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Olympic bombing suspect cleared

1 ATLANTA — Now cleared of suspicion as an Olympic terrorist, Richard Jewell went from hero to suspect to an example of how high-profile investigations can make an innocent man infamous.

The security guard's life turned upside-down when his name was leaked as a suspect in the July 27 bomb blast at Centennial Olympic Park that killed one person and injured more than 100.

Though he never was charged with a crime, Jewell became a virtual prisoner as federal agents and reporters staked out the apartment he shares with his mother.

A letter Saturday from federal prosecutors clearing Jewell of suspicion helps only so much, his attorneys say.

"There will always be people out there who believe Richard is the bomber," said Wayne Grant, one of several attorneys representing Jewell.

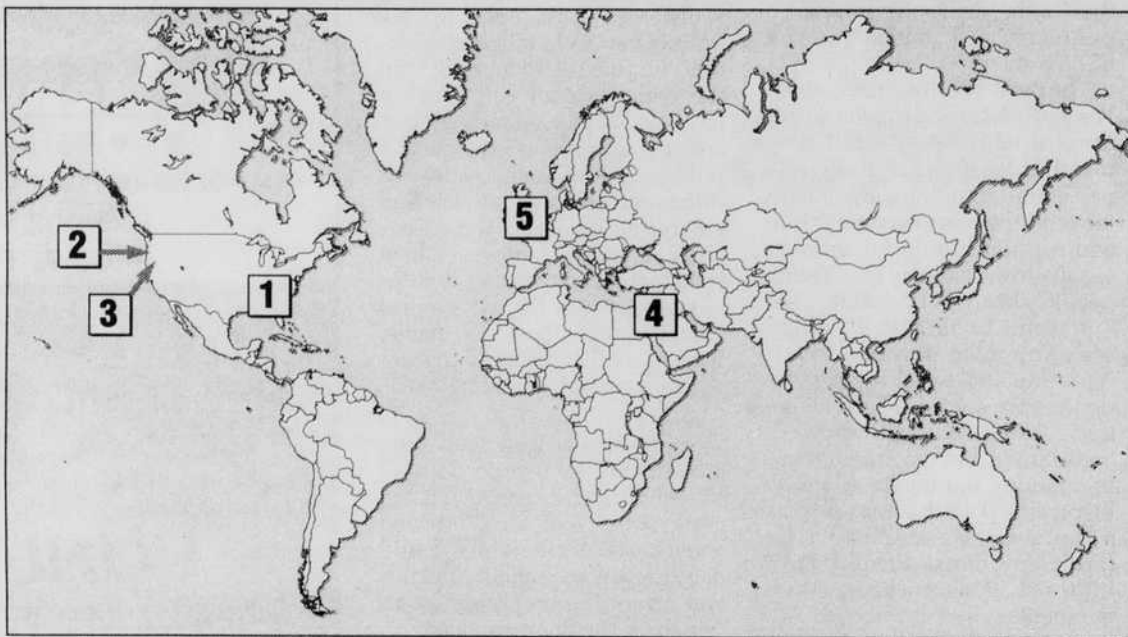
That controversy will make it difficult for Jewell to return to law enforcement, as he wants to do, Grant said.

His attorneys have threatened to sue news organizations and reporters who they believe tried to make Jewell fit a profile of a bomber as Joseph E. DiGenova, a former U.S. attorney who now works as a criminal defense lawyer in Washington, said both Jewell's lawyers and federal officials should focus now on finding who was responsible for leaking Jewell's name.

Federal investigators have been studying more than 200 rolls of videotape and still photographs taken at the park near the time of the bombing, and also have started interviewing bomb victims again.

FBI spokesman Jay Spadafore declined to comment on the investigation Sunday.

Jewell initially was hailed as a hero for alerting authorities to a suspicious knapsack in the park and helping to evacuate the area.



Clinton and Dole are distant cousins

5 LONDON — President Clinton and Bob Dole have more in common than wanting to be president. They are distant cousins.

But Clinton has a snootier pedigree, according to genealogists who say that gives him an election edge.

Both Clinton and Dole can trace their ancestry to King Henry III and Presidents William Henry Harrison and Benjamin Harrison, according to Burke's Peerage, a publishing house that traces the lineage of noble families.

But Clinton has far more royal blood than Dole because he is directly descended from King Robert I of France and is also related to every Scottish monarch and to the current British royal family.

Harold Brooks-Baker, publishing director of Burke's Peerage, says Clinton's bluer blood gives him an edge in November's election.

"The presidential candidate with the greatest number of royal genes has always been the victor, without exception, since George Washington," said Brooks-Baker, an American from Baltimore, Md. "Only the merest drop of royal blood flows in the veins of Senator Dole," he said.

Dole's sole royal link is to Henry III, who ruled England from 1227 to 1272. He is related to the king on his mother's side, through the Talbot and Harrison families of Maryland and Virginia, according to Burke's.

The Dole family's history of political service dates back to the mid-1600s when the candidate's ancestor, Richard Ewen, served as a speaker of the House of Burgesses Assembly in Maryland.

Clinton's royal roots, Brooks-Baker said, include several medieval monarchs and Simon de Montford, a statesman and soldier under King Henry III who lived from 1208 to 1265 and married the king's sister Eleanor. Through de Montford, Clinton is related to every ancient aristocratic family in Britain today.

Suspect arrested in Larsen murder case

2 PORTLAND — From early in their investigation into Susi Larsen's murder, police suspected Billy Lee Oatney Jr., questioning him several times, then scouring his apartment after he moved in late September.

When they arrested and charged him Thursday, he had come to the Tigard police station expecting to take a lie detector test, a test he had refused earlier.

Instead, he passed out from the shock of being arrested and never took the test, his girlfriend said Saturday.

Oatney had met Larsen, both 34, through her former roommate several months before she disappeared Aug. 27. Larsen's body was found Sept. 9 in Champoege State Park in Marion County.

At one time, Oatney dated Larsen's former roommate.

His current girlfriend told *The Sunday Oregonian* she doesn't believe Oatney would have been capable of strangling Larsen.

Scaff and her sister, Janelle said they suspect another man in Larsen's slaying, someone they think has implicated Oatney from a jail cell.

Salem boy dies after warning family of fire

3 SALEM — An 11-year-old Salem boy who helped his family escape from a burning duplex has died of his injuries.

Claudio Austin died Saturday morning at the Oregon Burn Center at Legacy Emanuel Hospital.

The boy had second and third-degree burns over 30 percent of his body and was on a respirator because of smoke inhalation.

Claudio's mother, Carmen Austin Casas, was in stable condition Sunday at Salem Hospital.

Fire division chief Ron Smith said the fire started when five blankets stacked next to a portable heater caught fire. The heater ran on electricity and oil.

There were no smoke detectors in the duplex.

Claudio awoke his mother when fire broke out early Friday morning, helping get her and five of his brothers out of the house, said John Vargas, who lived in the other half of the duplex.

Firefighters found the boy unconscious in the bathroom.

The boy's father was at work at the time, and a sixth brother was staying with an aunt.

U.S. envoy works for peace in Gaza Strip

4 JERUSALEM — U.S. envoy Dennis Ross shuttled between Jerusalem and the Palestinians' Gaza Strip headquarters Sunday, trying to finesse a deal to start an overdue Israeli withdrawal from Hebron.

With warnings of violence multiplying from Jewish settlers in the West Bank town and from Islamic militants, both sides were anxious to reach agreement soon.

Ross and the Israelis reported progress; the Palestinians said substantive differences remain.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat met with Ross on Sunday night, and both Palestinian sources and Shai Bazak, a spokesman for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, said after the meeting that agreement did not appear imminent.

Ross made no comment after the meeting. But he suggested earlier that a new deal on the months-overdue pullback agreed to by Israel's previous government could be delayed if Arafat goes ahead with plans to leave Monday on a week-long trip to Europe.

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