

Queen Mother Elizabeth dead at age 101

By The Associated Press INTERNATIONAL

LONDON — The coffin of the Queen Mother Elizabeth rested today in a small stone chapel at Windsor Castle where the royal family privately mourned the beloved matriarch before she is taken to lie in state in London.

Troops in a dozen locations around the country and in the colony of Gibraltar brought out ceremonial cannons to fire 41-gun salutes in honor of King George VI's widow, who died at her Windsor home Saturday afternoon at the age of 101.

Flags flew at half-staff and thousands of admirers of the enduringly popular former queen signed condolence books that were opened Sunday at royal palaces and homes around the country.

Bouquets of bright spring flowers, with fond messages attached, were placed at St. James's Palace and the adjacent Clarence House, which had been the Queen Mother's London home since her husband's death in 1952 and the accession of her daughter, Queen Elizabeth II.

The queen, who has lost her mother

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and her only sister, Princess Margaret, within seven weeks, led her family in prayer Sunday evening at the foot of her mother's coffin. All four of her children, Princess Margaret's son and daughter, Prince Charles's sons and other close relatives filed solemnly into the private chapel.

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II asked people to pray for the town of Bethlehem today, just hours after an incursion by Israeli tanks.

The pontiff appeared in the window of his study high above St. Peter's Square at noon on the day after Easter. He told the faithful gathered below of his "apprehension and pain" and said Bethlehem was "in great danger."

Israeli tanks rumbled into Bethlehem and other West Bank towns at sunrise on Monday, widening an operation Israel says is aimed at ending attacks by suicide bombers. A few hours later, they pulled back to Bethlehem's outskirts.

Witnesses said the tanks stopped

about 500 yards from the Church of the Nativity, built over the traditional birthplace of Jesus.

Violence in the Holy Land has pre-occupied John Paul this Easter. On Sunday, he dedicated much of his traditional "Urbi et Orbi" (to the city and to the world) to Mideast violence. He denounced the "horror" of the violence and pleaded with the Israelis and Palestinians to seek peace. Assisted by two cardinals, the frail, 81-year-old pope celebrated Easter Mass on the steps of St. Peter's Basilica.

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MANCHESTER, N.H. — When prosecutors accused Supreme Court Justice John Broderick's son of severely beating the judge over the weekend, it brought back memories of another alleged altercation between the father and son.

In October 2000, after Broderick told his son he had eight weeks to move out of the family's home, authorities say John Christian Broderick re-

sponded, "You have eight hours until you're in the ground." The older Broderick was later charged with slapping his son across the face, according to court records, but the count was dropped.

The younger Broderick, 30, was to be arraigned today on an assault charge in connection with the Saturday attack that left his father in serious condition.

Police arrested John Christian Broderick early Sunday morning.

The younger Broderick had been living at his parents' condo and police found him there when they responded to a 911 call from his mother Saturday, said Assistant Attorney General William Delker.

Broderick, 54, who is a former co-chairman of Bill Clinton's 1991-92 state presidential campaign, was appointed to New Hampshire's high court in October 1995.

ABILENE, Texas — A sport utility vehicle carrying five college students from Nigeria ran off a highway bridge early Sunday and fell 30 feet to a concrete embankment, killing all five.

The two men and three women were students at Abilene Christian University, located about 110 miles west of the crash, school spokeswoman Wendy Kilmer said.

"These were some of the best and brightest, and they always had a desire to study in America," Abilene Christian University Provost Dwayne D. VanRheenen said. "This is a great loss for our school."

Trooper Gary M. Rozzell with the Department of Public Safety said the truck went off Interstate 20 near Weatherford, about 50 miles west of Fort Worth, and landed on its roof shortly after 6:30 a.m.

Rozzell said an investigation was under way to determine the cause of the crash. The students' names were not immediately released.

Nearly 200 people attended an impromptu service Sunday night in a

campus chapel.

MIAMI — An Egyptian man who was deported earlier this year was arrested on immigration charges after he arrived in Miami on a flight from Spain, carrying boxcutters in his briefcase, authorities said.

Aly Sabra Galal Abdell, 29, was arrested Friday night as he arrived at Miami International Airport on Iberia Airlines Flight 6123 from Spain, said Patricia Mancha, a spokeswoman for the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Miami.

The man was stopped by inspectors after they ran his name and found he had been deported in January by a New York immigration judge. He had arrived in the country just before the Sept. 11 attacks.

A search of the suspect's briefcase, which he carried aboard the plane, turned up the boxcutters, officials said. Federal officials have banned passengers from carrying small blades, including boxcutters.

"We're in the process of reviewing the matter for criminal charges," said Aloyma Sanchez, spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Miami.

He was being held Sunday on immigration law violations.

An Iberia Airlines supervisor at the airport said Flight 6123 landed in Miami without incident Friday, but she had no other information.

WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON — Senators from both parties say President Bush must step up his involvement in the Middle East peace process to try to halt violence in Israel and the West Bank.

Sen. Joseph Lieberman said he is seeking "much bolder moves" from the administration.

Escalating Middle East violence shadowed Bush's Easter weekend in Texas. Bush said Sunday that the suicide bombings in Israel would not discourage his Mideast peacemaking efforts.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said Bush must get more deeply involved. "These suicide bombers are acting now to destroy the peace process," said Specter, who just returned from the Middle East, where he met with leaders including Arafat.

"I think we need to move aggressively with the Arab countries, where we think the financing is coming from," Specter said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Joseph Biden said the administration should offer a broad peace pact that includes Arab countries. "I think there needs to be something dramatic done, and that means the president has to step up his involvement," Biden, D-Del., told CBS.

WASHINGTON — Pakistani authorities have handed over to the United States a man thought to be the biggest catch yet in the war on terrorism: Abu Zubaydah, a senior al-Qaida leader believed to be leading an attempt to reconstitute the group in Afghanistan.

U.S. and Pakistani authorities think the man is Zubaydah after several of his former associates identified him from photographs, a U.S. official said Sunday.

"All signs point to the fact" that one of the men captured by Pakistani authorities in raids last week is the terrorist leader, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The man was shot several times by Pakistanis as he tried to escape one of the raids, the official said. He has been receiving medical treatment, but his current condition is unclear, the official said. He was transferred to U.S. custody over the weekend.

Zubaydah, as a senior al-Qaida operational planner, would plot attacks based on guidance from Osama bin Laden and his inner circle. Zubaydah would contact the cells in the field to conduct them, authorities have said.

Report says man overbilled state court travel expenses

WICHITA (AP) — The chief administrator of Sedgwick County District Court had \$20,000 in taxpayer-paid travel expenses last year, including \$1,800 worth that he double-billed to the county and the state, according to a newspaper report.

Louis Hentzen charged 21 meals to his county credit card on days he claimed state or county per-diem travel money that was supposed to cover his meals, The Wichita Eagle reported Sunday.

Yet nothing Hentzen did violated the law.

Although he reports to Chief Judge Paul Buchanan, Hentzen, who supervises court staff, spearheads the court's annual budget and oversees administrative functions, mostly approved his own expense filings. Others were approved by a subordinate.

Still, the bills infuriated County Commission Chairman Ben Sciortin. "This is a blatant example of abuse of power. This is just flat wrong," Sciortin said.

Hentzen said he made a mistake by claiming per diem and charging meals on the same days, and has agreed to reimburse the state and county.

Apart from that, he said, his spending was justified. "These are all official business trips I'm on," he said.

Hentzen travels extensively on behalf of the National Association for Court Management, of which he is vice president. He also serves on a U.S. Justice Department task force working to link court and police computers.

Frank Ojile, a former Wichita mayor and business-ethics teacher at Wichita State University, said it is bad practice for any organization to allow anyone

to approve their own expenses.

"You need one person to write the check and another to sign off on it," he said.

Ojile added that this was a particularly bad time for such issues to arise, since the state faces a \$700 million budget deficit.

Starting today, district courts are adding \$5 to almost all filing fees to raise revenue.

KU graduate student fascinated with spiders

LAWRENCE (AP) — Jamel Sandidge has been fascinated with spiders since his fifth grade teacher took away a black widow spider Sandidge had brought to school.

Now, as a graduate student in ecology and evolutionary biology at the University of Kansas, Sandidge has turned his fascination into a doctoral project. Sandidge is researching the fiddle-backed brown recluse.

"People definitely have a reason to be afraid of them," Sandidge said. "People might think I'm crazy searching in damp, dark places for spiders that could injure you."

Sandidge wants to know why one house can have hundreds of spiders while the house next door has none. "Almost every house I've been in, I've seen a sign of a brown recluse being there, having been there or being the type of environment where they would live," he said.

Many spider studies focus on bites and venom. But Sandidge plans to research the spiders' mating habits to determine how or if populations in different locations mingle.

"People have studied many things about the spider, but they haven't studied the spider," he said. "Most people are looking at the effect. I'm looking at the cause."

To do that, he's seeking people willing to have their houses inspected for spiders. Sandidge plans to set out sticky traps to catch some spiders and mark others with fluorescent powders to track their movement.

Sandidge said his research could come up with better ways to manage the spiders than the chemicals used now.

Suspicious wire diverts flight

WICHITA (AP) — An America West flight was diverted to Wichita and grounded overnight because of "suspicious wire" on a bathroom floor that officials later learned came off a toilet paper holder, an airport spokeswoman said Sunday.

The plane was heading from Washington to Phoenix on Saturday when an air marshal found the wire in the bathroom underneath a compartment that holds carbon dioxide, spokeswoman Patricia Harper said. The door to the compartment was open.

"The placement of it and the appearance of it was enough to give the air marshal some suspicion to check it out further," she said.

Best Wishes To Bryce Bahe



He will attend National High School Senior Champion Tournament, April 4 -7 in Cleveland, Ohio. Weight: 130 lbs.

The Young Guns took first place in the 8th grade division of the Mid America Youth Basketball Winter Finale 2002 held in Newton, Kansas, March 23 & 24.



Team members are: Front Row, L-R: Jase Herl (Goodland), Henry Sloan (Tribune), Kyle O'Connor (Sharon Springs). Back Row, L-R: Chase Schneider (Tribune), Bobby Miller (Goodland), Robert Cooksey (Oakley), Jon Beeson (Goodland), Coach Larry O'Connor (Sharon Springs). Other team members are Torrey Elder and Kyle Elder, both from Sharon Springs.

The Young Guns record is 19-2.

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Friday, April 5 - Boys Golf at Norton, 8 a.m.; Track at Norton, 2 p.m.; North Parent Lunch.
Saturday, April 6 - Boys Golf at Norton, 8 a.m.; Track at Norton, 2 p.m.; North Parent Lunch.
Monday, April 8 - 9-10 Track at Goodland, 3:30 p.m.; FCCLA State Meeting & Star Events; B.O.E. Meeting, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, April 9 - JV-V SB with Garden City, 3 p.m.; Boys Tennis at Larned, 2 p.m.; Boys Golf Goodland Invitational, 1 p.m.; FCCLA State Meeting & Star Events.

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