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short time later, they prepared to go sightseeing downtown.

One teenager, Ashley Turner, had complained earlier that she was bored and hoped to see something exciting. Her cousin, Trishell Howard said, "She got more than she bargained for."

Sam Doku and Brian Bradford write for the Washington Informer.

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If the Palestinians had their own independent land, were allowed to live their lives as they saw fit, and eliminated their retaliation against those who took their land, it is very highly possible that the hostilities of the Middle East would subside substantially, if not completely. The Palestinians would be too busy building their own nation to be bothered by their neighbor, their ancestral cousins.

But as usual, America will ride off into the sunset, in John Wayne fashion, putting all their energy into striking back and not focusing on the root of the problem.

What this essentially sets in motion is another possible round of attacks on American soil, and maybe even more devastating. There is a lesson here, but the student suffers from mental retardation, and that is a real tragedy.

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Middle East

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American citizens even more vulnerable to the kind of devastation just experienced.

The other route requires Bush to take his head out of the sand and employ all of the resources at his command to obtain a solution to the Middle East crisis, something he has been unwilling to even address since he came to office. In fact, he telegraphed again through his walkout of the World Conference Against Racism that the U.S. alliance with Israel trumped even his responsibilities to his own African-American citizens.

In the attempt to hunt

down Osama bin Laden and exact summary judgment upon him for this act against both the symbols of the American state and its people, there is the question of whether the U.S. response will be limited to fair retaliation for the damage he has caused.

The danger is that the grief and anger of the American people could push the Bush administration into a posture that would justify the limitation of our domestic civil rights and deepen its military posture, encouraging Ariel Sharon to continue to exact even more uneven punish-

ment upon the Palestinian people. The danger should be avoided at all cost, but then, this would require effective national leadership.

George Bush spoke to the nation last week for 10 minutes.

It was a talk that was so short and lacking of substance that it evoked little of the strength of leadership, or assurance that the moment required and offered no hint that the Desert Storm Team of Cheney/Powell, etc. would not over-reach and over-kill. He just looked like he wanted it over.

Nevertheless, in an attack

that is being compared to Pearl Harbor, his leadership will be tested as few other presidents before him. Success should be evaluated on the extent to which his actions enhance American security, rather than diminish it.

And this is related to his effectiveness in not only confronting bin Laden, but in addressing the Middle East crisis as well.

Dr. Ron Walters, a political science professor at the University of Maryland at College Park, is co-author of the book "African-American Leadership."

There are serious political issues about equality under the law.

For example, "What does equality mean when it can be achieved not through the normal routes of government redistribution of wealth, but through the judicious use of genetic manipulation?" he asks.

"A government (such as ours) with egalitarian ideology will try to create a society of perfect equality, not by the Marxist route of redistributing income but by the biotechnology route of redistributing genetic endowment - eliminating genetic advantage or disadvantage."

Such power placed in the hands of a few could spell disaster for certain groups, especially minorities.

"If we decide that we really don't like the median young male all that much, governments could decide to

intervene genetically to remove the sources of aggression, or what society deems anti-social behavior," says Fukuyama. "And once you start to walk this path, many people suspect and fear that research will also try to correlate the propensity for crime with race."

Many may think that these scenarios belong in the realm of science fiction, but, says Fukuyama, "You haven't been paying attention to progress in the life sciences."

What are we going to do with our newfound power? And who is going to decide what choices we should make? In the debate about the future of the species, we need to all take part. All of us.

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Opposition

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ing to help you, especially in Louisiana. They look at it like any business is good business, even if it means pollution," Teel added.

University of Texas Law School professor Lynn Blaise said even filing a claim doesn't mean a plaintiff will be successful in getting some type of action taken by those in power.

"It would be fairly difficult to dispute that environmental problems unfairly affect members of minority groups or the poor-many of those affected are in fact both, and they have a much better chance of living close to plants and contaminated water," she said.

"But there are few legal barriers to the companies doing what they do; there are some statutes and citizens are able to file Title IX civil rights complaints, but they are so backlogged with those complaints that it's just impossible."

Accurate emission and contamination rates are difficult to come by, another byproduct of the racism factor. "Community members are faced with a second blow," Altman said.

Monitoring regulations in African-American communities are less likely to be enforced than they would be in well-to-do White communities.

The result has been that the state can say there is no evidence of toxic pollution, that these communities are being exposed.

Fact Box: 80 percent of African-Americans in Louisiana live within three miles of a toxic facility.

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Genetics

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currently receiving about \$45 million annually from the federal government, while cystic fibrosis, which affects half as many people, receives twice as much research money.

When asked why the research funds were so low relative to other diseases, Satcher said, "I think the fact that it primarily affects African-Americans is a factor. People tend to be interested in diseases they can identify with."

In other words, science is not just about finding cures for commonly held diseases, it is also very much about politics.

Which is why is very important that Blacks begin to make their presence in debates about scientific discoveries, particularly the bioethical discussions that are about to unfold over the next 25 years.

Frank Fukuyama, author of "The End of History," thinks that many of us are not thinking about the political consequences of biotechnology. In an interview in the Australian Financial Review, he warned that we are embarking on a new century of Utopian experimentation: tinkering with human genetics, and with human nature itself. He believes that with tremendous new advances in genetic manipulation and the mapping of the human genome, eugenics can go high-tech.

Fukuyama imagines several possibilities, one of which includes the rich perpetuating their advantages not just through the traditional routes—fat inheritances and elite social connections—but by giving their children expensive genetic engineering to bestow intelligence, height, beauty.