

# Barak joins Israeli government despite conflicts

**By the Associated Press INTERNATIONAL**  
JERUSALEM — Prime Minister-elect Ariel Sharon and his predecessor, Ehud Barak, talked Friday about setting up a joint government even though the two disagree sharply on how to make peace with the Palestinians.

Sharon offered Barak the position of defense minister, according to a Sharon aide. Before the meeting, Barak backed up a key Sharon claim, saying Sharon is not obligated to stand by concessions that Barak offered the Palestinians.

Sharon said in an interview published Friday that he would seek an open-ended, non-belligerency pact with the Palestinians, not a peace agreement, and that he would not follow Barak's path. Sharon also insisted that he will not launch peace talks until all violence in the West Bank and Gaza Strip has ceased.

The Palestinians did not accept Barak's proposals, but negotiator Ahmed Qureia said talks must restart from the point where they ended just before Israel's Tuesday election. "We can't go backwards," said Qureia.

But Sharon said all along that Barak's ideas would not obligate him, and Barak agreed.

**GENEVA** — A drug credited with curing an African killer disease may soon be supplied to doctors for free by a U.S. company interested in using it for another purpose — eliminating facial hair.

Stocks of efloornithine, a cure for the brain disease sleeping sickness, were running out worldwide after Aventis, which held the patent, said in 1999 it no longer intended to produce the drug and handed over the production license to the World Health Organization.

After two years of work, the WHO has now persuaded the U.S. company Bristol Myers Squibb to supply it with the drug for use against the disease, in return for the rights to use it in its hair-removing face cream Vaniqua.

"This is a pretty terrible illness, and it's nice to be able to report a success," said Jean Jannin, head of the sleeping sickness surveillance center at WHO.

Jannin said the agency would sign a deal with Bristol Myers Squibb within a few days and he did not want to re-

veal details until then.

But the Nobel Prize-winning aid agency Doctors Without Borders, known by its French initials MSF, said the company had agreed to supply efloornithine free of charge for the next three years.

**NATIONAL**  
SPACE CENTER, Houston — Astronauts on the space shuttle Atlantis prepared to dock with the international space station 225 miles above the Earth to deliver the \$1.4 billion science laboratory Destiny.

The lab is 28 feet long and 14 feet in diameter and is stuffed into Atlantis' payload bay. Hatches between Atlantis and Alpha were to open about two hours after docking Friday.

Astronaut Marsha Ivins, the robot-arm operator, will have just 2 inches of clearance when she slowly lifts the lab from its tight berth on Saturday before mounting it onto space station Alpha during the mission's first of three scheduled spacewalks.

Atlantis' crew of five astronauts will be the second group of visitors to come aboard Alpha since station commander Bill Shepherd and his two Russian crewmates began their four-month mission on the station Nov. 2.

After the two crews meet, they will transfer various supplies from the shuttle to the space station, including food, water, computers and some outfitting equipment such as computer hard drives and cables needed to activate Destiny when it is mounted onto Alpha.

**SACRAMENTO, Calif.** — With a court order requiring power suppliers to keep electricity flowing for at least another week, California turned its attention to boosting its generating capacity.

Gov. Gray Davis unveiled a plan Thursday that he said would add enough electricity to power 5 million more homes by summer.

"We will demonstrate that California can cut red tape, build more power and protect the environment," Davis said at a news conference in Yuba City, where a new 545-megawatt plant is expected to be operating by July.

In the meantime, a judge's ruling Thursday should keep three of the state's biggest power suppliers ship-

ping electricity to California until at least Feb. 16, when the next hearing is held.

State air-quality regulators said they would grant exemptions to ease concerns of two of the suppliers who argued they could be fined for violating pollution standards if they continued meeting California's demand.

**SAN FRANCISCO** — A proposal to muzzle aggressive dog breeds in public after a woman was fatally mauled was overwhelmingly rejected by the city's Commission of Animal Control and Welfare.

The commission chairman and dozens of frustrated dog owners attending Thursday's meeting called the proposal an overreaction to last month's attack.

"I don't want to demonize dogs. I don't want to specially demonize big dogs," said chairman Richard Schulke. "That's a very slippery slope to get into. One day it's your pit bull, the next day it's your Akita. I just don't think folks would stand for that."

Commissioner Frederick Hobson proposed a muzzle ordinance in response to the death of college lacrosse coach Diane Whipple, who was killed outside her apartment Jan. 26 by two mastiff-Canary Island dogs owned by a neighbor. Prosecutors are considering charges against the dogs' owners.

"No matter how you feel about this, there's a problem. There's a big, big problem," Hobson said. The vote on his proposal was 5-1.

An international research team says it has discovered the first drug that successfully combats sepsis, a blood infection that kills about 225,000 Americans each year.

"From what we saw, this is a tremendous breakthrough," said Dr. Michael Matthay of the University of California, San Francisco. "This is truly a landmark trial."

Matthay reviewed the test results with other scientists for The New England Journal of Medicine.

The research was carried out on 1,690 patients with severe sepsis at 164 locations in 11 countries. It was coordinated at Vanderbilt University, in Nashville, Tenn., and funded by Eli Lilly and Co.

Much of the public has never heard of sepsis, even though about 750,000 cases are diagnosed in the U.S. each year, researchers say. Many medical problems give rise to sepsis, including pneumonia, trauma, surgical complications and cancer.

Sepsis, a bacterial infection of the bloodstream, sets off a chain of chemical reactions that lead to excessive inflammation and clotting. It often causes death by destroying a patient's internal organs.

The new drug is derived from a natural blood product known as activated protein C. In the blood, activated protein C curbs inflammation and clotting.

**WASHINGTON**  
WASHINGTON — Sofas, chairs, a pair of lamps and other home furnishings that former President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton took and then shipped back to Washington were property of the White House, not personal gifts they were entitled to keep, the government has found.

"I feel 99 percent certain that everything that's been returned to us is gov-

ernment property," said Jim McDaniel, speaking for the National Park Service, which conducted the examination.

The Clintons returned 19 items on Wednesday after some donors said their gifts were for the White House, not the former first family.

"The list of what came in has been checked against our files," McDaniel said Thursday. "For the most part the objects that we received have corresponding letters on file from the Park Service accepting them as gifts for use in the White House."

The former president and first lady, who now is a freshman Democratic senator from New York, declined to comment on the Park Service's finding.

On Monday, Clinton's office issued a statement saying every item the Clintons accepted had been identified by the White House gift office as a present to them.

**WASHINGTON** — President Clinton pardoned Marc Rich even though top Justice Department offi-

cials didn't know the full details of the fugitive financier's alleged crimes and his New York prosecutors never were consulted, a congressional panel was told.

"Knowing everything that I know now, I would not have recommended to the president that he grant the pardon," former Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder told a House Government Reform Committee hearing Thursday.

Rich has lived in Switzerland since just before he was indicted in the United States in 1983 on charges of evading more than \$48 million in taxes, fraud and participating in illegal oil deals with Iran. Republicans have noted that Rich's former wife, Denise Rich, was a major contributor to the Democratic Party and to Hillary Rodham Clinton's Senate campaign.

Ms. Rich refused to answer questions from the committee, but her lawyer conceded to the panel Wednesday that she had given an "enormous sum of money" to the Clinton Presidential Library Fund. Committee Chairman Dan Burton, R-Ind., said.

## Survey finds conduit for natural gas

**HUTCHINSON (AP)** — As much as 70 million cubic feet of natural gas may have escaped from a salt cavern before officials found and plugged the leak, the president of Kansas Gas Service told hundreds of residents at a town meeting.

KGS president Gene Dubay said Thursday that a review of pressurization records indicates the leak began about three days before an explosion in downtown Hutchinson.

The Jan. 17 explosion and fire destroyed two downtown businesses. The next day at a mobile home park three miles away, another explosion killed two residents and forced the evacuation of hundreds of people as gas geysers erupted in the area.

The leaking pipe has since been plugged, and venting wells drilled throughout this central Kansas community have been spewing gas into the atmosphere since.

"We believe at this point of time the community is safe, in terms of what is on the surface," Dubay said Thursday

at a meeting that drew more than 600 residents despite icy roads in the area.

Geologists suspect the natural gas came from a leaking pipe at a salt storage cavern seven miles northwest of the city and about 550 feet below the surface. The cavern is among 160 that make up the Yaggy Field, which has a combined storage capacity of about 3.2 billion cubic feet. Yaggy Field is owned by OneOK, of Tulsa, Okla., and Kansas Gas Service is a subsidiary of OneOK.

At least one thin sandstone layer, formed when the coastal desert was buried 250 million years ago, is acting

as a meandering pathway taking escaped natural gas into pockets underneath the city, Kansas Geological Survey experts said.

"This is a significant break," said Lee Allison, director of the Geological Survey, as he showed for the first time fuzzy seismic images of what is believed to be natural gas trapped below the city.

Allison said the early results from the seismic testing indicates between one and five small sandstone layers.

That knowledge will help geologists pinpoint where the gas may be trapped so it can be vented, he said.

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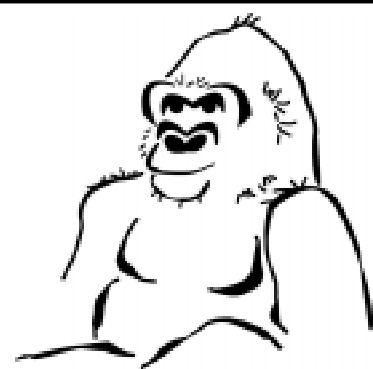
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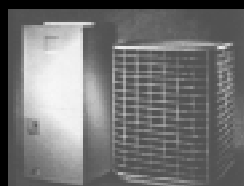
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