

POLICE REPORT



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Wednesday, Sept. 24

① LARCENY OF CDS, AUTO BREAK-IN, BLOSSOM STREET GARAGE, LEVEL 9, 1300 BLOSSOM ST. The victim said his passenger's-side front window was left partially open and that someone removed his CD storage case, which contained 100 CDs. Estimated Value: \$930. Reporting officer: J.L. Meador.

Thursday, Sept. 25

② SIMPLE ASSAULT AND

Each number on the map stands for a crime corresponding with numbered descriptions in the list below.

DAY CRIMES (6 a.m.-6 p.m.)

- ☐ Violent
- ☐ Nonviolent

NIGHT CRIMES (6 p.m.-6 a.m.)

- ☒ Violent
- ☒ Nonviolent

CRIMES AT UNKNOWN HOURS

- ☐ Violent
- ☐ Nonviolent

BATTERY, COLUMBIA HALL, 918 BARNWELL ST.

The victim said that Latoya Williams punched her in the mouth. First Responder was notified and transported the victim to USC Student Health Center, where she received three stitches in her lips. Housing was notified as well as Student Judicial Affairs because of prior incidents. Paperwork for immediate removal from housing was issued and Williams was arrested. Reporting officer: J.D. Rosier.

③ MALICIOUS INJURY TO REAL PROPERTY, LABORDE RESIDENCE HALL, 615 SUMTER ST.

Complainant said someone wrote graffiti on the exterior window of Room 3 and on the north side of the building near the entrance. Estimated Damage: \$50. Reporting officer: T. Means.

④ POINTING AND PRESENTING, WEST QUAD, 438 MAIN ST. The victim said that he was involved in a verbal altercation with Freddy Farrar, at which time Farrar presented to the victim a handgun tucked into his waistband and said, "After work." Farrar said this incident didn't take place. The warrant process was explained to the victim, who said he wants to prosecute. Reporting officer: T. Means.

⑤ SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY, THOMAS COOPER LIBRARY, LEVEL 3, 1322 GREENE ST. The complainant said that she observed the subject, a middle-aged black male, with his hands inside his pants, appearing to be fondling himself. When she went to report the incident, the subject left the area. A search of the area by reporting officer Calvin Gallman and the library staff yielded no results.

⑥ PETIT LARCENY, VILLAGE IDIOT, 2009 DEVINE ST. The victim said that while at Village Idiot, her driver's license and \$40 were stolen from her wallet. Reporting officer: E.A. Adkins.

Palestinians march to mark anniversary of violent uprising

BY LARA SUKHIAN
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RAMALLAH, WEST BANK — Thousands of Palestinians marched through the streets of the West Bank on Sunday to support Yasser Arafat as they marked the third anniversary of the latest violent uprising, or intifadeh, which has claimed thousands of lives.

The demonstration came as the Palestinians appeared set to appoint a new Cabinet filled with Arafat loyalists, despite efforts by the United States and Israel to sideline the Palestinian leader whom they accuse of fomenting terror attacks.

Also Sunday, members of Islamic Jihad said one of their members was responsible for a weekend shooting attack on a West Bank settlement that killed two Israelis — one an infant — but they stopped short of claiming responsibility.

The intifadeh began Sept. 28, 2000, after Israel's then-opposition leader Ariel Sharon visited the hotly contested Jerusalem holy site known to Muslims as Haram as-Sharif and to Jews as the Temple Mount.

Palestinians called the visit a provocation, because Sharon emphasized Israel's claim of sovereignty. Violent clashes followed, and grew into three years

of violence marked by repeated terror attacks against Israelis and Israeli military strikes into Palestinian areas. A total of 2,477 people have been killed on the Palestinian side and 860 on the Israeli side.

Today, the "road map" peace plan, stalled but still on the table, offers the Palestinians a state by 2005 if the violence ends. If the violence continues, the result could be a complete collapse of the Palestinian Authority.

The Islamic militant group Hamas, responsible for scores of suicide bombings against Israel, marked the anniversary Sunday with a pledge to continue the uprising nonetheless.

In a statement released in Gaza, Hamas reiterated its opposition to the U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan and called on the Palestinian Authority and the new Cabinet to uphold the Palestinians' right to resist the occupation.

In the West Bank city of Nablus, about 5,000 people from an array of Palestinian factions marched in support of Arafat and called for the intifadeh to continue.

Hamas supporters carried miniature versions of an Israeli bus and war plane to the center of town and burned them. Dozens of people dressed as suicide bombers wore mock explosive belts.

In Cairo, Egypt, nearly 300

people rallying to mark the anniversary called on the Egyptian government to open the door to a holy war against Israel, to expel the Israeli ambassador and to abolish the 1979 peace treaty between the two countries. The protesters were surrounded by at least 400 police officers in riot gear.

Israel says Arafat's Palestinian Authority has done nothing to stop suicide bombings and other attacks by Palestinian militants. In response, it has refused to deal with Arafat and, along with the United States, pushed for the appointment of a Palestinian prime minister as part of an effort to weaken the leader.

The first prime minister, Mahmoud Abbas, resigned Sept. 6 after just four months in office after continuing struggles with Arafat over control of the security forces. Abbas' replacement, Ahmed Qureia, is a longtime Arafat aide unlikely to challenge him.

On Saturday, Qureia presented his Cabinet choices to Arafat for review and then gave them to the Arafat-controlled Fatah movement for approval.

The new Cabinet, expected to be approved by the Palestinian parliament in the coming days, appears to resolve the conflict over the security forces in Arafat's favor.

Fire

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again," Miller said.

Erica James, the Patterson Hall housing director, told Miller she would not be kicked out of the dorm, but that she might have to pay for the mattress.

James said things like this have happened in the past, but not often.

"I really don't know how it happened. The candle was in a tin, it did not fall over, and the window was not open," Miller said.

Miller said she left her room for about a minute to go next door. When she returned, the bed was on fire.

"I walked in and saw the fire, and I freaked out. I had no idea how it happened," Miller said.

A neighbor of Miller's dumped a bucket of water on the bed, and Miller pulled the comforter on the floor to smother the flames.

"The fire and evacuation alarms worked accurately, and everyone got out of Patterson safely," USC Housing Director Gene Luna said.

The fire and police departments responded to the call and report-

ed that the second floor was filled with smoke. Meanwhile, the girls who live in Patterson Hall had to stand outside in the rain for over an hour.

"I felt so bad that everyone had to stand in the rain because of me, but nobody was rude or seemed mad at me, thankfully," Miller said.

Miller's mattress was replaced Monday night after the fire, and the girls who live in Patterson returned to their rooms after the smoke had cleared.

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Academic Team

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The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and Georgia Tech both hold a few tournaments each semester.

"Kentucky holds a pretty prestigious tournament every year, and we generally go to that too," Bousman said.

The team's biggest tournament is the Academic Competition Federation nationals, held in the spring.

The tournaments generally be-

gins registering teams at about 8 or 9 a.m. and they end by about 5 or 6 p.m.

USC will be hosting the Charles Townes Memorial MASER Tournament on Saturday. Some of the colleges that will compete are South Carolina State, Morris College, Duke, Wake Forest and Wofford.

"It's the first time in a long time that we've hosted a tournament, and so I'm kind of nervous about it. But I think it should go fine," Bousman said.

The team is relatively new, having only been around for

about 10 years, and it is still looking for members. The only requirement is that members must be USC students. Interested members are invited to go to the team's practices and see what a match is like.

"Since we practice so much similar to how the tournament is going to be, it's really easy to get into it, to understand how the questions go, how they read," Bousman said.

The team practices Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. on the third floor of the Russell House.

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Power outage cripples Italy

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ROME — A storm-tossed tree branch that hit Swiss power lines helped trigger a massive blackout in almost all of Italy, trapping thousands on trains and forcing the pope to use a backup generator to proclaim his new cardinals. The outage underlined the fragility of Italy's reliance on imported power.

In Italy's worst power outage since World War II, most of the country's 58 million people were affected — more than in North America's biggest blackout, which left 50 million people without power in Canada and the United States on Aug. 14.

As in the North American blackout, there was initially confusion about the cause and finger-pointing among neighboring countries. With scant domestic supply and swelling public demand, Italy imports most of its

electricity.

The blackout began at 3:25 a.m., hitting all of Italy except the island of Sardinia. The lights came back on in northern Italy by early morning and in most of Rome shortly after noon. But large swathes of southern Italy were still without electricity Sunday evening.

The outage tripped a burglar alarm at the home in Rome where Lonia Liscio, 21, was babysitting an 8-year-old boy. She woke up in a panic.

"The baby woke up too — he sleeps with the light on," she said. "He took out a flashlight and was up all night long. I was scared. I didn't know what was happening."

Tommaso Primavera, 17, was riding his motor scooter at the time in Rome.

"There was panic on the streets," he said. "The tourists went mad" — everyone was thinking about themselves."

As experts tried to work out the cause, none of the three countries involved wanted all the blame. Swiss and French energy officials said the responsibility lay with Italy, while the Italians noted that the power cut came from France.

Initial investigations indicated a chain reaction that started in Switzerland and moved through France caused the outage.

In Switzerland, a falling tree branch disabled a power transmission line, which caused another line to overload, disabling French transmission to Italy.

"After that, all connections to Italy dropped out," said Rolf Schmid, spokesman for the Swiss power company Atel.

Italian energy company Enel agreed with the Swiss assessment. But France's electricity grid operator RTE said it was too early to speculate about causes.

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