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## Israeli-PLO pact is signed, albeit oddly

By Ehan Bromer

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CAIRO, Egypt — Israel and the Palestinians embarked on a new path yesterday, signing an autonomy agreement for Gaza and Jericho and vowing to share a destiny of peace and cooperation.

The grand yet chaotic ceremony epitomized the drama of reconciliation.

Nearly eight months after Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Palestinian Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat stirred the world by shaking hands on the White House lawn, they committed themselves to a 200-page accord that gives legal form to a

set of principles aimed ultimately at ending one people's occupation of another's land.

"We are approaching the new road with firm resolve, with great hope," Rabin said at yesterday's midday celebration. "And we know that it offers wonderful prospects. But we also approach it with deep apprehension. We are convinced that our two peoples can live on the same patch of territory ... and bring to this country — a land of rocks and tombstones — the taste of milk and honey blossoms."

The process of handing over power to the Palestinians is expected to take

about three weeks.

Nabil Shaath, the PLO's top negotiator, said yesterday that Arafat would not come to the territories "before the first week of June," after the expected 6,000 Palestinian police are in place and the interim ruling council members have arrived.

Shaath also said that in about a month, invitations would go out to Egypt and Jordan to join committees discussing the 500,000 Palestinians who were made refugees by the 1967 Middle East War. The Palestinians also plan to hold elections in the territories by October.

Yesterday, a number of top Palestinian police officers entered the Gaza Strip to begin hearings from Israeli officers, and at least 700 Palestinian prisoners were released. But the mood throughout Israel and the occupied lands was more of waiting than rejoicing.

The signing, originally scheduled for December, was delayed because of seemingly endless disagreements over symbol and substance, disagreements that revolved ultimately around trust, and the same problem nearly broke up yesterday's ceremony in front of 2,000 guests, which was carried live on worldwide television.

While the first speakers at the forum evoked images of coexistence, Arafat, Rabin and their aides stood on the stage and bickered in a whisper because Arafat had not signed the maps attached to the agreement, maps that designated, among other things, the size of the Jericho area.

Arafat's demurrer on the maps went unnoticed until it was Rabin's turn to sign and he objected to his legal adviser that he could not sign if Arafat had not.

Then U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher, Egyptian President Hosni

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## Rwandan rigors



Rwandan refugees languish in a refugee camp in Tanzania, near the Rwandan border. In recent days, about 250,000 Rwandans have fled ethnic warfare and entered Tanzania. Meanwhile, shellfire has rocked Rwanda's capital. Story, Page 10A.

## Telemarketing center to open, could hire 500

By Sara Hammond

The Arizona Daily Star

A telemarketing subsidiary of American Telephone & Telegraph will open a center here that could employ as many as 500 people.

AT&T American TransTech, which goes by the acronym of ATI, will open its plant on the North Tucson Business Center on West River Park Drive in June, according to the Greater Tucson Economic Council. GTEC was involved in the relocation effort.

The center's workers will promote and sell AT&T services. GTEC marketing vice president Juan Nagore said city departments also were involved in helping the company meet its timetable for setting up the phone center.

"Had the city not been as responsive as it was to the needs of ATI, the firm likely would have selected an expansion site in Texas," Nagore said.

Nagore said the city provided the necessary reviews, approvals and permitting within the tight time constraints necessitated.

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### YATTS' NOT ALONE

A number of other companies have opened telemarketing or other phone-bank-type operations in Tucson in recent years. Here is a listing, with estimates of the number of employees.

- Sears Teleparts Center, 1,000 employees.
- Arizona Mail Order, 1,000 (not all are telemarketing jobs).
- American Airlines Reservation Center, 930.
- WATS Marketing, 600.
- United Airlines Mileage Plus, 250.
- Intell, 225.
- Quanta Airways Ltd., 145.
- Confederated Life Administrative Services, 140.
- Alliance Teleservices, 100 by year's end.
- VNU Operations, 66.
- Tascor, 66.
- American Western Life, 50.
- Prudential Insurance Co., 44.

(Source: Greater Tucson Economic Council)

## Sonora judge orders border suspects held

By Ignacio Ibarra

The Arizona Daily Star

AGUA PRETA, Sonora — A judge has ordered three men accused of being border bandits transferred to federal custody in Nogales, Sonora, after deciding sufficient evidence exists to hold them.

Brasilo Pelayo Frisby, the Agua Prieta judge, said the three men can be held for up to a year before a formal sentence on charges of illegally importing weapons, criminal conspiracy, and theft and robbery abroad is imposed.

The three men are Santos Javier Sanchez Urrutia, 19, of Naco, Sonora; Victor Manuel Romero Armenta, 21, of Naco, Sonora; and Reynaldo Morin Valencich, 21, of Sierra Vista.

Each of the charges can bring a sentence of one to eight years depending on the decision of the federal judge assigned the case, Frisby said.

In dispositions provided to the court, all three men admitted to participation in the April 23 robbery of Peter and Ruth Larkin of Bisco Junction, Frisby said. The information and evidence seized in the search of a Naco, Sonora, home were important considerations in rendering a decision, the judge said.

Meanwhile, Fernando Perez See BANDITS, Page 2A

## Japan was WWII savior, official says

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's new justice minister makes no apology for his country's role in World War II and contends that a notorious message by Japanese soldiers in Nanking, China, was a hoax.

Justice Minister Shigeto Nagano made no mention of Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor that catapulted the United States into the war, but said in an interview published in the Mainichi daily yesterday that Japan wasn't an aggressor in the war.

Japan has long maintained that its air attack on U.S. military installations near Honolulu was a defensive, preemptive strike.

The views expressed by Nagano, himself a World War II veteran, reflected what many Japanese officials are thought to believe but which few publicly express. It was a sharp turn away from the apologetic attitude of the previous government.

The Foreign Ministry released a statement last night from Prime Minister Tomiichi Hata, who is traveling in Europe, saying he thought Nagano's comment about the

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## \$5 million in deposits could be at risk when RTC sells Great American Bank

By Walt Nett

The Arizona Daily Star

Great American Bank customers with more than \$100,000 on deposit could lose money when the Resolution Trust Corp. sells the failed thrift.

The situation affects more than 700 "pamph" accounts that exceed the \$100,000 federal deposit insurance limit, plus an unknown number of depositors with multiple accounts totaling more than \$100,000.

An RTC official said the federal agency, which has managed the San Diego-based thrift since August 1991, estimates that as much as \$5 million in uninsured deposits could be lost at the time of sale, unless customers do something to protect their money.

Steve Katsanos, the RTC's head of corporate communications, said those depositors will have to move fast because the sale of the thrift is imminent.

"We're pretty sure who the buyer will be, but the buyer still needs to go through regulatory approval. We don't control the timetable," Katsanos said.

**Largest remaining thrift**  
Katsanos declined to identify the buyer, or say whether there might be more than one buyer for various branches.

Great American has a sizable Tucson presence because it acquired a Tucson thrift, Home Federal Savings, in 1986. It is the largest thrift still in the

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### WEATHER

**Warm winds.** Today is expected to be mostly sunny becoming windy by afternoon with southwesterly winds increasing to 15 mph to 25 mph. Look for a high in the mid-90s and an overnight low in the lower 60s. Yesterday's high was 98, and the low 59. Details on Page 17A.

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## Pollution fighters target yard equipment

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

The effort to clean up the nation's air reached the suburban back yard yesterday as the federal Environmental Protection Agency announced new rules to cut pollution from gasoline-powered mowers, blowers and other garden equipment.

"The small gasoline engines that all of us use in our yard ... are a significant source of air pollution," EPA Administrator Carol Browner said in a statement.

And so, the EPA wants the efficiency and warranties of all

new "non-road" gasoline-powered equipment to be improved, starting in 1996.

Those modest steps — which should add about \$5 to the price of a machine — will, the EPA estimates, cut smog-causing pollutants 32 percent and poisonous carbon monoxide emissions by 14 percent by the year 2003.

The EPA will then evaluate the effectiveness of the rules, negotiate with the industry and determine if additional controls are necessary.

Those extra controls could include requiring garden equipment

to have catalytic converters, multiple circuit carburetors, fuel-injection systems or four-stroke overhead valves. Alternative fuels might also be required.

The agency estimates that 10 percent of all air pollution — 6 million tons a year — comes from the 89 million pieces of gas-powered lawn and garden equipment scattered around the nation.

Those non-road engines, pollution for gallons, emit far more pollution than automobiles because the engines are less efficient and necessary.

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