

Libya Says 11 Clerics Killed In NATO Airstrike

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — Taunting NATO, Moammar Gadhafi said Friday that he is alive despite a series of airstrikes and "in a place where you can't get to and kill me." The defiant audio recording was broadcast after the Libyan government accused NATO of killing 11 Muslim clerics with an airstrike on a disputed eastern oil town. Gadhafi had appeared on state TV but not been heard speaking since a NATO attack on his Tripoli compound two weeks ago, which officials said killed one of his sons and three grandchildren. In a brief recording played Friday on Libyan TV, Gadhafi said he wanted to assure Libyans concerned about a strike this week on his compound in Tripoli. "I tell the coward crusaders — I live in a place where you can't get to and kill me," he said. "I live in the hearts of millions." He referred to a NATO airstrike on Thursday that targeted his Bab al-Aziziya compound in Tripoli, claiming it had killed "three innocent journalist-civilians." Reporters on Thursday were shown the airstrike damage by Libyan officials, including one who said Gadhafi and his family had moved away from the compound some time ago. One missile appeared to have targeted some sort of underground bunker at the compound — a sprawling complex of buildings surrounded by towering concrete blast walls.

US Mideast Peace Envoy Mitchell Resigns

WASHINGTON (AP) — His two-year mission unfulfilled, Sen. George Mitchell announced his resignation Friday as the Obama administration's special envoy to the Mideast at a time of turmoil in the region and after fruitless attempts at Israeli-Palestinian peace talks. President Barack Obama, accepting the resignation, called Mitchell "a tireless advocate for peace." In a two-paragraph letter to Obama, Mitchell said that he took the diplomatic job intending to only serve two years. "I strongly support your vision of comprehensive peace in the Middle East and thank you for giving me the opportunity to be part of your administration," Mitchell wrote.

Mitchell's resignation comes at a critical time for the Middle East, which is embroiled in uprisings, and the Israeli-Palestinian peace process, which has been moribund since last September and is now further complicated by an agreement between Palestinian factions to share power.

Mitchell's resignation appears to have been timed to match Obama's increased public focus on the region. The president will deliver a speech next Thursday at the State Department about his administration's views of developments in the region, ahead of a visit to Washington by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Obama also will play host to Jordan's King Abdullah II on Tuesday. Mitchell's last day will be effective May 20 — the same day Netanyahu visits the White House.

Syrian Troops Open Fire As Thousands Protest

BEIRUT (AP) — Syrian security forces and snipers opened fire on thousands of protesters Friday, killing at least six people as mass arrests and heavy security kept crowds below previous levels seen during the two-month uprising against President Bashar Assad, activists said. A leading human rights activist said three people were killed in Homs, two in Damascus and one in a village outside Daraa, the southern city where the revolt began two months ago. He asked that his name not be used for fear of government reprisal. "At first they opened fire in the air, but the people continued on their way, and then they shot directly into the crowd," an eyewitness said by telephone from Homs. He said security forces dressed in black along with shadowy, progromme gunmen known as "shabiha" were doing the shooting. Human rights groups say more than 775 people have been killed since the start of the protest movement in Syria in mid-March. The violence has become a deadly cycle each week, with protesters taking to the streets every Friday only to be met with bullets, tear gas and batons, with funerals a day later.

Taliban Show Resolve To Fight On

BY DEB RIECHMANN
Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — A double Taliban suicide attack that killed 66 paramilitary police recruits represented the deadliest terrorist strike in Pakistan since the killing of Osama bin Laden. It sent a strong signal that militants mean to fight on and to try to avenge the al-Qaida leader.

Friday's attack came as both the Pakistani and Afghan wings of the Taliban have been carrying out attacks to prove they remain a potent force and bolster their profiles in case peace talks prevail in Afghanistan.

U.S. and Afghan officials have said they hope the Afghan Taliban will use bin Laden's death as an opportunity to break their link with al-Qaida — an alliance the U.S. says must be severed if the insurgents want peace in Afghanistan. But Afghan officials and Pakistani experts say any severing of ties would not happen anytime soon, if at all.

"The Taliban want to prove that bin Laden's killing did not really affect them," said Rahimullah Yusufzai, a Taliban expert in the Pakistani city of Peshawar who has interviewed their reclusive leader, Mullah Mohammed Omar.

"I don't think anybody is talking peace at this stage," Yusufzai said. "Everybody is wanting to score something on the ground. I think the spring fighting, the summer fighting

will continue and it will be worse than last year."

In claiming responsibility for Friday's attack in northwest Pakistan, which also wounded about 120 people, the Taliban said it was avenging the May 2 death of bin Laden. It cited anger at Pakistan's military for failing to stop the unilateral U.S. raid on bin Laden's hideaway.

"The Pakistani army has failed to protect its land," Ahsanullah Ahsan, a spokesman for the Pakistani Taliban, told The Associated Press in a phone call.

In their communications, militants often try to tap into popular sentiments in Pakistan, where anti-Americanism is often stronger than fears of Islamist militants. This is despite militant attacks over the last four years claiming the lives of hundreds, if not thousands, of civilians.

Before the Taliban claimed responsibility, Liaqat Ali Khan, a senior police official in Peshawar near where the attack occurred, said the primary suspects were militants fighting security forces in the nearby Mohmand tribal region. The Pakistani Taliban are a loose collection of insurgent groups, and some news reports later continued to cast doubt on the claim that Friday's attack was meant to avenge the killing of bin Laden.

In Afghanistan, where bin Laden's death has coincided with the beginning of the spring fighting season, the Taliban have

launched a series of attacks including a two-day battle in the insurgents' stronghold of Kandahar in the south.

"Violence has increased because this is part of the peace process," said Mohammad Masoom Stanekzai, a top adviser to Afghan President Hamid Karzai who is active in efforts to reconcile with the Taliban. "When you get to the point where everybody wants to position themselves to get the benefit of a dialogue and discussion, then you naturally expect there will be a lot of efforts to strengthen positions."

Opinion is mixed on whether the Taliban will split with al-Qaida in hopes of reconciling with the Afghan government. The bond was largely built on a personal relationship between Mullah Omar and bin Laden. Now that the al-Qaida leader is dead, members of the Taliban's top leadership council might argue for distancing the group from the mostly Arab terrorist network, but there has been no concrete signs of that yet.

The goals of the two movements are not believed to be closely aligned. While al-Qaida is focused on worldwide jihad against the West and establishment of a religious super-state in the Muslim world, the Afghan Taliban have focused on their own country and have shown little to no interest in attacking targets outside Afghanistan. Yet the two movements have long expressed formal support to one another.

Computer Glitch Forces Redo Of U.S. Visa Lottery

BY MATTHEW LEE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Jackpot! Not so fast.

For a few joyful days, more than 20,000 people around the world thought they literally had hit the lottery and won a chance to come and live legally in the United States. Oops, the State Department said Friday, we had computer problems and have to run the annual visa lottery again.

The decision reopens competition for 50,000 wild-card visas for people who otherwise would have little hope of qualifying. About 15 million had applied, so it's good news for many people who thought they had lost.

But the glitch, which the State Department blamed on an in-house programming error, dashes the hopes of people like Max, a 28-year-old German man. He had recently checked a department website and found what he'd hoped for: Out of a random drawing with overwhelmingly long

odds, he was one of the lucky few who might get one of the visas.

"It's like you won \$100,000, and then they just take it away from you and it's gone," said Max, who would give only his first name for fear that full identification might jeopardize his chances in future applications.

The State Department apologized.

"Any results previously posted and available through the website are considered invalid," the department said in a statement. "We sincerely regret any inconvenience or disappointment this problem might have caused."

The drawing, which the State Department calls the Diversity Visa Lottery, is an annual free-for-all established by Congress in 1994 to increase the number of immigrants from the developing world and from countries with traditionally low rates of immigration to the U.S. Applicants do not have to have the usual family or employer sponsor.

The lottery selects 90,000 names from a pool of online entrants. That

number is winnowed to 50,000 winners through attrition, interviews and educational and occupational rules.

For visas to be awarded in 2012, applicants had to submit entries between Oct. 5 and Nov. 3, 2010. The glitch meant that among 14.7 million entries, about 90 percent of the people picked to move on to the next step came from applications submitted the first two days.

"These results are not valid because they did not represent a fair, random selection of the entrants as required by U.S. law," said David Donahue, the deputy assistant secretary of state whose office oversees the lottery.

Donahue recorded an online video to apologize and explain the situation.

The now-invalidated results became available online on May 1, and about 1.9 million people including Max had checked before the problem was uncovered on May 5. Of those who looked up their status, about 22,000 were informed erro-

neously that they had been selected to move to the next step in the process, the department said.

A new lottery will be held from the existing pool of entries with winners announced in mid-July. Applicants do not need to re-enter. No new entries will be accepted.

Max said he checked his status on the website on May 1 and was thrilled to find the results. He immediately set to work filling out the necessary paperwork, getting photographs taken and mailing in his next-step application.

In the past few days, he said he had been checking the site regularly for updates, "but they always had an error saying they were having technical difficulties. They only just changed today."

"It's very frustrating. It has been two weeks since we were informed. You made some plans. It affects not just yourself but your family and people you had told," he said. "You couldn't believe yourself that you had won it and now this — it's very frustrating."

OBITUARIES

Lucy Bearing

SANTEE, Neb. — Lucy Marie Kitto Bearing, age 66, of Santee, NE passed away Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at Sanford Hospital, Sioux Falls, SD.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Monday, May 16, 2011 at Oyate Oyanke Community Center, Santee, NE with Rev. Al Kitto officiating.

Visitation and services will be at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 12th, Friday, May 13th, Saturday, May 14th and Sunday, May 15th. Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory in Yankton, SD is in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers are Cory Kitto, Roger Trudell, Rick Thomas, Silas Kitto, Jason Kitto, Butch Bearing, Andy Bearing and Ed Robertson. Honorary Pallbearers are Jesus Martin Sagaste, Adolfo Melendres Moreno, Nicolas Sagaste, Julio Sagaste, Sammy Denny, Mary Morrill,



Bearing

Don & Diane La-Pointe, Mona Tyler, Diandra La-Pointe, Alice Saul, The Allen Family, Susie Rojas, Sherry Kitto, Carol Trudell, Gloria McBride, Sidney Tuttle, Marlys Robertson, Cecelia Kitto, Mato Wilch and All Elderly.

Lucy was born on November 11, 1944 to Wilfred Ray and Myrtle (LaCroix) Kitto in Winnebago, NE. Lucy attended college in Medera, CA and Bismark ND. She married Ted Bearing in June 1970. She retired as Tribal Council Secretary, served on Gaming Commission, Enrollment Board, Housing Board, NICC Board and Nutrition Board.

She enjoyed traveling, cooking, sewing and donating to her favorite casino. She loved you

all and cherished every moment of her life that she spent with all of you.

Survivors include two daughters, Theo and Julie Bearing of Santee, NE; one granddaughter, Brishandre Bearing of Santee, NE, three adopted sons, Jesus M. Sagaste, Adolfo M. Moreno and Cory Kitto of Santee, NE, and adopted brother, Rick Thomas of Santee, NE.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Wilfred Ray and Myrtle (LaCroix) Kitto and brothers, Wilfred, Jerry, Rick, and Dean.

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of ashes will be in Bluff View Cemetery following the service.

Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service Monday before the memorial service.

Services are entrusted to Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion.

Brenda Ketter

(April 5, 1964-May 11, 2011)
NORFOLK, Neb. — Funeral services for Brenda Ketter, age 47, of Norfolk will be held 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Norfolk, Nebraska. Reverend Dan Andrews will be the celebrant with burial in Prospect Hill Cemetery in Norfolk.



Ketter

Visitation will be Monday from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church with a 7:00 p.m. Vigil service followed by a rosary.

Brenda died Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at her residence in Norfolk.

Brenda Lee (Hochstein) Ketter, daughter of Gary and Doris (Jansen) Hochstein, was born April 5, 1964 at Yankton, South Dakota. She attended Wynot Public School and graduated in 1982.

Brenda attended Wayne State College for two years and then Iowa State University graduating in 1986. On May 18, 1985, she married Doug Ketter at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Bow Valley, Nebraska. Three children were born to them, Austin, Abby and Connor.

She worked at First Data Resources in Omaha for 14 years and became a stay at home Mom in 2002 when her family moved to Norfolk.

Brenda enjoyed cooking, sewing, gardening, camping, card playing and supporting her sons and daughter in their sporting events. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and also a member of Stewardship Committee, Altar Society, Counselor at Sacred Heart Youth Camp, school and church volunteer and a member of Norfolk Catholic Booster Clubs.

She is survived by her husband, Doug; sons Austin and Connor of Norfolk, NE; daughter, Abby of Norfolk, NE; parents,

Gary and Doris Hochstein of Hartington, NE; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Maurice and Nadene Ketter of Wynot, NE; sisters, Tina Promes of Hartington, NE and Sheila and Gayle Brummer of Norfolk, NE; brother, Stacey and Courtney Hochstein of Bow Valley, NE; grandfather, Leonard Jansen of Hartington, NE; and great grandmother, Adeline Feilmeier of Hartington, NE.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandmother, Mary Jansen; paternal grandfather and paternal grandmother Stephen and Teckla Hochstein; and brother-in-law, Bob Promes.

To send online condolences or view video tribute please visit www.brockhausfuneralhome.com.

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Louise Sherman

PEKIN, Ill. — Louise French Sherman, born December 10, 1916, in Yankton, South Dakota, former Crete resident and Charter Member of Grace United Protestant Church of Park Forest, passed May 1, 2011 in Pekin, Illinois at the age of 94.

Louise was preceded in death by her husband, Richard G. Sherman. Beloved mother of Lucy (Tom) Elliott; loving grandmother of Thomas R. Elliott and Matthew Sherman Elliott.

Louise was a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood for over sixty years, as well as a graduate of Northwestern University's School of Business. She was also a member of the Chi Omega Sorority.

A family graveside service will be held on July 1, 2011 in Yankton, South Dakota. Memorial donations in Louise's name may be to Grace United Protestant Church, 266 Somonauk Street,

Park Forest, IL 60466 or the American Heart Association, Chicago Chapter, 208 S. LaSalle Street #1500, Chicago, IL 60604 (312) 346-4675. Cremation Society of Illinois handling arrangements, (708) 747-7820.

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Gloria Schurman

Gloria A. Schurman, 68, of Yankton died Thursday, May 12, 2011, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Memorial services are at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton, with the Rev. Steve Weispenfennig officiating. Burial of the cremated remains will take place at a later date.

Visitations are one hour prior to the services at the funeral home.

Howard Wagner

VERMILLION — Howard Henry Wagner, 67, of Vermillion died Wednesday, May 11, 2011, at Sanford USD Medical Center, Sioux Falls.

Memorial services are at 11 a.m. Monday at Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion, with the Rev. Brook McBride officiating. Burial

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Memorial Day Deadlines

The Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan will be closed Monday, May 30th, for the Memorial Day holiday.

The following deadlines will apply:
Out On The Town — Wednesday, May 25
Tuesday, May 31 newspaper — 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 26
Wednesday, June 1 newspaper — 5 p.m., Thursday, May 26
Thursday, June 2 newspaper — 5 p.m., Friday, May 27

There will be no newspaper on Monday, May, 30, 2011.

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Thank You to Community
We would like to express our appreciation to the many neighbors, friends, family and the Greater Scotland Community for their prayers, visits, calls, cards, flowers, food items and care extended to our mother **Olive Gran** during the past four months. Olive loved Scotland and never wanted to leave her home, church or community. God was gracious and granted our mother her final wish.
We would especially like to thank special friend Jackie Dvorak, who became the third daughter Olive never had, for companionship and assistance to our mother for the past three years and for many hours daily during the past several months. Jackie and daughter Kelsi have a very special way with the elderly.
Landmann Jungman Memorial Hospital, Scotland Medical Clinic, Scotland Pharmacy, Scotland Ambulance, Avera Heart Hospital, Avera McKennan Hospital and Doctors Ramos, Harati, Bartling, Hibbard, Medlin, Fanciullo and Schrag are commended for their excellent care during the past 16 years.
Finally, for the beautiful prayer and memorial services, we would like to thank Pastor Tom Petersen, Organist Glee Deutscher and the United Methodist Women of the Scotland United Methodist Church; Pastor Bill Gran (Olive's nephew); Maurice Bueber, Jodi Fuerst and Loretta Schoenfish of the Happy Memories Band; the Pallbearers, and Goglin Funeral Home.
The Delmar and Jerry Gran Families