

Fallout From Pepper Spray Video Continues

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A California university placed two of its police officers on administrative leave Sunday because of their involvement in the pepper spraying of passively sitting protesters, while the school's chancellor accelerated a task force's investigation into the incident amid calls for her resignation.

The president of the 10-campus University of California system also weighed in on the growing fallout from Friday's incident at UC Davis, saying that he is "appalled" at images of students being doused with pepper spray and plans a far-reaching, urgent assessment of law enforcement procedures on all campuses.

"I implore students who wish to demonstrate to do so in a peaceful and lawful fashion. I expect campus authorities to honor that right," UC President Mark G. Yudof said. All 10 chancellors would convene soon for a discussion "about how to ensure proportional law enforcement response to non-violent protest," he said.

Officials at UC Davis refused to identify the two officers who were placed on administrative leave but one was a veteran of many years on the force and other "fairly new" to the department, the school's Police Chief Annette Spicuzza told The Associated Press. She would not elaborate further because of the pending probe.

Videos posted online of the incident clearly show one riot-gear clad officer dousing the line of protesters with spray as they sit in a line with their arms intertwined. Spicuzza told the AP that the second officer was identified during an intense review of several videos.

Libya Says It Will Try Gadhafi's Son At Home

ZINTAN, Libya (AP) — Libya's new leaders said Sunday they will try Moammar Gadhafi's son at home and not hand him over to the International Criminal Court where he's charged with crimes against humanity. The government also announced the capture of the toppled regime's intelligence minister, who is also wanted by the court.

In one of several emerging complications, however, the former rebel faction that captured Seif al-Islam Gadhafi a day earlier is refusing to deliver him to national authorities in Tripoli, raising concern over whether he will get a proper trial and demonstrating the interim leaders' weak hold over their fractured nation.

In the capital, Information Minister Mahmoud Shammam said ex-intelligence Minister Abdullah al-Senoussi was captured alive on Sunday by revolutionary fighters from a southern region called Fazan, not far from where Gadhafi's son was seized on Saturday while trying to flee to neighboring Niger.

Fighters tracking al-Senoussi for two days caught up with him at his sister's house in Deerat al-Shati, about 40 miles (70 kilometers) south of the desert city of Sebha, said fighter Abdullah al-Sughayer. There were few other immediate details on his capture, and it was not clear whether his captors would also resist turning him over to Tripoli.

Though they are wanted by the International Criminal Court in The Hague, Netherlands, Libya will likely seek to try both men at home.

Is The N.H. Primary A Race For Second Place?

NASHUA, N.H. (AP) — Mitt Romney's Republican presidential campaign steamed forward this weekend, scoring what is one of New Hampshire's most significant political endorsements and fueling a growing sense of inevitability surrounding the former Massachusetts governor's White House bid.

A beaming Romney stood shoulder-to-shoulder with New Hampshire Sen. Kelly Ayotte Sunday afternoon, several hours after the popular Republican senator's decision became public.

"There's one person in this field who is prepared to lead the United States of America and that is Mitt Romney," Ayotte told cheering supporters gathered on the city hall steps. "And most importantly, there is one person who I know will ensure that Barack Obama is a one-term president and that is Mitt Romney."

The freshman senator is the latest high-profile addition to an organization that already included Granite State Republican heavyweights like former Sen. Judd Gregg and former Gov. John H. Sununu. But even in a world where the impact of endorsements is often exaggerated, Ayotte's public support is a significant step forward for Romney in New Hampshire. It's led prominent Republicans to suggest that Romney — who already enjoys tremendous advantages in the first-in-the-nation primary state — has become so strong here that the real contest on Jan. 10 will be for second place.

"It's certainly going to push him even further ahead. I think this is a very big deal," said Jennifer Horn, a leading Granite State conservative who isn't affiliated with any campaign. "I think it would take something fairly cataclysmic for someone else to come in first in New Hampshire at this point."

Major Player In Corporate Takeover Wave Dies

NEW YORK (AP) — Theodore J. Forstmann, a longtime Wall Street financier who was a major player during the wave of corporate takeovers in the 1980s, including the battle for RJR Nabisco in 1988, died Sunday at the age of 71.

The cause was brain cancer, according to a statement from sports marketing giant IMG, where Forstmann served as chairman and CEO. He was the senior founding partner of the investment firm Forstmann Little & Co.

Forstmann Little, which was founded in 1978, completed leveraged buyouts of companies including Dr. Pepper, Yankee Candle, the cable TV technology company General Instrument and Community Health Systems.

In the 1980s, the firm had become one of Wall Street's most successful specialists in leveraged buyouts. The firm's deals generated lofty returns for its partners and outside investors, which included many corporate pension funds.

Forstmann Little used bank loans and its own funds to finance acquisitions. It eschewed the high-yield "junk bonds" many other firms used to supplement their own money.

Egypt: Police Set Fire To Protest Tents In Cairo

CAIRO (AP) — Egyptian soldiers and police set fire to protest tents in Cairo's Tahrir Square and fired tear gas and rubber bullets in a major assault Sunday to drive out thousands demanding that the military rulers quickly transfer power to a civilian government. At least 11 protesters were killed and hundreds were injured.

It was the second day of clashes marking a sharp escalation of tensions on Egypt's streets a week before the first elections since the ouster of longtime authoritarian leader Hosni Mubarak in February. The military took over the country, promising a swift transition to civilian rule. But the pro-democracy protesters who led the uprising have grown increasingly angry with the ruling generals, and suspect they are trying to cling to power even after an elected parliament is seated and a new president is voted in.

Street battles continued throughout the day and long into the night, spreading to side streets and sending a wave of injuries to makeshift clinics on the streets.

The military-backed Cabinet said in a statement that elections set to begin on Nov. 28 would take place on time and thanked the police for their "restraint," language that is likely to enrage the protesters even more.

"We're not going anywhere," protester Mohammed Radwan said after security forces tried unsuccessfully to push the crowds out of Tahrir, the epicenter of the uprising. "The mood is good now and people are chanting again," he added after many of the demonstrators returned.

Officials: Possible NYC Terror Plot Foiled

BY TOM MCELROY
 Associated Press

NEW YORK — An "al-Qaida sympathizer" who plotted to bomb police and post offices in New York City as well as U.S. troops returning home has been arrested on numerous terrorism-related charges, city officials said Sunday.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced at a news conference the Saturday arrest of Jose Pimentel of Manhattan, "a 27-year-old al-Qaida sympathizer" who the mayor said was motivated by terrorist propaganda and resentment of U.S. troops in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The mayor said Pimentel, a Dominican Republic, was "plotting to bomb police patrol cars and also postal facilities as well as targeted members of our armed services returning from abroad."

cused of having an explosive substance Saturday when he was arrested that he planned to use against others and property to terrorize the public.

The charges accuse him of conspiracy going back at least to October 2010, and include first-degree criminal possession of a weapon as a crime of terrorism, and soliciting support for a terrorist act. He was to be arraigned later Sunday.

"This is just another example of New York City because we are an iconic city ... this is a city that people who would want to take away our freedoms gravitate to and focus on," Bloomberg said.

Kelly said a confidential informant had numerous conversations with Pimentel on Sept. 7 in which he expressed interest in building small bombs and targeting banks, government and police buildings.

Pimentel also posted on his website trueislam1.com and on blogs his support of al-Qaida and belief in jihad, and promoted an online magazine article that described in detail how to make a bomb, Kelly said.

Among his Internet postings, the commissioner said, was an article that states: "People have to understand that America and its allies are all legitimate targets in warfare."

The New York Police Department's Intelligence Division was involved in the arrest. Kelly said Pimentel spent most of his years in Manhattan and lived about five years in Schenectady.

Asked why federal authorities were not involved in the case, Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance Jr. said there was communication with them but his office felt that given the timeline "it was appropriate to proceed under state charges."

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MAYOR MICHAEL BLOOMBERG

He was under surveillance by New York police who were working with a confidential informant and was in the process of building a bomb; no injury to anyone or damage to property is alleged, Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said. In addition, authorities have no evidence that Pimentel was working with anyone else, the mayor said.

"He appears to be a total lone wolf," the mayor said. "He was not part of a larger conspiracy emanating from abroad."

Instead, Bloomberg said, Pimentel represents the type of threat FBI Director Robert Mueller has warned about as U.S. forces erode the ability of terrorists to carry out large scale attacks.

Pimentel, also known as Muhammad Yusuf, is ac-

OBITUARIES

Johnny 'Jack' Wynia

DANTE — Funeral services for Johnny J. "Jack" Wynia, 81 of Dante will be 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 23, 2011 at the First Presbyterian in Avon, with burial in the Pioneer Cemetery, rural Avon.

Visitation will be at the church Tuesday from 2 to 7, followed by a prayer service. Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home of Avon is in charge of the arrangements.

Johnny J. "Jack" Wynia, son of Reimer and Marie (Westra) Wynia, was born April 19, 1930 on a farm near Springfield, SD. He died Friday, November 18, 2011 at the Good Samaritan Society in Tyndall, after a brief battle with cancer. Jack attained the age of 81 years.

Jack graduated from Springfield High School in 1948 and priding himself of having perfect attendance all 12 years of his education. He attended Southern State Teachers' College in Springfield in 1949, where he played football, a sport he loved and excelled in doing.

Jack married Gertrude Weisensel on September 15, 1963. Together they farmed and ranched southwest of Avon. Their marriage was blessed with three daughters and one son. Gert died November 19, 1999. Jack married Helen Welff on September 20, 2001 and were blessed with over 10 years together.

Jack was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Avon, where he served as Trustee. He also was a board member of the Rouse Country School in rural Dante.

Jack will be remembered for his love of his grandchildren and being able to farm and ranch for 67 years. His passion was his cattle. Jack also enjoyed hunting and fishing. He will long be remembered as a "gentle giant".

Thankful for having shared his life are his wife, Helen; children: Dorothy (Richard) Dwyer, Harrisburg; Diana (Pat) Pohl, Lansing, MI; Jay (Kari), Dante; and Judy, Vermillion; eight grandkids; 4 great grandkids; step-children: Holly (Jeff) Hurrell, Oakland, NE and Reggie (Alice) Welff, Kennard, NE; 10 step grandkids; 11 step great grandkids; 1 step great-great grandkid; three sisters: Mary Lou Peterson, Springfield; Peggy Zech, Mitchell; and Della (Ed) Stimpson, Wagner; two brothers: Bill (Rose), Sacramento, CA and Dean (Liese) Dante; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Jack was preceded in death by his wife, Gert; parents; infant



Wynia

Verlin Larsen

Verlin Larsen, age 47 of Yankton passed away Thursday, November 17, 2011 at Sanford Medical Center, Sioux Falls, SD.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday, November 21, 2011 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton with Rev. Mark Lichter officiating. Burial will be in the Yankton Cemetery.

Visitations were at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, November 20, 2011 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton with a 7:00 p.m. Scripture service and video tribute. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Pallbearers will be Jeff Doering, Junior St. Pierre, Mike Heglin, Timmy Schrempff, Scott Hirsch, and Kim Termansen. Honorary pallbearers will be Verlin's Co-Workers from the Water Plant and City of Yankton.

Verlin was born on December 7, 1963 to Richard and Mary Ann (Pick) Larsen in Norfolk, Nebraska. He grew up in Yankton, SD



Larsen

brother, Junior; and two brothers-in-law: Gene Zech and Harry "Rudy" Peterson.

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and attended Yankton Public Schools where he graduated from high school in 1982. He started his collegiate studies in Springfield at the University of South Dakota and obtained his Associates Degree in biology at USD Vermillion. Verlin worked for the City of Yankton as a meter reader and eventually moved to the Water Treatment Plant, where he worked for 21 years.

Verlin married Patricia Sylliaasen, on January 6, 1990 at Vanggen Lutheran Church in Mission Hill, SD. During their time together they had two children, Tyler and Alexa.

Verlin enjoyed the outdoors, especially fishing, boating and camping with his family. He had many close friends with which he shares many memories. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle. He also had a deep passion for stock car racing and spent many years racing at the local dirt tracks. He was an avid NASCAR fan, attending numerous NASCAR venues throughout the years.

Verlin is survived by his wife Patricia and two children, Tyler and Alexa, all from Yankton. His mother, Mary Ann, three brothers, Steve (Kim) Larsen, Kevin Larsen and Brian Larsen, all of Yankton. Father and Mother in-law Jerome and Dorothy Sylliaasen of Mission Hill, sister and brother-in-law Pam (Ray) Epp of Mission Hill, and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in his death by his father Richard Larsen and his maternal and paternal grandparents.

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Joan 'Jane' Stroup

VERMILLION — Joan "Jane" Marie Stroup, 80, of Vermillion died Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011, at Sanford Vermillion Hospital.

Services are at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 26 at United Church of Christ, Congregational, Vermillion. Burial will be at a later date.

Visitation is 6-7 p.m. Friday, followed by a 7 p.m. prayer service and video tribute, at Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion.

Herman Schwarz

Herman Schwarz, 89, of Yankton died Friday, Nov. 18, 2011, at the Tyndall Good Samaritan Center, Tyndall.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. John's Lutheran Church, Yankton, with the Rev. David Gunderson officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery, Yankton, with military honors by the Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post No. 791.

Visitation is 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at Wintz & Ray Funeral Home, Yank-

William Wingett

VERMILLION — William Wingett, 76, of Vermillion died Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011, at Sanford Vermillion Care Center.

Arrangements are pending with Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion.

Raymond Burke

Raymond Burke, 84, of Yankton died Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011, at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Arrangements are pending under the care of Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton.

Rachael Bosse

ELK POINT — Rachael B. Bosse, 96, of Elk Point died Friday, Nov. 18, 2011, at Sanford Vermillion Care Center.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Jefferson, with Fr. David Roehrich officiating. Burial will be

Mich. Lawmaker Denies Sex Abuse 50 Years Ago

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Michigan congressman on Sunday fiercely denied allegations by distant relatives that he sexually abused a then-12-year-old second cousin several decades ago.

U.S. Rep. Dale Kildee, a Democrat who has represented his hometown of Flint and the surrounding area for 34 years, issued a statement calling the 50-year-old allegations "completely false and shameful." The *Washington Times* first reported the allegations and posted on its website video interviews with the alleged victim's mother, stepfather and sister.

Kildee, who is retiring next year, accused the relatives of working with "political adversaries to destroy my reputation ..."

The congressman said the allegations surfaced during his last congressional race but were rejected by authorities and news organizations. They have apparently resurfaced in an effort to win the open seat in 2012, Kildee said.

Kildee charged that the accusers may have been motivated by blackmail and that he made a formal report to the FBI when one of the relatives asked him for money and federal benefits.

Kildee also distributed a copy of a letter, dated Jan. 12, 1988, which he says is the last communication he has had with his second cousin, the alleged victim. The letter addresses the congressman as "My Dear Cousin Dale" and asks for assistance in combating hunger in Zimbabwe.

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who passed away on
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Richard Larsen
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Joseph Wadsworth
who passed away on
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