

# Despair strikes inside sniper's range

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SILVER SPRING, Md. — It was at 10:30 Tuesday morning that Shirli Baker's down mood hit a new depth.

She started getting upset earlier in the week, watching the police chief try to send messages to the sniper, "making the cops look so desperate," she said.

Then the two men arrested in Richmond, Va., initially thought to be suspects, turned out to be only suspected illegal immigrant laborers.

But at 10:30, Baker heard the news

that a bus driver in her neighborhood had not just been seriously wounded by a gunshot to the stomach, he was now dead.

"That was the moment when I said to myself, 'I can't believe what's happening here. They're not going to get this guy,'" said Baker, 40, also a bus driver in Montgomery County. "I pulled my daughter out of school. I'm not going to work. This is ridiculous."

It got worse.

Around 4:30 p.m., police officials announced that a note left by the

sniper at the scene of a killing in Virginia carried the words "your children are not safe anywhere at any time."

"We can't live like this," said Baker, who kept checking over her shoulder in the parking lot of a Giant grocery store. She shared a worried look with her 14-year-old daughter, Brittany. "We gone, honey, we gone," and then they drove away.

As if the recent setbacks in the sniper investigation were not enough, those two huge chunks of news — the message about children and the killing

of a bus driver just blocks from where the shooting spree began three weeks ago — left people here with a queasy feeling Tuesday that things were spinning totally out of control.

The developments were interpreted as some of the most dispiriting, most nerve-racking signs that the police are no closer to finding the sniper than they were the day the killings began.

Military spy planes. SWAT teams. Squad cars at every big traffic light. These do not make people feel much safer.

The most agonizing part, people say, is having their hope extinguished. So what about daily routines or morning commutes getting interrupted. It is the promising developments followed by a stack of disappointments that really whittle a strong person down.

"Things look good, and then all of a sudden they look bad again," said Jacob Ellis, a recording engineer in Silver Spring. "Every time we get some good news, the sniper just takes it away."

# Bush will ask Jiang Zemin about North Korea

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WASHINGTON — President Bush wants Chinese President Jiang Zemin to promise to help him restrain North Korea's nuclear-weapons program when the two leaders meet Friday, according to a senior U.S. official.

The third meeting between the U.S. and Chinese presidents — at Bush's ranch in Crawford, Texas — also will feature discussions of Iraq, Taiwan and religious freedom, experts say. Bush and Jiang then will attend the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation summit

in Mexico over the weekend, which will focus on free trade and international security.

The brief meeting between Jiang and Bush had been expected to be little more than a photo opportunity. But North Korea's recent admission that it has run a covert nuclear arms program, in violation of a 1994 agreement, has vaulted the issue "to the top of the Crawford agenda," said the U.S. official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

China, North Korea's only important friend, has spent hundreds of millions of dollars on aid to keep North Ko-

rea from economic collapse. Reclusive North Korea recently has started to reform its economy and open to the outside world, much as China began to do in the late 1970s.

On a visit to Beijing last week, two U.S. envoys, Undersecretary of State John Bolton and Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly, gave Chinese officials the message that help on North Korea "would make possible all kinds of new cooperation," the official said.

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## Falun Gong group plans rally in Crawford

SAN ANTONIO — Their beliefs center on truthfulness, compassion and tolerance, but practitioners of the ancient exercise of Falun Gong are upset about the treatment that followers have received in China.

Falun Gong supporters said they expect more than 1,000 supporters to converge in Crawford when the president meets with his Chinese counterpart.

The Chinese government banned Falun Gong in 1999 and has cracked

down on the group, claiming its spiritual and moral beliefs are a cover for subversive activity.

Amnesty International, the human rights organization, reports that followers of Falun Gong face detention, unfair trials torture and imprisonment as part of the Communist government's repression.

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# Groups request stricter regulations on file sharing

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ST. LOUIS, Mo. (U-WIRE) — College campuses across the country are becoming staging grounds for an imminent battle over digital copyright infringement as university officials fear lawsuits from recording and music industry officials.

The leaders of six higher education organizations recently sent a letter to more than 2,300 colleges and universities requesting stricter

regulations on digital file-sharing technologies. Representatives of the music and recording industries sent out a similar request soon thereafter.

The letters assert that evidence of illegal distribution of copyrighted material through peer-to-peer and other digital file sharing connections on college campuses may result in lawsuits and legal action against universities that choose to remain impartial.

At Washington University, the service policy for Residential Technology states that "users should assume that material is copyrighted unless they know otherwise and not copy or disseminate copyrighted material without permission."

Despite the policy's warning, most students with a computer use some variation of the popular peer-to-peer programs, including KaZaA, Morpheus and Blubster.

In many cases, students have lit-

tle idea what the actual problems are with file sharing and copyright infringement on campus.

"It seems like many students come to campus as freshmen thinking that downloading (and making available for uploading) music, games, software, etc. ... is not a problem," Residential Technology Services director Matt Arthur said. "Our hope is to educate new students so that they fully understand the ramifications of this issue."

As Arthur explained, many people tend to mix up the problems of bandwidth and the content of that bandwidth.

"It's not my business to look at what people are running over the bandwidth," Arthur said. "File sharing programs are not, in and of themselves, a problem. ... It is how these tools are used that can become a concern, both from a bandwidth and copyright point of view."



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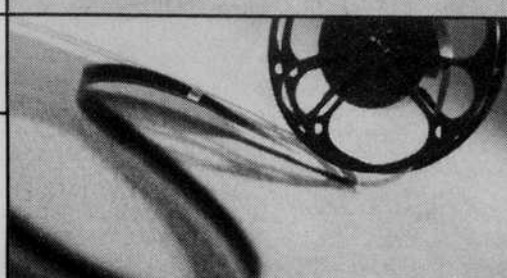
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