## Lockerbie Bomber Dies Of Cancer In Libya

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) - He was the embodiment of one of modern Libya's darkest chapters - a man synonymous with horrifying scenes of wreckage, broken families and a plane that fell out of the sky a generation ago. His name, Abdel Baset al-Megrahi, was little known com-pared to the single word that his deeds represented: Lockerbie. Seven months after his patron dictator Moammar Gadhafi was slain

in a revolution that began a new chapter for his homeland, al-Megrahi died Sunday of cancer, leaving behind countless unanswered questions about the midair attack in 1988 that blew up Pan Am flight 103 over Scotland. All 259 people on board — mostly Americans — and 11 on the ground were killed.

am an innocent man," al-Megrahi insisted, most recently in his final interview in December, in the final stages of prostate cancer. "I am about to die and I ask now to be left in peace with my family.

But his death at age 60 leaves no peace for families who still question his guilt and whether others in one of history's deadliest terror attacks went unpunished. Scotland's government said it would continue to investigate the bombing even after al-Megrahi's death.

"He holds the key to what actually took place in Pan Am 103," said Bert Ammerman, whose brother was killed in the bombing. "He knows what other individuals were involved and, more importantly, what other countries were involved."

## 6.0 Earthquake Hits Northern Italy Region

SANT'AGOSTINO DI FERRARA, Italy (AP) - A magnitude-6.0 earthquake shook several small towns in northeast Italy Sunday, killing four people, knocking down a clock tower and other centuries-old buildings and causing millions in losses to the region known for making Parme san cheese.

The quake struck at 4:04 a.m., with its epicenter about 35 kilometers (22 miles) north of Bologna at a relatively shallow depth of 5 kilometers (3.2 miles), the U.S. Geological Survey said. Civil protection agency official Adriano Gumina described it as the worst quake to hit the region since the 1300s.

The four people killed were factory workers on the overnight shift when their buildings, in three separate locations, collapsed, agency chief Franco Gabrielli said, In addition, he said, two women died - apparently of heart attacks that may have been sparked by fear. Sky TG24 TV reported one of them was about 100 years old.

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## **Conservative Donors Slow To Back Romney**

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WASHINGTON - Republican frontrunner Mitt Romney and his party raised a sizable \$40 million last month from donors who want him to replace President Barack Obama. But even as Romney solidifies his position as the eventual GOP nominee, many supporters who backed his primary election challengers have not yet come to his aid.

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An Associated Press review of campaign finance data found that only a few hundred donors who contributed to candidates like Newt Gingrich or Rick Santorum have changed course and gave to Romney's campaign or the Republican Party in April. That's as GOP stalwarts and some former rivals have called on supporters to rally around Romney's White House run.

Romney is hardly hurting for cash, having reported more than \$61 million in the bank by the end of April. But financial reports released Sunday reveal a potential struggle for Romney in persuading his party's more conservative donors to open their wallets for him, although there are still more than five

months until Election Day. Out of more

than 50,000 donors who gave to other GOP candidates like Gingrich, Santorum and Texas Gov. **Rick Perry since** 

Romney the start of the nomination race, fewer than 600 appeared to write checks to Romney in April, the AP's review of Federal Election Commission reports found. Roughly the same number contributed to the Republican National Committee. which is now helping Romney's

campaign. Romney has been aggressively courting conservatives, speaking out recently against China's "onechild policy" and addressing graduates at the evangelical Liberty University. Last month, Romney told the website Breitbart.com that the news media were involved in a "vast left-wing conspiracy to work together to put out their message and to attack me.'

Wealthy donors like former Santorum supporter Foster Friess are now supporting Romney, realizing that his sizable delegate count and financial strength all but guarantee his nomination this

summer. Other eventual Romney donors had already given early to his rivals, partly to support a spirited debate during the primary season

Willis J. Johnson, founder of auto dealer Copart USA, con-tributed to Perry and Gingrich last year because he personally liked Perry and admired Gingrich's insistence on quizzing Romney during debates. "I think this administration is trying to take money away from small businesses," Johnson said, in part through tax hikes.

Other conservatives, however, have been warier. One blog post last week on the conservative RedState.com, referring to Romney's Liberty speech, asked: "Mr. Romney said that marriage is between one man and one woman. He got deafening applause. But where was he when it mattered?"

About a quarter of Romney April-turnaround donors gave checks of \$2,500 or more, including amounts up to the maximum \$30,800 legally allowed to a political party. In March — just before Romney started raising general election cash — about 300 former Santorum and Gingrich supporters contributed to the former Massachusetts governor's campaign.

Santorum dropped out of the race in April and Gingrich in May, even though Romney's momentum was growing before then. A report detailing the contributions of Romney's joint-fundraising committee

A Romney spokeswoman did not immediately respond to requests seeking comment late Sunday.

April's financial reports, due to the FEC by midnight Sunday, showed that Obama and the Democratic Party brought in a combined \$43.6 million last month. Obama's campaign has had to raise funds aggressively to answer ads from conservative "super" political com-

Indeed, Romney's fundraising bounty doesn't include the hundreds of millions of dollars flowing into GOP super PACs. On Sunday, the Romney-supportive Restore Our Future said it raised \$4.6 million last month, leaving the group with \$8.2 million cash on hand.

Super PACs can raise and spend unlimited amounts of cash but can't coordinate with the candidates they support. GOP groups have largely outraised their Dem-ocratic counterparts, although Obama has a strong financial position that traditionally comes with being an incumbent.

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