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WHY WALK WHEN YOU CAN **FLY?**
THE LIFESTYLE OF 'PARKOUR' BACKSTORY, 20

ONE DOLLAR

Next French revolution: a less colorblind society

PROUDLY HELD FRENCH ideals of citizenship have been shaken by the riots.

By PETER FORD
STAFF WRITER

PARIS – Now comes the hard part. As the nationwide violence that has racked France for two weeks begins to abate, the country's leaders and citizens find themselves facing tough questions about the fundamental values that define the French dream: liberty, equality, and fraternity.

In the face of dramatic evidence that so many of France's ethnic minority citizens and recent immigrants feel that their society has betrayed its promises, one of the pillars supporting France's vision of itself is shaking.

"The events mark a failure and perhaps the decline of the French model of integration [of its immigrants]," says Michel Wieviorka, director of studies at the School for Higher Social Science Studies in Paris. "It is not working any more, and needs at least reform, if not replacement."

This will take a revolution in French thinking about integration, but there are signs that the recent violence has begun to persuade some

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Labour threat to Sharon emerges

AMIR PERETZ, the party's new leader, may force early elections that could influence Israel's approach to peace.

By ILENE R. PRUSHER
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JERUSALEM – What the Bush administration thought might be an opportune moment to lead Israelis and Palestinians back to the road map for Middle East peace is instead shaping into a period of uncertainty. Israel is waking up to the reality of having a feisty new opposition leader, Amir Peretz, who may force early elections that could potentially unseat Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

In a relatively rare trip to the region, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice arrived here yesterday on a mission timed to coincide with commemorating the 10th anniversary of the assassination of former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, who was shot at a peace rally.

With the exception of the year-plus rule of Ehud Barak, no Labour Party leader since Rabin has been able to convince a critical mass of Israelis to choose the party that is most eager to make territorial concessions in return for peace.

And while Mr. Peretz vowed at a rally in Rabin's memory that he would carry on the slain peacemaker's vision as embodied in the Oslo Peace Accords, many observers here say Israelis are not ready to embrace a man with such ambitiously leftist policies, from

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CALLING MR. CLEAN

MARY KNOX MERRILL – STAFF

TRASHED: New Orleans residents, such as those on this street in Mid-City, have carted their Katrina-damaged belongings to the street for disposal.

The inner life of a city gets dragged to the curb

By KRIS AXTMAN
STAFF WRITER

NEW ORLEANS – Mary Kelly-Swafford never knew mold could come in so many colors until she and her husband, Bert, began to gut their mid-city home.

"Black, white, red, yellow, blue, green, purple," she ticks off from inside the structure's skeletal remains, stripped bare of furniture, appliances, electronics, clothes, mementos, and even sheetrock – all of which is piled 10-feet high on the front curb.

"Imagine everything you own sitting in a Port-O-Let for three weeks," adds Mr. Swafford. "That's what it was like in here, nice and soggy and smelly."

That's also what it's like out there – on every curb and around every corner in New Orleans. The rotting piles of debris grow daily as more and more people return to the storm-ravaged city and begin to clean out their homes and businesses.

The task of collecting the trash – about 22 million tons for New Orleans alone – is expected to take months, if not years.

The task of collecting the trash, estimated at 22 million tons for New Orleans alone, is unprecedented and expected to take months, if not years. The amount is roughly one-tenth of the waste produced annually by US municipalities – but this rancid rubble needs to be

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THE IRAQI ROLE IN JORDAN BOMBING

A WOULD-BE FEMALE suicide bomber from Iraq confessed to her role in the hotel attacks.

By DAN MURPHY – STAFF WRITER
and SHEILA M. DABU – CONTRIBUTOR

CAIRO AND AMMAN – Wearing a black robe and her defused bomb-belt tied around her waist, Sajida Mubarak al-Rishawi confessed yesterday on Jordanian TV to trying to blow up the Radisson SAS Hotel in Amman last week.

Mrs. Rishawi's detonator failed, and she fled after her husband and two other Iraqis – all from the terrorist group led by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi – succeeded in killing at least 57 people by bombing three hotels in Jordan last Wednesday evening.

The bombings are the strongest evidence yet that Iraq is no longer simply a magnet for international jihadis. Like Afghanistan under the Taliban, say counterterrorism experts, Iraq has become a base from which Al Qaeda can plan and launch attacks against its designated enemies, shifting both operatives and weapons into neighboring regimes its leaders hate as

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AMR NABIL/AP

MOURNING: A Jordanian Christian lit a candle for bomb victims before prayers yesterday.

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