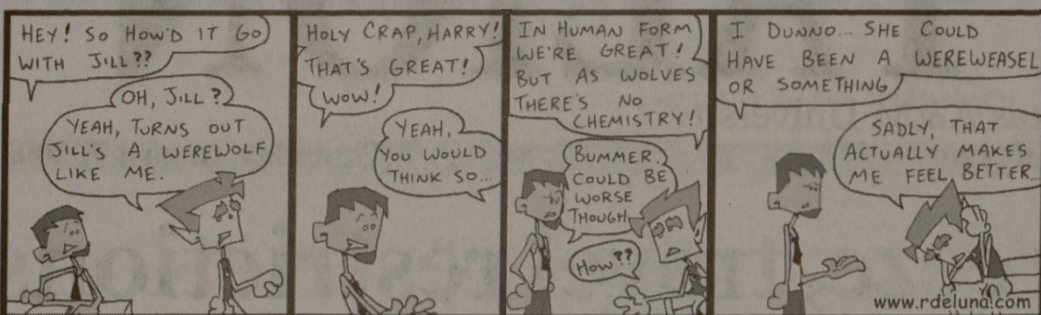


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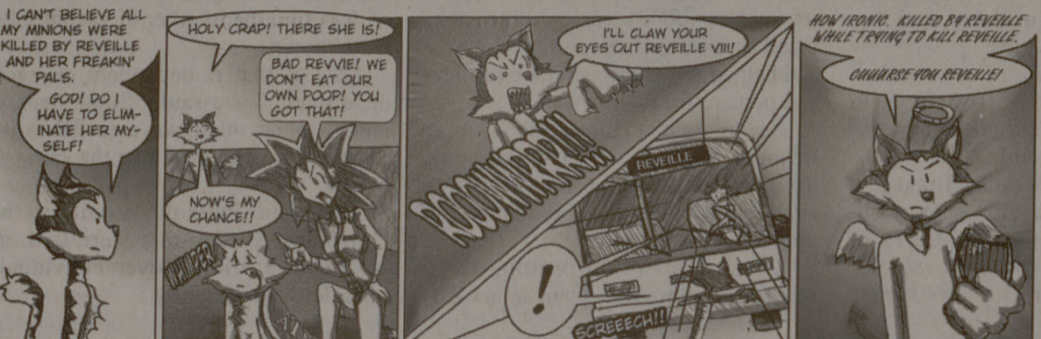
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**Conservatives protest gay bishop's election**

By **Rachel Zoll**  
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MINNEAPOLIS — Conservative opponents of the first openly gay Episcopal bishop protested Wednesday by boycotting legislative sessions, turning in their convention credentials and dropping to their knees in prayer as one of their leaders denounced his election.

A handful of the more than 800 clergy and lay delegates either walked off the floor of the meeting or collectively stayed away, while at least three of the nearly 300 bishops refused to participate or went home, saying their distraught parishioners needed them.

Other delegates dropped to their knees and prayed as the Rev. Kendall Harmon said in a speech that many were "mourning" the convention's approval of the Rev. V. Gene Robinson as New Hampshire's bishop.

"This unilateral action on our part is catastrophic," said Harmon, surrounded by more than 20 supporters in the House of Deputies, a legislative body composed of clergy and lay people.

"We weep for the Episcopal Church and its members. We have made a terrible mistake."

Also Wednesday, the House of Bishops voted to reject a proposal on drafting an official

liturgy for same-sex blessing ceremonies.

But by voice vote, they overwhelmingly approved a document saying: "We recognize that local faith communities are operating within the bounds of our common life as they explore and experience liturgies celebrating and blessing same-sex unions."

There was disagreement over the significance of the statement, which needs final approval from the House of Deputies.

Bishops nationwide already decide whether to permit same-sex blessing ceremonies in their own dioceses. But gay advocates considered it a significant step, saying the church had never before approved a national document acknowledging such ceremonies take place.

Bishop Robert Ilhoff of Maryland said the statement had little practical effect: "It continues the policy that is in effect in all our dioceses."

But he said he understood why gay advocates would consider it a victory, because it brings the practice "to the surface."

Bishop Keith Ackerman of Quincy, Ill., called it "recognition without approval" that allows bishops to continue to set local policy.

A vote by deputies could come as soon as Thursday.

Robinson was confirmed Tuesday after he was cleared of

**Anglican leadership**

The unity of Anglicanism, one of world Christianity's major segments, was threatened by this week's approval of a gay bishop in its American branch, the Episcopal Church.

**Archbishop of Canterbury**  
Dr. Rowan Williams, the spiritual leader of the Church of England, defines a church as part of the Anglican Communion.

**Primate**  
Thirty-eight branches around the world represent 77 million followers. Each branch is headed by a "primate." The Episcopal Church has 2.3 million followers.

**Bishop**  
In the United States each of the 100 dioceses are headed by at least one bishop.

**Priest**  
In the United States, each of the 7,368 parishes and missions is headed by a priest.

SOURCE: The Episcopal Church Annual, 2001

last-minute misconduct allegations that threatened to delay the vote.

In an interview earlier Wednesday with The Associated Press, Robinson said he hoped his critics would not leave the church, though he disagrees with their view that gay sex violates Scripture.

"I think they're wrong about this," he said. "I think they'll come to know that they are wrong, in this life or the next one."

**Break-ins**

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said. "We get calls from people who saw someone just looking into a vehicle."

Langwell said if a car has an alarm, it needs to be operated correctly and checked periodically.

When you park your car, turn the wheels to the left or right and put the emergency brake on, because it locks the car and makes it difficult for a thief to steal, according to the CSPD Web site.

If someone notices his car was broken into, do not touch anything because it may be potential evidence, Langwell said.

Langwell said it is helpful for people to know serial numbers of stereos and radios because it can help identify the property later.

"People don't think they can become a victim until it happens," he said.

**Liberia**

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overcast skies but stirred little notice. A few dozen children on the rocky beach waved and pointed.

It was good the Americans had come, but not good enough, many adults said.

"It's too slow and too little," said Thomas Koko, a hotel laundry worker. "People are starving. We can't even see our families on the other side. We need peacekeepers in the port, in our city, now."

After weeks of promises from neighboring countries to provide troops to separate the combatants, peacekeepers began flying into the airport outside the city on Monday. By Wednesday, 500 soldiers with five armored personnel carriers were at the base.

The force's commander, Brig. Gen. Festus Okonkwo of Nigeria, said the force would have sufficient strength Thursday for him to send some soldiers into Monrovia itself.

The United Nations, European and African countries have wanted Washington to take the lead in restoring peace to Liberia, which was founded by freed American slaves, with U.S. government encouragement, in the 19th century.

But Bush has said West Africans and the United Nations must take the lead, saying American involvement will be limited to helping bring in supplies for the peacekeepers and humanitarian aid for Liberians.

Administration officials have said they envision a force of no more than a few hundred helping the peacekeeping mission.

**NEWS IN BRIEF**

**Police seized documents indicating Jakarta Marriott may be bombing target**

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Police on Wednesday said they seized documents last month showing terrorists had planned to target the area around Jakarta's Marriott Hotel, where a powerful car bomb a day earlier killed as many as 14 people and injured nearly 150.

Security forces had increased patrols in the Marriott area in response to the seizure but the precautions weren't enough to prevent the suspected suicide attack, which underscored the continuing threat of terrorism in the world's largest Muslim nation.

"There was a warning that there were some targets and we have been anticipating an attack," said Jakarta police spokesman Prasetyo, who like many Indonesians uses a single name. He said that the documents were seized in the central Java town of Semarang last month, when police arrested seven alleged members of Jemaah Islamiyah.

Officials also said they were investigating two men who allegedly purchased the vehicle used in the bombing, and planned to issue a composite sketch of one of the men later Wednesday.

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