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IN THE NEWS

Police Blame Militants For Israeli Pipe Bombs

NETANYA, Israel - On the eve of final status talks with the Palestinians, three pipe bombs exploded in this Israeli beach town and wounded 33 people on Sunday, raising questions about whether the Palestinians are able to contain terror.

The bombs detonated simultaneously at 10:30 a.m. local time (3:30 a.m. EST) at an intersection busy with ice cream vendors and automatic cash machines.

Sunday is a work day in Israel, and most people run midmorning errands and take coffee breaks at that hour of the day.

Police, who blamed militant Islamic groups for the attack, said four people had moderate injuries, while 29 others had minor injuries.

A fourth bomb was defused by a bomb disposal unit at the beach.

Dozens of Palestinians were arrested, but all were released before midnight. Police beefed up patrols on the border with the West Bank, which runs less than 10 miles from the outskirts of Netanya.

Crash Victims' Families Gather to Bid Farewell

NEWPORT, R.I. - Relatives of the victims of EgyptAir Flight 990 gathered Sunday to bid them a wrenching farewell, with one woman wailing "My baby, my baby!" and others holding onto each other after an emotional service at the edge of the sea where their loved ones remain.

About 250 family members gathered on a clear, cold afternoon at a park overlooking the Atlantic Ocean as leaders of the Jewish, Christian and Islamic faiths offered readings, chants and prayers in three languages.

"Your loss is great, your pain deep, but you must find solace in the memory

of those wonderful moments you shared with your loved ones," said Egyptian Ambassador Nebil Fahmy, who read from the Bible and the Koran.

Relatives were led to the water through a corridor formed by military personnel and caregivers including workers from Red Cross, National Transportation Safety Board and Salvation Army.

Some wept and wiped their faces with handkerchiefs as they dropped flowers into the sea and lingered to pray and meditate.

Others left their flowers in a wicker basket.

One woman was so overcome that she had to be helped to the beach. Others wailed and wept.

Beatings Claim Lives Of 5 Homeless People

DENVER - In a city where Jack Kerouac made the hobo-life famous decades ago, a series of murders and beatings has transients sleeping with their gloves off so they can get to their knives to defend themselves.

Others have packed the Denver Rescue Mission - not to escape the cold, but to sleep without fear.

In recent weeks, five homeless men have been killed and at least two others severely beaten.

Police have blamed some of the violence on "mall rats," groups of young men and women who gather near the trendy downtown shopping strip known as the 16th Street Mall. Many, like the victims, are homeless.

Last week, police arrested seven young men, all between the ages of 16 and 21, and charged them with assault and robbery in attacks on a street musician and a homeless man.

Two are also suspected in one of the murders.

They "may get a sort of high or thrill by beating up people, and homeless are such an easy target," said police Lt. Judith Will. "It's sad and tragic."

One of the victims, she said, compared a recent beating to "being attacked by a pack of hyenas."

Mexico Test Drives Presidential Primary

MEXICO CITY - Mexico's ruling party took its biggest gamble on democracy Sunday, holding the first presidential primary in the 70 years it has governed the nation.

By abandoning a system in which the outgoing president identified the candidate, the Institutional Revolutionary Party hoped to boost its democratic cre-

dentials and select a nominee popular enough to fight off growing opposition challenges.

But it also risked infighting for the nomination that could lead to a split, damaging its chances of winning the July 2 election.

Former Interior Secretary Francisco Labastida was expected to defeat his main rival, former Tabasco Gov. Roberto Madrazo, and two other candidates: former Puebla Gov. Manuel Bartlett and former party leader Humberto Roque.

If it can avoid a split, the party's chances are excellent for holding onto the presidency.

Many Mexicans equate the party, known as the PRI, with the nation's identity.

It has the most supporters and a powerful machine that includes local officials, union members and peasant groups.

One voter, Jorge Huges, said he believed the primary would "legitimize" the PRI.

Doctor Sues Nation For Anti-HIV Policy

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa - A doctor has challenged the government's refusal to provide anti-AIDS drugs to pregnant HIV-positive women, saying the policy violates their babies' constitutional rights to life and proper medical care.

Dr. Costa Gazi said in an interview with The Associated Press that he has filed a complaint with the Human Rights Commission in an effort to pressure Health Minister Manto Tshabalala-Msimang into changing the policy.

Gazi's initiative is certain to create a stir in a nation with one of the world's worst AIDS problems.

Eight percent of the population - 3.6 million people - is estimated to be HIV positive.

Last April, Gazi, a member of the opposition Pan Africanist Congress, publicly criticized the health minister's decision to withhold the anti-viral drug AZT from HIV-positive pregnant women, prompting the government to charge him with shaming the republic and the constitution.

Hearings into the misconduct charges are expected to begin in December.

This latest controversy comes as South Africa is waging a losing war against an AIDS epidemic.

- Associated Press

Funding Application Hits Web

By JOHN O'HALE
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In an effort to cut through some extra red tape, Student Congress has made online applications available for student organizations seeking supplemental funding.

"This is an attempt to dismantle one of the Congressional obstacles organizations are presented with," said Speaker Mark Kleinschmidt.

Each spring, recognized student organizations prepare a budget and submit it to Student Congress. If they later discover an omission in their budget or a need for more funds, they can apply for subsequent appropriations.

"It used to be that representatives from student organizations had to come all the way to the Student Union, pick up a form, confer with their organization and then return to the Union," Kleinschmidt said.

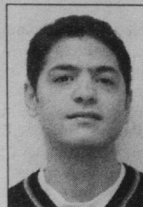
Student groups can access the subsequent appropriation forms at <http://www.unc.edu/student/orgs/congress/funding.html>.

Applicants must include detailed summaries of their expenditure plans.

"Since it is now online, students can fill out the forms anywhere," he said. "It can be very intimidating to appear in front of a committee. In addition, the online forms make it easier for students to make the 5 p.m. deadline before Congress convenes."

After submission, Congress considers the application and debates whether to fulfill the organization's request. Funding for student groups is provided by student fees. Student Congress' annual budget is about \$500,000.

Certain organizations automatically receive part of the dole. The Carolina Union Activities Board, Student Television and WXYC are automatical-



Speaker Mark Kleinschmidt said online forms would facilitate the funding process.

ly earmarked for percentages of the funds created by student fees.

"Several student groups have already begun using the online application process," Kleinschmidt said.

The Alliance for Creating Campus Equity and Seeking Social Justice was the first group to apply online.

Members from some other student groups said they were aware of the new process but had not used it yet.

"A Web site is an excellent idea," said junior Margie Wakelin, who is affiliated with the Student Environmental Action Coalition. "I think it would make it more convenient. But it needs to be publicized."

Kleinschmidt said the potential for misusing the new online system was small. "We won't entertain the funding request if it is not an officially recognized student group," he said. "We occasionally receive an e-mail that we can't even consider. I hope people won't abuse the system."

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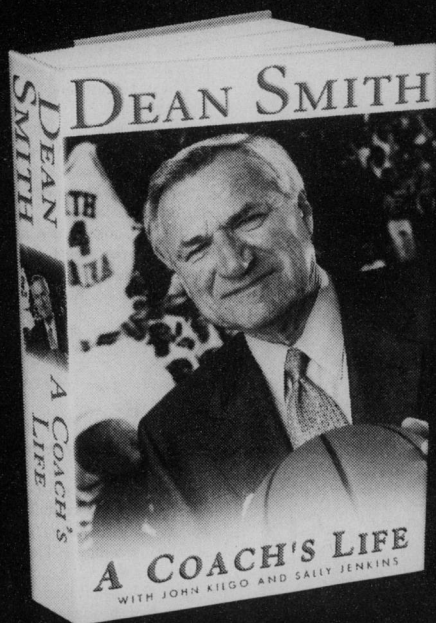
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