### Worm

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information per second to get sent over the network, but the viruses put the mark closer to 2 million.

Aside from their destructive potential for networks, both Blaster and Nachi also install Trojan Horse programs to the computers they infect.

She is optimistic that the problems will be solved. Until about 1 p.m. Thursday, the viruses were getting worse, but the efforts of the Internet technology

and support staffs have begun to slow the worms' reproduction. Nachi is hard to get rid of, though.

"We have to send people to actually physically clean it off," Wilkinson said. Matt Eskins, an information

resource consultant, was out in the field, visiting students whose computers had the virus.

"We've been working on it since yesterday," he said. "We've had to pour more people in, because it's gotten worse."

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

#### BY IBRAHIM BARZAQ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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

Two of those killed were Hamas fighters but the identities of the others were not immediately known. Weapons were found next to the decapitated bodies.

yards from the office of Palestinian security chief

hours earlier that all members of the Islamic militant group Hamas are "potential targets for liquida-

ter Hamas leader Ismail Abu Shanab was killed in a similar strike, in retaliation for a Hamas bombing that killed 21 people, including five Americans, on a Jerusalem bus.

The military strike came as Palestinian leaders were locked in a power struggle over command of their security forces.

The Israeli military had no immediate comment on Sunday's strike, during which helicopters fired at least three missiles.

Hamas supporters who entered the hospital where the victims' bodies were taken identified two of them as Hamas fighters Ahmed Aishtawi and Wahid Hamaf. The other two had not yet been identified.

The current political crisis between Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and his rival, U.S.-backed Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas, was triggered by Arafat's refusal 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 security branches, while Abbas controls the rest.

Israel has accused Arafat of involvement in terrorism, and the United States has ignored the veteran 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 security chiefs to maintain stability, including along Gaza's northern border.

Israel has gathered armored vehicles 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 affirmed 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 the people Gov. Mark Sanford appointed in his first siz months in office were donors to his campaign.

According to analysis by The State newspaper, that's twice as many donor appointments as made by Sanford's predecessor Jim Hodges during the same timeframe in his term.

Sanford defended his appointments as friends and qualified 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 appointments 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 families and the companies they control.

In contrast, Hodges named 36 campaign donors to positions during his first six months - about a quarter of the 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 comfortable with the direction you want to take the agency," Hodges said.

But, the former governor said, it looked hypocritical for Sanford to appoint so many donors to state positions when he criticized the Hodges administration for doing it.

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