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Lodi
terror
probe
grows

List of men who may have attended camps in Pakistan rises to 7.

By Stephen Magagnini
and Dorothy Korber
BEE STAFF WRITERS

The FBI is investigating the possibility that six other Lodi-area men attended terrorist training camps in Pakistan in addition to Hamid Hayat, the initial suspect arrested in the government's ongoing probe of al-Qaida connections in the San Joaquin city.

According to federal court documents obtained by The Bee, Hamid Hayat and his father, Umer, claimed the suspected Lodi jihadists reported to Muhammed Adil Khan and Shabbir Ahmed, two imams they say came to the Lodi Muslim Mosque from Pakistan to groom students for terrorist training camps.

Khan and Ahmed are being held for allegedly violating immigration laws, and through their attorney have denied being involved in terrorist activities.

Ice cream vendor Umer Hayat, 47, and his son Hamid, 22, have been charged with lying about their involvement in an al-Qaida training camp near Rawalpindi, Pakistan.

Though neither has been charged with terrorism, the government claims Hamid Hayat - with financial help from his father - attended the camp for six months in 2003-04. The Hayats first denied, then admitted, and now deny the charges, according

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State's
on the
spot over
parking

Workers don't pay for passes; fork over cash, auditor says.

By Andrew McIntosh
BEE STAFF WRITER

More than 400 state workers have used government parking passes without paying for them, costing taxpayers \$24,500 a month and contributing to a \$2.1 million deficit in parking lot operations, the state auditor disclosed Thursday.

State bureaucrats are supposed to pay for monthly parking permits through payroll deductions. Parking spots at the 30 lots owned or leased by the state's Office of Fleet Administration cost between \$40 and \$85 a month.

But more than 400 government employees never paid, possibly because their payroll deduction forms were lost or not submitted, or because their deductions stopped when they changed state jobs, Auditor Elaine M. Howle said in a report to the governor and legislative leaders.

Howle added that the situation was first detected by the state in November 2004, but that no one knows when the free parking on state lots actually began. She said the shortfall in parking revenue

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TERRORISM IN LONDON

THURSDAY MORNING'S EXPLOSIONS • 8:51 a.m.: Blast catches subway train on the eastern fringe of London's financial district; seven die. **• 8:56 a.m.:** Blast catches a second train deep underground between the King's Cross and Russell Square stations; 21 die. **• 9:17 a.m.:** As train enters Edgware Road station, an explosion involving two or perhaps three trains kills seven. **• 9:47 a.m.:** Double-decker bus explosion near Tavistock Square, a tourist destination close to the British Museum, kills two.

Resolute Britain
hunts for bombers

People comfort victims of an explosion Thursday morning aboard a double-decker bus near the British Museum in London in a photograph shot by a passer-by with a cell phone camera. Prime Minister Tony Blair said terrorists "will never succeed in destroying what we hold dear."

Ivan Peredruk via Reuters

U.S. mass transit
goes on high alert,
increases securityBy Robert D. Davila
and Claire Cooper
BEE STAFF WRITERS

Northern California bus, light-rail and train operators beefed up police patrols and urged passengers and employees to keep their eyes and ears open Thursday after the Bush administration put the nation's mass transit systems on high alert.

Officials emphasized there was no "credible evidence" of a specific threat to mass transit systems in the United States following the London bus and subway bombings. Nevertheless, after the code orange alert, local and regional transit agencies took precautions by adding security staff, increasing police overtime and stressing alertness for suspicious bags, packages or activity.

At Sacramento Regional Transit, which carries about 101,000 bus and light-rail passengers each weekday, "We're calling it 'heightened awareness,'" spokeswoman Jo Noble said.

"For our police, it means being more vigilant and aware," she said. "For our operators doing checks, it means look under the bus or walk through the train cars; don't just get off. Frankly, that's what we recommend our passengers do, as well."

Commuters and vacationers expressed sympathy for the London bombing victims

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A forensics expert begins investigating the wreckage of the double-decker bus, its top blown off in the blast. The reported recovery of two unexploded bombs in London may speed the search for the perpetrators.

Associated Press/
Sang TanCamera phones turn bystanders
into chroniclers of catastropheBy Rachel Leibrock
BEE STAFF WRITER

Shortly after a series of explosions ripped through London on Thursday, photographs of the carnage began to appear on television sets and computer screens worldwide. However, the images were not captured by professionals but taken by ordinary citizens with camera phones.

In the days after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, cell phones were heralded for keeping people in touch during a time of chaotic disaster. Now, nearly four years later,

phones equipped with cameras have put a sharp focus on the melding of technology and tragedy once again.

"This is the first time in my memory as a journalist that cell phones and video phones were used (to document) such a major news event," said Jon Klein, president of CNN-U.S.

"But it won't be the last."

Although the technical merits of the photos and videos are, at best, poor, Klein added, CNN's decision to air the images

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Blasts rip
subway
trains, bus
- 37 killed

BEE WIRE SERVICES

LONDON - As Britons face the aftermath of the deadliest attack on London since World War II, investigators begin the daunting task of tracking down those responsible.

Coordinated explosions within a span of 56 minutes ripped through three subway trains and a crowded double-decker bus at the height of the morning commute Thursday, killing at least 37 people and wounding more than 700.

The blasts fit al-Qaida's now-established pattern of near-simultaneous strikes. British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said the bombings had the "hallmarks of an al-Qaida-related attack."

London was still basking in the euphoria of its surprise selection a day earlier as the site of the 2012 Olympics when the blasts shut down the public transportation system during the morning rush hour, stranding thousands of people.

The bombings took place on the opening day of the Group of Eight summit in Scotland, which is being hosted by British Prime Minister Tony Blair. He flew back to London during the day before returning to Scotland.

"It is important... that those engaged in terrorism realize that our determination to defend our values and our way of life is greater than their determination to cause death and destruction to innocent people in a desire to impose extremism on the world," Blair said. "Whatever they do, it is our determination that they will never succeed in destroying what we hold dear in this coun-

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INSIDE

Most capital-area travelers say they won't be deterred by terror attacks.

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If al-Qaida is to blame for the London bombings, they are evidence of the group's emerging two-pronged strategy.

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Global financial markets have a muted reaction to the attacks.

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No skirting this fashion trend

The hottest style this summer is skirts with a '50s look - but with 2005 flair.

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Budget goes to governor

Lawmakers pass a \$117.5 billion budget, which is expected to be signed next week.

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It's no longer just a hobby

Now that the wild trading-card craze has ebbed, athletes dictate sales, collectors say.

To our readers: The weekly Life magazine is not included in today's paper. Publication will resume July 15.