

Judge says suspect's parents can keep kids

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Frost said he believed the Peters were "well capable" of caring for their grandsons, but "the people who have been closest to them, time in and time out, have been the Darwins." Sending the children to Nevada would put them 70 hours away from "everything they've known," he said.

"I think they should be together in the same environment with the same security or lack of security they knew before this occurred," the judge said.

He said people who testified would come to regret things they'd said about each other, and cautioned them to "keep your feelings out of it" in considering the boys' welfare.

"If you think you've lost something or failed to do something today, keep in mind, I think time will tell that the kid that lives here are Keenan and Nathan," Frost said.

Sharon Darwin began to cry as Frost finished. A friend holding Keenan Darwin said, "I can't believe this. I don't believe this."

The Darwins, several of their children and other friends all hugged and smiled.

Frost said he would file a petition in Lane County juvenile court to determine further action for the children. Kirk Tibbets, attorney for the Peters, said he hoped the juvenile court would fully investigate the families.

Tibbets said the Peters had dinner with both boys Wednesday night before taking them to the Darwins' home in Lebanon.

San Diego braces for convention

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SAN DIEGO (AP) — The concrete dividers are up, the main drag outside the convention center is closed and police will be on double duty starting this weekend.

Police in San Diego, where security has become a way of life for downtown workers and residents gearing up for the Republican National Convention next week.

With the Olympic bombing in Atlanta still fresh on the minds of San Diegoans, everyone from the mayor to the graffiti cleanup crew at the downtown trolley stop has become more security conscious.

But Nick Lombard, who works at Horton Plaza mall, three blocks from the convention center, does not mind the inconvenience if it will prevent a disaster.

"I wish it didn't have to come to this," Lombard said Wednesday as he way to work on a plastic machine. "At this rate, everyone will be locked inside their homes and the thieves will be running the streets."

Meanwhile, construction workers in hard hats were erecting fences and installing concrete barriers near the convention center. City road crews placed 10 parking signs along feeder streets and the number of jackhammers increased.

A cluster of five uniformed police officers checked on one corner, while security guards in orange



Mousie's Ice Cream

A San Diego ice cream vendor plans to make the most of the crowds, naming some of her flavors after Republicans, such as "Bob Dole Pincappin'" and "Peyperment Patric Buchanan."

She helped outland drivers save gas by trucking downtown detours.

"She's Lombard does not mind having to park six miles away at Jack Murphy Stadium and ride a shuttle to work during the four-day event because many downtown parking lots will be cleared for delegates, demonstrators and buses.

San Diegoans who use the city's waterfront amenities will have to change their routine during the convention since Embarcadero Park outside the convention center will be shut down the entire week and the Broadway Pier will be closed for two days.

On top of that, the Marriott Marina will be closed to all but the hotel resident boats.

It's all part of the GOP convention security plan, which was beefed-up this week in response to the July 7 Atlanta bombing. CBS

Marina Highway Patrol officers will reinforce the San Diego Police Department and city police officers will extend their regular shifts from 10 hours a day to 12.

City employees are also being asked to watch a bomb awareness video that explains what to do if they find a suspicious package or receive a bomb threat.

"With the convention coming, there's definitely more police in the area," said transit worker Benita Young as she wiped graffiti from a trash receptacle at a trolley station.

"It makes me kind of wary because I know they're watching, that they need to patrol the downtown area more, even after the convention."

Federal juror Joyce Donnelly said there has been a noticeable increase in evacuation disaster drills at the federal building, a few blocks from the convention center.

"Normally, there's two or three a year, but there's at least one a week now," Donnelly said as she walked toward the courthouse. "It's good to know they have a plan."

But San Diego residents also know that only so much can be done.

"You can't outguess everything," Lombard said. "I think they've done a good job. I'm willing to put up with a little bit of inconvenience for a little more security."

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Detectives said it could have washed onto the property from elsewhere. They speculated that it could have come from the grave of an early settler or a Chispas Indian.

Members of the sheriff's search-and-rescue Explorer Post combed the area but found nothing else of note.

Detectives had hoped for DNA because of three open cases involving missing females who are presumed dead — Virginia "Cissy" Eskason, 36, missing from her home in Foster since October 1972; 11-year-old Ann Elderman of Corvallis, who disappeared during a March 1976; and Rachaela Lea Parks, 11, missing since July 1986 from her home at the Seaside Junction.

"We're making sure it's coming back," Home said of the bone. "It's still evidence, so we'll hang onto it, should we find something we could jig saw into it, like the bottom jaw."

Polls: Trends are moving in president's direction

NEW YORK (AP) — President Clinton has some vulnerability but Bob Dole and the Republican Party must overcome many striking weaknesses to make the White House campaign a contest, three new national polls suggest.

A CBS-New York Times survey found Democrats getting their best overall assessment — 50 percent viewed the party favorably — since their 1982 national convention.

Clinton's approval rating, meanwhile, rose to 68 percent, its highest since the earliest days of his presidency, and in the three new polls he held leads over Dole ranging from 13 to 23 points.

The CBS-Times survey also found Democrats opening a 7-point lead over Republicans in a question asking registered voters which party's candidate they would support if the U.S. House elections were today. The GOP had led in similar surveys even in a CBS-Times poll and at least two other national surveys last month.

The ABC-Post poll provided the latest evidence that Clinton is succeeding in moving to the ideological middle — where the most voters are — and getting the upper hand on traditionally GOP issues, including welfare, the economy and crime. Americans perceive Dole as moving to the right.

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