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NEWS DIGEST

PLO walks out of peace talks with Israel

TABA, Egypt ---- The PLO walked out of peace talks with Israel on Tues-day, accusing the Israelis of trying to back out of an agreement to withdraw from occupied lands.

Nabil Shaath, the PLO's chief negotiator, charged that Israel wants to redeploy its troops rather than pull them out of the occupied Gaza Strip and the town of Jericho in the West Bank.

Israel's withdrawal plan, he said, ran counter to the Sept. 13 Israel-Palestine Liberation Organization agreement on Palestinian autonomy.

The Palestinian walkout was the first major snag since negotiations began three weeks ago on implementing the first phase of the autonomy plan.

resume the talks.

define how Israel will transfer some powers to Palestinians in Gaza and Jericho under terms of the Israeli-PLO accord.

Tuesday's dispute grew from maps and withdrawal plans the Israelis presented Monday.

Jewish settlers waged four days of violent protests in the occupied territories beginning Friday.

The Sept. 13 autonomy agreement called for Israel to start withdrawing its troops from Gaza and Jericho by Dec. 13, but gave it permission to maintain security over Israeli settlements in the vacated territories.

Both sides said they wanted to sume the talks. The talks in Taba are meant to ime how larged will require the meaning of withdrawal and its requirements," Shaath said. The talks in Taba are meant to

"The agreement provided for with-drawal by the Israeli forces from the Gaza Strip and the Jericho area, and not within the Gaza Strip and Jericho area," Shaath said in announcing the suspension of the talks to reporters.

This is a withdrawal agreement and not a redeployment agreement,' he added.

Israel's chief negotiator, Maj. Gen. Amnon Shahak, said the Israelis were not presenting the Palestinians with an ultimatum.

In Israel, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said he was certain the impasse "We feel that the Israeli interpreta- could be overcome, noting such diffi-

mise on anything that is linked to the security needs.

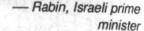
Shaath said he was going to Tunis to consult with Yasser Arafat, PLO chairman. He suggested the Israelis likewise consult their leaders to "come up with an interpretation that would allow us to proceed smoothly."

Shahak told a separate news conference that he saw no need for the walkout. He said the Israeli formula was "a logical plan that could be discussed, was discussed, until the moment they decided to go and have consultations.

suspension as "the first obstacle, which Gaza and Jericho.

We will not compromise on anything that is linked to the security needs.

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surely won't be the last one or the most difficult" in the negotiations.

On Dec. 13, Israeli troops are to begin withdrawing and Palestinians The Israeli general described the are to take over as administrators in



Officer accidentally shoots mental patient

officer mistook a VCR remote control for a gun and fatally shot a 21-year-old mental patient in a school.

Officer Jimmie Wheeler told police that when he got to Barber Elementary School to pick up a cousin, several children said the man was carrying a gun, shouting profanities and claiming he was going to "pop somebody.

Wheeler found James Monroe Johnson near the gymnasium, and told him to take out the object that was

DETROIT - An off-duty police making a pocket bulge, police said. Johnson quickly turned around, and Wheeler fired his.45-caliber revolver when he saw what he thought was a gun in Johnson's hand, police said.

Johnson, who was picking up his girlfriend's son at the school, had been released recently from Aurora Hospital after a three-week stay, according to his mother, Patricia Tyson. He had been diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia, she said.

Wheeler, 26, has been assigned to desk duty pending an investigation.

Several students said the protest

probably stemmed from a general

perception that the Diamondback is

insensitive to blacks and other minor-

ities on campus, rather than from any

stopped reading the paper altogeth-er," said Jeneba K. Jalloh, president

of the African Student Association.

the 23,300 undergraduates on the

Blacks account for 11 percent of

'A lot of black students have just

a campus spokesman.

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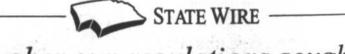
College Park campus.

Maryland protesters seize college paper

COLLEGE PARK, Md. - Pro- mental value in our society and our testers seized about 10,000 copies of university," said Gary M. Stephenson, the student newspaper at the University of Maryland, claiming they were racist.

In place of the missing papers, the protesters left a small computer-gen-erated sign that read: "Due to its racist nature, the Diamondback will not be available today. ... Read a book." No one claimed responsibility for

the missing newspapers, which are distributed free. Campus police said

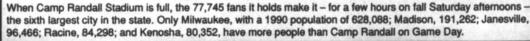


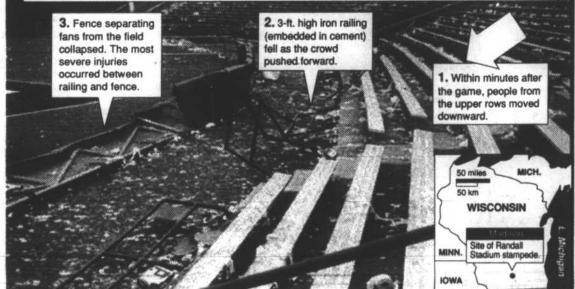
Tougher gun regulations sought

OMAHA-Fear of violence in the and the Grand Island area. schools and on the streets reached a peak Tuesday as an Omaha handgun control proposal was debated the day after teachers said they no longer felt safe in the classrooms.

"I don't believe it ought to be the role of public schools to supervise juvenile delinquents," Griess said.

He said his organization will support any measure at any level that will keep guns away from young people





Wisconsin officials seek answers

MADISON, Wis. - Anticipating the fervor of Wisconsin's last home game, officials are pondering quick fixes to avoid another human pileup like the one that injured dozens of fans last Saturday.

Unbeaten Ohio State is at Camp Randall Stadium this Saturday, and a Wisconsin victory would give the Badgers a shot at the Rose Bowl and likely touch off an even more enthusiastic post-game celebration that that following last weekend's 13-10 victory over Michigan.

Thousands of spectators last Saturday flowed out of student sections at game's end, crushing frontrow fans against fences. At least 69 people were injured, seven critical-

crushed under the mob lost consciousness.

Athletic director Pat Richter proposed controlling access to the student section to make sure only ticket-holders get in. Chancellor David Ward and state building inspector Dan Murray said the stadium's relaxed seating policy allows people to migrate into the student section to join friends, filling the area beyond capacity.

Ward said UW engineering professors were studying whether structural changes are needed.

"I am interested in how we can improve fan welfare from a purely physical sense," Ward said.

Gov. Tommy G. Thompson

leading him to fault security personnel who shouted at the mob, hoping to hold it back as fans rushed to join a field victory celebration.

It doesn't appear like there was anything that could have been done when you have that many students pushing down," he said.

Some students complained the guards fronting the section kept them from safety, pushing them back into a pile of bodies.

Students who were shocked by the injuries sought help from the university's 20 counselors, said Dean of Students Mary Rouse. "We expect to treat hundreds,

perhaps as many as 5,000 to 10,000 students for this," Rouse said.

Football coach Barry Alvarez

they were investigating. About 20,000 copies were distributed, and the university condemned the theft. "Freedom of expression is a funda-

Eight remained hospitalized Tuesday, one in serious condition. The rest are listed as good to fair. Most of the hospitalized suffered broken bones. Some of those

viewed twisted fence rails at the foot of the bleachers and a toppled chain-link fence closer to the playing field. He said he found nothing

said some players met with counselors. The crush lasted about 10 minutes while players joined police in pulling victims from the pileup.

Mayor P.J. Morgan has proposed the city ban gun ownership by anyone under age 21, require training for gun owners and impose mandatory jail sentences on people convicted of misdemeanor gun crimes.

Earlier in the day, the head of a statewide organization said anxiety about school violence and student discipline is not confined to Omaha.

The issue has the attention of teachers across the state and nation, said Jim Griess, executive director of the Nebraska State Education Association

Griess cited recent incidents of guns being found at schools in Ralston lifetime," he said.

Students who endanger others should be taken out of the schools immediately by the court system, and it should not be the schools' responsibility to prove that the student is a danger, he said.

U.S. Rep. Peter Hoagland, D-Neb., said he supported the mayor's proposal and said action is needed on all levels.

"We have had a rash of illegal gun use by people under 21 in this city the last couple of months that far exceeds anything that I've experienced in my



Legislators talk ethics with constituents

By Steve Smith Senior Reporter

State senators from Lancaster County and about 75 of their constituents got together Tuesday for an informal rap session tackling ethics legislation.

Sens. Chris Beutler, LaVon Crosby, Carol Hudkins, DiAnna Schimek, Jerome Warner and Don Wesely spoke informally with the crowd, which gathered at the East Campus Union's Great Plains Ballroom.

"I'm here to listen, not speak," Beutler said.

Much of the evening's debate centered on conflict of interest in the Nebraska Legislature. A conflict of interest arises when a senator's vote on a bill could affect that senator directly.

Beutler used hypothetical conflict

of interest situations to get audience input.

"Suppose I'm a farmer, and I have to vote on a bill that would exempt state sales taxes on farm equipment. Should I be allowed to vote on this bill?

About half of the audience members raised their hands.

"OK," Beutler said. "Should I not be allowed to vote for this bill?"

This time, the other half of the room raised their hands.

"There's our problem right there," he said. "We don't know where you draw the line. We never have all that clearly."

Jim MacFarland, who spoke on behalf of Common Cause Nebraska, said senators couldn't avoid conflict of interest situations by not voting. "If you don't vote, it's a 'no' vote, he said. "It's unfair to the senator."

MacFarland said conflicts could be avoided if the Legislature adopted a policy to reduce the number of votes needed to pass a bill by the number of senators who had a conflict.

Another focus of the two-hour discussion was the "revolving door bill," which would prevent outgoing state senators from immediately becoming lobbyists.

Schimek said the bill would keep senators from lobbying the Legislature for two years after their last day in office.

There needs to be some sort of lapse there," she said. The bill, which originally called

for senators to wait at least four years to lobby, was amended in the last legislative session to allow lobbying after two years. It is among 190 other bills in the first stage of debate.