

Dow Falls, Economy Looks Weaker By The Day

WASHINGTON (AP) — The stock market is on its longest losing streak since the financial meltdown of 2008, confronted almost every day by fresh evidence that the economy is in serious trouble again. The Dow Jones industrials declined more than 265 points Wednesday, their worst day in more than two months, and closed below 12,000 for the first time since June 24. Investors sold all day after a report that the economy, which is barely growing and straining to produce jobs, is getting almost no help from consumer spending. Americans saved more in June and spent less for the first time in almost two years. The big declines in the stock market came despite the formal end of weeks of uncertainty over whether Congress would raise the federal government's borrowing limit.

FAA Shutdown Continues In Partisan Standoff

WASHINGTON (AP) — A partisan stalemate that has partially shut down the Federal Aviation Administration will continue into September, stopping airport construction projects and depriving federal coffers of potentially more than \$1 billion in uncollected ticket taxes, after congressional attempts to reach deal fell through on Tuesday. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., initially told reporters that he would be willing to accept a House Republican bill to restore the FAA's operating authority even though it contained cuts in subsidies for rural air service that some Democrats oppose. But he later reversed course after a possible deal with House Republicans had fallen through. The Senate was due to leave for its August recess Tuesday. The House left Monday. "Republicans are playing reckless games with airline safety," Reid said in a statement. "We should not let ideology interfere with making sure that Americans' air travel runs as smoothly and safely as possible." The FAA's operating authority expired on July 23, as well as the authority of airlines to collect about \$30 million a day in ticket taxes, meaning the government will be unable to collect an estimated \$1.2 billion in taxes if the shutdown continues until lawmakers return to work next month.

Norway's Right-Wing On Defensive After Attacks

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Warning voters about the danger of increasing Muslim influence in Norway, the Progress Party rode a wave of anti-immigrant feeling and took nearly a quarter of the seats in parliament in the country's last election. Now one of Europe's most successful right-wing parties is on the defensive after one of its former members massacred 77 people in the name of fighting immigration. The Progress Party has confirmed that Anders Behring Breivik, the confessed perpetrator of last month's massacre, was a member between 1999 and 2006. That has focused intense criticism on its platform of sharply cutting the immigration that is changing Norway's once virtually homogenous population of white Christians. "They have to change their tone," said Magnus Takvam, a political commentator for Norwegian public broadcaster NRK. "They have to reconsider their vocabulary." Progress Party leader Siv Jensen has been criticized for warning of a stealth Islamization of Norway. And in May, the party's leader in Oslo called the governing Labor Party's immigration policy a "demographic experiment" and said a left-wing political elite was allowing Western civilization to be eroded by Muslim immigrants with opposing values.

Libyan Embassy In US Reopens With Opposition

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department has signed off on papers that allow the Libyan Embassy in Washington to reopen under control of the opposition Transitional National Council and give staffers access to roughly \$13 million in mission assets that had been frozen. State Department officials said Tuesday that the council's request to reopen the embassy had been reviewed and approved following the Obama administration's decision last month to formally recognize the Benghazi-based group as Libya's legitimate governing authority. Libya's former ambassador to the United States, Ali Aujali, who resigned to protest Libyan leader Muammar Gadhafi's violent crackdown on opponents, is expected to serve as charge d'affaires. The State Department shut down the Libyan Embassy shortly after it suspended the operations of the U.S. Embassy in Tripoli in February.

A Troubling Sign For American Economy

Americans Cut Spending, First Time In 20 Months

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AP Economics Writer



Dales

WASHINGTON — Americans cut their spending in June for the first time in nearly two years after seeing their incomes grow by the smallest amount in nine months. The latest data offered a troubling sign for an economy that is adding few jobs and barely growing. Consumer spending dropped 0.2 percent in June, the Commerce Department said Tuesday. It was the first decline since September 2009. Some of the decline was the result of food and energy prices moderating after sharp increases earlier this year. When excluding spending on those items, consumer spending was flat. Still, consumers also cut back on big-ticket items, such as cars and appliances, which help drive growth. Incomes rose 0.1 percent, the smallest gain since September. Many people are also pocketing more of their paychecks. The personal savings rate rose to 5.4 percent of after-tax incomes, the highest level since August 2010. The data confirmed last week's report that showed the economy expanded at an annual rate of just 1.3 percent in the spring after only 0.4 percent growth in the first three months of the year. It also highlighted that consumer spending softened at the end of the April-June quarter, which could mean the sluggish economy is worsening. Stocks fell after the report was released. The Dow Jones industrial average dropped more

than 100 points in morning trading. Broader indexes also declined. "The recent run of weak economic news has made us more concerned that any rebound will be more modest than previously looked likely," said Paul Dales, senior U.S. economist at Capital Economics. High gas prices and unemployment have squeezed household budgets this spring. Many Americans are cutting back on purchases of cars, furniture, appliances and electronics. Consumer spending is closely watched because it accounts for 70 percent of economic activity. Employers have responded by reducing hiring. The economy added just 18,000 net jobs in June, the fewest in nine months. The unemployment rate rose to 9.2 percent, the highest level this year. The government issues its July employment report on Friday. Businesses are creating fewer jobs despite reporting strong earnings and sitting on large cash reserves. "What worries me is that businesses are deriving their strong earnings growth through productivity gains, limited wage increases and foreign activities," said Joel Naroff of Naroff Economic Advisors. "While that may be good for an individual firm, when most companies do that, income gains become so limited that spending

and ultimately growth fades. That is the problem we are now facing." The biggest drop in spending occurred in such items as food and gasoline. Spending on such non-durable goods fell 5.5 percent, reflecting price declines after spikes early this year. An inflation gauge tied to consumer spending dropped 0.2 percent in June, the biggest one-month decline since September 2009. Outside of food and energy, prices were up 0.1 percent. Still, spending on durable goods, such as autos, also fell in June 1.1 percent. One reason for the decline may be the shortage of popular car models in showrooms. Supply chain disruptions caused by the March earthquake in Japan have limited production of auto and electronic parts. Many analysts are still hopeful that growth will rebound in the second half of the year. They expect auto production and sales to pick up once supply chain disruptions ease. But the turnaround may not come for a while. Manufacturers had their weakest growth in two years in July, according to the Institute for Supply Management. And gas prices remain high, even after coming down from their peak of nearly \$4 a gallon in early May. The average price for a gallon was \$3.70 on Tuesday — 14 cents higher than a month ago and almost a dollar more than the same month last year. Some economists have begun to trim their forecasts for the second half of the year. Dales and his colleagues at Capital Economics have cut their outlook for second half growth to 2 percent, down from a previous forecast of 2.5 percent growth in the second half of this year.

U.S. Relaxes Terror Rules To Speed Aid To Somalia

BY BRADLEY KLAPPER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration sought to assure aid groups Tuesday that they can deliver desperately needed food to famine-stricken parts of Somalia without fear of prosecution, even if some assistance is diverted to al-Qaida linked extremists blamed for helping deliver hundreds of thousands of people to the brink of starvation. Administration officials said the U.S. has issued new guidelines on laws prohibiting material assistance to al-Shabab, which have been criticized by humanitarian organizations as a contributing factor the crisis. Charities must only pledge their best efforts to combat attempts by al-Shabab to hoard aid or collect taxes on supplies, they said. "We're trying to ease the process for these organizations to get the proper licenses," State Department spokesman Mark Toner said. Given the widespread violence and corruption in Somalia, he said the U.S. would exempt aid groups from some legal constraints that would hinder them from reaching malnourished or starving Somalis. Drought has left some 12

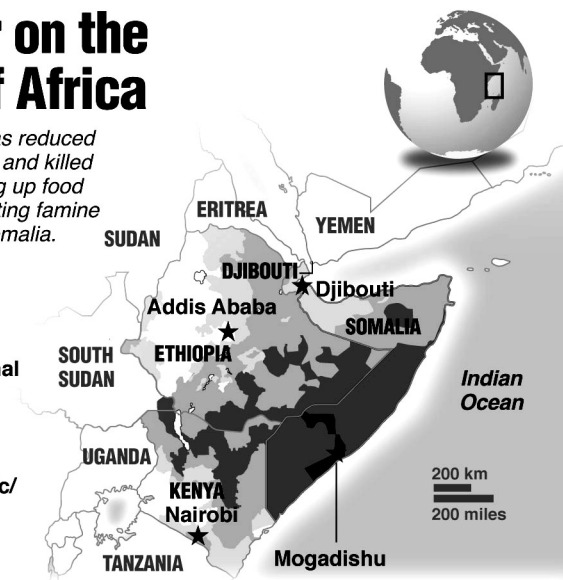
million people in Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia needing help, though official famine zones are only in Somali areas controlled by al-Shabab. That has challenged aid groups because of al-Shabab's hostility to them and the perceived threat of American prosecution in cases of inadvertent support for a U.S.-designated terrorist body. No U.S. law specifically prevents aid to southern and central Somalia, where the U.N. food agency says it cannot reach 2.2 million Somalis in areas under al-Shabab's control and fears that tens of thousands may have already perished. But bribes, tolls and other typical costs of doing business in the largely lawless and chaotic country could have been punishable, even if extracted under coercion, after the State Department officially declared al-Shabab a terrorist organization in 2008. Toner and other U.S. officials said the focus now should be on getting food to those in need as fast as possible. While some al-Shabab officials have suggested that relief groups are welcome to return, one official said it was unlikely that any "grand bargain" could be struck that would open up all of Somalia for operations with U.S. government-funded aid.

Hunger on the Horn of Africa

A lack of rain has reduced crop production and killed livestock, driving up food prices and creating famine conditions in Somalia.

Shortage conditions

- None/minimal
- Stressed
- Crisis
- Emergency
- Catastrophic/famine



U.S. famine funding

As of July 20, countries in the Horn of Africa had received hundreds of millions in U.S. aid

Country	U.S. commitments (Percent fulfilled)
Djibouti	\$39 million (30%)
Ethiopia	\$398 million (24%)
Somalia	\$561 million (47%)
Kenya	\$605 million (47%)

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"Well, I think that's a very good bid," said Commission Chairman Bruce Jensen. The bid was awarded with a unanimous vote. Also during Tuesday's meeting, Commissioner Garry Moore said the Joint Vermillion/Yankton Solid Waste System will propose raising its tipping fees by 10 percent in the near future. He serves as the county's representative on the Joint Powers Advisory Board. The fees haven't been increased since 2002, he said. "This will probably come as no surprise to you, but (the system is) still running at a deficit, and it's not getting any better," Moore stated. "Tonnage is about 1,100 tons less than a year ago at this time. Consequently, tipping fees collected aren't near what they would be." A 10 percent increase would amount to approximately \$4 extra per ton, he said, and would begin to address the operation's \$260,000 deficit. Moore said he made the motion on the advisory board to increase the fee, which was approved by an

8-1 vote. Ultimately, the fee increase would have to be approved by the City of Vermillion, Clay County, the City of Yankton and Yankton County before taking effect. "The reason I (made the motion) was, quite frankly, if you keep running at a deficit, it's going to come back at your general fund budget," Moore said. "When it comes back to your general fund budget, you're going to lose services somewhere else." He added that it's better to do a 10 percent increase now than to wait and have to do a 25 percent raise in the future. Furthermore, Moore said fees for the system will be comparable to others in the region. "We're not going to be out of line," he stated. "We're still going to probably be in the middle of the pack." In other business Tuesday, the commission was told by Sheriff Jim Vlahakis that the jail has had \$294,000 in revenue through July, which is \$102,935 more than at this time last year. The increase is due to the number of federal and out-of-county prisoners Yankton County is being paid to hold at the facility. Also fees collected at the sheriff's office are up about \$7,000 compared to this time last year. In 2010, the combined revenues of the jail and office were \$518,670.

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Leonard 'Bud' Conrad

Leonard "Bud" C. Conrad, age 84 of Yankton passed away on Sunday, July 31, 2011 at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton, SD. A Celebration of Life will begin at 2 p.m. Wednesday, August 3, 2011 at the Ernest Bowyer VFW Post #791, Yankton. Pastor Rod Veldhuizen will speak at 3 PM with a lunch to be served during the service. Honorary pallbearers will be Ernest Bowyer VFW Post #791 Honor Guard and all the members of the Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post #791. Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton is in charge of the arrangements. Leonard "Bud" Conrad was born March 28, 1927 in Hassen Valley, MN to William and Elsie (Rahier) Conrad. His mother died while in child birth and he was then raised by his mother's nurse, Inez Russell. He attended Glencoe Public School and in March 1945 he joined the United States Navy. He served 1 1/2 years in WWII and was honorably discharged in July 1946. He was a member of the Sees-bees. After his discharge, he moved to Wilmar, MN where he met and married Orpha Jean Stromert on April 10, 1951 at Sacred Heart, MN. To this union six children were born. Bud worked for the railroad and Russell Nursing Home in Minnesota. They moved to Yankton in August 1953, where he worked for Morgen Manufacturing for 28 years. He then worked a variety of jobs including Harvey Hanson Gas Station, Yankton Ballpark, Fantles, Vishay Dale, and the Presbyterian Church. He was a lifetime member of the Ernest Bowyer VFW Post 791, Moose, American Legion and Senior Citizens Center. He served as Grand Commander of the Military Order of Cooties from 2004 to 2005. He also participated in the 1st SD Honor Flight trip to Washington D. C. in May of 2009 to visit the WWII



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monument. It was an honor for him to have served his country. He volunteered his time to the VA by driving the VA Van to transport veterans to and from the VA Hospital in Sioux Falls where he enjoyed participating in activities. Bud was known for his convertible Cadillac in which he drove the VFW Auxiliary for River Boat Days. His enjoyment in life was to travel once a year with his family all over the United States, Canada and Alaska. He always made sure his children got to see every capitol of each state they visited and saw many historical sites and amusement parks. For many years he enjoyed bowling in which he also traveled out of state to participate in tournaments. Bud had a sense of humor. He could always bring a smile to your face. No matter what the situation, Bud would always find the humor and share that with family and friends. He is survived by his children: Lynn Conrad of Yankton, SD, Laurie (Matt) Hawkes of Poulso, WA, Lucy (Arnold) Boschker of Yankton, SD, Lu- anne (Steve) Matusky of Virginia Beach, VA, Lee (Darla) Conrad of Yankton, SD and Lisa (Pete) Mueller of Yankton, SD; 21 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great-grandchildren; sister: Geraldine McMahon of Lisbon, ND and several nieces and nephews from ND and MN. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Jean, brothers: Harry and Kenny.

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Merina Kollars

Merina C. Kollars, age 93 of Yankton, SD and formerly of Menominee, NE, passed away on Monday, August 1, 2011 at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 AM, Thursday, August 4, 2011 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Crofton, NE with Rev. David Fulton officiating. Burial will be in the St. Rose Cemetery, Crofton, NE. A luncheon will be held at the City Auditorium immediately following the committal. Visitations will begin at 5:30 PM Wednesday, August 3, 2011 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton with a 7:00 PM Rosary and a 7:30 PM Scripture Service. Visitation will resume 1 hour prior to the service at the church. Pallbearers will be Greg McQuay, Troy Merkel, Brian Kollars, Steve Tramp, David Kollars, and Clint Pinkelman. Merina was born on October 5, 1917 in Menominee, NE to Anton and Julia (Bierbaum) Buschelmann. She married Donald Kollars on May 27, 1936 in Menominee, NE and had 6 children: Del Rae, Judy, Larry, Norma, Jerry, and Mary. They farmed in Nebraska and Missouri and retired on their farm by Crofton, NE. They moved to Yankton, SD in 1982. Merina was a member of the Christian Mothers



Kollars

and was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. She enjoyed embroidery, sewing, playing cards and baking for her family. She is survived by her children: Larry and Linda Kollars of Yankton, SD; Norma and Roger Tramp of Yankton, SD; Jerry and Mikie Kollars of Crofton, NE; Mary and Rick Pinkelman of Bow Valley, NE; 23 grandchildren; 48 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren; 2 sons-in-law: Larry McQuay of Wausa, NE and Charles Merkel of Omaha, NE and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald; daughters, Del Rae McQuay and Judy Merkel; brothers, Clarence and Norman Buschelmann and 2 adopted sisters: Betty McCollum and Inez Payne.

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Edith Starnes

ABERDEEN — Edith Starnes, 85, Aberdeen, formerly of De Smet, died Tuesday, August 2, 2011 at Angel Haus in Aberdeen. A Memorial Service has been set for 10:30 a.m., Saturday, at the United

Church Of Christ in Erwin, with Rev. Marjie Brewtown officiating. Lunch will follow at the Erwin American Legion Hall. Burial will be in the De Smet Cemetery. Visitation hours will be 5-7 p.m., Friday, at Os-tus Funeral Home in De Smet.

IN REMEMBRANCE

<p>Perry Slagle 10:30 AM, Wednesday Sacred Heart Catholic Church Yankton</p>	<p>Doris Schenk 2:00 PM, Thursday Wintz & Ray Funeral Home Yankton</p>
<p>Charles J. Schulte 10:30 AM, Wednesday St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Fordyce</p>	<p>Phyllis Milton Graveside Services 11:00 AM, Friday Coleridge City Cemetery Coleridge</p>

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