

## WHO KILLED CHANDRA LEVY?

### Chapter Two: THE GENTLEMAN FROM CALIFORNIA



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Chandra Levy, in green jacket, with her peer-tutoring group in 1995. She was a smart student who aspired to work for the FBI.

## Chandra's Secret

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Chandra Levy came to Washington in the fall of 2000, a fresh-faced intern awestruck by her surroundings. She was one of many ambitious young people who arrive in the nation's capital excited by their proximity to power.

Chandra's ticket to Washington was an internship for the Federal Bureau of Prisons during her final semester of graduate school. She was a smart California girl, fit and petite at 108 pounds, who liked to work out at the gym. At 23, she exuded a blend of innocence and sensuality, but she was not a party girl. At heart, Chandra was a bit of a nerd.

In high school, she liked to wear her Modesto Police Explorer uniform as she strode down the hallways, ignoring the ridicule from the cool kids. She was fiercely independent, stubborn to a fault. She was free-spirited but could be cautious. Once, when her family went camping in Yosemite National Park, Chandra slept in the car, fearing a bear attack.

Chandra, whose name means "moon" in Sanskrit, was raised in a spacious ranch home with horses out back in the almond groves of small-town Modesto, a 90-minute drive east from San Francisco. Its motto: "Water,

Wealth, Contentment, Health."

Chandra had big-city dreams of leaving the flat, dusty town in the middle of nowhere and seeing the world as an FBI agent. She was driven. She had liked older men as far back as high school, when she swooned for everything Harrison Ford. She dated a police officer in Modesto.

As an undergrad at San Francisco State University, she interned for the mayor of Los Angeles. As a grad student at USC, she interned for the governor of California.

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#### PREVIOUSLY:

After government intern Chandra Levy goes missing, a series of police mistakes hinders the early efforts to find her. Police quickly begin to focus on Rep. Gary Condit of California.

## U.S. Unveils Plan to Aid Mortgage Giants

Federal Officials Offer Sweeping Proposal to Help Shore Up Fannie, Freddie

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The federal government unveiled a broad program yesterday evening to bolster troubled mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, extending unprecedented support to the companies and proposing new authority to lend them money and even buy their stock.

Scrambling to announce the initiative before the trading week began, federal officials said they would allow the firms for the first time to borrow money from the Federal Reserve. Officials are also seeking permission from Congress to temporarily increase the amount the companies can borrow from the Treasury and enable the government to invest directly in the firms if conditions worsen.

The two firms, which dominate the market for U.S. mortgages, have been reeling amid investor concern that the companies might not

have enough capital to handle their losses due to the rising number of bad home loans. Both firms' stocks plummeted by almost half last week.

Treasury officials said last night that they were confident Congress will be able to pass the new laws they seek by the end of the week as part of a broad housing bill under consideration on Capitol Hill.

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■ Fannie, Freddie workers shaken as stocks fall. | A14

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## Pink and Green and True Blue



BY MARVIN JOSEPH — THE WASHINGTON POST

Barbara Freeman, left, of Mitchellville and Consuelo Pettigrew of Upper Marlboro are among almost 25,000 members of Alpha Kappa Alpha, the oldest black sorority in the United States, celebrating the organization's centennial this week at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in the District. Story, B1.

## Nine U.S. Soldiers Killed in Firefight

Insurgents Attack E. Afghanistan Base

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KUNDUZ, Afghanistan, July 13 — Nine U.S. soldiers were killed in heavy fighting Sunday at a military base in eastern Afghanistan near the Pakistani border, according to a Western official. The attack was the deadliest against U.S. forces in the country since 2005.

The clash began when insurgents in a nearby village attacked a joint Afghan and American military outpost in Konar province early Sunday morning, NATO said in a statement. The insurgents fired on the base with machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades for several hours, injuring 19 Afghan and NATO troops.

NATO said in a statement that the fighters used "homes, shops and the mosque in the village of Wanat for cover" and said the insurgents "suffered heavy casu-

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## Offshore Drilling Backed as Remedy for Oil Prices

Push for U.S. Exploration Gains Traction, but Big Political Hurdles Remain

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On Jan. 28, 1969, a blowout on a Unocal rig six miles off the coast of California spilled 3 million gallons of oil into the waters off Santa Barbara. The blackened beaches and oil-soaked birds and seals became icons for the environmental movement and eventually brought oil ex-

ploration off the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of the United States to a halt.

Now, President Bush, Republicans in Congress and big oil companies want to reopen those waters to oil and gas exploration. In his radio address Saturday, Bush said that "technological advances have allowed us to explore oil offshore in ways that protect the environment" and that outer continental shelf areas now off limits

"could produce enough oil to match America's current production for almost 10 years."

The issue has become a dividing line for the presidential candidates. Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) reversed his position last month and endorsed expanded offshore drilling, while Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.) wants to maintain the

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## Owning His Gay Identity — at 15 Years Old

Youths Coming Out Sooner, but Protections Against Harassment Lag

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School's out, and Saro Harvey and his best friend, Samantha Sachs, are hanging out in his Arlington County bedroom. She is slouched across his bed, and he is poised on a chair, posture-perfect, wearing dark, skinny jeans and a ruffled shirt meant for a girl. A rust-orange purse he sometimes carries hangs behind the door.

The 15-year-olds were voted most popular last spring in their section of ninth grade at Wakefield High School. Still, Saro knows there are those on and off campus who don't like him, who never will.

He has grown so used to the stares and laughter of strangers that their insults slip off his 118-pound frame like an oversize shirt.

"I think I've dealt with it so much my whole life that it really doesn't bother me anymore, not as much as it used to," Saro says. "If you have a birthmark on your leg for so long, you don't even notice it."

Saro, who first said he liked boys to a classmate in sixth grade, is like many of today's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youths who openly discuss their sexual orientation and identity with friends, and sometimes family, before entering high school. In doing so, experts say, these youths are escaping the isolation of generations before them but also finding themselves vulnerable to harassment — or worse. A California eighth-grader who expressed interest in asking another boy to be his valentine was fatally shot in February in a case

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BY NIKKI KAHN — THE WASHINGTON POST

Saro Harvey told a classmate in sixth grade that he liked boys. The Arlington County 15-year-old is no stranger to stares, laughter and insults. "If you have a birthmark on your leg for so long, you don't even notice it," he said.

## CAMPAIGN 2008 In Obama's Circle, Chicago Remains The Tie That Binds

By SHAILAGH MURRAY  
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For once, Barack Obama left his iPod and stack of news clips at his seat and worked the front cabin of his campaign's chartered plane, laughing and reminiscing with the people who know him best.

The senator from Illinois does not typically travel with an entourage, instead spending his time on the plane reading, working or listening to music. But this was a special occasion — the night last month when he was claiming the Democratic presidential nomination. Joining him and his wife, Michelle, for the flight from Chicago to St. Paul, Minn., were half a dozen of the city's business and professional elite: Martin Nesbitt, a parking lot magnate; Valerie Jarrett, a prominent businesswoman; Eric Whitaker, an executive at the University of Chicago Medical Center; and John Rogers, the founder of an investment fund.

Some were mainly social friends from Hyde Park, their Chicago neighborhood. Some have

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