

Eye on the World

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This collection of short news items is from the “Eye on the World” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s Web site, churchofgodbigandy.com. It was posted for the weekend of May 8-9, 2010.

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An article by Mary Beth Sheridan and Colum Lynch titled “Obama Administration Discloses Size of U.S. Nuclear Arsenal” was posted at washingtonpost.com on May 4, 2010.

It said: “Shattering a taboo dating from the Cold War, the Obama administration revealed Monday the size of the American nuclear arsenal—5,113 weapons—as it embarked on a campaign for tougher measures against countries with hidden nuclear programs.”

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton expressed that it was significant for the United States “to be as transparent as we can about the nuclear program of the United States.”

Supporters of the decision by the Obama administration believe that this is a good step in helping demonstrate the country’s willingness to participate in eliminating nuclear weapons from the world.

Critics of the decision and of the long-term goal believe that U.S. leaders are weakening the country at a time when other countries are trying to get stronger.



An article by Tzvi Ben Gedalyahu titled “US Links De-Nuking Israel With Removing Iranian Threat” was posted at Israelnationalnews.com on May 4, 2010.

It said: “The United States, which already has tied Israel’s agreeing to Palestinian Authority demands with solving the Iranian nuclear threat, now cites Israel’s nuclear arsenal as the key.”

The article continued: “A proposal for a ban on mass destruction weapons in the Middle East is being circulated by the Obama administration and Russia.

“Egypt also is circulating a proposal that links removing nuclear weapons from Israel with eliminating the Iranian threat to become a nuclear power.”

The article also mentioned the decision of the United States to reveal it has 5,113 nuclear weapons, which the author claimed is “nearly 50 percent less than most estimates.”

The article theorized that “revealing the classified information in the American nuclear arsenal is designed at putting pressure on China to do the same.”



An article titled “Israel Says Hezbollah Missile Buildup Accelerating” was posted at Yahoo.com on May 4, 2010.

It said: “The head of the [Israeli] military intelligence research department, Brigadier General Yossi Baidatz, told a parliamentary committee that Hezbollah’s arsenal included thousands of rockets of all ranges and types, some solid-fuelled.”



An article by Alex Rodriguez titled “Pakistani Smugglers Supplying Afghan Bombmakers” was posted at latimes.com on May 1, 2010.

It said: “Tons of ammonium nitrate, a fertilizer that serves as a main ingredient in roadside bombs, is shipped into Afghanistan where it is banned, as businessmen buy off police and officials.”



A Reuters article by Royston Chan titled “N. Korea’s Kim Seeks Lifeline in China” was posted at msnbs.com on May 3, 2010.

It said: “Reclusive North Korean leader Kim Jong-il arrived in China on Monday in search of economic support and diplomatic protection from his only major ally, after bungled policies at home and military grandstanding that has exasperated the region.

“China, which has propped up the North’s leaders for decades, is becoming increasingly fed up with its provocative neighbor, analysts say, but it is willing to bankroll Kim to prevent chaos on its border.”



An article by Ian Shapira titled “Unification Church Will Put Washington Times Up For Sale” was posted at washingtonpost.com on May 1, 2010.

It said: “*Washington Times* executives are negotiating to sell the newspaper, after the Rev. Sun Myung Moon’s family cut off most of the annual subsidy of about \$35 million that has kept the Unification Church-backed paper afloat, company officials said.”



An article titled "Jordan River Baptisms Are Health Risk" was posted at aol.com on May 3, 2010.

The article mentioned how people seeking to be baptized at the historic location may not realize the health condition of the water. The article quoted Gidon Bromberg of Friends of the Earth Middle East (FoEME) saying: "If you drink the water, you're likely to get diarrhea or stomach problems, and if you have a cut, you will probably get a rash."



Various Web sites have posted the news that a woman who was considered to be the "world's oldest person" died in Japan.

Kama Chinen died on May 2 (just days short of her 115th birthday) on the southern Japanese island of Okinawa. She was reportedly born on May 10, 1895.

The oldest person alive is now believed to be Eugenie Blanchard, a French woman born on Feb. 16, 1896. She is 114 years old.



An article by Noel Sheppard titled "Stunning Pictures of Al Gore's New \$9 Million Mansion Media Totally Ignored" was posted at Newsbusters.org on May 3, 2010.

It said: "Nobel Laureate Al Gore purchased a \$9 million mansion in the luxurious hills of Montecito, California, recently, and with the exception of the *Los Angeles Times* and Fox News, America's media couldn't care less."

The article continued: "According to LexisNexis, apart from the *Los Angeles Times* that broke this story last Wednesday, and Fox News' Sean Hannity who spoke about this on consecutive nights last week, America's media were totally mum."

The article then printed a quote that Mr. Gore told Congress last year as the House of Representatives was deliberating cap-and-trade legislation. At that time Mr. Gore said:

"Every penny that I have made, I have put right into a non-profit deal, Alliance for Climate Protection, to spread awareness of why we have to take on this challenge. And congresswomen, if your, if, if you believe that the reason I have been working on this issue for 30 years is because of greed, you do not know me."

The article noted the irony.



An article by Tim Paradis titled "Stocks Tumble as New Doubts About Greek Aid Emerge" was posted at Yahoo.com on May 4, 2010.

It said: "Stocks plunged around the world Tuesday as fears spread that Europe's attempt to contain Greece's debt crisis would fail. The euro fell to its lowest point against the dollar in a year."



Here are some excerpts by Jennifer Harper in her "Inside the Beltway" section posted at Washingtontimes.com on May 5, 2010"

The term "tea-bagger" is like uttering the "n" word, some say.

Though he aspires to promote civility, evidence has surfaced that President Obama has added "tea-bagger" to his public lexicon. [For those who are not aware, the term "tea-bagger" is a slang sexual term that should not be used by professional journalists or by honorable politicians.]

Watchdogs at Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) barked when they saw the proof, tucked in a sneak peak of *Newsweek* columnist Jonathan Alter's new book, *The Promise: President Obama, Year One*, to be released May 18. Indeed, it appears the president joined certain partisan critics and the liberal media and took the tea-bag plunge.



An article by Stephanie Nebehay titled "World Cup Fans Warned Over S. Africa Fever Outbreak" was posted at Reuters.com on May 4, 2010.

It said: "Tourists in South Africa including soccer fans heading to the World Cup [played from June 11 to July 11] must guard against mosquito bites and avoid contact with raw meat due to an outbreak of Rift Valley fever, the World Health Organization said on Tuesday."

Officials in South Africa have reported 172 human cases of the animal viral disease this year, including 15 deaths.



An article titled " 'Absolutely, There Will Be More Attacks in New York' " was posted at WorldNetDaily.com on May 2, 2010. The following are excerpts of the article.

A Muslim extremist who earlier warned that TV's *South Park* creators should be "afraid for their lives" for insulting Islam's prophet Muhammad now says that yesterday's car bomb attempt in Times Square will be just the beginning of a new wave of terrorist attacks.

Younus Abdullah Muhammad, author of RevolutionMuslim.com, told WND senior reporter Aaron Klein on New York's WABC Radio that America should "absolutely" expect more jihadi violence in New York City.

When asked if the Times Square attack was aimed at the offices of nearby Viacom, which owns the *South Park* series, Abdullah Muhammad deflected the question to condemn U.S. foreign policy instead.

"It was a retaliation for what your government is doing overseas," Abdullah Muhammad said. "If you want to continue killing civilians, then you're going to get many incidents that resemble what happened yesterday."

As WND reported, RevolutionMuslim.com last month warned there is a "very real possibility" that *South Park* creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone will end up murdered like Theo Van Gogh, the Dutch filmmaker killed by an Islamic extremist in 2004 after making a film critical of Islam.

The Web site then issued a statement pointing out the Islamic punishment for mocking Muhammad is death, prompting Klein to ask if such words constituted incitement.

"We do not condone nor condemn terrorism," Abdullah Muhammad answered. "There is no relation between our organization and these attacks."

Still, Abdullah Muhammad predicted, "There will be a lot more terror attacks in the United States. Probably you should bring your imperial overstretch home before you're destroyed . . . Stop trying to police the world. Nobody likes you people."