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Ready for battle

In 1913, Riverside was fearful of a possible attack by Pancho Villa's forces. Two machine guns were strategically placed on the Mission Inn. **C5**

NATION & WORLD

U.S.-allied Sunnis rejoining militants

IRAQ: Defectors from Awakening Councils are often unhappy with the government or enticed by insurgent forces.

BY TIMOTHY WILLIAMS AND DURAJD ADNAN
NEW YORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE

BAQUBA, IRAQ — Members of U.S.-allied Awakening Councils have quit or been dismissed from their positions in significant numbers in

recent months, prey to an intensive recruitment campaign to rejoin the Sunni insurgency, according to government officials, current and former members of the Awakening, and insurgents.

Although there are no firm figures, security and political officials say hundreds of the well-disciplined fighters — many of whom have gained extensive knowledge about the U.S. military — appear to have returned to al-Qaida in Mesopotamia.

Beyond that, officials say that even many of the Awakening fighters still on the government payroll, possibly thousands of them, covertly aid the insurgency.

The defections have accelerated since Iraq's inconclusive parliamentary elections in March, which left Sunnis uncertain of retaining what little political influence they have with the Shiite-led government and appear to have provided al-Qaida new recruitment opportu-

nities.

The loss of the Awakening members poses a new threat to Iraq's tenuous social and political balance during the country's ongoing political crisis and as the U.S. military prepares to withdraw next year.

"The Awakening doesn't know what the future holds because it is not clear what the government intends for them," said Nathum al-Jubouri, a former Awakening

Council leader in Salahuddin province who recently quit the organization.

"At this point, Awakening members have two options: Stay with the government, which would be a threat to their lives, or help al-Qaida by being a double agent," he said. "The Awakening is like a database for al-Qaida that can be used to target places that had been out of reach before."

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Pension strikes affect fuel supply

FRANCE: Protests against raising the retirement age force officials to tell planes to bring enough gas to get back home.

BY ELAINE GANLEY
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARIS — Officials have taken the extraordinary step of warning some flights landing at France's main airport to come with enough fuel to get back home, bracing for a possible fuel shortage after a new round of protests Saturday against plans to raise the retirement age to 62.

Police estimated some 825,000 people marched in cities across France to protest President Nicolas Sarkozy's plan to extend the retirement age to keep pension coffers full. That is fewer than during an Oct. 12 march — and far lower than the union estimate of 3 million. But unions are not relenting in fighting for what the French see as a near-sacred right to retire at 60.

A sixth round of nationwide protests is scheduled for Tuesday, a day before the Senate votes on the retirement reform, which must still return to both houses due to amendments tacked on during debates.

"I think the French understand that those who are blocking the country are at the head of the government," Francois Chereque, head of the moderate CFDT union, said on BFM-TV. He later called on the government to "suspend the parliamentary debate."

Schools, trains, public transport and even garbage collection in Marseille have been blocked by intermittent strikes to pressure Sarkozy to back down. The possibility of a long-term fuel shortage appears to be the most worrisome outcome of the protest movement.

All 12 of France's fuel-producing refineries have been hit by strikes that started Tuesday and numerous fuel depots are blocked, triggering a run on gas pumps by fearful motorists. In an extraordi-



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Demonstrators fill the streets of Paris. Saturday's march from Place de la Republique was the fifth in a full month of protests that have swept the nation, affecting trains, subways, airports, hospitals and schools.



A student shouts slogans as she demonstrates in Paris. The message on her face in French translates to "No to the reform."

garde tried to assuage fears, insisting Saturday that there was no shortage of gasoline.

"Today, there is no reason, no reason, I repeat, to panic because there is no risk of shortages," she told BFM-TV on Saturday, noting that only 230 of the country's 13,000 gas stations were out of fuel. "There are weeks of reserve."

The same could not be said for Charles de Gaulle airport, north of Paris, which moved into a Plan B mode to keep planes flying in and out of the European hub while conserving a limited fuel supply.

The Civil Aviation authority sent out an advisory Friday night to airlines making short- and medium-haul flights to Paris' Charles de Gaulle airport to arrive with enough fuel to get home, spokesman Eric Heraud said Saturday.

"They must come with a maximum capacity in their fuel tanks,"

Heraud told The Associated Press by telephone. "Obviously, these instructions apply only to short- and medium-haul flights" of no more than four to five hours because trans-Atlantic flights cannot "double carry" fuel, he said.

The pipeline from the Atlantic port city of Le Havre that feeds fuel to Charles de Gaulle airport and the smaller Orly, south of Paris, has been working only intermittently. A fresh flow Saturday extends fuel reserves at Charles de Gaulle until Wednesday, said Heraud.

"That leaves time for parallel supply means" notably by truck, he said, adding that the four-day grace period was considered good. Orly airport has 17 days' worth of available fuel, Heraud said.

Earlier, the Ecology Ministry had said fuel stocks were good only until Tuesday.

Obama wants end to overseas job breaks

BY JULIE PACE
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama is asking Congress to end tax breaks that encourage U.S. companies to create jobs overseas.

"There is no reason why our tax code should actively reward them for creating jobs overseas," Obama said in his weekly radio and Internet address Saturday. "Instead, we should be using our tax dollars to reward companies that create jobs and businesses within our borders."

At issue is a bill, now stalled in the Senate, that would do away with some tax advantages for U.S. companies for operations abroad.

Opponents have expressed concern that the change would put the U.S. at a competitive disadvantage.

Obama said that while companies that conduct business internationally do make an important contribution to the U.S. economy, it doesn't make sense to grant them tax breaks when companies at home are struggling.

In the GOP address, Rep. Mike Pence, R-Ind., urged House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., to call Congress back into session to take an immediate vote on whether to extend Bush-era tax cuts.

"The prosperity of the American people is more important than the political fortunes of any politician or any political party," Pence said.

Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., have said the tax issue will be taken up after the Nov. 2 election.

The GOP wants to extend the tax cuts for all Americans, including the top income earners, while Obama wants to extend the tax cuts only for the middle class

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Iran frees retired American businessman held two years

BY ANNE GEARAN
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Iran on Saturday set free an American businessman jailed in Tehran for more than two years on suspicion of having ties to an allegedly violent opposition group.

Reza Taghavi, 71, of Orange County, hadn't been charged with a crime and denied knowingly supporting the organization, known as Tondar.

"He admitted to nothing and he continues to maintain his innocence," his lawyer, Pierre Prosper, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview from Tehran after his client's release from Tehran's Evin prison. He's not expected to return to Southern California

before the middle of next week.

Iranian officials are "comfortable that he was in fact used by this organization, and comfortable that he does not pose a threat to them and that he can leave and go back to the United States," Prosper said.

Iran had accused Taghavi of passing \$200 in cash to an Iranian man tied to Tondar. Taghavi, who regularly visits Iran to conduct business and see family, had received the money from a friend in Los Angeles with instructions to pass the cash to an Iranian, according to Prosper.

"I didn't do anything wrong. Someone just asked me (to) take this money to help someone," Taghavi told ABC News.

"Sometimes I feel relief, sometimes, I feel angry. What happened? Two-and-a-half years for what?" he said.

His family had said he has diabetes and was in poor health, and his lawyer had asked Iran to free him on humanitarian grounds.

Prosper said Taghavi won't be able to leave until this coming week because of conditions attached to his release. While Taghavi never was charged formally or presented with paperwork indicating a charge, Prosper said there is a case within the Iranian justice system. He plans to meet with a judge in the next week in hopes of getting that case dismissed.

The best way to describe the

situation, he said, is that the case is suspended and Taghavi is free to leave.

"We welcome the release of Reza Taghavi from detention in Evin Prison in Iran, and are pleased that he will soon be reunited with his family. We urge Iranian authorities to extend the same consideration to Josh Fattal and Shane Bauer, and other detained Americans by resolving their cases without delay," said State Department spokesman Noel Clay.

Fattal and Bauer are two American hikers jailed in Iran since they were arrested near the Iran-Iraq border in July 2009. The Iranians released Bauer's fiancée, Sarah Shourd, a month ago.

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Mission Inn was ready for Pancho Villa

It was a hot Tuesday afternoon when I was enjoying a sandwich in D'elia's sandwich shop on University Avenue at Kansas Street.

Men were wearing a variety of T-shirts, and one shirt caught my eye. It mentioned Pancho Villa and showed a picture of the man along with his original name, Doroteo Arango.

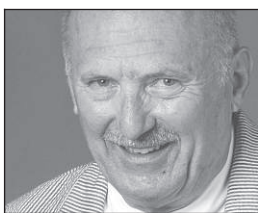
This served to remind me of the reaction Pancho Villa caused, both in Riverside and nationally. The Mexican Revolution had been raging up and down Mexico since 1910. The leader of one of the

northern armies was Gen. Francisco "Pancho" Villa.

Riverside's Frank Miller, master of the Mission Inn, became fearful of a possible attack by Villa's forces. Miller thought that Villa's hard-riding cavalry could turn up anywhere, even in Riverside.

Somehow, Miller acquired two machine guns and placed them on strategic high points of the Mission Inn. If Villa and his men appeared, Frank Miller was prepared for battle.

Kevin Hallaran, the archivist of the Riverside Metropolitan Museum, is the



HAL DURIAN
Riverside Recollections

person who discovered the 1913 news item that described Miller's placement of the guns on the towers of the Mission Inn.

In 1916, Villa and his troops made a surprise raid on the border town of Colum-

bus, N.M. Probable reason for the attack was that Villa sought revenge for President Woodrow Wilson's official recognition of Carranza as president of Mexico.

In the Columbus raid, 14 Americans were killed and more than twice that number of Villa's raiders were slain. Wilson ordered the U.S. Army under Gen. John J. Pershing to pursue Villa and his band in what was termed a "punitive expedition."

The U.S. forces never captured Villa, who was hidden by the local population. Villa came to be a legend in

Mexico, where his exploits were recounted in story and in song.

In a strange, unintended way, Pancho Villa did the American Army a favor. Villa caused the Army to enter Mexico and to live in the open, harsh environment. This expedition was the first time the Army used aircraft for scouting.

The United States entered World War I on the side of the Allies in April 1917, only a few months after President Wilson recalled the troops from Mexico. The expedition in Mexico failed to capture

Villa, but it did give American troops training and experience in the field that would serve them well in combat against German soldiers in France.

In Mexico, Pancho Villa is often seen as a revolutionary hero. In the U.S., most consider him a bandit. In his active life, could it be that Villa filled both roles? Shakespeare wrote, "All the world is a stage ... and one man in his time plays many parts."

Thanks go to Kevin Hallaran for his assistance on this column.

AN INSPIRATIONAL STEP

Conference gives students taste of science, technology

BY JENNIFER DEAN
THE PRESS-ENTERPRISE

Classroom sizes are larger and school budgets are smaller, but children still need inspiration.

That's what both students and educators got at the 11th annual Science & Technology Education Partnership, or STEP, Conference Wednesday and Thursday at the Riverside Convention Center. About 3,500 students from 30 Inland schools attended the event, participating in a morning of science and technology activities.

The conference also included an educators' workshop and an informational luncheon for the organization's sponsors, partners and business and community leaders.

"What's amazing about this is the novelty of the conference," said Pamela Clute, UC Riverside mathematics professor and executive director of the Alpha Center. "It's a three pronged approach — the kids, the teachers and the information session."

About 25 vendors such as Kaiser Permanente, Boeing, Bourn, Inc. and Discovery Science Center hosted stations where students participated in a variety of hands-on activities.

"The kids are very excited," said Tracy Chelleite, a fourth-grade teacher at John F. Kennedy Elementary School in Riverside.

Karen Griffith, another John F. Kennedy Elementary teacher, said science supplies and resources are so limited teachers are purchasing them. The conference helped them come up with innovative ideas for math and science lessons.

During the student program, children tested Boeing's flight simulator, studied the colorful shapes caught by an infrared cam-



Corona Division engineers Lindsay Hum, right, Mary Graupman and CSC Engineering Tech Christin Schliemann flash freeze small objects in liquid nitrogen for students during the 11th annual Science & Technology Education Partnership Conference.



Arlanza Elementary fourth-grader Melissa Sanchez peers into thermal imager.

era and watched a remote-controlled airplane Bourns, Inc.'s CEO controlled.

"I love it," Gordon Bourns said of the conference. "It's through events like this that we motivate our young students."

Scattered throughout the center were volunteers from the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division, which has been active in the STEP conferences since its inception.

"The base is actively encouraging young people to pursue science, technology, engineering and math careers with the goal of having them join their ranks and

continue cutting-edge technological work once they gain college degrees," said NSWC Corona commanding officer Capt. Jay Kadowaki.

General Atomics, based in San Diego held a science show each day. Rick Lee and Rigo Brambila of General Atomics had students cheering as electrical currents sparked across the stage and gaseous explosions shot items high in the air.

Raymond Orbach, former UCR chancellor and keynote speaker at the STEP luncheon, spoke with the students.

"The wonderful thing about science is, it can be

yours," he said. "You can do things no one has before."

After attending STEP, 9-year-old Joel Winn, of Beaumont, decided he wants to be an astronaut.

Shane Goosby, a seventh-grader from River Heights Intermediate School in Corona, wants to be an environmental engineer because it's "important we have cleaner air to prevent lung disease."

STEP holds outreach programs throughout the year such as poster and essay contests, science fair awards and science Olympiad competitions for junior and senior high school students.

"The whole thing is to inspire these students early," said John Fishell, STEP chairman. "If we don't catch them early, it's almost too late."

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A LOOK BACK

Abolitionists gave Congregational Church its start

SPIRITUAL HOME:

Today's building on Mission Inn Avenue was preceded by two others.

BY NITA HILTNER
SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-ENTERPRISE

The First Congregational Church on Mission Inn Avenue is one of Riverside's most significant architectural buildings and its first church.

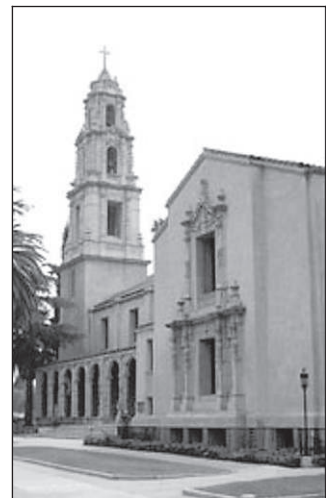
Its Spanish Baroque Churrigueresque building and tower make it distinctive on the outside. On the inside, it has been the spiritual home of several famous Riverside founding families.

Don Miller, church moderator, said today's building, constructed in 1912, was preceded by two others. The first church at Sixth and Vine streets was chartered by the Congregational Society the same year as Riverside's founding, 1872, but it was used by all denominations except the Catholics as a community church.

"The founding members of the Riverside church were from Tennessee, New England and Minnesota, all former abolitionists. John North, Riverside's founder, was a strong abolitionist, and he was our choir director for many years," said Miller.

The church originated in New England as the United Church of Christ (Pilgrims). It played an important part in the abolitionist and civil rights movements.

It was the first Protestant denomination in America to ordain an African American (1785, Lemuel Haynes), a woman (1853, Antoinette Brown), and an openly gay person (1972, William John-



SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-ENTERPRISE

This is not the first building occupied by the First Congregational Church of Riverside.

son). Miller said the first church building was pretty crude, which led to a new church being built in 1887 at Seventh and Lemon streets.

He said Mission Inn builder Frank Miller probably was the deciding factor on the style of the present church. The church was designed by architect Myron Hunt, who designed the Spanish Wing of the Mission Inn, Pasadena's Rose Bowl, Occidental College and the Ambassador Hotel.

The church is built of unreinforced brick and concrete. J.H. Cresmer built the church and Henry Jekel engineered the 135-foot tower. The new church was dedicated on Jan. 25, 1914.

Though not yet retrofitted, the church is building a fund to do so.

Miller said the church has been a bastion of liberal

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