Supreme Court Says Scouts Can Exclude Scouts over Duty to God

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The Supreme Court Monday permitted the Boy Scouts of America to exclude boys from public accommodations based on race, color, religion or national origin.

The justices rejected an appeal by a 10-year-old who was barred from a suburban Chicago Cub Scout pack after he said he was agnostic.

The justices, in a one-sentence order, left intact a lower court ruling that said the Boy Scouts are not a "place" of public accommodation and even if the nationwide organization were, it would still be excluded from the federal anti-discrimination law because it is a private club.

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Frank Zappa Dies of Cancer

By Paul Feldman
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Rock musician Frank Zappa, who rode to fame in the late 1960's as leader of the eccentric Mothers of Invention, died Saturday evening at his Los Angeles home from the complications of prostate cancer he had been suffering from for some time. He was 52.

A family friend, Jim Nagle, said he was buried in a private ceremony in Los Angeles. The prolific guitarist was one of rock's premier iconoclasts. In an era of increasing commercialism, he was known for his indomitable spirit and his ability to create music, singing and philosophizing to the beat of a wildly different drummer.

Zappa's music was a frothy stew of classical strains - heaped high with 50's doo-wop, rhythm 'n' blues, and even if the nationwide organization were, it would still be excluded from the federal anti-discrimination law because it is a private club.

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One Killed, at Least 20 Injured in Indian Train Bombings

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Bombings rocked five express trains racing across India Monday, killing one passenger and injuring at least 20 others as the country warily marked the first year since the destruction of a mosque by a swarm of Hindu militants.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attacks, but authorities had been bracing for violence linked to the anniver-
sary of the razing of Babri Masjid, a 16th-century mosque, in the north Indian town of Ayodhya on Dec. 6, 1992.

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