

Injured Iraq War Vet Felt Strongly About Cause

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The Iraq War veteran injured in clashes between police and anti-Wall Street protesters felt so strongly about economic inequality that he wanted to do something to change it, his roommate said Thursday.

Scott Olsen, 24, joined the protests as he worked his day job as a network engineer and left his apartment each night to sleep alongside protesters in San Francisco and Oakland, Calif., Keith Shannon said.

Olsen apparently suffered a fractured skull Tuesday during the clashes.

It's not known exactly what type of object struck Olsen or where or from whom it came from. The group Iraq Veterans Against the War said officers were responsible for his injury.

Oakland police Chief Howard Jordan said officials will investigate whether officers used excessive force.

Israeli-Egyptian Swap Highlights Brittle Ties

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel said Thursday that it agreed to trade Egyptian prisoners for a U.S.-Israeli citizen imprisoned in Cairo on unsubstantiated suspicions of spying to defuse a potential crisis between the two neighboring countries.

Israel's agreement to such a swap highlights how brittle relations have become between the two since the fall of Egypt's long-time leader Hosni Mubarak, and that many on both sides want to preserve them.

Israel released 25 jailed Egyptians, most of them smugglers, for the U.S.-born Ilan Grapel, who was arrested in Cairo in June and who previously served in the Israeli military.

The freed Egyptian prisoners passed into Sinai through a land crossing from Israel. TV broadcasts showed some of the Egyptian men kneeling to kiss the asphalt after crossing through a blue metal gate at the border.

At a news conference late Thursday in Jerusalem, Grapel said Egyptian authorities "made sure that I was fed well, respected me and made sure no one harmed me in any way."

U.S. Military Increases Focus On Africa

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — While putting few U.S. troops at risk, the United States is playing a growing role in Africa's military battles, using special forces advisers, drones and tens of millions of dollars in military aid to combat a growing and multifaceted security threat.

Once again, the focus is Somalia, the lawless nation that was the site of America's last large-scale military intervention in Africa in the early 1990s. By the time U.S. forces departed, 44 Army soldiers, Marines and airmen had been killed and dozens more wounded.

This time the United States is playing a less visible role, providing intelligence and training to fight militants across the continent, from Mauritania in the west along the Atlantic coast, to Somalia in the east along the Indian Ocean.

The renewed focus on Africa follows a series of recent and dramatic attacks.

In August, a hard-line Islamist group in Nigeria known as Boko Haram bombed the U.N. headquarters in the capital, Abuja, killing 23 people. A year earlier, militants from the Somali group al-Shabab unleashed twin bombings in Kampala, Uganda, that killed 76. And a Nigerian man tried to blow up an airliner over Detroit on Christmas Day 2009 during a flight that originated from Lagos, Nigeria.

Bernie Madoff Has Remorse, But Happy

NEW YORK (AP) — Disgraced financier Bernie Madoff has told an interviewer he has terrible remorse and horrible nightmares over his epic fraud, but also said he feels happier in prison than he's felt in 20 years.

Barbara Walters told ABC's "Good Morning America" on Thursday that she interviewed Madoff for two hours at the prison in Butner, N.C., where he's serving a 150-year sentence. No cameras were allowed in the prison.

Walters said Madoff told her he thought about suicide before being sent to prison. But since he's been there, he no longer thinks about it.

His comments come ahead of his wife's appearance Sunday's edition of CBS' "60 Minutes." Ruth Madoff said in excerpts that they tried to kill themselves after he admitted stealing billions of dollars in the largest Ponzi scheme in history.

Walters quoted Madoff as saying: "I feel safer here (in prison) than outside. I have people to talk to, no decisions to make. I know I will die in prison. I lived the last 20 years of my life in fear. Now, I have no fear because I'm no longer in control."

At Least 16 NYPD Officers Charged In Probe

NEW YORK (AP) — What began two years ago as a low-profile wiretap investigation of a New York Police Department officer has resulted in criminal charges against at least 16 officers alleging they abused their authority by helping family and friends avoid paying traffic tickets, two people familiar with the case said Thursday.

The officers were expected to be arraigned Friday in the Bronx, said the people, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because authorities hadn't announced the results of the grand jury investigation.

The people declined to detail the charges or name the officers. The Bronx district attorney's office declined to comment Thursday, as did Paul Browne, chief spokesman for the New York Police Department, and union officials.

The ticket-fixing case doesn't appear to rise to the level of the more notorious corruption scandals in the nation's largest police department. But in terms of the number of officers facing criminal or internal administrative charges, the probe represents the largest crackdown on police accused of misconduct in recent memory.

OBITUARIES

Lewis Keizer

Lewis H. Keizer, age 87, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at Avera Yankton Care Center in Yankton.

Funeral services are 10:30 AM, Saturday, October 29, 2011 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Yankton with Reverend David Wildermuth officiating. Inurnment will be at the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton. Visitation is from 5:00 to 8:00 PM, on Friday, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with a prayer service at 7:00 PM. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the funeral at the church.

Pallbearers are Terry, Darwin, Russell, Jerome and Pete Keizer and Jonathan Fant.

Lewis was born February 28,



Keizer

1924 in Alton, Iowa to Peter and Tracy (Sorgdrager) Keizer. He graduated from Alton High School in 1941 and then attended Morning-side College in Sioux City, Iowa for two years.

Lewis then worked at Yellowstone National Park for two years before returning to Sioux City. He married Fern Frerichs on December 17, 1948 in Coleridge, Nebraska. Lewis worked as a driver/salesman for Booth Fisheries Frozen Foods in Sioux City for 35 years. In 1998, Lewis and Fern moved to Yankton. He was an avid fisherman and gar-

dener and he passed those interests down to his sons. Lewis also enjoyed hunting and traveling. He and Fern were able to spend the last 30 winters in Hawaii with their family.

Lewis treasured the time spent with his wife, Fern Keizer of Yankton; four sons: Charles (Mary) Keizer of Paia, Hawaii, Terry (Sally) Keizer of Glennallen, Alaska, Darwin (Terry) Keizer of Kailua, Hawaii and Russell Keizer of Des Moines, Iowa; seven grandchildren: Kate (Tom) Gukeisen of Norfolk, Virginia, Emily Keizer of Minneapolis, Amy (Pat) Neal of Kansas City, Jerome (Rebecca) Keizer of Kailua, Jessica Keizer of Kailua, Jennifer (Edgar) Rodriguez of Des Moines and Pete (Liz) Keizer of Kailua; and four great grandchildren: Benjamin

Gukeisen, Valerie and Abbey Rodriguez, and Sadie Neal.

Lewis was preceded in death by his parents; infant daughter; and two sisters, Dorothy Rees and Ethel Noah.

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

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Alissa Ann 'Mi he Zhingha - Little Moon' Thomas

SANTEE, Neb. — Funeral services for Alissa Ann (Mi he Zhingha) Thomas, 41, of Santee, Nebraska will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Oyate Oyanke Community Center in Santee, Nebraska.

Visitation and Wake will be from 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, until service time.

Brockhaus Funeral Home of Niobrara is in charge of arrangements.

She died Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011, at Alpine Village in Verdigris, Neb.

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European Debt Deal Lifts Dow

BY DAVID K. RANDALL AND STAN CHOE
AP Business Writers

NEW YORK — An agreement to contain the European debt crisis electrified the stock market Thursday, driving the Dow Jones Industrial average up nearly 340 points and putting the Standard & Poor's 500 index on track for its best month since 1974.

Investors were relieved after European leaders crafted a deal to slash Greece's debt load and prevent the crisis there from engulfing larger countries like Italy. The package is aimed at preventing another financial disaster like the one that happened in September 2008 after the collapse of Lehman Brothers.

But some analysts cautioned that Europe's problems remained unsolved.

"The market keeps on thinking that it's put Europe's problems to bed, but it's like putting a three-year old to bed; You might put it there but it won't stay there," said David Kelly, chief market strategist at J.P. Morgan Funds.

Kelly said Europe's debt problems will remain an issue until the economies of strug-

gling nations like Greece and Portugal grow again.

Commodities and Treasury yields soared as investors took on more risk. The euro rose sharply against the dollar.

Stronger U.S. economic growth and corporate earnings also contributed to the surge. The government reported that the American economy grew at a 2.5 percent annual rate from July through September on stronger consumer spending and business investment. That was nearly double the 1.3 percent growth in the previous quarter.

Banks agreed to take 50 percent losses on the Greek bonds they hold. Europe will also strengthen a financial rescue fund to protect the region's banks and other struggling European countries such as Italy and Portugal.

"This seems to set aside the worries that there would be a massive contagion over there that would have brought everything down with it," said Mark Lamkin, head of Lamkin Wealth Management.

The Dow Jones industrial average soared 339.51 points, or 2.9 percent, to 12,208.55. That was its largest jump since Aug. 11, when

it rose 423.

All 30 stocks in the Dow rose, led by Bank of America Corp. with a 9.6 percent gain. It was the first time the Dow closed above 12,000 since Aug. 1.

Even with Thursday's gains, the Dow remains 4.7 percent below the high for the year it reached April 29. The Dow has fallen every month since then due to a combination of a slowdown in the U.S. economy, a worldwide parts shortage after the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, and concerns about the European debt crisis. The Dow is now at approximately the same level it traded at on July 28.

Stocks fell for much of August in the wake of a last-minute deal to prevent the U.S. government from defaulting on its debt.

But anticipations of a solution to Europe's debt problems and signs that the U.S. economy is not in another recession have lifted stocks higher throughout October.

The Dow is up 11.9 percent for the month so far. With only two full days of trading left in the month, the Dow could have its biggest monthly gain since January 1987.

Judge Denies Edwards' Bid To Dismiss Case

BY MICHAEL BIESECKER
Associated Press

GREENSBORO, N.C. — A federal judge in North Carolina on Thursday denied an attempt by former presidential candidate John Edwards to get criminal charges against him dismissed, clearing the way for a trial to begin next year.

U.S. District Court Judge Catherine C. Eagles in Greensboro ruled that the federal government's case against the former U.S. senator can go forward, denying five motions by his legal team intended to keep the case against him from going to a jury. Still, Edwards said he was pleased with the outcome.

"After all these years, I finally get my day in court and people get to hear my side of this, and what actually happened," Edwards said. "And what I know with complete and absolute certainty is I didn't violate campaign laws and I never for a second believed I was violating campaign laws."

Edwards is scheduled to be tried in January on charges that he asked two wealthy campaign donors to provide nearly \$1 million in secret payments used to hide his pregnant mistress as he sought the Democratic Party's nomination for the White House in 2007 and early 2008.

While prosecutors allege Edwards sought and directed the payments, the former candidate says he knew nothing of the checks, cash and private jets used to fly the



CHRIS SEWARD/RALEIGH NEWS & OBSERVER/MCT
John Edwards, left, and his attorney Abbe Lowell talk to the media after his hearing at the Federal Courthouse in Greensboro, North Carolina, Thursday, October 27, 2011. The judge denied his request to drop charges involving campaign finance wrongdoing.

woman, Rielle Hunter, across the country and put her up in luxury homes and hotels.

Much of the undisclosed money was funneled to Andrew Young, a close aide to Edwards who left the campaign and falsely claimed paternity of the senator's illegitimate

child. Young and his wife invited the pregnant Hunter to live in their home near Chapel Hill and later traveled with her as tabloid reporters sought to expose the candidate's extramarital affair.

In an lengthy hearing Wednesday, Edwards' defense team argued

the candidate's actions didn't amount to a crime, that the government's indictment relies on flawed legal reasoning, that the grand jury process was tainted and that the Republican prosecutor who supervised the investigation was motivated by partisanship.

Summer Growth Helps Ease Recession Fears

BY MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — A summer of modest economic growth is helping dispel lingering fears that another recession might be near.

Whether the strength can be sustained is less certain.

The economy grew at an annual rate of 2.5 percent in the July-September quarter, the Commerce Department said Thursday. But the growth was fueled by Americans who spent more while earning less and by businesses that invested in machines and computers, not workers.

The expansion, the best quarterly growth in a year, came as a relief after anemic growth in the first half of the year, weeks of

wild stock market shifts and the weakest consumer confidence since the height of the Great Recession.

The economy would have to grow at nearly double the third-quarter pace to make a dent in the unemployment rate, which has stayed near 9 percent since the recession officially ended more than two years ago.

For the more than 14 million Americans who are out of work and want a job, that's discouraging news. And for President Barack Obama and incumbent members of Congress, it means they'll be facing voters with unemployment near 9 percent.

"It is still a very weak economy out there," said David Wyss, former chief economist at Stan-

dard & Poor's.

For now, the report on U.S. gross domestic product, or GDP, sketched a more optimistic picture for an economy that only two months ago seemed at risk of another recession.

And it came on the same day that European leaders announced a deal in which banks would take 50 percent losses on Greek debt and raise new capital to protect against defaults on sovereign debt.

Stocks surged on the European deal and maintained their gains after the report on U.S. growth was released. The Dow Jones rose 340 points to close at 12,209. The Dow hadn't closed above 12,000 since Aug. 1. The Standard & Poor's 500 index is

close to having its best month since 1974.

If higher stock prices lead consumers to feel more confident about their wealth, they may spend more. That could help sustain economic growth.

The GDP report measures the country's total output of goods and services. It covers everything from bicycles to battle-ships, as well as services such as haircuts and doctor's visits.

Some economists doubt the economy can maintain its modest third-quarter pace.

U.S. lawmakers are debating deep cuts in federal spending next year that would drag on growth. And state and local governments have been slashing budgets for more than a year.

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