

Forecast: Americans Are Still Getting Fatter

WASHINGTON (AP) — The obesity epidemic may be slowing, but don't take in those pants yet.

Today, just over a third of U.S. adults are obese. By 2030, 42 percent will be, says a forecast released Monday.

That's not nearly as many as experts had predicted before the once-rapid rises in obesity rates began leveling off. But the new forecast suggests even small continuing increases will add up.

"We still have a very serious problem," said obesity specialist Dr. William Dietz of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Worse, the already obese are getting fatter. Severe obesity will double by 2030, when 11 percent of adults will be nearly 100 pounds overweight, or more, concluded the research led by Duke University.

Investigators: No Wound Found In Soldier

WASHINGTON (AP) — Army investigators said Monday they found no bullet wound or evidence of foul play in the death of a soldier in Afghanistan who died during a Skype video chat with his wife.

Capt. Bruce Kevin Clark collapsed while speaking to his wife on May 1 from his base in Tarin Kot, Afghanistan, southwest of Kabul. His wife, Susan Orellana-Clark, has suggested that Clark was shot, citing a hole visible in the closet behind him that she believed was a bullet hole.

Investigators said an initial probe showed no trauma to the body except that Clark broke his nose when he fell forward. Orellana-Clark said he didn't seem alarmed before he collapsed.

Christopher Grey, a spokesman for the Army Criminal Investigation Command, said Monday that the investigation is still under way.

"But the important thing is that there was no bullet wound, no trauma," except that Clark's nose was possibly broken when he fell on his desk, Grey said in a telephone interview.

Ailing Venezuelan Leader Turns To Christianity

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez has spent much of his career praising the socialist ideas of famed atheists such as Karl Marx and Fidel Castro. Now in the thick of a prolonged battle against cancer, however, the leftist leader is drawing inspiration from a spiritual leader: Jesus Christ.

Chavez has been praying for divine intervention during increasingly infrequent appearances on television, holding up a crucifix while vowing to overcome his illness. He says living with cancer has made him "more Christian," talk that has spurred speculation that cancer might cut short his bid for re-election in October.

Chavez's voice cracked with emotion as he bade farewell to aides and supporters in Caracas on April 30 before leaving for what he said would be his final round of cancer treatment in Cuba.

"I'm sure our Christ will do it again, continuing making the miracle," Chavez said as he raised his cross to his lips and kissed it, prompting applause from an audience of aides.

If Chavez survives cancer, political analysts say his increasing religiosity could pay election-year dividends in a country where Catholicism remains influential.

Bodies Of Missing Mom, Daughter Found

GUNTOWN, Miss. (AP) — Authorities say they have found the bodies of a missing Tennessee mother and her 14-year-old daughter behind a house in north Mississippi.

The FBI said in a news release late Monday that the bodies of Jo Ann Bain and her 14-year-old daughter Adrienne Bain have been positively identified.

The FBI believes Bain's two other daughters are still with alleged kidnapper Adam Mayes. He is accused of abducting the girls from the family's home in Whiteville, Tenn.

The FBI says the bodies were found behind Mayes' residence near Guntown, Miss.

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Year Ending December 31, 2011	
COLUMBIA NATIONAL	
INSURANCE COMPANY	
Home Office Address:	
10820 Harney Circle	
Omaha, NE 68154	
Mail Address:	
P. O. Box 618	
Columbia, MO 65205	
ASSETS	
Bonds	51,252,146
Stocks	13,902,178
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	1,103,534
Real Estate Owned	0
Cash and Bank Deposits	3,794,516
Agents Balances or	
Uncollected Premiums	10,894,115
Interest, Dividends and	
Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	452,587
Other Assets	5,620,926
TOTAL ASSETS	87,020,002
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	21,580,363
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	6,125,926
Other Expenses (excluding	
taxes, licenses and fees)	3,367
Taxes, Licenses and Fees	
(excluding Federal and	
Foreign Income Taxes)	669,982
Federal and Foreign	
Income Taxes	0
Unearned Premiums	19,585,150
All Other Liabilities	4,829,609
TOTAL LIABILITIES	52,794,397
Special Surplus Funds	1,282,048
Capital Paid Up	
or Statutory Deposit	2,900,000
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	12,806,281
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	17,237,276
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	34,225,605
TOTAL	87,020,002
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2011	
Direct Premiums Written	4,971,652
Direct Premiums Earned	4,533,924
Direct Losses Paid	2,648,771
Direct Losses Incurred	3,349,703
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA	
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STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE	
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7. Property Damage (Other than Auto)	
8. Auto Bodily Injury	
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10. Auto Physical Damage	
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Director of Insurance	

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INSURANCE COMPANY	
Home Office Address:	
2501 Faraway Drive	
Columbia, SC 29219	
Mail Address:	
PO Box 100102	
Columbia, SC 29202-3102	
ASSETS	
Bonds	\$81,602,749
Stocks	43,758,734
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned	0
Policy Loans	0
Cash and Bank Deposits	50,703,156
Deferred and	
Uncollected Premiums	609,184
Investment Income	
Due and Accrued	1,000,090
Other Assets	9,121,734
TOTAL ASSETS	\$186,795,647
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Life	
Policies & Contracts	\$7,694,200
Reserve for Accident	
& Health Policies	16,075
Policy and Contract Claims	
Life	3,290,738
Accident and Health	19,163,138
General Expenses	
Due or Accrued	1,259,006
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	
Due or Accrued	10,282,907
Federal Income Taxes	
Due or Accrued	2,346,924
All Other Liabilities	32,781,111
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$76,834,099
Special Surplus Funds	\$0
Capital Paid Up	
or Statutory Deposit	2,500,000
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	20,451,512
Unassigned Surplus	87,010,035
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	\$109,961,547
TOTAL	186,795,647
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2011	
Direct Premiums Received	\$4,851,957
Direct Losses Paid	3,390,003
Losses Incurred	3,543,935
Life Insurance in Force	190,868,832
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Terrorism

CIA: al-Qaida Bomb Plot Stopped

BY ADAM GOLDMAN AND MATT APUZZO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The CIA thwarted an ambitious plot by al-Qaida's affiliate in Yemen to destroy a U.S.-bound airliner using a bomb with a sophisticated new design around the one-year anniversary of the killing of Osama bin Laden, U.S. officials said Monday.

The plot involved an upgrade of the underwear bomb that failed to detonate aboard a jetliner over Detroit on Christmas 2009. This new bomb was also designed to be used in a passenger's underwear, but this time al-Qaida developed a more refined detonation system, U.S. officials said.

The FBI is examining the latest bomb to see whether it could have passed through airport security and brought down an airplane, officials said. They said the device did not contain metal, meaning it probably could have passed through an airport metal detector. But it was not clear whether new body scanners used in many airports would have detected it.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., who heads the Senate Intelligence Committee, told reporters Monday that she had been briefed about an "undetectable" device that was "going to be on a U.S.-bound airliner."

There were no immediate plans to change security procedures at U.S. airports.

The would-be suicide bomber, based in Yemen, had not yet picked a target or bought a

plane ticket when the CIA stepped in and seized the bomb, officials said. It's not immediately clear what happened to the alleged bomber.

White House spokeswoman Caitlin Hayden said President Barack Obama learned about the plot in April and was assured the device posed no threat to the public.

"The president thanks all intelligence and counterterrorism professionals involved for their outstanding work and for serving with the extraordinary skill and commitment that their enormous responsibilities demand," Hayden said.

The operation unfolded even as the White House and Department of Homeland Security assured the American public that they knew of no al-Qaida plots against the U.S. around the anniversary of bin Laden's death. The operation was carried out over the past few weeks, officials said.

"We have no credible information that terrorist organizations, including al-Qaida, are plotting attacks in the U.S. to coincide with the anniversary of bin Laden's death," White House press secretary Jay Carney said on April 26.

On May 1, the Department of Homeland Security said, "We have no indication of any specific, credible threats or plots against the U.S. tied to the one-year anniversary of bin Laden's death."

The White House did not explain those statements Monday.

The AP learned about the thwarted plot last

week but agreed to White House and CIA requests not to publish it immediately because the sensitive intelligence operation was still under way. Once officials said those concerns were allayed, the AP decided to disclose the plot Monday despite requests from the Obama administration to wait for an official announcement Tuesday.

The FBI and Department of Homeland Security acknowledged the existence of the bomb late Monday, but there were no immediate plans to adjust security procedures at airports. Other officials, who were briefed on the operation, insisted on anonymity to discuss details of the plot, many of which the U.S. has not officially acknowledged.

"The device never presented a threat to public safety, and the U.S. government is working closely with international partners to address associated concerns with the device," the FBI said in a statement.

It's not clear who built the bomb, but, because of its sophistication and its similarity to the Christmas bomb, counterterrorism officials suspected it was the work of master bomb maker Ibrahim Hassan al-Asiri or one of his protégies. Al-Asiri constructed the first underwear bomb and two others that al-Qaida built into printer cartridges and shipped to the U.S. on cargo planes in 2010.

Both of those bombs used a powerful industrial explosive. Both were nearly successful.

Austerity Pummelerd In Europe: What Next?

BY DAVID MCHUGH
Associated Press

PARIS — The day after Francois Hollande rode to power in France on a slogan of "change now," the conversation in Europe was already different Monday: Austerity had become a dirty word.

What replaces it, though, was anything but clear.

The newly powerful in France and Greece want to roll back the spending cuts and tax increases that have defined Europe's response to its 3-year-old debt crisis. But campaign rhetoric is likely to prove more extreme than any real-world reversal of the budget tightening.

World financial markets took Europe's latest round of political upheaval in stride, convulsing early and then recovering. The continent's uncertain future — including the possibility of Greece leaving the euro — was causing anxiety but not panic about the threat to the global economy.

But there is hardly unity in Europe.

Sunday night, Socialist president-elect Hollande celebrated his victory over Nicolas Sarkozy by vowing,

"Austerity can no longer be inevitable!"

On Monday, German Chancellor Angela Merkel gently pushed back. She rejected Hollande's call to renegotiate a treaty signed last month on tougher action to control government deficits. "We in Germany, and I personally," she said, "believe the fiscal pact is not up for negotiation."

Still, she stressed the importance of French-German cooperation — and her willingness to meet soon with Hollande.

Economists said that while the anti-austerity winds are bound to stir up short-term political instability, especially in Greece, they could eventually bring some financial calm.

"This is going to force some rethinking" all across Europe about how to manage the debt crisis, said Laura Gonzalez, a finance professor at Fordham University in New York. "That is good for everybody."

Greece remains the focus of Europe's financial and political unease. Political parties that made gains by rejecting belt-tightening still have to assemble a majority coalition in Parliament before they can begin gov-

erning. The conservatives got the first try Monday but failed — leaving a new left-wing, party to take its turn. If no party can assemble a coalition, the country will need to hold new elections, probably in June.

The main stock index in Greece plunged almost 7 percent. France's CAC-40 ended 1.7 percent higher.

The Dow Jones industrial average in the United States fell as much as 68 points early Monday but recouped its losses and ended the day down 30 at 13,008.

The anti-austerity sentiment ap-

pears to be picking up strength.

In Italy on Monday, several candidates in local elections who oppose the deficit-cutting promoted by Premier Mario Monti had a strong showing. And the head of the International Monetary Fund — one of the institutions that designed the Greek bailout and the austerity measures that go with it — warned that Europe has to be careful about pushing austerity too far. Christine Lagarde said European countries should reduce their budget deficits gradually to avoid further damage to their economies.




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