



## Seattle residents told not to be fearful of gunman

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SEATTLE — Authorities told Seattle residents Thursday not to be overly fearful as authorities searched for a camouflaged gunman who killed two employees at a boat repair shop and wounded two others before vanishing into the city.

The attack, which came one day after a Xerox Corp. employee allegedly shot seven co-workers to death in Hawaii, prompted a massive manhunt Wednesday through leafy streets north of downtown.

The crime appeared to be deliberate and calculated, Police Chief Norm Stamper said. The attacker made no statement to his victims, he said.

"We do not know the identity of the shooter or his whereabouts," the chief said. However, he said the nature of the attack made it unlikely that the killer posed an immediate danger to the neighborhood.

"We are confident that this individual is not a threat to the community as such," he said. "In other words, this is not an individual who is going to repeat the act" that happened Wednesday.

On Wednesday, schools were locked down and

residents urged to stay indoors. Today, schools opened as usual, Seattle Public Schools spokesman Bill Southern said. No unusual absences were reported.

Stamper said officers had received hundreds of calls and tips. "We have a handful that look pretty good at this point," Stamper said earlier on NBC's "Today" show.

Police said the gunman walked into the shipyard building before heading directly to a small back office and opening fire.

"He walked in and started shooting. That's all we know," said Pam McCammon, a police spokeswoman. Police said survivors told them that the man said nothing before shooting seven to nine rounds with a 9 mm handgun.

A 19-year-old man who survived with a gunshot wound in his arm told police the gunman didn't work at the shop and he had never seen him before. The man was described as possibly in his 30s, with brown hair and wearing an overcoat, camouflage clothing, a baseball cap and sunglasses.

Late Wednesday, authorities detained a man in nearby Tacoma who matched the description. But he was released after about an hour.

The shooting happened in an industrial area on the edge of Lake Union, a few blocks from the Wallingford neighborhood, a popular area of older wood-frame houses with small, tidy yards and porches dotted with Halloween pumpkins.

As night fell, Mayor Paul Schell asked the public to be careful. "Check on your neighbors, check on senior citizens, check on your premises," he said.

The King County medical examiner's office identified the dead as Russell J. Brisendine, 43, and Peter Giles, 27. Brisendine was a marine engineer who worked on boats' electrical systems. Giles, nephew of the shop's owners, was the general manager.

Outside the Northlake Shipyard building Thursday morning, Chris Dean brought two bouquets of flowers to the doorstep shortly after sunup. He said he knew the victims. Beside his flowers lay a note from someone else, in black marker on yellow lined paper. It read, "Pete — You will always be with us!" and was signed, "the gang."

Giles "was just a super young fellow," his grandfather, Richard Kelly Sr., told KIRO-TV. "Who

would expect for a decent, law-abiding, wonderful citizen to get just shot in cold blood?"

The other survivor, a 58-year-old man, was in serious condition today with a gunshot wound to the chest, hospital officials said.

In Honolulu, the suspected gunman fled but surrendered after a five-hour standoff. The nation has been struck by a series of workplace and school-related shootings over the past year.

"To have it so close is very unsettling," said Scott Pierce, owner of a boat dealership across the street from the crime scene. "It brings you back into the reality of the world we live in today. We need to figure out a way to get it stopped."

President Clinton on Wednesday offered federal help to officials trying to solve both of the latest shootings, and said the country has been plagued for too long with gun violence.

"Our nation continues on this day to be reminded of the horrors of gun violence. We need to do more to keep guns out of the hands of criminals and children," Clinton told reporters in the White House Rose Garden. "Congress needs to send me commonsense [gun] legislation."

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Company to move windmills away from condors' flight path

HOUSTON (AP) — Enron Corp. has dropped plans to build 53 windmills in an area north of Los Angeles populated by California condors, an endangered species.

There are believed to be only 49 condors left in the wild. The birds have 9-foot wingspans and can glide 150 miles in one day. Environmentalists had said the turning blades of the energy-producing windmills 200 feet above the ground would have been a deathtrap for the birds.

Enron Wind Corp., a subsidiary of Houston-based Enron, agreed to abandon the site in the Tehachapi Mountains near Gorman, Calif., 60 miles north of Los Angeles, in exchange for a lease on land about 20 miles away.

The decision came after the National Audubon Society raised objections.

"After they reflected on it, they saw the benefit of finding an alternative site," said Dan Beard, Audubon's senior vice president. "Companies will now think twice before they consider building near condor habitats."

#### Medical student opens fire in theater, kills two

SAO PAULO, BRAZIL (AP) — A medical student opened fire in a movie theater during the screening of the film "Fight Club," killing two and wounding four, police said Thursday.

The shooting occurred Wednesday night at a theater in the Morumbi shopping mall in Sao Paulo, where about 30 people were watching the movie, police said.

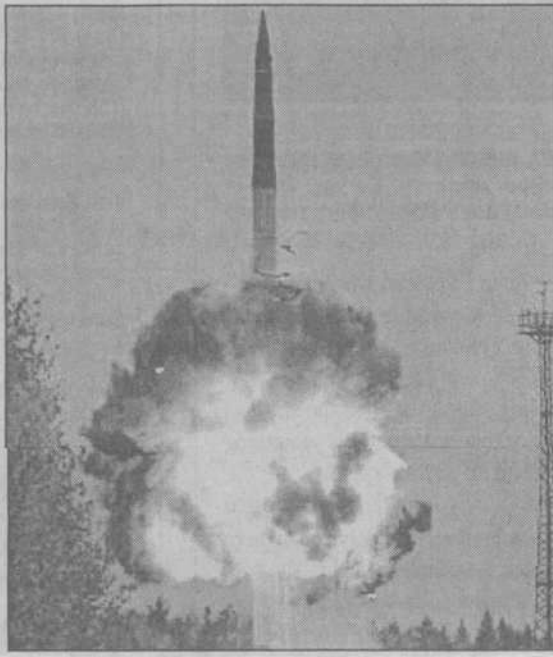
Mateus da Costa Meira, 24, was being held in connection with the shooting.

He told police he went into the bathroom during the film and fired several shots at the mirror, police inspector Miguel Pinheiro said.

"He then walked back into the theater and started firing randomly," Pinheiro said, killing a 23-year-old woman and a 29-year-old man. Four others were wounded, Pinheiro said.

#### COLD WAR? Russia tests a missile

A Topol-M intercontinental ballistic missile is launched from the Plesetsk cosmodrome Friday. Russia's military has been making a rare show of its nuclear forces as Moscow denounces U.S. calls to amend the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty to allow both nations defenses against limited nuclear attacks.



#### Germany fears change in American Strategy

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WASHINGTON — Europe is fearful that the Senate vote against the nuclear test ban treaty could signal a change in American strategy as the world's only superpower, Germany's foreign minister said today.

"This would make us all very unhappy," Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer told reporters at the German ambassador's residence before meeting with administration officials and members of Congress.

Fischer also called for consideration of a lifting of sanctions against Yugoslavia even before democracy is established as long as it would help the opposition and not Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic.

He praised the Clinton administration for its efforts to bring peace and stability to the Balkans, the Mideast and the Aegean Sea. He said all three efforts hold promise.

He sharply criticized the Senate's rejection of the nuclear test ban treaty, saying it sends a bad message to other nuclear states.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright has written world leaders giving assurances that the United States will observe the treaty that failed in an Oct. 13 Senate vote, 51-48 — 18 short of the two-thirds needed. President Clinton strongly supported it, but Republicans said it would hurt U.S. security interests.

"We hope this is not reflecting a shift in the basic strategy of the United States," Fischer said. "This would be very serious. We need a strong United States with

a leading role in the world of tomorrow."

Non-nuclear states are looking to America to provide "some sort of order" in a nuclear world, he said, adding that some Americans are seeking 19th century answers to 20th century challenges.

On the Balkans, Fischer said peace can only come when the policy of Milosevic of trying to establish a greater Serbia is rejected. If he hadn't been stopped in Kosovo, the next war would be just around the corner, he said.

Fischer said the West cannot defeat Milosevic with the dual strategy of allowing him to create a besieged fortress and, at the same time, trying to open up Serbian society and foster democratic opposition. "Both won't work," he said, but he planned to discuss the second goal as an option with U.S. officials.



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