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Brutality South African judge forbids abuse of prisoners

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IOHANNESBURG, South Africa A judge Wednesday barred police from assaulting jailed activists after a white government doctor testified that hundreds of her inmate patients were brutally assaulted.

Dr. Wendy Orr said prisoners she treated in Port Elizabeth had bruises and wounds showing they were sys-tematically assaulted and abused after their arrest.

She said she also found cases where one detainee was forced to drink gasoline and another to eat some of his hair.

Judge J.P.G. Eksteen's order cov-ered all prisoners held under emergency powers in the Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage regions.

It was the first time a court has issued a restraining order against po-lice abuse of prisoners held under South Africa's 9-week-old state of emergency.

been arrested since the emergency was imposed July 21 in an attempt to quell nearly a year of anti-apartheid rioting that has left more than 700 dead, according to unofficial tallies.

The national police department did not oppose the order. Eksteen instructed the prisons department to read the decision to all prisoners at jails in Port Elizabeth and Uiten-

Orr said she found that at least 286 people had complained of assault on admission to prison from July 22 to Sept. 16, and in 153 cases the injuries could not have been inflicted lawfully.

In other developments:

• The government announced it was redrafting the borders of three tribal homelands, giving more land to the black homelands but also taking away some tracts and setting them aside for whites. Now 125,000

More than 3,500 activists have blacks previously scheduled for resettlement will not have to move.

> • Police headquarters said riot patrols found the charred body of a black woman in Langa Township near Cape Town and a badly burned black man in Queenstown who died in a hospital soon afterward. An officer also shot and killed a black man in a stone-throwing mob outside Port Elizabeth.

• In Pretoria, police said they uncovered an arms cache containing the makings of a car bomb and docu ments indicating that black nationalist guerrillas already had picked out a prospective target in the capital.

• Britain announced it was recal-ling its two military attaches from South Africa and endorsing a list of limited sanctions adopted previously by other Common Market countries in an attempt to force the white-ruled country to adopt racial re-forms.

Gloria heads for East Coast at 135 mph

Associated Press

MANTEO, N.C. – Hurricane Gloria, one of the most powerful storms ever recorded in the open Atlantic, spared the Bahamas and headed for the East Coast on Wednesday as it spun across the sea with 135 mph winds.

Gloria was threatening the Caroli-nas, and a hurricane watch was posted from South Carolina to Vir-ginia, including North Carolina's vulnerable barrier islands, where

campers began evacuating. Although the storm, which had packed 150 mph winds, weakened Wednesday night, emergency plans were drafted and residents were warned to keep track of Gloria in other coastal areas.

Before weakening, the 300-mile-wide hurricane had been ranked as a "borderline" Category 5 storm, ca-pable of catastrophic damage. The ast time a storm anywhere near the strength of Gloria hit the East Coast, it killed 600 people in New England in 1938

"If it goes into the Carolinas, this could be a very terrible storm," said Neil Frank, director of the National Hurricane Center in Coral Gables, Fla.

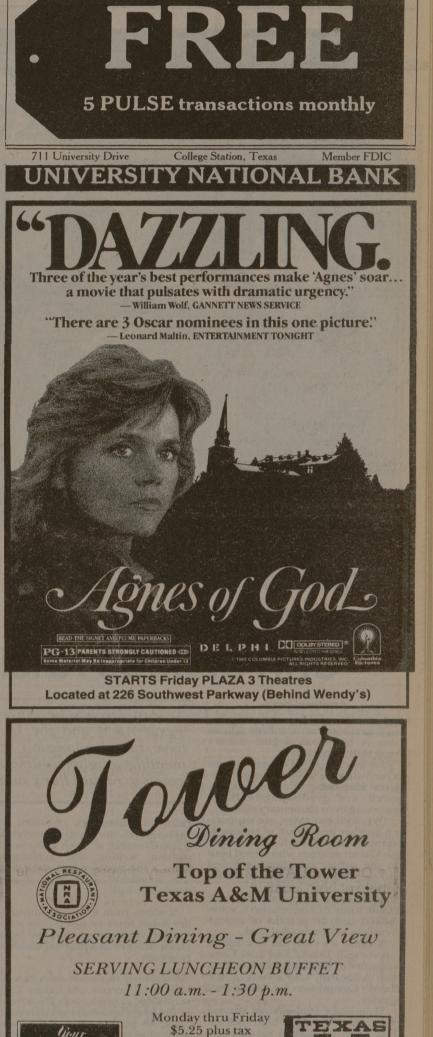
Even if Gloria's winds weaken fur-ther before landfall, which could come by Friday at a site yet uncertain, it might attain such a fast forward speed that it could be just as dangerous because there would be

less time to evacuate, Frank said. At 9 p.m. EDT, Gloria's eye was near latitude 28.0 north, longitude 74.2 west, or about 500 miles southsoutheast of Cape Hatteras, N.C. It was moving northwest at 15 mph and was expected to turn northward gradually and increase its forward speed.

A hurricane watch was posted from Edisto Beach, just south of Charleston, S.C., to Cape Henry, Va., including North Carolina's Outer Banks. A campground on Ocracoke Island, a short ferry ride from Cape Hatteras was evacuated from Cape Hatteras, was evacuated Wednesday morning, and residents of Ocracoke and Portsmouth islands were asked to leave.

Gloria was classified as a "borderline" Category 5 storm, on a scale that rates hurricane strength from 1 to 5, said Hal Gerrish, a forecaster at the hurricane center. A Category 5 hurricane is capable of catastrophic damage.

A Category 4 storm has winds be-tween 131 mph and 155 mph, and storms with higher winds are classi-fied Category 5. However, Gerrish said Gloria was classified Category 5 because its low central barometric pressure, which pulls in the wind, fluctuated above and below 27.17 inches, the threshold for that category



Names of people exposed to AIDS will stay confidential, officials say

actually contract the disease.

Associated Press

Somewhere, their names are on a list. For the hundreds of thousands of people who have been exposed to the AIDS virus but may never de-velop the disease, confidentiality is

becoming a growing concern. "I don't have to point out the im-plications if you label somebody as having had an AIDS-positive test," said Dr. Mabel Stevenson, director of the Red Cross blood bank in West Virginia. "You can guess what the reaction of the public will be." It starts with a frightening letter from a local blood bank, notifying a

donor that routine screening discovered exposure to the virus that causes the deadly disease.

The stigma surrounding /AIDS can hurl the lives of even the healthy into chaos if their exposure to the vi-rus becomes known. What if their

formation is made public? Keeping the names of AIDS vic-tims and those who have been ex-posed to the virus secret is a major concern of blood banks and state health departments. Security is rarely breached. But fear of the disease is rampant, and some worry that those who have been exposed to the virus may be branded for life, even though they may never contract the

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causes the deadly disease. The national Centers for Disease Control estimate that 500,000 to 1 million people fall into this category, but only 5 percent to 20 percent will

With the exception of blood banks and some laboratories, no agency has kept lists of the people exposed to the AIDS virus — until last week, when the Colorado Board of Health became the first state agency to do

Officials in Oregon and Arizona say they have considered following suit, but a majority of state health of-ficials contacted by The Associated Press said they are not considering such lists.

Health officials in Colorado, where 124 cases of AIDS have been confirmed, contend the list is necessary because all carriers may spread the virus and need to be counseled in ways to prevent trans-mission. The officials said confiden-tiality would be guarded and only three people would have access to the list.

All hurricane warnings for the Bahamas were lifted at noon.

9 Klan members indicted on charges of interracial harassment

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Culminating a two-year investigation, the Justice Department announced Wednesday the indictment of nine Ku Klux Klan members on charges they conspired to violate the rights of blacks and whites who were living or socializing

together. The indictment, stemming from an investigation of racial violence in North Carolina during 1982, also charged that the nine defendants committed perjury before a federal grand jury by denying any knowledge or involvement in a series of cross burnings.

Assistant Attorney General Wil-liam Bradford Reynolds said, "While I cannot comment on this indictment pending trial, I want to emphasize that the Department of Justice ... gives high priority to investigating every allegation of ra-cial violence, whether Klan-related or not.

'We will seek indictments in every case where credible evidence is developed and suspects identified.' Indicted were Jerry Douglas Suits, 39, identified as the Titan, or leader, of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Iredell County; and his wife, Mary Vestal Suits, 38, said to be the Queen Kleagle, the leader of the women's unit of the Klan.

Also indicted were Tony Douglas Earp, identified as leader of the Klan in Alexander County, and Klansmen Jerry Albert Henderson, Michael Thomas Chambers, Rodney Eugene Pope, Alfred S. Childers, Dan Pritchard and Kenneth Ray Blankenship.

The conspiracy count charged that the defendants plotted to threaten and intimidate several in-terracial couples in the two counties because they lived or socialized together.

The maximum penalty for con-spiracy, upon conviction, is 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. For perjury, the maximum penalty is five years and a \$10,000 fine, and for interfering with people's housing rights, the maximum penalty is one year and a \$1,000 fine, the department said.

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