## Palestinian leader expected to take stronger lead

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would destabilize it.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, the Labor leader, said Arafat "should be given a chance," suggesting that if he were, the Palestinian leader would be able to take a stand against militant groups.

"I expect he will become a leader who makes decisions. Right now, he is reluctant and hesitant," Peres told journalists after meeting Secretary of State Colin Powell on the sidelines of an anti-terrorism meeting of European foreign ministers in Romania.

Powell said Arafat "needs to do a lot cautioned against too strong a retaliation, saying, "We have to get back to a process to start."

process that will lead to a cease-fire." airstrike on his compound, accused Israel of trying to undermine his efforts to combat terrorism.

The Palestinian Authority has rounded up some 130 members of the militant Islamic Jihad and Hamas two overseas financial groups. groups in response to weekend suicide bombings and shootings on Israelis that killed 26 people. Israel views Arafat's moves against the militants as token efforts.

succeed and for this he (Sharon) is escalating his military activities against our people, against our towns, against move "part of the war against the Palmore than we've seen so far," but he our cities, against our establishments," Arafat said. "He doesn't want a peace

In a sign of support for Israel, the said. Arafat, speaking to CNN after the Bush administration froze the assets of three organizations accused of helping finance Hamas, the Palestinian Islamic group that claimed responsibility for the weekend attacks. The organizations included a U.S.-based charity and

> Ranaan Gissin, a Sharon aide, welcomed the U.S. action as a way of "cutting off the umbilical cord of terrorist groups.'

A Hamas spokesman in the West "They (the Israelis) don't want me to Bank town of Nablus, Tasir Imran, denied the groups were funneling Hamas money and called the U.S. estinian people." The Americans "want to support Israel in its siege and restrictions against our people," Imran

Sharon on Monday declared a "war on terror" in response to the weekend's bloodshed, holding Arafat to blame and saying he has "chosen the path of terror." He has stopped short of placing the Palestinian leader in Israel's gunsights, aiming largely at symbols of Arafat's rule.

The strikes have effectively grounded the Palestinian leader in Ramallah. Israeli missiles damaged Arafat's three helicopters in the Gaza Strip during the first retaliatory strikes Monday. Israeli troops today tore up the landing strip at Gaza's airport.

"We have stated publicly that we do not intend to harm (Arafat) personally," said a Sharon adviser, Danny the neighborhood and rescue teams Ayalon. "But since he is responsible for rushed to the area.

something close to him personally."

In Gaza City on Tuesday, F-16s dropped bombs on the office of the Palestinian Preventive Security Service in a residential neighborhood. Hundreds of children fled a nearby school about 200 yards from the station after the first missile hit.

"Sharon has declared war on us. God help us," said one of the children, Ayman Abdul Jawad, 13, running in the street with friends, blood on his head.

Fleeing children dropped to the ground, screaming, when warplanes swooped down and fired a second bomb. People evacuated buildings in

the wave of terrorism ... we had to hit Early today, Israeli troops tore up the landing strip of Gaza International Airport, a symbol of fledgling Palestinian sovereignty. The airport had been a vital link between the Palestinians and the rest of the world since it was opened in 1998.

> It was closed to regular traffic for most of the past 14 months of fighting, but Arafat had been able to use it for his frequent trips abroad.

> Israel also sent tanks into parts of Ramallah and the West Bank town of Nablus. In Ramallah, two tanks came within about 800 yards of Arafat's compound.

> Since fighting broke out in September 2000, 231 people have been killed on the Israeli side and 794 on the Palestinian side.

## City approves utility grant

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codes that applied when the house, fences and outbuildings were built, members said.

In other business:

• Eric Yonkey, ad representative for The Goodland Daily News, asked the commission for permission to close 11th Street between Main and Center from noon to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15 for the paper's Christmas on Us Drawing to be held in front of the Chamber of Commerce. The request was approved.

• The commission bought a holiday advertising package from the paper for

• Marilyn Cooper represented the Sherman County Historical Society in

at the Edith Handy House at 202 W 13th and \$500 for a downtown walking tour brochure. The commission approved a \$600 grant for utilities for the historic house, but no one made a motion on the other request.

• The commission approved Wane's one-inch mini blinds for the Federal and the commission approved. Aviation Administration office at the airport.

Bierly, Hutchinson and Associates as Buffalo Inn Restaurant, China Garengineering consultants for airport dens, Total Gas Station and Conveimprovement projects from 2001-2006.

• City Manager Ron Pickman reported that the grants the city requested from the FAA for airport improve- Christmas bonuses for 75 city employments had been turned down but that ees, \$50 bonuses for four employees

•An ordinance vacating the right-of way for parts of the old wye on Cherry Street was tabled because the map included with the ordinance may vacate some portions of the new street. The map will be corrected.

• Mayor Tom Rohr volunteered to Carpet & Drapery's bid of \$1,100 for serve on the Grant Writing Committee,

• Beer licenses renewals were approved for Pizza Hut Gambino's • The commission chose Evans, Bowladium Lanes, Safari Steakhouse, nience Store, Cowboy Loop, Presto Convenience Store, Travel Shoppe and Wal-Mart.

• The commission approved \$100 and \$25 bonuses for six.

## Tense diplomacy leads to break

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States pressured the anti-Taliban northern alliance into dropping demands that threatened to derail talks on Afghanistan's political future.

Tense diplomacy preceded the breakthrough. The United States had accused the fractious alliance of trv-

continue in Afghanistan even after the interim administration was set up, said Richard Haas, the U.S. coordinator for policy on Afghanistan.

ment of State, during a visit to India.

Khan.

half of the airport and were fighting for control of the terminal building.

foreign minister Hamid Karzai were

than conducting cave-to-cave searches for bin Laden.

Airstrikes have been heavy in the remote and rugged region. Stufflebeem denied reports that U.S. bombs had mistakenly pummeled villages and wrongly killed civilians and anti-Taliban fighters near Tora Bora.

"I don't have any reports of any villages being struck," Stufflebeem said. "The only reports I have are that all our weapons have been on target. I find that a little bit suspect, that villages are being flattened."

Journalists who visited the village of Kama Ado saw nine bomb craters. The debris of thatch houses was spread over two hillsides along with children's shoes, dead cows and sheep and the tail fin of a U.S. Mk83 bomb.

Local officials said scores were killed in three bombed villages. Anti-Taliban officials appealed to Americans to improve their targeting intelligence.

The other main focus of U.S. bombing is Kandahar and surrounding countryside, another possible bin Laden hiding place.

Stufflebeem said U.S. pilots had reported seeing portable surface-toair weapons fired at them from around the city. He said these might have been Stinger anti-aircraft missiles or Russian versions of them.

A contingent of more than 1,000 U.S. Marines at a base about 70 miles southwest of Kandahar has been conducting armed reconnaissance patrols, but has stayed out of the fight-

Stufflebeem said there are at least Ali said he had 1,500 men ready for four "pockets of resistance" around Abdul Malik, a spokesman for battle against al-Qaida fighters in the the northern city of Mazar-e-Sharif.

### Tech student joins newspaper staff



Skilar Boland. echnology and says that is a new experience,

Boland said she wants to improve her ability in writing. She is enrolled in an English composition class through Colby Community College, and she She is pursuing a degree in Communications says it is helping her out with writing obstacles she

City in June, taking a job as an advertising representative for *The Goodland Daily News* the next Kathryn's daughter. month.

He moved to Bird City about a year before he came to Goodland to be closer to family there. He has experience at three other newspapers and has been in sales for over 35 years.

Wagoner lived in Salida, Colo. for 22 years, where his two daughters, Jennifer, 21, and Kathryn, 23, grew up.

He said he is also the grandfather of a 19month-old treasure named Macy Kate,

bike, snow skiing, playing racquetball and watching the Broncos win.

"I've enjoyed meeting the community," he said. "Everyone has been very nice."

Wagoner said if you see him walking around town wearing his bright, white gatsby hat, say

new delegation to Kandahar to de- tifying targets for bombing rather mand the Taliban's capitulation. 'We don't want any more dead,

above all now that it's clear that the Taliban have lost," the Rome daily newspaper, La Repubblica, reported Karzai as saying. "Mullah Omar must understand, and this is the message we are sending him, he must surrender, he must recognize that the battle is over.'

Mullah Omar, believed to be holding out in Kandahar, has ordered troops to defend the city to the death and not retreat as they did when other cities were besieged by anti-Taliban forces

Reports from either side could not be verified as the Taliban have barred western journalists from the region. Karzai is being touted as a possible interim national leader in a proposed broad-based temporary administration for Afghanistan.

Three men who claim to be American citizens and who fought on the side of the Taliban are now being held by U.S. forces or allied opposition forces in northern Afghanistan, senior defense officials said.

special forces U.S. in Afghanistan's mountainous east were working with local people in the hunt for bin Laden and his top lieutenants.

The Pentagon believes they might be in the Tora Bora area in the White Mountains south of Jalalabad, hiding in vast fortified cave and tunnel networks used by Afghan guerrillas in the war against Soviet occupation in the 1980s.

Provincial security chief Hazrat

ing to block the accord and a U.S. official directly complained to its leader in Kabul, Burhanuddin Rabbani. American military attacks would

"I think what we are looking at is a period of coexistence. Military operations will continue with the interim authority," said Haass, the director of policy planning for the U.S. Depart-

After days of clashes, Pashtun tribal fighters loyal to former Kandahar governor Gul Agha battled their way into Kandahar airport from the south today despite fighting by pro-bin Laden Arab fighters, said one tribal commander, Mohammed Jalal

He said tribal warriors had captured

Other troops loyal to former deputy advancing on Kandahar from the north.

The Taliban claimed to have repelled an assault by Karzai's troops in heavy fighting that they said left dozens of anti-taliban fighters dead or wounded the Pakistan-based news service, Afghan Islamic Press, reported.

Wagoner

### Paper hires advertising representative

requesting grants of \$1,000 for utilities the city could apply again next year.

### Bill Wagoner moved to Goodland from Bird

# Wagoner said he loves riding his mountain

Boland

since she is one of few girls in the program.. May from Osborn High School — she was on the yearbook staff. She said she plans to bring the newspaper job her experience and best

The newest employee at The Goodland

Daily News is a Technical College student,

Boland said she knows this will be an excellent As a high school student — she graduated in experience for her and hopes the rest of the staff will think so also. Moving here from a small town, Boland said, she is excited to see all of the twists and turns that Goodland has to offer.

Karzai in Quetta, Pakistan denied there was any fighting, saying Karzai's troops had advanced peacefully to within 18 miles of the city. He said Karzai had dispatched a Staff, said U.S. personnel were iden- official said.

White Mountains. In Washington, Rear Adm. John

In Balkh province, about 2,000 Taliban and al-Qaida fighters are Stufflebeem, the deputy director of holed up and trying to work out a suroperations for the Joint Chiefs of render arrangement, a senior defense

#### State officials consider increasing tuition at Kansas universities to boost budgets

ies once praised for their "best buy" ose their standing.

University and state officials are funding for basic operations on cam- oversees the six state universities and bus. Plans on the table include raising 19 community colleges.

TOPEKA(AP)—Kansas universition next fall at the University of Kansas for all students by 16 percent long," Kansas Provost David of administration and finance, said the homa and Oklahoma State charge less ing. status by education analysts may soon to 24 percent, with freshmen seeing a 60 percent increase.

Any increase would require apconsidering increasing tuition to boost proval of the Board of Regents, which stantial increase."

Shulenburger said. "If we are going to maintain what we have and progress, we need to be looking at a fairly sub-

Kansas State also plans to increase tuition, though figures have not been increase would not be near the 60 percent figure.

Undergraduate tuition and fees for

than Kansas State among Big 12 schools.

Universities are being asked by the tions expected in April. one year is \$2,884 at Kansas and Regents to develop 5-year plans for

"We have been underfunded for so released. Tom Rawson, vice president \$2,835 at Kansas State. Only Okla- their campuses and the means for fund-

Those ideas will be presented in January, with tuition recommenda-



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