lence that has claimed more than 2,000 es in eastern Indonesia spread to another of the country Monday, with a Muslim b burning seven churches on the tourist and of Lombok, security officials said.

Police tried to stop the arson in the in town of Mataram, but the mob of everal thousand people began hurling nes at them, injuring at least two offirs. Police said they fired warning shots disperse the crowd.

At least three people were being interated, and there were no reports of inies among the protesters, said a nonmmissioned officer who identified nself as Sgt. Johny.

The violence did not affect any of the ch resorts on Lombok, which is adjacent Indonesia's main tourist destination, Bali. Violence also flared in the neighbortown of Ampenan, not far from the isd's airport.

The trouble broke out after tens of thouands of Muslims protested against the state's failure to quell ongoing secular vioence in the province of Maluku, the official Antara news agency reported.

Fighting broke out a year ago between ristians and Muslims on Ambon Island d quickly spread to other islands in Maluku and North Maluku provinces, own during Dutch colonial rule as the luccas, or Spice Islands.

Christians used to have a small maty in the provinces, but an influx of slims from Indonesia's other islands

the religious makeup.

About 90 percent of Indonesia's 210 million people are Muslims, making it the world's most populous Islamic state.

The Muslim protesters warned they would wage a "jihad," (holy war), against the country's Christian minority unless the bloodshed was immediately stopped.

On Saturday, the Indonesian Council of Ulamas, a powerful group of Islamic leaders, said it backed calls for a holy war. But President Abdurrahman Wahid, a Muslim who advocates religious tolerance, angrily rejected the ultimatum.

Meanwhile, five people were killed Sunday when residents of two Muslim villages clashed on Ambon Island in Maluku, 1,600 miles east of Jakarta, said the region's military chief, Brig. Gen. Max Tamaela.

The two sides threw bombs at each other until soldiers intervened, he said. He did not explain what triggered the violence.

In the westernmost province, Aceh, seven separatist rebels were shot dead and scores injured on Sunday in three different shootouts with the military, Maj. Eko Para, deputy police commander for the region said.

He said the clashes followed attacks by the rebels on police stations across the

Guerrillas in Aceh have been waging a struggle against Indonesian rule since the mid 70s, accusing the central government of siphoning off the oil-rich province's wealth.

At least 5,000 people have died in the violence during the past decade.



Dutch Foreign Minister Jozias van Aartsen met Monday with Wahid and offered his country's assistance to stop the bloodshed.

"There may be ways that the Netherlands can help with reconciliation," he told reporters after the meeting.

At the Dutch Embassy, 50 protesters from West Papua, the Indonesian-governed half of New Guinea, demanded the Dutch government press Jakarta to grant independence to the region.

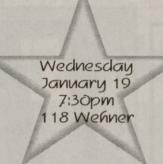
Papuan rebels have been fighting for independence since the 60s, when it was invaded by Indonesia.

Wahid has overruled senior military commanders calling for crack downs to restore order in Malaku and Aceh.

The refusal has infuriated commanders, who are already upset with the government's plans to prosecute top generals for human rights abuses, particularly in East Timor.

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News in brief

Dallas-Fort Worth leader in armored truck robberies

FORT WORTH, (AP) - A recent robbery of an armored truck courier is just the latest in a series of such incidents in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

In 1997, the area reported only two armored car holdups. But the Fort Worth-Dallas led the nation in such robberies in 1998 with six. Another six occurred in 1999.

While the number is small compared to other primes, the holdups can be among the most violent robberies, FBI officials said.

Armored trucks carry thousands of dollars, and uards — and in most cases the robbers — carry

"You just don't see a robber handing a note to an mored car guard demanding money like you would some bank robbery," FBI Special Agent John killestad told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. Often he confrontations lead to shootouts, he said.

The FBI has arrested suspects in three of the six 999 armored car heists in the Fort Worth-Dallas. FBI officials estimated that 70 percent to 75 percent such holdups are solved.

FBI agents earlier this month arrested two men on suspicion of an Oct. 6 armored car robbery in Carrollton, a northwest suburb of Dallas.

"We are keeping our fingers crossed that we just have that one armored car robbery this year," Skillestad said. "But the trend is that we'll probably have more this year.

Windstorms knocks out power in Washington state

SEATTLE (AP) — A fierce windstorm swept through the Pacific Northwest on Sunday, killing a 19-year-old man in Washington state and leaving hundreds of thousands of customers without power.

The man, Hien Nguyen of Lacey, was killed around noon when a 120-foot fir tree blew down on his pickup truck, crushing the cab, Lt. Matt Koehler said.

Blown-down trees and limbs caused most of the power outages, utility officials said.

The weather service reported sustained winds of 25 to 35 miles per hour. The highest gusts reported by the National Weather Service were 115 mph at midmorning at Cannon Beach, Ore. Gusts of 81 mph at Netarts, Ore., knocked a house 12 feet off of its foundation.

In the Seattle area, at least 36,000 Seattle City Light customers were without power after high winds swept through.

There were about 300,000 customers without power in western Washington and about 100,000 in the dark in western Orgeon.

The winds forced the precautionary closure of the floating bridge linking Seattle and its eastern suburbs. An estimated 100,000 cars use the 520 bridge each day. The outage left the Interstate 90 floating bridge, three miles to the south, as the only cross-lake span.

Puget Sound Energy spokesperson Kremiere Boone said that most of the people living the Olympia, Puyallup and Enumclaw areas were without power.

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What is group counseling and how can it help? Group counseling involves about

or two counselors serving as group leaders. Group leaders work to provide a safe, confidential environment where group members are free to discuss their problems and concerns. Through the group, members identify with others who are experiencing similiar issues and increase their self-awareness by obtaining genuine and honest feed-

How much you talk about yourself depends on what you are comfortable with. You can benefit from group even when you are saying little because you will learn about yourself as others talk about their ncerns. Make an appointment at the SCS to speak to a screening if a group might benefit you.



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Spring 2000 Groups

Empowering Yourself Mondays

A group for men and women with sexual molestation in their pasts. Identifying and exploring aftereffects of abuse will be the focus. Handling relationships, building self-esteem, and gaining personal power are emphasized. Facilitators: Robert Carter & Nancy Welch

Conflict and Loss in Relationships Mondays This group is for students who are currently or have

previously experienced conflict in interpersonal or romantic relationships, or who have recently experienced a loss of a meaningful relationship. Facilitators: Brian Williams & Leena Batra

Biofeedback Workshops Mondays 4-00- 6-00PM Thursdays 4:00 - 6:00PM

One-session workshops that give an introduction to relaxation techniques, including how biofeedback aids in relaxation. Individual follow-up consultation is available. Facilitators: Mondays - Steve Wilson Thursdays - Carlos Orozco

Women's Self-Esteem Group 1:30 - 3:00 PM Tuesdays Come together with other women and work on

becoming the woman you've always wanted to be! Improve your self-confidence, assertiveness, and relationships. Leave your guilt and self-doubt at the door! Facilitator: Nancy Welch

Personal Growth Group

Tuesdays (Group 1) 8:30 - 10:00 AM 5:00-6:30 PM Tuesdays (Group 2) Thursdays (Group 3) 1:30 - 3:00 PM These groups facilitate self-exploration and personal

growth through interaction with other students... Facilitators: Ron Lutz & Arnie Abels (group 1) Ron Lutz & Heidi Koehler (group 2) Nancy Welch & Carlos Orozco (group 3) Multicultural Issues & Relationships 5-00 - 6-30 PM Tuesdays

The purpose of this group is to increase awareness of multicultural issues and improve communication and self confidence when dealing with multicultural relationships. Group topics may include, but are not limited to, cultural shock,;cultural, religious, and social differences; and bicultural/multicultural relationships issues. The group is open to all students.

Facilitators: Gisela Lin & Carlos Orozco

Anxiety Group

Does anxiety have you overpowered? Have you ever experienced a panic attack? This group can help Potential topics include learning to relax, coping skills identifying and expressing feelings, increasing assertiveness and improving self-esteem. Don't let anxiety rule your lifejoin this group and start ENJOYING life! Facilitators: Nancy Stebbins & Steve Wilson

Eating Concerns & Body Image Issues

3:00-4:30 PM Wednesdays The purpose of this group is to increase insight about eating problems and make progress toward recovery. Group topics may include daily eating and exercise behaviors dealing with others about food issues, developing trusting relationships, expressing feelings, and managing stress. A PHYSICIAN'S RELEASE IS REQUIRED FOR GROUP

Facilitators: Mary Ann Moore & Ronke Lattimore

Academics Anonymous Wednesdays 3:00 - 4:00 PM

This is a 9 week discussion group for students who are motivated to make a change for the better in their study habits, but aren't sure how to get started. Potential topics include overcoming procrastination, maintaining focus, balancing study and fun, studying smarter, improving academic confidence, managing stress and preparing for

Facilitator: Betty Milburn

Bonfire '99 Group

Facilitator: Brian Williams

3:00 - 4:30 PM Wednesdays Come together with others who have been affected by the tragic collapse of Bonfire '99. This group is open to those who would like to process what this event has meant ot

Facilitators: Ted Stachowiak & Gisela Lin

Dissertation / Thesis Support Group Wednesdays 5:00 - 6:30 PM This group is for graduate students who are struggling in the process of writing a thesis or dissertation. Group topics include issues of competence, procrastination, anxiety, goalsetting, and bureaucratic struggles.

Older Than Traditional Age

Thursdays This group addresses concerns that differ from those of the traditional undergraduate student. Potential topics are marriage, divorce, office politics, committee chairpersons, dissertation projects, and dealing with children or partners. Facilitators: Robert Carter & Heidi Koehler

Mind/Body Relationship

Thursdays 3:00 - 4:30PM There is strong evidence of the mind/body connection. Through Tai Chi, Yoga, relaxation, and discussion with others this group will allow you to learn about yourself, explore your spirituality, and learn to manage stress. Facilitators: Ron Lutz & Leena Batra

Women of Color

Thursdays 4:00 - 5:30 PM Join with other women of color to explore issues and concerns related to culture, relationships, self-esteem, body image and other issues pertinent to the group. Facilitators: Ronke Lattimore & Gisela Lin

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