

## Iran Says It Will Not Return U.S. Drone

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran will not return a U.S. surveillance drone captured by its armed forces, a senior commander of the country's elite Revolutionary Guard said Sunday.

Gen. Hossein Salami, deputy head of the Guard, said in remarks broadcast on state television that the violation of Iran's airspace by the U.S. drone was a "hostile act" and warned of a "bigger" response. He did not elaborate on what Tehran might do.

Iranian television broadcast video Thursday of Iranian military officials inspecting what it identified as the RQ-170 Sentinel drone.

Iranian state media have said the unmanned spy aircraft was detected over the eastern town of Kashmar, some 140 miles (225 kilometers) from the border with Afghanistan. U.S. officials have acknowledged losing the drone.

## U.S. Proposes Staffing A New Border Crossing

BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK, Texas (AP) — The bloody drug war in Mexico shows no sign of relenting. Neither do calls for tighter border security amid rising fears of spillover violence.

This hardly seems a time the U.S. would be willing to allow people to cross the border legally from Mexico without a customs officer in sight. But in this rugged, remote West Texas terrain where wading across the shallow Rio Grande undetected is all too easy, federal authorities are touting a proposal to open an unmanned port of entry as a security upgrade.

By the spring, kiosks could open up in Big Bend National Park allowing people from the tiny Mexican town of Boquillas del Carmen to scan their identity documents and talk to a customs officer in another location, at least 100 miles away.

The crossing, which would be the nation's first such port of entry with Mexico, has sparked opposition from some who see it as counterintuitive in these days of heightened border security. Supporters say the crossing would give the isolated Mexican town long-awaited access to U.S. commerce, improve conservation efforts and be an unlikely target for criminal operations.

# Northeast States Cut Heating Aid To Poor

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WASHINGTON — Mary Power is 92 and worried about surviving another frigid New England winter because deep cuts in federal home heating assistance benefits mean she probably can't afford enough heating oil to stay warm.

She lives in a drafty trailer in Boston's West Roxbury neighborhood and gets by on \$11,148 a year in pension and Social Security benefits. Her heating aid help this year will drop from \$1,035 to \$685. With rising heating oil prices, it probably will cost her more than \$3,000 for enough oil to keep warm unless she turns her thermostat down to 60 degrees, as she plans.

"I will just have to crawl into bed with the covers over me and stay there," said Power, a widow who worked as a cashier and waitress until she was 80. "I will do what I have to do."

Thousands of poor people across the Northeast are bracing for a difficult winter with substantially less home heating aid coming from the federal government.

"They're playing Russian roulette with people's lives," said John Drew, who heads Action for Boston Community Development, Inc., which provides aid to low-income residents in Massachusetts.

The issue could flare just as New Hampshire votes in the Republican presidential primary.

Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, said she hopes the candidates will take up the region's heating aid crunch because it underscores how badly the country needs a comprehensive energy policy.

Several Northeast states already have reduced heating aid benefits to families as Congress considers cutting more than \$1 billion from last year's \$4.7 billion Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program that served nearly 9 million households.

Families in New England, where the winters are long and cold and people rely heavily on costly oil heat, are expected to be especially hard hit. Many poor and elderly people on fixed incomes struggle with rising heating bills that can run into thousands of dollars. That can force them to cut back on other necessities like food or medicine.

"The winter of 2011-12 could be memorable for the misery and suffering of thousands of frigid households," New Hampshire's Concord Monitor newspaper said in an editorial. "Heating oil prices are expected to hit record highs, and federal fuel assistance may reach a record low for recent years."

Higher home heating oil prices and more families seeking aid due to the sour economy are straining resources. There's a 10 percent surge in new applicants in Boston, Drew said.

"Our whole program could hit a rock soon," said Mark Wolfe of the National Energy Assistance Directors' Association.

Families can expect to pay, on average, about \$3,300 to heat a home with oil this winter in New England, Wolfe said. That's about \$500 more than last winter. About half of the region's homes use oil heat.

Congress, which is locked in a bitter battle over reducing spending, still must decide how much money to give the program for the budget year that began Oct. 1.

In fall 2008, amid concerns about rising fuel prices, the government nearly doubled fuel assistance, releasing \$5.1 billion to states for the following winter.

But last February, President Barack Obama proposed cutting the program nearly in half, calling for about \$2.5 billion. The House is considering \$3.4 billion for fuel assistance, while the Senate reviews a \$3.6 billion proposal.

Snowe, along with Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., and Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., are pushing for \$4.7 billion, last year's funding level, but they face long odds.

The government has given an initial round of funding, \$1.7 billion, to the states.

In Maine, one of the coldest states, the average benefit has been reduced by about \$500. The state's average benefit last winter was about \$800 among 63,842 households served. The average income of recipients was \$16,757. About 80 percent of Maine households use oil heat.

"It's a very serious situation," Dale McCormick, director of MaineHousing, a state agency that administers heating aid, said. "We can't send out money we don't have."

That view is shared by home heat aid advocates across New England and into New York and Pennsylvania. Most of those states have cut benefits. New Hampshire has tightened eligibility requirements.

Vermont's average benefit was cut from \$866 to \$474. New York's maximum benefit this year is \$500, down from \$700 last winter. Pennsylvania's minimum benefit is dropping from \$300 last year to \$100, Wolfe said.

"We have a lot of terrified people who can't see how they are going to survive," said Drew.

## OBITUARIES

### Jean Hans

ST. HELENA, Neb. — Jean L. Hans, age 82 of St. Helena, Nebraska died on Friday, December 9, 2011 at the Golden Living Assisted Living Center in Hartington, NE.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Family (Immaculate Conception) Catholic Church in St. Helena with the Rev. Eric Olsen officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery in St. Helena.

Visitation will be on Monday at church from 4-8:00 p.m. with a vigil service at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will continue on Tuesday at church one hour prior to services.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington.

Pallbearers will be Jean's sons, Tom, Mark, George, Dominic, Matt, Jeremy and Chris Hans.

Jean was born on July 22, 1929 to Claude and Tresa (Wieseler) Becker in Yankton, SD. She graduated from Mount Marty High School. She then attended and graduated from the Sacred Heart School of Nursing



Hans

Program.. She married Gerald Henry Hans on October 24, 1951 in St. Helena, NE where they made their home, engaged in farming and raised their family. Gerald died on December 9, 1990 at the age of 64 years.

Jean was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church and was active in the Altar Society, choir, and the church liturgy committee. She also served as a lector and EME. She loved her flowers, going for daily walks with her dog, Maggie, and travelling. She spent many hours practicing her faith through prayer and adoration to the Almighty Father. Jean was a devoted mother and loved visits from all her children.

Jean is survived by her 10 children and their spouses, Tom and Fran Hans of Springfield, OR; Jeannie and Stan Lucke of Scottsbluff, NE; Mark and Cindy Hans of St. Helena, NE; Marlys and Don Fischer of Clearwater, NE; Carolyn and Myron Heine of

St. Helena, NE; George Hans and friend Brett Castagno of Kansas City, KS; Matthew Hans of Seward, NE; Dominic and Zita Hans of Mission Hill, SD; Jeremy Hans of St. Louis, MO; Chris and Leide Hans of Weldon, MO; 20 grandchildren; four step grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; Five sisters; Loretta Albrecht of Yankton, SD; Twin sister Joan Becker of Hartington, NE; Marilyn and husband Loren Lund of Bassett, NE; Claudette Stappert of Bow Valley, NE; Geri and husband Marcel (Butch) Backman of Wynot, NE.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents; husband Gerald; son Gerard; two grandchildren, two great grandchildren; one sister Luann Kline.

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### Beth Wubben

Beth Marie Wubben, age 47, of Yankton, SD, died Friday, December 9, 2011, at Avera Yankton Care Center in Yankton.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 14, 2011, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Yankton, SD with Reverend Dan Smith officiating. A cremation will take place following the Mass and inurnment will be 11:30 a.m. on Thursday at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Yankton.

Visitation is from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with a rosary at 7:00 p.m. and a vigil service at 7:30 p.m. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the Mass on Wednesday at the church.

Pallbearers are Beth's nieces and nephews: Lukas Uhler, Matthew Wubben, Zachary Wubben, Claire Wubben, Tori Henning, Sara Henning, Noah Wubben, and Alisha Uhler.

Beth Marie Wubben was born July 3, 1964, to Marcus "Mark" and Janice (Martinson) Wubben at Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton, SD. She was baptized at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Yankton, received her First Holy Communion in Brookings, SD, and was confirmed at Sacred Heart



Wubben

Catholic Church in Yankton. After moving to Brookings, in 1966, the family moved back to Yankton in 1975. Beth attended Special Education at Stewart Elementary School, Yankton Middle School and Yankton High School. She entered the Yankton Adjustment Training Center, now named Ability Building Services (ABS), in 1981. She was a participant at ABS until entering Avera Yankton Care Center on May 18, 2010. Beth had several jobs in the community and enjoyed many years working for Mollet Music Co.

Beth lived in her own apartment and was so proud of her home. She enjoyed going to ABS every day and coming home to be with mom and dad on weekends. She really liked to shop and going out to eat. She loved music, especially Country music, and had hundreds of CD's. Beth was always ready to go shopping for purses and had a purse to match every outfit. She couldn't wait for Friday so she could go play BINGO at the Center with her friends. She loved horses and all animals. Beth also traveled to

Nashville and Disney World with her friends.

Beth was an outgoing, happy, special person and was loved by all who knew her. She was especially proud of her nieces and nephews. We will all miss our very special Beth so much.

Survivors include her parents, Mark and Janice Wubben of Yankton; brother, Thomas Wubben of Ankeny, IA; sister, Lisa Wubben of Yankton; nephews: Lukas (Alisha) Uhler, Matthew Wubben, Zachary Wubben, and Noah Wubben; nieces: Claire Wubben, Tori Henning, and Sara Henning; great nephew, Gabriel; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Ray and Alma Wubben and maternal grandparents Tom and Meryl Martinson.

To send an online sympathy message to the family, visit [wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://wintzrayfuneralhome.com).

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### Marlin Vilhauer

AVON — The funeral service for Marlin J. Vilhauer, 90 of Avon will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Avon. Burial will be the Zion Lutheran Cemetery, rural Avon, with military honors.

Visitation will be at the church from 4 to 7 Monday, followed by a 7 p.m. prayer service.

Marlin J. Vilhauer, son of John J.P. and Emma (Raabe) Vilhauer, was born June 23, 1921 on the home farm near Avon in Charles Mix County. He died Saturday, December 10, 2011 at the Good Samaritan Society in Tyndall. Marlin attained the age of 90 years, five months and 18 days.

Marlin was baptized at Zion Lutheran Church in Avon on July 11, 1921 and confirmed there on May 24, 1936.

Marlin served in the U.S. Navy. He was on the Honor Flight in



Vilhauer

November of 2010 with his grandson, Tyler.

Marlin married Rose Lukkes on October 21, 1949 at Zion Lutheran Church. Five children were blessed to their union. After their marriage, Marlin and Rose moved onto the family farm where they farmed, did dairy and raised hogs for 49 years. They retired in February of 1998, bought a home and moved into Avon. They moved to the Meadow View Manor in January of 2009 and then to Autumn Winds in Yankton in May of 2010. Rose died June 10, 2010. Marlin became a resident of the Good Samaritan Society in Tyndall on February 28, 2011.

Marlin was a faithful member of Zion Lutheran Church where he

served as an Elder, Trustee and Sunday School teacher. He also was a member of the Arthur Wissman American Legion Post 150, Rouse Country School board member, and the Charles Mix Election Board.

After his retirement, Marlin helped farmer haul their crops and butcher, worked for the City of Avon mowing and working at the dump. He will be remembered for his enjoyment of woodworking, fixing clocks, fishing and play cards.

Thankful for having shared his life are his children and their families: Elaine (Jim) Johnson, Dallas, TX; Loren, Pierre; Clayton (Jean), Ft. Collins, CO and their children Dawn (Jason) Ranz, Jared, Jason and Jeremy; Glen (Brenda), Mitchell and their children Stacy (Josh) Haiar, Brian (Megan) and Brent; and Charlene (Kevin) Tjeerdsma, Avon and their son Tyler (Jenny); five great

grandchildren: Zayden and Kinley Tjeerdsma, Emilee and Lindsey Ranz, and Evelyn Vilhauer; one sister, Helen (Leland "Bud") Kopps, Highland, WI; sister-in-law, Choyce Vilhauer, Yankton; and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Marlin was preceded in death by his wife; parents; sister, Mildred Haenfler (Joe); and two brothers: Clarence and Wallace (Vivian).

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### Cecil Andresen

HARTINGTON, Neb. — Cecil L. Andresen, 86, of Hartington, Neb., died Saturday, Dec. 10, 2011, at his residence.

Funeral services are at 10:30

a.m. Wednesday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hartington, Neb., with the Rev. Justin Wiese officiating. Burial will be in the Hartington City Cemetery with military honors provided by the Wynot American Legion Post 31.

Visitation is 3-8 p.m. Tuesday, with a prayer service at 7 p.m., at Wintz Funeral Home, Hartington. Visitation will resume one hour prior to services on Wednesday at the church.

To send on line condolences, visit [www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com).

### Gladys Drury

Gladys M. Drury, 90, of Yankton died Friday, Dec. 9, 2011 at Sunset Manor, Irene.

Memorial services are at 2 p.m. on Dec. 27, 2011, at Wintz & Ray Funeral Home, Yankton, with Pastor Nathan Martin officiating. Inurnment will be at the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton.

There will be a gathering of family and friends one hour prior to the memorial service at the funeral home.

To send an online sympathy message, visit [wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://wintzrayfuneralhome.com).

### Charles Barron Jr.

Charles W. Barron Jr., 63, of Yankton died unexpectedly at his home on Sunday, Dec. 11, 2011.

Arrangements are pending with Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Yankton.

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