

**U.S. Ports Spend Big To Guard Against Terror**

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) — About \$2.5 billion in federal grants paying for 10 years of security upgrades have made a huge difference at America's seaports in the decade since the 9/11 terrorist attacks. The Port of Savannah, Ga., is the fourth-busiest container port in the U.S. Every day tractor trailers haul more than 4,000 cargo containers through radiation detectors. Similar scanners are installed at ports from coast-to-coast to look for nuclear bombs hidden in shipments. Georgia's port security chief Kevin Doyle says before 9/11 there were wasn't even a complete fence surrounding Savannah's main terminal. Susan Monteverde of the American Association of Port Authorities warns Congress could make deep cuts to port security grants in the 2012 budget.

**Judge: Anthony Must Return To Orlando Area**

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Casey Anthony must return to Orlando within two weeks to serve a year's probation for check fraud, a Florida judge ruled Friday. Judge Belvin Perry said that Anthony must follow an order issued by another judge and report to a probation officer in Orange County no later than Aug. 26 at noon, although she could report earlier. The other judge, Stan Strickland, had sentenced Anthony in January 2010 to one year of probation after she pleaded guilty to stealing checks from a friend. He said Anthony should serve the probation upon her release, but those instructions never made it to a written order. Corrections officials interpreted the sentence to mean Anthony could serve the probation while she was in jail awaiting her murder trial.

Strickland clarified in an order last week that Anthony needs to start serving probation now that she is out of jail. Strickland later recused himself and turned the case over to Perry, who presided over the murder trial that ended last month with Anthony's acquittal in her daughter's death. Perry put the probation order on hold temporarily and heard arguments last week from Anthony's attorneys. They told the judge that she had served her probation while in jail awaiting her murder trial and requiring her to do so again would be double jeopardy. They also argued that she would be in danger if her location were known, given that she has received death threats.

**London Police: Nearly 700 Charged Over Riots**

LONDON (AP) — Thousands of extra police officers were stationed on Britain's streets Friday, as the country faced its first weekend since riots raged through suburbs and town centers, leaving a scarred landscape of broken glass and torched buildings. Police in London, which saw the worst violence, have charged almost 700 people with violence, disorder and looting, and the city's mayor said Londoners wanted to see tough sentences handed out to the guilty. Hundreds of stores were looted, buildings were set ablaze and five people died amid the mayhem that broke out Saturday in London and spread over four nights across England. Police, meanwhile, hit back against claims they were too soft in their initial response to the disorder. Prime Minister David Cameron said officers had been overwhelmed at first, outmaneuvered by mobile gangs of rioters. He said "far too few police were deployed onto the streets. And the tactics they were using weren't working." That changed Tuesday, when 16,000 officers were out on London's streets — almost three times the number of the night before. Cameron said the extra officers will remain on patrol through the weekend.

**Syrian Protesters Call For Assad's Death**

BEIRUT (AP) — Tens of thousands of Syrian protesters shouted for President Bashar Assad's death Friday in a dramatic escalation of their rage and frustration, defying bullets and rooftop snipers after more than a week of intensified military assaults on rebellious cities, activists and witnesses said. Security forces killed at least 14 protesters, according to human rights groups. The calls for Assad's execution were a stark sign of how much the protest movement has changed since it erupted in March seeking minor reforms but making no calls for regime change. The protests grew dramatically over the five months that followed, driven in part by anger over the government's bloody crackdown in which rights groups say at least 1,700 civilians have been killed. But with the regime shrugging off even the most blistering condemnation, the uprising has become a test of endurance as both sides draw on a deep well of energy and conviction. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton on Friday urged countries to stop buying Syrian oil and gas or selling the regime weapons, saying those who still do so must "get on the right side of history." In cities around Syria, protesters chanted, "The people want to execute the president!" during the now-familiar cycle of weekly demonstrations followed by a swift crackdown by the military, security forces and pro-government gunmen who operate on the regime's behalf.

**Shoppers Lift Economy; Will It Continue?**

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WASHINGTON — The economy might not be on the brink of another recession after all. Consumers, who drive most economic growth, spent more on cars, furniture, electronics and other goods in July — and more in May and June than previously thought. That burst of activity is encouraging because it shows many Americans were willing to spend despite high unemployment, scant pay raises, steep gas prices and diminished wealth. If it keeps up, the economy might rebound after growing at an annual rate of just 0.8 percent in the first half of 2011. That's a big if. Whether Americans remain willing to spend freely despite the stock markets' wild swings will determine whether the second half of the year is any better than the first. Their 401(k) retirement accounts have shrunk. Even with the Dow Jones industrial average's 125-point gain Friday, the Dow is down about 11 percent since July 21. A sustained stock-market decline tends to slow consumer spending because it reduces wealth, especially for upper-income Americans. The richest 10 percent of Americans own 80 percent of stocks. And the richest 20 percent drive about 40 percent of consumer spending, analysts say.

That loss of wealth may help explain a report Friday that consumer sentiment hit a 31-year low in August. The Thomson Reuters/University of Michigan's survey, completed early this week, showed that market turmoil and the political strife over raising the federal debt ceiling rattled consumers. "The fact that retail sales held up over the last few months ... is a positive economic development," said Joseph LaVorgna, chief U.S. economist at Deutsche Bank. "However, the true test will be to see if consumer activity held up in the face of recent financial market gyrations and slumping economic confidence. So the August data will be of much greater significance." Worries about the markets and the economy already seem to have caused some shoppers to pull back. The International Council of Shopping Centers-Goldman Sachs index, which tracks revenue at stores open at least a year, has shown two straight weekly declines. Claire Sanders Swift, a Washington media consultant, said that after the stock market plunged, she "sent her baby sitter home early and called her broker." "I keep trying to remind myself we've been through this rodeo before," she said early this week. "The fear is making me not want to spend." It's a pivotal moment for the nation's retailers. They're in the midst of back-to-school season and are planning for Christmas sales. Together, the two shopping seasons represent

up to half their annual revenue. Retailers are concerned that the weak economy and stock market turmoil could cause shoppers to retreat as they did when the financial crisis hit in 2008. Back then, spending plunged so much that some retailers slashed prices up to 80 percent just to draw shoppers to stores. Others sold jewelry and clothing to liquidators for pennies on the dollar. Some went out of business. This time, retailers seem better prepared. They've kept inventories lean to avoid being stuck with huge piles of marked-down products. Jeff Landis of Chicago-based Montopoli Custom Clothiers said because business has been quiet the past few weeks, he's decided to delay stocking up on fabric for custom suits for fall. And Geoff Stern, owner of Toy Professor, a toy store in Summit, N.J., said sales this week were down about 25 percent from a typical August week. Until late this week, a batch of poor economic data and a gloomy outlook from the Federal Reserve set off fears that the economy might be about to slide into another recession. That threat appears to have diminished. But it's hardly gone away. Still overhanging the financial markets and the U.S. economy is concern that Europe's debt crisis will spread through the U.S. financial system. Investors worry that Italy and Spain, two of Europe's biggest economies, might be unable to pay all their debts.

**Appeals Court Strikes Health Insurance Requirement**

BY GREG BLUESTEIN  
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ATLANTA — A federal appeals panel struck down the centerpiece of President Barack Obama's sweeping health care overhaul Friday, moving the argument over whether Americans can be required to buy health insurance a step closer to the U.S. Supreme Court. The divided three-judge panel of the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals concluded Congress overstepped its authority when lawmakers passed the so-called individual mandate, the first such decision by a federal appeals court. It's a stinging blow to Obama's signature legislative achievement, as most experts agree the requirement that Americans carry health insurance — or face tax penalties — is the foundation for other parts of the law. Chief Judge Joel Dubina and Circuit Judge Frank Hull found in a 207-page opinion that lawmak-

ers cannot require residents to "enter into contracts with private insurance companies for the purchase of an expensive product from the time they are born until the time they die." In a lengthy dissent, Circuit Judge Stanley Marcus accused the majority of ignoring the "undeniable fact that Congress' commerce power has grown exponentially over the past two centuries." He wrote that Congress generally has the constitutional authority to regulate interstate commerce, including the health care industry — when it passed the overhaul law. Administration officials said they are confident the ruling will not stand. The Justice Department can ask the full 11th Circuit to review the panel's ruling and will also likely appeal to the

Supreme Court. "Individuals who choose to go without health insurance are making an economic decision that affects all of us — when people without insurance obtain health care they cannot pay for, those with insurance and taxpayers are often left to pick up the tab," said White House adviser Stephanie Cutter. The 11th Circuit's ruling, which sided with 26 states that had sued to stop the law from taking effect, is the latest contradictory judicial opinion on the health care debate. The federal appeals court in Cincinnati upheld the individual mandate in June, and an appeals court in Richmond has heard similar challenges to the law. Several lower court judges have also issued differing opinions on the debate. Legal observers long expected the case would ultimately land in the Supreme Court, but experts said Friday's ruling could finally force the justices to take the case.

"There needs to be a pronouncement that's nationwide," said Carl Tobias, a professor at the University of Richmond School of Law. "It would be almost impossible to implement it if we have splintered decisions from different geographic circuits. The Supreme Court may feel now it has to take it." J. Peter Rich, a Los Angeles-based health care attorney, said the Supreme Court had never weighed in on an issue such as the provision requiring individuals to buy health insurance. "They have never ruled on this specific issue," he said. "This really is a case of first impression, although the Obama administration may try to argue otherwise." Rich said it's not unconstitutional for individual states to have such requirements, noting that Massachusetts has a similar law in place. However, the high court has yet to weigh in on whether a federal requirement passes muster.

**Mideast Upheavals Open Doors For Saudi Strategies**

BY BRIAN MURPHY  
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DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Saudi Arabia is getting bolder in its strategy for dealing with the Middle East's uprisings. No longer waiting for Washington's cue, the kingdom is aggressively trying to influence the regional turmoil and boost its two goals — protect fellow royal houses and isolate its rival, Iran. The more decisive policies by King Abdullah were on full display this week as he took the lead among Arab nations by yanking his ambassador from Syria and demanding an "end to the killing machine" of President Bashar Assad's regime in a startlingly strong condemnation of Damascus' bloody suppression of protesters. It was the first time the predominantly Sunni kingdom has weighed in publicly on Syria's upheaval — and demonstrated the Saudis' willingness to shift gears

dramatically as needed. Saudi Arabia has tried to snuff out or buy off dissent at home and around the Gulf, most notably sending troops to Bahrain to help its Sunni monarch crush a Shiite protest movement in a deadly crackdown. "It's a big move for Saudi Arabia," said Christopher Davidson, who studies Gulf affairs at Durham University in Britain. "Before, Saudi was seen as the main anti-Arab Spring power and interested mostly in preserving the status quo in the region. Now, you have the Saudis actively and openly against the Syrian regime." "The reason, of course, is Iran," he added. For the Saudis, the revolt in Syria is a chance to strike at one of the pillars of Iran's influence. Assad's ruling clique is dominated by his Alawite sect, a Shiite offshoot that comprises about 11 percent of the country and maintains close ties with Shiite power

Iran. It's unclear how much further the Iranian influence reaches in Syria, but the country's Sunni majority looks more toward Western-allied neighbors in Lebanon and Turkey. "Saudi sees this as a golden opportunity to further chip away at Iran's influence in the Arab Middle East and also ... to change the strategic map," said Theodore Karasik, a regional affairs expert at the Dubai-based Institute for Near East and Gulf Military Analysis. "This is going to make your foreign policy more robust and aggressive." But that doesn't come without some potential complications for OPEC's No. 1 producer. Stronger Saudi policies open the risks of friction with Washington, which is Saudi Arabia's main arms supplier and had counted on Saudi support to push U.S. inter-

ests in the Arab world. There is virtually no chance of a serious rift, and U.S. and Saudi officials are on the same page on other pivotal showdowns, such as efforts to get Yemen's President Ali Abdullah Saleh to step down after months of protest and bloodshed. Saleh is recovering in Saudi Arabia after being badly injured in a June attack on his palace compound. But even small rough patches between the U.S. and Saudi Arabia take on heightened significance in the tense Mideast climate. The Saudi statement on Syria followed White House urging for the Saudis and their Arab allies to take a sharper stance on Assad's government. Days later, the U.S. imposed new sanctions on Syria, and presidential spokesman Jay Carney said Thursday that Syria "would be a much better place" without Assad in charge.

**OBITUARIES**

**Victor Nolan**

Graveside services for Victor Nolan, 39, of Yankton, will be held on Monday morning at 10:30 a.m. at the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Gregory. A visitation and prayer service will be held Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. at Kotrba Funeral home in Gregory.

**Sidney Engman**

ELK POINT — Sidney E. Engman, 93 of Elk Point, passed away Friday, Aug. 12, 2011 at Prairie Estates Care Center in Elk Point. Arrangements are pending with

the Hansen Funeral Home in Vermillion.

**Lorraine Kjose**

ELK POINT — Lorraine Kjose, 79, of Elk Point passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2011 at the Prairie Estates Care Center in Elk Point. Funeral service will be on Monday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Burial will be in Bluff View Cemetery in Vermillion following the service. There will be a visitation held on Sunday, at St. Paul Lutheran Church from 6-7 p.m., with a prayer service to begin at 7 p.m.

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