

**APPENDIX B
REVIEW OF THE HARTFORD COURANT OPINION PAGES
APRIL 23, 2002 THROUGH JULY 24, 2002**

Key to Type of Article

1. EDITORIAL
2. LETTER TO THE EDITOR
3. OP-ED/COMMENTARY
4. POLITICAL CARTOON

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4/24/02	2	Term Reflects Terrorist Actions		yes		Justifies usage of term "homicide bomber"
4/25/02	4	Englehart's View	yes			Pictures Sharon and Arafat in a standoff while Arafat is confined to his Ramallah compound
4/25/02	3	Conservatives Should Be Pleased With Bush by Geo. Will		yes		Contains some criticism of Bush when he applied "his 'evenhandedness' regarding Israel and the terrorist Yasser Arafat"
4/28/02	3	We People Of Faith Stand Firmly With Israel by Ralph Reed, chairman of Georgia Republican Party		yes		Explains why Christians support Israel
4/28/02	3	Will Palestinians Go The Way Of American Indians? by Laila Al-Marayati, an LA physician and spokeswoman for the Muslim Women's League			yes	Equates Palestinians to American Indians, blaming Israel for their situation
4/30/02	2	Confused Casting by Nina Reuven		yes		Rebuttal to 4/28/02 commentary by L. Al-Marayati
5/02/02	1	Allow Inquiry At Jenin Camp			yes	Editorial says Israel is creating obstacles to Jenin inquiry. The article does not mention Israel's concerns about the composition of the UN team and its agenda.
5/02/02	3	Europe: Anti-Semitism Endures Despite Stupidity, by Geo. Will		yes		Will reports on widespread anti-Semitism against the remaining 13,000,000 Jews and the potential for the world to kill 5,000,000 Jews at once because they are conveniently concentrated in Israel.

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5/04/02	4	MidEast Conflict Is There a God?	yes			Says there must be a God to have survived all these religions.
5/05/02	1	Fear Of Being Accused...			yes	The Courant lashes out at calling those in the USA who support Palestinians or criticize Israel are anti-Semitic.
5/05/02	1	On The Peace Track, Tentatively			yes	The Courant and Arafat advocate getting the peace talks started ASAP before the violence escalates again.
5/05/02	2	A Costly Visit by Robert Melvin			yes	This letter criticizes SCSU for paying more than \$50K, which he assumes is tax dollars, to former Prime Minister Barak for a 1 day visit.
5/05/02	3	Push Israel to Negotiate by Ghassan E. El-Eid			yes	The author says the U.S. must push Israel to negotiate with the Palestinians.
5/05/02	3	A Reality Shaped By Lies		yes		The author says the news media buys into Palestinian lies and then accuses Israel of terrible deeds. The media need to verify their stories before they are published.
5/06/02	2	A Fair And Unbiased Inquiry? By Norman Cohen		yes		This letter is a rebuttal to a prior Courant editorial that called for an inquiry in Jenin and accused Israel of creating obstacles.
5/07/02	2	Readers Respond To "Fear Of Being Accused..." by Rabbi Stephen Fuchs		yes		Rebuttal to Courant May 5 Editorial that lashed out at calling those in the USA who support Palestinians or criticize Israel, anti-Semitic.
5/07/02	2	Readers Respond To "Fear Of Being Accused..." by J. & H. Krisch			yes	Agrees with Courant May 5 editorial and criticizes Congress for resolutions supporting Israel.
5/07/02	2	Readers Respond To "Fear Of Being Accused..." by Rabbi Seth Reimer		yes		Rebuttal to Courant May 5 Editorial that lashed out at calling those in the USA who support Palestinians or criticize Israel, anti-Semitic.
5/09/02	2	The Trials Of Translation by Donna Convicer		yes		This letter corrects Amy Pagnozzi's usage of a Hebrew word , <i>davka</i> . The letter says Amy rewrites facts and history, now the Hebrew dictionary.
5/09/02	2	Jenin Dispute Belonged On Cover by Alan Schuman		yes		This letter criticizes the Courant for not putting Jenin findings of no massacre on the front page as the allegations of a massacre were.
5/10/02	2	Support For Ariel Sharon by Sarah Weller		yes		

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5/10/02	2	Support For Ariel Sharon by Norman Bender		yes		
5/11/02	4	No U.N. Inspectors			yes	Cartoon depicts Sharon standing in Jenin building rubble holding sign " No U.N. Inspectors" while Uncle Sam says inspect Saddam Hussein.
5/13/02	2	Forgotten Terrorism By Shawn Haley			yes	This letter says the Irgun, commanded by Menachem Begin, committed terrorism against the British in the 1940s.
5/17/02	2	Looking For Peace, Not Polarization by Miriam Bergamini	yes			The writer wants the people who identify with Israel and those that identify with the Palestinians march together for peace instead of a pro-Israel or pro-Palestinian march
5/18/02	4	Cartoon by Pat Oliphant	yes			Cartoon shows last surviving Israeli, an IDF soldier, offering to shake hands in peace gesture with last surviving Palestinian, who looks like Arafat. Palestinian agrees to shake hands, and when they do, the Palestinian, who is a terrorist bomber, blows them both up.
5/19/02	2	Terrorists Victimize Fellow Countrymen by Barbara Weston		yes		This letter responds to a Courant May 15 editorial "Vengeance Doesn't Work" that states "terror and retaliation ... ensure continuation of the game of death." The writer defends the response to terrorism and terrorists are responsible if their innocent countrymen are injured or killed. Note: It appears my edition of the 5/15 Courant did not contain the referenced editorial.
5/25/02	2	Mideast Violence Continues by Gale Courey Toensing			yes	The letter writer complains that the Courant placed an article (May 20) about the Netanya open market suicide bombing on the front page but did not put Palestinians who were allegedly shot killed or wounded by Israeli soldiers (during the same time period) on the front page.
5/26/02	3	Mideast Coverage Under The Microscope by Karen Hunter, Courant Reader Representative		yes		Hunter reports on Primer's meeting with the Courant.
5/26/02	3	Heartbreak And Hope In Israel by Rabbi Stanley Kessler		yes		Rabbi Kessler reports on his trip to Israel this Spring. It talks about adverse impact the Palestinian terrorism has had on Israel.
5/27/02	2	Iraq's Dangerous Coward by Ryan Malley		yes		The writer says if Iraq is attacked, Saddam Hussein will attempt to subject Israel to chemical, biological and possibly, nuclear offensives.

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5/27/02	3	Let Money Do The Talking In Mideast by John T. McCarthy (former American ambassador in Lebanon and Tunisia)			yes	The author says increased economic assistance, especially via investments, can lead to peace. However, McCarthy has unflattering remarks about Sharon, and even questions his motives.
5/28/02	2	Palestinian Play Should Go On by Henry Lowendorf			yes	This letter is highly critical of "a few members of the Jewish community" who "want to censor this year's New Haven Festival of Arts & Ideas." The letter responds to the Courant's report about the Jewish community's concerns regarding the Palestinian play to be performed in New Haven. He is also very critical of Israel's "military occupation" in the West Bank and Gaza.
6/01/02	2	Vigilance And Miracles Stop Attacks by Harry Weller		yes		This letter rebuts many pro-Palestinian/anti-Israel statements in Gale Toensing's 5/24/02 letter published in the Courant, and it also criticizes the Courant's biased reporting of the Middle East conflict.
6/04/02	2	Best Advice Comes From Within by Betty Rice	yes			This neutral letter lauds the Palestinian woman who followed her conscience rather than the orders of her handlers and did not commit a suicide bombing.
6/07/02	2	Nations Viewed Differently by Ernest Feder		yes		This letter states that the USA and India are not criticized for retaliating against attacks by Islamic militants. However, Israel is criticized because the rules only apply to Israel.
6/16/02	3	Hit In Herzliya by Helen Schary Motro		yes		This Other Opinion piece is pro-Israel because it likely will produce sympathy with Israelis living under the threat or occurrences of terrorist attacks. It is written by an American lawyer/writer who describes her experience with the occurrence of a suicide bombing in her town, Herzliya.
6/19/02	4	"Are We On The Inside Or On The Outside" cartoon by Englehart			yes	The cartoon is pro-Palestinian, not so much because it <i>is</i> pro-Palestinian, but because it seems to be anti-Israel. It depicts 3 Israeli adults and a baby surrounded by a fence topped with barbed wire. The fence is in the shape of the star of David and the sign on the fence says "Proposed Fence Around Palestinian Territory." The cartoon seems to be critical of Israel's decision to install a fence around the West Bank to keep terrorist bombers out of Israel.
6/20/02	3	"Provisional Statehood" Is Folly by Charles Krauthammer		yes		This article criticizes the idea of a provisional Palestinian state. The author believes Palestinian statehood before peace will lead to greater violence against Israel including the use of more powerful weapons and alliances with the likes of Iran, Iraq and Syria.

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6/21/02	2	Real Problems In America And Europe by Dania Reid			yes	This letter raises concern over Islamophobia in America as well as Europe. The writer is critical of pro-Israel advocate Daniel Pipes but agrees with pro-Islamic issues raised by Gwynne Dyer.
6/21/02	2	Real Problems In America And Europe by Marvin Peyser		yes		This letter criticizes Gwynne Dyer for trivializing anti-Semitism in Europe and points to anti-Semitic acts that occurred there in recent months. (yes, this and above letter are under same title)
6/22/02	4			yes		The cartoon is pro-Israel. It shows Pres. Bush on the phone standing next to a long line of blown up Israeli buses telling Arafat that, no, he did not call to talk about the fence the Israelis are building
6/23/02	3	Altruistic Suicide by Harold Abramson			yes	This article is pro-Palestinian because it seeks to provide an understanding of the circumstances that motivate the Palestinian suicide bombers, seemingly justifying them.
6/24/02	3	Peace Through Moving Out by Michael Tarazi			yes	This piece is pro-Palestinian because it blasts Israel for creating settlements in Palestinian areas, calling them illegal and a source of Palestinian unrest and distrust. The author calls for Israel to "de-occupy" the settlements as a means of achieving peace.
6/26/02	1	Mr. Bush's Mideast Fantasy			yes	The Courant editorial is pro-Palestinian because it is very critical of Bush's peace plan, stating it is very unbalanced. It says much will be required of the Palestinians but little of Israel. It says the plan's goals for the Palestinians are unrealistic.
6/26/02	3	Palestinian' Clear Choice: Arafat Or A Homeland by Robert Stewart		yes		This article is pro-Israel because it states that Palestinians need to choose peace, not terrorists if they are to have their homeland. Consistent with Pres. Bush and the Israelis, it says Arafat must go.
6/27/02	4	Englehart's View		yes		The cartoon is pro-Israel because it shows Bush "demanding" to remove Arafat. Bush has a button in hand connected to a wire attached to a suicide bomber's belt that Arafat is wearing. Bush's "demand" favors Israel while Arafat is depicted dressed as a suicide bomber.
6/27/02	3	Mideast Won't Distract Bush by George Will		yes		The article is Pro-Israel because the author applauds Pres. Bush's Mideast policy speech that seeks a change in Palestinian leadership and opposes Palestinian terrorism and corruption that has occurred under Arafat.
6/28/02	2	Settlements Aren't The Problem by Thomas Rockland		yes		This letter responds to a Courant Other Opinion piece that attributes Mideast violence to Israeli settlements. The writer blames the Palestinian reign of terror and their rejection of the Oslo agreement and Barak's offer at Camp David.

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6/28/02	2	Bush's Plan Based On Past Experience by William Cohen		yes		This letter is critical of a Courant editorial that called Bush's Mideast plan a fantasy and it says the Courant might be anti-Israel.
6/28/02	2	Bush's Plan Based On Past Experience by Richard (yes, under same headline as above letter)		yes		This letter is skeptical of the Courant's view that Bush's plan is fantasy. It mentions other leaders' visions coming true as Truman for rebuilding Europe and Reagan for the collapse of the USSR.
6/29/02	2	Who Put Us In Charge by William Cadogan			yes	This letter is pro-Palestinian because it agrees with the Courant's editorial that called Bush's Mideast plan fantasy. The author criticizes Bush for calling for new Palestinian leadership because he feels that is not the USA's role. Israel also wants a new Palestinian leadership.
6/29/02	2	Israel Statements Off The Mark by Howard Needler		yes		This letter is pro-Israel because it identifies anti-Israel remarks made by Mazin Qumsiyeh in a June 24 Courant article, calling Qumsiyeh's remarks in error.
6/29/02	4	Cartoon by Toles			yes	The cartoon is pro-Palestinian because it is critical of Sharon. It depicts him as unable to reach peace with the Palestinians. As an analogy, he is shown beside a tortuous security fence that always brings you to where you started, i.e., you can't progress.
7/3/02	2	Citizenship, Nationality Are Different by Mazin Qumsiyeh			yes	This letter is a response to Needler's 6/29 letter. It is pro-Palestinian because it is critical of Israel. For example it states that any Jew is allowed to automatically acquire Israeli citizenship but Palestinian refugees are denied. It says Israel is able to practice oppression and apartheid because of USA aid.
7/06/02	2	Does Life Imitate Art? By Stephen Squires		yes		This letter is pro-Israel because it disagrees with former UCONN professor Abramson's theory that categorizes suicide bombers as altruistic or egoistic. The writer says suicide bombers should be condemned and that murderous violence against the innocents is always wrong.
7/14/02	3	U.S. Against The World?			yes	This article is critical of the USA because its unilateralism on a number of issues has caused widespread resentment. These positions include economic, environmental, military, etc. It criticizes the USA's stance on the Mideast conflict, saying it is at odds with the rest of the world.
7/16/02	1	Israel's Image At Stake			yes	The editorial is pro-Palestinian because it is critical of Israel in a number of respects: (1) its consideration of "Jews-only communities" saying it would be a discriminatory act, (2) shutting

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						down a PA office in Jerusalem, and (3) the building of a security wall that is symbolic of failed leadership.
7/16/02	3	An Oasis Of Peace In Israel by Joseph Andrews Jr.	yes			This piece is neutral because it reports in a constructive way on a community of Israeli Jews and Arabs living together in a peaceful way. It identifies the features of their cooperation that helps them to live side-by-side.
7/20/02	2	Lessons Of Walls Past by Haige Garabedian			yes	This letter is pro-Palestinian because it is critical of Israel for building a security fence. The author compares the fence to the Berlin wall and calls it an obstacle to peace.
7/21/02	2	Message Consistent With Muslim Ethics by Joseph Wei			yes	This letter is pro-Palestinian because it lambastes the U.S. foreign policy in the Mideast conflict. The inference is that the U.S. is too supportive of Israel.
7/22/02	2	Democracy Working In Israel by William Bilek		yes		This letter is pro-Israel because it defends Israel's shutting down of Dr. Nusseibeh's PA office in Jerusalem and identifies the Palestinian's of rejecting peace and launching the intifada. The letter responds to a Courant editorial.
7/22/02	3	Call It What It Is: A Surge Of Anti-Semitism by Yossi Halevi		yes		This article is pro-Israel because it alerts the reader to widespread anti-Semitism and unbalanced criticism of Israel.
7/24/02	1	One Atrocity Begets Another			yes	This editorial is pro-Palestinian because it is critical of Israel. It calls Israel's rocket attack in Gaza that killed at least 8 children and injured many, an atrocity. The editorial is also critical of some of Israel's policies that target Palestinians.
7/24/02	4	"Hate" Englehart's View			yes	The cartoon is pro-Palestinian. It shows the Israelis and Palestinians fighting until the violence gets as bad as it can before they will decide to stop. Although it may appear to be neutral, it fails to recognize that Israel reacts to defend its people against terrorism - the deliberate murder of innocent civilians.