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Gunman Opens Fire In Rio De Janeiro School

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — A gunman roamed the halls of an elementary school in Rio de Janeiro on Thursday and killed 11 children, lining them up against a wall and shooting them in the head at point-blank range as he shouted, "I'm going to kill you all!"

It was the worst school shooting in Brazil — and would have been deadlier if the gunman had not been shot in the legs by a police officer, who said the man then fell down some stairs and shot himself in the head.

Images taken with a cell phone and posted on YouTube showed students fleeing wildly, screaming for help, many with their white and blue school shirts soaked in blood.

At least 18 people, mostly students, were injured, many by gunfire, and taken to local hospitals, said Rio state Health Secretary Sergio Cortes. At least four were in grave condition.

Libyan Rebel Anger Swells After Deaths

AJDABIYA, Libya (AP) — An apparent NATO airstrike slammed into a rebel combat convoy Thursday, killing at least five fighters and sharply boosting anger among anti-government forces after the second bungled mission in a week blamed on the military alliance.

The attack — outside the strategic oil port of Brega — brought fresh questions about coordination between NATO and the patchwork of rebel militias in a conflict described by a senior U.S. commander as a stalemate that could eventually require the Pentagon to reassert more power, and possibly even send in ground forces.

Tensions between the rebels and NATO were flaring even before the latest accident, with the fighters criticizing the alliance for doing too little to help them. A rebel commander described the attack as a likely NATO accident, but said it would be a "bigger mistake" if it was waged by Moammar Gadhafi's pilots and exposed holes in NATO's efforts to ground Libyan warplanes.

In a sign of the hair-trigger tensions along the front, thousands of civilians and fighters raced out of the rebel-held city of Ajdabiya in eastern Libya after reports that Gadhafi's forces gained ground in the chaos after the bombing. Some militiamen shouted insults against NATO as they retreated.

N.J. Governor Calls Out Teachers Union

NEW YORK (AP) — New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie on Thursday called for public school teachers to be evaluated based equally on their classroom performance and student achievement and accused the state's largest teachers union of being a group of "bullies and thugs."

Christie laid out his proposal in a speech in New York sponsored by the Brookings Institute, a Washington think tank. A teachers union spokesman called the governor's plan an "educational disaster."

Since taking office last year, the Republican Christie has emerged as a popular figure among conservatives nationally for his willingness to confront public employee unions, including teachers, over their salaries and pensions. Several other governors have since followed suit, saying such benefits for public employees are unsustainable over time.

Christie kept up the anti-union drumbeat Thursday, referring to the New Jersey Education Association as a bunch of "bullies and thugs" who pressured the Democrat-controlled Legislature to resist reform. "I don't know how they sleep at night," he said of the union.

Christie spoke broadly about the need to reform public education, saying seniority-based tenure should be abolished and that good teachers should be paid more than bad teachers.

Trump Goes After Obama On U.S. Citizenship

WASHINGTON (AP) — Real estate tycoon Donald Trump said Thursday he isn't convinced that President Barack Obama was born in the United States, but says he hopes the president can prove that he was.

Officials in Hawaii have certified Obama's citizenship, but "birthers" have demanded additional proof. And Trump, who is weighing whether to seek the Republican presidential nomination, says not all the questions have been answered.

In an interview broadcast Thursday, Trump told NBC News he plans to decide by June whether to run, and said that if he is the GOP nominee, "I'd like to beat him straight up," not on the basis of the question of where Obama was born.

Trump insisted he didn't introduce the citizenship issue, but he isn't letting go of it either. Since he was asked about it during an interview several weeks ago, the real estate executive said, he's looked into it and now believes "there is a big possibility" Obama may have violated the Constitution.

Gov't To Use Facebook, Twitter For Warnings

WASHINGTON (AP) — Terror alerts from the government will soon have just two levels of warnings — elevated and imminent — and those will be relayed to the public only under certain circumstances. Color codes are out; Facebook and Twitter will sometimes be in, according to a Homeland Security draft obtained by The Associated Press.

Some terror warnings could be withheld from the public if announcing a threat would risk exposing an intelligence operation or an ongoing investigation, according to the government's confidential plan.

Like a gallon of milk, the new terror warnings will each come with a stamped expiration date.

The new system, replacing the five color-coded levels, is expected to be in place by April 27.

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record a phone conversation with Riensche where he admitted touching her inappropriately.

The Associated Press does not identify alleged victims of sexual assault.

Berkowitz said he understands that prosecutors want to convict Riensche, but he thinks the judge is crossing a line by threatening the woman with as much as 90 days in jail.

"I think they're looking at the case in front of them and trying to get this guy off the streets, but I think it's going to hurt them in the long run," Berkowitz said.

The woman's attorney, Randall Wertz, did not immediately respond to a message for comment. In court documents, he argued that the woman doesn't want to testify because of the disgrace and humiliation she and her children would feel.

"Compelling (her) to testify will cause grave damage that cannot be undone once the testimony is completed," Wertz wrote.

Merritt can't comment because the case is ongoing.

Lancaster County District Court Administrator Troy Hawk said. In one of his rulings, the judge said he decided to order the woman to testify because her information is so crucial to this case.

"It is difficult to imagine a more material witness under the circumstances," Merritt wrote.

Lancaster County Attorney Joe Kelly did not immediately respond to a message Thursday. He told the *Lincoln Journal Star* that he would not comment on the Riensche case, but said he couldn't remember a time when an alleged sexual assault victim went to jail for not testifying in a case.



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Aftershock Rattles Disaster-Weary Japan

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Associated Press

SENDAI, Japan — A big aftershock rocked quake-weary Japan late Thursday, rattling nerves as it knocked out power to the northern part of the country and prompted tsunami warnings that were later canceled.

The quake was initially measured at magnitude-7.4, though the U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colorado, later downgraded it to 7.1. Either way, it was the strongest aftershock since several were recorded on March 11 — the day of the magnitude-9.0 earthquake and tsunami that killed as many as 25,000 people and touched off a nuclear crisis last month.

There were no immediate reports of serious injuries or major damage, and the operator

of the tsunami-ravaged Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant said there was no sign the aftershock had caused new problems there. Workers retreated to a quake-resistant shelter in the complex, with no injuries.

The aftershock around 11:30 p.m. was strong enough to knock items off store shelves and move a large automated teller machine at a FamilyMart convenience store in the major northern industrial center of Sendai. The city is far enough inland that it avoided major tsunami damage, but people there were without gas and electricity for weeks.

Manager Takehiko Akagi said 100 people had showed up within an hour of Thursday's aftershock and cleared the shelves of ice, water and instant noodles — items that were in short supply after the bigger quake.

"Usually at this time of night, there is almost no one," said

Akagi, whose store had power even though people in nearby neighborhoods did not. A handful of buildings had broken windows and tiles, and some small electrical fires were reported.

In Ichinoseki, which is also inland, buildings shook violently, knocking items from shelves and toppling furniture, but there also appear to be no major damage there. Hotel workers lit candles so guests could find their way around.

Japan's nuclear safety agency said nuclear facilities along the northeastern coast were under control after backup generators kicked in at two — Rokkasho and Higashidori — that lost power.

The aftershock knocked out two of three power lines at the Onagawa nuclear power plant north of Sendai, which has been shut down since the tsunami. One remaining line was supplying power to the plant and radiation

monitoring devices detected no abnormalities. The plant's spent fuel pools briefly lost cooling capacity, but it resumed because a power line was available for electricity.

"It's the way it's supposed to work if power is lost for any reason," said David Lochbaum, director of the nuclear safety project for the U.S.-based Union of Concerned Scientists. Since the tsunami warning was canceled 90 minutes after it was issued, there was no reason to believe the facilities' diesel generators would fail like the ones at the stricken Fukushima plant. The massive wave knocked out cooling systems and triggered a series of mishaps that have left workers struggling to stop radioactivity from spewing nearly a month later.

"That was really the blow that the plant didn't recover from," Lochbaum said.

OBITUARIES

Benjamin Cap

Benjamin Cap age 89 of Yankton passed away on Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at the Avera Yankton Care Center, Yankton.

Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. Monday, April 11, 2011 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton, SD. Entombment will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery with military graveside rites by the American Legion Post #12, Yankton.

Visitations will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Pallbearers are Shane Wynia, Leonard Cap, Robert Cap, and David Cap.

Benjamin was born to Joseph Sr. and Mary (Hlavac) Cap on July 6, 1921. He grew up on the family farm south of Utica, South Dakota, and went to the Pleasant Hill Country School #64. He married Joyce Fridrich on October 23, 1945 at the Tyndall Presbyterian Church in Tyndall, South Dakota.

Benjamin farmed most of his life and also worked at the Human Service Center and Gurney's Seed and Nursery Company. He moved to Yankton in 1994 to live by and help his disabled daughter. He enjoyed



Cap

playing bingo and cards and he also collected eagles and elephant figurines. He was a fond collector of belt buckles from Frontier Days in Cheyenne Wyoming since 1985. His love will be cherished by his family and friends.

He is survived by his 2 daughters, Myla Gautreaux and Carla Cap, both of Yankton, South Dakota; 1 grandson, Shane Wynia, Yankton, South Dakota; 2 great-grand-daughters, Sierra and Destiny; and 1 great-great grand-daughter; nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 1 son, Gary Benjamin; 6 brothers; Ed, Joseph Jr., Emil, Leo, William, Alvin, and 2 sisters; Rose and Katherine.

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Irene Slaba

WAGNER — Irene Slaba, 89, of Wagner, died Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at the Community Memorial Hospital in Wagner.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 9, 2011 at St. John's Catholic Church in Wagner. Burial is in the parish cemetery, rural Wagner.

Visitation will be Friday from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Wagner. Rosary/Wake services will be 7 p.m. Friday, at the church.

Irene Josephine Slaba, daughter of Martin and Rose (Cuka) Kocmich, was born June 4, 1921 on the home place near Dante, SD. She died Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at the Community Memorial Hospital in Wagner. Irene attained the age of 89 years, ten months and three days.

Irene attended grade school in the Dante area and graduated from Wagner High School in 1941.

Irene married John L. Slaba on November 12, 1946 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Wagner. Four children were blessed to their union. John died July 25, 1977.

Irene worked at various stores

in Wagner while attending high school. In the early years of her marriage, she took care of her ailing parents. Irene was a hard worker all of her life. She cooked at the Wagner Sale Barn, worked as a nurses aide at the Wagner Community Hospital, drove the Head Start Bus, worked at Casey's and lastly worked at the Good Samaritan Society in Wagner.

Irene was a member of St. John Catholic Church, St. John Altar Society and the VFW Auxiliary.

Irene enjoyed crocheting and quilting and made many quilts for her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She also enjoyed baking, taking trips to Las Vegas, playing Bingo and her cat, Lucy. Irene loved playing cards and taught her grandchildren how to play. She also taught them how to cheat at cards.

Thankful for having shared her life are her children: John and wife Barb of O'Neill, NE, Larry and wife Vicky of Bennington, NE, Don and wife Carol of Wagner and Veronica "Vicki" Swatek and husband Ken of Wagner; 13 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren; special companion, Bert Cozad of Wagner; sister-in-law, Anna Koupal of Wagner; and many relatives and friends.

Irene was preceded in death by her husband; parents; one grandson; six brothers: Frank,



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Norbert Bollich

Menominee, Neb. — Norbert J. Bollich, age 87 of Menominee, NE passed away on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at Avera Yankton Care Center, Yankton.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 9, 2011 St. Boniface Catholic Church, Menominee, NE with Rev. David Fulton officiating. Burial will be in the parish cemetery with military graveside rites.

Visitations will begin at 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 8, 2011 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton with a 7 p.m. wake service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Norbert Joseph Bollich was born on October 26, 1923 to Frank and Mary (Perk) Bollich in rural St. Helena. On February 21, 1946, he joined the United States Army and received his honorable discharge on April 27, 1947. He married Marina Kleinschmit on September 12, 1949 in St. Boniface Catholic Church, Menominee. To this union eight children were born: Linda, Daniel, Gary (deceased), LeeRoy, Anthony, Norma, Brian, and Bruce. Norbert started farming which he did most of his life and until he had heat stroke. He worked at Wilson Trailer and continued to farm. He enjoyed riding horse, fishing, and spending time with his grandchildren. He enjoyed trav-



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eling throughout the United States with his wife visiting family and friends. Those who will cherish his memory are his wife, Marina of Menominee, NE; his children: Linda (Paul) Hodgdon of Las Vegas, NV, Daniel (Sharleen) Bollich of Great Falls, MT, LeeRoy (Shirley) Bollich of Great Falls, MT, Anthony (Tina) Bollich of Charlotte, NC, Norma (Chris) DeJong of Alamogordo, NM, Brian (Sue) Bollich of Omaha, NE, and Bruce (Donna) Bollich of Menominee, NE; 24 grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren; daughter-in-law, Renee Bollich of Yankton; two sisters: Sally Blaschke of Fordyce, NE and Lorraine Schlueter of Becker, MN and many nieces and nephews.

Norbert was preceded in death by his son, Gary, his parents, and siblings: Anthony, Leona, Alvin, Arthur, and Colleen.

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Martin, Joe, John, Adolph and Tom; and four sisters: Anna Kocmich, Pauline Petrik, Mary Burger and Rose Mazourek.

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Avis Cox

Avis Cox, 89, of Yankton died peacefully Wednesday (April 6, 2011) at her home.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, with Father Mark Lichter officiating. Burial will be in the Yankton Cemetery.

Visitation will be one hour prior at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton.

Elmer Mueller

MENNO — Elmer Mueller, 82, of Menno died unexpectedly Wednesday (April 6, 2011) at his residence.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Grace Lutheran Church, Menno, with the Rev.

Brad Danielson officiating. Burial will be in the Menno Cemetery.

Visitations is 4-8 p.m. Sunday at the church, with a 7 p.m. prayer service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Aisenbrey-Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home, Menno.

Rudolph Kirschenman

MENNO — Rudolph Kirschenman, 99, of Menno died Thursday (April 7, 2011) at the Menno-Olivet Care Center, Menno.

Arrangements are pending with Aisenbrey-Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home, Menno.

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