

# Israelis intensify West Bank military operation

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**INTERNATIONAL**  
HEBRON, West Bank — Israeli soldiers stormed Palestinian headquarters in Hebron early today, killing three policemen, security officials said. As the West Bank operation intensified, Israel's prime minister promised a "massive" campaign against the Islamic group Hamas in the Gaza Strip. The latest violence came as Israeli and Palestinian leaders expressed widely divergent views on a Mideast policy speech delivered Monday by President Bush. He called for a new Palestinian leadership and an end to terrorism, holding out the prospect of a provisional Palestinian state. In Ramallah, Israeli tanks kept a tight cordon around Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's headquarters. Reacting to Bush's speech, Arafat issued a statement calling it a "serious effort to push the peace process forward." But Palestinian Cabinet Minister Saeb Erekat said Bush's call for a new leadership was "not acceptable." Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's spokesman, Raanan Gissin, welcomed Bush's call for a new Palestinian leadership "not compromised by terror."

LONDON — Radioactive materials that a terrorist would need to build a "dirty bomb" are available around the world, and more than 100 countries may have inadequate programs to prevent or even detect thefts, a U.N. agency said Tuesday. Governments, including the United States, must take urgent steps to raise security to prevent theft and to recover supplies that are missing, the International Atomic Energy Agency said. "What is needed is cradle-to-grave control of powerful radioactive

## around the world

sources to protect them against terrorism or theft," said Mohamed ElBaradei, the head of the IAEA. Since the Sept. 11 terror attacks, the organization has stepped up efforts to prevent terrorists from obtaining weapons-grade nuclear materials or radioactive sources for a "dirty bomb." The IAEA did not list the more than 100 countries that may have inadequate security programs. But it did identify one widely known problem area — former Soviet states that have become a traffickers' marketplace for radioactive materials. **NATIONAL** PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Mayor Vincent "Buddy" Cianci Jr. takes credit for the revitalization of his hometown. Now a federal jury has decided he was also responsible for corruption taking place on his watch.

Cianci was convicted Monday of a racketeering conspiracy charge accusing him of masterminding a criminal scheme that took bribes for favors, including tax breaks, jobs and sweetheart deals on city-owned land. But the jury of eight men and four women acquitted him on 11 other counts, determining that prosecutors never proved the mayor personally took bribes or extorted money. He continued to maintain his innocence and vowed to appeal. The mayor, who has served off and on for nearly three decades, also said he planned to seek re-election this fall. The mayor's co-defendants — longtime right-hand man Frank Corrente and tow-truck operator Richard Autiello — were convicted with him

of racketeering conspiracy and other charges. State Attorney General Sheldon Whitehouse said Cianci, who is free on \$50,000 bond, can remain in office until he is sentenced. **WASHINGTON** WASHINGTON — The United States needs to establish an in-depth counterterrorism program to protect essential services, from energy delivery to information systems to emergency medicine, according to an analysis by a scientific panel. The National Academy of Sciences report, released Monday, provides a blueprint for using science and technology to prevent or reduce the damage from terrorist attacks, said Lewis M. Branscomb of Harvard University, co-chairman of the committee that prepared the study. Much of Congress was turning its attention to homeland security today, with the first of a dozen House and Senate hearings on President Bush's proposal to create a new Cabinet agency. The president's homeland security adviser, Tom Ridge, was to appear before a House panel examining the department's proposed capabilities to respond to chemical, biological and radiological attacks. House Science Committee Chairman Sherwood Boehlert, R-N.Y., welcomed the Academy study. He said it is essential to focus research and development and coordinate it within the new Department of Homeland Security. **WASHINGTON** — Republicans

are prepared to fight a plan by Senate Democrats to cut \$800 million from President Bush's proposal to develop a national missile defense system. The battle could come as early as today as the Senate continues debating a measure that would authorize — but not finance — \$393 billion in military programs for next year. Bush has threatened to veto the bill if the missile funds are not restored. Separate legislation actually providing the money will come later. The House Appropriations Committee approved its version of that measure on Monday, including a provision killing the \$11 billion Crusader artillery program that Bush has sought to terminate. Bush has asked Congress for more than \$7.5 billion for next year for a missile defense system. Construction is under way in Alaska on a simple version of the system that the administration hopes to complete by fall 2004. Critics say the proposal is too expensive, will take too long to develop and relies too heavily on unproven technology. Supporters say the system could offer protection against terrorists and rogue states like North Korea. The bill the Democratic-controlled Senate was debating would cut Bush's request by more than \$800 million. **WASHINGTON** — U.S. inspectors will screen U.S.-bound cargo containers before they leave Rotterdam's seaport, part of an effort to prevent terrorists from smuggling nuclear and other weapons into this country, the Customs Service said today. The agreement with the Netherlands government allows U.S. customs inspectors to be stationed for the first time at that port, one of the busiest in

the world. It marks the third agreement of its kind and the first in Europe that customs has entered into with the hope of improving cargo security at the world's seaports. The agreement will "provide a significant measure of security for the Netherlands, the United States and the global trading system as a whole," said Customs Commissioner Robert Bonner. Bonner has negotiated similar deals with Canada and Singapore and is working on others. President Bush went Monday to New York Harbor where he called attention to the need to prevent dangerous cargo from slipping through the nation's ports. He said his proposed Cabinet-level Department of Homeland Security would unite several federal agencies now responsible for that.

**WASHINGTON** — As Congress and the Bush administration look for money to keep Amtrak running, Trans-

portation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta is moving ahead on efforts to overhaul the nation's passenger rail system. Mineta was meeting today with representatives of transportation unions to discuss the administration's Amtrak proposals. Mineta last week proposed ending federal operating subsidies, allowing competition for passenger rail, making states more responsible for paying for train service, and replacing Amtrak as owner of the Boston to Washington Northeast Corridor. At the same time, the transportation secretary expressed confidence Monday that Amtrak would not shut down for lack of operating funds. "I am confident that we will be able to avoid a shutdown of services," Mineta said, breaking away from an emergency meeting of Amtrak's board of directors. Amtrak President David Gunn and board Chairman John Robert Smith said Mineta's pledge would delay Wednesday's threatened shutdown, the first in the railroad's history.

# Grocery won't pursue Alco site but still looking

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The building is structurally sound, he said, but the committee would have to spend \$244,000 on renovations to accommodate a grocery. That would include, West said, plumbing and wiring work, building a storage area, renovating the front and back entrances and

putting in a side door. West said committee members are keeping their eyes and ears open for a cheaper way to bring a grocery to downtown Goodland. They've considered knocking down a few old buildings and putting up a big new one, he said, or moving into a smaller location, but they haven't come up with a feasible solution.

West said times are hard for farmers and business owners, as the farm economy is suffering, and the committee wants to make sure it spends investors' money wisely. He said the committee has so far received \$420,000 in signed pledges. "I'd like to have it finished tomorrow," he said, "but it's a big project and it's going to take time."

John Garcia, owner of Garcia's Home Furnishings and a committee member, said there is a demand for a grocery downtown and many people have said they support the co-operative idea. "We won't give up hope," he said.

# Report recommends treatment over jail

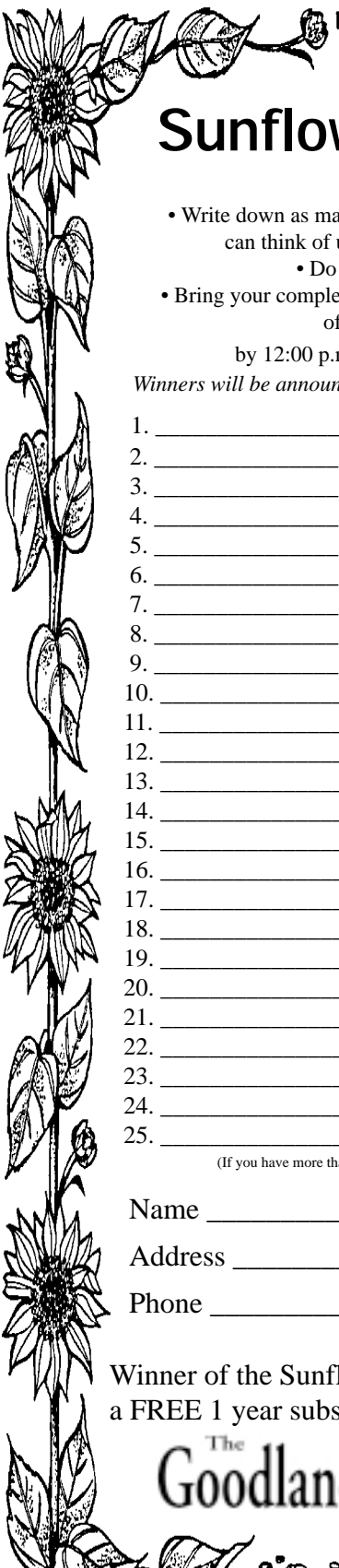
LAWRENCE (AP) — The Kansas Sentencing Commission is recommending that the state develop a comprehensive drug policy focusing on treating nonviolent offenders rather than punishing them. The commission is drafting a proposal on drug sentencing laws to present to legislators next year, Executive Director Barbara Tombs said. It

already has sent a preliminary report to lawmakers. That report says a conflict between the medical and criminal justice view of drug addiction has led to a constant recycling of drug offenders through the Kansas court and prison system. The report also said a change for possession of small amounts by non-

violent drug offenders would free up space for between 400 and 800 inmates in the state's prison system. "Instead of incarcerating nonviolent drug offenders, we're looking at making treatment mandatory," Tombs told The Lawrence Journal-World. The preliminary report already has sparked a debate.

# Beef checkoff ruling could affect Kansas advertising effort

HAYS (AP) — A federal judge's order halting collections for the national beef checkoff program would affect nearly \$8 million in Kansas. In a 21-page ruling issued Friday in South Dakota, U.S. District Court Judge Charles B. Kornmann said the checkoff program violates the constitutional rights of cattle producers by infringing on the First Amendment. The program's collections come to about \$86 million a year nationwide, starting on July 15. Stopping the program also would affect state beef councils, including the one in Kansas. St. Francis feedlot owner Mike Callicrate, long an opponent of the checkoff, heralded the decision. "My take is it's a big win for cattle producers," who Callicrate said are "going bankrupt." Kansas Livestock Association spokesman Todd Domer, however, called the judge's decision "a temporary setback." The group that coordinates the program — the Cattleman's Beef Promotion and Research Board — has asked the U.S. Department of Agriculture to intervene and stay the ruling.



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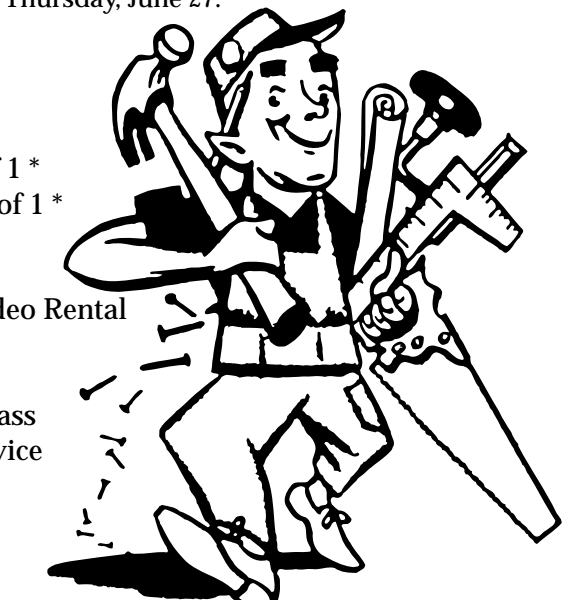
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