

Fighting Goes On As Assad Speech Slammed

BEIRUT (AP) — U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Monday expressed disappointment with Syrian President Bashar Assad for rejecting the most important elements of an international roadmap to end the country's civil war...

Colorado: Families Of Victims Hear From Police

CENTENNIAL, Colo. (AP) — Police officers who arrested James Holmes after the Colorado movie theater massacre described the suspected gunman, clad in body armor, as unusually relaxed but fidgety at times.

Lottery Winner Died From Cyanide Poisoning

CHICAGO (AP) — With no signs of trauma and nothing to raise suspicions, the sudden death of a Chicago man just as he was about to collect nearly \$425,000 in lottery winnings was initially ruled a result of natural causes.

Mayor: Name School In Honor Of Slain Teacher

STRATFORD, Conn. (AP) — The mayor of a city near Newtown, Conn., on Monday proposed naming a school after Victoria Soto, a teacher who was killed in last month's elementary school massacre and hailed as a hero.

Health Care Costs Hold Steady

BY RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
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WASHINGTON — Americans kept health care spending in check for three years in a row, the government reported Monday, an unusual respite that could linger if the economy stays soft or fade like a mirage if job growth comes roaring back.

the economy is affordable; one that surges ahead is not. The respite means President Barack Obama and lawmakers in Congress have a window to ease in tighter cost controls this year, if they can manage to reach a broader agreement on taxes and spending.

ing on hospital care slowed. Spending on prescription drugs and doctors' services accelerated, but spending for private health insurance grew modestly.

Hagel

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ambassador nominee whom he called "openly, aggressively gay" — a comment for which he recently apologized. Brennan, a 25-year CIA veteran, was under consideration to run the agency after Obama won the 2008 election but withdrew his name amid criticism from liberal activists...

right to a full and fair confirmation hearing, but he reserved judgment on whether he would back him. And Maryland's Democratic Sen. Ben Cardin said he and other lawmakers "have questions that have to be answered" specifically on Hagel's views on Iran and Israel.

The White House focused instead Monday on the military record of Hagel, who was awarded two Purple Hearts. "Chuck knows that war is not an abstraction," Obama said. "He understands that sending young Americans to fight and bleed in the dirt and mud, that's something we only do when it's absolutely necessary."

Moser

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gained respect mostly because I worked hard and treated people fairly." Moser decided not to run for reelection in 2012, and instead opted to go back to school on a full-time basis. He just completed his first semester and is on track to wrap up his degrees in 2015.

member of the Behavioral Health Work Group chaired by Lt. Gov. Matt Michels (of Yankton)," he stated. "We made positive changes that will benefit individuals and families for decades to come."

during election time, he stated. "Not so much in Yankton, but in politics in general," Moser said. The biggest challenges in the Legislature, he continued, were always related to the budget.

OBITUARIES

Alvin Weber

Alvin A. Weber, 73, of Menno died unexpectedly early Saturday morning, Jan. 5, 2013, at the Chandler Regional Medical Center, Chandler, Ariz.

Gene Miley

Gene A. Miley, 73, of Hinsdale, Ill., beloved husband of Christine Rusnak, loving father of David and Daniel Miley; devoted grandfather of Connor and Violet Grace; dear brother of the late Judy (John) Bakker, died Sept. 7, 2012.

Mary Miley House

Mary Miley House, passed away on Sunday, December 2, 2012, at her home in Valencia, CA. Mary was born on April 21, 1919 in Rolla, MO to Alfred and Mandy Miley.

lencia, CA; granddaughter Shelly (Nick) Blinoff and great grandchildren, Madeleine and Warren Blinoff of Camarillo, CA; step-daughters, Pamela Desverine and Debra Meisner; several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Frederick Pohlman

Frederick Pohlman, 61, of Yankton died Friday, Nov. 23, 2012, at Prairie Homes Assisted Living, Yankton.

humor, loyalty to family and friends; as well as, her wonderful parties and open house to everyone. She will be greatly missed!

WINTZ & RAY FUNERAL HOME and Cremation Service, Inc. Online condolences at: www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com

Josephine Kast Josephine A. Kast, 97, of Yankton died Friday, Jan. 4, 2013, at the Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 21, at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Benominee, Neb., with Rev. David Fulton officiating.

Judith Knodel

Judith K. Knodel, 67, of Lenexa, Kan., died unexpectedly Saturday, Jan. 5, 2013, at her residence.

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