

NATION/WORLD DIGEST

NATO Launches New Airstrikes In Libya

AJDABIYA, Libya (AP) — NATO launched new airstrikes Wednesday on targets held by Moammar Gadhafi as the rebel movement urged a stronger air campaign that will allow them to advance on Gadhafi's territory.

In Tripoli, meanwhile, Gadhafi's finance minister angrily denounced proposals by rebel leaders that they be given some of the regime's assets that were frozen as part of international sanctions.

"That is financial piracy," Finance Minister Abdulhafid Zlitni said of the idea. In all, about \$120 billion in Libyan assets were frozen as part of international sanctions, Zlitni told a news conference.

Concerning Wednesday's bombings, a NATO official confirmed a strike on at least one ammunition bunker outside the Libyan capital, Tripoli. He asked that his name not be used because the military alliance was not yet releasing the information publicly.

Libya's official JANA news agency reported airstrikes Wednesday in three other places: Misrata, Libya's third-largest city; Sirte, a Gadhafi stronghold and home to the Libyan leader's tribe; and Aziziyah, about 22 miles (35 kilometers) south of Tripoli. Jana said the strike in Misrata was in an area "populated with residents."

Egypt: Mubarak Is Detained For Investigation

CAIRO (AP) — Ousted President Hosni Mubarak and his two sons were detained Wednesday for investigation of corruption, abuse of power and killings of protesters, bringing cheers of victory from activists who hoped it marked a turning point in Egypt's turbulent transition to democracy.

The 82-year-old Mubarak was under detention in a hospital, a step prosecutors depicted as a precaution to monitor his health while under questioning.

His sons Gamal, once seen as Mubarak's successor, and Alaa, a wealthy businessman, were jailed in Cairo's Torah prison, where a string of former top regime figures — including Mubarak's prime minister, ruling party chief and chief of staff — are already languishing, facing similar corruption investigations.

The detention of the man who ruled Egypt unquestioned for 29 years set a new landmark in the already unprecedented wave of upheaval shaking the Middle East. It was arguably the first time an authoritarian leader in the Arab world has been brought to justice by his own people, given that Saddam Hussein was toppled and later captured by American troops, who handed him over for trial and execution by Iraq's new Shiite rulers.

Corruption had been rife under Mubarak's regime. In a country where 40 percent of the population lives on \$2 a day or less, many resented the business tycoon-politicians elevated to power by Gamal Mubarak and accused of looting the nation's coffers to enrich themselves.

Mom Drives Minivan Into River, Killing 4

NEWBURGH, N.Y. (AP) — A woman upset with the father of her children packed her four youngsters into her minivan and drove into the frigid Hudson River, killing everyone except her 10-year-old son, who managed to roll down a window of the sinking vehicle and swim to shore.

The dead youngsters ranged in age from 11 months to 5 years. A relative had called police Tuesday night to report a dispute at the home of Lashanda Armstrong, 25. Shortly afterward, she drove off a boat ramp several blocks away from her apartment in this struggling city 60 miles north of New York City.

Officials believe Lashaun Armstrong, 10, hit the button on a power window to escape from the driver's side as the minivan began to sink in the 45-degree water. Fire Chief Michael Vatter said the vehicle went under within two minutes.

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Obama Pitches Spending Cuts

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WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama coupled a call for \$4 trillion in long-term deficit reductions with a blistering attack on Republican plans for taxes, Medicare and Medicaid on Wednesday, laying down markers for a roiling debate in Congress and the 2012 presidential campaign to come.

Obama said spending cuts and higher taxes alike must be part of any deficit-reduction plan, including an end to Bush-era tax cuts for the wealthy. He proposed an unspecified "debt failsafe" that would go into effect if Congress failed to make sure the national debt would be falling by 2014 relative to the size of the overall economy.

"We have to live within our means, reduce our deficit and get back on a path that will allow us to pay down our debt," the president said in a speech at George Washington University a few blocks from the White House. "And we have to do it in a way that protects the recovery, and protects the investments we need to grow, create jobs and win the future."

Obama's speech was salted with calls for bipartisanship, but it also bristled with attacks on Republicans. They want to "end Medicare as we know it," he said, and to extend tax cuts for the wealthy while demanding 33 million seniors pay more for health care.

"That's not right, and it's not going to happen as long as I am president," he vowed.

Obama spoke to an audience that included Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., author of the House Republican budget that drew repeated presidential scorn. The Budget Committee chairman later

Obama's deficit cutting plan

Highlights of President Barack Obama's proposal to cut \$4 trillion from the U.S. budget deficit in 12 years or less:

Big picture

There would be: **\$3 in cuts ...** for every **... \$1 in tax hikes**

Spending cuts

In billions
Non-security discretionary funds \$770
Medicare, Medicaid \$480
Security/defense \$400
Agriculture subsidies, pension insurance \$360

NOTE: Does not include interest savings

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told reporters he had been excited to receive an invitation to the speech, believing the administration was extending an olive branch.

"Instead, what we got was a speech that was excessively partisan, dramatically inaccurate and hopelessly inadequate to addressing our country's pressing fiscal challenges," Ryan said. "What we heard today was not fiscal leadership from our commander in chief. What we heard today was a political broadside from our campaigner in chief."

Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, noted that the administration has asked Congress to raise the debt limit, but said, "the American people will not stand for that unless it is accompanied by serious action to reduce our deficit. More promises, hollow targets and Washington commissions simply won't get the job done."

The president spoke less than a week after he reached a compro-

mise with Boehner on an unprecedented package of \$38 billion in spending cuts for this year just in time to avoid a partial government shutdown. Both houses of Congress are expected to pass the measure in the next 24 hours or so, closing the books on the current budget year and clearing the way for a far more defining debate about the size and shape of the government.

Obama stepped to the podium at a juncture when tea party-backed Republicans are relishing early victories in the House, the 2012 Republican presidential field is just beginning to take shape and moderate Democratic lawmakers are charting their re-election campaigns in swing seats. His emphasis on deficit reduction marked an appeal to independents as well as other voters who are eager to stem record annual deficits as well as gain control over a national debt that is more than \$14 trillion. At the same time, he sought to

CBO: Budget Deal Cuts Deficit By Just \$353M

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new budget estimate released Wednesday shows that the spending bill negotiated between President Barack Obama and House Speaker John Boehner would produce less than 1 percent of the \$38 billion in claimed savings by the end of this budget year.

The Congressional Budget Office estimate shows that compared with current spending rates the spending bill due for a House vote Thursday would pare just \$352 million from the deficit through Sept. 30. About \$8 billion in cuts to domestic programs and foreign aid are offset by nearly equal increases in defense spending.

The House began preliminary debate on the measure Wednesday with it easily advancing over a procedural hurdle by a 241-179 vote. The measure appears on track to pass the House and Senate this week before a stopgap spending measure expires Friday at midnight despite opposition from some of the GOP's most ardent budget cutters.

The budget deficit is projected at \$1.6 trillion this year.

keep faith with liberals and other supporters.

To opponents of revisions in Medicare, Medicaid or Social Security, he said, "I guarantee that if we don't make any changes at all, we won't be able to keep our commitments to a retiring generation that will live longer and face higher health care costs than those who came before."

Study: 2 Million Babies Stillborn Worldwide Every Year

LONDON (AP) — More than 2 million babies are stillborn every year worldwide and about half could be saved if their mothers had better medical care, according to researchers' estimates.

While the vast majority of stillbirths happen in the developing world, the rates in countries including Britain, France and the U.S. have not dropped to the degree many experts had expected, as rising obesity levels among pregnant women increase the risk.

Experts say providing better obstetric care, treating conditions like syphilis, high blood

pressure and diabetes in mothers, among other strategies, could save more than 1 million infants every year. The research was paid for by organizations including Save the Children, the World Health Organization and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. It was published online Thursday in the journal, *Lancet*.

"It's a scandal there are so many stillbirths that can be prevented," said Joy Lawn, director of global evidence and policy at Save the Children in South Africa, who led the *Lancet* series. She said the politics of public health has meant the stillbirths problem has been side-

lined by maternal and child health programs, even though there are more stillbirths than children killed by AIDS and malaria combined.

In developed countries, most stillbirths are caused by delivery complications, maternal infections in pregnancy, fetal growth problems and congenital abnormalities. In developed countries, the reasons are often unclear why stillbirths occur, and surveillance and autopsy data are patchy.

But the researchers' estimates have a wide margin of error: the numbers range between 2.1 million to 3.8 million stillbirths a year.

OBITUARIES

Ben Schlaefli

Ben Schlaefli, age 74, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Monday, April 11, 2011, at his residence.

A Memorial Service will be 2:00 PM on Friday, April 15, 2011, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton, South Dakota, with Reverend Dani Jo Ninke officiating. Inurnment will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery in Yankton with military honors provided by the Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post No. 791.

A gathering of family and friends will be one hour prior to the service on Friday at the funeral home.

Benedict Schlaefli was born September 29, 1936, in Yankton, South Dakota, to Robert and Iona (Llewellyn) Schlaefli. He grew up and attended school in Yankton and graduated from Yankton High School. After high school he joined the National Guard and was deployed during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He married Julie Fleege on May 6, 1957, in Yankton. He worked at the Yankton Press & Dakotan for a few years until he started working as a truck driver in 1963, for the Nickels Brothers, hauling gas. He later started driving as an owner/operator for MCT Transportation which he continued for many years, hauling for several Yankton businesses. He was very proud to have driven millions of miles without an accident.

He was a member of the pistol team, while he was in the National Guard, and enjoyed reading, working in his garden, tinkering,



Schlaefli

hunting, and fishing. He had a great sense of humor and loved to tell jokes and would visit with anyone.

Survivors include his wife, Julie Schlaefli of Yankton; four children: Susan Gooden of Coolidge, Arizona; Stacey (Jeff) Penniston of New Castle, Wyoming; Stephanie Schlaefli of Yankton; and Shannon Schlaefli of Yankton; two grandchildren; three great grandchildren; three sisters: Alzada (Archie) Cernaghan of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Cecelia (Joe) Olsrud of LaVerne, Minnesota; and Donna (Neil) Brandon of Yankton; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two children, Pamela Schlaefli and Steven Schlaefli; two brothers, Charles "Chuck" Schlaefli and LeRoy "Roddy" Schlaefli; and two sisters, Alma Bassler and Barbara Robinson.

To post an online sympathy message to the family please visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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George Ufford

VERMILLION — George Franklin Ufford, 75, of Vermillion passed away on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, SD.

Funeral service will be on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Vermillion. Burial will be in Bluff View Cemetery following the service on Saturday.

Visitation will be held from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Kober Funeral Home in Vermillion on Friday, April 15, 2011, with a prayer service to begin at 7:00 p.m.

George was born on December 8, 1935 in Vermillion, SD to Frank and Glenna (Hastings) Ufford. He attended grade school at Fairview School and graduated from high school in Vermillion. He joined the Air National Guard and was a member of the 178th wing out of Sioux Falls. He went to college at SDSU



Ufford

and then USD, which is where he met his wife Gladys.

George and Gladys were married on April 8, 1962 in Sioux City, IA. He and Gladys resided on their farm in rural

Vermillion where George farmed up until the day he passed.

George was a member of the First Baptist Church, Incense Lodge #2 of the Freemasons, Sioux City Consistory, and Experimental Aircraft Association. He was also a member of the Boys Scouts of America where he served as cubmaster of Pack 12 for 6 years, and Scoutmaster of Troop 66. George also provided community leadership in Fairview Township as a member and chairman of the township board.

George is survived by his wife Gladys; sons Alex (Stephanie)

Ufford and Don (Rebecca) Ufford; and grandchildren Taylor and Kathryn.

He is preceded in death by his parents Frank and Glenna Ufford; brothers William and Sanford; and sister Margaret Weinstein.

Condolences may be posted online at www.koberfuneralhome.com.

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Helen Kollars

Helen G. Kollars, 84, of Yankton died Wednesday (April 13, 2011) at the Golden Living Center, Hartington, Neb..

A Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Benedict Catholic Church, Yankton, with the Rev. Ken Lulf officiating. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton.

Visitation is 5-8 p.m. Friday, at Wintz & Ray Funeral Home, Yankton, with a rosary and vigil service at 7 p.m. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the Mass on Saturday at the church.

To send an online sympathy card, visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

Alice Anderson

ELK POINT — Alice Matilda Anderson, 104, of Elk Point died Tuesday (April 12, 2011) at Prairie Estates Care Center.

Funeral services are at 1 p.m. Saturday at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Elk Point. Burial will be in Ireton, Iowa, at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Anderson-Siecke-Kober Funeral Home, Elk Point, is in charge of arrangements.

IN REMEMBRANCE

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Ben Schlaefli

2:00 PM, Friday
Wintz & Ray Funeral Home
Yankton

Dennis Otto Bockholt

12:00 PM, Saturday
St. Joseph's Catholic Church
Constance

Helen G. Kollars

10:30 AM, Saturday
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