

Israeli court allows demolishing homes

By the Associated Press
INTERNATIONAL

JERUSALEM — Israel's Supreme Court today upheld the practice of demolishing homes of Palestinian terror suspects without warning, and Israeli troops killed a West Bank militiaman suspected of sending two suicide bombers to Tel Aviv.

Despite the ongoing violence, Israeli Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer met with the Palestinian interior minister, Abdel Razak Yehiyeh, late Monday to discuss cease-fire plans.

Israel's Supreme Court rejected today a petition by Palestinian relatives of terror suspects whose homes are slated for demolition by the Israeli military.

Earlier this week, Israeli troops demolished nine homes of terror suspects, reviving a controversial practice.

The Israeli government said it is engaged in a war against terrorism, and that house demolitions are an important deterrent.

Also today, two Palestinian militiamen were killed in a village near the West Bank town of Jenin in what witnesses said was a three-hour attack by Israeli tanks, jeeps and helicopters. The army had no immediate comment. One of the militiamen was identified as Ali Ajouri, 23, accused by Israel of having dispatched two suicide bombers who blew themselves up in Tel Aviv on July 17.

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay — Uruguayan officials held out praise for U.S. Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill, ready to thank him profusely and in person today for a huge loan that put their troubled banks off of an unwelcome vacation and back to work.

With the banks still shaken by a massive run on deposits, Uruguayan Foreign Minister Didier Operti told The Associated Press the Bush administration's \$1.5 billion emergency assistance was a helping hand at a critical time.

"We are going to express our gratitude and recognition," Operti told the AP in an interview ahead of O'Neill's scheduled visit.

Uruguay's government shut state and private banks alike on June 30.

O'Neill, who is on a four-day South American tour, was to fly to Uruguay from Brazil. He was to meet with President Jorge Batlle, Economy Minister Alejandro Aychagary, Operti and others before flying to Argentina for the final leg of his trip.

Speaking in Brazil, O'Neill said Monday's loan was in recognition of the strong economic program Uruguay was implementing.

It is to be repaid within days — with interest — once Uruguay receives a new loan package from the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank

public notice

RESOLUTION NO. 1216

A RESOLUTION AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 17-505 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GOODLAND.

BE IT NOW RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF GOODLAND AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, Section 17-505 of the Code of the City of Goodland authorizes the Governing Body of the City to find that a water supply emergency exists by reason of a shortage of water supply needed for essential uses; and

WHEREAS, the City is empowered to impose mandatory restrictions on water use during the period of such emergency.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the City by and through Section 17-505 of the Code of the City of Goodland, hereby declares a water emergency. This water emergency shall continue until it is declared by resolution by the Governing Body of the City that such water emergency shall end.

Water emergency mandatory conservation provisions as provided Section 17-507 of the Code of the City of Goodland, Kansas are as follows:

1. Watering of lawns is allowed only between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.;

2. Odd street addresses ending in 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 may water on Mondays and Thursdays during

around the world

and the Inter-American Development Bank.

NATIONAL

PHILADELPHIA — A woman whose ex-boyfriend wanted to stop her from having an abortion will be allowed to end her pregnancy now that a judge has ruled in her favor in a case that has outraged abortion rights activists.

Common Pleas Judge Michael Conahan on Monday dissolved the temporary injunction issued against 23-year-old Tanya Meyers by another judge a week ago.

He also dismissed a lawsuit filed by the ex-boyfriend, John Stachokus, who said he would take full or partial custody of the child.

A woman's right to have an abortion "is not subject to being vetoed by a woman's husband or partner," said Conahan, who is based in eastern Pennsylvania's Luzerne County.

"Neither an ex-boyfriend nor a fetus has standing to interfere with a woman's choice to terminate her pregnancy."

One of Meyers' lawyers, Susan Fritchey of the Women's Law Project, welcomed the decision.

"Her right to privacy has been restored and she is free to go on with her life," Fritchey said. "It's a great relief for her."

The case gained the support of abortion opponents and fathers' rights groups.

OFF CAPE HATTERAS, N.C. — It's rusty, covered with coral and pocked with dents. But to the divers and scientists who pulled it from the ocean floor, it's irresistible.

"She's beautiful," Navy dive chief Cmdr. Bobbie Scholley said Monday after the gun turret from the Civil War warship USS Monitor broke through the waves for the first time since it sank during a storm nearly 140 years ago.

As the crews cheered, the 120-ton turret was pulled out of the watery depths by a gigantic crane on a 300-foot barge.

A Civil War-era American flag fluttered from the salvage apparatus and silt-colored water poured out of the turret before the wreckage was swung aboard the barge.

The turret is the biggest piece recovered during a multiyear salvage operation run by the Navy and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which controls the underwater sanctuary 16 miles off of Cape Hatteras.

The turret will be taken to a museum in Newport News, Va., to be preserved and displayed along with hundreds of other Monitor artifacts.

The entire vessel is too fragile to be raised.

authorized times for a period not to exceed three (3) hours total per yard per day;

3. Even street addresses ending in 0, 2, 4, 6 and 8 may water on Tuesdays and Fridays during authorized times for a period not to exceed three (3) hours total per yard per day;

4. Flowers, flower beds, trees, shrubs, vegetable gardens may be watered any day but only during authorized times of the day;

5. Automobile washing may be done only at established car wash businesses;

6. Wasting of water is prohibited;

7. Bulk water station shall be closed.

Penalties for violations of any of the provisions contained herein shall be as specified in the Code of the City of Goodland, Kansas, Section 17-510.

This resolution shall be effective upon its publication in the official City's newspaper.

Passed by the Governing

Body of the City of Goodland, Kan-

sas, this 5th day of August, 2002.

Tom Rohr Chairman
of the City of Commission of the City
Goodland, Kansas

ATTEST:

Mary P. Volk, City Clerk

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IDENTITY THEFT

is one of the fastest-growing types of financial fraud. Without stealing your wallet, a crook can steal your financial identity with as little information as your social security number. It is also called "account-takeover fraud" or "true-name fraud," and it involves crooks' assuming your identity by applying for credit, running up huge bills and stiffing creditors - all in your name.

Take these steps to protect yourself:

1. Get a copy of your credit report from each of the three major credit bureaus every year. It lists all of the lines of credit in your name. Check to be sure that everything is accurate, that all of the accounts are yours and that accounts you have requested to be closed are marked closed. Bureau reports cost around \$8 each. But, if you've been turned down for credit, you are eligible for a free report.

To order credit bureau reports, call:

• Trans Union Credit Services 800-888-4213 www.transunion.com

• Equifax Credit Services 800-685-1111 www.equifax.com

• Experian Credit Services 888-397-3742 www.experian.com

2. Keep an eye on your accounts throughout the year by reading your monthly/periodic statements thoroughly. That's an easy way for you to be sure that all of the activity in your accounts was initiated by you.

3. Tear up or shred pre-approved credit offers, receipts and other personal information that link your name to account numbers. Don't leave your ATM or credit card receipt in public trash cans. Crooks (a.k.a. dumpster divers) are known to go through trash to get account numbers and other items that will give them just enough information to get credit in your name.

4. If your credit card or other bills are more than two weeks late, you should do three things: First, contact the Postal Service to see if someone has forwarded your mail to another address. Second, contact your bank to ask if the statement or card has been mailed. Third, contact the businesses that send you bills.

5. Protect your account information. Don't write your personal identification number (PIN) on your ATM or debit card. Don't write your social security number or credit card account number on a check. Cover your hand when you are entering your PIN number at an ATM.

6. Don't carry your Social Security card, passport or birth certificate unless you need it that day. Take all but one or two credit cards out of your wallet, and keep a list at home of your account information and customer service telephone numbers. That way, if your wallet is lost or stolen, you'll only have to notify a few of your creditors and the information will be handy.

7. Never provide personal or credit card information over the phone, unless you initiated the call. Crooks are known to call with news that you've won a prize and all they need is your credit card number for verification. Don't fall for it. Remember the old saying, "if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is."

More Consumer Tips to Avoid Becoming a Victim of Identity Theft

Manage Your Mailbox

• Do not leave bill payment envelopes clipped to your mailbox or inside with the flag up; criminals may steal your mail and change your address.

• Know your billing cycles, and watch for any missing mail. Follow up with creditors if bills or new cards do not arrive on time. An identity thief may have filed a change of address request in your name with the creditor or the post office.

• Carefully review your monthly accounts, credit card statements and utility bills (including cellular telephone bills) for unauthorized charges as soon as you receive them. If you suspect unauthorized use, contact the provider's customer service and fraud departments immediately.

• When you order new checks, ask when you can expect delivery. If your mailbox is not secure, then ask to pick up the checks instead of having them delivered to your home.

• Although many consumers appreciate the convenience and customer service of general direct mail, some prefer not to receive offers of pre-approved financing or credit. To "opt out" of receiving such offers, call (888) 5 OPT OUT sponsored by the credit bureaus.

• The Direct Marketing Association offers services to help reduce the number of mail and telephone solicitations. To join their mail preference service, mail your name, home address and signature to: Mail Preference Service, Direct Marketing Association, P. O. Box 9008, Farmingdale, NY 11735-9008.

Check Your Purse or Wallet

• Never leave your purse or wallet unattended - even for a minute.

• If your state uses your Social Security number as your driver's license number, ask to substitute another number.

Keep Your Personal Numbers Safe and Secure

• When creating passwords and PINs (personal identification numbers) do not use any part of your Social Security number, birth date, middle name, wife's name, child's name, pet's name, mother's maiden name, address, consecutive numbers, or anything that a thief could easily deduce or discover.

• Ask businesses to substitute a secret alpha-numeric code as a password instead of your mother's maiden name.

• Memorize your passwords and PINs; never keep them in your wallet, purse, Rolodex or electronic organizer.



• Get your Social Security number out of circulation and release it only when necessary — for example, on tax forms and employment records, or for banking, stock and property transactions.

• Do not have your Social Security number printed on your checks, and do not allow merchants to write your Social Security number on your checks. If a business requests your Social Security number, ask to use an alternate number.

Bank, Shop and Spend Wisely

• Store personal information in a safe place and shred or tear up documents you don't need. Destroy charge receipts, copies of credit applications, insurance forms, bank checks and statements, expired charge cards and credit offers you get in the mail before you put them out in the trash.

• Cancel your unused credit cards so that their account numbers will not appear on your credit report.

• When you fill out a loan or credit application, be sure that the business either shreds these applications or stores them in locked files.

• When possible, watch your credit card as the merchant completes the transaction.

• Use credit cards that have your photo and signature on the front.

• Sign your credit cards immediately upon receipt.

• Carefully consider what information you want placed in the residence telephone book and ask yourself what it reveals about you.

• Keep track of credit card, debit card and ATM receipts. Never throw them in a public trash container. Tear them up or shred them at home when you no longer need them.

• Ask businesses what their privacy policies are and how they will use your information: Can you choose to keep it confidential? Do they restrict access to data?

• Choose to do business with companies you know are reputable, particularly online.

• When conducting business online, use a secure browser that encrypts or scrambles purchase information and make sure your browser's padlock or key icon is active. Avoid sending personal information by chat room or e-mail.

• Don't open e-mail from unknown sources. Use virus detection software.

Review Your Information

• Check your Social Security Earnings and Benefits statement once each year to make sure that no one else is using your Social Security number for employment.

Take action if you are a victim:

1. Financial fraud is a crime; call your local police department.

File a police report with your local police department. Obtain a police report number with the date, time, police department, location and police officer taking the report. The police report may initiate an investigation into the loss with the goal of identifying, arresting and prosecuting the offender and possibly recovering your lost items. The police report will be helpful when clarifying to creditors that you are a victim of identity theft.

2. Contact the fraud units of all three credit bureaus. Ask them to "flag" your account, which tells creditors that you are a victim of identity fraud. Also, add a victim's statement to each of your credit bureau reports that asks creditors to contact you in person to verify all applications made in your name. Call the fraud units of the credit bureaus at:

• Trans Union Fraud Assistance Department - 800-680-7289

• Equifax Fraud Assistance Department - 800-525-6285

• Experian Fraud Assistance Department - 888-397-3742

3. Call the Federal Trade Commission's ID Theft hotline at 1 (877) IDTHEFT. The hotline is staffed by counselors trained to help ID theft victims. Check out their Web site at www.consumer.gov/idtheft.

4. Notify your banks. They can help you obtain new account numbers for all of your checking, savings and other accounts. Be sure to pick a new PIN number for your ATM and debit cards. Close all of your credit card accounts and open with new account numbers.

Contact your bank(s) & credit card issuers immediately so that the following can be done: access to your accounts can be protected; stop payments on missing checks; personal identification numbers (PINs) and online banking passwords changed; and a new account opened, if appropriate. Be sure to indicate to the bank or card issuer all of the accounts and/or cards potentially impacted including ATM cards, check (debit) cards and credit cards. Customer service or fraud prevention telephone numbers can generally be found on your monthly statements. Contact the major check verification companies to request they notify retailers using their databases not to accept these stolen checks, or ask your bank to notify the check verification service with which it does business. Three of the check verification companies that accept reports of check fraud directly from consumers are: Telecheck (800) 710-9898, International Check Services (800) 631-9656 and Equifax (800) 437-5120.

5. Notify the Postal Inspector if you suspect mail theft - a felony.

6. Depending on your situation, you may want to contact the Social Security Administration to get a new Social Security number. Their telephone number is 800-772-1213. You also may want to contact your telephone, long distance, water, gas and electrical companies to alert them that someone may try to open an account in your name. The Social Security has a Fraud Line phone number (800) 269-0271.

7. Finally, make sure to maintain a log of all the contacts you make with authorities regarding the matter. Write down each person's name, title, and phone number in case you need to re-contact them or refer to them in future correspondence.

Maintain a written chronology of what happened, what was lost and the steps you took to report the incident to the various agencies, banks and firms impacted. Be sure to record the date, time, contact telephone numbers, person you talked to and any relevant report or reference number and instructions.