

# Palestinians fire on Israeli car, wound one

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Palestinians strafed an Israeli car with gunfire Tuesday, seriously wounding a motorist in an attack that could provoke another harsh retaliation from Israel. The ambush came hours after Israeli soldiers guarding a Jewish settlement shot and killed a Palestinian officer.

The new bloodshed, which brought the death toll to 246 in nearly two months of fighting, came a day after Palestinians detonated a bomb near an Israeli school bus and Israeli helicopters responded by rocketing Gaza.

Egypt, which has played a crucial role as mediator, announced that it was recalling its ambassador to Israel in protest over the rocket attack on Gaza. The decision took Israel by surprise and further dimmed prospects for a resumption of Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak was in Gaza when the motorist was attacked. At the time, Barak was visiting an Israeli army base about half a mile away. Barak has said Israel would retaliate harshly for attacks on Israeli civilians and soldiers.

The Israeli motorist was driving on the main road between the Gush Katif bloc of settlements in Gaza and the Kisufim crossing into Israel when Palestinian gunmen opened fire.

Batya Korash, spokeswoman for Soroka Hospital in Beer Sheba, denied radio and television reports that he had died of his wounds. She said he was in very serious condition. The passenger seat of the vehicle was covered with blood.

Just a few hours earlier and a few hundred yards away, Israeli soldiers guarding the Kfar Darom settlement shot and killed a Palestinian man who, the army said, was approaching the guardpost in a suspicious manner. The army said the Palestinian did not open fire.

Palestinian doctors said the victim was a Palestinian intelligence officer.

The spiraling violence and Egypt's diplomatic protest appeared

to doom President Clinton's efforts to restart negotiations. "The peace process is clinically dead now," said the chief Palestinian negotiator, Ahmed Qureia.

Last month, Egypt persuaded a reluctant Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to attend a Mideast summit. Without Egypt as broker, a resumption of talks is expected to be more difficult.

But Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa told reporters Egypt had not abandoned the peace process or ruled out future contacts with Israel.

"If there is a meaningful idea or proposal, we shall work on it," Moussa said.

The latest escalation was triggered by Monday's bomb attack on a school bus near the Kfar Darom settlement. The blast killed two adults and wounded nine passengers, including five children. Three of the wounded are siblings, and two of them lost parts of their legs.

In response, Israeli helicopters and gunboats hit the headquarters of Palestinian security, police and Arafat's Fatah movement. Arafat was in his seaside office in Gaza City at the time of the attack.

Two Palestinian policemen were killed in the shelling and more than 60 people were wounded, including several children. One rocket hit a home in the Shati refugee camp near Gaza City, landing in a bedroom. A 14-year-old girl was injured.

The home of the Jordanian representative in Gaza reported was also damaged. "Jordan strongly denounces the Israeli aggression," said the diplomat, Jumaa Abadi.

Seven rockets struck the three-story Fatah building in Gaza City, knocking down several walls and damaging much of the furniture. The second and third floors were covered by glass shards. Hundreds of people inspected the ruins Tuesday.

Zakaria al Agha, one of the Fatah leaders, said Arafat was not reversing a ban on shooting attacks on Israelis from Palestinian areas, issued last week. "There will be no firing

from our side," said al Agha.

In the West Bank town of Jenin, a Palestinian was killed by Israeli fire in a rock-throwing clash, Palestinian doctors said. The army said it fired only tear gas.

Overnight, three Palestinians were shot dead by Israeli forces in two separate Gaza incidents. Near the Kisufim crossing, a Palestinian was killed when he tried to plant an explosive, the army said. Near Newe Dekalim, troops opened fire on four Palestinians who appeared suspicious to soldiers on guard duty. Two of the Palestinians were killed by Israeli fire.

Also Tuesday, a Palestinian laborer died of wounds sustained last week when troops opened fire on his car at an Israeli check point in the West Bank.

"They are escalating their aggression against our people," Arafat said after he visited the wounded at a Gaza City hospital. Leaning over some of the patients, Arafat kissed their hands and bandages.

Barak said the Tanzim militia linked to Arafat's Fatah movement was responsible for Monday's bus bombing and that the attack was part of a Palestinian strategy to extract concessions from Israel by force.

"Every attack just strengthens our determination not to let anyone impose upon us the terms of a peace agreement through the use of violence," he said.

In its harshest condemnation yet of the Palestinian Authority, the Israeli government published a 46-page booklet detailing what it described as the Palestinians' systematic violation of previous peace accords.

Israel said Arafat's government has incited to violence against Israel and has in some cases helped terrorists carry out attacks against the Jewish state.

Barak has wavered in recent weeks in his public statements, saying sometimes that he no longer considers Arafat a peace partner and at other times that Israel's ultimate goal is to resume negotiations.

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When I voted several days ago, little did I dream the outcome would be up in the air for more than 10 days. As some of the commercials we see say, "There's got to be a better way!" One thing I do not believe should have happened all during this election, is the parade of entertainment people telling all of us how bad one side is, compared to the one they had decided to support. Rosie O' is not my idea of a competent statesman, nor is Oprah, or heaven forbid, Jay Leno and David Letterman.

It's bad enough that the news anchors use their positions to guide us to politically correct thinking, but now the actors and actresses are telling us how we should think.

Sorry folks, but this election has brought some things to the surface that need to be dealt with before we go through another expensive lesson in four years.

We are sorry to report that Mavis McDaniel has passed away. Our condolences are sent to J.R., Sondra, and all the family of this very nice lady. She always had a nice word for Brewster and those folks she knew as friends.

We were surprised and pleased to have Wilma Burk back at the Brewster Senior Center for the lunch, bingo and birthday party on Friday.

She had a bout with surgery and infection and was hospitalized for nearly a month, and was at a convalescent center for a few weeks. It is good to have her back and we hope she will make a speedy recovery.

Another lady that is gaining strength by leaps and bounds is Olive Thiel and we are happy that she joined us Friday



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for bingo and all.

She said her aunt, Margaret Burk, and Toni Belshe, who is Burk's granddaughter, took her to Oakley on Monday morning to a quilt display and demonstration. Olive said there were some beautiful quilt designs and some impressive techniques. She said she enjoyed herself very much.

Ruth and Duane Jones returned home from Hays, on Monday, after Duane was released from the hospital following some medical procedures. Ruth said the roads were anything but good and she was happy that her sister, Marie Edwards of Goodland, accompanied them.

On Thursday, the Jones' enjoyed a visit from Duane's sister, Maxine Trachsel of Hemet, Calif., and her daughter, Georgia Trachsel of Melbourne, Australia. Maxine was the wife of the late Walt Trachsel, who recently died.

The senior center will not have a potluck meal on Wednesday. We don't want to get too full the day before Thanksgiving. The center will be closed on Thursday and Friday. On Nov. 30, the 4-H Club will decorate the senior center for Christmas. So come on down and watch these expert decorators at work.

The senior center will hold its annual meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 3, and board members will be elected or reappointed. Also, it will be necessary to name someone to fill the rest of Harriet Parker's term. Her assistance in helping with the newsletter will be sorely missed.

The Foot Care Clinic is back in business with Davon DeMoude of Goodland taking care of the feet of our local population. She will be back here on Jan. 4, so call and get your name on the list.

Everyone says this is an enjoyable treatment that makes their feet feel "like dancing." Now, if we can just get the knees, ankles and hips to start feeling as young as we would like them to feel.

That should about do it for this week. I hope each of you has a very wonderful and happy Thanksgiving. If you stop and think about all the things we have to be thankful for, I don't see how it could be anything but great. God gives us these mighty blessings and it seems He has really watched after us. See you all next time!

I don't want to forget to wish Harriet and Thurl Demaree and their families all a very happy time, as well as James "Smitty" and Kay Smith and all their kids and grandkids. Denise, Doug and Zach Hilty and Mike, Paula and Sam Kear are wished the very best, too, as are all those who read this column. God's blessing to each of you!

# Pizza stores to donate part of profit

WICHITA (AP) — Three former Kansas State University students who put their college careers on hold to save four failing pizza stores want to share their piece of the pie with the community.

How big is the slice? Try 20 percent of profits.

The young entrepreneurs say they've helped increase sales by 300 percent since taking over four Domino's Pizza stores in June and they're planning to donate some of the profits each month to the Wichita school district.

"It's pretty tough not to get excited," said school board president Marty Marshall. "It sounds like the district has nothing to lose and everything to gain in this deal."

School board members learned of the stores' plan last Monday.

"I just gave 20 percent of this company to you," James Sperman told board members. "Every one of you. Everyone here. Everyone at home. Every parent and student now owns 20 percent of Domino's."

It all started in Manhattan where Kansas State students Sperman, 24, Dave Darling, 21, and Travis Volz, 21, worked for a Domino's store. Rick Hernandez, the store's owner who also co-owned the four Wichita locations,

said the Wichita stores weren't making money.

The trio offered to run the stores, keep 80 percent of the profits and give 20 percent of their share back to the community.

Hernandez agreed, saying he believed if employees felt as if they owned part of the business, they would work harder, even if it meant giving the employees most of the profits.

"I know it sounds really 'out there,' and I know it's hard to believe,"

Hernandez said, "but it's true. I think I'm on to something."

The team works 80 to 90 hours each week, making pizzas and walking door-to-door promoting the business.

Sperman, Darling and Volz say they are not looking to get rich from keeping most of the stores' profits.

"I want to make enough money to go back to school and not work full-time to pay for it," Sperman said. "We're not trying to afford \$5 million houses. We just want to help."

# Railroad to abandon service in Kansas

PRETTY PRAIRIE (AP) — Five central Kansas counties could soon be without service from Central Kansas Railroad.

The railroad released a statement this week that it intends to abandon 58 rail miles in January, but the official word simply confirmed what Pretty Prairie elevator manager Jim Grilliot already knew. The railroad quit providing enough cars for Collingwood Grain years ago, Grilliot said, forcing his company to use trucks for shipping.

The railroad, owned by OmniTRAX Inc. of Denver, will abandon lines that run from Hutchinson to Kingman, Rago to Harper and Conway to Lyons. That includes parts of Reno, Kingman, Harper, Rice and McPherson counties.

Kingman City Manager Cheryl Beatty said the line there already was shut down. Kingman officials were caught off-guard when Kingman-to-Wichita railroad abandonment was announced in December 1999, Beatty said. They talked with the railroad be-

cause a local manufacturer needed service.

The Kansas Department of Transportation hopes to reroute rail traffic from Wichita back into Kingman, Beatty said.

The 12 miles from Rago south to Harper will be closed, but the line from Kingman to Rago will be upgraded, Beatty said.

The Pretty Prairie Collingwood elevator is the heart of a company that grew into a multimillion-dollar grain elevator business, with more than 60 country elevators in central and western Kansas, the Oklahoma panhandle and northeast Colorado.

# Five approve liquor-by-drink

TOPEKA (AP) — Those who want a drink after work now have a few more options in Kansas.

Nearly two weeks after the Nov. 7 election, the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control announced Monday that five counties had approved liquor-by-the-drink laws.

Allen, Cheyenne, Pratt and Rooks counties approved liquor laws with the

stipulation that establishments must make at least 30 percent of their money from food sales. Brown County approved liquor by the drink with no food sale requirement.

Kansas now has 51 counties authorized to sell liquor by the drink with a food sales requirement, 13 counties serving liquor with no other requirements and 41 dry counties.

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