

### Helicopter Crashes Into NYC's East River

NEW YORK (AP) — A helicopter with five people aboard crashed into the East River on Tuesday afternoon after taking off from a launch pad on the riverbank, killing one passenger and injuring the others.

New York Police Department divers pulled the dead woman from about 50 feet of water about an hour after the Bell 206 helicopter went down around 3 p.m. All the passengers appeared to be British tourists, police said.

Officers usually assigned to counterterrorism duties heard of the crash and arrived at the scene to find the chopper inverted in the murky water with just its skids showing on the surface. Firefighters also responded to the scene.

The pilot, Paul Dudley, and three passengers were bobbing in the chilly water, and it looked as though a man was diving down and coming back up, possibly in an attempt to rescue the remaining passenger, witnesses said.

Officers jumped in and pulled out two women and a man, police spokesman Paul Browne said. The women were in critical condition, and the man was stable. All were hospitalized. The pilot made his own way to the riverbank and remained at the scene.

### Airline Attack Suspect Will Be Closely Watched

DETROIT (AP) — A Nigerian man accused of trying to bring down a jetliner with a bomb in his underwear made a defiant political outburst Tuesday, demonstrating again why his courtroom behavior will be closely watched throughout the trial where he's representing himself.

"The mujahadeen will wipe out the U.S. — the cancer U.S.," said Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, scowling as he referred to Muslim guerrilla fighters.

When marshals removed his handcuffs, he also claimed that a radical Muslim cleric killed last week by the American military is still alive.

In nearly two years of legal proceedings, Abdulmutallab has normally been polite and studious in front of the judge and prospective jurors. But in the moments before court, he's shown a tendency to make comments reflecting loyalty to al-Qaida and contempt for the United States.

The 24-year-old is charged in federal court with trying to destroy the Amsterdam-to-Detroit flight on Christmas 2009. He has pleaded not guilty, and his trial is expected to last three or four weeks.

### Militants Launch Bombing In Somalia's Capital

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — Al-Qaida-linked militants launched their deadliest single bombing in Somalia on Tuesday, killing 70 people and demonstrating how the group that blocked aid to famine victims can still mount devastating violence even after most of its fighters fled the capital in August.

A truck loaded with drums of fuel exploded outside the Ministry of Education on one of central Mogadishu's busiest streets, where students and their parents were registering for scholarships offered by the Turkish government.

Rebels of the al-Shabab militant group immediately claimed responsibility for the bombing, saying it was striking government officials and foreigners — referring to African Union peacekeeping troops supporting the U.N.-backed regime.

Although the Islamic fighters made what they called a "tactical withdrawal" from their bases in Mogadishu amid an AU offensive in August, they had vowed to carry out devastating suicide attacks.

The thunderous blast covered the city in dust more than a half-mile away and left blackened corpses sprawled amid burning vehicles. One woman used a blue plastic bucket to pour water on a charred and smoldering body.

### 3 U.S.-Born Scientists Win Nobel In Physics

NEW YORK (AP) — Three U.S.-born scientists won the Nobel Prize in physics Tuesday for discovering that the universe is expanding at an accelerating pace, a stunning revelation that suggests the cosmos could be headed for a colder, bleaker future, nearly devoid of light.

In 1998, Saul Perlmutter, Brian Schmidt and Adam Riess presented findings that overturned the conventional idea that the expansion was slowing 13.7 billion years after the big bang.

Their discovery raised a question: What is pushing the universe apart? Scientists have labeled it "dark energy," but nobody knows what it is.

It's "an enigma, perhaps the greatest in physics today," the Nobel committee said.

Perlmutter, 52, of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and University of California, Berkeley, will receive half the \$1.5 million prize.

The other half will go to Schmidt, 44, at the Australian National University in Weston Creek, Australia, and Riess, 41, an astronomy professor at Johns Hopkins University and Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore.

### Apple Unveils Faster, More Powerful iPhone

CUPERTINO, Calif. (AP) — Apple Inc. unveiled a new iPhone on Tuesday that is faster and more powerful but stops short of a more radical upgrade. It said Sprint customers will now be able to use one.

The new iPhone 4S has an improved camera with a higher-resolution sensor. The processor is faster, which helps run smoother, more realistic action games. It's also a "world phone," which means that Verizon iPhones will be able to useable overseas, just as AT&T iPhones already are.

There had been speculation that Apple would reveal a more radical revision of the phone, an "iPhone 5." The no-show leaves room for speculation that Apple will reveal a new model in less than a year, perhaps one equipped to take advantage of Verizon's and AT&T's new high-speed data networks.

### BERNANKE:

# Recovery 'Is Close To Faltering'

BY MARTIN CRUTSINGER  
AND CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER  
AP Economics Writers

WASHINGTON — Europe has a debt crisis. America has a jobs crisis. Corporate profits could be in trouble. World financial markets are in turmoil. And no one seems prepared to ride to the rescue.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke bluntly warned Congress on Tuesday of what most of America has sensed for some time: The economic recovery, such as it is, "is close to faltering."

The central bank chief spoke on a day when the stock market spent most of the trading hours in bear market territory — down 20 percent from its most recent highs in April. A late-day rally helped the market finish higher.

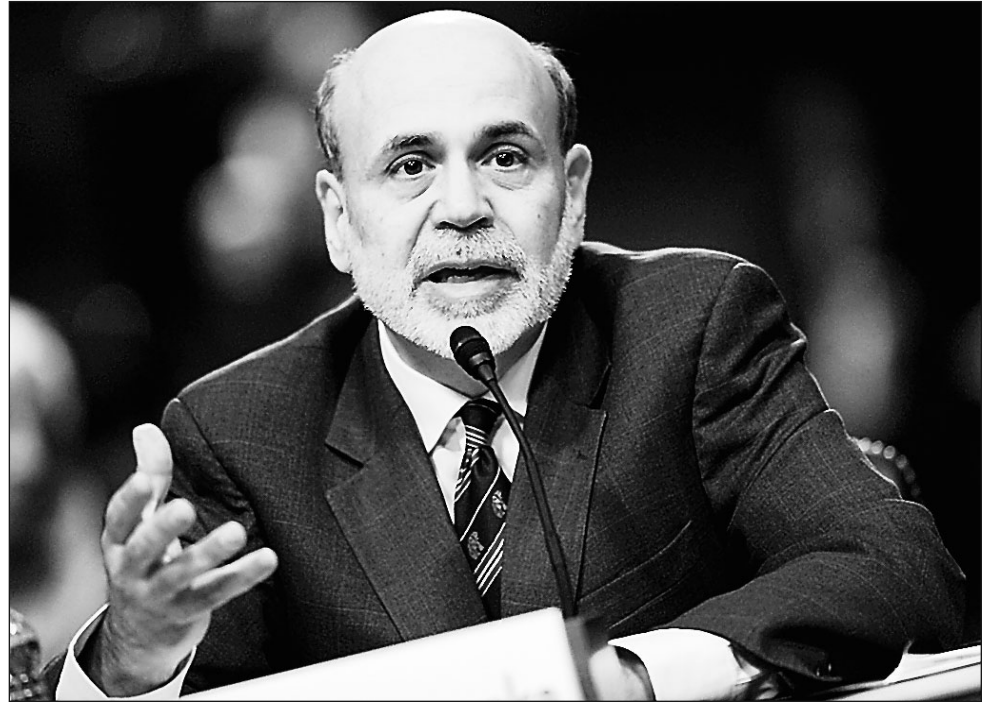
Bernanke's exchange with lawmakers seemed to capture the growing belief that no one is prepared to help the global economy in any meaningful way anytime soon. Speaking in unusually frank terms, he also captured the nation's sour economic mood.

The Fed chief was asked about protests around Wall Street, which went on for an 18th day as demonstrators railed against corporate greed and expressed frustration over the economy.

Bernanke replied: "I think people are quite unhappy with the state of the economy and what's happening. They blame, with some justification, the problems in the financial sector for getting us into this mess. And they're dissatisfied with the policy response here in Washington. And at some level, I can't blame them."

"Certainly, 9 percent unemployment and very slow growth is not a very good situation," he added. "That's why they are protesting."

Throughout the day, traders and U.S. policymakers kept one eye on Europe, where a debt crisis has dragged on more than a year. Investors worry that a messy default by Greece could hurt



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Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke testifies on the economic outlook October 4, 2011 on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC.

European banks and their American counterparts.

On Tuesday, the Greek finance minister said the nation has enough money to pay pensions, salaries and bondholders through the middle of next month — and that was seen as good news. Bernanke told Congress there was little the Fed could do about Europe's problems.

"Unfortunately, we are innocent bystanders here," he said. "I am persuaded they are aware of the risks."

Bernanke said he believes the Fed's latest

move to help the economy would be "meaningful but not an enormous support" for the economy. The program, known as Operation Twist, is designed to lower long-term interest rates so people and businesses will spend more money.

"It should help, somewhat, on job creation and growth," the Fed chief told Congress. "It's particularly important now that the economy is close, the recovery is close to faltering."

"We need to make sure that the recovery continues and doesn't drop back and that the unemployment rate continues to fall," he added.

## Christie Says No To Presidential Run

BY KASIE HUNT  
AND BETH DEFALCO  
Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie firmly declared Tuesday that "now is not my time" to run for president, dashing the hopes of Republicans still searching for someone other than former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, who has failed to win over skeptical conservatives, or Texas Gov. Rick Perry, who is falling in polls as quickly as he has risen.

After months of insisting that no, no, he wouldn't run — and then a long weekend of well maybe — Christie made it final in a news conference at the New Jersey Statehouse. That means it's basically down to Romney and Perry battling to take on President Barack Obama, three months before the first GOP nomination voting.

Christie was the latest, perhaps last, hope of some establishment Republicans who had already been rejected by Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels, Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, Wisconsin Rep. Paul Ryan and others who declined to run for president in 2012. He's been governor of New Jersey for less than two years, but he's cut the budget, curtailed public sector unions, and dealt with a Democratic legislature with disarming and combative confidence.

Christie disputed the idea that his name was just the latest on that list.

"They weren't searching. They came right to one target, and it was me," he said Tuesday. "And it has always been me."

But he said he was sure, "Now is not my time."

There are still other potential challengers. Former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman is showing some promise in New Hampshire; former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum has support from social conserva-

ELECTION 2012

Republican governor of New Jersey



**Chris Christie**

**Early years**  
Born 1962, Newark, N.J.  
Education B.A., University of Delaware (1984), law degree, Seton Hall University of Law (1987)

**Legal career**  
1987-2002 Lawyer with Cranford, N.J., law firm; named partner in 1993; became a registered lobbyist with the firm in 1998  
2002-2008 Appointed U.S. district attorney for New Jersey by President George W. Bush; recognized for winning corruption cases against 130 public officials

**Political career**  
1997 Served as a freeholder in Morris County  
2009-present N.J. governor

**Political positions**  
• Social centrist, but fiscal conservative who cut pensions, benefits and collective bargaining rights for state workers, favors reform to Social Security, Medicare  
• Opposes abortion, same-sex marriage, but supports N.J. civil unions law  
• Cut N.J. out of a regional cap-and-trade program but has stated global warming is real, manmade  
• Stated that he supports N.J. gun control laws, which are strict

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tives in Iowa and former Godfather's Pizza CEO Herman Cain is rising in national polls. Former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin still hasn't said whether she'll run.

But Christie's announcement

leaves Perry and Romney as the two Republicans who have the profile, campaign organization, fundraising prowess and early-state promise for a serious run at the nomination.

Within hours, Christie donors started picking sides. The Romney campaign said Ken Langone, the Home Depot financier who helped lead the push to get Christie to run, had jumped on board. Iowa businessman Gary Kirke, who met with Christie earlier this year to urge him to run, announced he would support Perry.

Both Romney and Perry will be pushing for the support of Christie himself, who now could become something of a 2012 GOP kingmaker. He declined to endorse a presidential candidate on Tuesday, but he promised his backing would mean something if and when he does.

"I'm not a halfway kind of guy," Christie said.

His support could help give Romney credibility among the tea party conservatives who haven't fully embraced the Massachusetts governor. And it could give Perry a way to quiet concerns about his viability.

Whoever wins, Christie said he wasn't seeking the job of vice president.

"I just don't think I have the personality to be asked," he said. "I'm not looking for that job."

The race's two-man dynamic has already been on display. Romney's campaign didn't bother to attack his Republican opponents, instead focusing on Obama, until Perry joined the race. In the weeks since Perry announced his campaign, the two men have gone after each other on immigration and Social Security. Perry's campaign is focused almost solely on beating Romney.

"We're not running against Herman Cain," David Carney, Perry's top strategist, said in a recent interview.

## After 4-Year Ordeal, Knox Returns To Seattle

BY MARTIN BENEDIK  
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Associated Press

SEATTLE — Amanda Knox returned to her hometown of Seattle on Tuesday with four years in an Italian prison behind her, the stabbing death of her roommate still a mystery and the media frenzy surrounding her case as strong on U.S. soil as it was in Europe.

Friends and family who held spaghetti dinners, bowling events and concerts to raise money for Knox's defense were thrilled to have her home, but her supporters were a small presence at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport compared to the media: dozens of U.S. and international reporters, along with cameras and satellite trucks.

Knox's life turned around dramatically Monday when an Italian appeals court threw out her conviction in the sexual assault and fatal stabbing of her British roommate. On Tuesday a courtroom picture of Knox crying after the verdict was read appeared on the front pages of newspapers in Italy, the U.S., Britain and around the world.

The court's decision, fueled by doubts over DNA evidence, stunned the victim's family and angered the prosecution, which insists that she was among three people who killed 21-year-old Meredith Kercher. But for Knox's grandmother Elisabeth Huff, "it was like the weight of the world had gone."

### OBITUARIES

#### Melody Saffel

Melody Dawn Saffel, 24, passed away on September 5, 2011 in an automobile accident in the Lakeland, Florida area.

Melody was born to Martin R. Saffel and Sheila (Banks) Saffel in Olney, Illinois on December 12, 1986. While Melody spent most of her life on the constant move due to her mother's unstable lifestyle and had few friends, if you were considered a friend of hers, you were held in a special place in her heart. In addition to her spending time with her special friends, she enjoyed art, music, and long summer days at the beach. Melody was known by

many for her beautiful drawings, and her unconditional love of animals.

Melody was accompanied in death by a very special friend of hers named Justin D. Crum, who also perished in the accident. She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Doreen and John Saffel; and her step grandfather, Wilbert Moser, and many great grandparents on all sides of her family.

She was survived by two children, Emily Rodriguez cared for by her grandmother Judy Rodriguez and her father Sergio Rodriguez of Jacksonville FL, and Matthew H. Quick cared for by his father Kevin Quick and wife

Melissa Quick of Jacksonville, FL; brother, Michael Saffel of Wakonda, SD; sister, Laura (Banks) DeArmond; father, Martin Saffel and wife, Vicki (Moser) Saffel of Wakonda, SD; mother, Sheila (Banks) Saffel; maternal grandparents, Patricia and Leroy Saunders of Salisbury, NC; step grandmother, Delvonna Moser of Yankton, SD and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends who loved her.

A Prayer Service will be held on October 8, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. St. Benedict's Catholic Church, Yankton SD.

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#### Gladys Zeller

ARLINGTON — Gladys H. Zeller, 90, of Arlington died peacefully Monday, Oct. 3, 2011, at Edgewood Vista Nursing Home, Sioux Falls.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Arlington, with burial to follow at DeSmet Cemetery, DeSmet.

Visitation is 5-8 p.m. Thursday at Johnson-Henry Funeral Home, Arlington, with a prayer service at 6:45 p.m., and the Order of the Eastern Star service at 7 p.m.

Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion, is in charge of arrangements.

#### Albin Schieffer

CROFTON, Neb. — Albin Schieffer, 88, of Crofton, Neb., died

Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2011, at the Avera Sacred Hospital, Yankton. His services are pending at Wintz Funeral Home, Crofton.

### IN REMEMBRANCE

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