

Israeli tanks move deeper into two towns

By the Associated Press
INTERNATIONAL

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Israeli tanks moved deeper into two West Bank towns today, just ahead of the arrival of a U.S. mediator, and troops killed four Palestinian gunmen in intense street fighting. In the Gaza Strip, three Israelis were killed when an explosion went off near a tank.

In biblical Bethlehem, Palestinian militiamen shot dead two suspected informers for Israel. The attackers then tried to hang the body of one victim from a building on Manger Square, overlooking the Church of the Nativity, but were stopped by Palestinian policemen. The militiamen left the scene, firing their weapons into the air.

The violence came as U.S. envoy Anthony Zinni was due to arrive today for his third truce attempt in four months. As Zinni left for the Mideast, President Bush criticized Israel's push into the West Bank and Gaza, the biggest Israeli military operation in two decades. Bush said that while Israel has a right to defend itself, "the recent actions are not helpful."

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MILWAUKEE — She lost sleep, agonizing over the letter for days. In the end, "Dear Abby" columnist Jeanne Phillips decided she had to call police.

Phillips contacted authorities after receiving a letter from a man who had sought her advice on how to handle his fantasies about having sex with under-

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age girls.

Phillips, the daughter of the column's founder, Pauline Phillips, said she was torn over what to do, since the column's credibility is based on the anonymity of those seeking her advice.

"He talked about one little girl in particular and he mentioned her younger sister in passing," Phillips told The Associated Press early today in a telephone interview from Los Angeles. "There was no guarantee that if I tried to have him talk to a psychotherapist that he would actually do it," she said. "The only way I could be absolutely certain that the little girls would be safe was to try to have an intervention."

Her call to Milwaukee police led to the arrest Monday of Paul Weiser, 28. He was released on \$10,000 bond Wednesday after being charged with three counts of possessing child pornography. A judge ordered Weiser to avoid computers and contact with anyone under 18.

"He acknowledges he needs help and denies ever acting upon any desires," prosecutor Paul Tiffin said.

HOUSTON — The same jury that determined Andrea Yates was sane when she drowned her children in a family bathtub must now weigh whether she should join them in death. Jurors were to begin hearing testi-

mony in the sentencing phase of her trial this morning. They have two punishment options: life in prison or death by injection.

Yates, 37, was convicted Tuesday of two capital murder charges for the drowning deaths of three of her five children. Evidence surrounding the deaths of her other two children also figured into the case. Defense attorneys were expected to call Yates' family, friends and some additional medical experts during the punishment phase, expected to be much shorter than the 17 days of testimony in the first phase.

Legal experts say prosecutors may face an uphill battle in trying to prove Yates is a continuing threat to society.

If Yates receives life, she would have to serve at least 40 years before becoming eligible for parole.

If sentenced to die, she would become the eighth woman on Texas' death row.

PORTLAND, Ore. — Two 13-year-old girls missing from the same apartment complex were abducted by the same person, likely someone who knew both teens, investigators say.

Ashley Pond and Miranda Gaddis both disappeared early in the morning, a time when the apartments are usually busy. "The disappearances are related,"

FBI spokeswoman Beth Anne Steele said Wednesday. "The thing that would relate them is that one person is involved."

Oregon City Police Chief Gordon Huiras said investigators have not ruled out the possibility that the two girls were abducted by a stranger, but have no evidence or witnesses indicating they were forced into a vehicle by someone they didn't know.

Gaddis disappeared last Friday, almost exactly two months after Pond vanished Jan. 9.

The FBI said Wednesday it is sorting through dozens of tips as agents search for the girls.

"We don't have any direct sightings of Ashley or Miranda, (but) all kinds of tips and leads," Steele said. She declined to divulge specifics.

WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats plan to use a vote in the Judiciary Committee to give President Bush his first defeat in his efforts to place conservative judges on federal appeals courts.

On the eve of today's vote, Bush accused the Democrats of "standing in the way of justice" in not allowing the full Senate to vote on his nomination of Mississippi jurist Charles Pickering.

Republicans twice postponed the proceedings to try to sway a Democrat to vote for him.

During the two-week delay, the White House and Senate Republicans furiously lobbied Democrats.

The delay appears to have done nothing for Pickering, a federal district judge up for a seat on the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans. Committee Democrats said Wednesday they were still lined up against him.

A party-line vote in the Democrat-controlled Judiciary Committee would doom the nomination, and without the committee's approval, Senate Majority Leader Thomas Daschle, D-S.D., said he would not allow the nomination to reach the Senate floor for a vote.

President Bush wants all 100 senators to vote on Pickering.

His supporters say they would prevail on the floor even though Democrats hold a 50-49 majority, with a Democrat-supporting independent.

WASHINGTON — The role of Enron's lawyers in the company's collapse is being examined by congressional investigators while Enron's former auditors face a possible indictment for destroying documents if negotiators fail to reach a settlement with the Justice Department.

Representatives of the accounting firm Arthur Andersen LLP, which has admitted massive shredding of Enron-related documents by its employees, have been negotiating with federal prosecutors over the past week to 10 days, according to people familiar with the talks. They spoke on condition of anonymity.

The New York Times reported in its online edition Wednesday that senior Andersen executives are refusing to

plead guilty.

The newspaper said the company told the Justice Department in a letter that the planned charges are "a gross abuse of governmental power."

The investigative panel of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which has been probing the Enron catastrophe and Andersen's role, now is calling Enron's lawyers to account for their actions.

"The collapse of Enron did not occur in a vacuum," Rep. Jim Greenwood, R-Pa., the subcommittee's chairman, said Wednesday in a telephone interview.

WASHINGTON — The Senate has rejected a plan that would have required the auto industry to spend millions to produce cars, trucks and sport utility vehicles that run 50 percent farther on a gallon of gas.

The industry and its unions lobbied hard against requiring a 36-mile-per-gallon average by 2015.

Supporters of the higher standard said it would have saved millions of barrels of oil and could have been reached through current and emerging technologies.

Instead, the Senate told the Transportation Department with a 62-38 vote Wednesday to develop new fuel economy rules over the next two years but did not require specific mileage increases.

Separately, senators voted 56-44 to exempt pickup trucks from future mileage increases.

Center angered by state's unprofessionalism

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impact on a facility," he said.

The center wasn't the first to hear the news when the ban was put in place.

Five days after the ban was issued, Wheat Ridge staff still hadn't heard because the notice from the state was apparently sent to the wrong zip code.

The owner of Wheat Ridge and administrators there are angry about how the inspection and ban notification were handled.

Owner David Beardsley, who lives in Tennessee, said in a letter that Wheat Ridge staff had to hear about the ban from a newspaper reporter.

"We did not find out about this ban until the newspaper called us on Feb. 27 to tell us they had received a press release that the Kansas Department of Health had placed a ban on admissions at our facility," he wrote.

"In other words, we were considered guilty before we even had a chance to respond to the allegations."

Beardsley said he owns assisted living centers across Colorado and has been in the business for 30 years. In that time, he wrote, he has never encountered such an unfair inspection.

"I... have never had an assisted living facility subjected to such arbitrary, capricious, twisted and outright dishonest statements by a surveyor as occurred during this survey," Beardsley said. The ban has stopped Wheat Ridge from admitting six new residents, he said, and is costing the

facility and the new residents.

Donna Swager, Wheat Ridge manager, said in a letter to Sen. Stan Clark and Rep. Jim Morrison that the ban is unfair. She said one woman is having to pay \$125 a day to stay at the hospital and another woman is living with her son, who is also elderly and can't properly care for her.

Swager wrote that another new resident has to be out of her apartment on Friday, and doesn't know where she will go if she can't move into Wheat

Ridge.

"I do not believe people sitting behind a desk in Topeka can understand the severity of the problem that they are causing out here in Goodland," she wrote. "They have continued to keep us shut down even though our dispute resolution received by them on Monday, March 4, proved unequivocally that the deficiencies were in error and we have corrected all of these areas cited in our survey."

"It now seems to be more personal

than professional," she wrote.

Beardsley said the state found 12 deficiencies during the inspection, but only two were serious enough to warrant the ban. He said the center is disputing seven of the 12 mistakes.

He said staff are discussing the deficiencies with the families of the three residents referred to in the inspection. He said a list of the mistakes and the Wheat Ridge response are available at the center.

Bush dealt with questions on nuclear strategy

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viously got something to hide.

"And he is a problem, and we're going to deal with him."

In his fifth news conference, Bush dealt with a range of questions on nuclear strategy, Mideast violence, U.S. casualties in Afghanistan and other topics. He also laced the 45-minute session with humor, mostly at the expense of reporters. He mixed in jokes about their "trick questions," banter on their nicknames and even a little Spanish.

Bush said he is leaving "all options on the table" as the Pentagon reworks its nuclear weapons policy to deter any attack on the United States, including from non-nuclear states such as Iraq, Iran, Libya and Syria.

"We want to make it very clear to nations that you will not threaten the United States or use weapons of mass destruction against us or our allies or friends," Bush said.

With envoy Anthony Zinni headed to the Middle East to try to cool deadly violence there, Bush said Israel's recent escalating military operations

were "not helpful."

Bush also said he was "plenty hot" over news that his administration recently issued visas to two of the suicide hijackers who slammed a commercial airliner into the World Trade Center. "I could barely get my coffee down when I opened up my local newspaper," he said.

Bush said he was confident in his pick to head the Immigration and Naturalization Service, James Ziglar. "He's held accountable. His responsibility is to reform the INS; let's give him time to do so," Bush said.

He firmly rejected congressional investigators' requests for documents relating to his energy task force last year.

"I have an obligation to make sure the presidency remains robust and that the legislative branch doesn't end up

running the executive branch," Bush said.

He refused to acknowledge Zimbabwe's election, calling the victory of incumbent Robert Mugabe the result of a "flawed election."

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Plaintiff,
VS.
LOWELL W. LAMBRECHT;
LANCEA. LAMBRECHT; CHERYL A. RICHARDSON and LARRY L. RICHARDSON, wife and husband; and RODENA I. ROHR, Defendants.

CASE NO. 01-C-08
NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Wallace County, Kansas, in a certain action pending in said court numbered 01-C-08, wherein the parties above named were respective plaintiff and defendants, and to me the undersigned Sheriff of said county directed, I will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand at the front door of the courthouse in the City of Sharon Springs in said county, on the 2nd day of April, 2002 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, the following described real estate situated in the county of Wallace, State of Kansas:

TRACT 1:
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Twelve (12) in Township Eleven (11) South, Range Forty-two (42) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian in Wallace County, Kansas.

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TRACT IV:
Combination of Tract I and Tract III. The highest sales price being accepted.

Said sale to be without right of redemption. No bid will be received for less than two thirds (2/3) of the appraised value thereof as fixed by the commissioners in partition plus costs.

Larry Townsend
Sheriff of Wallace County,
Kansas
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERMAN COUNTY, KANSAS FILED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 59 OF THE KANSAS STATUTES ANNOTATED

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CLARA A. FRANKLIN.

Deceased.

Case No. 02P10

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on the 26th day of February, 2002, a Petition was filed in this Court by Marvin Franklin, as executor named in the Last Will and Testament of Clara A. Franklin, deceased, dated the 29th day of November, 1988, praying that the Will filed with the Petition be admitted to probate and record, that Marvin Franklin be appointed as executor without bond and that he be granted Letters Testamentary.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of first publication of this Notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Marvin Franklin
Petitioner

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