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**Thursday, January 29**

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# People jump from windows to flee South Carolina motel fire

By Jeffrey Collins  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Fire broke out in a five-story motel early Sunday while guests were asleep, killing six and forcing others to leap from windows or climb down bed sheets to safety, authorities said.

At least a dozen people were injured, including at least five in critical condition at a burn unit in Augusta, Ga.

Guests and authorities said smoke filled the motel quickly, sending guests in their pajamas into a chaotic scramble for the exits and a cold rain outside.

"I opened the door and all we saw was smoke," said Donessa Wilson, who said she and her boyfriend were awakened on the fourth floor by a fire alarm and then heard a woman running down the hall screaming.

The Comfort Inn had standpipes and wall-mounted hoses in the hallways and stairwells, but none had been activated and no fire extinguishers were used before emergency crews arrived, said Wade Hampton Fire Chief Gary Downey. He didn't know the last time the building was inspected but said it was not required to have sprinklers.

"If there had been sprinkler systems in the hallways, proba-

bly the fatalities and injuries would not have been near what they were," Downey said.

The blaze began about 4 a.m. on the third floor of the hotel, which had 46 registered guests. The cause was under investigation.

All the bodies were found on the third floor. A young boy was found lying close to the body of a woman, along with two other women found in the hall, Greenville County Coroner Parks Evans said. Two more people — a man and a woman — were found in separate rooms, Evans said.

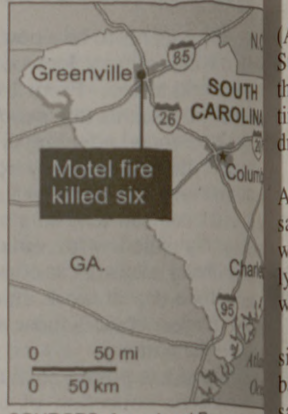
The smoke overcame the victims so quickly that at least two of them appeared to have fallen as they were walking or running down the hall, some of them disoriented and moving toward where the fire was most intense, Evans said.

Those injured suffered from smoke inhalation, burns and cuts received trying to get out the windows, Downey said.

Wilson said she called the front desk and was told to escape down the front stairwell.

"We couldn't see. There were people falling all over each other. We just kept going until we saw some light," she said.

Greenville County Sheriff's



SOURCES: Associated Press, ESPN

Sgt. Shea Smith said he arrived before firefighters ran into the building to evacuate people, but they couldn't past the second floor because of the smoke.

"The people that came out of their rooms, they didn't have much of a chance," Downey said. "They get the smoke in there, and they panic, panic takes over for them."

Downey said some people on upper floors lowered themselves to the ground using bed sheets.

All the victims appeared to have been sleeping when the fire started, Evans said.

Greenville, the home of Jones University, is about 10 miles northwest of Columbia.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Newspaper finds minorities face more police violence

AUSTIN (AP) — Austin police officers used violent tactics against blacks and Hispanics at a higher rate than they did against whites between 1998 and 2003, the Austin American-Statesman reported Sunday.

Blacks were 100 percent more likely than whites to be met with police violence, while Hispanics were 25 percent more likely, according to the newspaper's analysis.

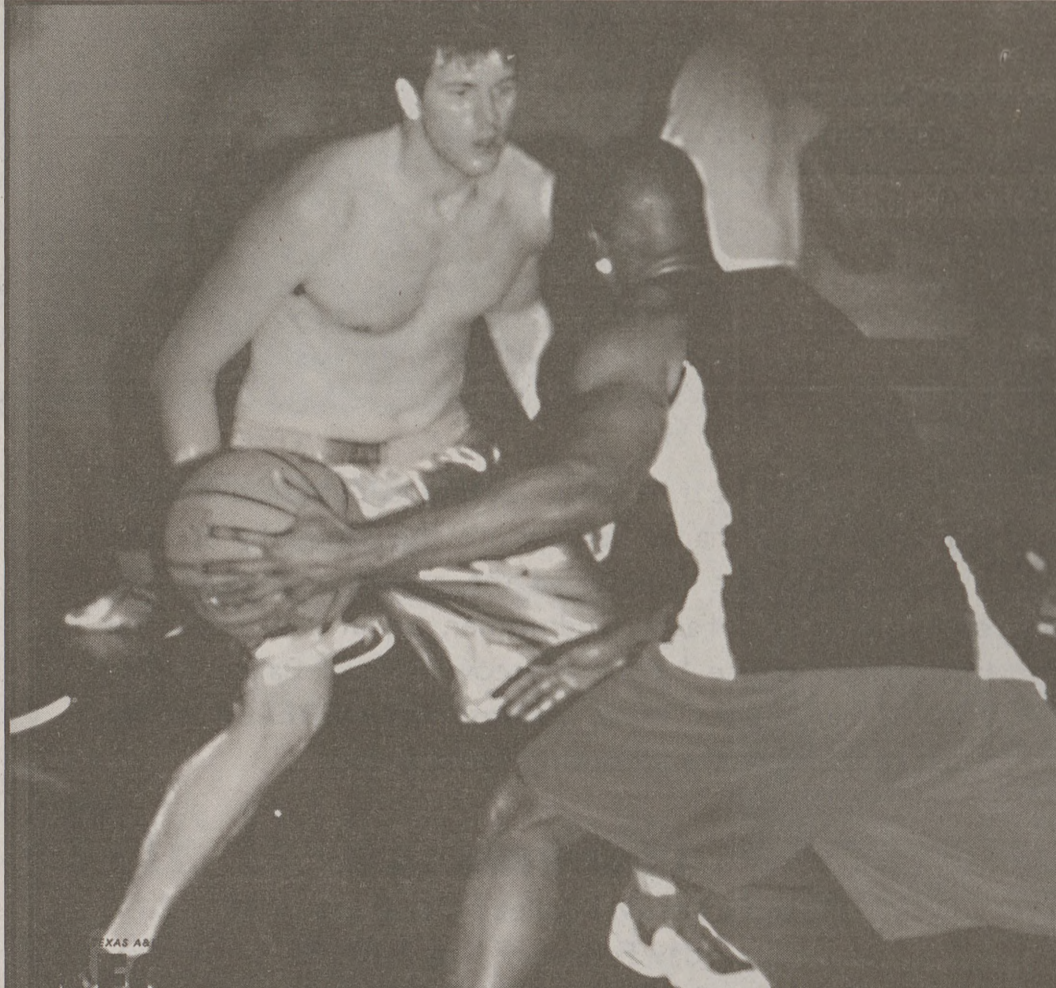
The newspaper looked at 6,447 "use of force" reports Austin police officers are required to file,

as well as more than 1.3 million crime data records, court testimony, surveillance video and 911 tapes and police reports.

### One hostage released from prison guard tower

BUCKEYE, Ariz. (AP) — One of two correctional officers held hostage by two inmates nearly a week climbed down from a prison guard tower to safety Saturday.

The inmates took the guards hostage Jan. 18 in the tower at the Arizona State Prison Complex-Lewis, in Buckeye west of Phoenix.



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Lifeguard Training	NOW-April 11	\$110/\$130
Lifeguard Challenge	NOW-April 11	\$25/\$35

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Rock Climbing 101 Clinic	NOW-Jan. 29	Jan. 31
Lead Climbing Clinic	NOW-Feb. 9	Feb. 10
Intro to Fly Fishing	NOW-Feb. 11	Feb. 14
Climbing Technique Clinic	At Event (FREE)	Feb. 17
Backpacking Trip	NOW-Feb. 17	Feb. 21-22
Costa Rica Adventure	NOW-March 16	May 16-23
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