

Romney: Obama Shouldn't Politicize Killing

NEW YORK (AP) — Republican Mitt Romney said Tuesday that it was “totally appropriate” for President Barack Obama to claim credit for taking out Osama bin Laden a year ago but that his decision to politicize a unifying event for the country was not.

Obama's re-election campaign has used his decision to order the U.S. military raid that ended with the 9/11 mastermind's death to suggest that Romney would not have made the same call. Romney, the president's all-but-certain Republican challenger in the fall election, says he would have made the same decision.

Marking the anniversary at a New York City fire house that lost 11 men on Sept. 11, 2001, Romney said he understood the president's desire to take credit for killing one of the world's most-wanted men.

“It's totally appropriate for the president to express to the American people the view that he has that he had an important role in taking out Osama bin Laden,” Romney said after visiting the lower Manhattan fire station with Rudy Giuliani, who was mayor when terrorists flew planes into the World Trade Center's twin towers and killed nearly 3,000 people.

“I think politicizing it and trying to draw a distinction between himself and myself was an inappropriate use of the very important event that brought America together,” Romney said.

Feds: 5 Anarchists Plotted To Blow Up Bridge

CLEVELAND (AP) — Five men described by federal authorities as anarchists angry with corporate America and the government were charged Tuesday with plotting to bomb an Ohio bridge linking two wealthy Cleveland suburbs.

The men were arrested Monday night after unknowingly working with an FBI informant for months, a strategy that federal investigators have used repeatedly in recent years to nab alleged terrorists.

“They talked about making a statement against corporate America and the government as some of the motivations for their actions,” U.S. Attorney Steven Dettelbach said in announcing the arrests with the head of the FBI in Cleveland, Stephen Anthony.

The alleged plotters researched explosives and obtained what they thought was C-4 explosives. The material, in fact, was harmless and the public was never at risk, because the men got it from the informant, officials said.

The men planted the fake explosives at the base of the bridge, armed them, went to a remote spot and “entered the codes that they thought would blow up the bridge with innocent people traveling over it,” Dettelbach said.

Cuba Mulls Scrapping Hated Travel Restrictions

HAVANA (AP) — After controlling the comings and goings of its people for five decades, communist Cuba appears on the verge of a momentous decision to lift many travel restrictions. One senior official says a “radical and profound” change is weeks away.

The comment by Parliament Chief Ricardo Alarcon has residents, exiles and policymakers abuzz with speculation that the much-hated exit visa could be a thing of the past, even if Raul Castro's government continues to limit the travel of doctors, scientists, military personnel and others in sensitive roles to prevent a brain drain.

Other top Cuban officials have cautioned against over-excitement, leaving islanders and Cuba experts to wonder how far Havana's leaders are willing to go.

In the past 18 months, Castro has removed prohibitions on some private enterprise, legalized real estate and car sales, and allowed compatriots to hire employees, ideas that were long anathema to the government's Marxist underpinnings.

Scrapping travel controls could be an even bigger step, at least symbolically, and carries enormous economic, social and political risk.

British Lawmakers Issue Report On Murdoch

LONDON (AP) — A committee of British lawmakers called Rupert Murdoch unfit to run his global media empire — a finding that reflects just how deeply the phone hacking scandal born of his defunct News of the World has shaken the relationship between the press and politics.

The divisive ruling Tuesday against Murdoch, his son James and three of their executives also exposed the waning influence of the media tycoon, and could jeopardize his control of a major broadcaster.

Parliament's Culture, Media and Sport committee — a panel that scrutinizes the standards of Britain's press and sports authorities — began an inquiry amid disclosures about widespread tabloid hacking of voice mail, concerns over bribes paid to police for scoops, and politicians who may have overstepped the bounds by cozying up to key players in the Murdoch empire.

Tarring the credentials of both the 81-year-old media mogul and James Murdoch, a former executive chairman of News Corp.'s U.K. newspaper division, the committee's scathing words on the Murdochs could affect their controlling stake in British Sky Broadcasting.

BY MATTHEW CRAFT

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — The fastest growth in U.S. manufacturing in 10 months gave stocks a lift Tuesday and pushed the Dow Jones industrial average to its highest close in more than four years.

Manufacturing expanded last month at the strongest pace since June, according to the Institute for Supply Management. Orders, hiring and production all rose.

A measure of manufacturing employment also reached a nine-month high, a hopeful sign ahead of Friday's monthly jobs report.

The manufacturing news jolted stock indexes out of a morning stupor, although the gains waned throughout the afternoon. The Dow added 65.69 points to 13,279.32, its highest closing mark since Dec. 28, 2007, during the first month of the Great Recession.

“It definitely changed the direction of markets,” said Jack Ablin, chief investment officer at Harris Private Bank.

Treasury prices fell, and benchmark crude oil rose \$1.29 to settle at \$106.16 per barrel. Both of those things tend to happen when investors expect stronger economic growth.

Ablin saw an irony in the reaction to the ISM report. Europe's debt crisis has knocked markets around for months, jerking stocks down on worries its troubles could cross the Atlantic. But Europe's woes have made U.S.

manufacturers look more attractive to companies, Ablin said.

“It's gotten to a point over last 10 years where it's better to manufacture here than in pretty much any other developed country in the world,” he said.

In a separate report Tuesday, the Commerce Department said construction spending ticked up in March, following two months of declines.

Sam Stovall, chief equity strategist at S&P Capital IQ, said the two reports looked like evidence that the U.S. economic recovery is solid despite turmoil in Europe and weaker job creation in March.

“I think investors are encouraged there's at least one place in the world where it's still worth investing,” Stovall said. “They're not ready to give up on this bull market yet.”

Other indexes pushed higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose eight points to 1,406. The Nasdaq composite climbed four points to 3,050.

All 10 industry groups within the S&P 500 climbed, led by energy companies. Chesapeake Energy Corp. jumped 6 percent on reports that the company will strip CEO Aubrey McClendon of his chairman's title.

McClendon, Chesapeake's founder, was under fire for taking out more than \$1 billion in loans using the company's wells as collateral. Chesapeake recently agreed to end the program that allowed McClendon to take per-

sonal stakes in the wells.

The S&P finished April in the red, its first losing month since November. The Dow managed a tiny gain.

Judging by its track record, May isn't a promising month for stocks. Since World War II, the S&P 500 has gained an average of 0.31 percent in May. For all months, the average gain is 0.67 percent.

“It's a very undistinguished month,” Stovall said.

Among stocks making big moves:

— Sears Holdings Corp. soared 15 percent, the biggest gain in the S&P 500. The operator of Kmart and Sears stores expects to post a first-quarter profit thanks to a gain from the sale of some U.S. and Canadian stores. The company's stock has jumped 99 percent so far this year.

— Archer Daniels Midland Co. gained 7 percent after the food conglomerate reported profits that beat analysts' expectations. Profits dropped by nearly a third over the past year, pulled down by one-time charges and lower weaker results from its ethanol and oilseeds businesses.

— Avon Products Inc. fell 8 percent, the largest drop in the S&P. The company said earnings plunged 82 percent, hurt by a bigger restructuring charge, commodity costs and rising labor costs. The results were worse than analysts had expected.

Workers Express Anger, Gloom On May Day

BY DANIEL WOOLLS

Associated Press

MADRID — On the front lines of the world's May Day protests this year, along with the traditional chants, banners and marches, a gamut of emotions flowed through the crowds: Anger. Fear. Elation. Despair.

With Europe's unemployed denouncing austerity measures, Asia's laborers demanding higher salaries and U.S. protesters condemning Wall Street, Tuesday's demonstrations by hundreds of thousands were less a celebration of workers' rights than a furious venting over spending cuts, tax hikes and soaring unemployment.

The protests came just days ahead of key elections in Greece and France, whose leaders have acutely felt popular anger over policies many feel are strangling any hopes of economic recovery. The rallies reflected deep pessimism in Spain, dealing with a fragile economy is in the crosshairs of the European debt crisis.

Yet optimism and national pride emerged too. Over 100,000 turned out in Russia for May Day rallies that celebrated Vladimir Putin's government. And tens of thousands of workers rallied with joy in France, hoping this would be the last week of President Nicolas Sarkozy's conservative leadership.

In the U.S., protesters lined



GENARO MOLINA/LOS ANGELES TIMES/MCT

Jesus Garcia leads a chant before the start of a May Day march in downtown Los Angeles, California, on Tuesday, May 1, 2012.

major financial institutions in the country's most high-profile Occupy Wall Street rallies since the encampments protesting the gap between the super-rich and poor came down in the fall. Crowds blocked intersections in Oakland, Calif., trying to force businesses to shut down for not observing calls for a “general strike.” Police in riot gear faced dozens of Occupy activists marching in front of a Bank of America in New York City, chanting “Bank of America. Bad for America.”

Under a gray Madrid sky that reflected the dark national mood, 25-year Adriana Jaime turned out

to march. Jaime speaks three languages and has a masters degree as a translator, but works for what she derided as peanuts in a university research project that has been cut from three years to three months due to a lack of funds.

“I am here because there is no future for the young people of this country,” Jaime said as many marchers carried black-and-white placards with the word NO and a pair of red scissors.

Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy is trying desperately to cut a bloated deficit, restore investor confidence in Spain's public finances, lower its 24.4 percent job-

less rate, and fend off fears the country will soon need a bailout like Greece, Ireland and Portugal.

But Ana Lopez, a 44-year-old civil servant, argued the government is doing nothing to help workers and that the economic crisis is only benefiting banks.

“Money does not just disappear. It does not fly away. It just changes hands, and now it is with the banks,” Lopez said. “And the politicians are puppets of the banks.”

In France, tens of thousands of workers, leftists and union leaders marked May Day with glee, hoping that a presidential runoff vote Sunday will put a Socialist — Francois Hollande — at the helm for the first time since 1988. Many voters fear Sarkozy will erode France's welfare and worker protections, and see him as too friendly with the rich.

“Sarkozy has allowed himself for too long to manhandle the lower classes,” said Dante Leonardi, a 24-year-old in Paris. “Today we must show ... that we want him to leave.”

Hollande has promised high taxes on the rich.

“We are going to choose Hollande because we want something else for France. We want to keep our jobs, we want to keep our industrial jobs, we want a new economy,” said protester Serge Tanguy.

OBITUARIES

Mary Miller

Mary S. Miller, age 89, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Monday, April 30, 2012 at Avera Sister James Care Center in Yankton.

Funeral services are 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 3, 2012, at First United Methodist Church in Yankton with Reverend Ron Johnson officiating. Burial will be in the Yankton Cemetery.

Visitation is from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with a prayer service, video tribute and time of sharing at 7:00 p.m. Visitation resumes one hour prior the funeral at the church.

Pallbearers are Chris, Joshua, Matt, David Miller and Brian Filipek.

Mary was born May 23, 1922 in Lake View, Iowa to Oscar and Cora (Talbot) Finders. She attended grade school in Sac City, Iowa and graduated from Lake View High School in 1940. On November 18, 1941, Mary married Francis “Frank” Miller. After their marriage, Frank began his



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military career which took them to many different cities across the country. In 1966, they moved to the Yankton area. Mary worked at Dale Electronics for a few years and then spent 12 years working as a psychiatric technician at the Human Services Center. Mary was a member of the Eastern Star and First United Methodist Church. She loved to go fishing and camping with her family. Mary was an excellent cook and loved to bake. She enjoyed sewing and crocheting. She had a love for music and played the organ, piano, violin and ukulele and also sang in the Gayville-Volin United Methodist Church Choir. Mary enjoyed traveling and took many trips with her sister, Libby.

Mary is survived by three sons: Gene (Lynda) Miller of Sioux City, IA, Michael (Karen) Miller of Yankton and Mark (Candace) Miller of Yankton; five grandchildren: Chris

(Mindy) Miller of Mitchell, SD, Joshua (Roxanne) Miller of Minneapolis, MN, Sarah (Brian) Filipek of Willard, MO, Matt (Samantha) Miller of Bismarck, ND and David Miller of Sioux City; five great grandchildren: Katie, Kasey and Claire Filipek, Madison and Owen Miller; and many nieces and nephews.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Francis Miller on November 25, 1987; four brothers: Raymond, George, Merlyn and Forrest Finders; and one sister, Libby Decker.

To send an online sympathy message or to view his video tribute, please visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com

William Dicks

William John Dicks, 60, went to be with the Lord Jesus Christ on April 26, 2012.

He was born on February 20, 1952, to Gerald and Myria (Meyer) Dicks of Crofton. Bill graduated from Crofton High School in 1970.

Bill served his country in the U.S. Air Force from 1970-1974. He married his High School sweetheart, Mary Kay (Bogner) on January 8, 1972.

Following his military service, Bill pursued a career in truck driving.

Bill was always proud of his two sons, Neil, of Carlsbad, NM, and James, of Maricopa, AZ. Bill and Mary Kay also became foster parents for Sunshine, Zechariah, and Elijah.

Bill enjoyed conversing with friends, watching Nebraska football, working in the yard, gardening, fishing, and collecting anything having to do with John Deere tractors.

Bill is survived by his wife, Mary Kay, two sons, Neil and



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James; brothers and their spouses: Robert and Arlene Dicks, Michael and Gretchen Dicks, Steve and Carol Dicks, Mark Dicks; sisters and their spouses: Geraldine and Ron Harris, Cathy and Pat McCarthy, and Brenda and Glen Tolliver.

Bill loved all of his family. We will all miss Bill's warm, loving and tender heart. Donations will be gratefully received through the Bill Dicks Memorial Fund at Wells Fargo Bank.

Funeral services will be held at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church on Thursday, May 3, 2012 at 10:30 a.m.

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Catherine Iverson

VERMILLION — Catherine W. Iverson, 83, of Vermillion and formerly of Yankton, died Sunday, April 29, 2012, at Sanford Medical Center, Sioux Falls.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Agnes Catholic Church, Vermillion, with the Rev. John Fischer officiating. Burial will be in the St. Joseph Cemetery, Constance, Neb.

Visitation is 5-8 p.m. Thursday at Wintz & Ray Funeral Home, Yankton, with a rosary at 7 p.m. and a vigil service at 7:30 p.m. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the Mass at the church on Friday.

To post an online sympathy message, visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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