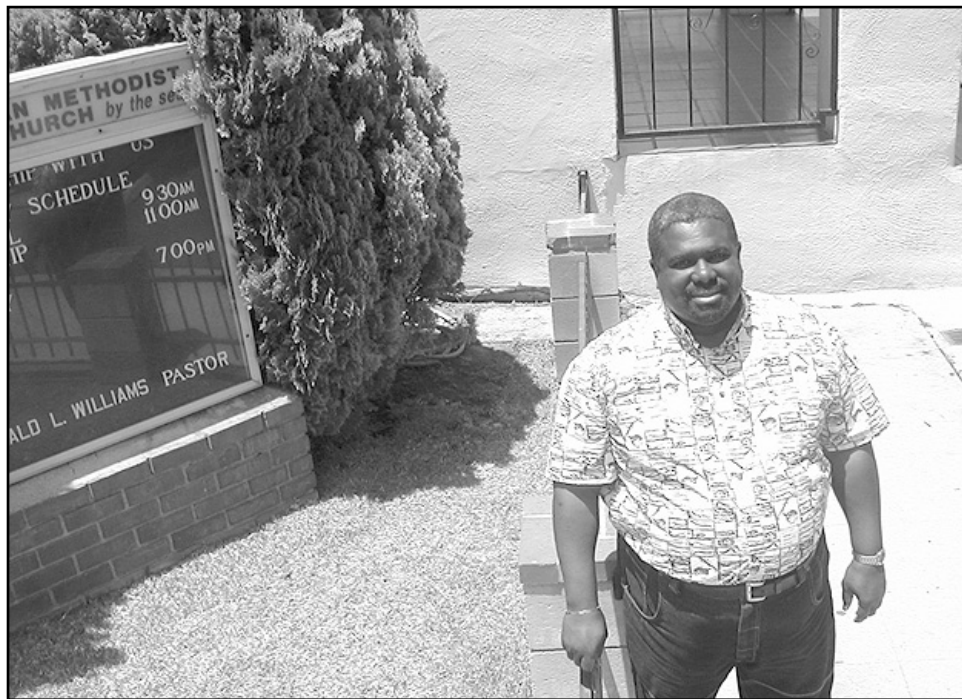
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Rev. Ronald Williams stands outside the First A.M.E. Church by the Sea on Michigan Avenue. The new pastor is quickly becoming involved in city issues.

Pastor preps to patrol Pico

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Rev. Ronald Williams wasn't in town long before he saw the rough side of the Pico neighborhood.

A few months ago, he stepped outside of his church to say goodbye to his parishioners when he noticed bright yellow police tape blocking off 19th Street.

He ran down the street to see what had happened, only to learn a young black man had been shot in the torso by a group of Hispanic males driving a SUV. Williams went to visit the young man in the hospital and pray with his family.

The next Sunday as Williams was delivering his sermon, the young man walked into the church and thanked him for the visit. He's been coming ever since.

"We have to get involved to do what we can to calm down the violence in the neighborhood and re-connect with our

youth," Williams said. "These are our kids, whether or not they live here or wander in, they are a part of this community."

Williams is the new pastor of the First American Methodist Episcopal Church By the Sea, a predominantly black congregation wedged between where Michigan Avenue dead-ends with the Santa Monica Freeway.

The congregation is split almost evenly between people who drive in from other cities on Sundays and those who mostly live in the Pico neighborhood — an area historically troubled by gangs, drugs and violence.

But that doesn't deter Williams. He says he has seen it before, and he's ready to face it again.

Born and raised in Miami, Williams graduated college and entered into the ministry in 1970. After preaching for a

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Adelphia gets Santa Monica cable contract

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Santa Monica won't change the channel on residents' cable service.

The City Council renewed its franchise agreement this week with Adelphia Cable. It also settled a two-year dispute with the company over service problems for \$3 million.

When Adelphia purchased the city's previous cable company, Century, in 1999, it failed to apply for approvals and didn't uphold parts of the city's cable contract, officials say.

Adelphia has recently run into some financially hard times, and is now being investigated by the Federal Securities Exchange Commission for allegedly loaning itself money and not recording it.

Some council members said the situation and Adelphia's poor customer service made them reluctant to agree to the new contract.

"I find it distasteful that we are considering this agreement," said Councilman Herb Katz. "But it's the best deal for the situation at our time."

Adelphia officials intend to sell off its systems in Southern California — estimated to be worth almost \$6 billion. It has 1.2 million basic cable subscribers in the Los Angeles and San Diego areas.

The Commission is investigating Adelphia for loaning itself \$2.3 billion from a company partnership. But the transaction never showed up in the company's records. The family-owned company reportedly loaned itself money to buy more shares, in hopes of retaining control of the company.

City attorneys said inking a deal signed now could mean a lot if Adelphia goes under. If the company files for bankruptcy, the city would be in a stronger position with a signed contract outlining specifically what services it agreed to.

"Even if Adelphia files for bankruptcy,

which is the worst case scenario being discussed in the press, we would still make the same recommendation to approve this franchise agreement," said Deputy City Attorney Joe Lawrence.

The five-year contract gives Adelphia complete access to Santa Monica's market on the condition the company provide better customer service, as well as wire 44 public buildings for cable and cable modem service — including City Hall, public school buildings and Santa Monica College. Adelphia also has to provide three public access channels for local and regional government.

"It was a landmark agreement for us only because we hadn't had an agreement for 15 years with our cable operator."

— KEVIN MCKEOWN
Santa Monica Mayor Pro Tem

Also as part of the contract, the increased costs stemming from the agreement's conditions or from the settlement can't be passed along to local consumers.

"It was a landmark agreement for us only because we hadn't had an agreement for 15 years with our cable operator," said Mayor Pro Tem Kevin McKeown. "It was good for us because we got back many of the things taken away from us over the years."

The city also voted to also upgrade a 1980's-era ordinance outlining what it expects from a cable operator. Under the new guidelines, cable operators must provide modern equipment and a responsive service department to answer complaints within 48 hours.

Report: Man-made barriers harmful to state coastline

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Sea walls and other man-made barriers built to protect oceanfront property against erosion threaten the state's shoreline, a new environmental report reveals.

The Surfrider Foundation released its third annual State of the Beach report Tuesday that predicted if sea walls and jetties continue to do their work

unchecked, many beaches will eventually be stripped of their sand.

"Armoring the coast does not work," said Chris Evans, executive director of the Surfrider Foundation, which has 56 chapters across the country. "No question about it, our beaches are disappearing."

About 25 percent of the California coastline along a 535-mile stretch from San Francisco to the Mexican border is now fortified against erosion, according to

the California Coastal Commission. The agency estimates that about 10 miles of sea walls were added in the last decade.

Researchers said the barriers are adversely altering the California coast. The structures can destroy public access and deprive the state's beaches of sand. The artificial barriers succumb to the constant pounding of the ocean and provides only temporary relief to homeowners who live along the coast.

Some states have banned sea walls and others have significant restrictions.

The California Resources Agency last year began considering changes that could limit shoreline barriers. It was the agency's first proposed revision of statewide coastal erosion policies in 23 years.

The Surfrider Foundation's yearly report examines the health of the nation's coastline. The study involves 20 coastal states where Surfrider has chapters.

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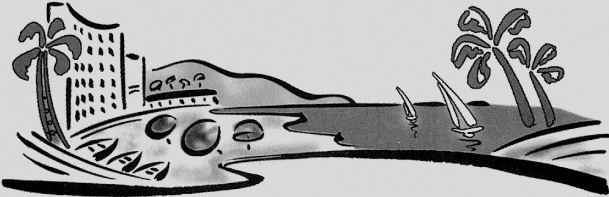
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Unexpected news heads your way. Lighten up about potential changes. Push comes to shove with someone during a conversation. You might blow your fuse. However, don't keep your feelings in. Get into a physical sport and let off tension. Tonight: Adjust plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★ Someone who has an impact on your life does the unexpected. Be very careful with finances and handling money. You could lose your wallet or make a mistake quite easily. Though you might not be happy saying "no," you need to. Tonight: Let another dominate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ What you might have to do could be quite different from what you anticipate. Think in terms of unexpected developments. Pressure builds as you attempt to deal with another as best as you can. Rebellion seems the natural way of the day. Tonight: Let another choose.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Use your unusual humor and ingenuity to skip over a budding problem with a close associate or a financial matter. Though you easily could be exhausted by what goes on, you see many solutions. Pull back and relax. Tonight: Take the night off.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Use your diplomatic skills when dealing with touchy partners, friends and associates in general. You might want to touch base with a loved one whom you know might be in a better mood. Otherwise, make plans to cocoon! Tonight: Play away.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Speak your mind loud and clear. Your nerves might be fried by what you hear and by others' requests. Even if it means disappointing others, you need to take care of a problem head-on. Take charge of your life. Listen to another. Tonight: Happy as a cat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★ Expenses go out of whack quickly. Unexpected developments take you in a new direction. Once more, a child or loved one does the unexpected. As a result, you could be in a most sour mood. Pressure builds to a new level. Tonight: Out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might try a smile when nothing else works. Family and/or home matters continue to be unexpected. Be especially careful with money matters. Pressure builds, and you need to pull back. Do little with money and funds. Tonight: Play it low-key.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ The unexpected occurs. A misunderstanding marks communication, whether it is volatile or not. You could be more difficult than you realize. Back up. Take your time choosing your words, especially if someone seems aloof. Tonight: Do what you want, now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Use the daylight hours, when you enjoy others more. You could develop a "devil may care" attitude, but check within to see if what you're doing is really OK with you. You don't need to create your own bad-hair day! Tonight: Slow down.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Stay on top of changes. The unexpected occurs when you least expect it. You might be causing a lot of this uproar. Ease up on yourself as well as on those around you. Get together with your pals. Tonight: Let off steam. Have a spontaneous party.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You might not like what you see happening. A problem could occur with someone at a distance. You also might need to reschedule your plans because of last-minute pressures. Flow and don't ruin your day. Tonight: A must appearance.

QUOTE of the DAY

**"A communist is a person who
publicly airs his dirty linen."**
— Jack Pomeroy

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LOCAL



New pastor has big plans for the Pico neighborhood

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short time in Atlanta he was moved from congregation to congregation — a common practice in the A.M.E. church — before ending up in Portland, Ore. and then Bakersfield, Calif. before landing in Santa Monica.

During a recent walk around the area, Williams meticulously closed fence gates and moved children's toys off the sidewalk. People would occasionally wave or stop to chat, others simply yelled out his name from the open windows of homes and moving cars.

In his short eight-month stint in Santa Monica, Williams has found his way into the lives of his parishioners and into several key issues in the neighborhood.

He is helping a local affordable housing provider in Santa Monica on a project to possibly bring back some families displaced by the construction of the freeway in the mid-1960s.

He also is involved in helping workers unionize at the Doubletree Guest Suites Hotel and campaigning for the city's proposed Living Wage ordinance that will go before Santa Monica voters this November.

When it comes to crime and the homeless, Williams believes it's up to the neighborhood to fix those ills.

"I guess we can continue to ask the city and the police why they can keep those problems out of other neighborhoods but not here," he said, "But it's still here and it's still going to be a problem."

As for housing, Williams would like to see more of a balance between affordable housing units — which tend to be rental only — and incentives for home ownership.

"Something needs to be done so we are not locking people into renting for life," he said. "It seems almost impossible with the land values around here, but we ought to do something to encourage people to buy their own homes."

Williams also has partnered with Ft. Mike Gutierrez of St. Anne's Church, a renown leader in Santa Monica's Hispanic community, to start a program where volunteers from the two parishes will walk the streets in hopes to deter crime.

"We have to get involved to do what we can to calm down the violence in the neighborhood and re-connect with the youth of this neighborhood."

— REV. RONALD WILLIAMS
First A.M.E. by the Sea

The group is scheduled to have its first neighborhood patrol June 1. Future patrols will be held randomly.

"No matter what's going on in the streets between black and brown people, there is still respect for the clergy," Williams said. "And if people feel that way, we have a responsibility to do everything in our power to help stop the violence."

Edna Brunson 1908 — 2002



Franklin Smith/Special to the Daily Press

Pallbearers carry Edna Brunson's casket from First A.M.E. Church by the Sea.

BY FRANKLIN SMITH

Special to the Daily Press

Edna Laurena Brunson, a 50-year Santa Monica resident, passed away on May 17. Services were held Friday at the A.M.E. Church By the Sea located 19th and Michigan Avenue, with the burial at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Born Edna L. Wilkin in 1908, in Natchez, MS., she later came to Los Angeles with her family in 1929 where she joined the First African American Episcopal Church.

In 1937 she married Donald A. Brunson and they moved to Santa Monica.

Brunson was active in a long list of community organizations, including 20 years as a board member and past president of the Santa Monica College Patron's Association. She also was a member of the Santa Monica Historical Society, Santa Monica Church Women United, several PTA's, the Letter Carriers Wives Auxiliary and the Orpha Chapter #14 O.E.S.

More than 100 people attended the ceremony, with Rev. Ron Williams reading words of comfort.

Brunson is survived by her two children and their families — Donald Jr., Diane, Demetrius, and DeAna Brunson, and Leana, Gene, and Maryellen McClain.

A Memorial Scholarship at Santa Monica College has been set up in Donald Brunson's name and will be changed to the Donald and Edna Brunson Memorial Scholarship. Contributions can be made by contacting Suzanne Hanks at Santa Monica College (310) 434-4108.



Saturday and Sunday breaks stay small in the knee-to-waist range. Best places to paddle out will be Sunset or Surfrider, on a nine-footer — if you've got one. Pollution at Paradise Cove makes surfing in that area not a good idea. Current swell forecasts for next week show minimal activity, but swell angles

may shift in favor of SoCal's beaches soon.

(Information compiled by Jesse Haley.)

Location	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Water Quality
County Line	2-3'/Fair	1-3'/Fair	1-3'/Fair	A
Zuma	2-3'/Fair	1-3'/Fair	1-3'/Fair	A
Surfrider	1-3'/Fair	1-3'/Fair	1-2'/Fair	A
Topanga	1-3'/Fair	1-2'/Fair	1-3'/Fair	B
Breakwater	2-3'/Fair	1-2'/Fair	1-3'/Fair	A
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OPINION

Slumlord operating in SM?

Is it possible? In the midst of plenty, in this beautiful city by the sea, surrounded by beautiful homes, high profile entertainment complexes and the magnificent Water Gardens Business Center, sits a sleepy old trailer park, hidden behind a brick wall on Colorado Avenue.

If you look closely as you drive to work, or speedily rush to keep your appointments, you will find a neighborhood behind that wall of ivy vines that is being unfairly treated by its landlord.

You'll find maybe one of your old fellow workers, maybe a doctor that tended to your ills as a child, or maybe a fireman or two, that possibly risked his life for you. Or maybe a police officer that gave you a ticket in your youth, and lectured you on your reckless driving habits. Or even maybe there sits by herself, all too lonely, that teacher you admired, for all her patience, that helped you understand the ways of the world, and why it was so important to continue your education.

Maybe if you look closely, you might even recognize the actress that made you laugh, cry, and brought back fond memories of your youth. Maybe if you look very closely beyond the once proud blue eyes, now ever so often filled with tears, because of the pain of arthritis, you just might smile, thinking of the good times she makes you think of, or maybe you just might see the people that filled your car with gas, maybe even helped you repair it, or maybe the waitress, that always made you smile when you stopped for your morning coffee.

Some of us are still here behind that lovely colored wall of ivy. Maybe we're not the same as we once were, but most of us still have the same fine feelings for life, and still care very much for each other, and care very deeply about the outside world.

Today, though, we are fighting more than the rages of disease, old age, the struggles to survive on a fixed income. We

are fighting for the mere existence of being able to save our homes from the unscrupulous dealing of the property owner, and the underhanded dealings of his property management company.

Their bottom line is to make as much money as possible from the property without attracting too much attention from the city. They want to sell it and move on.

I certainly have news for these evil people. The old people are rising up. Be forewarned, you are in for the battle of your lives. You have really made us mad, mad as hell, and we are not going to take it any more. The last straw was when you

let waste water spill onto our small yards, and when you didn't repair our sewers, so the stench is unbearable, when the wiring became so bad that we

are unable to water our small meager yards for fear of being electrocuted, or being able to water our beautiful little flowers. Yes mister owner we won't forget. We won't forget our beautiful trees being cut down, either.

And the statement made by your resident property manager to "let 'em cook in the sun a while," we shall not forget, or forgive. We shall not forget about your other 16 major code violations, either.

You can run mister owner and property manager, but you will never be able to hide. We are coming after you in our wheelchairs, with our walkers, and crutches. Yes mister owner, and property manager, we are coming.

This time the city is coming with us and the newspaper is coming as well to validate our bravery. Yes mister owner and property manager, you have brought the wrath of senior citizens against your kind. We will not be intimidated, or live in fear of your threats any longer.

(Tom Casley is president of the Village Trailer Park Homeowner's Association.)

LETTERS

Sports teams depicting animal cruelty must end

Editor:

The Associated Press recently reported that California may become the first state in the country to outlaw the use of American Indian team names and mascots — such as Braves, Redskins, and Apaches — by public schools. Under the legislation, a state commission would create a list of banned names that are "derogatory (to) any race, ethnicity, nationality or tribal group."

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) hopes schools will go one step further and also bench names that promote violence against animals, such as "Packers" and "Gamecocks."

As sports fans may know, PETA recently asked Austin High School in Minnesota to send the "Packers" packing, and pick a name for its sports teams that isn't associated with the suffering of animals raised and killed for food.

Schools that use the "Packers" moniker would never call themselves the "Animal

Killers," yet that's an accurate description of what "packers" — slaughterhouse workers — do.

Recent video exposés taken inside major "packing plants" show fully conscious animals being cut apart. In fact, last year, the union of federal meat inspectors filed a petition with the USDA charging that production lines move too fast for workers to ensure that every animal is dead before she is skinned and dismembered.

The "Gamecocks" name, used by the University of South Carolina and other schools, glorifies a cruel and violent (and in most states, illegal) blood sport, cockfighting.

Several years ago, the Washington Bullets basketball team changed its name to the Washington Wizards, to avoid association with deadly gun violence. It's time for other sports teams to follow suit and reject names and mascots that promote needless violence — in all its forms.

Paula Moore
 PETA

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ENTERTAINMENT



Bryan Adams – ‘Spirit: Stallion of The Cimarron’

BY SEAN DALY
Special to the Daily Press

LOS ANGELES — Relaxing on a crème-colored sofa in the posh Beverly Wilshire Hotel, Bryan Adams is beaming with pride about his contributions to the new movie, “Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron.”

Sure, he knows most people want to talk about his incredible 20 year music career, multiple Grammy nominations and string of hits (including “Cuts Like A Knife” and “Summer of ‘69”). But there will be plenty of time for that later.

“All that stuff has been said a hundred times,” he notes. “Today I want to talk about this movie I just worked on for a year.”

“Spirit” an animated family feature for which Adams contributed a half dozen original songs, including the soon-to-be radio hit, “Here I Am.” Five years in the making, it is the story of an untamed horse in the Wild West, which is captured by the Calvary, broken, and converted into a mount. The stallion’s thoughts are shared throughout the film as narrative, voiced by Matt Damon.

Adams, sporting a red and white striped sweater, blue jeans and a spiked short blonde haircut, admits it took some convincing from Dreamworks studio chief Jeffrey Katzenberg before he agreed to sign on for the project.

“My first reaction was, ‘You’ve got the wrong guy,’” he remembers. “I was sort of not really into doing anything last year. Then I saw a little bit of the film and had a few more conversations and I really got into the idea.”

Staying in the news

Musically speaking, Adams, 42, has been laying low for much of the past decade. While the raspy-voiced singer chooses not to discuss much of what he has been up to, he has remained in the public eye by speaking out frequently against both nuclear weapons testing and the killing of whales.

Adams also landed in the headlines in June 2000, when he was involved in a near-fatal motorcycle accident in Jamaica. Since then he has been spending time on the less dangerous hobby of photography.

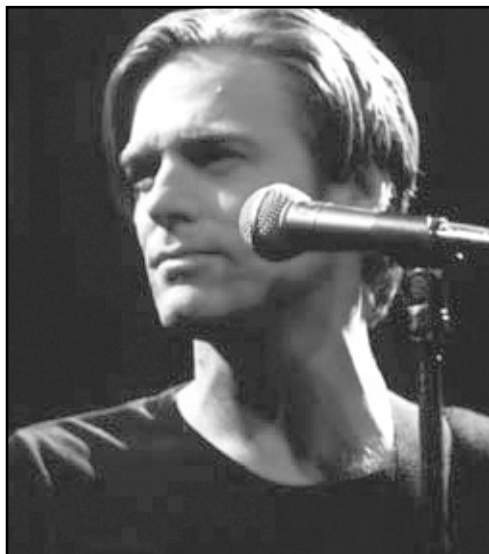
In November, Adams photographed Paul McCartney for the Canadian fashion magazine, Flare. And earlier this year, he was one of a lucky few invited to photograph Her Majesty, the Queen of England.

“It was really fun,” he said in February. “They were really nice and it was very unpretentious — you were suddenly talking with the Queen and it’s just you and her.”

It wasn’t Adams’ first brush with Greatness — in December 2000, he performed two songs for Pope John Paul II.

For his less famous fans, Adams continues to tour “about 10 dates a month” — but not surprisingly, on his own terms: “I just go anywhere I want and sing with my band and I don’t have to do any of this traditional role model playing,” he says. “I can just do my thing.”

Adams also continues to record — mainly at his Vancouver studio — though he prefers not to comment on his upcoming albums either. Over the past decade, the Kingston, Ontario native has released



Bryan Adams

a half dozen albums (mostly Greatest Hits collections and live recordings). But unlike his heyday in the mid-1980s, Adams has largely failed to achieve commercial pop success.

“Maybe it’s a good thing ‘Spirit’ came along,” he surmises. “It’ll help put me back in the public eye.”

To get the ball rolling, Adams made a rare appearance at the Cannes Film Festival, where “Spirit” premieres on May 18.

Finding success with movie songs

In the past, Adams has found great success in the marriage of film and music. His hits “Have You Ever Really Loved A Woman” (from “Don Juan DeMarco”) and “(Everything I Do) I Do It For You” (from “Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves”) both reached the top of the charts and earned Academy Award and Golden Globe Award nominations. Adams also scored big with songs from “The Three Musketeers” and “A Night in Heaven.”

But those experiences do not compare to his work on “Spirit,” he says.

“Those songs were just like, you know, work with the composer and you make one song for the end title and then see you later. There was no press involved. This is quite alien for me to be doing this.”

Adams replaced Nick Gilder as lead singer for the popular Canadian band Sweeney Todd in 1977. He embarked on a solo career in 1979 and achieved his biggest success six years later with the release of the album, Reckless. Since then, Adams has become Canada’s musical ambassador to the world.

“No matter where I go, I feel proud to be a Canadian,” he boasts. “The whole start of my career happened in Vancouver. I don’t feel like I belong anywhere else.”

But ironically, he has pitched a tent for the past few years in London.

“I prefer living in Europe,” he says.

Long before he topped the charts with such hits as “Heaven,” “Cuts Like A Knife” and “Summer of ‘69,” Adams made his home in Toronto.

“I lived there as a starving musician,” he remembers. “It’s a great place to be because there are lots of gigs there.”

(Sean Daly is president of Showtime Entertainment and a Santa Monica-based writer.)

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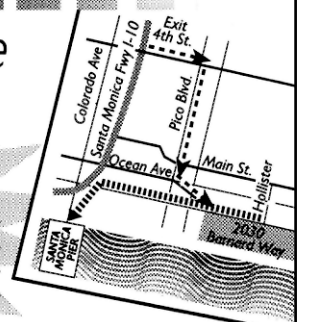
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Fist fight turns into gunfire, wounding five

BY ANNA OBERTHUR
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Two people were in critical condition after a Friday morning shooting in which at least one bystander, a man in his 70s who was shot in the foot, was caught in the crossfire in the city's Mission District.

Five people were wounded when a fist fight in front of a Popeye's fast-food restaurant led to gunfire, authorities said. Hospital officials said four people were shot and one was stabbed, but police said five people had gunshot wounds.

Police said two men were fighting when one pulled out a gun and shot the other, leaving that victim in critical condition with a chest wound. It was not clear how the others were wounded, though a hospital official said at least one was hit by a stray bullet.

The victims were taken to San Francisco General Hospital.

One other person was in critical condition, with wounds to the face. That person, and the one with the chest wound, underwent surgery and were expected to be transferred to the Intensive Care Unit, hospital spokeswoman Gloria Rodriguez said.

Another victim was in serious condition with a chest wound. The stabbing victim was in fair condition, Rodriguez said, and the elderly man shot in the foot was in good condition.

Fire Capt. Fred Sanchez said emergency crews initially found three victims. A fourth victim had a ricochet bullet wound and a fifth was found around the corner.

The shooting occurred in midmorning at the busy intersection of Mission and 22nd streets in front of the restaurant. The reason for the fight was not known, and no arrests had been made.

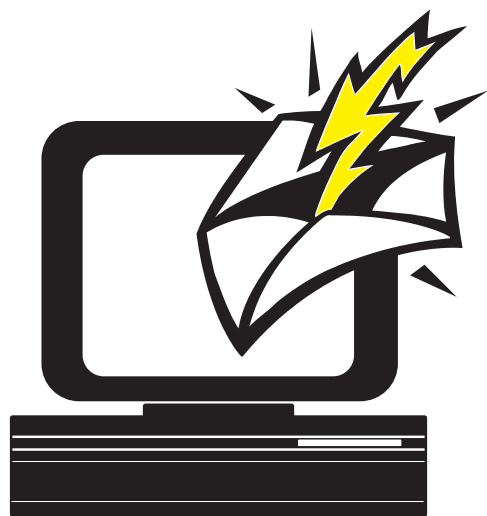


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A San Francisco Police car is parked in front of a Popeyes Chicken restaurant in San Francisco on Friday. Five people, including an elderly bystander, were wounded Friday when a fist fight led to gunfire and a stabbing at the restaurant, authorities said.

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Damaged Navy research sub towed toward home port

BY SETH HETTENA
Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO — The damaged USS Dolphin was being towed back to port Thursday following a fire and flooding that forced the crew to abandon the world's deepest diving submarine in heavy seas.

The sub was about 100 miles southwest of San Diego late Tuesday and had surfaced in heavy seas to recharge its batteries when the crew reported fire and flooding. All 43 people on board were safely rescued after what the pilot of a Coast Guard rescue helicopter described as a harrowing evacuation.

Cmdr. Stephen Kelety, a highly-decorated Naval officer, gave the order to abandon ship about 2 a.m. Wednesday when the flames proved too hard for the crew to control.

Sailors scrambled onto the sub's deck, clinging to a steel safety wire while 10-foot waves knocked several men into the ocean, according to the pilot of a rescue helicopter. The Coast Guard pulled two sailors from the water. Others swam to the safety of a nearby research vessel.

"It was complete chaos," the Coast Guard helicopter pilot, Lt. Cmdr. Mark Ryan told The San Diego Union-Tribune. "All I saw was elbows and butts and legs flying around. They were getting tossed like rag dolls."

Ryan's account of the rescue contrasted with the version presented by the head

of local submarine operations. Capt. Bruce Smith said Wednesday the rescue took place "in an orderly fashion."

The Navy declined Thursday to describe the extent of the damage to the 34-year-old vessel.

A towboat was slowly hauling the 950-ton submarine back to its homeport of San Diego, said Wendell Koi of Foss Maritime. The Pacific Viking was expected to have the Dolphin back in port about 5:30 p.m.

The Dolphin is essentially the Navy's main underwater research laboratory. It was commissioned in 1968 and is the Navy's only diesel-electric submarine.

It surfaces to get fresh air to run its diesel engines and charge the batteries that power its electric engines underwater.

The Dolphin reached a record depth of more than 3,000 feet in 1968, shortly after it was commissioned, and was awarded a meritorious unit commendation, the second-highest award for individual ships.

In 2000, the Dolphin sent e-mail messages from a depth of 400 feet, sending digital data through the water by sound energy.

The submarine is involved in testing new weapons and technologies that are classified. It left San Diego on Monday to perform research on advanced Mark 54 torpedoes that can be dropped from the air and target enemy submarines.

If the Dolphin cannot be returned to service, the Navy would lose a unique research tool, and there are no replacements waiting in the wings, Smith said.

NATIONAL



Terrorism on their minds



Richard Drew/Associated Press

A New York City police officer watches the platform as subway riders wait for the arriving subway train at Wall Street on Friday. The Transportation Department has warned transit and other railroad systems about possible terrorist attacks, a department official said Friday. The alert cited "unconfirmed, non-specific reports that indicated attacks" were being considered against subway trains.

Proposal wants telemarketers to pay for 'do not call' list

BY DAVID HO
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Federal regulators proposed Friday that telemarketers pay millions of dollars to help finance a national "do not call" registry of consumers who want to stop sales calls to their homes.

The Federal Trade Commission has collected public comments for several months on such a registry, which would let consumers stop sales calls made from outside their state with one call to a toll-free government number.

To do business, telemarketers would be required to check the registry monthly to update their own lists of people who don't want to be called.

Current rules require specific telemarketers to obey when consumers ask to be put on a "do not call" list, but consumers have to ask each telemarketer.

The national registry, first proposed in January, would cost an estimated \$5 million in its first year, the FTC said. The largest operating cost would be paying for the toll-free number.

The agency proposed on Friday that federal telemarketing regulations be changed to require telemarketers and their clients to pay fees totaling \$3 million for the first year of the registry.

"Ultimately, it may be more profitable for telemarketers to call only those consumers who are receptive to being called," the FTC said. "We believe telemarketers should be charged appropriately for obtaining this information."

Christina Duffney, a spokeswoman for the Direct Marketing Association, said she was not familiar with the fee proposal, but that telemarketers already have to obey the association's own "do not call" list and lists in nearly two dozen states.

"We're not opposed to a list, just yet another list," she said. "The more rules and regulations that you have, the more chance

that a marketer may make a mistake and market to somebody who doesn't want it."

Under the proposal, the estimated 3,000 telemarketers or sellers would have to pay to access the registry at a rate of \$12 per year for each area code they call.

"The commission does not wish to charge consumers to protect their privacy from unwanted and abusive telemarketing calls."

— FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

To avoid burdening small businesses, the FTC proposed that companies seeking five or fewer area codes would access the registry for free. The maximum annual fee would be \$3,000 to obtain lists of consumers who don't want calls in 250 or more area codes.

The fee structure would likely change over time, the agency said.

Telemarketers who call people on the list could be fined up to \$11,000 for each violation.

The FTC is accepting comments on this proposal until June 28. It will hold a public three-day forum early next month in Washington to discuss the registry proposal.

The agency said it had considered charging consumers to sign up for the registry, but collecting a small fee from each person would cost more than the fee itself.

"The commission does not wish to charge consumers to protect their privacy from unwanted and abusive telemarketing calls," the agency said.



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SPORTS

Lakers crushed by Kings; cheeseburger can't be blamed

BY GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Kobe Bryant and the Los Angeles Lakers looked terrible until it was too late — and this time, nobody can blame a Sacramento cheeseburger.

Chris Webber had 26 points and nine rebounds, and Mike Bibby scored 24 points as the Sacramento Kings grabbed a 2-1 lead in the Western Conference finals Friday night, beating the Lakers 103-90.

The two-time defending champions lost for just the fourth time in their last 28 playoff games — but this one was shaping up as an embarrassment until a blistering fourth-quarter rally made the final margin respectable.

The loss, following a narrow defeat in Game 2, gave Los Angeles consecutive playoff defeats for the first time since the 2000 conference finals. It was the Kings' first playoff victory in Los Angeles.

Game 4 is Sunday in Los Angeles, with Game 5

back in Sacramento on Tuesday night.

Bryant scored 16 of his 22 points in the fourth as Los Angeles scored 14 points in 53 seconds during a 27-12 run — yet the Lakers still never got within 10 points of the Kings, who weren't given much of a chance to threaten in the series despite their Pacific Division title.

Webber punctuated the victory with an alley-oop dunk on a pass from Bibby with a minute left. After the buzzer, Webber pointed at a small section of Sacramento fans and whooped in joy.

Doug Christie had 17 points and 12 rebounds for the Kings, who were at the peak of their high-flying game for the first three quarters. Meantime, the Lakers were booed by their Staples Center fans when they fell behind 75-52 after three quarters.

With the exception of Shaquille O'Neal, who had 20 points and 19 rebounds, the Lakers looked unaccountably flat and listless. Bryant, whose bout with apparent food poisoning from a room-service cheeseburger limited him in Game 2, missed nine of his first 12 shots.

Sacramento improved to 5-0 on the road in the playoffs four days after ending the Lakers' 12-game road playoff winning streak. Playing their fifth straight game without injured All-Star Peja Stojakovic, the Kings got 14 points from Hedo Turkoglu, his young replacement in the starting lineup.

The Lakers are trailing in a playoff series for just the second time since coach Phil Jackson arrived in 1999. Los Angeles lost Game 1 of last season's NBA Finals to Philadelphia before winning four straight.

Before the series, the Lakers questioned whether Sacramento's free-flowing style could win in the playoffs. It won emphatically in Game 3, though the Lakers' poor shooting and some good defense had plenty to do with it.

It has been three years since Sacramento lost a road playoff game to anyone except the Lakers. With 17 wins in their last 19 road games dating back to the regular season, the Kings have played with freedom and flair away from the intensity of Arco Arena — and it quickly showed up at Staples Center.

Kings-Lakers

SACRAMENTO (103)

Turkoglu 6-13 1-4 14, Webber 12-21 2-4 26, Divac 5-11 1-2 11, Christie 4-10 6-8 17, Bibby 8-14 6-9 24, Pollard 0-2 0-0 0, B.Jackson 3-6 5-8 11. Totals 38-77 21-35 103.

L.A. LAKERS (90)

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National Basketball Association playoff schedule

By The Associated Press

CONFERENCE FINALS — EDT (Best-of-7)

Saturday, May 18

L.A. Lakers 106, Sacramento 99, Lakers lead series 1-0

Sunday, May 19

New Jersey 104, Boston 97, New Jersey leads series 1-0

Monday, May 20

Sacramento 96, L.A. Lakers 90, Series tied 1-1

Tuesday, May 21

Boston 93, New Jersey 86, Series tied 1-1

Friday, May 24

Sacramento 103, L.A. Lakers 90, Sacramento leads series 2-1

Saturday, May 25

New Jersey at Boston, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 26

Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, May 27

New Jersey at Boston, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 28

L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 9 p.m., if necessary

Wednesday, May 29

Boston at New Jersey, 9 p.m., if necessary

Friday, May 31

New Jersey at Boston, TBA, if necessary

Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, TBA, if necessary

Sunday, June 2

Boston at New Jersey, TBA, if necessary

L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, TBA, if necessary



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Cheney tells Naval graduates they'll be called to fight

BY TOM STUCKEY
Associated Press Writer

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Vice President Dick Cheney launched Naval Academy graduates on their military careers Friday with a somber warning that they will be called to fight terrorists determined to destroy America.

The graduates are the first class in more than a generation to leave the academy in a time of war, he said.

"I am told that on the morning our country was attacked last year, every one of you had the same wish, to graduate Sept. 12 and take your place in the first war of the 21st Century," Cheney said. "Much has happened since that day, but there is a great deal left to do."

He said there is "no doubt" terrorists wish to strike the United States again and are working to acquire weapons of mass destruction.

"Deliverable weapons of mass destruction in the hands of terrorists would expose this nation and the civilized world to the worst of horrors," Cheney told the 965 graduates of the Class of 2002. "We will not allow that to happen."

The ceremony took place amid heightened security at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, where Secret Service agents roamed the stands and the 25,000 spectators passed through metal detectors.

Brian Ray of Plano, Texas, said Sept. 11 "kind of focused my attention on what I'd gotten myself into." But he said his decision to come to Annapolis was the correct one.

Jason Chen, of St. Louis, said his class "has the responsibility to take up the challenge" and will fulfill that responsibility.

The class included 831 men and 134 women, most receiving commissions as Navy ensigns or Marine Corps second lieutenants.



Gail Burton/Associated Press

Graduates cheer as the the Blue Angels fly overhead at the start of the Class of 2002 Naval Academy graduation ceremony on Friday in Annapolis, Md.

Possibility of a nuclear exchange casts a dark shadow

BY CHARLES J. HANLEY
AP Special Correspondent

At a secret plant in Pakistan's northern hills, nuclear technicians are believed to be working overtime in these days of crisis, producing bomb uranium around the clock, specialists say. Next door in rival India, they say, atomic warheads may already be coming out of storage.

The explosive impasse over divided Kashmir is more than a showdown between two neighbors' massed armies. It has a nuclear dimension, too, and that has the world worried.

Those who follow the Asian powers' emerging strategies doubt they will come to nuclear blows. But ultimate weapons force consideration of ultimate scenarios, and of miscalculation even by the coolest heads.

"Vajpayee could drive the Pakistanis up the wall" and into threatening a nuclear strike, said U.S. nuclear proliferation specialist David Albright. "The Pakistanis know they're completely outgunned."

India's prime minister, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, this week ratcheted up tension over Kashmir, claimed by both countries, by rallying his troops with words of war, talk of preparing "for decisive victory against the enemy." Passions had risen days earlier when 34 people, mostly Indian soldiers' wives and children, were killed in a Kashmir raid by suspected Islamic militants from Pakistan.

It was a back-to-back series of bomb tests in 1998 that announced to the world that Pakistan and India, enemies in three wars since 1947, were now both nuclear powers. India has since declared a policy of no first use of atomic weapons, but Pakistan, whose army is half the size of India's, has not foresworn "going nuclear" first in a war.

"This is Pakistan's trump card," Miriam Rajkumar, an Indian analyst at Washington's Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, said in an interview.

Albright said the Indians are believed to have so far produced 50 to 100 plutonium-core nuclear warheads, and the Pakistanis 30 to 50 using the other bomb material, highly enriched uranium. Some specialists think the Indians have no more than 50 devices.

Each warhead's average destructive power is probably equivalent to the U.S. atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima in 1945, that is, around 15 kilotons, or 15,000 tons of TNT, said Albright, a physicist with the Washington-based Institute for Science and International Security.

The Indians would be expected to mount the bombs on their Russian-made MiG warplanes, and the Pakistanis to rely more on missiles, including Chinese-made M-11s, with a range of 190 miles.

Albright said that as the crisis deepens, "I think both may be mounting warheads now."

Pakistani physicist Zia Mian said the two nations are

in a race to expand their arsenals. "The Pakistani uranium enrichment facilities, as far as we know, are working three shifts, around the clock," he said.

Like others, Mian, of Princeton University, said the scenario likeliest to provoke a Pakistani nuclear strike would be a "last stand" in which national survival is threatened by a deep Indian military thrust or by a strangling naval blockade.

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— DAVID ALBRIGHT
U.S. nuclear proliferation specialist

Political scientist Sumit Ganguly agreed. "If the Indians made an incursion deep into Pakistan and didn't show signs of stopping, then the Pakistanis might threaten the use of nuclear weapons," said the author of "Conflict Unending," a new book on the India-Pakistan wars.

But the University of Texas scholar said that "every-

thing about Indian military culture speaks of care and prudence," and his fellow Indians wouldn't be "that stupid," to provoke nuclear retaliation.

In a way, Kashmir may be the "safest place" for a war, Mian said, since it holds no strategic Pakistani targets and the mountainous terrain would discourage a massive Indian armored offensive.

A nuclear war could leave 30 million Indians and Pakistanis dead, the Washington-based Natural Resources Defense Council determined last January via a computer model of a full-scale exchange. The model envisioned a dozen warheads striking large cities in each nation. It did not project long-term deaths from radiation cancers.

Before such an exchange occurred, some Indian analysts say, a greater power — the United States — would step in at the last minute to take control of Pakistan's weapons. Carnegie's Rajkumar calls that a "dangerous" assumption. "Wishful thinking," said Mian.

But world powers do have a heavy stake in the Asian subcontinent, Albright noted. Family and business ties to the region grow deeper every year, especially for America and Britain. The shock waves of a Muslim-versus-non-Muslim conflict would reverberate across the Middle East and Asia, including in Afghanistan. Even taxpayers in the West would feel the impact.

"A callous reaction is, 'So what? Let them nuke each other. Millions die and they can pick up the pieces,'" Albright said. But in the end, he said, "I expect we would have to pay to reconstitute their societies."

66-year-old Italian climber oldest person to scale Mount Everest

By The Associated Press

KATMANDU, Nepal — A 66-year-old Italian man scaled Mount Everest on Friday, becoming the oldest person to climb the world's highest mountain, according to the China Tibet Mountaineering Association.

Mario Curnis, whose hometown was not known, reached the 29,035-foot summit Friday morning with another Italian climber, Simone Morro, and Nepali Sherpa guide Ang Mingma. It was Mingma's third time on the summit.

They reached the peak from the northern side of the mountain in Tibet, and details reaching Katmandu were sketchy.

Curnis' feat breaks the record set by Japanese climber Tomiyasu Ishikawa, of Nagoya, who scaled the

peak last week at the age of 65 years and five months.

Last week, another Japanese climber, Tamae Watanabe, became the oldest woman to scale the peak, at age 63.

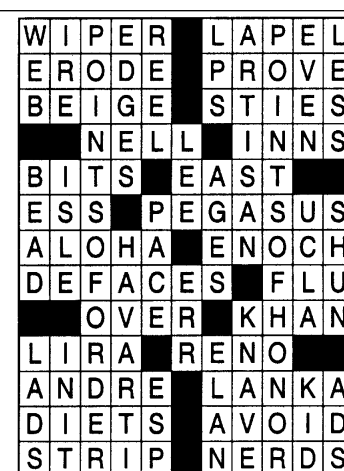
According to Ang Tshering, the agent in Katmandu for the China Tibet Mountaineering Association, the three climbers in Curnis' began their ascent on Thursday night from the last camp at 27,225 feet.

Mountaineers usually climb the last leg at night so they can reach the summit early in the morning. Weather conditions deteriorate in the afternoon, which would make the descent more difficult.

Quoting a message from the mountain, Tshering said the climbers had safely returned to Camp 3 at 24,930 feet and were in good health.

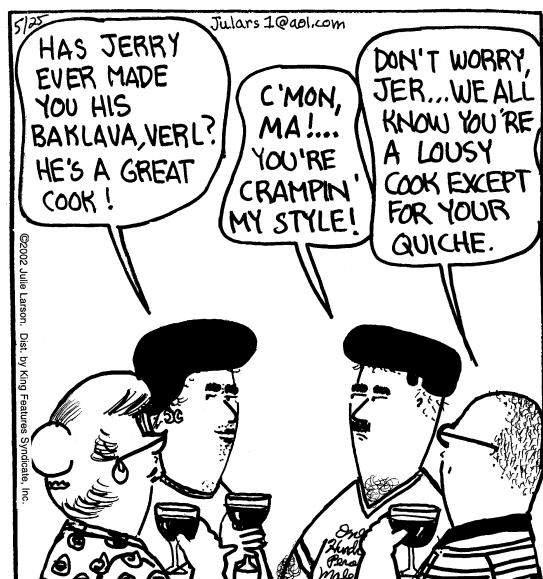
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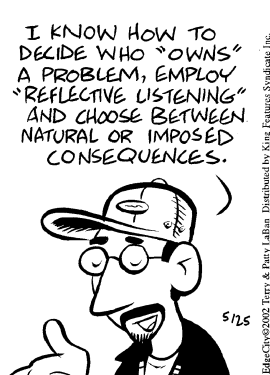


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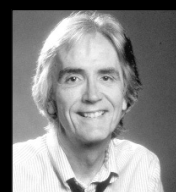
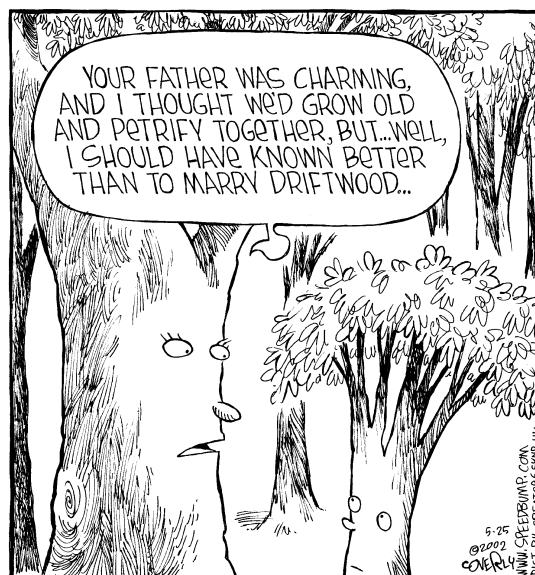
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Political ambitions become deadly in Ky. mountains

BY ROGER ALFORD

Associated Press Writer

MANCHESTER, Ky. — Two candidates for sheriff were shot to death, a county clerk narrowly escaped a barrage of gunfire, and absentee voting in one county had to be suspended after the crowds became rowdy and the sheriff suspected vote-buying.

It has been a bloody campaign season in the hills of eastern Kentucky — one that has voters wondering whether it's safe to go to the polls on Tuesday.

"This makes Kentucky seem like some kind of banana republic," said Paul Blanchard, director of the Center for Kentucky History and Politics at Eastern Kentucky University. "Like a lot of the old style politics, we tend to think we've gotten beyond this. Clearly that is not the case."

Clay County Clerk Jennings White was on the campaign trail Sunday when a barrage of bullets began hitting his van. He leapt out and over a 50-foot embankment, then crawled into thick brush and trees to escape uninjured. He hasn't spoken publicly about the incident.

"I counted 33 bullet holes in his vehicle," said Sheriff Edd Jordan. "It was politically motivated. Someone was trying to kill the clerk."

The same night, a private investigator working for White's only opponent survived being shot six times as he drove on a highway. No one has been arrested in either attack.

Harlan County sheriff's candidate Paul Browning Jr. was also out campaigning when he disappeared in March. Several days later, his body was found inside his

burned out pickup truck on a mountain road. Browning, a former sheriff who had spent three years in prison for conspiring to kill two local public officials in the early 1980s, had been shot in the head.

In Pulaski County the following month, a sniper shot and killed Sheriff Sam Catron as he walked away from a political rally and fish fry attended by hundreds of people. The alleged gunman was caught when he ditched a motorcycle, which was registered to one of Catron's opponents. That opponent, Jeff Morris, is charged with conspiracy to murder.

Police believe Catron's killing and the shootings in Clay County were related to Tuesday's primary, but Jordan still urged voters not to fear going the polls.

"I'm sure some people won't vote on account of this, but I can assure them that the election will be monitored by my department and other departments," Jordan said.

State and FBI officials will also be watching several polling sites throughout the day Tuesday, said state Attorney General's spokeswoman Barbara Hadley Smith.

Already, there have already been election troubles.

Absentee voting in Clay County — where the clerk was shot at — has been halted twice, the first time earlier this month when long lines of rowdy voters showed up to cast ballots. Jordan, the sheriff, suspected a vote-buying scheme was afoot.

"I was hearing comments about people carrying guns, and when I saw the crowd, I closed it down," Jordan said. "I saw this stuff all coming to a head, and I knew

somebody was going to get hurt."

Officials had to halt the absentee voting again for about 30 minutes Wednesday after a crowd waiting to vote became unruly outside a polling station.

Deborah Cox, who was casting her absentee vote, said she was glad to see the deputies and police at the courthouse.

Arlie Rhodes, also of Manchester, said the violence won't prevent him from doing his civic duty.

"I plan to go and vote, but I know there will be a lot of people who won't because they will be expecting trouble," he said.

Blanchard, a political science professor, said shootings were not uncommon in

Kentucky elections in the 1800s, even the early 1900s.

"Kentucky has a reputation for political corruption that has always been difficult to accept, and my hopes have been that that kind of political culture was fading away as Kentucky became more modernized," he said. "This is an earlier and even more intolerable type of politics. If it continues, it's just extremely disappointing."

Jordan is also up for re-election Tuesday, and he's watching his own surroundings.

"If I sat here and told you I'm not concerned about my safety, I'd be lying to you. I am concerned," he said. "But I have a job to do."

Tennessee inmate who escaped 11 years ago busts out again

By The Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — A murder suspect who escaped from jail 11 years ago broke out again using the same hole in the same fence.

"You just scream when you hear something like that," said chief jailer Marron Hopkins.

David Ivy, 30, escaped May 16 by crawling through a hole in a fence around an inmate recreation area on the Shelby County jail roof and climbing down a drainpipe.

Ivy first escaped from the downtown Memphis jail in 1991.

Jailers could not explain why the hole had not been repaired. It has now been closed.

"If somebody knew what had happened 10 years ago, it would have been outrageous not to have fixed it," said Chuck Fisher, a court-appointed jail monitor.

Ivy was released from prison two years ago after serving eight years on a 31-year sentence for robbery and second-degree murder. He was jailed again last year, awaiting trial on first-degree murder in the shooting death of a 25-year-old woman.

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