

Helen Gurley Brown, Longtime Editor, Dies

NEW YORK (AP) — Helen Gurley Brown, the editor who made Cosmopolitan magazine into a single girl's handbook of sex and glamour, has died. She was 90.

Hearst CEO Frank A. Bennack, Jr. said Brown died Monday at a hospital in New York after a brief hospitalization.

Brown first became famous with a best-selling 1962 book called "Sex and the Single Girl." Three years later she was hired by Hearst Magazines to turn around the languishing Cosmopolitan.

It became her bully pulpit for the next 32 years, featuring big-haired beauties and racy cover headlines. Brown said her aim was to tell readers "how to get everything out of life."

Brown was a controversial figure in the women's movement, filling the magazine racy articles and centerfolds like a photo of Burt Reynolds in the buff that created a sensation in 1972.

Syrian Rebels Claim They Downed Warplane

BEIRUT (AP) — Syrian rebels circulated dramatic video Monday of what they claimed was the downing of a warplane and armed men later holding the captured pilot who ejected as the MiG fighter was engulfed by flames. Syria acknowledged a pilot bailed out of a disabled plane but blamed the crash on a technical malfunction.

The authenticity of the images or the claims could not be independently verified. If the rebels did bring down their first aircraft, that could signal a significant jump in their firepower and give opposition forces their most high-profile military captive.

But wider questions remain even if the rebel reports are confirmed, including whether this could be just a one-time blow against expanding air offensives by the forces of Bashar Assad's regime. Just days ago, protesters across Syria pleaded for the rebels' main backers — including Turkey and Gulf states — to send anti-aircraft weapons for outgunned fighters.

Assad's military has significantly stepped up aerial attacks in recent weeks. Strafing from warplanes and close-range missile strikes from helicopter gunships have pushed back rebels in key fronts such as Aleppo, the country's largest city and the scene of fierce attacks to dislodge rebel positions.

As the sun was setting on Monday, an Associated Press reporter saw two fighter jets over the village of Marea, 30 kilometers (20 miles) north of Aleppo.

House Files Lawsuit Against Attorney General

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Republican-run House on Monday asked a federal court to enforce a subpoena against Attorney General Eric Holder, demanding that he produce records on a bungled gun-tracking operation known as Operation Fast and Furious.

The lawsuit asked the court to reject a claim by President Barack Obama asserting executive privilege, a legal position designed to protect certain internal administration communications from disclosure.

The failure of Holder and House Republicans to work out a deal on the documents led to votes in June that held the attorney general in civil and criminal contempt of Congress. The civil contempt resolution led to Monday's lawsuit.

Holder refused requests by the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee to hand over — without preconditions — documents that could explain why the Justice Department initially denied in February 2011 that a risky tactic was used to allow firearms to "walk" from Arizona to Mexico.

Federal agents lost track of many of the guns. The operation identified more than 2,000 illicitly purchased weapons, and some 1,400 of them have yet to be recovered.

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Campaigns Spar Over VP Choice

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Led by President Barack Obama, Democrats claimed on Monday that Republican challenger Mitt Romney privately backs controversial plans to overhaul Medicare and cut trillions from social programs that his new vice presidential running mate has publicly proposed.

Rep. Paul Ryan "has given definition to the vague commitments that Romney has been making," Vice President Joe Biden said as the Democrats welcomed the Wisconsin lawmaker to the race with a barrage of criticism. "There is no distinction" between the two, he said.

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Romney lauded his running mate's work as he resumed his own four-day bus trip through campaign battleground states.

Ryan has "come up with ideas that are very different than the president's," Romney said in Florida, the state with the highest percentage of residents age 65 and over. "The president's idea for Medicare was to cut it by \$700 billion. That's not the right answer. We want to make sure that we preserve and protect Medicare."

The former Massachusetts governor did not say so, but the tax-and-spending plans Ryan produced in the past two years as chairman of the House Budget Committee call for the repeal of Obama's health care plan but also would retain the \$700 billion in Medicare cuts that were part of it.

Romney said there may be differences between his own budget plan and Ryan's, but he refused to say what specific policies his budget would include that would differ from the Wisconsin congressman's detailed proposal.

Aides said during the day that Romney has long disagreed with that specific element of the House Republican plan, and they said while he wants to repeal the health care law he also wants to restore the funds to Medicare.

The day marked a first in the race for the



SUPPORTERS APPLAUD PRESUMPTIVE REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE MITT ROMNEY DURING A RALLY AT FLAGLER COLLEGE, IN ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA., MONDAY.

White House, with both major party tickets campaigning at full strength and a little more than 80 days remaining in a campaign dominated by a weak economic recovery and a national jobless rate of 8.3 percent.

Polls taken before Romney added Ryan to his ticket over the weekend showed Obama with a slender advantage in a contest that will be decided in eight to 10 battleground states.

Large crowds turned out for Romney and Ryan's joint appearances over the weekend, and conservatives have hailed the selection of the Wisconsin lawmaker, who is regarded by fellow Republicans as an intellectual leader within the party on budget issues.

Democrats counter that Ryan's presence on the ticket will make it easier to tag Romney with political ownership of the budgets that Republicans pushed through the House in 2011 and again this year. They say it will help their candidates in House and Senate races as well as the campaign for the White House.

As chairman of the House Budget Committee, Ryan was the chief architect of tax and

spending plans that called for turning Medicare into a voucher-like program beginning a decade from now. Critics say it would lead to higher costs for beneficiaries, while supporters argue that a fundamental change is needed to prevent the program from going bankrupt.

Ryan's budget also calls for cuts of more than \$5 trillion in other projected spending over a decade as part of a plan to ease future deficits.

Rebutting Democratic objections to such plans, Romney told reporters in Miami it is "radical and extreme to pass on trillions of dollars of debts to our children knowing that we're never going to pay back these obligations that we've taken on."

He said he was sure there are some differences between Ryan's budget and his own, but he made no mention of the \$700 billion difference over cuts initially enacted as part of Obama's health care law. "We're on the same page. ... We want to get America back on track to a balanced budget," he said, referring to his running mate.

Gag Order Stays In Colo. Shooting Case

DENVER (AP) — The judge in the deadly Colorado theater shooting case refused Monday to lift a gag order that prevents the University of Colorado from releasing information about former graduate student and suspect James Holmes.

Arapahoe County District Judge William Sylvester also ruled that he would release some court documents in the case.

James Holmes, a former Ph.D. student at the university, is accused of going on a shooting rampage on July 20 at the midnight showing of the new Batman movie in suburban Denver, killing 12 people and injuring 58 others.

Members of the public will have access to a list of documents filed, as well as some submitted by attorneys. Some key documents, including the arrest affidavit that outlines law enforcement's case against Holmes, will remain sealed. Documents being released Monday were routine documents that are standard

in criminal cases that include allowing defense attorneys to inspect the crime scene.

In one document, however, defense attorney Daniel King argued that Holmes be allowed to sit with his attorneys at the defense table, and not in the jury box where Holmes sat during his initial appearance July 23.

King said that the deputies

placed him there out of concerns for Holmes' safety "due to the apparent presence, statements, and behavior of individuals in the audience of the courtroom."

King argued that seating Holmes away from the defense table gave the impression that Holmes was expressing threats or exhibiting dangerous behavior, threatening a fair trial. That request was granted.

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