

**Crowds Pack Space Coast To See Last Launch**

TITUSVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Florida Space Coast hotels are sold out, residents are renting bedrooms and restaurants are doubling food supplies as thousands of tourists arriving for Friday's launch of space shuttle Endeavour are boosting a region fearing its economic future.

The launch is the next-to-last for the program and President Barack Obama and his family will be in attendance.

"The shuttle program is winding down and this is something that is on everybody's bucket list," said Rob Varley, the area's top tourism official. "For many people, it's like 'Uh-oh. We only have two more chances to see one.'"

The mission is also attracting extra attention because its commander is Mark Kelly, whose wife is Arizona Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords. She was shot in the head in a January assassination attempt, but arrived at Cape Canaveral on Wednesday and is expected to watch the launch from a private location.

**Husband, Wife Plead Guilty In Kidnapping**

PLACERVILLE, Calif. (AP) — A convicted sex offender and his wife pleaded guilty Thursday to kidnapping and raping a Northern California girl when she was 11 and holding her captive for nearly two decades.

The pleas came as part of a surprise deal with prosecutors that will spare victim Jaycee Dugard and her two daughters born after she was raped by defendant Phillip Garrido from having to testify at a trial.

"I'm relieved that Phillip and Nancy Garrido have finally acknowledged their guilt and confessed to their crimes against me and my family," Dugard said in a statement released by her spokeswoman Nancy Seltzer.

The family had been kept in a hidden compound of backyard tents and sheds, never attending school or receiving medical attention.

**Avastin Proves As Good As Pricier Lucentis**

A much cheaper drug has proved just as good as a \$2,000 monthly shot at treating a common eye disorder that can lead to blindness, a long-awaited study has found. It also shows that patients can be treated less often, sparing them a lot of pain and expense.

The results are expected to lead many doctors and patients to turn away from the pricier Lucentis and instead use \$50 shots of Avastin for an age-related condition called wet macular degeneration.

Vision improvement after one year was the same for those given Avastin or Lucentis, the 1,200-patient study found.

The results are a blow to Roche's Genentech unit, which sells both medicines. Avastin is a cancer drug that doctors have used for many years to treat the eye disease even though it is not approved for that purpose. Genentech had been developing Lucentis specifically for the eye disease and won approval for it in 2006. A company spokesman said Thursday that the company had no plans to seek approval to sell Avastin for eye use or to lower the price of Lucentis.

**Logan Feared Death During Egypt Assault**

NEW YORK (AP) — CBS correspondent Lara Logan says she believed she was going to die while she was being sexually assaulted and beaten in Egypt's Tahrir Square.

Logan speaks out Sunday on CBS' "60 Minutes" about the assault, which happened while she was reporting on that country's political uprising. She was set upon by a mob of several hundred men.

She said in an interview with Scott Pelley that "there was no doubt in my mind that I was in the process of dying. I thought not only am I going to die, but it's going to be just a torturous death that's going to go on forever."

After being rescued, she returned to the United States and was treated in a hospital for four days.

**Crowds Swell Outside Westminster Abbey**

LONDON (AP) — Each step has been rehearsed, each flower meticulously arranged, the aisle of Westminster Abbey transformed into a flowering avenue of trees.

With just hours to go before his wedding to Kate Middleton, dedicated royal watchers camped outside got an unexpected surprise — a visit from Prince William.

The 28-year-old groom-to-be emerged from his residence Thursday night to greet the hordes of well-wishers gathered along the processional route. Dressed in khakis and grinning broadly, William shook countless hands as his photo was snapped on cell phones and digital cameras.

The visit lent further excitement to the carnival atmosphere near the abbey, where hours earlier 29-year-old Kate had a final run-through with William's best man, Prince Harry.

**Bill**

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ate about \$16 million for the program in a typical year.

"My plan will use economic development tools to attract or expand projects such as ag processing plants, manufacturing, ethanol plants and wind power generation in South Dakota," Daugaard wrote in his column.

"Those projects employ construction workers, purchase materials in South Dakota and pay millions in taxes. Once completed, they result in good new jobs that strengthen our state's economy."

Democrats say they support economic development and job creation but cannot support a program that will divert money from the state's general fund and has questionable value.

"This is just the wrong funding source for this proposal, and it's questionable whether these out-right grants to large corporations even work," Hunhoff said. "It's really poor legislation, and it's sad that we even have to waste our time and energy doing the referral. It's legislation that, at best, belonged in the 1950s and not in

the year 2011. When you can hardly fund your public schools, you don't go out and write checks to large corporations."

The SDDP points out that its members joined Republicans during the 2011 legislative session to support economic development tools such as reform of the ethanol subsidy program, the sales of public lands to bolster the REDI Fund, incentives for the aviation industry and others.

"Many of us who oppose the Large Project Development Fund do support economic development," Hunhoff said. "We do not want a vote or an initiative against economic development."

Crago said South Dakotans are already seeing the "extreme effects" of the budget passed by the Legislature and Daugaard.

"A lot of people are responding to the broader question at hand that this (Large Project Development Fund issue) raises," he said. "Are larger class sizes, higher local property taxes, fewer programs for students who need extra support, fewer teachers and fewer people to help those in nursing homes really worth the cost of subsidizing large development projects like the TransCanada pipeline? People want to decide on this issue. If we get this on the ballot, it will be in their hands."

**New Faces, Same Battles**

**Obama's New National Security Team Tasked With War, Budget**

BY ANNE GEARAN AND ROBERT BURNS  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The reshuffled national security team President Barack Obama introduced on Thursday will be charged with fighting not only the overseas war in Afghanistan but also budget battles on the home front over Pentagon spending that has ballooned into a fat target for deficit hawks.

His own re-election campaign approaching, Obama turned to a cast of familiar and respected officials for the most sweeping reworking of his national security team since the opening weeks of his presidency. He invoked the political upheaval and violence roiling the Middle East, the nearly 10-year-old Afghan war and the hard cost-cutting decisions ahead as the country tries to reduce its crushing debt.

"Given the pivotal period that we're entering, I felt that it was absolutely critical that we had this team in place so that we can stay focused on our missions, maintain our momentum and keep our nation secure," Obama said at the White House.

In the biggest change, CIA Director Leon Panetta will replace Defense Secretary Robert Gates when Gates makes his long-planned exit this summer. In remarks introducing the Cabinet and Afghan war leaders, Obama also bade farewell to Gates after a tenure begun more

than four years ago under President George W. Bush.

Gen. David Petraeus, the high-profile commander of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, will replace Panetta at the CIA in the fall, after helping to manage the first steps of a draw-down of U.S. troops in Afghanistan over the summer.

Marine Corps Lt. Gen. John Allen will succeed Petraeus as the top commander in Afghanistan, and seasoned diplomat Ryan Crocker will take over as ambassador there. The new team in Kabul will manage the planned shift toward a back-seat role for the United States and its NATO partners, as Afghan security forces gradually assume responsibility. Both Allen and Crocker have experience with a similar transition in Iraq, and with the effort there to broker deals with former militants and political rivals that U.S. officials want to mirror in Afghanistan.

"These are the leaders that I've chosen to help guide us through the difficult days ahead," Obama said in the White House East Room with Gates, Panetta, Petraeus and other top officials by his side.

"I will look to them and my entire national security team for their counsel, continuity and unity of effort that this moment in history demands."

There are no new names among the group

— all are current or former government officials with long resumes in Washington or in battle zones — and the long-pending reorganization is less a shake-up than a rearrangement of a team the White House credits with an orderly winding down of the Iraq war and the troop buildup in Afghanistan.

Members of the new slate also have handled the sometimes-contentious relations with Pakistan and other countries key to success in Afghanistan and in the wider fight against terrorism.

The changes, which require Senate approval, come as the Obama administration confronts numerous national security challenges at home and abroad, including finding a way out of the increasingly unpopular war in Afghanistan and making politically risky cuts to the Pentagon budget.

Gates and Obama's four new nominees took turns speaking after the president, several of them delivering grave messages about the challenges confronting a nation burdened with overseas conflicts and budget deficits.

By persuading Panetta to move from the spy agency to the Pentagon, Obama has turned to a widely respected Washington insider and veteran of fierce budget fights as the administration prepares for intensifying political battles over shrinking an estimated \$1.6 trillion annual federal deficit.

**Gadhafi Forces Shell Frontline City**

BY BEN HUBBARD  
Associated Press

MISRATA, Libya — Moammar Gadhafi's forces shelled civilian areas in the rebel-held city of Misrata on Thursday, killing 10 people. Regime supporters and opponents battled on another front in western Libya for control of a crossing point along the Tunisian border, killing refugees as they fled.

Rockets and other artillery fire slammed into Misrata's western Garara neighborhood, sending up deadly showers of shrapnel. At the city's Hikma hospital, relatives shouting "God is great" collected the dead, each with the word "martyr" written in marker on their white funeral shrouds.

The two-month battle in Libya's third-largest city has killed hundreds and prompted dire warnings of a humanitarian crisis. Gadhafi's best trained forces are battling fiercely to try to uproot rebel fighters from their only major strong-

hold in the western half of Libya, which is home to the government's power centers and the capital, Tripoli.

"Everything was normal and nothing was going on, and then all of a sudden these missiles came down and exploded in our neighborhood," said 46-year-old Ali al-Ghoul, who was leaving a mosque when eight rockets struck nearby, killing five of his neighbors.

The city's rebel fighters, most of them youths armed with captured weapons, pushed Gadhafi's forces from the city center this week, easing movement in a large swath of downtown that pro-government snipers had rendered deadly for over a month.

On Thursday, a rebel force of about 50 fighters advanced to the city's east, killing 14 government soldiers, said Misrata's rebel spokesman, Ibrahim Beatehmal.

Still, the city is subjected to continuous shelling with rockets and other artillery by government

forces on its edges.

Rebel forces are focused on holding their newly captured areas but are preparing to move on Gadhafi's positions farther out to stop the shelling, Beatehmal said.

"All of these areas have to be cleaned out," he said.

In fighting along the Tunisian border, control of the Dehiba crossing point was switching between the two sides Thursday. Rebels seized it a week ago, and government forces trying to retake it fired Grad rockets, including some that hit Tunisian soil, according to Tunisia's state news agency.

The fighting sparked panic among refugee families who had just crossed or were trying to cross the border, said witness Mohamed Hedia, a resident of the town on the Tunisian side of the border. There was no confirmed death toll, but Hedia said the dead numbered about 20.

About 5,000 people have crossed the border from Libya over

the past two days, Tunisia's state TAP news agency reported. Many are being taken in by Tunisian families in the region or being housed in a refugee camp.

Misrata has become the focus of fighting in recent weeks, as the other key front, in the largely rebel-controlled east, has settled into a stalemate.

On Thursday, government troops shelled residential areas about 12 miles (20 kilometers) from Misrata's downtown core.

"The shelling started around 9:30 this morning and has been sporadic during the day," said a doctor who spoke via Skype on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals.

Another doctor in Misrata said Thursday that a NATO airstrike killed 12 rebels in a friendly fire incident a day earlier. The military alliance, which is operating over Libya to enforce a no-fly zone and protect civilians, denied its warplanes bombed a building the rebels were said to be occupying.

**OBITUARIES**

**Donna Henseler**

Donna Henseler, 85, of Yankton died Thursday, April 28, 2011, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Arrangements are pending with Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Yankton.

**Anna Reede**

SELBY — Funeral services for Anna Mae Reede, age 81, of Selby will be at 10:30 AM Monday, May 2, 2011 at the UCC Church in Selby. Burial will be in the Akaska Cemetery under the direction of Kesling Funeral Home of Moberge.



Reede

Visitation will start at 5 p.m. with a prayer service at 7 PM Sunday at the church. Anna Mae passed away Monday, April 25, 2011 at Avera St. Luke's Hospital in Aberdeen.

Anna Mae was born to George E. and Esther C. (Woods) Lanning at Wagner, South Dakota on July 12, 1929. At the age of 4 they moved to the Springfield, South Dakota area. She attended school all 12 years in Springfield graduating in 1948. In the fall of 1948 she began her teaching career of 25 years. She taught in rural schools in Bon Homme, Yankton, Kingsbury, McCook, Sully, Potter, and Walworth Counties. The last

7 1/2 years were spent teaching in the Akaska School. After spending many summers taking college courses she graduated in 1972 from University of SD Springfield.

In January of 1974 she was installed as postmaster in Akaska, where she served for 23+ years, retiring on November 1, 1997. In July of 1949 she married Everett Wells in Springfield. He passed away in 1978. In 1979 she married Arthur Reede and they lived on his farm south of Selby. Art passed away in 1991. Anna Mae continued to live on the farm.

Anna Mae has been a life time member of the UCC Church, being a member in Springfield, Lowry and presently Selby. She has held membership in SDEA, NEA, two postmaster organizations NAPUS and the League; Good Cheer Extension Club, Swan Creek Community club, Akaska Commercial Club, Selby UCC Women's Fellowship, and Medicine Rock Cattlewomen. She was also the Oahe Representative to the State Woman's Fellowship Board and the President of the Senior Citizens Center in Selby for many years. Anna Mae loved to sew, cook, knit, crochet and the outdoors.

Surviving Anna Mae is one son, Duane Wells of Akaska, SD; two grandchildren, David Wells of Yankton, SD and Dawn Wells of Sioux Falls, SD; five great grandchildren; brothers, Donald (Julie) Lanning of California, Edward (Maria) Lanning of Indiana and

Lloyd (Sharon) of Lanning of Iowa; step-son, Larry (Helen) Reede of Selby; step-daughters, Lani (Bob) White of Rapid City, SD, Betty (Robert) Sawyer of Oregon, Patty (Alvin) Sudbeck of Yankton and numerous step grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by

her parents, George and Esther (Woods) Lanning; husbands, Everett Wells and Art Reede; step daughter, Rosie Hoyles and two brothers, George Lanning and Lonnie Lanning.

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