

German foreign minister willing to host meeting

By the Associated Press
INTERNATIONAL

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat said today he would be willing to hold cease-fire talks with the Israeli foreign minister in Berlin.

After a two-hour meeting with Arafat, visiting German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer said he was willing to host such a meeting.

“If this should happen in Berlin, in the office, the door will be always open, but I think there are some other places not so far away in regional distances,” Fischer said. “But this is a good idea.”

It was not immediately clear how the Israelis felt about such a meeting. Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres was en route to Hungary, and his office had no immediate comment.

However, Peres said earlier this week that he would like to meet with Arafat, and that such a meeting was “visible on the horizon.”

Fischer met with Peres on Monday, and was to hold talks with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon later today.

Peres reportedly has proposed a gradual truce to begin in areas that have been generally quiet. In those areas, Israel would first ease stringent travel restrictions on Palestinians.

CHETUMAL, Mexico — Tropical Storm Chantal was sweeping across Mexico’s Yucatan Peninsula today after frightening tourists, forcing evacuations and knocking trees — but so far causing no known deaths.

The storm barely missed hurricane strength before touching land near here Monday night, and narrowly missed the popular Caribbean tourist resorts ranging from Cancun to Tulum along the coast to the north.

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Chantal was moving west-northwest across the peninsula at near 8 mph. Forecasters said it would likely have a second wind after weakening on its passage across the Yucatan and emerging once again in the warmer waters of the Gulf of Mexico late today or Wednesday.

NATIONAL

MIAMI — Fear that Cuban-American protesters would threaten the safety of guests at the Latin Grammys next month prompted organizers to pull the event from Miami at the last minute and move it to Los Angeles.

The move dealt a blow to Miami officials who had been lobbying hard to bring the Latin Grammys to the city this year. The show was expected to pump an estimated \$35 million into the area economy.

Michael Greene, president and chief executive of the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences and the Latin Recording Academy, made the announcement Monday after Miami officials agreed to let protesters demonstrate in a three-block area near the arena where the ceremony would have been held. Organizers wanted protesters to be kept farther away.

“The safety issues and reliability of delivering a live international telecast were the determining factors,” Greene said.

About 60 anti-Fidel Castro exile groups planned to protest against Cuban musicians and artists attending the Sept. 11 ceremony.

LEAVENWORTH, Wash. — Fire engines streamed out of this mountain resort town as cool weather helped knock down a wildfire, the latest ex-

ample of the progress being made against blazes that have charred nearly a half-million acres in the West.

The complex of fires that has threatened several homes in Leavenworth was 30 percent contained on Monday, and firefighters were looking forward to rain forecast as early as tonight. So far, the fire has cost \$3.6 million to fight, officials said.

Chelan County Sheriff Mike Brickert said evacuation orders were lifted for 50 homes, although 18 families were not being allowed back to houses in the road’s upper reaches. No homes have been damaged by the fire.

The Icicle Creek fire complex that has threatened Leavenworth was one of eight blazes that had burned more than 150,000 acres by Monday in Washington state and one of 40 burning more than 450,300 acres in seven Western states, according to the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — On a campaign-style blitz through the Midwest, President Bush is fighting back against Democratic complaints that his massive tax cut sucked away money better spent on social programs, education and Medicare.

It is Congress that must learn to rein in spending, Bush was to tell a gathering today at Harry S. Truman High School in Independence, Mo.

So far, Bush’s two-day tour has had trappings of a campaign trail stretch. At a Harley-Davidson motorcycle plant in Milwaukee, Bush gave his swinging hand shake, winked, gave

the thumbs up sign, autographed shirts, jeans, hats, arms, legs, hands.

His staff insists he is not campaigning for 2004.

During the trip, Bush has also stressed, seriously and in jokes, his need to get outside of Washington to keep his perspective. He has been vacationing at his ranch in the central Texas town of Crawford and plans to return there late Tuesday.

The Midwest trip is the latest in a series of vacation detours that has taken Bush to states that he lost (Wisconsin on Monday; Pennsylvania on Sunday) or won only narrowly (Missouri on Tuesday; New Mexico last week) in last year’s squeaker election victory over Democrat Al Gore.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A Kentucky man sent home to die after being denied a heart transplant is the secret patient who made medical history by getting the world’s first self-contained artificial heart, The Associated Press has learned.

A source who knows patient Robert Tools and who spoke on condition of anonymity confirmed that he had the experimental titanium-and-plastic pump implanted in his chest July 2 at Jewish Hospital in Louisville.

Tools, 59, is a former telephone company employee and teacher who moved from Colorado five years ago hoping to receive a transplant. “I don’t think dying has ever been an option with Bob,” said Melony Scott, 34, a friend and neighbor in the Kentucky

town of Franklin.

Jewish Hospital and Abiomed Inc., maker of the artificial heart, have not identified the patient. The hospital scheduled a news conference today to make his identity public.

Tools’ name has been so closely guarded that even the family’s pastor and people who live on the same street said they didn’t know Tools had undergone the experimental procedure. Scott said Tools and his wife, Carol, moved into the neighborhood about the same time she did in 1996.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Police launched a national manhunt for a Ukrainian immigrant who allegedly went on a family killing spree, stabbing his pregnant wife to death and slaying four more relatives before fleeing with his toddler son.

Nikolay Soltys, 27, was described by friends and authorities as a quiet man who grasped for a new life in America but could not shake the demons that followed him from overseas.

Authorities said he was seen leaving his suburban Sacramento home Monday morning after stabbing his 27-year-old wife, who stumbled to a neighbor’s doorway and collapsed. He then allegedly drove to a duplex 20 miles away where he killed an aunt, uncle and two young cousins, police said. They had no motive for the killings.

Officers were stationed at bus terminals and airports in the Sacramento area today in hope of finding Soltys and

the 3-year-old son. Detectives also were investigating reports that Soltys headed to Oregon, where he may have relatives, said Sacramento County sheriff’s Sgt. James Lewis.

Soltys came to the United States more than a year ago and has no known criminal record.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A millionaire pharmacist charged with diluting cancer drugs will be held without bond while he awaits trial because a judge worries he might flee the country.

U.S. Magistrate Robert Larsen said Monday that pharmacist Robert Courtney was a flight risk, particularly because of his more than \$10 million in assets.

Courtney, 48, has allegedly acknowledged diluting chemotherapy medications for at least 30 to 35 patients, and authorities say the number could be higher.

The pharmacist is charged with a single count of dispensing misbranded and adulterated chemotherapy drugs. If convicted, he faces three years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. His attorney, Jean Paul Bradshaw II, has said he would plead innocent.

Courtney has admitted diluting the expensive drugs “out of greed,” according to prosecutors. Authorities claim diluting the drugs would have saved him hundreds of dollars per dose.

The FBI has raised the possibility of homicide charges if the dilutions are linked to any deaths.

Governor’s memoirs go to library

Housed in the library at Haskell Indians Nations University, the unfinished document offers an unedited look into Finney’s Topeka childhood and her political career.

Finney, who died in July of complications from liver cancer, was the state’s first female governor, serving from 1991 to 1995.

In a passage about her early days in the governor’s mansion, Finney wrote about finding pictures of the state’s first ladies in an upstairs hallway. Finney immediately moved them downstairs to the front corridor.

She also wrote about her relationship with the news media.

After several failed attempts to get along with the Statehouse press corps, Finney said she realized “I didn’t need them. All I needed was the people, and the people were smarter than the press anyway.”

Late in her administration, Finney said she planned to spend a year or two writing her memoirs. Four years ago

she quietly donated five boxes of gubernatorial papers and photographs to Haskell, which was one of her favorite causes.

Finney won a reputation as a strong supporter of American Indians, inviting tribal leaders to the governor’s mansion and leading efforts in the 1990s for tribal compacts that would allow casinos on the reservations. She also served on the Haskell Foundation board, said Haskell archivist Bobbi Rahder.

Rahder said Finney wanted to give the documents to Haskell because she knew the university wanted to be established as a center for American Indian research, education and cultural programs. And she felt her role promoting American Indian issues would make the material valuable to researchers, Rahder said.

The foundation, an independent, nonprofit agency affiliated with the university, had plans in 1997 to print several items, including a collection of

essays by Denise Low, a writer and former head of the university’s English department.

A foundation official had heard Finney praise Low’s writing and suggested that Low talk to Finney about editing the memoirs. The plan was for the foundation to publish the memoirs along with the collection of essays.

Low estimated it would take 12 to 18 months to add structure and context to the material.

“It’s like a string of pearls without a string,” Low said. “There’s these wonderful bits without any underlying structure.”

Finney and Low were talking about the project when the foundation ran short of money. The project fizzled, and the foundation was forced into bankruptcy in 1999.


“It’s too bad,” said Low, whose father was chairman of the Lyon County Democratic Party and knew Finney well. “I think it could be a fascinating memoir.”



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| MA 122 A | Plane Trigonometry | J. Elliott | 3 | \$135 | GHS-222 | 9:15-10:37 Gold | 8/30 |
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| CH 176 A | Fundamentals of General Chemistry | J. Walker | 5 | \$250 | TBA | 7:50-9:12 Gold | 8/30 |
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| CH 176 B | Fundamentals of General Chemistry | J. Walker | 5 | \$250 | TBA | 12:33-1:55 Gold | 8/30 |
| CH 176L B | Fundamentals of General Chemistry Lab | J. Walker | 0 | 0 | TBA | 12:33-1:55 Gold | 8/30 |

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