

Jury: Companies Both Infringed Patents

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — A California jury determined Friday that Samsung infringed Apple smartphone patents and awarded \$120 million in damages. The panel delivered its verdict in federal court San Jose in the latest lawsuit involving the two tech giants. It also ruled that Apple infringed Samsung patents and awarded \$158,000 in damages. Apple Inc. had sought \$2.2 billion after accusing Samsung Electronics Co. of infringing five of its patents covering functions such as slide-to-lock, universal searching, quick linking, automatic word correction and background syncing. Samsung had sought \$6 million after arguing Apple that had infringed two of its smartphone patents related to camera use and video transmission. The verdict marked the latest intellectual property battle between the world's top two smartphone makers. Apple and Samsung have sued each other in courts and trade offices around the world.

US Economy Gains 288,000 Jobs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The American economy shrugged off the end of a brutal winter last month, rebounding with the biggest hiring surge in two years and suggesting that the job market's gains could endure. Employers added 288,000 jobs across industries from manufacturing to construction to accounting. Even local governments hired. The unemployment rate sank to 6.3 percent, its lowest point since 2008, from 6.7 percent. But the rate fell that far because many fewer people began looking for work in April, thereby reducing the number of unemployed. The proportion of Americans who either have a job or are looking for one dropped to a three-decade low. And the monthly employment report the government released Friday showed that worker pay has yet to pick up — evidence that the job market has not fully recovered. Yet April's robust hiring gains suggested that the economy is returning to the solid pace of growth it achieved in the second half of 2013, before it was hammered by a harsh winter. Job growth has averaged 203,000 a month in the past six months, similar to last year's average of 194,000.

Landslide In Afghanistan Kills 350

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A landslide triggered by heavy rain buried large sections of a remote northeastern Afghan village on Friday, killing at least 350 people and leaving more than 2,000 missing. Villagers looked on helplessly and the governor appealed for shovels to help dig through the mass of mud that flattened every home in its path. The mountainous area in Badakhshan province has experienced days of heavy rain and flooding, and the side of a cliff collapsed onto the village of Hobo Barik around midday. Landslides and avalanches are frequent in Afghanistan, but Friday's was one of the deadliest. Gov. Shah Waliullah Adeb said more than 2,000 people were missing after the landslide buried some 300 homes — about a third of all the houses in the area. At least 350 people were confirmed dead, according to Ari Gaitanis, a spokesman from the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan. He said the U.N. was working with authorities on the ground to rescue people still trapped. The governor said rescue crews were working but didn't have enough equipment.

48 Extra Hours To Interrogate Adams

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Northern Ireland police were granted an extra 48 hours Friday to interrogate Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams about the 1972 IRA killing of a Belfast widow, infuriating his Irish nationalist party and raising questions about the stability of the province's Catholic-Protestant government. The Police Service of Northern Ireland confirmed in a statement its detectives received permission at a closed-door hearing with a judge to detain Adams for up to two more days. Had the request been refused, authorities would have been required to charge Adams or release him Friday night, two days after his arrest in the abduction, slaying and secret burial of Jean McConville, a mother of 10. The new deadline is Sunday night, although this too could be extended with judicial permission. The unexpectedly long detention of Adams left senior party colleagues seething. Sinn Fein warned it could end its support for law and order in Northern Ireland — a key peacemaking commitment that enabled the creation of a unity government seven years ago — if Adams is charged. Deputy First Minister Martin McGuinness, the Sinn Fein official who governs Northern Ireland alongside British Protestant politicians, said his party would reconsider its 2007 vote to recognize the legitimacy of Northern Ireland's police if Adams isn't freed without charge. Protestants required that commitment before agreeing to cooperate with Sinn Fein.

American hospitalized With MERS Virus

NEW YORK (AP) — Health officials on Friday confirmed the first case of an American infected with a mysterious virus that has sickened hundreds in the Middle East. The man fell ill after flying to the U.S. late last week from Saudi Arabia where he was a health care worker. He is hospitalized in good condition in northwest Indiana with Middle East respiratory syndrome, or MERS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Indiana health officials, who are investigating the case. The virus is not highly contagious and this case "represents a very low risk to the broader, general public," Dr. Anne Schuchat told reporters during a CDC briefing. The federal agency plans to track down passengers he may have been in close contact with during his travels; it was not clear how many may have been exposed to the virus.

Ukrainian Unrest Spreads; Dozens Dead In Odessa

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SLOVYANSK, Ukraine — Ukraine launched an offensive against separatist forces for control of a besieged eastern city Friday, while clashes between pro- and anti-government activists in the previously calm southern port of Odessa led to a fire that police said killed 31 people. The first serious offensive by the government in Kiev and the dozens of deaths in Odessa sharply escalated the crisis that has led to the worst tensions between Russia and the West since the Cold War. The Kremlin said the battle for the separatist-held city of Slovyansk effectively destroyed the Geneva pact aimed at cooling the unrest in the deeply divided country. Oleksandr Turchynov, Ukraine's acting president, said many insurgents were killed or wounded in the eastern offensive that also underlined the military's vulnerability. The military action came two days after Kiev said it had lost control of eastern Ukraine.

Both sides said two Ukrainian helicopters were shot down by the insurgents near Slovyansk, killing two crew members, while authorities said another seven people also died: three separatist gunmen, two soldiers and two civilians. By nightfall, Ukrainian troops and armored personnel carriers blocked all major roads into Slovyansk, and the central part of the city remained in the hands of pro-Russia gunmen, according to Associated Press journalists inside. Most shops were closed, and the few that were open were crowded with customers stocking up on supplies. Sporadic gunfire was heard in Slovyansk's downtown late Friday, while Russian news reports said there were armed clashes in the nearby town of Kramatorsk. There was no immediate independent confir-



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German Chancellor Angela Merkel and U.S. President Barack Obama speak during a news conference the Rose Garden of the White House after speaking on Friday in Washington, D.C.

mation of fighting. The Ukrainian Security Service said one helicopter was downed with a surface-to-air missile, adding that the sophisticated weapon undercut Russia's claims the city of 125,000 people was simply under the control of armed locals. "Ukrainian security forces so far are not ready for large-scale military actions; moreover, such actions could provoke Russia's invasion," said Kiev-based political analyst Volodymyr Fesenko. Russia has massed tens of thousands of troops in areas near Ukraine's border. Kiev claims Moscow is preparing to invade and that it is fomenting the unrest in the east, where insurgents have seized government buildings in about a dozen cities and towns. The Kremlin denies the allegations, but Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov has warned Russia would respond to attacks on its citizens or interests in the east. Unlike eastern Ukraine, Odessa had been largely tranquil since the February toppling of President Viktor Yanukovich, who fled to Russia. But clashes erupted Friday between pro-Russians and government supporters in the key port on the Black Sea coast, located 550 kilometers (330 miles) from the turmoil in the east. Police said the deadly fire broke out in a trade union building, but did not give details on how it started. Earlier, police said at least three people had died in a clash between the two sides in the city of 1 million. According to Ukrainian news reports, the pro-Kiev demonstrators broke up an encampment of Moscow supporters outside the trade union building. The latter took refuge in the building, which then caught fire. Odessa police spokesman Volodymyr Shashliyenko told AP the fire apparently was caused by Molotov cocktails. He had no further details or identities of the victims. Russia's Foreign Ministry said the fatal fire was "yet another manifestation of the criminal irresponsibility of the Kiev authorities who indulge insolent radical nationalists ... which are engaging in a campaign of physical terror" against those in Ukraine who want more autonomy for the pro-Moscow regions. A spokesman for Russian President Vladimir Putin said the Ukrainian offensive "effectively destroyed the last hope for the implementation of the Geneva agreement" of two weeks ago that aimed to defuse the crisis. But Dmitry Peskov also said Russia "continues to undertake consistent efforts on de-escalation." In Washington, German Chancellor Angela Merkel and President Barack Obama warned that Russia could be

hit by new sanctions from the U.S. and the European Union if it continues disruptive actions in Ukraine. Previous sanctions are showing signs of significant effect on the Russian economy. The fighting in Slovyansk, a city about 160 kilometers (100 miles) from the Russian border, broke out around dawn. Stella Khorosheva, a spokeswoman for the insurgents, said three fighters and two civilians were killed in the clashes. The Russian state television channel Rossiya-24 showed one man who they said was a wounded helicopter pilot surrounded by pro-Russia forces. Several foreign news crews, meanwhile, were detained for several hours Friday by nervous pro-Russia militia before being released. CBS reported that one journalist was beaten. Slovyansk is strategically key because Ukraine has a huge stockpile of automatic rifles and other light weapons near the city, according to a commentary Friday for Britain's Royal United Services Institute defense think-tank. "Today, Kiev has upped the ante in the standoff and will test Russian resolve to prevent the Ukrainian government from regaining control of the city and its light weapons stockpile," the think-tank authors wrote. Turchynov said some government troops and police in eastern Ukraine were "either helping or cooperating with terrorist organizations." He said Ukrainian forces were working to prevent the unrest from spreading other areas. At Russia's request, the U.N. Security Council met in an emergency session Friday on Ukraine. Russian ambassador Vitaly Churkin demanded a "swift halt of all violence," but Western powers scoffed at his country's indignation. "Russia ... has released bands of thugs on Ukraine ... and is suddenly discovering this mixture might escape its control," French ambassador Gerard Araud said.

Brother: Rob Ford Will Overcome 'Little Challenge'

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TORONTO (AP) — Toronto Mayor Rob Ford expects to overcome his "little challenge" with substance abuse and get back to work after a stint in rehab, his brother said Friday. Even as Ford began his treatment at an undisclosed location, another report of the mayor behaving inappropriately while intoxicated emerged Friday. A report written by City Hall officials said Ford turned up intoxicated at the front security office at City Hall on St. Patrick's Day and threatened a guard who had reported the mayor for similar behavior two years ago. But Ford's brother said the mayor is on a path toward recovery. The mayor of Canada's largest city announced he was taking a leave of absence and checked into rehab Thursday, a day after reports emerged of a second video that appears to show Ford puffing from a crack pipe. "He's in a good place. Everything is fine. He's going to get over this little challenge and get back to business,"

Doug Ford told The Associated Press. Doug Ford, a city councillor who is also his brother's re-election campaign manager, said he has been in touch with the mayor, but declined to say where he was being treated, or how long he would stay there. Deputy Mayor Norm Kelly is now in charge of the city, but he had already assumed most of the powers that were stripped of Ford last year by Toronto's City Council. The scandal over Ford's crack use started last May when news reports emerged of a first video showing him smoking the drug. After police said they had obtained that video, Ford admitted that he had used the crack in a "drunken stupor." Although Ford has not abandoned his bid to seek a second term in October elections, the revelation of a second crack video raised skepticism about his chances of prevailing. His decision to seek treatment comes months after he announced he was finished with alcohol — only to have steady reports of more drunken behavior emerge. "Had he sought the kind of help he needed earlier, he could have had a fighting chance for re-election," said

Grace Skogstad, a professor of political science at the University of Toronto's campus in Scarborough, a suburb where Ford has been popular. The City Hall report released Friday disclosed another incident on March 15. His speech slurred, Ford visited the security desk at City Hall and handed out St. Patrick's Day beads. He then threatened to "get" a guard who reported that on St. Patrick's Day two years ago, the mayor was walking around City Hall with "a half empty bottle of St-Remy French Brandy." Top executives of the city met with Ford days later and asked him to apologize to the guards but he declined, saying he had not seen the report. "A copy of the report has

now been provided to the mayor. To our knowledge, he has not apologized to the staff involved," said city spokeswoman Jackie DeSouza. The City Hall report was publicly released in response to freedom of information requests filed by Canadian news organizations. DeSouza said the report was not previously disclosed because "the city has internal policies for escalating and reporting security matters," and because there were human resources processes that had to be followed. She said the City would not have released the fact that there was a security incident involving the mayor had there not been a freedom of information request from the media.

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