

NATION/WORLD DIGEST

WH Official Says U.S. Hunting Cleric

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House press secretary Robert Gibbs says the U.S. is actively hunting American-born Yemeni cleric Anwar al-Awlaki.

The radical cleric is calling for the killing of American civilians, in a new video released Sunday by Yemen-based al-Qaida offshoot, al-Qaida of the Arabian Peninsula.

The White House spokesman says President Barack Obama will continue to take action directly against terrorists like al-Awlaki, and keep the U.S. safe from what Gibbs calls "murderous thugs."

Senior administration officials say al-Awlaki is on a list of terrorists U.S. forces are authorized to capture, or kill. His Internet sermons are believed to have helped inspire attacks on the U.S. Gibbs appeared Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Thai PM: New Elections When Protests End

BANGKOK (AP) — Thailand's leader said Sunday that new elections can be considered only after violence and protests by anti-government activists end completely, after two months of turmoil left at least 85 people dead and deeply divided the country.

The comments by Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva indicate he will continue to take a tough line against the Red Shirt protesters and will not make a grand gesture of announcing immediate elections to heal the rift, as some had expected. Under Thai law, Abhisit is not obligated to hold new polls until December 2011.

"It is now entirely up to me to see when is the most appropriate time to hold the election," Abhisit said in his weekly television talk show.

"At the moment, no one can tell when is the best time. We don't know what will happen next. There are some people still talking about continuing their fight and to hold a protest in June. We will have to see what happens first" before thinking of elections, he said.

The Thai capital was gripped with its worst political violence in decades during the Red Shirt occupation of downtown Bangkok, culminating in the military crackdown that sparked a rampage by supporters who launched grenade attacks and set fire to landmark buildings, including the country's stock exchange and biggest shopping mall, the CentralWorld.

Jamaica: Gunfire, Bombs In Barricaded Slum

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Masked men and security forces are trading gunfire in a barricaded slum in Jamaica's capital.

A police station is burning after gunmen lobbed fire bombs at it, sending black smoke spiraling into the sky.

The government has declared a state of emergency.

Defiant supporters of alleged drug kingpin Christopher "Dudus" Coke have transformed a part of West Kingston into a virtual fortress cut off by trashed cars and barbed wire.

Local media say at least two people have been wounded in Sunday's violence, including one police officer.

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Move Afoot To Ban Drop-side Cribs

BY JENNIFER C. KERR
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WASHINGTON — The baby crib, usually a safe haven for little ones, became a death trap for 6-month-old Bobby Cirigliano.

The side rail on his drop-side crib slid off the tracks and trapped his head and neck between the mattress and the malfunctioning side rail. His face pressed against the mattress, the boy suffocated.

"I just don't feel complete anymore," says his mother, Susan Cirigliano of North Bellmore on New York's Long Island.

Bobby was one of at least 32 infants and toddlers since 2000 who suffocated or were strangled in a drop-side crib, which has a side that moves up and down to allow parents to lift children from the cribs more easily than cribs with fixed sides. Drop-sides, around for decades and probably slept in by many of today's parents, are suspected in an additional 14 infant fatalities during that time.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission, which regulates cribs, has warned about the problem. Its chairman, Inez Tenenbaum, has pledged to ban the manufacture and sale of cribs by the end of the year with a new performance standard that would make fixed-side cribs mandatory. It could be several months into 2011 before becoming effective.

The industry has already started phasing out drop-sides and big retailers such as Babies R Us and Wal-Mart have taken them off sale floors. Yet there are still plenty for sale on the Internet, and that's part of the reason Congress is getting involved.

"There's a great urgency here. We have to make sure that no parent is unaware that drop-side cribs could kill their children," Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., said in an Associated Press interview.

She plans to introduce legislation this week to outlaw the manufacture, sale and resale of all drop-side cribs and ban them

from day-care centers and hotels. Gillibrand wants to accelerate efforts for a ban, from Congress or the CPSC, and high-light concerns about the cribs to parents who are using them.

"There still are thousands and thousands of children who are sleeping every night in drop-side cribs and we need to protect them," said Gillibrand.

She outlined her bill at a news conference in New York on Sunday, joined by Bobby Cirigliano's parents and the family of 10-month-old Tyler Witte, who died in a drop-side crib in 1997.

More than 7 million of these cribs have been recalled in the past five years, often because screws, safety pegs or plastic tracking for the rail can come loose or break. The industry insists that babies are safe in drop-sides that haven't been recalled.

"We believe firmly that when these products are assembled and used properly, they are the

safest place to put your child," said Mike Dwyer, executive director of the Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association, which represents over 90 percent of the crib industry.

But when the hardware malfunctions, the drop-side rail can detach partially from the crib. That creates a dangerous "V"-like gap between the mattress and side rail where a baby can get caught and suffocate or strangle.

Dwyer says manufacturers have seen cases where parents installed the drop-side improperly, sometimes upside down, or they have reassembled a crib for a second or third child with some of the screws or other hardware missing.

In addition to the CPSC's pledge to vote on a ban by year's end, two New York counties — Nassau and Suffolk, on Long Island — have banned the sale of drop-sides.

Oil Spill Spreads, Soaks Marshes, Birds

BY GREG BLUESTEIN AND
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BARATARIA BAY, La. — As officials approached to survey the damage the Gulf oil spill caused in coastal marshes, some brown pelicans couldn't fly away Sunday. All they could do was hobble.

Several pelicans were coated in oil on Barataria Bay off Louisiana, their usually brown and white feathers now jet black. Pelican eggs were glazed with rust-colored gunk, and new hatchlings and nests were also coated with crude.

It is unclear if the area can even be cleaned. It is also unknown how much of the Gulf

Coast will end up looking the same way because of a well that has spewed untold millions of gallons of oil since an offshore rig exploded more than a month ago.

A mile-long tube operating for about a week has siphoned off more than half a million gallons in the past week, but it began sucking up oil at a slower rate over the weekend. Even at its best the effort did not capture all the oil leaking, and the next attempt to stanch the flow won't be put into action until at least Tuesday.

With oil pushing at least 12 miles into Louisiana's marshes and two major pelican rookeries now coated in crude, state officials said they are taking part of

the response to the Gulf of Mexico spill into their own hands.

Gov. Bobby Jindal, standing on a boat at the edge of one of the nesting grounds, said Louisiana is no longer waiting for the federal government to sign off on a plan for a makeshift chain of sand berms that would skirt the state's coastline.

Jindal and officials from several coastal parishes say the berms would close the door on oil still pouring from a mile-deep gusher about 50 miles out in the Gulf. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is studying the environmental impact of the proposal and has yet to give its approval.

"We are not waiting for them. We are going to build it," Jindal said.

Jindal said the state has already identified and started initial work on 40 sites for the berms, but will keep pushing for federal approval, which would free up Corps-controlled dredges for the operation. A single state-owned dredge was activated for the effort Friday.

At least 6 million gallons of crude have spewed into the Gulf, though some scientists have said they believe the spill already surpasses the 11 million-gallon 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill off Alaska as the worst in U.S. history.

OBITUARIES

Ernest Reelfs

VERMILLION — Ernest Arthur Reelfs, 89, of Vermillion, SD, died Friday, May 21 at the Sanford Vermillion Hospital.

Ernie was born August 31, 1920, in Wagner, SD, to George and Johanna (Ahlf) Reelfs the youngest of seven girls and three boys.

They farmed in the Wagner area until 1936 when they moved to a farm in Clay County north of Vermillion.

He married Barbara Jean Ericson on June 7, 1953 in Alcester, SD, and they farmed until 1975 when they bought the Dalesburg School House and made it into their home until 1998 when they moved into Vermillion.

He is survived by his wife Barbara of Vermillion, and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 26 at the Dalesburg Lutheran Church rural Vermillion with burial in the church cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday, May 25 from 5-7 p.m. with a prayer service at 7 all at the Hansen Funeral Home in Vermillion.

For online condolences and obituary please visit hansenfuneralhome.com.

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Mary Hendrickson

ARMOUR — Mary J. Hendrickson, 82, died at Douglas County Memorial Hospital in Armour on Saturday, May 22, 2010.

Funeral service will be Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at 10:30

a.m. at St. Peter Lutheran Church near Armour, with burial following in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Armour. Rev. Donald H. Mohr will be officiating.

Visitation will be Wednesday, May 26, 2010, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at St. Peter Lutheran Church near Armour.

Funeral arrangements by Koehn Bros. Funeral Home in Armour.

Casket-bearers are John Coler, Steve Stuka, Todd Biederstadt, Evan Biederstadt and Dick Gantenbein.

Honorary casket-bearers are Jason Fejfar, Tabitha Stuka, Hayden Stuka, Seth Stuka, Chloe Stuka and Sutton Stuka.

Mary J. Hendrickson was born on June 8, 1927, to Ludwig and Anna (Mikolash) Fejfar in Utica, SD. She attended school in Utica, Lesterville, then graduated from Yankton High School. She married Joh Hendrickson on February 16, 1946. She worked at Birdeyes Division of General Foods and Tastes of the Sea. She was a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church near Armour, SD. Mary died at Douglas County Memorial Hospital in Armour on May 22, 2010, at the age of 82.

She is survived by 2 nieces, Deb Coler and husband, Lee, of Armour, SD, and Marilyn Norris

and husband, David, of Maine, a nephew, Dan Fejfar and wife, Pat of Spearfish, SD, and several great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister and a brother.

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Eleanor Gilday

Eleanor "Bunny" Gilday, 93, of Yankton, died early Sunday morning (May 23, 2010) at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 26, at St. Benedict Catholic

Church, Yankton, with Rev. Paul Josten officiating.

Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton.

Visitations will be 5-8 p.m., Tuesday, May 25, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a rosary at 7 p.m., followed by a scripture service at 7:30 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Bonnaline 'Bonnie' Meirose

HARTINGTON, Neb. —

Bonnaline "Bonnie" Meirose, age

88, of Hartington, Neb., died on Saturday (May 22, 2010) at the Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 27, at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Hartington, with Rev. Jeffery Loseke officiating.

Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery in Hartington.

Visitation will be on Wednesday from 4-8 p.m., with a vigil service at 7 p.m. at the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington. Visitation will begin one hour

prior to services on Thursday at the church.

To send online condolences, please visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

Beulah Crowley

Beulah Crowley, age 93, of Yankton, passed away Sunday (May 23, 2010) at Avera Yankton Care Center, Yankton.

Services are being handled with care by Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton.

65th Wedding Anniversary



Mr. & Mrs. Howard O'Connor

Howard and Lucille (Kribell) O'Connor have celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. They were married May 12, 1945 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Garryowen.

They have 11 children, 25 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. They are members of the St. Agnes Catholic Church, Vermillion.

Cards may be sent to 222 South Norbeck St., Vermillion, SD 57069.

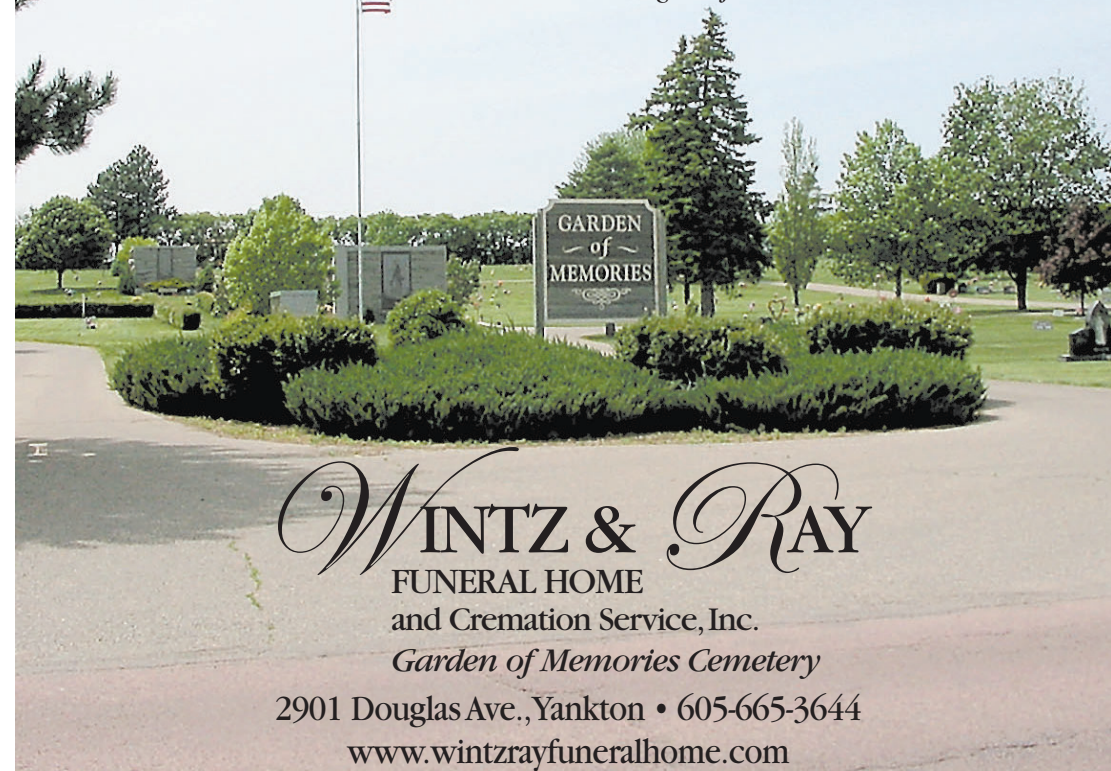
Memorial Day Open House

Monday, May 31st ~ 8:30am-11:30am

Join us for rolls & juice in the Hospitality Center on the grounds of Wintz & Ray Funeral Home

10:00 AM ~ Memorial Service by Ernest Bowyer VFW Post #791 Honor Guard and Auxiliary

Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Country Cupboard have arranged a balloon release at 10:00AM in honor of all veterans buried here. We will be reading all of their names at that time.



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Albina Vitek
who passed away on
May 22, 2004

Ronald Kleinschmit
who passed away on
May 26, 2003

This remembrance is brought to you free of charge. If you have a loved one you would like remembered, contact us at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory. Guiding and serving families with compassion and trust.

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Check tomorrow's paper for the solution to today's puzzle.

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