

## House Republicans Map Election-Year Strategy

WASHINGTON (AP) — When last seen in Washington, House Republicans were furious with their own leader, Speaker John Boehner, and angry with their Senate Republican brethren over how the showdown over the Social Security tax cut turned into a year-end political debacle.

The holidays and three weeks away from the Capitol have tempered some of the bad feelings, but several GOP lawmakers' emotions are still raw as Congress returns for a 2012 session certain to be driven by election-year politics and fierce fights over the size and scope of government and its taxing, spending and borrowing practices.

In the week before Christmas, House Republicans revolted against the Senate-passed deal to extend the payroll tax cut for two months for 160 million workers and ensure jobless benefits for millions more long-term unemployed. Facing intense political pressure, Boehner, R-Ohio, caved, daring tea partiers and other dissenters to challenge his decision to pass the short-term plan without a roll-call vote. None stepped forward to stop him.

"A lot of us who went into battle turned around and no one was behind us," freshman Rep. Mick Mulvaney, R-S.C., said last week, sounding like the fight was still fresh and insistent that leadership had abandoned them.

"A lot of us are still smarting," he added.

## Snowshoer Missing Since Saturday Found Alive

ASHFORD, Wash. (AP) — A 66-year-old snowshoer missing on Mount Rainier since Saturday has been found alive.

Park spokeswoman Lee Taylor says Yong Chun Kim, of Tacoma, Wash., was alert and conscious when a team of three rescuers found him Monday afternoon. She says he was cold but otherwise in stable condition.

Rescuers are working to bring him out.

Kim was leading a group on a snowshoe hike on the mountain when he slid down a slope and became separated from his party. He radioed to the group twice to say he was OK. But when he failed to meet up with them in the parking lot, a search was launched.

## Fuel Transfer Prepared For Iced-In Alaska Town

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Crews have laid a hose along a half mile stretch of Bering Sea ice and were hoping Monday to soon begin transferring 1.3 million gallons of fuel from a Russian fuel tanker to the iced-in western Alaska city of Nome.

The offloading could begin before sundown Monday, said Stacey Smith of Vitus Marine, the fuel supplier that arranged to have the Russian tanker Renda and its crew deliver the gasoline and diesel fuel.

Crews were working on hooking the arctic-rated hose to a shore-side pipeline leading to storage tanks in town, Smith said.

State officials said the transfer must start during daylight, but can continue in darkness after that. Nome has just five hours of daylight this time of year.

The transfer could be finished within 36 hours if everything goes smoothly, but it could take as long as five days.

## Pakistani Political Crisis Deepens

ISLAMABAD (AP) — The political crisis engulfing Pakistan deepened Monday when the nation's top court clashed with a beleaguered government already under attack from the powerful army — a combined assault that could bring down the U.S.-backed administration.

The Supreme Court launched contempt proceedings against Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani for failing to carry out its order to reopen a corruption case against President Asif Ali Zardari and demanded Gilani make a rare appearance before the judges Thursday. If the court convicts Gilani of contempt, he could serve up to six months in prison and be disqualified from holding office.

The nuclear-armed country is already grappling with an ailing economy and a violent Islamist insurgency. The latest clash could also complicate U.S. efforts to get Pakistan to cooperate on the war in neighboring Afghanistan, especially peace talks with the Taliban — although Washington had made little headway on that even before this crisis.

# Missing Raised To 29 In Italian Cruise Disaster

BY NICOLE WINFIELD AND FRANCES D'EMILIO  
 Associated Press

ROME — Italy's cruise liner tragedy turned into an environmental crisis Monday, as rough seas battering the stricken mega-ship raised fears that fuel might leak into pristine waters off Tuscany that are part of a protected sanctuary for dolphins, porpoises and whales.

The ship's Italian operator accused the jailed captain of causing the wreck that left at least six dead and 29 missing, saying he made an "unapproved, unauthorized maneuver" to divert the vessel from its programmed course.

Earlier, authorities had said 16 people were missing. But an Italian Coast Guard official, Marco Brusco, said late Monday that 25 passengers and four crew members were unaccounted for three days after the Costa Concordia struck a reef and capsized off the coast of the tiny island of Giglio.

He didn't explain the jump, but indicated

10 of the missing are Germans. Two Americans are also among the missing.

Brusco said there was still "a glimmer of hope" there could be survivors on parts of the vast cruise liner that have yet to be searched. The last survivor, a crewman who had broken his leg, was rescued on Sunday.

Waters that had remained calm for the first days of the rescue turned choppy Monday, shifting the wreckage and raising fears that any further movement could cause some of the 500,000 gallons (1.9 million liters) of fuel on board to leak into the waters off Giglio, which are popular with scuba divers and form part of the protected Tuscan archipelago. Rescue operations were suspended for several hours because of the rough seas.

Italy's environmental minister raised the alarm about a potential environmental catastrophe. "At the moment there haven't been any fuel leaks, but we have to intervene quickly," the minister, Corrado Clini, told RAI state radio.

Even before the accident there had been

mounting calls from environmentalists to restrict passage of large ships in the area.

The ship's operator, Costa Crociere SpA, has enlisted one of the world's leading salvagers, Smit of Rotterdam, Netherlands, to handle the removal of the 1,000-foot (290-meter) cruise liner and extract the fuel safely. Smit has a long track record of dealing with wrecks and leaks, including refloating grounded bulk carriers and securing drilling platforms in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Meanwhile, the Italian cruise operator said Capt. Francesco Schettino intentionally strayed from the ship's authorized course into waters too close to the perilous reef, causing it to crash late Friday and capsiz.

The navigational version of a "fly by" was apparently made as a favor to the chief waiter who is from Giglio and whose parents live on the island, local media reported.

A judge on Tuesday is to decide whether Schettino should remain jailed.

# Rally Outside S.C. Capitol Marks MLK Day With Voting Rights Message

BY JEFFREY COLLINS  
 Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Thousands commemorating the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday Monday outside South Carolina's capitol heard a message that wouldn't have been out of place during the halcyon days of the civil rights movement a half-century ago: the need to protect all citizens' right to vote.

A similar tone was struck at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, where King preached from 1960 until his death. There and in South Carolina, speakers condemned the voter identification laws they said are meant to suppress black voter turnout.

For most of 13 years in South Carolina, the attention at the NAACP's annual rally has been on the Confederate flag that still waves outside the Statehouse. But on Monday, the civil rights group shifted the focus to laws requiring voters to show photo identification before they can cast ballots, which the group and many other critics say is especially discriminatory toward African-Americans and the poor.

South Carolina's new law was rejected last month by the U.S. Justice Department, but Gov. Nikki Haley vowed to fight the federal government in court. At least a half-dozen other states passed similar voter ID laws in 2011.



TIM DOMINICK/THE STATE/MCT  
 Hundreds of people march Monday, January 16, 2012 to the South Carolina State House in Columbia, South Carolina, to honor the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday and protest the state's voter identification law.

"This has been quite a faith-testing year. We have seen the greatest attack on voting rights since segregation," said Benjamin Todd Jealous, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The shift in tactics was also noted by the keynote speaker, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder.

Last month, Holder said the Justice Department was committed to fighting any laws that keep people from the ballot box. He told the crowd he was keenly aware he couldn't have become the nation's first African-Ameri-

can attorney general without the blood shed by King and other civil rights pioneers.

"The right to vote is not only the cornerstone of our governance, it is the lifeblood of our democracy. And no force has proved more powerful, or more integral to the success of the great American experiment, than efforts to expand the franchise," Holder said. "Let me be very, very clear — the arc of American history has bent toward the inclusion, not the exclusion, of more of our fellow citizens in the electoral process. We must ensure that this continues."

## OBITUARIES

### Glenn Stuen

Glenn A. Stuen, age 79, formerly of Forest Lake, MN and Yankton, SD, passed away on January 12, 2012 at his home in North Branch surrounded by his family.

Preceded in death by his daughter, Leisa Joan Magnuson-Slama; son, Christopher Stuen; son-in-law,

Leo Slama; parents, E.C. and Anna Stuen; and brothers, Bud Stuen, Chester Stuen, and Donald Stuen.

Glenn will be deeply missed by his wife of 57 years, Joan; children, daughter, Cynthia Stuen; sons, Emanuel "EC" (Shelley) Stuen, and Thomas (Mary) Stuen; daughter-in-law, Carrie Ennenga; eleven grandchildren, Katie Stuen, Benjamin Magnuson, William Magnuson, Matt Slama, Tommy Lee Stuen, Taylor Stuen, Kallie Miska, Alexandra Stuen, Cassandra Stuen, Zachary Stuen

and Jonathan Vinge; great grandchildren, Carl Magnuson and Ja'Shaun Miska; sisters, Annie (LeRoy) Schiendel, Ruth (Bill) White, Eunice (Jerry) Bride, and Alyce (Bud) Christianson; brother, Larry (Pat) Stuen; sisters-in-law, Sally Stuen and Marie Stuen; many nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

Glenn lived by the motto "Do good things." He enjoyed singing, playing music and always had a song in his heart. Glenn's love for

people made him very successful in automotive equipment sales.

A private family graveside service will be held to honor Glenn.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Roberts Family Funeral Home, Forest Lake, MN.

### Marilyn Dangel

Marilyn Dangel, 85, of Yankton died Monday, Jan. 16, 2012, at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Funeral services are pending with Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton.

### Bernice Miller

HARTINGTON, Neb. — Bernice Miller, 95, of Hartington, Neb., died Monday, Jan. 16, 2012, at Autumn Winds Assisted Living facility, Hartington, Neb.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Wintz Funeral Home, Hartington.



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## IN REMEMBRANCE

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