

## 12 Killed In Afghanistan Suicide Bombing

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Islamic militants sought Tuesday to capitalize on anger over an anti-Islam video that was produced in the United States, saying a suicide bombing that killed 12 people in Afghanistan was revenge for the film and calling for attacks on U.S. diplomats and facilities in North Africa.

The attempt by extremists across the region to harness Muslim fury over a film that denigrates the Prophet Muhammad posed new concern for the United States, whose embassies and consulates have been targeted, and in some cases breached, during riots and protests over the past week.

At the same time, Western leaders welcomed statements by Middle East governments that condemned the violence against diplomatic facilities on their soil, even as they expressed anger over the video. Some of those governments replaced autocratic regimes in popular uprisings that swept the region, allowing for greater leniency toward protest.

At least 28 people have died in violence linked to the film in seven countries, including U.S. Ambassador Christopher Stevens and three other Americans killed in a Sept. 11 attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya. The toll also includes 12 protesters killed in riots over the film last week.

Some officials in Libya have said the attack on the consulate was planned in advance by militants. However, the White House said Tuesday the assault appeared to have been sparked by anger over the film, though the investigation continues.

## NATO Decision Forces Changes In War Strategy

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — NATO's decision to restrict operations with small Afghan forces to mitigate the threat of insider attacks means fewer boots on patrols and a shift in how the U.S.-led coalition will fight the war in Afghanistan.

It's unclear whether the coalition's exit strategy can succeed with less partnering with Afghan policemen and soldiers, who are slated to take over for foreign combat troops by the end of 2014, just 27 months from now. What is clear is that the mantra that Afghans and coalition forces are fighting the Taliban "shoulder to shoulder" is looking more and more like they're standing at arm's length.

Earlier this year, the U.S. military stopped training about 1,000 members of the Afghan Local Police, a controversial network of village-defense units. U.S. commanders have assigned some troops to be "guardian angels" who watch over their comrades in interactions with Afghan forces and even as they sleep. U.S. officials also recently ordered American troops to carry loaded weapons at all times in Afghanistan, even when they are on their bases.

Until now, coalition troops routinely conducted operations such as patrolling or manning outposts with small units of their Afghan counterparts. Under the new rules issued on Sunday, such operations with small-sized units are considered no longer routine and require the approval of the regional commander.

NATO's decision reflected escalating worries about the insider attacks, coupled with the widespread tensions over an anti-Islam video that has prompted protests around the world, including Afghanistan.

## Alaska's 'Free' Money Won't Go That Far

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — This is the day Alaskans crow about to their brethren in the Lower 48, trying to make them jealous that the government gives them money to just live here.

Alaskans got the word Tuesday that this year's Permanent Fund Dividend will be \$878. Almost all Alaskans — nearly 647,000 people — will receive a dividend, their yearly share of the state's oil wealth.

But what your Alaskan friends may not tell you is that the yearly bounty barely makes a dent in the higher cost to live in the nation's northernmost state — and this year's checks won't go far.

Living in Alaska costs more since most everything has to be shipped in. In fact, 90 percent of all goods sold in the state pass through the Port of Anchorage.

There's no such thing as a dollar menu at a fast-food restaurant in Alaska — it's more like a \$1.50 or \$2 menu. And there's a reason why many TV commercials advertising prices have a line in small print at the bottom saying prices may be higher in Alaska and Hawaii: It's because they are.

# Chicago Teachers To Return To Classroom

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CHICAGO — The city's teachers agreed Tuesday to return to the classroom after more than a week on the picket lines, ending a spiteful stalemate with Mayor Rahm Emanuel over teacher evaluations and job security, two issues at the heart of efforts to reform the nation's public schools.

Union delegates voted overwhelmingly to suspend the strike after discussing a proposed contract settlement that had been on the table for days. Classes were to resume Wednesday.

Jubilant delegates poured out of a South Side union hall singing "solidarity forever," cheering, honking horns and yelling, "We're going back."

Most were eager to get to work and proud of a walkout that yielded results.

"I'm very excited. I miss my students. I'm relieved because I think this contract was better than what they offered," said America Olmedo, who teaches fourth- and fifth-grade bilingual classes. "They tried to take everything away."



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**Chicago Teachers Union employee Carol Cref, center, hands out informational papers to CTU members outside strike headquarters at 1642 W. Van Buren in Chicago, Illinois, Tuesday.**

Mayor Rahm Emanuel called the settlement "an honest compromise" that "means a new day and a new direction for the Chicago public schools."

"In past negotiations, taxpayers paid more, but our kids got less. This time, our taxpayers are paying less, and our kids are getting more," the mayor said, referring to provisions in the deal that

he says will cut costs.

The walkout, the first in Chicago in 25 years, shut down the nation's third-largest school district just days after 350,000 students had returned from summer vacation. Tens of thousands of parents were forced to find alternatives for idle children, including many whose neighborhoods have been

wracked by gang violence in recent months.

Union President Karen Lewis said the union's 700-plus delegates voted 98 percent to 2 percent to reopen the schools.

"We said that we couldn't solve all the problems of the world with one contract," Lewis said. "And it was time to end the strike."

Tuesday's vote was not on the contract offer itself, but on whether to continue the strike. The contract will now be submitted to a vote by the full membership of more than 25,000 teachers.

The walkout was the first for a major American city in at least six years. It drew national attention because it posed a high-profile test for teachers unions, which have seen their political influence threatened by a growing reform movement. Unions have pushed back against efforts to expand charter schools, bring in private companies to help with failing schools and link teacher evaluations to student test scores.

Said Shay Porter, a teacher at the Henderson Academy elementary school: "We ignited the labor movement in Chicago."

# Group: More Than Half In 39 States Will Be Obese

BY MIKE STOBBER  
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NEW YORK — We Americans already know how fat we are. Can it get much worse?

Apparently, yes, according to an advocacy group that predicts that by 2030 more than half the people in the vast majority of states will be obese.

Mississippi is expected to retain its crown as the fattest state in the nation for at least two more decades. The report predicts 67 percent of that state's adults will be obese by 2030; that would be an astounding increase from Mississippi's current 35 percent obesity rate.

The new projections were released Tuesday by Trust for America's Health with funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Trust for America's Health regularly reports on obesity to raise awareness, mostly relying on government figures.

The group's dismal forecast goes beyond the 42 percent national obesity level that federal

health officials project by 2030. The group predicts every state would have rates above 44 percent by that time, although it didn't calculate an overall national average.

About two-thirds of Americans are overweight now. That includes those who are obese, a group that accounts for about 36 percent. Obesity rates have been holding steady in recent years. Obesity is defined as having a body-mass index of 30 or more, a measure of weight for height.

Trust for America's Health officials said their projections are based in part on state-by-state surveys by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention from 1999 through 2010. The phone surveys ask residents to self-report their height and weight; people aren't always so accurate about that.

The researchers then looked at other national data tracking residents' weight and measurements and made adjustments for how much people in each state might fudge the truth about their weight. They also tried to apply recent

trends in obesity rates, along with other factors, to make the predictions.

Officials with Trust for America's Health said they believe their projections are reasonable.

And New York City's health commissioner agreed. "If we don't do anything, I think that's a fair prediction," said Dr. Thomas Farley whose city banned just super-size sugary drinks to curb obesity.

Trust for America projects that by 2030, 13 states would have adult obesity rates above 60 percent, 39 states might have rates above 50 percent, and every state would have rates above 44 percent.

Even in the thinnest state — Colorado, where about one-fifth of residents are obese — 45 percent would be obese by 2030.

Perhaps more surprising, Delaware is expected to have obesity levels nearly as high as Mississippi. Delaware currently is in the middle of the pack when it comes to self-reported obesity rates.

The report didn't detail why some states' rates were expected

to jump more than others. It also didn't calculate an average adult obesity rate for the entire nation in 2030, as the CDC did a few months ago. But a researcher who worked on the Trust for America's Health study acknowledged that report's numbers point toward a figure close to 50 percent.

CDC officials declined to comment on the new report.

Whichever estimates you trust most, it's clear that the nation's weight problem is going to continue, escalating the number of cases of diabetes, heart disease and stroke, said Jeff Levi, executive director of Trust for America's Health.

By 2030, medical costs from treating obesity-related diseases are likely to increase by \$48 billion, to \$66 billion per year, his report said.

The focus of so much of the ongoing debate about health care is over controlling costs, Levi said. "... We can only achieve it by addressing obesity. Otherwise, we're just tinkering around the margins."

## OBITUARIES

### Liam Duncan

SIOUX FALLS — Liam Samuel Duncan, 1 year old of Sioux Falls, SD, passed away unexpectedly at Avera McKennan Hospital on Monday, September 17, 2012.

Liam Samuel Duncan, son of Aaron and Samantha (King) Duncan, was born on November 13, 2010, in Chico, CA. Liam liked to watch Mickey Mouse and was becoming really good at riding his bike around. He loved the water and really enjoyed taking baths. A great fun-loving little boy, he would tag along with his older brothers playing zombies and wrestling. He was known for stealing mom's Diet Coke, and shouting out his news words: new, mine, and touchdown! Liam was a truly content child that enjoyed everything. He will be missed for his smile, laughter, and cuddling at night.

Grateful for having shared his life are his parents Aaron and Samantha Duncan; brothers Zach and Aidan, all of Sioux Falls, SD; grandparents Clyde and Nancy Duncan, Tehama, CA; Chris and Lesa King, Yankton, SD; uncle Casey King, Sioux Falls, SD; aunt Evie Miller and her husband Harvey, Red Bluff, CA; great-grandparents Gary Groves, Vermillion, SD, Jacquie Black, Red Bluff, CA; and many other relatives and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 am on Friday, September 21, 2012, at the Miller Funeral Home Chapel.

For obituary and online registry please visit [www.millerfh.com](http://www.millerfh.com).

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### Donald Peck

COLERIDGE, Neb. — Donald Peck, 91, of Coleridge, Neb., died Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2012, at Parkview Haven Nursing Home, Coleridge.

Funeral services are pending at Wintz Funeral Home, Hartington, Neb.

### Emil Plantenberg

NORTH SIOUX CITY — Emil H. Plantenberg, 92, of North Sioux City and formerly of Crofton, Neb., died on Monday, Sept. 17, 2012, at Mercy Medical Center, Sioux City, Iowa.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 21, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Crofton, Neb., with the Rev. Michael Schmitz officiating. Burial will be at the St. Rose of Lima Cemetery, Crofton.

Visitation is 5-7 p.m. Thursday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Sioux City, Iowa, with a vigil service at 7 p.m. Visitation will continue on Friday one hour prior to services at St. Rose of Lima Church, Crofton.

Arrangements are under the direction of Wintz Funeral Home, Crofton, Neb.

### Gary Schaner

VERMILLION — Gary C. Schaner, 58, of Vermillion and formerly of Sioux City, Iowa, died unexpectedly on Saturday, Sept. 15, 2012, at his residence.

Memorial service is at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at Meyer Brothers Morningside Chapel, Sioux City, with burial of ashes at Calvary Cemetery immediately following the service in Sioux City.

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

Condolences may be posted online to [www.koberfuneralhome.com](http://www.koberfuneralhome.com).

[www.yankton.net](http://www.yankton.net)

### Mary Wollmann

FREEMAN — Mary E. Wollmann, 85, of Freeman died Tuesday at the Salem Home in Freeman.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Sept. 20, at 10:30 a.m. at the Salem M.B. church of rural Bridgewater. Visitation will be from 4-8 pm with the family pres-

ent from 6-8 and a time of sharing at 7 on Wednesday at the Walter Funeral Home in Freeman.

Mary Kleinsasser married Solomon Wollmann in 1946, Solomon died in 1989.

She was preceded in death by her husband and son Lyle Wollmann.

Survivors include a daughter Lynette (Richard E. II) Erickson

of Yankton; a daughter-in-law Sharon Wollmann of Freeman; grandchildren Jeff (Angie) Wollmann, Alex (Emily) Wollmann, Trey (Hannah) Erickson, and MaryChar Erickson; and 2 great-grandchildren Allison and David Wollmann.

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