

Oh, Christmas tree



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First Lady Laura Bush, along with tree growers Jim and Diane Chapman, view the White House Christmas tree Monday after it arrived at the North Portico of the White House by horse-drawn wagon. The tree is an 18 1/2 foot Fraser fir grown in Wisconsin.

Investigation begins in Ohio police beating death

CINCINNATI (AP) — A man died after being struck repeatedly by police wielding metal nightsticks, and the mayor said Monday a videotape showed that the officers were defending themselves.

The cause of death was under investigation.

Black activists say the death Sunday of Nathaniel Jones, 41, who was black, was another example of brutality involving Cincinnati police. The fatal shooting of an unarmed black man by a white police officer in April 2001 prompted three nights of rioting in the city.

"How many of our people have to die before the city decides to do something about it?" said Nathaniel Livingston Jr.

of the Coalition for a Just Cincinnati.

The officers who were at the scene Sunday were placed on administrative leave, which is policy while investigators examine any police encounter that results in a death.

Sunday's confrontation was videotaped by a camera on a police cruiser. After seeing the video, Mayor Charlie Luken rejected activists' demand that he force police Chief Thomas Streicher Jr. to resign.

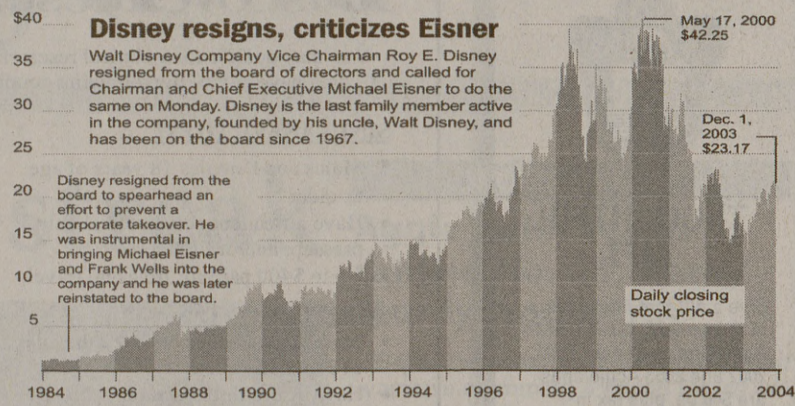
"What I saw was a 400-pound man violently attacking a police officer in a manner that put the lives of police officers at risk," Luken said. "While the investigations will continue, there is nothing on those tapes to suggest that the

police did anything wrong."

An employee at a fast-food restaurant called 911 early Sunday to report that a man had passed out on the grass outside. Emergency personnel arrived and reported that the man was awake and "becoming a nuisance," according to police radio transmissions.

The first two officers to arrive were shown on the video striking Jones after he was warned to stay back. Jones then lunged at one of the two white officers and knocked him down. The officers kept yelling "put your hands behind your back" as they struggled to handcuff him.

They called for an ambulance when Jones appeared to be in distress. He died within minutes.



Disney, ally resign, protesting Eisner

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LOS ANGELES — A key ally joined Roy E. Disney in resigning from the Walt Disney Co. board Monday, becoming the second vocal opponent of chairman and chief executive Michael Eisner to quit in two days.

Stanley Gold issued a long rebuke to Eisner and the Disney board Monday, seconding complaints made Sunday by Roy Disney and further criticizing the board as a rubber stamp to senior management.

Gold repeated Disney's calls for Eisner to resign.

"It is clear to me that this board is unwilling to tackle the difficult issues I believe this company continues to face," Gold wrote. Among the problems, he said, were "the cannibalization of certain company icons for short-term gain, the enormous loss of creative talent over the last years, the absence of succession planning and the lack of strategic focus."

Gold's resignation comes as Disney's board begins meetings in New York.

Gold played a key role along with Roy Disney in 1984 to save the company from a takeover attempt and install Eisner as chairman. He heads Shamrock Holdings, which manages Roy Disney's investments.

Gold's role has been diminished

over the past two years as he has become more of a critic of Eisner's performance.

Disney, 73, is the last family member active in the company, founded in 1923 by his uncle Walt and his father, Roy O. Disney, who was the business manager. He is quitting as chairman of the company's animation division.

Disney has called for Eisner's resignation in the past, but the idea was rejected by the board. On Sunday, he sent a three-page letter to Eisner that criticized the chairman's leadership over the past seven years, according to The Wall Street Journal, which first reported the story.

"It is my sincere belief that it is you that should be leaving and not me," Disney told Eisner in the letter.

He accused Eisner of "muzzling" his voice on the board.

"Michael, I believe your conduct has resulted from my clear and unambiguous statements to you and the Board of Directors that after 19 years at the helm, you are no longer the best person to run the Walt Disney Company," Disney wrote.

The company said he is over the mandated retirement age of 72.

The board's presiding director, former Sen. George Mitchell, confirmed in a statement Sunday that the governance and nominating committee recently informed Disney that the age-limit rule, instituted last year, should apply to him.

How does your religion view organ donation?

ASSEMBLY OF GOD	Donation is highly supported by the denomination. The decision to donate is left to the individual.
BAPTIST	Organ donation is encouraged as an act of stewardship and of compassion for those who are suffering.
BUDDHIST	Donation is a matter of individual conscience. A high value is placed on acts of compassion.
CATHOLIC	Organ and tissue donation is an act of charity and love. Pope John Paul II has stated that Christians should accept this as a challenge to their generosity and fraternal love.
CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST	The decision to donate is left to the individual.
EPISCOPAL	A resolution in 1982 recognizes the life-giving benefits of donation. All Christians are encouraged to become donors "as part of their ministry to others in the name of Christ, who gave His life that we may have life in its fullness."
HINDU	The decision to donate is left to the individual. Organ transplantation can be used to alleviate the suffering of other human beings.
INDEPENDENT EVANGELICAL	The decision to donate is left to the individual. Nothing in Scripture contradicts organ donation.
ISLAM	Muslim scholars belonging to various schools of Islamic law have cited the principle of the priority on saving human life and have permitted organ donation and transplantation as a necessity to procure that noble end.
JUDAISM (ALL BRANCHES)	Organ donation is a contemporary Mitzvah. When a human life can be saved, it must be saved.
LUTHERAN	Donation contributes to the well being of humanity and can be "an expression of sacrificial love for a neighbor in need."
METHODIST	The United Methodist Church encourages all Christians to become organ donors as part of their ministry to others in the name of Christ.
PRESBYTERIAN	Members are encouraged to be organ donors.

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