

## Peace treaty appears dim

■ As more violence erupts in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Palestinians issue ultimatum of full peace or nothing.

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JERUSALEM — Despite efforts by President Clinton to bring a partial agreement or a statement of principles out of the Israelis and Palestinians before he leaves office, the chief Palestinian negotiator said Tuesday that Palestinians want a full peace treaty — or nothing.

The declaration by negotiator Yasser Abed Rabbo further dimmed prospects for a diplomatic achievement for Clinton, who finishes his term Jan. 20, and for Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, trailing far behind a hard-line rival as a Feb. 6 election looms.

Meanwhile, hostilities persisted in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. A 70-year-old man was shot and killed on his farm near an Israeli settlement in Gaza. Palestinian police said there were no clashes there. The Israeli military said soldiers did not open fire.

Israeli forces killed a 27-year-old Palestinian during a West Bank rock-throwing clash, Palestinians said. The shooting brought the death toll in violence that broke out Sept. 28 to 364, most of them Palestinians.

Also Tuesday, Israeli soldiers fired warning shots toward a car carrying the second-ranking Catholic prelate in the Holy Land, Bishop Boulos Marcuzzi, his driver said. The incident took place at a roadblock near the West Bank city of Jenin. The car was not hit and no one was hurt. The military said it was investigating.

The widow of a Palestinian killed by Israeli forces on Dec. 31 asked Israel's Supreme Court to order an end to what she called assassinations of local leaders.

Thabet Thabet was unarmed when he was gunned down in front of his house, according to the action filed by Thabet's widow, Siham. Thabet, a dentist, was prominent in Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah faction. Israel claimed he organized armed attacks.

Palestinians say that in recent weeks, Israel has assassinated more than a dozen Palestinians suspected of involvement in attacks on Israelis.

Meanwhile, a new poll indicated that a majority of Palestinians now favor the most extreme form of violence against Israel. The survey, by the Jerusalem Media and Communications Center, a Palestinian think tank, showed that 66 percent of respondents approve of suicide bomb attacks inside Israel.

The poll, which questioned 1,199 Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, had a 3 percent margin of error.

The militant Islamic Hamas claimed responsibility Tuesday for a Jan. 1 bombing that injured dozens in the Israeli resort of Netanya. Hamas identified the bomber, who later died in an Israeli hospital, as a 24-year-old student from the West Bank city of Nablus.

In what might be the first step toward cooperation to stop shooting attacks and bombings, the two sides agreed Tuesday to resume low-level meetings between security officials.

## Commission looks to prevent future tragedies like USS Cole

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WASHINGTON — The U.S. military must break out of a "purely defensive mode" and take more aggressive precautions against terrorists, says a special commission that reviewed the USS Cole bombing that killed 17 sailors.

The commission did not assess the performance of the Cole's captain or crew or investigate why they failed to foresee the attack.

Instead, it sought to draw lessons from the incident for improving the protection of U.S. forces in transit around the world, particularly those — like the Cole — that make brief visits to remote ports and air-

fields.

The Cole was refueling in Aden harbor in Yemen on Oct. 12 when a small boat sidled up to the 505-foot destroyer and detonated a load of explosives. The blast ripped a hole 40 feet high and 40 feet wide in the hull of the \$1 billion warship.

It was the first time terrorists had successfully attacked a U.S. Navy ship, and the Cole commission said the bombers had found a "seam in the fabric" of the Navy's system of self-protection. The way to strengthen that fabric lies in improved anti-terrorism training, better intelligence and a recognition that terrorism is a pervasive threat, the panel

said.

"We do believe that this threat is enduring, it's dangerous, people are dying from it, it is not a transitory threat, it's not going away," said retired Navy Adm. Harold Gehman, who co-chaired the commission with retired Army Gen. William Crouch.

Gehman said the transition team of defense secretary-designate Donald Rumsfeld has asked for a briefing on the report, and Defense Secretary William Cohen, who appointed the Cole commission, said he has asked Gen. Henry H. Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to review the findings and to recommend to Rumsfeld how to act upon them.

## Chavez concedes nomination

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WASHINGTON — Linda Chavez withdrew Tuesday as President-elect Bush's nominee to be secretary of labor, saying that "search and destroy" politics had made her a distraction to the incoming administration over the haven she gave an illegal immigrant from Guatemala in the early 1990s.

While Bush praised her and expressed disappointment, Republican officials close to the president-elect said the news was not unwelcome nor a surprise.

Chavez appeared with other immigrants who said she had helped them as she did the Guatemalan, Marta Mercado, in 1991 and 1992, taking her into her home and giving her money but never, she said, as an employee.

She said what happened to her nomination is typical of "the politics of personal destruction" in Washington.

"I have decided that I am

becoming a distraction, and therefore, I have asked President Bush to withdraw my name for secretary of labor," she said.

She said she thinks she would have been a great one.

Bush, in a statement, called her "a good person with a great deal of compassion" and said he was disappointed she would not be in his Cabinet.

Senior Bush advisers said they did not explicitly urge Chavez to withdraw, but the message was clear: "The writing was on the wall," one aide said. "She gets it."

Other officials close to Bush said aides had begun to doubt her credibility regarding a key question in the case: While Chavez had told Bush transition officials earlier that she was not aware Mercado was in the United States illegally until after the woman had left her suburban house, she conceded in withdrawing that "I

think I always knew."

There was no immediate word on a replacement.

Other prospects who had been on the Bush list for the labor department included Missouri Rep. Jim Talent, defeated nominee for governor of Missouri; Rep. Jennifer Dunn of Washington; and Rich Bond, a former chairman of the Republican National Committee.

One senior Republican said the prospects include Elaine L. Chao, former deputy transportation secretary in the first Bush administration and wife of Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky. She had been mentioned as a transportation secretary candidate.

"My, what a difference a week makes," Chavez began, prefacing her withdrawal with a description of the help she got from others during a difficult childhood. She said that she vowed then she would always be there for other people and

said that while "I am not Mother Teresa ... I have tried to do right by people who have been in need."

She said the Guatemalan woman who stayed with her was battered and in trouble, and that she would take her in again, "in an instant, without hesitation" despite what has happened as a result.

Chavez said she was trying "to put a human face" on the story by appearing with two Hispanic women, one with two children, and a Vietnamese man, all of whom said she had helped them when they needed it.

She also said that her relationship with the Guatemalan woman was not comparable to the situation involving Zoe Baird, who withdrew as President Clinton's first nominee for attorney general in 1993 because she had employed illegal aliens as household help and had not paid social security taxes on their wages.



An old Chinese man walks beside the frozen moat that surrounds the Forbidden City in Beijing, China. The city has been blanketed in snow for the last three days, and heavy snowfalls wreaked havoc with traffic and caused delays at the airport.

Kevin Lee/Newsweek

## Smoking in movies common despite cigarette, tobacco ban

### THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Smoking remains prevalent in movies even though tobacco companies agreed to stop paying filmmakers to feature their brands more than a decade ago, according to a new study.

Tobacco use was depicted in nearly 85 percent of the top 25 highest-grossing movies released each year from 1988 and 1997, Dartmouth Medical School researchers said Tuesday.

"I think we show that the ban had no impact on what is essentially cigarette advertising in the movies," said study co-author Madeline Dalton, a professor of nutrition and public health at the college.

In 1989, tobacco companies voluntarily agreed to halt movie product placement after Congress questioned whether the practice violated advertising regulations.

Evidence had surfaced that Philip Morris paid to promote tobacco products in "Superman II" and the James Bond movie "License to Kill," which later agreed to post a tobacco warning in its credits.

Tobacco use was featured in about 92 percent of the top-25 films released in 1988, the year before the ban, Dr. Jim Sargent, lead author of the study, said Tuesday.

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1989 but skyrocketed to 96 percent in 1990, he said.

Despite dips to 80 percent in 1991 and 1995, smoking has otherwise wavered between 88 percent and 92 percent in the top 25 movies each year, he said.

The Dartmouth review of a 10-year span of films does not supply evidence that tobacco companies are continuing product placement, Dalton said.

More likely, he said, smoking in films remains prevalent because "it's an easy way for a director or actor to make a quick statement about a character."

"The smoking stereotype can be a shorthand for a sexy woman, a rebellious woman or a tough guy," Dalton said. "But filmmakers are just perpetuating that stereotype and need to know that kids are watching and modeling their behavior on what they see."

Consider Julia Roberts, who displays anxiety in 1997's "My Best Friend's Wedding" by hastily puffing a cigarette before the ceremony.

Bruce Willis conveys callous rage when he kills a thug for knocking a cigarette out of his mouth in the 1991 detective thriller

"The Last Boy Scout." Sometimes tobacco is even used to generate laughs. In the 1997 extraterrestrial comedy "Men in Black," alien visitors return to their home planet after buying a carton of smokes.

Of the 250 movies studied, the Dartmouth researchers determined that 217 featured tobacco use and 180 featured a real brand.

The findings are slightly higher than, but generally consistent with, the American Lung Association's independent studies, spokeswoman Harriet Charney said.

The anti-smoking agency has found that tobacco is featured in about 78 percent of movies over the past decade.

Charney said even a movie like the 1991 thriller "Dead Again," which features Andy Garcia as a debilitated smoker who puffs cigarettes through a hole in his throat, may not effectively show the consequences of tobacco use.

"Young people don't have a good sense of themselves growing old, so showing the results of smoking tends not to be very effective," she said.

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#### ■ Nebraska Woman shoots herself trying to kill family's pet rabbit

DILLER — A 58-year-old woman trying to kill a pet rabbit accidentally shot herself and died Sunday, Jefferson County Sheriff Rex Southwick said.

Ruth E. Hicok was in her yard when she may have slipped and fell before the .22-caliber rifle she was carrying went off, Southwick said.

"She was tired of (the rabbit)," Southwick said. "She had asked her boys to do it before."

Southwick initially ruled Hicok's death as a suicide, but later decided the shooting was accidental and released details about the rabbit.

#### ■ Miami Media, research firm join forces to inspect ballots

Several of the nation's largest news organizations contracted with a research firm Tuesday to conduct a comprehensive survey of disputed ballots from the presidential race in Florida.

Joining the group are The Associated Press, Cable News Network, The New York Times, Tribune Publishing, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post and two Florida newspapers, The Palm Beach Post and the St. Petersburg Times.

"Because of the unique circumstances of the 2000 presidential election, the AP believes that the most accurate possible inspection of the disputed Florida ballots is a highly worthwhile effort that will be of great interest to our members and the public," said Jonathan Wolman, the AP's executive editor.

#### ■ Houston Business feud leads to four deaths

A man apparently engaged in a feud with a Houston business shot three people to death there Tuesday before he also died of a gunshot wound, authorities said.

Police spokeswoman Silvia Trevino said two women and a man were found dead inside the store.

An employee who was inside the store when the shots were fired said the owner, his wife and their daughter were killed.

The suspected gunman died at Ben Taub General Hospital of a gunshot wound to the head, police said.

#### ■ California Former hospital worker charged with six deaths

GLENDALE — A former respiratory therapist was arrested Tuesday and booked for investigation of murder in the deaths of six hospital patients, police said.

Officers arrested Efran Saldivar, 31, as he was arriving at his job as an electrician's apprentice, Police Chief Russell Siverling said. Saldivar did not resist.

Saldivar allegedly told police in 1998 that he committed dozens of mercy killings at the medical center between 1989 and 1997. He told police that he considered himself the Angel of Death.

Police said Saldivar told them he was angry at seeing terminally ill patients kept alive and killed them through suffocation or injection of muscle-paralyzing drugs.

Saldivar was fired from the hospital and his therapist license was revoked by a state board.

### Weather

#### TODAY

Partly cloudy  
high 50, low 36

#### TOMORROW

Cloudy  
high 45, low 33

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