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New Stock Market Milestone: Dow Closes Above 15,000

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NEW YORK - Just two months after recovering the last of its losses from the financial crisis, the Dow Jones industrial average punched through another milestone Tuesday, closing above 15,000 for the first time.

Good economic reports, strong corporate earnings and fresh support from central banks helped ease investor concerns about another economic slowdown. Many had been on the lookout for signs that a spring swoon would derail the rally, as happened in each of the past three years.

Instead, the Dow continued its epic as-

cent of 2013, which has seen it climb 1,952 points — almost 15 percent — since

"The thing that's been driving stocks is rising confidence," said James Paulsen, chief investment strategist at Wells Capital Management. "Economic growth, job creation and the housing market have been better than expected."

The Dow closed at 15,056.20, up 87.31 points, or 0.6 percent. The Standard & Poor's 500 index added 8.46 points to 1,625.96, a gain of 0.5 percent. It has jumped 199 points this year, or 14 percent.

Both indexes reached all-time highs earlier this year, then kept rising, largely driven by optimism that the U.S. econ-

omy will continue gaining strength. "We don't think people are giving enough credit to the strength of the economy," said Ryan Detrick, a senior technical strategist at Schaeffer's Investment

Research. "We still like the market." The latest record close extends the stock market's comeback from the depths of the 2008 financial crisis. Six years have passed since the Dow closed above 14,000 for the first time.

The S&P has climbed higher for six straight months — the longest stretch of gains since a seven-month run that started in March 2009, when the market hit a financial crisis low, and ended in October 2009.

All 10 industries in the S&P 500 have

joined in the rally. Health-care companies have led the way, up 19 percent.

The Dow, S&P 500 and Russell 2000 index of small companies are all at record highs. The sole exception is the techheavy Nasdaq, which remains far below the peaks it scaled in the dot-com bubble.

Tuesday's gains piled up with the growing realization among investors that the traditional threats to a rising market — higher interest rates, falling profits, a possible recession — are unlikely to appear anytime soon. What's more, with interest rates near record lows, they see few other places to put their money.

In a round of interviews on Monday, investor Warren Buffett said the stock

market looked "reasonably priced" even after its surge. But, Buffett added, people pay too much attention to markets reaching new highs. They ought to pay atten-

tion when markets hit new lows. "That's when stocks are getting cheaper," Buffett told CNBC. "That's when stocks are going on sale. But people do get more excited when they see new

More than 400 of the S&P 500 companies have turned in first-quarter results, and more than seven out of 10 have beaten Wall Street's earnings expectations, according to S&P Capital IQ. Those analysts estimate that earnings increased 5 percent in the first quarter and will pick up their pace through the rest of the year.

Syria Has Limited Options In Response To Israel

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BEIRUT (AP) — The Syrian regime on Tuesday dispatched an obscure proxy, a Damascus-based Palestinian militant group, to threaten retaliation for two Israeli airstrikes over the weekend.

The relatively tepid response to Israel's breach of Syrian sovereignty highlighted Syrian President Bashar Assad's limited options as he, along with allies Iran and Lebanon's Hezbollah, is bogged down at home in a fight for survival against armed rebels.

Assad and visiting Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Salehi denounced Israel on Tuesday, but stopped short of promising retaliation.

Commenting on the airstrikes for the first time, Assad said Syria is "capable of facing Israel's ventures" while Salehi said "it's high time to deter the Israeli occupation" from launching more

The airstrikes, which Israeli officials say targeted advanced Iranian missiles intended for Hezbollah, marked a sharp escalation of Israel's involvement in the Syrian civil war.

They also raised fears that a conflict that has repeatedly spilled over Syria's borders in the past 26 months could turn into a full-

Assad's regime might be reluctant to open a new front against Israel with his army already stretched thin in the deadlocked fight with the rebels, but he has a history of operating through proxies such as Hezbollah. One Iranian official hinted the Islamic militant group might take the lead.

Theater Shootings Suspect To Plead Not Guilty

DENVER (AP) — The man accused in the deadly Colorado theater shootings wants to change his plea to not guilty by reason of insanity, his lawyers said Tuesday.

Attorneys for James Holmes said in a court filing they plan to formally ask for the change of plea at a May 13 hearing.

A judge in the case previously entered a standard not guilty plea for the 25-year-old Holmes. If the judge accepts the new plea, Holmes would be sent to the state mental hospital, where doctors would determine whether he was insane at the time of the July 20 shootings.

If the doctors do determine that Holmes was insane, a jury could still find him guilty.

Colorado law defines insanity as the inability to distinguish specifically excludes depravity, "moral obliquity" or passion

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4. A serving of berries is about

5. There are over 200 species of

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dry berries and store them for

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FALSE

FALSE

FALSE

Put this

berry back in

the basket.

Police Facing Questions In 3 Women's Ohio Rescue Ariel Castro since the early 1990s

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Associated Press

CLEVELAND — One neighbor says a naked woman was seen crawling on her hands and knees in the backyard of the house a few years ago. Another heard pounding on the home's doors and noticed plastic bags over the windows.

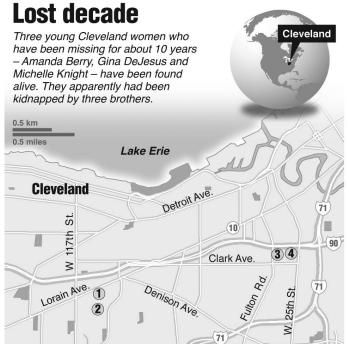
Both times, police showed up but never went inside, neighbors say. Police also paid a visit to the house in 2004, but no one answered the door.

Now, after three women who vanished a decade ago were found captive Monday at the run-down house, Cleveland police are facing questions for the second time in four vears about their handling of missing-person cases and are conducting an internal review to see if they overlooked anything.

City Safety Director Martin Flask said Tuesday that investigators had no record of anyone calling about criminal activity at the house but were still checking police, fire and emergency databases.

The three women were rescued after one of them kicked out the bottom portion of a locked screen door and used a neighbor's telephone to call 911.

"Help me. I'm Amanda Berry," she breathlessly told a dispatcher in a call that exhilarated and astonished much of the city. "I've been kidnapped, and I've been missing for 10 years and I'm, I'm here, I'm free



- 2 DeJesus, now 23, last seen here in 2004
- Source: Cleveland Plain Dealer, ESRI

Three brothers, ages 50 to 54, were arrested. One of them, former school bus driver Ariel Castro, owned the home, situated in a poor neighborhood dotted with boardedup houses just south of downtown. No charges were filed.

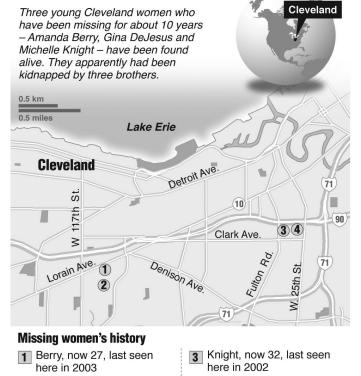
A relative of the three brothers

4 Women found in house on Seymour Ave.

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missing women being found at the home. Juan Alicea said the arrests of his

dicted to drugs and poor. For



police Chief Michael McGrath said.

said their family was "totally shocked" after hearing about the

wife's brothers had left relatives "as blindsided as anyone else" in their community. He said he hadn't been to the home of his brother-in-law

the father was. The women were reported by police to be in good health and were re-

but had eaten dinner with Castro at

a different brother's house shortly

A 6-year-old girl believed to be Berry's daughter also was found in

the home, police Deputy Chief Ed

Tomba said. He would not say who

before the arrests were made

Monday.

united with joyous family members but remained in seclusion. "Prayers have finally been answered. The nightmare is over," said Stephen Anthony, head of the FBI in

Cleveland. "These three young ladies have provided us with the ultimate definition of survival and perseverance. The healing can now begin." He added: "Words can't describe

the emotions being felt by all. Yes, law enforcement professionals do Police would not say how the

women were taken captive or how they were hidden in the neighborhood where they had vanished. Investigators also would not say whether they were kept in restraints inside the house or sexually assaulted.

Four years ago, in another poverty-stricken part of town, police were heavily criticized following the discovery of 11 women's bodies in the home and backyard of Anthony Sowell, who was later convicted of murder and sentenced to death.

The families of Sowell's victims accused police of failing to properly investigate the disappearances because most of the women were admonths, the stench of death hung over the house, but it was blamed on a sausage factory next door.

> Weekly Writing Corner

The Magic Berry

I found a ripe berry hanging on a bush. Just as I

was about to pick it, it

started talking to me ...

I screamed and ran.

and it talked again. It was

freaky. I picked the magical berry up, and there was a

little person on it. The per-

son was crying because she was lost. So I returned her

One day I bent down to

pick a berry off a bush. It

was so surprised that he

was on the Barcelona soc-

cer team. Then he told me

to come to his soccer game

next week. Finally, I came to

his game and he was playing

against Mexico. Barcelona won. I felt so proud about

my little berry. I was cheer-

ing for Messi, Go Barcelona!

cool, soccer-playing berry.

One day I found a ripe

berry hanging on a bush.

Just as I was about to pick

please, please!" I

started to run, but every

berry started to talk to me. "Eat me please. I'm ripe,"

said the berry. Suddenly a

the forest. They ate the

screaming berries one by

one. Either I'm crazy, or

fruit can talk. My sister assumed the first choice.

I found a ripe berry

hanging on a bush. Just as I was about to pick it up, it

started to talk to me. It said,

Alexandra, 2nd grade

"Please don't eat me," it

said. "I know how to sing a

little bit." I thought about it

and said okay. It sang, "Blue-

berries are very nice so

please don't eat me, I'll be

grateful." It was great and so

'Please don't eat me, so I

decided not to pick it.

Cole, 4th grade

family of bears came out of

it, it started to talk. "Eat me

Faby, 2nd grade

I felt so happy about my

started talking to me. First I

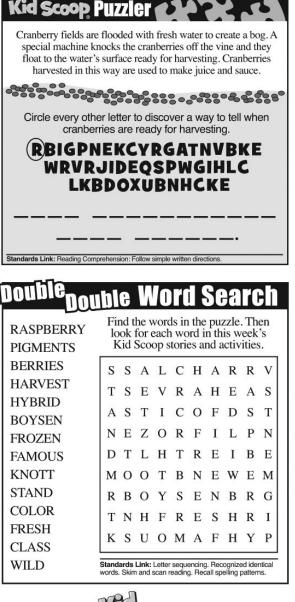
Alexis, 5th grade

to her home

Then I noticed that it didn't

move. I walked back up to it,







nouns, adjectives and verbs. Then, ask a friend to give you new words to replace the ones you crossed out. Read the article aloud using the new words. Is it *berry* funny?

Standards Link: Language: Understand the functions of nouns,

Talking Rock Send your story to: Press & Dakotan

Extra!

Food

Fractions

Use a recipe to

practice fractions

Find a recipe in

the newspaper

and double it,

halve it, triple it!

If there isn't a

recipe in the

newspaper, use a

cook book.

andards Link: Numbe Base 10: Understand

One day I was walking down the lane and suddenly a voice called out to me. It was coming from a rock and it ... Finish this story.

> Deadline: June 2 Published: Week of June 30 Please include your school and grade.

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> I let it go. Lizbeth, 4th grade