

## NATION/WORLD DIGEST

### Yemen: Deep Divisions Remain Among Foes

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Deep divisions within Yemen's opposition appeared to doom an Arab proposal for the president to step down within a month, raising the prospect of more bloodshed and instability in a nation already beset by deep poverty and conflict.

President Ali Abdullah Saleh, who has ruled for 32 years, agreed Saturday to the Gulf Cooperation Council's formula for him to transfer power to his vice president within 30 days of a deal being signed in exchange for immunity from prosecution for him and his sons.

A coalition of seven opposition parties generally accepted the deal. But thousands stood their ground Sunday in a permanent protest camp in part of the capital, Sanaa, and their leaders said they suspect Saleh is just maneuvering to buy time and cling to power. The protesters say the established opposition political parties taking part in the talks with Arab mediators do not represent them and cannot turn off the rage on the streets.

### Sudan: At Least 105 Are Dead In Clashes

JUBA, Sudan (AP) — At least 105 people have died in violence between government forces and rebel militias in Southern Sudan this week, an official said Sunday, raising concerns of southern instability ahead of the region's independence declaration in July.

Brig. Malaak Ayuen, the head of the Southern Sudan's Army Information Department, said fighting on Saturday between a group of rebels led by Maj. Gen. Gabriel Tanginye in Jonglei state and southern government forces led to 57 people being killed and scores being injured.

Ayuen said that five days of fighting between government forces and those loyal to another rebel chief, Peter Gatdet, in Unity state which is northwest of Jonglei, led to the deaths of 48 people. He did not give a breakdown of the number of civilians, rebels and the army killed in both incidents.

Since its January independence referendum, Southern Sudan has seen a wave of violence that has killed hundreds.

### No Deaths After St. Louis Area Tornado

BRIDGETON, Mo. (AP) — The St. Louis area's most powerful tornado in 44 years rips into an airport and through a densely populated suburban area, destroying up to 100 homes, shattering hundreds of panes of glass at the main terminal and blowing a shuttle bus on top of a roof. Yet no one is killed, or even seriously hurt, and the airport reopens less than 24 hours later. How?

Early warnings, good timing and common sense all helped prevent a tragedy Friday night. But on Easter Sunday, many of those cleaning up the mess also thanked a higher power.

"I don't know why God decided to spare our lives but I'm thankful for it," Joni Bellinger, children's minister at hard-hit Ferguson Christian Church, said Sunday.

Lambert Airport reopened for arriving flights Saturday night, and departing flights began Sunday morning. Still, dozens of flights have been canceled, the airport's Concourse C is still closed and complete repairs could take up to two months.

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# Giffords' Husband Set For Shuttle Flight

## Wounded Lawmaker Expected To Attend Friday's Launch

BY MARCIA DUNN  
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Looking back on the horror of that Saturday in January, this seems miraculous today: that Mark Kelly would indeed command the next-to-last space shuttle flight and that his wounded wife, Gabrielle Giffords, would be here in Florida watching.

Yet that is what is expected to happen Friday.

The Kelly-Giffords ordeal has been a national drama since Jan. 8, when the congresswoman was shot in the head at a meet-and-greet in her hometown of Tucson, Ariz.

The couple's love story — her struggle to survive a serious brain injury and her remarkable progress, and his devotion to both his wife and NASA — has overshadowed Endeavour's final voyage and the looming end of the shuttle program.

It's all about Mark and Gabby. "They're America's sweethearts," said Susan Still Kilrain, a former space shuttle pilot.

On a day fit for princes and princesses — Britain's Prince William will wed Kate Middleton that morning — Endeavour's scheduled 3:47 p.m. blastoff is the big draw for tourists and residents on Florida's Space Coast.

The Obama family will be here, as will a con-



Giffords

gressional contingent and an estimated 40,000 other NASA guests. Plus, hundreds of thousands are expected to jam surrounding beaches and roadways, all eager to catch one of the last two space shuttle launches.

In an interview with CBS' Katie Couric, excerpts of which were released Sunday, Kelly said Giffords' doctors have cleared her to travel to Cape Canaveral, Fla., to watch.

No one, it seems, can resist the real-life drama surrounding the 47-year-old astronaut and the 40-year-old congresswoman, married just three years when a bullet changed everything. The shooting rampage outside a supermarket left six dead and 13 injured, including Giffords.

Kelly rushed by private jet from Houston to Tucson with his two teenage daughters and his mother, as soon as he learned of the assassination attempt.

His shuttle co-pilot, Gregory Johnson, was also moving at rocket speed. He opened his Houston home to the rest of the shuttle crew and their families that bleak Saturday night, as he struggled to come up with a game plan amid the shock waves.

"We wanted to deal with the emotions of all the kids. My daughter was completely beside herself," recalled Johnson.

The six astronauts, all men, have 15 children

among them, from 3 to 17 years old. Italian astronaut Roberto Vittori's plane had just landed in Houston when he got the urgent one-word message. "Call." Just the day before, Italy's president had given him a flag to fly into space.

The news hit Vittori hard, just as it did everyone else on the crew and at NASA.

"Crews get close after 18 months," Johnson explained in an interview with The Associated Press, "and all my kids had met Gabby on numerous occasions and we had socialized together as a crew. So just getting past that emotional trauma was important. And then we were faced with OK, what do we do next? How are we going to move on?"

Kelly figured he'd be at his wife's ICU bedside for "maybe two, four, six months." That's what her trauma surgeon and neurosurgeon warned him, in the hours after the shooting.

"I'm pretty sure I'm done," he told his boss, chief astronaut Peggy Whitson.

For several weeks, Johnson and his crewmates didn't know whether Kelly would fly the April mission or whether the flight might be delayed. A backup commander stepped in to keep up the training momentum.

But as the days went by, Giffords made steady progress. Her previous good health, great care "and maybe a little bit of luck" contributed to her swift improvement, Kelly said. "Or maybe people really thinking about her and praying for her." The astronaut's aunt is a Catholic nun. As it turns out, Pope Benedict XVI will make the first papal call to space during Endeavour's mission.

# Syria Targets Activists With Pinpoint Raids

BY BASSEM MROUE  
Associated Press

BEIRUT — Syrian security forces detained dozens of opposition activists and fired from rooftops in a seaside town Sunday as authorities turned to pinpoint raids after days of bloodshed brought international condemnation and defections from President Bashar Assad's regime.

The strategy, described by a rights activist, appeared aimed at rattling the opposition's leadership and showing that the state's ability to conduct arrest sweeps has not changed despite abolishing nearly 50-year-old emergency laws last week.

The rising level of violence — more than 120 people dead since Friday — brought calls

from the watchdog group Human Rights Watch for a U.N. inquiry. But Sunday's tactics also suggest a government effort to head off the round of protest marches.

The police raids, which began late Saturday, concentrated around the capital Damascus and the central city of Homs, a hotbed of demonstrations against Assad's authoritarian rule, said Ammar Qurabi, head of the National Organization for Human Rights in Syria.

"These people are not being arrested in a legal way. They are being kidnapped," Qurabi said, claiming the plainclothes security agents did not have formal arrest warrants.

Qurabi did not have full figures for those detained, but said at least 20 people were arrested in Homs. A resident in the Damascus suburb of Douma said at least five people were

taken into custody and authorities cut Internet and telephone lines.

Later, security forces moved into the coastal town of Jableh, claiming they were searching for weapons, said Qurabi. He cited witnesses saying that police and army units opened fire from rooftops even though there were no apparent threats and no protests in progress. At least one person was killed and three wounded, he said.

"I am terrified ... People in the street are getting shot," a resident of Jableh told The Associated Press by phone.

The accounts could not be independently confirmed because Syria has expelled journalists and restricted access to trouble spots. Witnesses spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals.

### Sherrie Nedved

WAGNER — Sherrie Nedved, 50, died peacefully at her home in rural Wagner on Friday, April 22, 2011.

Funeral services are 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at St. John Lutheran Church in Wagner. Burial is in St. John's Catholic Cemetery, rural Wagner.



Nedved

Visitation is at St. John Lutheran Church in Wagner on Monday from noon until 7 p.m., followed by a 7 p.m. Prayer Service.

Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Wagner is in charge of arrangements.

Sherrie Jean Nedved, age 50, of Wagner, South Dakota died Friday, April 22, 2011. She was born October 18, 1960 to Norman and Shirley (Jerke) Gibson in Yankton, SD. Sherrie and her older brother Randy grew up on the family farm south of Dante, SD. She graduated from Avon High School in 1978 and then went on to graduate from the University of South Dakota, Springfield. While in college she worked as a nurse's aide at St. Michael's Hospital in Tyndall, SD and after graduating from college she worked in activities at the Human Services Center in Yankton. At a dance in Delmont, SD, she met Jim Nedved. They were married on October 6, 1984 at Zion Lutheran Church in Avon, SD. Three sons were born to this union, James, Evan and Jory. After marriage, Sherrie worked as a nurse's aide at the Wagner Community Hospital and helped her husband Jim on their farm south of Wagner.

Many people were inspired by her strong will and her faith in God, despite health challenges and the loss of their sons, James and Jory. Sherrie will be remembered for her quick wit, sense of humor, and love of animals. It was rare if she wasn't providing care for an animal in need.

Although she spent the majority of her time at home, she reached out to others through daily phone calls and e-mails. During her mother's final days on earth, Sherrie showed incredible strength and supported others during a difficult time. Sherrie was also eagerly anticipating the birth of her first grandchild.

Sherrie was baptized and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church of Avon. At the time of her death she was a member of St. John Lutheran Church of Wagner.

Sherrie is survived by her husband Jim Nedved of Wagner; son Evan (Cassie Painte) Nedved of Brookings, SD; father Norman Gibson of Dante; brother Randy (Paula) Gibson of Dante; mother-in-law Frances Nedved of Wagner; and many aunts, uncles, relatives and friends.

Sherrie was preceded in death by her two sons: James and Jory; her mother, Shirley; and father-in-law, Leonard Nedved.

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### James Templeton

LAKE ANDES — James Templeton, 77, died at his home in Lake Andes on Friday (April 22, 2011).

Funeral service are at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 30, at Koehn Bros. Funeral Home, Lake Andes, with burial following in Lakeview Cemetery, Lake Andes.

### Glendon Kramer

FREEMAN — Glendon Kramer, 88, of Freeman died Thursday, April 21, 2011, at the Freeman hospital.

Glendon married Bernice Preheim in 1946.

Glendon is survived by his wife Bernice; a son Wallace (LaRuth) Kramer of Freeman, two

daughters: Anita (Kirk) Preheim of Sioux Falls and Marlene (Lynn) Flaming of North Platte, Neb., 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be Wednesday at 11:00 at the Salem Mennonite Church of rural Freeman.

Visitation will begin at 4:00 Tuesday at the Walter Funeral Home with the family present from 6:00 to 8:00.

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### Mervin Peterson

PLATTE — Mervin Peterson, 87, of Platte, SD passed away Friday, April 22, 2011 at the Platte Care Center.

Funeral Services will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Platte. A Committal Service will follow at the Platte City Cemetery.



Peterson

A 7:00 p.m. Prayer Service will be held at the church Monday, April 25, 2011.

Memorials in Mervin's honor may be directed to: Helping Hands Food Pantry, PO Box 418, Platte, SD 57369. Mount Funeral Home in Platte is assisting with arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be extended to the family through: www.mountfuneralhome.com.

Mervin Peterson was born on the family farm near Platte, SD on June 17, 1923 to Alfred and Caroline Peterson.

On August 27, 1945 Mervin married Donna Paulson. They lived on a farm north of Platte and raised seven children there.

Mervin was active in his com-

### Edward Hunhoff

UTICA — In loving memory of our husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend, Edward Joseph Hunhoff age 83 of Utica, SD surrounded by his family passed peacefully on Holy Thursday, April 21, 2011 at Avera Sister James Care Center.

Visitations will begin at 4:00 p.m. Monday April 25, 2011 at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory with a 7:00 p.m. Rosary and 7:30 p.m. Scripture.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at St. Agnes Catholic Church, Sigel in Utica, SD. Burial will be in the St. Agnes, Sigel Cemetery.

Visitations will resume Tuesday morning at 8:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton, SD.

Edward Joseph Hunhoff was born August 11, 1927 to Herman and Mary (Huber) Hunhoff. As a young boy, he attended grade



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school at Klimisch District 48 and attended high school in Lesterville, SD, St. Joseph School in York, NE and graduated from Yankton High School. Following high school graduation, he continued his farming career on the family farm. He raised cattle, hogs, corn, oats and soybeans. He was united in marriage with Catherine McDonald on August 12, 1952 at St. Columba Catholic Church, Mayfield. They had four children: Mary Agnes, Joseph, Phyllis and Francis.

He was one of the originators of the Yankton County Pork Producers. He served on the Klimisch District 48 School board and he was a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters. He was also an active member of the St. Agnes Catholic Church, Sigel and was one of the caretak-

ers of the St. Agnes, Sigel Cemetery.

Those who will cherish his memory are his wife, Catherine of Utica, SD; daughter Mary Agnes of Lincoln, NE; son, Joseph (Suzanne) of Bloomfield, NE; daughter, Phyllis of Yankton, and son, Francis (Kristi) of Yankton; 10 grandchildren; sisters: Mary Lois Gibson of Phoenix, AZ, Sr. Phyllis, O.S.B., Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton, and JoAnn Sallee of Elk Grove, CA and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Edward was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Mary; brother, Herbert; sisters: Helen and Sr. Gladys O.S.B.

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munity and church by serving on several boards throughout the years. He lived on the same farmstead for 80 years.

Grateful for having shared his life is one son: Douglas (Connie) Peterson from Platte SD; five daughters: Paula (Gary) Nelson from Geddes SD, Jacqueline (Burton) Sly from Rapid City SD, Connie (Barney) Wagner from

Wickenburg AZ, Cheri (Doug) VanGorp from Stickney SD, Trudy (Lee) Qualm from Platte SD; and one daughter-in-law: Linda (Kevin) Nyberg from Sioux Falls SD. Mervin also enjoyed 25 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren.

Mervin was preceded in death by his wife, Donna, in September of 2000 and his son, Kirk, in July of 1982.

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