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Black Population Declining In Metro Areas

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hispanics now outnumber African-Americans for the first time in most U.S. metropolitan areas, shifting the political and racial dynamics in cities once dominated by whites and blacks.

Census figures released Thursday highlight the growing diversity of the nation's 366 metro areas, which were home to a record 83.7 percent share of the U.S. population. The numbers from the 2010 count are already having a big effect on redistricting in many states, where district boundary lines are being redrawn based on population size and racial makeup.

Hispanics became the largest minority group in 191 metropolitan areas last year, their population lifted higher as blacks left many economically hard-hit cities in the North for the South and new Latino immigrants spread to different parts of the country. That's up from 159 metro areas when the previous Census was taken in 2000, when Hispanics were most commonly found in Southwest border states.

The new metro areas include Chicago; Grand Rapids, Mich. and Atlantic City, N.J., whose states will lose U.S. House seats in the 2012 elections. Other places seeing rapid Hispanic gains compared to blacks were Lakeland, Fla.; Madison, Wis.; Oklahoma City and Omaha, Neb., due to the mid-decade housing boom that attracted many new immigrants seeking work in the construction and service industries.

The Census Bureau reported last month that overall Hispanic population jumped 42 percent in the last decade to 50.5 million, or 1 in 6 Americans. Blacks increased a modest 11 percent to 37.7 million, with declines particularly evident in big cities such as New York, Detroit, Cleveland, and St. Louis, Mo.

Mother Who Killed Kids Posted On Facebook

NEWBURGH, N.Y. (AP) — The suicidal mother who loaded her four children into a minivan and drove it into the frigid Hudson River warned in a cryptic Facebook message just before the fatal plunge: "I'm so sorry everyone forgive me please for what I'm gonna do.... This is it!!!!"

Her 10-year-old son, who swam ashore as his mom and three siblings drowned, says his mother told her children, "you're all going to die with me," then changed her mind and tried, too late, to back out of the river, according to the woman who found the sopping wet boy.

"I made a mistake, I made a terrible mistake," the boy quoted his mother as saying.

Just before 8 p.m., Lashanda Armstrong put her children into the van and drove into the river. Armstrong and three of the children, boys ages 5 and 2 and an 11-month-old girl, died. Ten-year-old LaShaun Armstrong escaped.

Meave Ryan was driving past the boat ramp in Newburgh on Tuesday evening when she spotted LaShaun waving his arms.

Senate Rejects GOP Effort To Cut Off Funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate has rejected an effort to cut off funds for President Barack Obama's health care law.

The vote Thursday was 53-47, strictly along party lines. Republicans had pressed for a vote on the resolution as part of the negotiated deal to cut spending struck by Obama and congressional leaders last week.

Moderate Democrats facing tough re-election campaigns next year voted with their party to keep the cash flowing to the law.

UN Says 34 Killed In Iraqi Army Raid

BAGHDAD (AP) — An Iraqi army raid last week on Camp Ashraf left 34 Iranian exiles dead, according to a U.N. spokesman who on Thursday offered the first independent death toll for the attack that drew sharp rebukes from Baghdad's Western allies.

The April 8 raid targeted the People's Mujahedeen Organization of Iran, which seeks to overthrow Iran's clerical leaders. The group won refuge at Camp Ashraf years ago during the regime of Saddam Hussein, who saw them as a convenient ally against Iran. But since then, the exiles have become an irritant to Iraq's new Shiite-led government, which is trying to bolster ties with Iran.

The attack was the climax of days of building tensions between the Iraqi army and the Ashraf residents, who feared they were about to be attacked after nervously watching soldiers bulk up their forces outside the camp. The Iraqi general who led the raid said it was in response to Ashraf residents pelting his troops with rocks and throwing themselves in front of military cars.

U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Chairman John Kerry on Thursday called it a "massacre."

The U.N. visit was critical because the Ashraf residents and the Iraqi government have issued wildly different accounts of the raid and the reasons behind it.

Police Say Texas Father Killed Infant, Toddler

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A Texas man sent his ex-girlfriend a mobile phone photo that appears to show their infant son dead before the baby and his toddler brother were found dead.

That's according to the woman's boss and co-worker, who say they saw that photo. They also say they saw another one showing the dad and children alive — with the message "We love u goodbye."

Graham police say the bodies were found early Thursday after an overnight search triggered by a concerned relative.

Gabriel Armandariz is jailed in Young County on \$1.5 million bond on a capital murder charge. North Texas authorities aren't releasing details about the case.

Douglas Ames, who works with the children's mother in West Texas, says they weren't sure the disturbing photo was real but called police.

Marines: Weak Oversight Led To Death

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The Marine Corps says lack of oversight contributed to the sinking of an amphibious vehicle during a training exercise in a Southern California harbor that killed a sergeant. A battalion commander has been replaced.

The Marine Corps said Thursday that mechanical failure and non-standard training and operating procedures also are to blame for the Jan. 14 mishap that killed 27-year-old Sgt. Wesley Rice.

A Board of Inquiry found there was lack of oversight within the Assault Amphibian Schools Battalion. The Marine Corps says Brigadier Gen. Michael Brogan ordered changes to correct deficiencies and relieved the commander.

The Marine Corps did not name the commander who was relieved. It disclosed the investigation's findings in a brief press release.

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Gadhafi Defiant Despite Attacks

Libyan Leader Rolls Through Tripoli On Same Day As NATO Airstrikes

BY KARIN LAUB
Associated Press

TRIPOLI, Libya — Moammar Gadhafi rolled defiantly through the streets of Tripoli, pumping his fists as he poked through the sun roof of an SUV on Thursday — the same day that NATO airstrikes shook the city. The alliance's foreign ministers, while united in their aim to pressure the Libyan leader to go, argued at a meeting over whether to step up military operations that have so far failed to rout him.

Gadhafi gave no sign that he's willing to relent, despite two months of civil war and mounting international pressure for him to move aside. Instead, his loyalists pounded rebel positions in the besieged western city of Misrata with dozens of rockets for several hours, killing at least 13 people.

The main target of the assault was Misrata's port, the only lifeline for rebels who have been trying to defend positions in the city, Libya's third-largest, against Gadhafi's forces.

Early Friday, Gadhafi's daughter Aisheh sent another defiant message from her father's Bab al-Aziziyah compound in the capital of Tripoli, badly damaged exactly 25 years ago, in an

April 15, 1986 bombing by U.S. warplanes. That attack came in response to a bombing that had killed two U.S. servicemen at a German disco.

"Leave our skies with your bombs," Gadhafi's daughter told a cheering crowd, addressing the international community. "We are a people that cannot be defeated."

Wearing a green headscarf and a leather jacket, she waved to the crowd of several hundred and led them in chants from a second-floor balcony that in the past was used by her father to deliver speeches.

On Thursday, several large explosions were heard in Tripoli and a column of black smoke rose from the southeastern part of the city, followed by the sound of anti-aircraft guns, a resident said.

Libyan state television showed Gadhafi — dressed in a black Western blazer, black crew neck T-shirt, sunglasses and a hat — standing through the open sun roof of a sport utility vehicle on a fist-pumping, rapid ride through Tripoli with dozens of supporters chasing behind him.

Libyan TV said the trip came on the same day that NATO airstrikes hit military and civilian areas in the capital.

The TV report said there were civilian casualties from the attacks. The report could not be confirmed.

The fighting in Libya began in mid-February when large anti-government protests escalated into a civil war. Rebels hold much of eastern Libya, while Gadhafi controls the west, with the front line shifting back and forth in the middle. Three weeks of international airstrikes haven't routed Gadhafi's forces.

Gadhafi's troops unleashed three hours of heavy shelling on the port city of Misrata, which is partly held by rebels. The port is Misrata's only lifeline, and government forces fired tank shells and dozens of Grad missiles, according to witnesses who spoke on condition of anonymity because they feared retaliation.

"They want to flatten the area to deploy the troops on foot and invade the city," said one of the witnesses, a doctor whose first name was Ayman. He added that a ship sent by Doctors Without Borders to evacuate 165 critically injured people to Tunisia had been scheduled to arrive Thursday morning at Misrata's port, and he believed the government had shelled the port to interfere with the humanitarian aid.

FAA Tries To Quell Sleeping Controller Controversy

BY JOAN LOWY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Publicly fuming, the FAA chief collected Thursday the resignation of the head of the U.S. air traffic system, doubled controller staffing at more than two dozen airports and ordered a sweeping review of the entire system that ensures planes fly safely, as the government sought to reassure the public that air travel is safe despite at least four instances of controllers sleeping on the job.

But present and former controllers told The Associated Press that grueling work schedules and the design of the job itself — sitting in a dark room at night waiting for pilots to call — have made taking naps on the job necessary, even if unauthorized by the FAA. One whistle-blower complained to the Transportation Department that cots can be found in one radar center, most often with controllers asleep in them.

The National Transportation Safety Board warned FAA after a deadly 2006 air crash that con-

trollers' schedules were creating unsafe situations in which they were going into work after only a few hours of sleep. But little had changed until this week when Federal Aviation Administrator Randy Babbitt said he was immediately adding a second controller on overnight shifts at 26 airports and a radar facility that had been staffed with a lone controller. Presumably the second controller provides a margin of safety if the first falls asleep.

Babbitt's order came hours after the pilot of a plane trans-

porting a critically ill passenger was unable to raise the single controller working at 2 a.m. Wednesday in the tower of the Reno-Tahoe International Airport in Nevada. The FAA said the controller, who was out of communication for 16 minutes, was sleeping. Controllers at a regional radar facility in California assisted the plane, which landed safely.

Hank Krakowski, the head of the agency's Air Traffic Organization, resigned Thursday and a replacement search was under way, Babbitt said.

OBITUARIES

Helen Kollars

Helen G. Kollars, age 84, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Wednesday, April 13, 2011, at the Golden Living Center in Hartington, Nebraska.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 16, 2011, at St. Benedict Catholic Church in Yankton with Reverend Ken Lulf officiating. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery in Yankton.

Visitation is from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with a rosary and vigil service at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the Mass on Saturday, at the church.

Pallbearers are John Leader, Mark Leader, Eric Shepperd, Matt Shepperd, Jared Shepperd, and Jack Kollars.

Helen G. Kollars was born June 30, 1926, in Yankton, South Dakota, to Hubert and Anna (Bogner) Sprakel. She grew up on the family farm in Crofton, Nebraska. She attended St. Rose Elementary School in Crofton and graduated from Crofton High School. After graduating from high school, she moved to Yankton, South Dakota, and worked as a secretary for a time before she married Giles L. Kollars on September 6, 1949, in Crofton, Nebraska. They lived in Yankton and raised eight children. After raising her family, Helen started working for Avera Home Health in Yankton, which she continued for 10 years.

She was a member of St. Benedict Catholic Church in Yankton and a member of the Legion of Mary. She enjoyed playing cards, sewing, and working with the elderly. The three loves of her life were God, her family and the Catholic Church. She had a great capacity for love



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and forgiveness, and we are all blessed to have been a part of her life. "Ever has it been that love knows not its own depth until the hour of separation."

SURVIVORS include her 8 children: Carolyn (Gordon) Leader of Crofton, Nebraska; Nick Kollars of Wrangell, Alaska; Dorothy (Morris) Booth of Elk Mountain, Wyoming; Angie (Rex) Shepperd of Big Horn, Wyoming; Raymond G. Kollars of Yankton; Leonard (Tina) Kollars of Olathe, Kansas; Pat Kollars of Pretoria, Africa; and Mary Kollars of Calgary, Alberta, Canada; 16 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; sister, Mildred Wootton of Yankton; two sisters-in-law: Magdalen Sprakel and Julie Sprakel both of Crofton, Nebraska. She is also survived by her many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Giles on October 18, 1986; son, Gerard Kollars; granddaughter, Hope Leader; two brothers: Eugene and Walde Sprakel; and two sisters: Mary Ann Hillman and Sister Ethel Sprakel.

To post an online sympathy message, please visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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Clara Schaefer

Clara F. Schaefer age 80 of Yankton passed away Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at the Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Funeral service will be at 11:30 Saturday, April 16, 2011 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Yankton with Rev. Steve Weispennig officiating. Burial will be approximately 2:15 PM at the Zion Cemetery, Avon, SD.

Visitations will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday, April 15, 2011 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Clara Florence Schaefer, daughter of Henry and Rosa (Trickler) Wiechmann, was born July 13, 1930 at Wagner, SD. Clara graduated from Wagner High School in 1949. She attended Beauty School in Sioux Falls and then was an apprentice with Winnie Mokrejs in her beauty salon. Clara purchased the Town and Country Salon from Gert Dressler and ran her own shop in Wagner for a few years. Clara married Hugo Schaefer on October 27, 1966. They lived in Wagner, Rapid City, Tyndall, Springfield, and Yankton. Clara and Hugo traveled some in their motor home sightseeing and visiting family and friends. Clara enjoyed



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stitching and embroidery work of which she did countless dish towels and several quilt tops. She enjoyed the flowers in her garden and was always willing to help family and friends. Clara enjoyed the neighborhood children in all the towns they lived in. Clara also enjoyed scrapbooking; she has many books with articles and pictures of friends and family. She enjoyed playing her organ especially playing the old hymns.

Clara is survived by many nieces and nephews and two sisters-in-law; Ruby Wiechmann and Ora Maye Wiechmann both of Wagner, SD.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hugo, her brothers; Art and Albert Wiechmann and sisters; Delores Wiechmann, Emma Bromert, Edna Uecker, and Myrtle Hollmann.

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Glenn Jespersen


ARMOUR — Glenn H. Jespersen, 91 of Armour and formerly of Wagner, died Wednesday (April 13, 2011) at the Douglas County Memorial Hospital, Armour.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Saturday at East Lake Andes Lutheran Church, rural Lake Andes. Burial will be in the church cemetery with military honors.

Visitation is at 1-6 p.m. today (Friday) at Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home, Wagner.

Full obit at crosbyjaegerfh.com.

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<p>Helen G. Kollars 10:30 AM, Saturday St. Benedict Catholic Church</p>	

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