

Violence erupts at Swedish disco

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Gunmen fired on a trendy nightclub in the capital early Sunday, killing three people and wounding 21. Police believe the killers were looking for revenge after being turned away from the club.

The slayings were the latest in a string of murders that have shocked Sweden, which once experienced very little violent crime.

Police raided the apartment of one suspect in a working-class neighborhood south of Stockholm, but no one was there. Police said two other men also were involved in the shooting.

The gunmen, dressed in military camouflage jackets, fired an automatic rifle through the doors and windows of the Sture Company discotheque at 5:15 a.m., about an hour after a dispute with the club's doormen, said police spokesman Walter Kegoe.

"Several people were turned away by the doormen earlier and a scuffle broke out. They came back later," Kegoe said.

People inside the central Stockholm disco said the shooting set off a panic.

"As I walked down the stairs, I saw blood spurting everywhere," one man told Swedish television. "Then I saw people just fall everywhere, and then I heard people say 'Run,' so we ran back into the club."

Another man said he dropped to



the floor and covered his head when the shooting started. "There was total panic. When the firing stopped after about 15 seconds, people started to yell and cry."

A doorman and two women were killed, police said. At least two of the wounded were in critical condition.

Sweden has seen an alarming increase in violent crime recently. In June, a 24-year-old army officer opened fire near a barracks in central Sweden, killing seven people. Last month, two teen-age brothers were charged with beating a 15-year-old friend to death.

Man sustained on pig liver receives transplant Sunday

OMAHA (AP) — An Omaha man hooked up for two days to a pig's liver to stay alive as doctors searched for a suitable liver to transplant underwent surgery Sunday.

Eric Sternberg, 22, had been in a coma and in critical condition before surgery, University of Nebraska Medical Center spokesman Tim Kaldahl said.

In only five weeks, a type of hepatitis probably caused by a virus had destroyed Sternberg's liver.

Friday morning, doctors began using a pig liver to help Sternberg survive. His blood was circulated out of his body and into the animal's liver in hopes it would remove toxins.

That pig liver failed Saturday, and a second one was attached.

A suitable transplant organ became available Sunday, Kaldahl said. A national shortage of organ donors made the search difficult, Kaldahl said.

Sternberg is the father of a 21-month-old daughter, Presley. He and his fiancée, Danielle Baker, had tentatively picked February for their wedding.

A second patient at the medical center was hooked up to a pig's liver Saturday as he waited for a suitable liver. He was still waiting Sunday, Kaldahl said.

Sternberg and the second patient were only the third and fourth patients at the medical center to

be placed on external pig livers in attempts to sustain them.

The second patient's name, age, hometown and condition weren't released Sunday because the family asked that they not be made public, Kaldahl said.

Sternberg's father, Thomas Sternberg of Blair, pleaded Saturday for people to consider organ donations.

"We understand that we can't beg just for a liver for Eric," he said. "But we figure if we can encourage enough liver donations, maybe Eric will be lucky and get one."

The national organ donor act forbids direct solicitation of an organ for a specific person.

More crime shrinks jury pools

WASHINGTON (AP) — Five dozen citizens reporting for jury duty in a murder trial here were asked by the judge if they had lost a relative or close friend to homicide. One-fourth of them stood up.

It was a graphic illustration of what years of killings have done to the people of the nation's capital.

One of those potential jurors had lost two people, one in 1992 and one in 1993.

Another lost a college roommate 18 months ago. He was driving down a street and got caught in the crossfire of an argument he knew nothing about.

A third lost a relative who was shot in the head after her hands were bound with duct tape, an apparent execution.

Having one-quarter of a random group of potential jurors acknowledge losing someone to homicide is not unusual, said Assistant U.S. Attorney David Schertler, chief of the homicide section. The U.S. attorney's of-

fice prosecutes all such cases in Washington, where four people, including a police detective and two FBI agents, were slain at police headquarters last month.

"The city in the last three to four years has had the highest murder rate per capita, and it's a city with a fairly small population," Schertler said. "That means that you're going to have more people here who have been affected by homicide than you are in other places."

So how does one find a fair jury to hear murder cases?

The question about homicides was just one of many as the judge tried to ferret out whatever knowledge, prejudice and emotional baggage the jurors were bringing to the courtroom where one young man was accused of killing another in a drug dispute.

Most of the 14 people who acknowledged losing someone they cared about said they believed they could be fair jurors.

It is a major issue for defense law-

yers. Attorney Frances D'Antuono, who since 1988 has defended only accused murderers, adamantly keeps such people off her juries.

"I try to exclude them no matter what," she said. "What's one of the most powerful experiences you can have in life, to have someone close to you murdered?"

Generally, jurors with slain relatives or friends are summoned to the judge's bench. There, the judge, prosecutor and defense attorney privately question the jurors to try to learn their true feelings.

If the judge won't throw out a juror for cause, prosecutors or defense attorneys can use "peremptory" challenges to reject a juror for no reason.

In a felony case in Washington, each side gets 10 such peremptory challenges. When those are gone, the attorney is stuck with the people sitting in the jury box.

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Former restaurant becomes Nebraska's first Hindu temple

By John Fulwider
 Staff Reporter

Almost three years of planning and hard work came to an end on Saturday, when the Nebraska Hindu community celebrated in Omaha the transformation of a former Italian restaurant into the first Hindu temple in the state.

The celebration began at 10:30 a.m. with the "Devalaya Pravesam," or entry into the temple, led by children. Then the "puja," or prayer ritual, began. The guest priest, Vedamurthi Gajanan Joshi, traveled from San Jose, Calif., to attend the opening.

The day was filled with different Hindu religious ceremonies. Later in the afternoon, the temple's president and others spoke about the history and future of the temple.

The Rev. Norman Leach of the Lincoln Interfaith Council was the chief guest speaker. He said members of the temple initially might be viewed with suspicion and distrust by their neighbors who feared the unfamiliar.

But, he said, the temple would positively impact the community by erecting a "village of kindness" in Omaha, Lincoln and throughout the state of Nebraska.

"The Hindu temple will be a welcome addition in helping us build bonds of friendship in Nebraska," he said.

Ram Bishu, chairman of the temple's religious committee and associate professor of industrial and management systems engineering at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said in an interview that the temple's purpose was to cater to the religious, spiritual, social and cultural needs

of the Hindu community. About 600 Hindu families live in Nebraska, he said, with about 400 in Omaha, 100 in Lincoln and the remaining 100 spread throughout the rest of the state.

Bishu said the idea for the temple came in January 1992, when the need for a temple to serve Nebraska, western Iowa and southern South Dakota was recognized. The closest Hindu temple at that time was in Kansas City, Mo.

The biggest obstacle to building the temple was money.

"It's a question of raising funds," he said. "The will, the mind, everything was there. But the money wasn't there."

The first phase of the temple project, officially completed on Saturday, cost \$400,000. The first phase included a common prayer hall, kids' corner, library and temple office.

Another obstacle was the condition of the building. Located near 132nd and Center streets, it had housed S.P. Getty's restaurant. The interior of the building, vacant for five years, literally was torn apart. Bishu said all 600 families worked hard for four months to renovate the building.

Bishu said he expected the second phase of the project to be completed in the "near to distant future." It will include a larger prayer hall and the conversion of the old prayer hall into a social hall.

Bishu quoted Winston Churchill to sum up his thoughts about the temple's opening.

"This is not the end; this is not even the beginning of the end. This is the end of the beginning."

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