

# Tension, violence escalate as Israeli soldiers move position

By the Associated Press INTERNATIONAL

BETHLEHEM, West Bank (AP) — Extra Israeli soldiers, tanks and military vehicles took up new positions today in the West Bank, searching cars and beeping up their presence around Palestinian towns as tension and violence escalate.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat condemned the Israeli military buildup on arriving in Cairo, Egypt, for a meeting today of Arab foreign ministers.

Violence of the past few days, including a suicide bombing that killed two Israelis and an Israeli assassination strike that killed four Palestinians, have left in tatters the always wavering cease-fire negotiated last month by CIA chief George Tenet.

Ahmed Abdel-Rahman, general secretary of the Palestinian Cabinet urged the international community to act quickly to get the cease-fire back on track.

Raanan Gissin, a top aide to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, described as "absolute nonsense" the reports that Israel is interested in escalating the situation or reoccupying some land turned over to the Palestinians in recent years.

"All this concentration of forces is intended as a deterrent," Gissin said.

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — A U.S. F-16 fighter jet crashed in southeastern Turkey today as it was heading toward northern Iraq to patrol a no-fly zone, the U.S. military said. The pilot was rescued.

It is believed to be the first U.S. aircraft to have gone down in 10 years of patrols over the no-fly zones. The U.S. military has flown more than 200,000 sorties over the no-fly zones during that time.

The pilot ejected from the aircraft and was rescued uninjured, said Maj. Scott Vadnais, spokesman for Operation Northern Watch, the allied patrols over northern Iraq. The pilot was taken to a hospital in the nearby city of Batman, the Anatolia news agency reported.

The Turkish military said the aircraft crashed at 10:09 a.m. due to engine failure and that military po-

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lie are examining the wreckage.

Vadnais said the cause of the crash was not known, but added that it was not due to hostile action.

The plane took off from Incirlik air base in southern Turkey and crashed near the town of Diyarbakir, about halfway between Incirlik and the Iraqi border. Incirlik is about 350 miles from the Iraqi border.

### NATIONAL

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — Millions of potentially faulty sprinkler heads in offices, schools and homes are expected to be recalled this week, USA Today reported today.

It said the recall, expected from the Consumer Product Safety Commission on Thursday, will cover more than 30 million GB model sprinkler heads made by Central Sprinkler.

The heads are equipped with O-ring water seals that have been found to corrode, which could cause the sprinklers to fail during a fire, the paper said.

It noted that in 1998 the federal safety agency ordered the company, based in Lancaster, Pa., to replace 8.4 million sprinkler heads marketed under the Omega brand and ordered it to pay a \$1.3 million fine.

The paper said Underwriters Laboratories, an independent testing company, has cited at least two fires during which GB sprinkler heads like the one to be recalled this week had failed.

It said neither the Consumer Product Safety Commission nor Tyco International, which acquired Central Sprinkler in 1999, would comment on the expected recall.

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — The state Supreme Court ruled that some of the youngest sex offenders should be spared the stigma of being listed as sex offenders for the rest of their lives, but it stopped short of nullifying Megan's Law for all minors.

The 1994 state law requires most people convicted of sex crimes to register with police so the communi-

ties they live in can be notified.

In its ruling Tuesday, the Supreme Court said juveniles convicted of sex offenses before age 14 should be given a second chance if they complied with court-ordered treatments and could prove they had been rehabilitated by their 18th birthdays.

The case involved a 17-year-old who had pleaded guilty to sexual assault after he was found at age 10 rubbing up against an 8-year-old girl in his mother's care.

"This ended up being a life sentence, or a potential life sentence," said Craig Hubert, an attorney representing the boy, publicly identified only as J.G.

Authorities had classified the boy as a moderate-risk sex offender and sought to notify officials at his high school and other schools. The Supreme Court said Tuesday that was unwarranted.

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — A woman pleaded guilty to charges she left her 7-year-old daughter for collateral in a crack-cocaine deal.

Sherry Von Penrod, 41, was sentenced Tuesday to the maximum one year in jail for endangering the welfare of a minor, a misdemeanor.

Penrod won't have to do time if she completes two years on probation without further criminal convictions.

Police said Penrod didn't have money to pay for the crack cocaine she smoked with other people two

weeks ago.

She left her daughter as collateral while she drove home to Morehead for cash, police said.

The girl remained in state custody Tuesday; she is in good health, relatives said.

"We just want her to get a good home," said Bob Penrod, the girl's grandfather. "She doesn't deserve any of this."

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Two astronauts hooked up three of four gas tanks on the international space station's new entryway early today despite a brief shutdown of a computer critical to the job.

Space shuttle Atlantis astronauts Michael Gernhardt and James Reilly II installed two oxygen tanks and a nitrogen tank needed to pressurize the new \$164 million air lock during a spacewalk that started late Tuesday.

NASA intended for them to add only two of the four tanks to the air lock during the spacewalk, but the work was so speedy that flight controllers decided to add the third.

The fourth, a nitrogen tank, was to be added Friday during their third and final spacewalk of Atlantis' mission.

Station astronauts Susan Helms and Jim Voss maneuvered the station's 58-foot robot arm to hoist the 1,200-pound tanks from the shuttle's cargo bay and hand them to Gernhardt and Reilly, who latched them to the air lock.

Gernhardt and Reilly ventured out an hour late Tuesday because the hard drive in one of three computers

needed to operate the Canadian-built robot arm failed. Flight controllers reset the computer in time for the late-night spacewalk.

### WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON (AP) — The idea of taking charge of The Washington Post was suggested to Katharine Graham by a longtime friend as they strolled through a park.

"Impossible!" exclaimed Mrs. Graham, still numb from her husband's recent suicide. "I couldn't possibly do it."

Yet the idea stuck. And then blossomed.

Transformed by tragedy, Mrs. Graham evolved from a self-described timid housewife into a guiding force in American journalism.

With a steady hand, she led the Post through the turbulent days of the Pentagon Papers and Watergate and beyond.

Mrs. Graham, who served as chairman of The Washington Post Co. for two decades, died Tuesday at age 84. She never regained consciousness after suffering a head injury Saturday in a fall outside a condominium in Sun Valley, Idaho, and died at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

She still served as chairman of the executive committee of The Washington Post Co. And just three years ago, she won the Pulitzer Prize for her brutally frank autobiography, "Personal History."

The funeral was scheduled for Monday at Washington National Cathedral.

Mrs. Graham took charge of the Post in 1963 after her husband,

Philip, who suffered from manic depression, committed suicide. Philip Graham had been publisher and his wife had occupied herself with their four children and the life of a Georgetown matron.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush scored a victory in his campaign to get congressional approval for his energy plan as a House committee endorsed drilling for oil in an Arctic refuge.

But his critics say the triumph may be short lived.

"This is just the opening shot," declared Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., after the House Resources Committee approved the first installment of a broad energy bill by 26-17 vote, including the Arctic drilling.

Another piece of the package, as well as a number of proposed energy tax breaks, were expected to move through different committees later today as the House presses to send energy legislation to the Senate before leaving for its summer recess in August.

The Senate has yet to vote on energy measures.

Tuesday's vote in the Resources Committee brought to a head the debate over drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in northeastern Alaska.

Environmentalists consider protection of the refuge their No. 1 priority and Senate leaders already have vowed to block drilling there.

The House bill calls for lifting a congressional ban on drilling in the refuge's 1.5 million acre coastal plain.

## Insurance commissioner puts off decision

TOPEKA (AP) — The governor's race can wait.

For now, Insurance Commissioner Kathleen Sebelius says she is focusing on the job at hand.

The Topeka Democrat said Tuesday during a telephone interview from Indianapolis that she would not make her decision about entering the 2002 race for governor public until after the first

of the year.

Sebelius cited her duties as president of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and reviewing the proposed merger of Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Kansas and Anthem of Indiana, which administers Blue Cross health care plans in seven states.

"My plate's pretty full right now,"

she said.

Sebelius is serving her second term as insurance commissioner, having unseated incumbent Ron Todd in 1994 in her first statewide campaign.

Sebelius served in the Kansas House of Representatives from 1986 to 1994.

Two Republicans have already

entered the race. House Speaker Kent Glasscock of Manhattan announced his campaign Friday, joining former Junction City Mayor Lloyd Parker.

Other potential GOP candidates for 2002 are U.S. Reps. Jerry Moran and Todd Tiahrt, state party chairman Mark Parkinson, and State Treasurer Tim Shallenburger.

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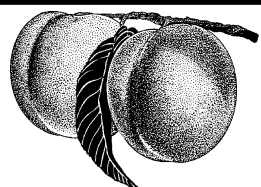
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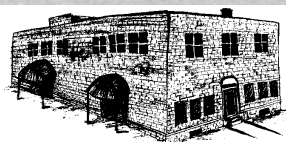
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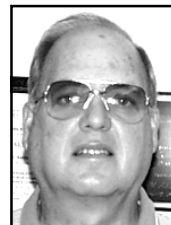
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