

Bernanke Outlines Plan For Pulling In Stimulus Aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke began Wednesday to outline the central bank's strategy for reeling in stimulus money once the economic recovery is more firmly rooted. Bernanke said the Fed will likely start to tighten credit by boosting the interest rate it pays banks on money they leave at the central bank. Doing so would raise rates tied to commercial banks' prime rate and affect many consumer loans. Companies and ordinary Americans would pay more to borrow. But in prepared remarks to a House committee, Bernanke indicated the Fed is still months away from raising rates or draining most of the stimulus money it injected to rescue the financial system. He said the recovery still needs support from record-low interest rates.

IRAN

U.S. Slaps New Sanctions On Revolutionary Guard, Affiliates

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration on Wednesday slapped new sanctions on several affiliates of Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps amid stepped-up efforts to get U.N. penalties against Tehran because of its nuclear and missile programs. The Treasury Department said it was freezing the assets in U.S. jurisdictions of Revolutionary Guard Gen. Rostam Qasemi and four subsidiaries of a previously penalized construction firm that he runs over their alleged involvement in producing and spreading weapons of mass destruction. The sanctions made public Wednesday expand existing U.S. unilateral penalties against elements of the Guard Corps, or IRGC, which Western intelligence officials believe is spearheading Iran's nuclear program. The step is in line with statements from administration officials that they want sanctions to target Iranian elites responsible for such activity and not the Iranian people in the hope of changing the government's behavior. However, it will be difficult to gauge their effect as it is not clear what holdings the targets may have in U.S. jurisdictions. The administration is pushing to internationalize such penalties so they will have greater impact, and the announcement came as U.S. officials lobby for

similar action at the U.N. Security Council, which has already hit Iran with three sets of sanctions over Tehran's failure to prove its nuclear program is peaceful. Qasemi commands the Guard Corps' Khatam al-Anbiya Construction Headquarters, which Treasury described as its engineering arm that is involved in the construction of streets, tunnels, waterworks, agricultural projects and pipelines. Its profits "are available to support the full range of the IRGC's illicit activities, including WMD proliferation and support for terrorism," Treasury said in a statement. Khatam al-Anbiya was hit with U.S. sanctions by the Bush administration in 2007. Wednesday's penalties apply to Qasemi and Khatam al-Anbiya subsidiaries, the Fater Engineering Institute, the Imensazen Consultant Engineers Institute, the Makin Institute and the Rahab Institute. Treasury's move followed a tough new warning to Iran from President Barack Obama, who said on Tuesday that the country remains on an "unacceptable" path to nuclear weapons, despite its denials, and that the U.S. and like-minded countries would soon present a set of punishing sanctions at the United Nations.

NATION/WORLD DIGEST

New Police Aerial Photos Show WTC Collapse

NEW YORK (AP) — A trove of aerial photographs of the collapsing World Trade Center was widely released this week, offering a rare and chilling view from the heavens of the burning twin towers and the apocalyptic shroud of smoke and dust that settled over the city. The images were taken from a police helicopter — the only photographers allowed in the airspace near the skyscrapers on Sept. 11, 2001. They were obtained by ABC after it filed a Freedom of Information Act request last year with the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the federal agency that investigated the collapse. The chief curator of the planned Sept. 11 museum pronounced the pictures "a phenomenal body of work." The photos are "absolutely core to understanding the visual phenomena of what was happening," said Jan Ramirez of the National September 11 Memorial & Museum. They are "some of the most exceptional images in the world, I think, of this event."

Pakistan: Country's Taliban Chief Is Dead

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — The Pakistani government confirmed for the first time Wednesday that the country's Taliban leader has died of injuries sustained in a U.S. drone strike in mid-January, setting the stage for a potential succession struggle that could further weaken the group. But analysts caution that Hakimullah Mehsud's death would not deal the al-Qaida-linked militants a knockout blow nor bring an end to attacks that have killed hundreds of people in the past few months. A suicide bomber attacked a vehicle carrying tribal police near Pakistan's volatile border with Afghanistan on Wednesday, killing 17 people. The Pakistani Taliban continue to deny Mehsud's death, but the group used the same tactic when his predecessor was killed by a U.S. missile less than six months ago, only admitting his demise weeks later to give the group time to choose a successor. Analysts believe the same dynamic could be at work now.

Ex-Texas Rep. Charlie Wilson Dies At 76

DALLAS (AP) — Charlie Wilson, the former congressman from Texas whose funding of Afghanistan's resistance to the Soviet Union was chronicled in the movie and book "Charlie Wilson's War," died Wednesday. He was 76. Wilson died at Memorial Medical Center-Lufkin after he started having difficulty breathing while attending a meeting in the eastern Texas town where he lived, said hospital spokeswoman Yana Ogletree. Wilson was pronounced dead on arrival, and the preliminary cause of death was cardiopulmonary arrest, she said. Wilson represented the 2nd District in east Texas in the U.S. House from 1973 to 1996 and was known in Washington as "Good Time Charlie" for his reputation as a hard-drinking womanizer. Actor Tom Hanks portrayed Wilson in the 2007 movie about Wilson's efforts to arm Afghan mujahideen during Afghanistan's war against the Soviet Union in the 1980s. Wilson, a member of the House Appropriations Committee, helped secure money for weapons, plunging the U.S. into a risky venture against the world's other superpower.

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SNOW

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this," said D.C. Fire Chief Dennis L. Rubin, who was born and raised in the District.

The previous records for snowiest winters were 62.5 inches in Baltimore in 1995-96; 54.4 inches in Washington in 1898-99; and 65.5 inches in Philadelphia in 1995-96.

On Wednesday, Baltimore had 72.3 inches so far this winter, the Washington area had 54.9 inches and Philadelphia had 70.3 inches. Heavy snow also fell in New York and New Jersey. Airlines canceled hundreds of flights, and New York City's 1.1 million schoolchildren enjoyed only their third snow day in six years. The Washington area's two airports had no flights coming or going Wednesday.

The streets of downtown Philadelphia, which was close to setting its own snow record, were nearly vacant as people heeded the mayor's advice to stay home.

Entrance ramps to closed highways were blocked, and the Pennsylvania National Guard had Humvees stocked with food

and blankets ready to help anyone who got stuck. Earlier in the day, about 25 vehicles were involved in two separate pileups on snowy Interstate 80 in central Pennsylvania. One man was killed and 18 people injured.

"For your safety, do not drive," Gov. Ed Rendell said. "You will risk your life and, potentially, the lives of others if you get stuck on highways or any road."

Two other people were killed when their snowmobile struck a moving vehicle at an intersection in Lancaster, Pa. Michigan authorities said the storm contributed to at least four traffic deaths there.

In Virginia, where some areas had snow totals exceeding 30 inches from the two storms, winds were howling at 50 mph and temperatures were plunging. Gov. Bob McDonnell urged people to stay indoors.

"This snow reminds me of when I was driving tractor-trailers in Saudi Arabia, and the sandstorm starts and you can't see the roads," said Sreed Zada, 55, a plow driver for the Virginia Department of Transportation. Utility customers in western Pennsylvania said about 30,000 people were without power. Some never got it back after the last storm.

OBITUARIES

Frank Pick

FORDYCE, Neb. — Frank A. Pick, age 78 of Fordyce, Nebraska, died on Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at the Nebraska Veterans Home in Norfolk, Nebraska. Mass of Christian Burial will be on Friday, February 12, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Hartington, Nebraska with Rev. Jeffery Loseke officiating. Burial will be in the St. Michael's Cemetery in Hartington with the Hartington VFW Post 5283 providing military services. Visitation will be on Thursday from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. with a rosary at 2:00 p.m. and a vigil service at 7:00 p.m. at the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington. Visitation will continue one hour prior to services on Friday at the church.

To send online condolences, please visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.



Pick

Pallbearers will be Steve Pick, Gary Riibe, Jim Sudbeck, Mark Sudbeck, Gerard Arens and Mike Heimes. Honorary pallbearers will be Maurice Wuebben, Don Schroeder, Larry Lauer, Jeff Arens.

Frank was born on February 10, 1931 at Hartington to Frank and Mary (Vornhagen) Pick. He grew up on a farm northwest of Hartington and attended Northwest Star country school. He graduated from Holy Trinity High School in Hartington in 1948. Frank entered the U.S. Navy and served in the Korean

conflict from October 13, 1951 to October 12, 1955. He served onboard the USS Chimon and received the National Defense Service Ribbon and the United Nations Service Ribbon. Frank married Marlene Lenzen on February 5, 1963 at St. James, Nebraska. He farmed northwest of Hartington until 1983. He then began working at Prince Hydraulics in Hartington for a number of years and also worked for Terra Western in the springtime. He had been a resident of the Norfolk Veterans Home in Norfolk since August 1, 2008. He was a member of the Bow Valley Park Association, enjoyed playing cards and loved to work with his cattle and horses. He cherished the time he could spend with his grandchildren.

Frank is survived by 3 chil-

dren and their spouses, Michael and Kim Pick of Hartington; Tony Pick of Fordyce; Lisa and Brian Schunk of Erie, Colorado; 3 grandchildren, Courtney Pick, Keira and Colton Schunk, 3 sisters, Eleanor Riibe of Omaha, Nebraska; Mary Ann Larson of Yankton, SD; and Hildegarde Huss of Coleridge, Nebraska.

He was preceded in death by his parents and 3 brothers in law, Eugene Riibe, Don Huss and Richard Larson.

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Darrell Nelson

Darrell Gene Nelson, age 73, of Yankton, died at his home Monday evening, February 8, 2010, surrounded by his loving family. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, February 12, 2010 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton with Rev. Mark Lichter, Rev. Louis Nollette and Rev. Neal Nollette officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery, Yankton. Visitation will be 3-8 p.m. Thursday, February 11, 2010 at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton with a 7:00 p.m. rosary followed by a 7:30 p.m. Scripture service.

Pallbearers will be Mark Nelson, Dan and Tony Anderson and Brent, Justin and Jana Nollette.



Nelson

Darrell was born May 18, 1936, to Henry and Huldah (Holm) Nelson on a farm near Hurley, South Dakota. He married Kathryn Koupal on October 31, 1958, and together they had three daughters, Theresa, Linda and Diane. He worked as a pressman for the Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan, retiring after 37 years. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather and enjoyed family

gatherings where lively card games would always take place. Darrell's favorite pastimes were maintaining his pick-up and car, doing yard work, and playing ball with his two "grand-dogs," Piper and Nestle. He also enjoyed his daily coffee with friends at Paul's Kwik Stop.

Darrell is survived by his wife, Kay, of 51 years and daughters: Theresa (Tim) Nollette, Nenzel, Nebraska, Linda (Clark Throssell) Nelson, Vicksburg, Mississippi, and Diane (Matt) Schramm, Yankton. Other survivors include four grandchildren, Brent (and fiancé Jennie Dickey), Justin, and Jana Nollette, and Teygn Schramm; two sisters-in-law Martha

Anderson and Marie Nelson; and many special cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers: Vincent, Donald, and twin brother, Dallas, and sister, Darlene Payne.

The family requests memorials to be directed in Darrell's name to Avera Sacred Heart Hospice, 501 Summit Street, Yankton, South Dakota 57078.

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Cyrus Mischke

CROFTON, Neb. — Cyrus A. Mischke, 93, of Crofton, Neb., died Wednesday (Feb. 10, 2010) at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton. Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church, Yankton, with the Rev. Dean Trapp officiating. Burial will be in the Frankfort Cemetery in rural Crofton, Nebraska. Visitation will be one hour prior to the funeral service at the church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Yankton. To post an online sympathy message, visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

Lorraine Osthus

VIBORG — Lorraine Osthus, 90, died Tuesday (Feb. 9, 2010) at Pioneer Memorial Hospital, Viborg. Services are at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Bethany Lutheran Church, Viborg. Visitation is 1-8 p.m. Friday

with family present from 7-8 p.m., at Viborg Funeral Home. Register online at www.viborgfuneralhome.com.

Connie Jensen

SIoux FALLS — Connie Mae Jensen, 65, of Sioux Falls, formerly of Irene, died Tuesday (Feb. 9, 2010). Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Monday at Our Redeemer

Lutheran Church rural Irene. Burial will follow in Garden of Memories Cemetery, Yankton. Visitation is 5-7 p.m. Sunday at Hansen Funeral Home, Irene.

For obituary and online condolences, visit hansenfuneralhome.com.

Ross Crosley

PARKSTON — Ross Eugene Crosley, 79, of Parkston died

Wednesday (Feb. 10, 2010) at the Avera Bormann Manor, Parkston. Reck Funeral Home, Miller, has been entrusted with Ross's arrangements. Visit www.familyfuneralhome.net.

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