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SEARCH FOR D.C. SNIPER

Police seize white van

Sniper timeline

Oct. 2 — 5:20 p.m.: Montgomery County, Md., Police receive a report that the windows of a Michael's craft store in the suburban community of Aspen Hill outside of Washington D.C. have been shot out.

6:04 p.m.: A man walking across a suburban strip mall in Montgomery County a short distance from the Michael's store is shot by an unknown assailant. The bullets match. Police begin an investigation.

Oct. 3 — 7:41 a.m.: A man riding a lawnmower outside a car dealership in Montgomery County is killed by a single rifle shot.

8:12 a.m.: A man filling his vehicle at a gas station close to the Michael's store is killed.

8:37 a.m.: A woman is shot in the head outside of a post office.

9:58 a.m.: A woman is shot while vacuuming her car her car at a gas station.

9:20 p.m.: A pedestrian is shot in the neck while standing on a street corner in upper northwest Washington D.C.

Oct. 4 — Police reveal that ballistic tests establish that the Washington D.C. killing is related to the five in Montgomery County. The bullet most likely used was a .223 caliber fired from a high-powered weapon.

2:30 p.m.: A woman is shot in the back while loading packages into her vehicle outside a mall in Spotsylvania County, Va., about 50 miles from Washington. She survived.

Oct. 6 — Police, acknowledging they have few leads to follow, ask potential witnesses to step forward. About 100 Montgomery County investigators are assigned to the case, along with about 50 ATF and FBI agents.

Oct. 7 — 8:08 a.m.: A student heading into a middle school in Bowie, Md., is struck in the chest by a high-powered rifle



Associated Press

Henrico County (Va.) police investigators measure and mark the position of a van that was parked at a gas station in Richmond.

bullet. He survives. Police link the wounding to the previous shootings.

Police investigating the scene reportedly discover a tarot card in the area where the shooter hid. On it are printed the words, "Dear policeman: I am God."

Oct. 9 — 8:13 p.m.: A man is shot in the head and killed while standing at a gas

pump in Prince William Co., Va. Authorities link the shooting to the others. No tarot card or shell casing is discovered.

Oct. 11 — 9:30 a.m.: A man is shot and killed at a Spotsylvania County gas station. He is the eighth sniper victim in a 10-day period. A Virginia State trooper 50 yards from the scene heard a gun shot but could

not spot the shooter.

Oct. 14 — 9:15 p.m.: A woman loading packages into her car at a Fairfax County, Va., shopping center is shot and killed. Authorities determine she is the ninth victim slain by the gunman.

Oct. 17 — Authorities abandon attempts to develop a composite sketch of the killer,

saying a person who reported that he saw the shooter fabricated the story.

Oct. 19 — 8 p.m.: A man was shot in the parking lot of a Ponderosa Steakhouse in Ashland, Va., about 90 miles south of Washington. Authorities are investigating whether the victim, in critical condition, was the latest victim of the sniper.

Man is taken into custody

Compiled from wire services

RICHMOND, Va. — Authorities searching for the sniper terrorizing Virginia and Maryland took a man into custody today after surrounding a gray and white van parked next to an outdoor phone, witnesses said.

It was not immediately clear whether the man was connected to the sniper case; authorities refused to comment.

According to CNN, police also picked up another man for questioning. They quoted a federal law enforcement source.

The second man was picked up "in the vicinity" of the van, CNN said.

The development came as the head of the sniper task force issued a second cryptic statement that authorities trying to communicate with the sharpshooter had received a message and were preparing a response.

On Sunday, they had issued a public plea to the person who left a message at the scene of the latest shooting, in Ashland, a town north of Richmond.

Not far from the scene of that shooting, a swarm of police officers in bulletproof vests converged on the van along a main thoroughfare as the man sat inside, witnesses said. A police officer at the scene in the Richmond suburbs said the van was a Plymouth Voyager with temporary Virginia tags.

Keith Underwood, service manager at Royal Oldsmobile next to the Exxon station, said a team of police officers converged on the van and pulled the driver out around 8:30 a.m.

"He was taken out under control," he said. "I didn't see any re-

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Powell's comments hint at reprieve for Saddam

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Iraqis would be much better off without Saddam Hussein as their leader, Secretary of State Colin Powell says, seeming to back away from the long-held U.S. policy that Saddam must go.

There was no official change in policy, but Powell appeared in comments Sunday to play down the demand that the Iraqi president be deposed. He said the United States is presenting a resolution to the U.N. Security Council early this week to set stringent guidelines for new inspections of Iraq's weapons programs. He said he expects passage.

"We think the Iraqi people would be a lot better off with a different leader, a different regime," Powell said on NBC's "Meet the Press." "But the principal offense here is weapons of mass destruction, and that's what this resolution is working on. The major issue before us is disarmament."

"The issue right now is not even how tough an inspection regime is or isn't," Powell said. "The question is, will Saddam and the Iraqi regime cooperate — really, really cooperate — and let the inspections do their job."

"All we are interested in is getting rid of those weapons of mass destruction."

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Colin Powell

Barkin off?

Secretary of State Colin Powell is appearing to back down from previous demands.

Police are impounding prostitutes' clients cars

Vehicles are held 'for safekeeping'

By Craig Garretson
Post staff reporter

Those who pay for the services of city streetwalkers may soon be walking themselves.

New city ordinances that target those who solicit prostitutes by impounding their cars won't kick in until next month, but police began to turn up the heat on "johns" in the past week, arresting 25 men and 16

women for soliciting prostitution and impounding 13 cars, said the vice unit's Lt. John Gallespie.

Even though the ordinances haven't gone into effect yet, Gallespie said the cars were impounded "for safekeeping."

"I'd hate to be the husband who has to tell his wife why the car is impounded," Gallespie said.

Among the cars seized were a Chrysler Concorde, a BMW 525i and two Acura Legends.

City Council members David Crowley and David Pepper began pushing the get-

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Voters will decide who runs Cleveland schools

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — City voters, in a Nov. 5 referendum that will be watched by urban educators, must decide whether to keep the mayor in charge of public schools or return to an elected board.

The vote pits rookie Mayor Jane Campbell and schools chief Barbara Byrd-Bennett against critics unhappy with the pace of school improvements.

Opponents are especially upset that an appointed board, in place for four years with state approval, denies voters in a mostly black city the right to decide who runs the 77,000-student system.

Backers believe an appointed board reduces school politics and strengthens a mayor's



Barbara Byrd-Bennett

hand over a factor that can determine if residents move to the suburbs. Opponents say an appointed board is undemocratic and eliminates a level of oversight.

The referendum was mandated under a state law giving then-Mayor Michael R. White control of Ohio's biggest school district.

Ohio's other public school boards are elected. Ninety-six percent of the nation's nearly 15,000 public school districts are governed by elected boards. Appointed boards are concentrated in larger urban districts including New York, Chicago, Detroit, Boston, Baltimore and Washington, D.C.

The Cleveland district had been tainted by

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Participants in Sunday's march for peace carried a 'living rosary,' made of rope and football-sized wooden beads.

Peace is goal as marchers turn to prayer

Post staff report

Greg Snodgrass of Withamsville, decked out in Knights of Columbus dress regalia, deliberately set a slow and solemn pace as he led 300 marchers through the streets of downtown Cincinnati on Sunday afternoon.

It took an hour for the rosary-reciting line of marchers to travel eight blocks from a Mehring Way parking lot to St. Peter in Chains Cathedral. Praying for peace is not to be rushed, said Snodgrass.

"People need to realize the power of prayer for peace," he said. "Without prayer, we're lost. We must con-

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Williams entertains the troops

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Weather

Mostly sunny today, high 58; clear tonight, low 38. A few clouds on Tuesday; high 60, low 38.

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Prostitutes: Cops get tough

From 1A

tough measures this summer, after Mount Adams residents began complaining about men who were picking up prostitutes from the innercity and "commuting" to secluded residential streets in the upscale neighborhood for rendezvous, often during daylight hours. One resident videotaped sex acts between two people outside a car on a Sunday afternoon and turned the tape over to police.

The new laws, which were passed last week, also create a "john school," based on similar programs in San Francisco and Washington, D.C., in which first-time offenders caught by undercover cops posing as prostitutes can have their records cleared if they agree to attend classes teaching them about how prostitution can spread sexually transmitted diseases and contribute to other criminal activity. Crowley said the classes will charge a \$400 or \$500 fee per participant to pay for themselves.

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Organizers who put together this year's march in the wake of local and global problems urged marchers to "pray for world peace, for our church, our nation, our city, the United States military, law enforcement and firefighters."

destroy your life, but it will cause some embarrassment. If you've got a good life, a good job, a family, think about the consequences of getting caught. It's a serious disincentive."

Crowley said prostitution is becoming a very public problem in parts of the city.

"I'm not trying to direct anyone else's moral behavior. But this is becoming an in-your-face issue," he said. "The catalyst was that videotape we saw from Mount Adams. That was just blatant. And then we were told this was a regular thing going on in Walnut Hills and Over-the-Rhine and Bond Hill and other parts of town. Even if you take the argument that prostitution is a victimless crime, it becomes very much a quality-of-life issue when it's happening on a public street on a Sunday afternoon."

Police said the new ordinances give them a chance to combat prostitution at both ends.

"What's innovative about taking cars is it gives us a chance to go after the demand side of the business," said Lt. Kurt Byrd, who worked vice for six years before becoming the police department's spokesman.

"In the past, it's been easier to work the prostitution end of it, because many johns can go into

court, plea out, pay a fine and drive home. But by taking a vehicle, it ups the ante on the john. Now they have a lot more to lose."

The program targets cars because most of the sex customers in Over-the-Rhine are from elsewhere in the city.

"We've arrested guys down there on their lunch hour. They want to drive in, complete the deal and drive back out," Byrd said. "But a lot of these people are driving in from the suburbs or from out of state."

"Prostitution has been a problem in Over-the-Rhine for 30 years or more, so the area has a reputation for it. If there's a risk that they're going to lose their vehicle for any amount of time, that may be enough of an incentive for them not to come into Cincinnati looking for this."

Impounding cars also presents safety issues to prostitutes and their customers.

"The street-level prostitute does her business inside that car because she can hide from police; the john feels much safer if he can stay inside his car while she's performing this act," Byrd said. "If you take away the vehicle, you're making it a much riskier proposition for both the john and the prostitute."

But civil rights attorney Lou

Sirkin said it's a punishment that might go too far.

"It's one thing to go after the john, but you also have to consider the impact it's going to have on the family if you're taking away the car," he said. "If I do something wrong, punish me. But don't punish my family."

Cops said the Hollywood image of a prostitute isn't going to be found on the streets of Over-the-Rhine.

"I've arrested many prostitutes, and Julia Roberts is not in the mix," Byrd said.

"We're not talking about your 'Pretty Woman' prostitute," Galespie agreed. "A lot of these prostitutes are transvestites and knife-carrying crack addicts. These johns coming down from the suburbs need to be aware of the dangers involved. They're just as likely to get robbed or beaten up or arrested as they are to get a little sex. You're placing yourself in serious jeopardy."

He also dismissed the notion of women working for street-corner "pimps."

"What people are thinking of as pimps are mostly drug dealers nowadays. The women aren't working for him so much as they're his customers. They're working for that next rock."

Schools: Vote set for Nov. 5

From 1A

decades of unpopular integration busing, years of court and state control, shoddy buildings, revolving-door superintendents and high dropout and failure rates among a poverty-ridden student population. All students get free breakfast and lunch.

Byrd-Bennett points to progress on her watch: improved school security, a five-year teachers contract, voter-approved bond and state money for new schools, attendance up from 80 percent to 90 percent and a graduation rate inching up to 33 percent.

"You can see we've got a long way to go," Campbell said.

The mayor, who made keeping Byrd-Bennett a hallmark of her election campaign, brought the mayor of Boston to Cleveland to brag about progress in his mayor-controlled district. "Appointed school boards are the way of the future," said Boston Mayor Thomas Menino, president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

Critics aren't convinced, and they get ammunition in a district that has its share of bad publicity, including last week's lawsuit alleging a 5-year-old was sodomized in a restroom by two fifth-graders. The district questioned the credibility of the allegation.

Rochester, N.Y., Mayor William Johnson, a former school board member, said at the Conference of Mayors forum that it

would be an oversimplification to think mayoral control can cure urban education ills.

Machelle Guley, 42, who has a 15-year-old boy in Cleveland's well-regarded school for the arts, has a litany of complaints about the district: overcrowding, 9:30 a.m. lunch periods, questionable construction fund handling, central office politics and dislike for Byrd-Bennett.

"I say, 'Pack your bags, sister, and hit the road,'" Guley said.

The issue of an appointed board especially bothers Guley, who is black. "I will not allow them to take away my right to vote," said Guley, who buttonholes anyone she meets to make a pitch. "People died for the right to vote. How dare they?"

Blaine A. Griffin, 31, who is happy with the education his children, ages 6 and 8, are getting in public schools, thinks too many parents abandon their responsibility and put that on teachers and administrators.

Still, the unfavored board galls him.

"We can't afford to say, 'We had a good time. We voted. Now we don't need the right to vote,'" Griffin said.

The Cleveland Teachers Union, in a reversal, endorsed an appointed board and the leadership of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People held its nose over the vote issue and said children would best be served by an appointed board.

March: Peace sought through prayer rally

From 1A

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Organizers who put together this year's march in the wake of local and global problems urged marchers to "pray for world peace, for our church, our nation, our city, the United States military, law enforcement and firefighters."

There were no speeches delivered during the two-hour "prayer rally" — an hour of marching and an hour in the church — only praying.

The rosary and the Lord's Prayer were recited over and over.

"The message we want to send is, prayer is a powerful tool and God does answer prayers," said Sue Greve of White Oak, who organized the march along with Mary Bedel and Kathie Condit.

"We need a lot of prayer because we're in so much trouble. There's a mess in our city, a mess in church and a mess in the world."

She said she was referring to Cincinnati's racial problems, Catholic priest sex scandals and world terrorism.

"I think our march was worthwhile because prayer is always worthwhile," she said.

However, Greve had hoped for "thousands" of marchers in-

stead of the 300 that turned out.

"I am very disappointed at the turnout because we made a lot of effort to get people out," said Greve.

Sixty marchers carried a 200-foot long "living rosary" made of rope and football-sized wooden beads. Almost all marchers carried personal rosary beads. Some waved American flags and several girls toted a banner saying, "We pray for our police and firefighters."

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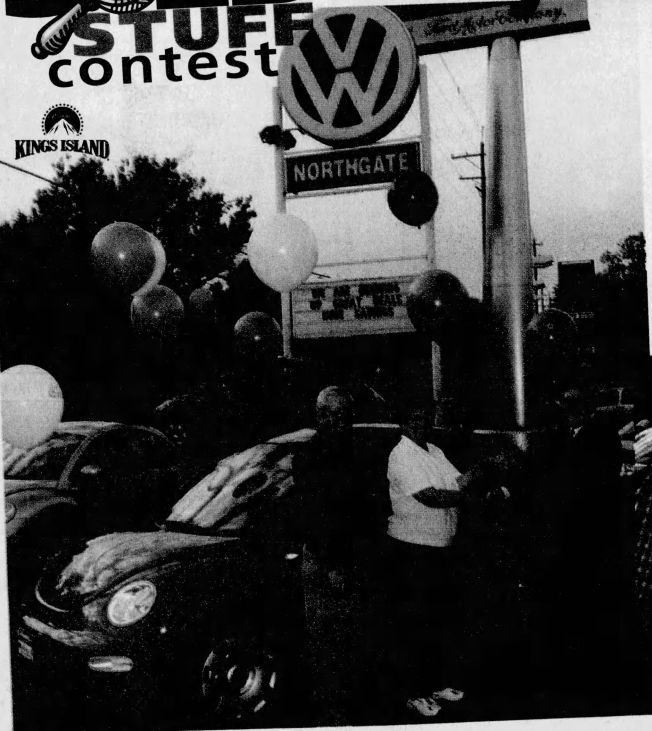
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