

Northern Ireland Police Release Adams

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Sinn Fein party leader Gerry Adams was released without charge Sunday after five days of police questioning over his alleged involvement in a decades-old IRA killing of a Belfast mother of 10, an investigation that has driven a dangerous wedge into Northern Ireland's unity government.

Addressing reporters and supporters at a Belfast hotel, Adams said he wanted his party to provide help to the children of Jean McConville, the 37-year-old widow taken from her home by the Irish Republican Army in 1972, killed and dumped in an unmarked grave. He also rejected claims by IRA veterans in audiotaped interviews that he had ordered the killing.

"I am innocent of any involvement in any conspiracy to abduct, kill or bury Mrs. McConville. I have worked hard with others to have this injustice redressed," said Adams, 65, who has led Sinn Fein since 1983 and won credit for steering the IRA toward cease-fires and compromise with Northern Ireland's Protestant majority.

Yet the investigation of Adams is not over. Police said they have sent an evidence file to Northern Ireland prosecutors for potential charges later.

BVO Ingredient Dropped From Powerade

NEW YORK (AP) — Coca-Cola is dropping a controversial ingredient from its Powerade sports drink, after a similar move by PepsiCo's Gatorade last year.

The ingredient, brominated vegetable oil, had been the target of a petition by a Mississippi teenager, who questioned why it was being used in a drink marketed toward health-conscious athletes. The petition on Change.org noted that the ingredient is linked to a flame retardant and is not approved for use in Japan or the European Union.

In response to customer feedback, PepsiCo said last year it would drop the ingredient from Gatorade. At the time, Coca-Cola declined to say whether it would remove the ingredient from the two flavors of Powerade that contain it as well.

But this week, bottles of Powerade in fruit punch and strawberry lemonade flavors being sold in the Detroit, Michigan; Omaha, Nebraska, New York and Washington, D.C. areas no longer list the ingredient. Some bottles still list it, however, suggesting Coca-Cola Co. may have started phasing it out recently.

A representative for the Atlanta-based company confirmed Sunday that its Powerade brands are "BVO-free." But no details were immediately available on when the change would be complete or how the drinks were reformulated.

Survey: Gas Jumps 3 Cents Per Gallon

CAMARILLO, Calif. (AP) — The average price of a gallon of regular gasoline in the U.S. rose 3 cents, to \$3.72, during the past two weeks, marking the 12th straight week of price hikes at the pump.

That's according to a survey released Sunday.

Industry analyst Trilby Lundberg says gas prices are about to tumble, however, as crude oil and wholesale gasoline prices have started falling due to higher-than-expected crude output in Libya and ample U.S. crude oil stocks and ramped up production of gasoline.

Midgrade gasoline costs an average of \$3.13 a gallon, and premium was \$4.05 a gallon. Diesel was \$4 a gallon.

Of the cities surveyed in the Lower 48 states, the lowest price, \$3.34 a gallon, was in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The highest was \$4.27 in Los Angeles.

Twin Sisters Reunite After 78 Years Apart

FULLERTON, Calif. (AP) — It's been 78 years since Ann Hunt and Elizabeth Hamel were last together — in their mother's womb.

The twin sisters were reunited last week for the first time since birth in Fullerton, California, thanks to a nudge from their children and help from a psychology professor, the Orange County Register reported Sunday.

Hunt, who lives in England, was given up for adoption and only learned she had a twin when she began looking for her birth mother after her adopted mother died.

Hamel, who lives in Oregon, always knew she had a twin but says she never thought she would see her.

"How lovely to see you in the flesh," Hamel said, as she embraced her sister at a hotel in Fullerton.

The women were to spend the next day undergoing testing at the Twin Studies Center at California State University, Fullerton, with professor Nancy Segal, who researches twins who were raised apart to better understand the role of genes and environment in human development.

Both women were born in Aldershot, England, in 1936. Their mother, a domestic servant, decided to give up one of the girls after their birth father fled. Hamel said she kept her because she was born with curvature of the spine, which would have made it more difficult for her to be adopted.

Police Free 67 Detained In Deadly Clashes In Ukraine

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ODESSA, Ukraine — Hundreds of pro-Russian demonstrators stormed police headquarters in Odessa on Sunday and won the release of 67 people detained after deadly clashes in the Ukrainian port city.

More than 40 people died in the riots two days earlier, some from gunshot wounds, but most in a horrific fire that tore through a trade union building.

Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk, who hinted strongly that he saw Moscow's hand in the unrest spreading through southeastern Ukraine, visited Odessa on Sunday to try to defuse the mounting tensions.

Odessa is the major city between the Crimean Peninsula, which Russia annexed in March, and the Moldovan separatist region of Trans-Dniester, where Russia has a military peacekeeping contingent.

Concerns are mounting that Russia ultimately aims to take control of a huge swath of Ukraine from Trans-Dniester to the east. Russian President Vladimir Putin, who calls the area historically Russian lands, has said he doesn't want to send in troops but will if necessary.

Yatsenyuk said police were being investigated for their failure to maintain order and he had charged prosecutors with "finding all instigators, all organizers and all those that under Russian leadership began a deadly attack on Ukraine and Odessa."

Earlier in the day, hundreds of pro-Russian demonstrators gathered in front of the scorched trade union building to honor those who died in Friday's blaze. Some draped a large Russian tricolor flag on the face of the building.



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Demonstrators are shown at a pro-Russia rally Saturday in Donetsk, Ukraine.

By mid-afternoon, a group of several hundred people marched to the police station to demand the release of fellow activists jailed over their involvement in the unrest. They attacked security surveillance cameras and smashed windows. Shortly after some of them managed to break into an inner courtyard, police yielded to the crowd's demands and released the prisoners.

As detainees emerged from the police station, the crowd cheered.

The Interior Ministry said in a statement that 67 activists had been released. It was not immediately clear whether others were still being held.

Yatsenyuk's visit came as Ukrainian authorities renewed their push to quell a pro-Russian insurgency in the east. Interior Minister Arsen Avakov said in a statement on his Facebook page that an "antiterrorist operation" was being exe-

cuted in the eastern city of Kramatorsk, the latest flashpoint for unrest.

"The operation was carried out by fighters of the National Guard and the armed forces. The active phase resumed at dawn. We will not stop," Avakov wrote.

The city saw a standoff Saturday that culminated in pro-Russian insurgents setting buses alight to ward off attacks. Russian state television has reported 10 deaths, including two among government forces, during clashes in Kramatorsk so far. Those figures could not be independently confirmed.

By midday Sunday, however, there was little sign of movement, from either government or insurgents on the ground. The burned-out shells of trolleybuses and a minibus lay in the road untouched.

NBA's Quick Action Helps Rescue Clippers

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From the moment Donald Sterling's racist comments hit the Internet, the walls began closing in on the NBA.

Players considered skipping a playoff game. Fans inundated the Los Angeles Clippers' offices with vitriol. Sponsors ran from a franchise on the rise. The scandal pushed the league — not just the Clippers — to a perilous spot.

In just three days, on the strength of Commissioner Adam Silver's decision to ban the Clippers' owner for life, a hands-on engagement of corporate sponsors and a savvy marketing response that started with coach Doc Rivers helped the league turn a dark moment into a defining moment.

"Adam Silver did the best job that he could in severing Donald Sterling from the Clippers' brand," said Bob Dorfman, a sports marketing specialist for Baker Street Advertising in San Francisco.

Silver's decision to ban Sterling, fine him \$2.5 million and urge the league's 29 other owners to vote to force a sale of the Clippers was immediate. The outrage in his voice resonated with players, coaches, calmed corporate partners and likely saved the league millions of dollars.

As Silver was delivering his verdict, the front page of the Clippers' website was splashed with the words "We Are One" in white on a plain black background. Other teams quickly joined in with their own "We Are One" front pages, including the Portland Trail Blazers, the Utah Jazz and even the NHL's Los Angeles Kings.

It was a phrase that Rivers had written to inspire the team in the locker room fol-

lowing their loss to the Golden State Warriors in Game 4 of their first-round playoff series, shortly after Sterling's words made news.

Rivers had no idea he was starting a movement.

"You just do something. I knew they were being pulled in a thousand directions and I just thought, 'I don't care what we do. Let's do it together as a group.' That was my only focus on that. It wasn't a rallying campaign for anything, anybody outside the team," Rivers said.

"The fact that it's made it outside, that's fine. But I just need us to stay together."

It resonated with fans. Quickly (hash)weareone was trending on Twitter. Fans at Game 5 chanted the words as the Clippers rallied against Golden State.

The NBA was planning to roll out a new playoffs commercial that night. League marketing officials recognized the power of the slogan and quickly added one last frame to the television spot to include it with the logo.

"Oftentimes the most suc-

cessful marketing and P.R. campaigns are organic, and they go viral because they're authentic. I think that's what happened in this case," said David Carter, executive director of the University of Southern California's Sports Business Institute.

According to Nielsen, the Clippers-Warriors game Tuesday night after Silver's announcement drew 4.7 million viewers, making it the highest-ranked cable program that night and the most-watched cable game of the NBA playoffs to that point. Sunday night's game, after the players doffed their Clippers-embazoned warmups at center court, drew 6.47 million but was broadcast on ABC.

Team sponsors and advertisers that had decided to step back started to return. If they stayed away, the decision would have been potentially devastating for a team that until just a few years ago was still struggling to find an identity as Los Angeles' other NBA team.

OBITUARIES

Duane Kuca

Funeral services for Duane H. Kuca, 66 of Sioux Falls and formerly of Dante will be held

1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at the United Methodist Church in Wagner, with burial in the ZCJB Cemetery, rural Wagner.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Wagner.

Duane Harold Kuca, son of Harold and Mary (Kalkus) Kuca, was born April 14, 1948 at Avon, SD. He passed away unexpectedly Friday, May 2, 2014 at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls. Duane had attained the age of 66 years and 19 days.

Duane received his elementary education in Dante. He attended Wagner High School and later graduated from Avon High School.

After graduation, Duane

worked for Soukup Implement in Tyndall. A couple of years later, he went into the trucking business, which was his life-long dream.

Besides his love of trucking, Duane will be remembered for his enjoyment of hunting.

Thankful for having shared his life are his siblings: Arlayne Kuca of Denver, CO; Keith Kuca and wife Cindy of Dante; and Cheryl Rokusek of Yankton; six nieces and nephews: Craig, Chad and Cody Kuca and Jeremy, Jessica and Jennifer Rokusek; brother-in-law Wilmer Rokusek of Tyndall; and other relatives and friends.

Duane was preceded in death by his father on November 9, 1993 and his mother on December 1, 2007.

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