nformation per second to get sent over the network, but the viruse Aside flom their destructive potential for networks, both Blaster and Nachi also install roman Horse progra
She is optimistic that the problems will be solved. Until about 1p.m. Thursday, the viruses were getting worse, but the ef forts of the Internet technology
and support staffs have begun to slow the worms' reproduction. Nachi is hard to get rid of hough.
"We ha
tually physically clean it off Wilkinson said.
Matt Eskins, an information resource consultant, was out in computers had the vients whos omputers had the virus "We've been working on' it had to pour more people in, be cause it's gotten worse."

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## Israeli helicopters fire missiles in Gaza, killing two militants

BY IBRAHIM BARZAQ
GAZA CITY, GAZA -Israeli helicopters fired missiles at a group of armed men sitting near the Gaza City beach Sunday, killing four men hours after Israel's army chief said Hamas militants were argets for "liquidation. Two of those killed were Hamas fighters but the identities of the others were not immediate
y known. Weapons were found next to the decapitated bodies. The attack occurred just 200 yards from the office of Palestinian security chief Mohammed Dahlan.
Israel's army chief said only hours earlier that all members of he Islamic militant group Hamas
are "potential targets for liquidaare "potential targets for liquida-
tion."
The attack came three days af-
ter Hamas leader Ismail Abu Shanab was killed in a similar strike, in retaliation for a Hamas bombing that killed 21 people, including five $A$
Jerusalem bus.
The military strike came as Palestinian leaders were locked in a power struggle over com mand of their security forces. The Israeli military had no immediate comment on Sunday's strike, during which helico
fired at least three missiles. fired at least three missiles.
Hamas supporters who enter hospital where the viction bodies were taken identified two of them as Hamas fighters Ahmed Aishtawi and Wahid Hamaf. The other two had not yet been dentified.
The current political crisis be tween Palestinian leader Yasser
Arafat and his rival US Arafat and his rival, U.S. -backed
Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas,
was triggered by Arafat's refusa to relinquish control of security forces as demanded by the United States in a push to dismantle armed groups.
It appears unlikely Arafat will back down since his authority would be considerably weakened if he gives up command over security.
He controls several key securi ty branches, while Abbas controls the rest.
Israel has accused Arafat of in volvement in terrorism, and the United States has ignored the vet eran Palestinian leader for months, seeking instead to work with Abbas, who was appointed in April under U.S. pressure.
Arafat also appeared to flex his muscles Sunday, when a loyal commander toured Gaza Palestinian officials said Abdul Razak Majadah ordered local se curity chiefs to maintain stabili ty, including along Gaza's north Israel ha
Israel has gathered armored ve hicles close to the border, where
rockets and mortars have regularly been fired into Israel and at Jewish settlements in Gaza. In a meeting Sunday, Israeli security officials dismissed the Palestinian raids as fiction and af
firmed that Israel will continue acting against militants, a security source said.


Sanford criticized for giving jobs to donors

## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBIA - Almost half of he people Gov. Mark Sanford appointed in his first si2 months in office were dono to his campaign.
According to analysis by The State newspaper, that's twice as many donor appointments as made by Sanford's predecessor timeframe in his term. Sanford defended his pointments as friends and qualfied people for the positions to which they were named. Critics, however, including Hodges, say it looks like
Sanford is doing what he accused Hodges of during the campaign - doling out ap. pointments to people who gave money to his campaign. According to the newspaper's analysis, 81 of Sanford's 167 appointments donated money to his campaign. In all,
the governor collected $\$ 360,000$ from those appointees, their amilies and the companies they control.
In contrast, Hodges named 36 campaign donors to positions during his first six he appointments he made during that period. In all, those appointees gave about $\$ 62,000$ to Hodges' campaign.
"You obviously want to make certain that people are comfortble with the direction you want said.

But, the former governo said, it looked hypocritical for Sanford to appoint so many donors to state positions whel ecriticized me Hod


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