

Rep. Weiner Apologizes For Lewd Online Photo

NEW YORK (AP) — After days of denials, a choked-up New York Democratic Rep. Anthony Weiner confessed Monday that he tweeted a photo of his bulging underpants to a woman and admitted to “inappropriate” exchanges with six women before and after getting married. He apologized for lying but said he would not resign.

Weiner said at a news conference that he had never personally met any of the women he corresponded with online and sometimes via telephone, and was not even sure of their ages. He also said he had never had sex outside of his marriage.

“This was me doing a dumb thing, and doing it repeatedly, and lying about it,” he said.

He said he did not feel the scandal affected his work as a lawmaker but would understand if his constituents decided not to re-elect him.

“I’m going to work very hard to win back their trust,” he said at the half-hour-long news conference.

Prosecutors Obtain Edwards’ Emails

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prosecutors have obtained emails between John Edwards and a former aide to use as evidence at trial that he knew about payments to his pregnant mistress even while he was publicly denying it, people familiar with the case told The Associated Press on Monday.

Dozens of emails were exchanged between Edwards and his former speechwriter Wendy Button as they worked on a never-released draft statement to acknowledge paternity of his out-of-wedlock child, according to people who have seen the messages and requested anonymity because they have not been made public yet.

The messages, draft statements and notes of their related phone conversations are key evidence prosecutors are using against Edwards, indicted on charges he failed to report nearly \$1 million allegedly spent to keep his mistress out of the public eye as he pursued the White House. The former senator was still denying he was the baby’s father and publicly maintained he knew nothing about any money that may have been spent when the emails were sent in summer 2009.

Prosecutors must prove the 2004 vice presidential nominee had knowledge of the payments to convict him in the campaign finance case. Edwards proclaimed his innocence of any crime after being indicted Friday.

His attorneys declined to comment on the evidence revealed to the AP.

Santorum Says He’s Running For President

SOMERSET, Pa. (AP) — Former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum, a blunt talker who is popular among social conservatives, plunged into the 2012 Republican presidential sweepstakes Monday, saying he wants to protect American freedoms under threat from President Barack Obama.

Once the No. 3 Republican in the ranks of the Senate GOP leadership, Santorum charged that Obama has worked to undermine Americans’ liberties and has imposed a national health care plan that saps individual choice. He accused Obama of spending billions of dollars that will add to the debt of future generations and said the president lacks faith in the nation’s potential.

“I’m ready to lead. I’m ready to do what has to be done for the next generation, with the courage to fight for freedom, with the courage to fight for America,” Santorum said, speaking the sun-splashed steps of a county courthouse in western Pennsylvania. “That’s why I’m announcing today that I’m running for president of the United States of America.”

Santorum, who enjoys strong support from the anti-abortion rights bloc in the Republican Party, nodded to the social conservatives who have huge sway in early nominating states of Iowa and South Carolina. He also pitched himself to tea party-style activists who have yet to jell around a single candidate.

IRAQ

Attack Kills 5 U.S. Troops

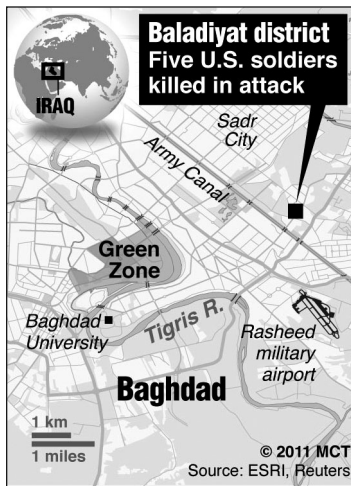
BY REBECCA SANTANA
Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Five American soldiers died Monday when a barrage of rockets slammed into a base in a Shiite neighborhood of Baghdad — the largest, single-day loss of life for U.S. forces in Iraq in two years.

The attack follows warnings from Shiite militants backed by Iran and anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr that they would violently resist any effort to keep American troops in Iraq past their year-end deadline to go home.

Although American casualties have dropped considerably in the two years since U.S. troops pulled back from Iraq cities, Shiite militias have begun hammering U.S. bases and vehicles with rockets, rocket-propelled grenades and roadside bombs over the past three months.

The militants’ goal appears twofold: to give the impression that they are driving the withdrawing U.S. forces out of Iraq, and to make the U.S. think long and hard before agreeing to any



Iraqi request to keep a contingent of troops in this country beyond the end of the year.

“Iranian-backed militias are flexing their muscles and have steadily increased military pressure on U.S. forces since rumors first started in the early spring concerning an extension of the U.S. presence,” said Michael Knights, an Iraq analyst at the Washington Institute.

Washington has been pressur-

ing Baghdad to make a decision on whether it wants American forces to stay past Dec. 31 to help with such missions as protecting Iraq’s airspace and training Iraqi forces.

Although few Iraqis will say this in public, many feel their own security forces are ill-equipped to keep a lid on violence and secure their borders without the assistance of the Americans.

Violence around Iraq has dropped dramatically since the insurgency’s most deadly years in 2006 and 2007.

But eight years into a war often perceived as all but over, the deaths of the five U.S. soldiers and 11 Iraqis killed in other attacks around the country Monday underscore the persistent dangers here.

The violence also shows the threat Iranian-backed militias pose to U.S. forces if they stay longer and the potential backlash that Iraqi political leaders face if they support an extension.

The U.S. military said the five soldiers died Monday morning at a base in eastern Baghdad that was hit by indirect fire, the mili-

tary’s term for mortars or rockets.

Two Iraqi security officials later said three rockets slammed into a joint U.S.-Iraqi base in the Baladiyat neighborhood near the U.S. forces’ living quarters. The American troops are partnering with Ministry of Interior forces. The Iraqi officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to reporters.

Baladiyat is a Shiite neighborhood that borders Sadr City, a slum in eastern Baghdad that is the stronghold of anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. The Shiite cleric with ties to Iran has made opposition to the U.S. troops a core issue among his followers.

Thousands of his militia members, called the Mahdi Army, flooded the streets of Sadr City in a rally two weeks ago. They didn’t carry weapons but the threat was clear.

Al-Sadr told the BBC he would unleash the Mahdi Army on American forces if they do not withdraw and that his supporters were already targeting U.S. bases and vehicles.

SYRIA

Assault Kills 120 Syrian Security Personnel

BY ZEINA KARAM
Associated Press

BEIRUT — Armed men killed 120 Syrian security forces and torched government buildings Monday in a northern region where troops have unleashed deadly assaults on protesters for days, Syria said. The government vowed to respond “decisively,” hinting at an even more brutal crackdown by a regime known for ruthlessly crushing dissent.

If confirmed, the attack in the north would be a turning point in what so far has largely been a peaceful uprising threatening the 40-year rule of President Bashar Assad and his family.

Opposition activists were skeptical of the official casualty toll, saying the authorities were setting the stage for a new onslaught. But even they acknowledged there was fighting, although

it was not clear who was involved. The government described the attackers as “armed gangs,” a phrase it often uses to describe the protesters.

Communications were cut to the area around Jisr al-Shughour on Monday and the details of the attack were impossible to verify, but there have been unconfirmed reports by activists and residents in the past of Syrians and even mutinous troops fighting back against security forces.

Adnan Mahmoud, the chief government spokesman, acknowledged that Syrian forces had lost control of some areas for “intermittent periods of time” and said residents had appealed to the army to do what was necessary to restore security.

“We will deal strongly and decisively, and according to the law, and we will not be silent about any armed attack that targets the security

of the state and its citizens,” said Interior Minister Ibrahim Shaar.

The surprisingly high death toll among progovernment troops would suggest some sort of major lashback against the crackdown against the uprising — though by whom was unknown because of the seal over the area. Regardless of who carried out Monday’s attack, it shows new cracks in a rule that has held out through weekly protests of thousands of people.

Human rights activist Mustafa Osso said there were unconfirmed reports of a few soldiers who switched sides and were defending themselves against attacking security forces, but he said the reports suggest the mutiny is limited and “does not pose a threat to the unity of the army yet.”

“The protesters have so far been peaceful and unarmed,” said Osso.

OBITUARIES

Mylo Preheim

FREEMAN — Mylo J. Preheim was born on May 15, 1916 to Mary and Jacob P. Preheim on a farm near Freeman, SD. Mylo had two sisters, Hermie and Betty, and six brothers, Eldon, Harvey, (Harvey’s twin, Howard, who died at birth), Herbert, Orville and Bernie. Mylo died at Oakview Terrace Nursing Home in Freeman on June 4, 2011 at the age of 95.

On May 7, 1942, Mylo married Dorothy Louise Jensen in a double wedding ceremony with her sister Kathryn and Kermit Nelson. Mylo and Dorothy had four children: Gregory, Cheryl, Patricia and Lee. They made their home in Irene from 1944 to 1967 when they built a new home in Parker, SD, where they lived until 2008. Before moving to Oakview Terrace in April, 2010, Mylo resided in Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Viborg.

Mylo attended Fairview School (District #96) through eighth grade. At 14 his first job was managing a gas station for his cousin. Later he ran the Cities Service station in Freeman, eventually buying it.

In 1939-40 he attended Barber College in Omaha, NE. As a licensed barber he worked in Viborg, Yankton, at the Sioux Falls Air Base and at Camp Carson in Colorado Springs, CO. In 1949 he built and opened his own barber shop in Irene, SD, where he barbered for another twenty years.

Mylo truly was a jack-of-all-trades. In addition to barbering, he sold and repaired television and radio equipment, painted signs and provided public address sound systems all over the area. Always interested in music, he was a charter member of the Viborg Tri-Valley Barbershop Chorus.

He was an avid antique collector and amateur historian, running The Parker Music Museum on Parker’s Main Street for many



Preheim

Doris Schenk

GREELEY, Colo. — Doris Eileen Schenk, 91, formerly of Yankton, passed away in Greeley, Colorado on May 10, 2011.

Although Doris resided in Colorado at the time of her death, Yankton was always “home” to her. Her family is planning a celebration of her life that will take place at 2:00 p.m. on August 4, 2011 at Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Yankton.

The family will gather for visitation one hour before the service. Inurnment will be in the Yankton Cemetery.

Doris was born on November 24, 1919, in Cannon Falls, Minnesota, to Melvin and Edith (Sarff) Colberg. Doris lived in a number of communities as a young girl and graduated from Alcester High School. She then attended Dakota Wesleyan University. After two years at Dakota Wesleyan, she left college to begin her teaching career at Corsica Grade School. After returning to Dakota Wesleyan to further her education, she re-



Schenk

turned to teaching, this time in Gayville, South Dakota. It was while teaching in Corsica that she met the man who would later become her husband, Ambrose P. Schenk. On January 1, 1943, Doris and A.P. were married in Fort Worth, Texas. Because A. P. was in the military, they moved several times. While they were stationed in Mobile, Alabama, their daughter, Candyce, was born. After WWII, they eventually settled in Yankton when A.P. accepted a teaching position at Yankton High School. For many years, Doris was employed as the office manager at the Yankton Clinic. She was also an active volunteer in the Yankton community. She and A. P. were among the founders of the Lewis and Clark Theatre Company. Doris was also a member of the Yankton City Planning Commission, a member of the Yankton College Auxiliary, the Yankton Historical Society, Yankton Federated

Women’s Club, Yankton Garden Club, Sacred Heart Hospital Auxiliary, League of Women Voters, and Questers, as well as serving on the Environmental Committee and as an Ambassador for the Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce. She was also an active member of the United Church of Christ Congregational, where for many years she sang in the choir. Doris loved to travel. Together she and her daughter enjoyed adventures to Costa Rica, the Galapagos Islands, Machu Picchu, and the Amazon. Doris was also well known as a gourmet cook and avid gardener.

She is survived by her nephews: Craig (Denise) of Windsor, Colorado and Douglas (Jennifer) of Sturgis, Michigan; sister-in-law, Lillian, of Milbank, South Dakota; foster daughter, Ann Hartz of Kingsland, Texas; and foster son, Greg Gevik, of Hickory, North Carolina. She also leaves behind four great-nieces: Callie Colberg, of Windsor, Colorado; Devon, Allison, and Suzanna Colberg of Sturgis, Michigan; and foster grand-

daughter, Claire, of Kingsland, Texas. Doris was a special, one-of-a-kind woman who made friends everywhere she went. Her many friends will also greatly miss her.

Doris was preceded in death by her parents, Melvin and Edith (Sarff-Derr) Colberg; her husband, Ambrose (A.P.); daughter, Candyce; and infant son, Stephen.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Alzheimer’s Association, Susan G. Komen Foundation, or Dakota Wesleyan University.

Friends may send condolences to the family in care of Craig Colberg, 7916 Windsong Drive, Windsor, CO 80550.

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Germans: No Proof Sprouts Caused E. Coli Outbreak

HAMBURG, Germany (AP) — First they pointed a finger at Spanish cucumbers. Then they cast suspicion on sprouts from Germany. Now German officials appear dumbfounded as to the source of the deadliest E. coli outbreak in modern history, and one U.S. expert called the investigation a “disaster.”

Backtracking for the second time in a week, officials Monday said preliminary tests have found no evidence that vegetable sprouts from an organic farm in northern Germany were to blame.

The surprise U-turn came only a day after the same state agency, Lower Saxony’s agriculture ministry, held a news conference to announce that the sprouts appeared to be the culprit in the outbreak that has killed 22 people and sickened more than 2,330 others across Europe, most of them in Germany, over the past month.

Andreas Hensel, head of Germany’s Federal Institute for Risk Assessment, warned, “We have to be clear on this: Maybe we won’t be able anymore to identify the source.”

years. Mylo served on the Turner County Fair Board for over forty years. After retiring from the board, he spent several more years as manager of Heritage Park, which he had been instrumental in establishing in 1975. In 1995 he was inducted into the South Dakota Fairman’s Hall of Fame.

The Dakota Special was another important adventure in Mylo’s life. Mylo built version one of this train in 1980 and continued to improve it in the years that followed. He and Dorothy took the train to parades and celebrations for over twenty years. It gave enjoyment to riders at over 400 events in South

Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa and Minnesota.

Mylo was a lifelong member of the Salem Mennonite (South) Church of Freeman but also attended the First Presbyterian Church in Parker.

Mylo was preceded in death by his parents, all his siblings, and his son Lee Michael. He is survived by his widow Dorothy of Freeman, Greg (Theresa) Preheim of Irene, Cheryl (John) Koch of Freeman, Patricia (Harry) Batcheller of Yankton, and six grandchildren: Heath and Ashley Preheim, Kristin and Laura Koch, Jill and Jay Batcheller. Dorothy lives with her daughter

Cheryl and can be reached at PO Box 456, Freeman, SD 57029.

A Memorial Service will be held on Monday, June 13th at 2 p.m. at the Salem Mennonite (South) Church of rural Freeman. A visitation will be held on Sunday June 12th from 4-6 p.m. at the Walter Funeral Home in Freeman.

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