

Israel allows Arafat to travel

around the world

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INTERNATIONAL

BETHLEHEM, West Bank — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat toured the West Bank for the first time in six months today, testing the recent lifting of Israel's travel ban, while Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's Likud Party overwhelmingly affirmed its opposition to Palestinian statehood in a tumultuous convention.

The vote, taken early today, was a major political defeat for Likud leader Sharon, who had asked the party to avoid a decision that could tie his hands in future negotiations with the Palestinians.

Arafat responded angrily to the vote. "This is the destruction of the Oslo accords, which they have signed," Arafat said, referring to the interim peace agreements he reached with Israel in the mid-1990s.

This morning, Arafat left the West Bank town of Ramallah aboard a Jordanian air force helicopter.

Sharon has said Palestinian statehood was inevitable, but has proposed stringent restrictions on such an entity.

However, the prime minister's position was rejected by his party which approved a resolution presented by Sharon's main rival, former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, to rule out the creation of a Palestinian state.

ALMATY, Kazakhstan — Rescuers pulled three bodies from a mass of mangled beams at Russia's main space launch site and searched for five other workers feared dead today after the towering hangar roof they were standing on collapsed.

Emergency officials held out little hope that anyone had survived the accident yesterday at the Baikonur cosmodrome in the former Soviet republic of Kazakhstan. An eight-man construction brigade was on the roof of the 260-foot-tall hangar when it caved in.

Seven of the workers were from Kazakhstan, another was from Belarus, but Russia — which oversees the site — would not allow Kazakh rescuers to approach the building.

A Russian rescue brigade of 64 people arrived during the night and retrieved three bodies before dawn today, said Irina Andrianova, spokes-

woman for the Russian Emergency Situations Ministry.

The hangar, used for assembling Buran and Energia rockets, was still cordoned off today.

Space officials ruled out terrorism or poor maintenance as causes of the accident, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported. A government commission was appointed to investigate.

NATIONAL

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — One of the nation's largest pieces of unfinished business from the civil rights era will play itself out as the final suspect in a 1963 church bombing that killed four black girls goes on trial.

Opening statements were expected to begin today in the trial of former Ku Klux Klansman Bobby Frank Cherry.

Cherry, 72, is accused of helping plant dynamite outside the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, a rallying site for demonstrators seeking an end to segregation.

The resulting explosion killed three 14-year-olds and an 11-year-old as they prepared for a Sunday morning service on Sept. 15, 1963. It was the deadliest act of violence during the civil rights era.

Cherry could get life in prison if convicted.

Cherry was indicted along with Thomas Blanton Jr. on murder charges in 2000.

Blanton was convicted of murder and is serving a life term. Another Klansman, Robert Chambliss, was convicted of murder in the bombing in 1977 and died in prison. A fourth suspect died without being charged.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — A college student allegedly shot and killed his parents and sister after a dispute over credit card debt he had run up, authorities said.

Peter Bullington, 24, was charged Sunday with three counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of his father Nigel, 50; mother, Gerardinia, 49; and sister, Amanda, 22.

All three were shot to death Saturday in the family's home in Apison, an affluent community about 20 miles east

of Chattanooga.

Sheriff John Cupp said Peter Bullington told investigators "there was a family discussion about his spending on the family's credit cards."

He went upstairs and got his father's gun, came back downstairs and shot them in the kitchen area."

Cupp said Peter Bullington, a psychology student at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, had "maxed out" credit cards, spending more than \$5,000.

He said the family was having financial problems.

All three victims had been shot multiple times.

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST, Calif. — Firefighters started to gain the upper-hand Sunday against a 4,000-acre wildfire fueled by stiff winds and dry, hot conditions, fire officials said.

The fire raging in a forest north of Los Angeles was 60 percent contained and no homes were threatened, said Gary Wise, supervising fire dispatcher for the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

The fast-moving fire erupted about 10:30 a.m. Saturday and spread to both sides of Bouquet Canyon, feeding on dry brush in the hilly terrain north of Santa Clarita.

About 150 people were voluntarily evacuated Saturday from 110 small recreation cabins when flames drew dangerously near. By Sunday, most people had returned to the area.

MIAMI — Singer Dionne Warwick was arrested Sunday when baggage screeners at Miami International Airport said they found 11 suspected marijuana cigarettes inside her lipstick container.

Warwick, 61, of Miami Beach, was charged with possession of less than 5 grams of marijuana.

She signed an affidavit promising to appear in court and was released.

Warwick was scheduled to fly to Los Angeles when screeners at Concourse D noticed a suspicious item in her carry-on bag at about 7:30 a.m. She missed the flight.



Cubs get year-end awards

Tiger Cub Jordan McCombs (above) looked at his scouting manual with his father, Quigg McCombs, at the annual Gold and Blue banquet last week. Scouts received awards at the banquet, the highlight of the Cub Scout year, and displayed projects they made (right). Brad Vinar (left) and Jason Cowan showed frames they made as Wolf Scouts.

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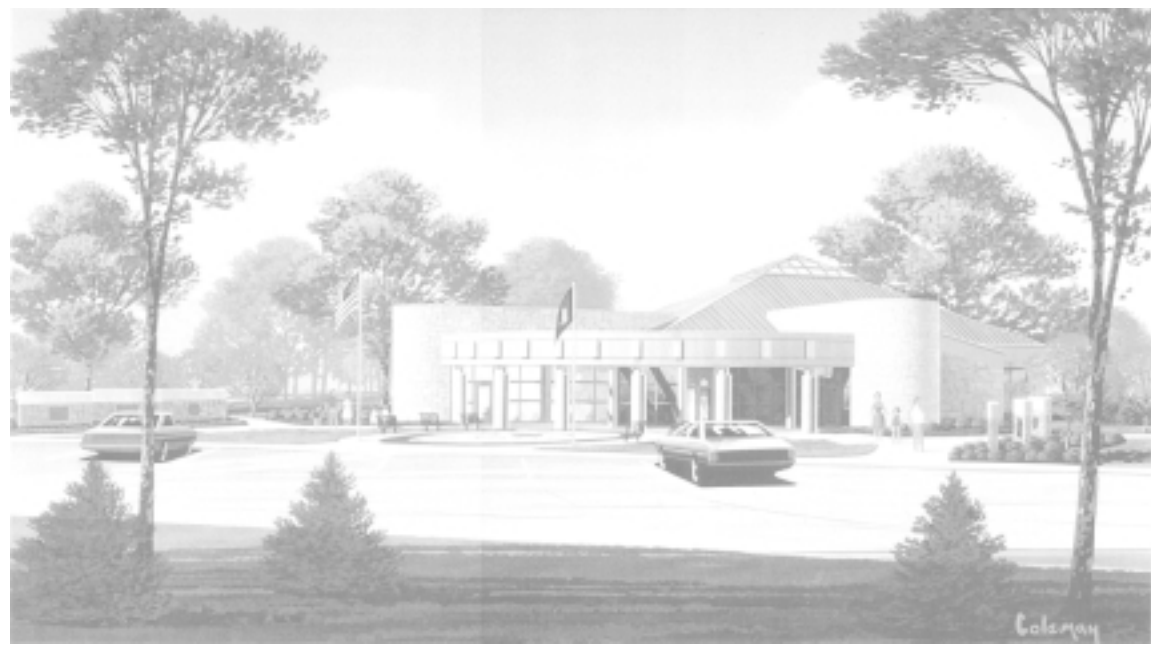
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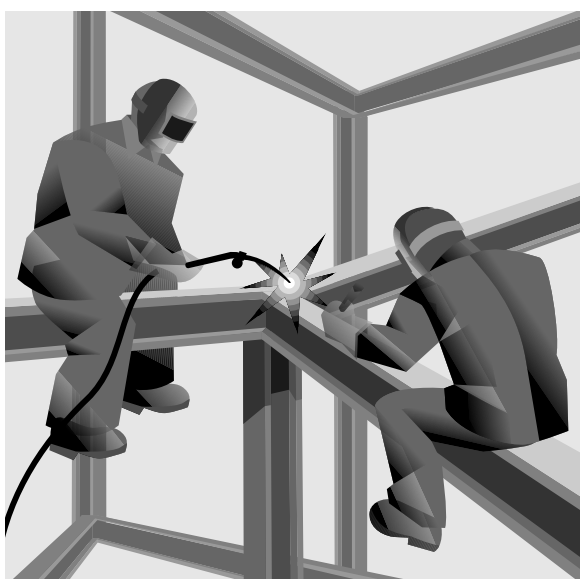
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