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Cheney expects new attack

Terror strike by al-Qaida 'almost certain'

By MIKE ALLEN
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Vice President Dick Cheney starkly laid out the administration's fear about another terrorist attack yesterday, warning that a strike is "almost certain" and "could happen tomorrow, it could happen next week, it could happen next year."

Cheney and National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice said on network talk shows that they had no information about an imminent attack. But they said the government is receiving an increasing number of troubling intelligence reports, partly as a result of the new cooperation with other governments following the Sept. 11 attacks.

On the same shows, Democrats markedly softened last week's harsh attacks on President Bush for his handling of intelligence received in the months before the attacks on the Pentagon and World Trade Center. The White House had accused them of politically motivated plays on the emotions of families affected by the hijackings.

The vice president said the prospects of a future attack by the al-Qaida terror network are as real as they were immediately after the attacks, despite what he called "some success in disrupting the organization, and making it more difficult for them to carry out their operations.

"The prospects of a future attack against the United States are almost certain," he said on NBC's "Meet the Press." "Not a matter of if, but when."

"It could happen tomorrow, it could happen next week, it could happen next year, but they will keep trying," Cheney said on "Fox News Sunday."

Administration officials had said Saturday that the govern-

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THE WAR: A U.S. Special Forces soldier was killed yesterday in Afghanistan. **A4**

"The prospects of a future attack against the United States are almost certain," Vice President Cheney said. "It could happen tomorrow, it could happen next week, it could happen next year, but they will keep trying."

Diversity low among Bucks for Brains hires

BY STEWART BOWMAN, THE COURIER-JOURNAL

Sabire Ozcan, left, a biochemistry professor who in 1999 filled a University of Kentucky post funded with Bucks for Brains money, spoke with UK graduate student Amber Mosley in a lab at the UK School of Medicine last week.

First 3 years seat no blacks, 1 Hispanic

By MARK PITSCH
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In the first three years of Bucks for Brains, the researchers hired by state universities under the Kentucky program were overwhelmingly white males.

Not one of the 123 researchers was African American, and only one was Hispanic.

According to data included in university reports submitted to the Council on Postsecondary Education, 108 — or 88 percent — of the researchers funded under the program were white, and 14 — or 11 percent — Asian.

The figures, which go through June 30, 2001, also show that 106 of the 123 researchers — or 86 percent — are men.

And that is "extraordinarily terrible," said Sen. Gerald Neal, D-Louisville, a member of the Senate Education Committee that has backed the Bucks for Brains program.

"It's not acceptable," said Neal, who during the special General Assembly session that adjourned early this month unsuccessfully sought to add a budget amendment that would require universities to develop plans to achieve "reasonable di-

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BUCKS FOR BRAINS RESEARCHERS

SCHOOL	GENDER		ETHNICITY				
	MALE	FEMALE	WHITE	AFRICAN AMERICAN	HISPANIC	ASIAN	TOTAL
EKU	0	2	2	0	0	0	2
NKU	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
UK	86	11	83	0	1	13	99
U of L	10	2	12	0	0	0	12
WKU	6	1	5	0	0	1	9
TOTAL	106	17	108	0	1	14	123

All figures are as of June 30, 2001
SOURCE: COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

BY DEVON MORGAN, THE COURIER-JOURNAL

"It's not acceptable," state Sen. Gerald Neal, a Democrat from Louisville and a member of the Senate Education Committee, said of the figures on the ethnic backgrounds and genders of Bucks for Brains program hires.

Transpark is Warren's hot political issue

Candidates define themselves by stance on project

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BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — The hottest political race in south-central Kentucky isn't officially on the ballot.

But many voters in Warren County will have one thing on their minds when they go to the polls May 28: the Kentucky Trimodal Transpark.

Opponents of the proposed 4,000-acre industrial park and airport have flooded races for local office in an all-out effort to halt the controversial $100,000 project. The topic dominates candidates' forums, campaign ads and letters to the editor of the local paper.

"When you knock on a door, and people ask you why you're running, if you don't mention the transpark, they don't even want to talk to you," said Johnetta Pryor, one of six challengers hoping to unseat pro-transpark incumbents on the Bowling Green City Commission.

It's a shame the transpark has become the dominant issue of the election, said Warren County Judge-Executive Mike Buchanon, who supports the transpark as strongly as his Republican primary challenger, Andrew Parsley, opposes it.

"That's just one segment of a diverse life in Warren County," said Buchanon, who has tried to focus the debate on issues like public safety, roads and parks.

For some voters, though, the election will serve as the referendum they never got to have. If transpark opponents win, they might be able to stop further development of the project once

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Blast kills 2 Israelis, hurts dozens more

The New York Times

NETANYA, Israel — A suicide bomber disguised as an Israeli soldier blew himself apart yesterday in a crowded market aisle, ending almost two weeks of relative quiet in Israel by killing two Israelis and wounding more than 50.

It was the first suicide bombing since Yasser Arafat ordered his Palestinian security forces on May 8 to prevent "all terror attacks against Israeli civilians," and is immediately overshadowed cautious political moves on both sides.

A senior Israeli security official warned last week that Israel was likely to invade the Gaza Strip after the next terrorist attack in Israel, but there were no immediate signs of such action last night.

As her 6-year-old daughter, Linori, lay in a hospital bed last night, Simi Buskila said Israel's West Bank offensive had not made her feel safer. "There's nothing that can guarantee that I can tell my children they can go outside and nothing bad will happen," she said.

The Palestinian leadership issued a statement declaring "full condemnation for the terror attack that targeted Israeli civilians." But Israeli officials called the bombing evidence that a "Palestinian terror campaign" continued unchecked.

Vice President Dick Cheney said Arafat could not be expected to stop all such attacks. "On the other hand, there have in the past been bombings by elements of Palestinian organizations that come under his control, and there he clearly has the capacity to act," he said.

Members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine claimed responsibility for yesterday's attack.

■ **Exiled Palestinians threaten hunger strike. A4**

Profile: William McMurry

Tenacious lawyer taking on archdiocese likes big challenges

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Infected with HIV and unable to pay her lawyers, the plaintiff seemed doomed to represent herself in a lawsuit claiming that Jewish Hospital had improperly disclosed her condition.

But on Jan. 30, 1997 — the day the trial was to start — attorney William McMurry read in the newspaper about Traci Walls' plight and showed the story to his 10-year-old son. "Isn't this what you do?" McMurry said the boy asked. "Why don't you go do it?"

So with no preparation and a client he'd never met, McMurry tried the case for free and won a $125,000 verdict. "God sent him," Walls exulted after the trial.

The verdict ultimately was reversed, and Walls died shortly after her case did. But the impromptu trial performance was pure McMurry, say lawyers and judges, relatives and former clients.

Fighting for the underdog against a powerful institution. Self-assured, even cocky. Steaming with righteous indignation. Living on the edge, whether it's sky diving — he's made more than 3,000 jumps — or jousting with witnesses in the courtroom.

"He is absolutely building tenacious," said his brother, John McMurry, an obstetrician/gynecologist who would not want Bill McMurry suing him. "He can be a scary guy."

Now Bill McMurry, 46, is taking on another powerful institution — the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Louisville — in what could be his biggest case.

He is the attorney in all but two of the 75 recently filed suits in which former Catholic-school students and parishioners say the archdiocese negligently hired and retained priests who, the plaintiffs claim, molested them over four decades.

"We will prove that Archbishop (Thomas C.) Kelly knew ... and acquiesced in allowing predator priests to remain around children," McMurry charged one day last week as he juggled a prospective client in his conference room with others on the phone and a TV crew waiting in his office.

"To say the church has not

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BY PAM SPAULDING, THE C-J

William McMurry said, "Most of the defendants I go up against are ... evil."

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