

### Tucson Remembers Deadly Shooting Rampage

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — This time, in the supermarket parking lot, there were softly ringing bells breaking the morning silence instead of the terrible sounds of gunfire and sirens.

More bells tolled later Sunday at Tucson's packed St. Augustine Cathedral as the names of the six people killed in the shooting rampage were read.

With hugs and tears, southern Arizonans remembered the dead, the shattered lives and those who acted heroically after a gunman opened fire at an outdoor meet-and-greet that severely wounded Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and stunned the nation and this close-knit community.

The day of remembrance began with the ringing of church bells and hand-held bells throughout the city at 10:11 a.m., the exact time the gunman shot Giffords in the head and methodically moved down a line of people waiting to talk to her during a public event outside a Safeway supermarket on Jan. 8, 2011.

"Even in the midst of this troubling year, the healing, the courage that we have experienced in our community — each one of us can notice how our cups overflow with the blessings of our lives," said Stephanie Aaron, Giffords' rabbi, who recited the 23rd Psalm at an interfaith service at the cathedral Sunday afternoon.

### Arab League Repeats Demand To Halt Violence

BEIRUT (AP) — The Arab League demanded Sunday that the Syrian government immediately stop all violence and allow more monitors in, as activists reported at least 10 more civilians, including two teenagers, were killed by regime forces.

Fierce clashes in the south between government troops and military defectors left 11 soldiers dead, activists said. The Arab League also called on other armed parties to halt all bloodshed, an apparent reference to the defectors.

Qatari Foreign Minister Sheik Hamad Bin Jasssem Bin Jabr Al Thani said the ministers did not agree to call for U.N. experts to join the observers' mission in Syria, but said U.N. experts will train the monitors in Cairo before they leave. Even had they called for the U.N. experts to go in, Syria's regime may well have blocked them.

The success of the mission, said Al Thani, who heads the committee, "depends on the government of Syria, and that means stopping the killings, withdrawing troops from the cities, and allowing journalists to work and enter Syria."

The ministerial committee called on "the Syrian government and various armed groups to immediately halt all forms of violence and to return to protesting peacefully for the success of the Arab League observers' mission in Syria."

### Lawsuit Claims Link Between Drug, Cancer

BOSTON (AP) — Arline MacCormack first heard about DES from her mother when she was 17. Three decades later, MacCormack believes that the drug her mother took to prevent miscarriages caused her to develop breast cancer at age 44.

MacCormack, of Newton, is one of 53 women from around the country who are suing drug companies who made and promoted DES for millions of pregnant women from about 1938 to the early 1970s. In 1971, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration told doctors to stop prescribing DES for their pregnant patients after a study found that taking DES during pregnancy appeared to increase the risk of developing a rare vaginal cancer years later for DES daughters in their teens and 20s.

DES, or diethylstilbestrol, is a synthetic estrogen that was prescribed to millions of women in the United States, Europe and other countries to prevent miscarriages, premature birth and other problems.

The case in Boston is being closely watched by DES daughters around the country. Thousands of lawsuits have been filed since the 1970s alleging links between DES and cervical and vaginal cancer, as well as infertility problems. Many of those cases were settled before trial. The Boston case is believed to be the first major litigation alleging a link between DES and breast cancer in DES daughters over the age of 40.

MacCormack, now 50, said she was stunned when she was diagnosed with breast cancer six years ago after having mammograms every six months since she turned 40 because she had had several benign cysts removed over the years.

### Alaska Town Tries To Dig Out From Snow Dump

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — The small Alaska fishing town of Cordova is used to dealing with excessive snow — but not like this. Residents have turned to the state to help them dig out of massive snow levels that have collapsed roofs, triggered avalanches and even covered doors, trapping some people in their homes.

Responders say rain fell overnight, making for a treacherous mess Sunday in the Prince William Sound community of 2,000 year-round residents.

Bad weather has prevented the Alaska National Guard from flying to the town, 150 miles southeast of Anchorage. Now, at least 50 Guard members are headed to Cordova on a state ferry. They're expected to arrive later Sunday to help clear roofs and roads.

The National Weather Service says Monday is supposed to be clear before another system moves in Tuesday.

### Deputy Shot And Killed In Arizona

PHOENIX (AP) — An Arizona sheriff's deputy has been shot and killed while answering a burglary call in the north Phoenix suburb of Anthem.

Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio tells KTVK-TV that the nearly 20-year veteran deputy found a suspect inside a van as he arrived. The deputy was shot when the suspect opened fire with an assault rifle.

The deputy was taken to a hospital but doctors could not save him. The fate of the suspect is unclear.

Calls to sheriff's officials seeking additional information were not immediately returned.

## Red Cross

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"I used the time to decompress and get settled here," she said. "I did a lot of traveling and a lot of volunteering in a variety of activities to keep my mind active and to meet new people."

When the Red Cross manager's position recently opened up, she jumped at the opportunity. She saw the job as an extension of her career in dealing with disasters and in her desire to help people.

Bodenstedt is no stranger to the non-profit world. She served as a volunteer with numerous agencies throughout the United States while in the Navy. Once she left the Navy, she wanted to continue to serve her country in some capacity.

"The military stressed that you need to be very involved in your community," she said. "I believe strongly that, as a citizen, I have an obligation to serve, whether nationally, regionally or locally, and giving back to my community seemed like a logical way to do that."

She is also active with Habitat for Humanity, the Center, district coordinator for AARP and its income-tax preparation assistance, VFW Post 791 and Interchange, Inc., as a professional network for women.

Bodenstedt faces an immedi-

ate challenge in her Red Cross role. The manager job was recently changed to a part-time position as part of a national cost-cutting plan by the American Red Cross.

"Under reorganization, the Red Cross combined stand-alone chapters and shut some offices completely. Prior to last year, we were a stand-alone chapter. Now, we're a branch office," she said.

"I am working with the Sioux Empire Red Cross out of Sioux Falls. I serve Bon Homme, Clay and Yankton counties. Through all the changes, we are still the Red Cross, and we are still there for Yankton."

As part of her mission, Bodenstedt plans to launch a public awareness campaign.

"The Red Cross has been

around Yankton since 1917, but most of the people faced with a crisis or disaster don't know what the Red Cross can provide," she said. "We let people know how we can help them. It's up to them whether they need or accept our offer of help."

With reduced hours for the manager's position, Bodenstedt said she will rely more on volunteers to assist with local disaster preparedness and response and with safety classes. Qualified volunteers can even serve disaster assignments in other parts of the nation, she said.

Volunteers and private funds are crucial for the Red Cross' success, she said.

"We are not a government organization with volunteers. We

get donations from United Way," she said. "We have our board members. They are all volunteers and assist with fundraising."

Those fundraising projects have included the Dueling Pianos event at Minerva's and the Dining for Disaster program, where restaurants helped raise funds, she said.

With such funds, Yankton County's Red Cross chapter was able to supply assistance during last summer's Missouri River flooding and with recent house fires in Yankton, Bodenstedt said.

Bodenstedt has also networked with local first responders in becoming part of the response team.

"I met here with the local emergency management director, the police, the fire department

and the sheriff's office," she said. "By working locally with the agencies, I see ourselves (with the Red Cross) as an important cog in the wheel."

Despite the challenges associated with her position, Bodenstedt shows a fire and passion for tackling the task at hand.

"There is nothing I can't handle," she said. "The military taught me to work through ad-

versity. You (set) your goals, and it doesn't matter how long it takes, you put forth your effort and stick to it."

In that respect, Bodenstedt holds one very clear goal.

"We want to make the Yankton County Red Cross one of the best in the state," she said firmly.

For more information, contact Bodenstedt at (605) 665-7572 or visit online at www.redcross.org.

## ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL



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Republican presidential candidate Jon Huntsman with his wife, Mary Kaye Huntsman, speaks with the press before meeting with supporters in Bedford, N.H., on Sunday.

## No. Plains Hit Hard By Deer-Killing Disease

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — White-tailed deer populations in parts of eastern Montana and elsewhere in the Northern Plains could take years to recover from a devastating disease that killed thousands of the animals in recent months, wildlife officials and hunting outfitters said.

In northeast Montana, officials said 90 percent or more of whitetail have been killed along a 100-mile stretch of the Milk River from Malta to east of Glasgow. Whitetail deaths also have been reported along the Missouri and Yellowstone rivers in western North Dakota and eastern Montana and scattered sites in Wyoming, South Dakota and eastern Kansas.

The deaths are being attributed to an outbreak of epizootic hemorrhagic disease, or EHD. Transmitted by biting midges, EHD causes internal bleeding that can kill infected animals within just a few days.

In North Dakota, state wildlife chief Randy Kreil described the outbreak as the most extensive and deadly in two decades.

Mule deer, bighorn sheep, elk and pronghorn also are susceptible to EHD, but it is particularly damaging to whitetail herds, animal health experts said. Livestock can be infected but typically show few symptoms.

Researchers say the virus that causes EHD does not infect people and there is no risk of eating or handling infected deer.

More precise estimates of the number of whitetail killed are expected after agencies conduct winter population counts and survey fall hunter success.

Periodic outbreaks of EHD occur in whitetail herds across the country. Wildlife officials say the outbreak in the Northern Plains stands out for the high number of deaths and wide area affected.

Animal health experts suspect it was triggered by an exceptionally wet spring that led to lots of muddy breeding habitat for the biting midges that carry the disease. A warm fall meant the midges lingered and continued transmitting EHD to deer.

In response to those winter deaths, Gunderson said the number of hunting tags offered in northeast Montana was reduced from 5,000 to 4,000. After the EHD outbreak began in late summer, sales of another 2,000 tags were suspended.

In western North Dakota, 1,500 licenses were suspended and the state offered refunds for deer tags already sold. More than 630 people took advantage of the refund.

## Bus Crash In Icy Montana Kills 2, Injures Dozens

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — A bus crashed Sunday on an icy interstate highway in southwestern Montana, killing two people and sending more than 30 others to area hospitals, officials said.

The westbound Rimrock Trailways bus crashed on Interstate 90 about a mile west of Clinton, 18 miles southeast of Missoula, shortly after 7 a.m., Dan Ronan of the American Bus Association said. All of the 34 people on board were either injured or killed.

The crash was one of several reported along that stretch of highway Sunday morning, closing both eastbound and westbound lanes of an 8-mile section of the interstate between Clinton and Turah. It was not clear if there were additional injuries, or how many.

Two people died in the bus

crash, Montana Highway Patrol Sgt. Scott Hoffman said. He expected the death toll to rise.

St. Patrick Hospital spokeswoman JoAnne Hoven said four of the 10 passengers taken to the Missoula hospital were in critical condition. Four others were in serious condition, and two were treated and released, she said.

Mary Windecker, spokeswoman for the Community Medical Center, also in Missoula, said 20 passengers were taken there to be treated for various injuries, none critical.

Those suffering the worst injuries appeared to have been ejected when the bus slid on its side and bounced, breaking out the windows on the driver's side. Three people were pinned under the bus. Hoffman said the driver was among the seriously injured.

He said the estimated speed of the bus was 65 to 70 mph, and that it slid 150 feet when it entered the median, though it's unclear how long it might have been out of control before that.

"When it went on its side, because of the speed involved, it had a bouncing motion," Hoffman said. "And as it did people were ejected through those windows."

The bus ended up in the median on its side, said Bill Tucker, the fire chief for the Clinton Rural Fire District. Two of the passengers were transported to a hospital by helicopters, and six or eight by ground ambulance, he said.

The rest of the survivors, which Tucker described as "walking wounded," were loaded on a Clinton Elementary School bus and taken to Community Medical Center.

The cause of the crash was not yet known, though it is believed icy conditions were a factor, Ronan said. The electronic equipment on the bus indicated it was going 65 mph at the time of the crash, he said.

The speed limit in the area is 75 mph, but Montana law requires motorists to travel at a speed that is safe for the conditions, and Hoffman said authorities were investigating whether the bus was going too fast.

The bus was headed west from Billings to Missoula. Ronan declined to identify the man other to say that he was a veteran driver who joined the company last spring.

The man had driven the same route for Greyhound before Rimrock Trailways took it over last summer, Ronan said.

# U.S.: Iran Laying Groundwork For Nuclear Weapons

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WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Leon Panetta says Iran is laying the groundwork for making nuclear weapons someday, but is not yet building a bomb and called for continued diplomatic and economic pressure to persuade Tehran not to take that step.

As he has previously, Panetta cautioned against a unilateral strike by Israel against Iran's nuclear facilities, saying the action could trigger Iranian retaliation against U.S. forces in the region.

"We have common cause here" with Israel, he said. "And the better approach is for us to work together."

Panetta's remarks on CBS' Face the Nation, which were taped Friday and aired Sunday, reflect the long-held view of the Obama administration that Iran is not yet committed to building a nuclear arsenal, only to creating the industrial and scientific capacity to allow one if its leaders to decide to take that final step.

The comments suggest the White House's assessment of Iran's nuclear strategy has not changed in recent months, despite warnings from advocates of military action that time is running out to prevent Tehran from becoming a nuclear-armed state.

Iran says its nuclear program is only for energy and medical research, and refuses to halt uranium enrichment.

Several Republican candidates have called for a tougher line against Iran, saying they believe it is committed to building the bomb. "If we re-elect Barack Obama, Iran will have a nuclear weapon," said Mitt Romney. "And if you elect Mitt Romney, Iran will not have a nuclear weapon."

Rick Santorum has said that the U.S. should plan a military strike against Iran's nuclear facilities and "say to them that if you do not open up those facilities and close them down, we will close them down for you."

Iran has opened two dozen of



Panetta

its facilities to international inspectors, but has refused in defiance of the U.N. Security Council to suspend its uranium enrichment.

A leading hard-line Iranian newspaper reported Sunday that Iran has begun uranium enrichment at a new underground site well protected from possible airstrikes.

Kayhan daily, which is close to Iran's ruling clerics, said scientists have begun injecting uranium gas into sophisticated centrifuges at the Fordo facility near the holy city of Qom.

In a talk at a Brookings Institution forum in December, Panetta said an attack on Iran's nuclear facilities would "at best" delay Iran's nuclear program by one or two years. Among the unintended consequences, he said, would be an increase in international support for Iran and the likelihood of Iranian retaliation against U.S. forces and bases in the Mideast.

Panetta did not discuss the issue directly on Sunday's "Face the Nation." But Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Martin Dempsey, appearing with the defense secretary, said that he wanted the Iranians to believe that a U.S. military strike could wipe out their nuclear program.

"I absolutely want them to believe that's the case," he said.

Panetta did not rule out launching a pre-emptive strike. "But the responsible thing to do right now is to keep putting diplomatic and economic pressure on them to force them to do the right thing," he said. "And to make sure that they do not make the decision to proceed with the development of a nuclear weapon."

Panetta said if Iran started developing a weapon, the U.S. would act. "I think they need to know that — that if they take that step — that they're going to get stopped."

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