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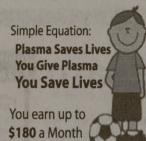


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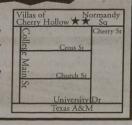
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Mideast

saying.

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cases of ticking bombs," a

Cabinet official quoted Sharon as

ed the truce idea out of hand,

demanding an immediate crack-

down on the militants, including

ments appeared highly condition-

al. Until recently, the phrase

"ticking bomb" defined a mili-

tant about to carry out an attack.

Then the Israelis widened the

definition after a botched effort to

assassinate Hamas leader Abdel

Aziz Rantisi last week, calling

him a "ticking bomb." That indi-

cated that even if Hamas agrees

to a truce, its leaders might not be

safe from Israeli strikes that could

dictable dynamic of the Mideast

conflict, other hopeful signs

emerged over the weekend for

the so-called "road map" plan,

which envisions an end to 32

months of violence and the cre-

ation of a Palestinian state by

Israeli Maj. Gen. Amos Gilad,

Dahlan proposed that Israeli

troops withdraw from large

areas of Gaza to positions held

before the outbreak of fighting

in September 2000. He asked

Israel to pull out of the West

Ramallah, the Palestinians'

Mofaz said Sunday he is consid-

ering a withdrawal from

Bethlehem and parts of Gaza and

said meetings with the

pull out of the northern Gaza

connected to the May 12 suicide bombings

on Western residential compounds in the

Riyadh that killed 35 people, including nine

Americans and nine Saudi suicide bombers.

ning to carry out attacks in Mecca, Islam's

holiest city, according to information gath-

ered during interrogations Sunday. He did

started when police manning a checkpoint

tried to stop a car carrying the militants, who

fired on the police, killing two of them,

before fleeing to the al-Khalidiya apartment

450 miles west of Riyadh, welcomes mil-

lions of Muslim pilgrims each year. The city

is the birthplace of Islam's seventh-century

The holy city of Mecca, located some

The official said Saturday's violence

not identify any intended targets.

The official said the suspects were plan-

Palestinians would continue.

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Mecca

He did not elaborate.

Israeli Defense Minister Shaul

In talks Saturday with

In a reflection of the unpre-

rekindle violence.

However, Sharon's new com-

arresting their leaders.

Until now, Sharon had reject-

"Yes, That's a Tick Named Richard on That Rat's Shoulder'

towns of Beit Hanoun and Beit

Lahiya. Despite the talks, Israeli

forces entered Beit Hanoun early

Sunday, setting off a firefight that

killed one Palestinian and

scoring their nation's commit-

ment to the peace plan, arrived

in the region to monitor its

The two Egyptian mediators,

I am optimistic

— Zakaria al-Agha

Fatah leader

that all the

Palestinian factions

will work together.

assistants to Egyptian intelli-

gence chief Omar Suleiman,

arrived in Gaza City on Sunday

for cease-fire talks with

Palestinian militants, most

importantly with the group

Hamas. They held a preliminary

meeting with top members of

Abbas' mainstream Fatah move-

ment Sunday afternoon; Fatah

also has carried out attacks,

despite Abbas' call for them to

Fatah leader, said a meeting with

all Palestinian groups was

together," he said after Sunday's

talks at Hamas founder Sheik

dozens were killed on both sides

States.

planned for Monday.

Ahmed Yassin's house.

In a first phase, Israel would after a bloody week in which

Zakaria al-Agha, a senior

"I am optimistic that all the

The mediators then went for

The renewed violence came

implementation.

And U.S. officials, under-

wounded seven, doctors said.





sile attacks.



by R.DeLuna Rochon

Lightning

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more than others. "The Rec Center has be heavily involved with the tem's use because of all of outdoor activities that go on the such as intramurals and use of pool," he said.

the peace plan, which Bush ThorGuard's system is un because it does not wait to det lightning when it hits, but pred it before the lightning actual strikes, Steiger said. The syst measures the ambient elec field in the atmosphere, and wh the count gets too high, con tions are ripe for cloud-to-group lightning, he said. When danger approaches

each of the 11 locations, a second alarm will sound lights flash. Three 5-sec blasts signal that the danger passed, he said. At that time, if anyone is

doors, they need to get inside, said. If you are unable to inside, don't stand near water. "The chances of getting his

very small," Steiger said. "Bu you feel any of your hair stand on end, get low to the gm immediately. Steiger said he has a phot

two students playing during

thunderstorm and their hairs standing on end. Only mom after the photo was taken, t were both hit by lightning. Students who spend a lo

time outdoors said they adm the new system. "I'm happy the University

decided to implement this type warning system so we can aware of the dangers at handd ing with lightning," said Mag Wilson, a junior education major

I norquard is also the stand-alone lightning warning system used by the PGA To It was also used during Atlanta Olympics, so A& residents can rest assured th the system has been "tourn ment tested" and approve Steiger said.

Bush said Sunday the world must deal harshly with Hamas and other militant groups that he

said were trying to sabotage the peace process. He added: "I'm confident we can achieve peace. It's going to be a tough road, but I am determined to continue to lend the weight of this government to advance peace.

in bombings, shootings and mis-

intense U.S. mediation to rescue

launched at a June 4 summit in

Aqaba, Jordan, with Abbas and

The violence also spurred

Dov Weisglass, a top Sharon aide, meets U.S. national security adviser Condoleezza Rice on Monday in Washington. Secretary of State Colin Powell and other senior representatives of the road map sponsors — the United States, United Nations, Russia and the European Union - plan to meet Thursday in Jordan.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State John Wolf, leading a team of American officials in the region to supervise implementation of the road map, will meet with Israeli officials Monday and with Dahlan and Abbas on Tuesday, Israel Radio said.

The road map plan calls for Abbas to dismantle militant groups. Israel has demanded a crackdown, but Abbas said he preferred to negotiate a ceasefire, fearing a crackdown would lead to civil war.

Truce talks broke up a week ago, but Palestinian officials said they were optimistic an agreement could be reached. Palestinian Information Minister Nabil Amr quoted an Abbas envoy to the talks as saying progress had been made.

Saudi authorities have cracked down on

suspected militants since the May 12 bomb-

ings, which were seen as attacks not just

against foreigners but also the ruling Saudi

royal family for its close ties to the United

jointly probing the Riyadh bombings, which

have been linked to al-Qaida, the Muslim

terror network blamed for the Sept. 11,

2001, attacks on America. Saudi's interior

minister Saturday said at least 30 people

On May 31, Yosif Salih Fahd Ala'yeeri

was killed in a gunfight with police in the

northern Saudi city of Hael. Ala'yeeri was

tives wanted following the May 6 discovery

people have been arrested.

Qaida chief Osama bin Laden.

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U.S. and Saudi investigators have been

of a Riyadh weapons cache. The group w said to be taking orders directly from Laden and linked to the May 12 bombing

Earlier this month, Saudi authorities h announced the arrests of numerous people Medina, 540 miles west of the capital.

Security was unusually tight Sunda with troops searching cars at checkpoints Mecca's outskirts and throughout the city Police also patrolled inside and outside Mecca's Al-Nur hospital, where thos wounded Saturday were taken.

have been identified as being linked to the Abdul Khaliq Raheem Sheik, a 50-year old Indian driver being treated for cuts, sai bombings, including people currently in three masked men holding guns h custody and those who died during or folapproached him earlier Saturday as lowing the attacks. It is unclear how many washed his employer's car in al-Khalidiy

Sheik said the men demanded he dr them from the area. When he refused, the shot the car's windows, and he was injured by flying glass.

allegedly carrying a letter written by al-The three then drove away, leaving Shell Ala'yeeri was among 19 al-Qaida operabehind. It was unclear if they were being sought or had been already killed or arrested

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