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## FROM TERRORISM TO TOURISM

With Cuban-American travel relations improving, Americans are gaining more permissions for access. Cubans are investing to prepare for an influx of tourists. Page 6



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# FBI surveillance worries citizens

JACK GILLUM  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** Scores of low-flying planes circling numerous American cities, including Houston, are part of a civilian air force operated by the FBI and obscured behind fictitious companies, The Associated Press has learned.

The AP traced at least 50 aircraft back to the FBI and identified more than 100 flights in 11 states over a 30-day period since late April, orbiting both major cities and rural areas. At least 115 planes, including 90 Cessna air-

craft, were mentioned in a federal budget document from 2009.

For decades, the planes have provided support to FBI surveillance operations on the ground. But now the aircraft are equipped with high-tech cameras, and in rare circumstances, technology capable of tracking thousands of cellphones, raising questions about how these surveillance flights affect Americans' privacy.

The FBI said the planes are not equipped or used for bulk collection activities or mass surveillance. The surveillance equipment is used for ongoing

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investigations and generally without a judge's approval.

The FBI confirmed for the first time the wide-scale use of the aircraft, which the AP traced to at least 13 fake companies, such as FVX Research, KQM Aviation, NBR Aviation and PXW Services.

"The FBI's aviation program is not secret," spokesman Christo-

pher Allen said in a statement.

The front companies are used to protect the safety of the pilots, the agency said. That setup also shields the identity of the aircraft so that suspects on the ground don't know they're being followed.

One of the FBI's fake companies shares a post office box with the Justice Department, creating a link between the companies and the FBI through publicly available Federal Aviation Administration records.

Basic aspects of the FBI's program are withheld from the public in censored versions of official

reports from the Justice Department's inspector general, and the FBI also has been careful not to reveal its surveillance flights in court documents.

The planes are equipped with technology that can capture video of unrelated criminal activity on the ground that could be handed over to prosecutions. One of the planes, photographed in flight last week by the AP in northern Virginia, bristled with unusual antennas under its fuselage and a camera on its left side.

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## Long-time FIFA leader quits group

**ZURICH** The end for Sepp Blatter came suddenly, just days after he had seemingly solidified his hold on FIFA.

The 79-year-old leader of the world's most popular sport defied global animosity last week to win four more years in office.



Blatter

But his re-election only increased the pressure for Blatter to step down as FIFA's president.

At a hastily arranged news conference Tuesday, Blatter announced he would leave office within months and called for a fresh election to appoint a successor.

Blatter could still be a target of U.S. investigators delving into decades of corruption and bribery accusations against FIFA officials.

After generations under Blatter and his mentor, Joao Havelange, the announcement left

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## TRAGIC FLOODS EVOLVE TO RIVER RAFTING FUN



ERIC GAY / ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rafters navigate rapid waters along the Guadalupe River in New Braunfels on Tuesday, taking advantage of high and swift water. Before torrential rains over the past two weeks — in some areas exceeding 12 inches — most Texas streams were a mere trickle, keeping kayakers and rafters from the water. At least eight people died in area flash floods and

three still are missing. More than 1,200 residents were left homeless in adjoining Hays County, where the Blanco River rose from drought levels to 40 feet in 30 minutes the night of May 22. It was the highest Blanco River level in the town of Wimberley since 1924. Four members of one family drowned when the riverside home they were in was swept away.

## Over 400 tourists still missing

Boat carrying elderly Chinese citizens capsizes in storm; five known dead

CHRISTOPHER BODEEN  
Associated Press

**JIANLI, China** As the Eastern Star cruise ship listed heavily amid pounding rain on the Yangtze River, tour guide Zhang Hui told a colleague, "Looks like we are in trouble."

The vessel capsized in the storm Monday night with 458 people aboard, touching off a frantic rescue effort. At least 15 people were brought to safety, including three pulled from the overturned hull Tuesday, and five people were confirmed dead, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

The vessel was carrying mostly elderly tourists from Nanjing to the southwestern city of Chongqing when it overturned in China's Hubei Province.

Divers rescued a 65-year-old woman and, later, two men who had been trapped, state broadcaster CCTV reported. It said more people had been found and were being rescued, but did not say whether they were still inside the overturned hull.

"We will do everything we can to rescue everyone trapped in there, no matter they're still alive or not, and we will treat them as our own families," Hubei military region commander Chen Shoumin said at a news conference shown live on CCTV.

The survivors included the ship's captain and chief engineer, both of whom were taken into police custody, CCTV said. Relatives who gathered in Shanghai, where many of the tourists started their journey by bus, questioned whether the captain did enough to ensure the passengers' safety and demanded answers from local officials in unruly scenes that drew a heavy police response.



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Rescuers carry a survivor pulled from the capsized cruise ship on the Yangtze River in Jianli in central China's Hubei province Tuesday. Divers pulled survivors from inside the overturned cruise ship, state media said, giving some small hope to an apparently massive tragedy with well over 400 people still missing.

The Communist Party-run People's Daily said the ship sank within two minutes.

Zhang, the tour guide, said in an interview with Xinhua from his hospital bed that he grabbed a life jacket with seconds to spare as the ship listed in the storm.

The 43-year-old Zhang said he drifted in the Yangtze all night despite not being able to swim, reaching shore as dawn approached.

"The raindrops hitting my face felt like hailstones," he said. "Just hang in there a little longer, I told myself," he added.

Some survivors swam ashore, but others were rescued after search teams climbed on the upside-down hull and heard people yelling for help from within more than 12 hours after the ship overturned.

The 65-year-old woman was rescued by divers who took an extra breathing apparatus up into the bowels of the ship and spent about five minutes teaching her how to use it before bringing her out to safety, Chen said.

"That old woman had a very strong will and learned very fast, and after 20

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## Speak softly, carry big gavel

Diminutive Texas lawmaker breaks six during session

EVA RUTH MORAVEC  
Associated Press

At 5 feet 5 inches tall, Texas Rep. Kenneth Sheets is one of the smallest members of the Texas Legislature.

But he's often called to the House dais to preside over the chamber, where he's broken six solid, walnut gavels, crafted by Texas prison inmates, in this past 140-day session alone.

None of the chamber's other 149 members even House Speaker Joe Straus, who wields them far more often, have broken any.

"I'm just passionate," said Sheets, a Dallas Republican.

Three of the fragmented gavels were sent back to the East Texas prisoners who make them to evaluate why they failed. Wear-and-tear, namely, repeatedly pounding a piece of wood against a steel plate — caused the other three to chip, separate and crack.

About 1,150 of the gavels were sold to the House and Senate this year at \$38 each, with the money going to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

They're among the items made by 4,800 men and women in Texas lockups that are sold to lawmakers and public agencies, schools and hospitals for about \$5 million a year total, no doubt a lucrative business that helps the system.

The gavels are available to counties but are purchased almost exclusively by the Legislature. They're used to mark the beginning and end of meetings, get the attention of legislators and signify the end of a vote. Lawmakers hand out gavels ceremoniously, as they recently did on "John Wayne Day" to relatives of the late movie star.

The sales by Texas Correctional Industries are swallowed by the program's \$68 million budget.

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# Boston shooting under investigation

DENISE LAVOIE  
AP Legal Affairs Writer

**BOSTON** A man who was known to have extremist views and was under 24-hour surveillance by terrorism investigators lunged with a knife at a police officer and an FBI agent outside a pharmacy on Tuesday and was shot and killed, authorities said.

Police Commissioner Williams Evans said members of the Joint Terrorism Task Force approached Usaama Rahim in the city's Roslindale neighborhood on Tuesday morning to question him about "terrorist-related information" they had received when he went at officers with a large military-style knife.

Evans said officers repeatedly ordered Rahim to drop the knife but he continued to move toward them with it. He said task force members fired their guns, hitting Rahim once in the torso and once in the abdomen. Rahim, 26, was taken to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Neither Evans nor the special agent in charge of the Boston FBI office, Vincent Lisi, would say why Rahim was under surveillance, but Evans said a "level of alarm" prompted authorities to try to question him.

"Obviously, there was enough information there where we thought it was appropriate to question him about his doings," Evans said. "He was someone we

were watching for quite a time." Evans said the officers didn't have their guns drawn when they approached Rahim. He said police have video showing Rahim "coming at officers" while they are backing away.

That account differs from one given by Rahim's brother Ibrahim Rahim, who said in a Facebook posting that his youngest brother was killed while waiting at a bus stop to go to his job.

"He was confronted by three Boston Police officers and subsequently shot in the back three times," he wrote. "He was on his cell phone with my dear father during the confrontation needing a witness."

Ibrahim Rahim, a former assis-

tant imam at a Boston mosque, could not immediately be reached for more comment Tuesday.

The Suffolk district attorney's office and the FBI said they will investigate Rahim's shooting, a routine procedure for shootings involving police.

The Council of American-Islamic Relations will monitor the investigation, spokesman Ibrahim Hooper said.

"We have a number of questions," Hooper said. "Why exactly was he being followed? What was the probable cause for this particular stop? Were there any video cameras or body cameras of the incident? How do you reconcile the two versions of the story?"

Boston voter registration re-

records for Usaama Rahim list him as a student. Records indicate that as recently as two years ago he was licensed as a security officer in Miami but don't specify in what capacity.

On Tuesday afternoon, authorities raided a home in suburban Everett in connection with the case. Everett police confirmed they assisted the FBI in taking a man into custody but said he was taken to Boston, a 10-minute drive away.

Authorities also were searching a home in Warwick, Rhode Island, but would not confirm that was linked to the Boston shooting.

Lisi said authorities "don't think there's any concern for public safety out there right now."

## Fragile gavels to be improved

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State correctional industries across the U.S. had net sales last year of \$2 billion, according to the National Correctional Industries Association.

Texas, Georgia and Arkansas are the only three U.S. states that don't pay inmates for work.

Jason Clark, Texas' corrections department spokesman, said workers receive "marketable job skills." He added, "Woodworking is a trade that they can use out in the free world."

But Alex Friedman, managing editor of Prison Legal News, wonders how useful such skills are to former inmates.

"How many private companies are making gavels? You would expect Texas Correctional Industries pretty much has a monopoly on that market," said Friedman, whose publication is run by the prison advocacy group the Human Rights Defense Center.

While most prison-made products are purchased by public agencies, less than 1 percent of sales are to lawmakers, Clark said. The



Texas Rep. Kenneth Sheets, R-Dallas, displays three of the six gavels he broke while presiding during meetings of the Texas House during the session that ended earlier this week. At 5-feet-5-inches, Sheets is one of the shortest members of the Legislature, but he outpaced other lawmakers in busting gavels that are crafted by Texas prison inmates.

ERIC GAY/AP PHOTO

acquisitions, though seldom made, often make headlines.

Rep. Debbie Riddle was scrutinized in 2011 for giving campaign

donors gifts made by inmates, such as replicas of Texas Capitol furniture.

In 2003, Sen. Eddie Lucio spent

\$6,319 furnishing his dining room and a private chapel with inmate-made products.

## FIFA charges lead to change

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FIFA without a leader and without a clear course forward.

It sets off a global power struggle for control of the organization as a criminal investigation intensifies.

A federal indictment last week detailed apparent bribes from a FIFA account totaling \$10 million to senior officials for voting South Africa as the 2010 World Cup host.

The South African angle threatens to tarnish memories of a bid campaign that brought Nelson Mandela to Zurich for the winning vote in 2004.

At risk also is the legacy of a World Cup that was an organizational triumph for FIFA and South Africa and bolstered Blatter's reputation as a friend of Africa, whose loyalty stood firm in Friday's election.

Blatter's vigor in acclaiming his election victory — a 133-73 win over Prince Ali bin al-Hussein of Jordan — was gone by Tuesday.

Elections for his replacement are expected to take place sometime between December and March.

"I am at the disposal of all the national associations who want a change, including all of those who were afraid to make a change," Prince Ali said.

Michel Platini, the president of European body UEFA, had called for Blatter's resignation last week before the vote.

On Tuesday, Platini praised Blatter's decision to go.

"It was a difficult decision, a brave decision, and the right decision," said Platini, a former protege who planned a strategy meeting of UEFA members to dis-



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Joao Havelange's departure leaves FIFA without veteran leadership. Elections are expected later this year.

### MORE ON FIFA

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cuss anti-Blatter tactics.

Blatter again directed blame for FIFA's reputation at his executive colleagues who have repeatedly been implicated in bribery and corruption.

Blatter is also a member of the International Olympic Committee.

Blatter joined FIFA in 1975 as technical director for development projects, was promoted to general secretary in 1981 and spent 17 years as right-hand man to Havelange of Brazil before being elected to lead world soccer.

The new election will be overseen by Domenico Scala, chairman of FIFA's audit and compliance committee, who praised Blatter's "difficult and courageous" decision.

"This is the most responsible way to ensure an orderly transition," Scala said.

## FBI says rules followed

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Some of the aircraft can also be equipped with technology that can identify thousands of people below through the cellphones they carry, even if they're not making a call or in public. Officials said that practice, which mimics cell towers and gets phones to reveal basic subscriber information, is used in only limited situations.

"These are not your grandparents' surveillance aircraft," said Jay Stanley, a senior policy analyst with the American Civil Liberties Union.

The Justice Department recently published a privacy policy for its agencies' use of drones and

unmanned aircraft systems. But that policy does not apply to piloted aircraft. An FBI spokesman said the FBI's flights comply with agency rules.

Those rules, which are heavily redacted in publicly available documents, limit the types of equipment the agency can use, as well as the justifications and duration of the surveillance.

Evolving technology can record higher-quality video from long distances, even at night, and can capture certain identifying information from cellphones using a device known as a "cell-site simulator" — or Stingray, to use one of the product's brand names.

These can trick pinpointed cellphones into revealing identification numbers of subscribers, including those not suspected of a crime.

Recently, independent journal-

ists and websites have cited companies traced to post office boxes in Virginia, including one shared with the Justice Department.

Included on most aircraft registrations is a mysterious name, Robert Lindley.

He is listed as chief executive and has at least three distinct signatures among the companies. Two documents include a signature for Robert Taylor, which is strikingly similar to one of Lindley's three handwriting patterns.

Law enforcement officials said Justice Department lawyers approved the decision to create fictitious companies and that the Federal Aviation Administration was aware of the practice.

The FBI has been doing this since at least the late 1980s, according to a 1990 report by the then-General Accounting Office.

## Search for people ongoing

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minutes she surfaced to the water and was rescued," he added.

The overturned ship had drifted about 2 miles downstream before coming to rest close to shore, where fast currents made the rescue difficult.

The fact that the capsized ship drifted downstream was a good sign for rescuers because it meant there was enough air inside to give it buoyancy, and could mean there were enough air pockets for survivors, said Chi-Mo Park, a professor of naval architecture and ocean engineering at South Korea's Ulsan University.

CCTV said the vessel had been carrying 406 Chinese passengers, five travel agency employees and



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a crew of 47. The broadcaster said most of the passengers were 50 to 80 years old.

Many of the passengers took a bus from Shanghai to Nanjing for the departure to Chongqing. Their relatives gathered in Shanghai at a travel agency that had booked many of the trips, and later went to a government office to

demand more information about the accident before police broke up the gatherings.

The ship sank in the Damazhou waterway section, where the river is 50 feet deep. The Yangtze is the world's third-longest river and sometimes floods during the summer monsoon season.

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## INTERNATIONAL

## Matterhorn closes for 150th anniversary

Switzerland's most famous mountain, the Matterhorn, will be closed on July 14 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the first ascent of its summit.

The Alpine resort of Zermatt said the 24-hour shutdown is being imposed "out of respect for the mountain" and in memory of more than 500 climbers who have died on the Matterhorn, starting with four of the seven-man team that first reached the summit in 1865.

The town council said people defying the order banning climbing on the mountain that day could be fined up to 5,000 francs (\$5,300) plus the cost of being airlifted off the slopes by helicopter.

Switzerland shares the 4,478-meter (14,692-foot) peak with Italy. The Swiss statement said landowners on the Italian side also will enforce the ban.

## British roller coaster crashes, harms passengers

One roller coaster car slammed into another on Tuesday on one of Britain's biggest amusement park rides, leaving four teenagers seriously injured and stranding passengers 25 feet in the air, officials said.

A car on the Smiler ride carrying 16 people crashed into an empty, stationary car at Alton Towers amusement park a little after 2 p.m., the West Midlands Ambulance Service said.

The ambulance service said four teenagers who suffered serious leg injuries were being treated at the scene and would be transported to trauma centers by helicopter. The other 12 people aboard were not believed to be seriously hurt.

The park said there would be "a full investigation once all the guests have been evacuated, which is our priority."

## Spanish royal couple pays delayed visit to Paris

Spanish flags are lining Paris avenues as the French capital hosts King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia for a state visit that was delayed because of a deadly plane crash in March involving dozens of Spanish victims.

The royal couple attended a state dinner Tuesday with President Francois Hollande at the Elysee Palace after visiting a Velasquez exhibit at the Grand Palais.

Felipe also gave a special award to emergency officials who cleared the wreckage of a Germanwings plane that crashed on March 24 in the French Alps en route from Barcelona to Dusseldorf. All 150 people aboard were killed.

Felipe took power after his father, Juan Carlos, abdicated a year ago Tuesday. Felipe has pledged a more moderate monarchy and sought to boost the royal family's image after recent scandals.

## Decline of elephants in Tanzania is 'catastrophic'

The sharp decline of the elephant population in Tanzania, most likely because of poaching, is catastrophic, a wildlife conservation group said Tuesday.

The Tanzanian government on Monday estimated that 65,721 elephants have died in the country in the last five years. The report showed the number of elephants plummeting from an estimated 109,051 in 2009 to 43,330 in 2014.

Steve Broad, the executive director of wildlife conservation group TRAFFIC, said it's incredible that poaching on such an industrial scale hadn't been identified and addressed.

The Tanzanian government said it has added 1,000 rangers to protect wildlife, but Broad said, "There is a real risk that it could be a case of too little too late for some elephant populations."

## Russian opposition leader regains consciousness

The wife of a prominent Russian opposition figure who has been hospitalized for a week with a mysterious illness said he has regained consciousness. Evgenia Kara-Murza said her husband "has opened his eyes and recognized his relatives," according to the Open Russia organization.

Vladimir Kara-Murza, a journalist and a close associate of the murdered opposition leader Boris Nemtsov, was hospitalized in grave condition last week after suddenly falling ill. He reportedly was suffering kidney failure.

No cause for the illness has been determined. But in light of the fatal poisoning of defector Alexander Litvinenko and the mysterious deaths of other Russian opposition figures, some worry Kara-Murza could have been poisoned.

## France awaits Vatican word on gay ambassador

The French government is expecting the Vatican to decide within days whether to approve the nomination of a diplomat, who is said to be gay, to be the French ambassador to the Holy See.

Paris is hoping Laurent Stefanini wins approval five months after the French presidential palace submitted his nomination. The French government is awaiting a response via Vatican diplomatic channels within a week to 10 days, a French official told The Associated Press.

The Vatican spokesman declined to comment. Gay rights groups have accused the Vatican of delaying a decision because of Stefanini's sexual orientation. Decisions normally take a few weeks.

The No. 2 official at the Vatican, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, said the dialogue is still open, and "we hope that it might conclude in a positive light."

The Vatican traditionally doesn't approve ambassadors in "nontraditional" family situations.

Associated Press

## Relatives demand answers

Families of China boat passengers direct anger to government

JACK CHANG  
Associated Press

SHANGHAI Huang Jing rushed to the office of the Shanghai Xiehe Travel Agency as soon as he heard about the sinking of a riverboat cruise with his brother- and father-in-law and 456 other people on board.

He demanded an official passenger list from the travel company that had arranged the cruise along China's famed Yangtze River. When the agency didn't respond, he and other relatives turned to the local government, storming city district offices and cornering officials to ask that they force the cruise company to help. Police were called in to keep the peace.

"The government must meet its responsibility," Huang said by phone from a government office where he and other relatives were being kept away from the media. "We need to learn what happened to our loved ones."

Few of the people on the cruise ship have been rescued.

In an authoritarian country where transparency and friendly public service are rare, everyday Chinese learn to assume officials are hiding something. But when the fates of mothers, husbands

and children are at stake, tolerance for the routine breaks down, said Shi Sushi, an independent Beijing-based commentator. "These emotions are just waiting to explode," Shi said. "And when these episodes happen, even when it's something small, all these feelings come out. The government hasn't been able to solve some basic everyday problems, and people are ready to be-

The government must meet its responsibility. We need to learn what happened to our loved ones.

HUANG JING



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Relatives of passengers on board a capsized cruise ship in central China attempt to storm a government office in Shanghai on Tuesday. The families demanded action after the tourist agency that organized the tour failed to help them.

lieve the worst."

Although an apparent boat passenger list had been circulating on social media, Huang said it included only the names and government ID numbers of passengers who had purchased travel insurance. He said his relatives weren't on the list.

Dozens of police arrived when relatives confronted city officials and shouted, "Are we asking too

much? No, we just want information!"

Similar scenes followed the stampede deaths of 36 people on Shanghai's Bund riverfront on New Year's Eve, when grieving relatives demanding to learn the fate of fallen revelers blocked city streets and were taken by officials to hidden rooms. Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 relatives have been fighting their battle for more than a year as they await word

about their loved ones aboard the still-missing plane. Police have beaten some family members after they criticized the Chinese government's response to the accident.

Chinese officials have tried to defuse such suspicions by blending coverage of such disasters with positive stories of government officials jumping into action.

On Tuesday, China Central Television paired updates on the boat sinking with footage of Premier Li Keqiang appearing to direct the rescue effort from the river site as well as with quotes from President Xi Jinping calling for an all-out rescue effort. The relatives didn't appear on state media reports about the disaster, which instead described the rescue in extensive detail.

Huang said he still didn't know whether his relatives were alive or dead.

"Nobody has told us anything," he said. "This is something we can't accept."

## WITH FLYING COLORS



ALEXANDRA TARANTINO/ASSOCIATED PRESS

The 'Frecce Tricolori' Italian Air Force aerobatic squad flies over Rome on Tuesday during the Republic Day parade that celebrates the anniversary of the birth of the Italian Republic in 1946.

## Blatter leaves legacy after 17 years

FIFA president weathered storms, now says soccer association needs restructuring

GRAHAM DUNBAR  
Associated Press

GENEVA For years, nothing could touch Sepp Blatter.

Under his 17-year rule, soccer's governing body survived and thrived through allegations of bribery, vote-buying and World Cup ticket scams. He built a base of support by bolstering the sport in developing countries and brought the first World Cup to Africa.

But after a tumultuous week of indictments and investigations, the pressure from all sides proved to be too much for the 79-year-old.

The world's largest soccer nations were rebelling and discussing an alternate tournament to the World Cup. Sponsors were re-examining their relationship with FIFA. And fans seemed to want someone else to run the sport.

Blatter announced Tuesday he would resign after a successor could be elected, saying FIFA needed "profound restructuring."

On May 27, U.S. prosecutors issued indictments against 14 current or former soccer officials as well as a Swiss criminal investigation into the votes awarding the World Cup tournaments to Russia in 2018 and to Qatar in 2022.

Even though Blatter wasn't implicated in those investigations, he faced calls for his resignation that came from some of his harshest critics in soccer as well as political leaders.

Even when scandals tainted FIFA's prestige and image, most of the officials stood by Blatter, particularly those from Africa, Asia and small nations.

Blatter came to embody FIFA and its reputation — that was tarnished as equally as its

prize asset, the World Cup — was celebrated as a commercial and popular success.

"People like a scapegoat, of course, but how could things have become so twisted?" Blatter asked an audience of students in England in 2013, deploying his charm to try to win over a tough audience.

"As you can see, I'm not some overbearing bully who can intimidate my critics with one look and strong-arm governments to my will."

Blatter devoted more than half his life to working at FIFA, as technical director, chief executive and, since 1998, as elected president.

He mastered the politics of soccer and reveled in the access and media attention it gave him. He mixed easily with heads of state lured by the commercial and popular power of the World Cup.

## GLOBAL REACTION TO BLATTER'S RESIGNATION

"The announcement today by President Blatter represents an exceptional and immediate opportunity for positive change within FIFA. I commend him for making a decision that puts FIFA and the sport we love above all other interests."

— SUNIL GULATI, U.S. SOCCER PRESIDENT

"Michel Platini "suits the role of president of FIFA better than anyone else ... (He is) a more prepared and experienced person."

— NIKITA SIMONYAN,  
RUSSIAN FOOTBALL UNION  
ACTING PRESIDENT

"I want the full facts around the bidding to be known. If there was fairness and transparency, then good, well done. If it is found there was improper behavior in any way, they must have a look at whether they should reopen the processes."

— SIMON JOHNSON, MEMBER OF ENGLAND'S TEAM

"It is a good afternoon. I think it's brilliant for world football. This is the start of something new."

— GREG DYKE, ENGLAND'S  
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CHAIRMAN

## Greece submits bailout proposal

ELENA BECATOROS  
Associated Press

Greece submitted a proposal to its bailout lenders, the country's prime minister said Tuesday, in the hope of getting needed rescue money — but its creditors were quick to say much work remained to be done.

Alexis Tsipras said his government had made compromises in the negotiations, and it was now up to the leaders of Europe, Greece's main creditors, to accept a deal or risk consequences for the region.

"It is a misunderstanding that we have to meet one another halfway," Tsipras said. "That is not our intention."



Tsipras

Without the rescue loans, Greece could default on its debts this month and eventually even drop out of Europe's currency bloc, a step that would push the global economy into uncharted territory.

Once both sides agree, creditors will unlock the 7.2 billion euros' worth of loans remaining in the current bailout program.

If there's no deal by the end of the month and the bailout expires, those funds will no longer be available for Greece.

Tsipras said the proposal, for which he gave no specifics, was submitted Monday night to the European Central Bank, International Monetary Fund and European Commission, the EU's executive.

That same night, the leaders of Germany, France, the IMF, ECB and EC held an emergency meeting in Berlin about Greece.

"We are nowhere near far enough," said Dutch Finance Minister Jeroen Dijsselbloem, who heads the eurozone finance ministers' meetings known as the eurogroup. "Time is pressing."

Greece must repay a total of about 1.6 billion euros (\$1.8 billion) to the IMF this month, with the first installment of just over 300 million euros due Friday.

Dijsselbloem said it was almost impossible to reach a deal that would unlock the entire 7.2 billion euros in time for Friday.

There have been suggestions Greece could seek to bundle all repayments due to the IMF this month into one payment on June 30 — an option permitted under IMF rules but rarely used. Greece's administrative reform minister, Giorgos Katrougalos, said Greece intended to honor its debt commitments and expects to reach an agreement with its creditors soon.

He said Greece's creditors were preparing a counterproposal to Greece's 47-page plan.

# Congress OKs surveillance bill

**President expected to sign bill days after NSA program that collected Americans' phone records expired**

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WASHINGTON Congress approved sweeping changes Tuesday to surveillance laws enacted after 9/11, eliminating the National Security Agency's disputed bulk phone-records collection program and replacing it with a more restrictive measure to keep the records in phone companies' hands.

Two days after Congress let the phone-records and several other anti-terror programs expire, the Senate's 67-32 vote sent the legislation to President Barack Obama, who planned to sign it promptly.

The legislation will revive most of the programs the Senate had allowed to lapse in a dizzying collision of presidential politics and national security policy. But the authorization will undergo major changes, the legacy of agency contractor Edward Snowden's explosive revelations two years ago about domestic spying by the government.

In an unusual shifting of alliances, the legislation passed with the support of Obama and House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, but over the strong opposition of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. McConnell failed to persuade the Senate to extend the current law unchanged, and came up short in a last-ditch effort Tuesday to amend the House version as nearly a dozen of his own Republicans abandoned him in a series of votes.

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"This is a step in the wrong direction," a frustrated McConnell said on the Senate floor ahead of the Senate's final vote to approve the House version, dubbed the USA Freedom Act. He said the legislation "does not enhance the privacy protections of American citizens. And it surely undermines American security by taking one more tool from our warfighters at exactly the wrong time."

The legislation remakes the most controversial aspect of the USA Patriot Act — the oncesecret bulk collection program that allows the NSA to sweep up Americans' phone records and comb through them for ties to international terrorists. Over six months the NSA would lose the power to collect and store those records, but the government still could gain court orders to obtain data connected to specific numbers from the phone companies.

It would also continue other post-9/11 surveillance provisions that lapsed Sunday night and are considered more effective than the phone-data collection program. Those provisions include the FBI's authority to gather business records in terrorism and espionage investigations and to more easily eavesdrop on suspects who are discarding cellphones to avoid surveillance.

"This legislation is critical to keeping Americans safe from terrorism and protecting their civil liberties," said Boehner. "I applaud the Senate for renewing our nation's foreign intelligence capabilities, and I'm pleased this measure will now head to the president's desk for his signature."

## Expired surveillance provisions

Congress is scrambling to restore three key surveillance powers the government says are crucial to prevent terrorist acts, but privacy advocates worry are intrusive.

### Phone and business records (Patriot Act Section 215)



Allows the National Security Agency to collect domestic telephone records such as number called, time and duration of call. It also allows the FBI to obtain business records related to a terrorism investigation.

### Roving wiretaps (Patriot Act Section 206)



Authorizes the FBI to target a suspect who may use and discard multiple phones to dodge surveillance, rather than an individual communications device, common with wiretaps.

### 'Lone wolf' tracking (Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act Section 6001)



Allows the FBI to eavesdrop on a non-U.S. person suspected of terrorist activity but who is not affiliated with a foreign terror group or power. It has never been used.

SOURCE: U.S. Senate

AP

The outcome capped a series of events on Capitol Hill that saw a presidential candidate, GOP Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky, defy fellow Republicans and singlehandedly force the existing law to lapse Sunday at midnight.

The suspense continued Tuesday as McConnell tried to get the Senate to agree to three amendments he said would make the House bill more palatable. But House leaders warned that if presented with the changes the House might not be able to approve them. The Senate denied McConnell's attempts, an embarrassment for the leader six months after Republicans retook Senate control.

# California drought still an upstream fight

**State reducing water use but is far from level mandated by governor**

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SACRAMENTO Californians are using less water, but they'll have to conserve a lot more to reach the mandatory drought cuts taking effect this month, according to the latest numbers released Tuesday.

California residents reduced overall water use by 13.5 percent in April compared to the same month in the benchmark year of 2013, water officials said.

That's the second-best conservation achievement since state officials started closely tracking water use more than a year ago, but it fell short of the 25 percent cut that Gov. Jerry Brown made mandatory for cities and towns by June 1.

"Local communities are stepping up in a way they weren't before, and I'm hoping that's why we are starting to see the uptick" in conservation, said Felicia Marcus, chairwoman of the state Water Resources Control Board.

"The real challenge is, we really have to step it up for the summer months," Marcus said. "If we miss the summer, we are toast."

This year's Sierra Nevada snowpack, which feeds the state's rivers, was the lowest on record — a grim image that served as Brown's backdrop as he announced unprecedented conservation measures on April 1.

April's best conservers included Santa Rosa, a city of 170,000 people north of San Francisco, which reported a 32 percent drop in April compared to April 2013. The city offered a host of programs to achieve savings such as paying residents to reduce 52 football fields' worth of lawn and giving away 50,000 low-flush toilets since 2007.

"Fifty thousand toilets? Really? We don't have that kind of money," said Alan Tandy, city manager of Bakersfield, where water use increased by 1 percent in the latest state tally.

The Southern California coast, which includes Los Angeles and San Diego, cut just 9 percent in April, compared to a 20 percent reduction in the San Francisco Bay Area and 24 percent in the Sacramento area.



MINDY SCHAUER/THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

**JW Landscape employees work on removing 300,000 square feet of turf at Suzuki headquarters in Brea, California, on Monday. The grass will be replaced with drought-tolerant plants and is expected to save the company 700,000 gallons of water a month, said R.F. Taitano, administrative services manager.**

Starting this month, each community has a mandatory water reduction target, with some ordered to cut back as much as 36 percent.

Water districts missing their targets face potential fines of up to \$10,000 a day once June numbers are in, although a far more likely outcome will be state-ordered changes in local regulations, like toughening limits on lawn-watering.

The shift to mandatory conservation followed lackluster savings through a voluntary effort.

As more wells and streams run dry, California's farmers are expected to increase by one-third the fields they fallow this year.

The drought's impact on agriculture alone will cost California \$500 million more than last year, for a total economic hit of \$2.7 billion in 2015, according to a new study by the University of California at Davis.

Roughly 200 farmers in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta east of San Francisco have submitted plans for voluntarily reducing water use by 25 percent to avoid deeper mandatory cuts later this year.

# Seniors struggle to recover from housing bubble

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON Al and Sandra Karp have found an unconventional way to raise money and help save their Miami-area home from foreclosure: They're lining up gigs for their family jazz band.

They enjoy performing, but it isn't exactly how Al, an 86-year-old Korean War vet, or Sandra, 76, had expected to spend their retirement.

Of all the financial threats facing Americans of retirement age — outliving savings, falling for scams, paying for long-term care — housing isn't supposed to be one. But after a home-price collapse, the worst recession since the 1930s and some calamitous decisions to turn homes into cash machines, millions are straining to make house payments.

The consequences can be severe. Retirees who use retirement money to pay housing costs can face disaster if their health deteriorates or their savings run short.

"It's a big problem coming off the housing bubble," said Cary Sternberg, who advises seniors on housing issues in The Villages, a Florida retirement community. "A growing number of seniors are struggling with what to do about their home and their mortgage and their retirement."

Baby boomers were already facing a retirement crunch: Over the past two decades, employers have largely eliminated traditional pensions, forcing workers



ALAN DIAZ/ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Sandra Karp embraces her husband, Al — who suffers from Alzheimer's disease — after a rehearsal at their home in North Miami Beach, Florida, on May 11. The Karp family band, along with their son, Larry, perform old standards as the Karp Family band to help stave off foreclosure of the home they bought in 1980.**

to manage their retirement savings. Many boomers didn't save enough, invested badly or raided their retirement accounts.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Office for Older Americans says 30 percent of homeowners 65 and older, or 6.5 million people, were paying a mortgage in 2013, up from 22 percent in 2001. The median mortgage held by Americans 65 and older has more than doubled since 2001 — to \$88,000 from \$43,400, according to the CFPB.

Hundreds of thousands of older Americans have lost homes to foreclosure. A 2012 study by the AARP found that 1.5 million Americans 50 and older lost

homes between 2007 and 2011.

Seniors fell into housing trouble in varying ways. Some lost jobs. Some overpaid for homes during the housing boom, incorrectly thinking they could cash in later.

Some made unwise decisions to refinance mortgages and pull cash out of their homes to meet unexpected costs, help their children or go on spending sprees.

Jim, 67, and LaRue Carnes, 63, moved to Sacramento, California, in 1978 and bought a house for \$54,000. For 33 years, Jim worked as a newspaper reporter and editor. They refinanced their mortgage several times and pulled money out of the house and took on higher mortgage payments.

"Foolishly, like so many Americans, we used the house as a bank," LaRue says.

In 2011, Jim was laid off, and the couple fell behind on mortgage payments. They dipped into retirement savings three times to fend off foreclosure. Eventually, with a \$25,000 grant from a state program, Keep Your Home California, they negotiated a new mortgage they could afford.

The couple is still struggling. Once a month, they eat free breakfast at a church, bringing home bagels and fruit.

Al and Sandra Karp bought their three-bedroom home in North Miami Beach, Florida, for \$77,000 in 1980. They refinanced, partly to pay down credit-card debt, and their mortgage swelled to \$288,000.

Al kept working as a tax accountant into his late 70s before Alzheimer's disease forced him into retirement.

The couple is getting by on about \$2,500 a month in Social Security and Veterans Affairs benefits, plus food stamps and help from their two sons. They stopped paying the mortgage and are fighting foreclosure in court.

To ease the stress and earn some cash, they perform old musical standards as the Karp Family — Sandra on vocals, Al on sax, son Larry on keyboards.

"I'm trying desperately to stay here," Sandra says. As for Al: "He thinks the mortgage is paid. He hasn't got a clue."

## NATIONAL

# Boston bomber's friend sentenced to 6 years in jail

**BOSTON** A college friend of Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev was sentenced Tuesday to six years in prison after he apologized to the victims and their families for not calling police when he recognized photos of Tsarnaev as a suspect.

Dias Kadyrbayev, 21, pleaded guilty last year to obstruction of justice and conspiracy charges for removing items from Tsarnaev's dorm room after recognizing his friend in photos released by the FBI days after the bombing.

He will get credit for the 26 months he's been in custody and will be deported to his native Kazakhstan when his prison term is up.

Three people were killed and more than 260 were injured in the bombing April 15, 2013, near the marathon's finish line.

A jury last month sentenced Tsarnaev to death for the attack. The two friends who went to Tsarnaev's dorm room with Kadyrbayev are scheduled to be sentenced Friday.

## Feds: Threats against flights do not appear credible

**PHILADELPHIA** Federal authorities say threats against several commercial airline flights do not appear to be credible.

One of the threats Tuesday claimed multiple explosive devices were planted on US Airways Flight 648 from San Diego to Philadelphia.

The Airbus A320 carrying 88 passengers and five crew members was held on a taxiway after landing safely around 6:15 a.m. at Philadelphia International Airport.

Federal authorities would not identify the other flights involved.

The FBI says K-9 units and a bomb squad searched Flight 648. The incident did not affect airport operations.

## Aurora gunman says he called crisis hotline before shooting

**CENTENNIAL, Colo.** Aurora theater gunman James Holmes said he called a mental health hotline minutes before the 2012 massacre, thinking someone might be able to talk him out of killing people watching a movie.

In a videotape played for jurors on Tuesday, Holmes says the phone call was disconnected before anyone answered.

Holmes said he lingered outside a moment, then walked into the theater, threw a tear gas canister and began firing into the crowd.

The videotape is from a psychiatrist's sanity evaluation of Holmes conducted last year. Holmes pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity to charges of killing 12 people and injuring 70.

## At least 9 hurt in collision involving bus, cars

**CHICAGO** Authorities say a collision between a Chicago Transit Authority bus and several other vehicles has left at least nine people injured, two of them critically.

The accident occurred around 6 p.m. Tuesday in the city's downtown business district.

Authorities say the bus was turning onto Michigan Avenue when it collided with several other vehicles. The bus went onto the sidewalk and a pedestrian was pinned underneath.

Authorities say the bus driver was the only person aboard the bus at the time of the crash, which involved at least three other vehicles.

Authorities say the cause of the crash hasn't been determined.

## Bison injures 2nd tourist at Yellowstone in 3 weeks

**YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo.** For the second time in three weeks, a bison has seriously injured an tourist in Yellowstone National Park.

Officials say injuries to the 62-year-old Australian aren't life-threatening though the bison tossed him several times into the air Tuesday.

The unidentified man was flown by helicopter for medical treatment.

Yellowstone officials say several people crowded the bison as it lay near a sidewalk not far from the famous Old Faithful Geyser. They say the bison charged after the man was taking photos from just a few feet away.

Bison can weigh as much as a full-size sedan and run three times faster than a person.

A bison in the Old Faithful area gored a 16-year-old girl from Taiwan as she posed for a picture near the animal May 16.

## Man's red underwear leads to burglary arrest

**HEMPSTEAD, N.Y.** The blue sneakers were the subject of the crime, but police say it was a Long Island man's red underwear that led to his arrest.

Police say 18-year-old Taykim Ross stole \$200, electronics and Air Jordan sneakers from an apartment Monday and stopped to try them on. That's when a neighbor snapped a photo of the suspect with red boxers visible above his jeans.

Hempstead Village Officer Russell Harris was returning after a canvass of the neighborhood when he noticed someone taking garbage out, bent over with "bright red underwear."

The officer acknowledged that young men in Hempstead are often seen not wearing belts with pants hanging low.

"If he would have gone home and put a belt on, I probably wouldn't have noticed him," Harris said.

Ross was arraigned on a burglary charge Tuesday in district court and conditionally released to probation.

Associated Press

## TEXAS/SOUTHWEST

## Final missing person found

**JOHNSON CITY** Authorities have found safe a man reported as missing from the Texas floods.

A statement issued by Blanco County officials say Bruce Conklin was the final person to be accounted for from its list of flood-related missing persons.

The statement does not specify where Conklin was found Tuesday. The county statement says that of 18 persons reported missing in Blanco County after the flood, 15 were found safe while three were found dead.

Earlier Tuesday, Hays County officials used medical and dental records to identify 81-year-old Kenneth Reissig, whose body was found Thursday near the Blanco River near the line separating Blanco and Hays counties.

## Traffic stop turns into chase, 3 taken into custody

**HOUSTON** Three suspects have been taken into custody after a car chase in Houston.

Media outlets reported the chase started about 4 p.m. Monday during a traffic stop. Houston Police Sgt. Robert Tamayo said the vehicle had paper license plates that were unreadable.

A car chase ensued. Two suspects left the car in the middle of traffic and took off on foot across traffic on the Eastex Freeway and disappeared into the woods. Houston police found and arrested a 20-year-old and a 15-year-old about an hour and a half later.

Police say the two will face evading charges. Authorities say a 19-year-old also was in the vehicle, but did not flee and will not face charges.

## Man treated for burns after vehicle explodes

Two Austin police officers and a driver were hurt when a parked vehicle ignited and exploded.

The Austin Fire Department said the incident happened before dawn Tuesday in a convenience store parking lot.

Division Chief Palmer Buck said investigators are trying to determine what led to the car catching fire. Buck said the vehicle is a total loss.

The officers were treated for minor burns suffered while pulling the driver from the burning vehicle. Authorities say the driver suffered serious burns and was being treated at a hospital.

Further details weren't immediately available.

## Steady rain eases farmers' worry of aphid infestation

**HARLINGEN** Researchers suspect steady rains and other factors may be responsible for a drop in a bug's infestation of a grain crop so far this year.

Farmers in the Rio Grande Valley had feared the aphid would again invade their sorghum crop following experts' predictions they would come back after an increase in population across the region, the Valley Morning Star reported.

The pests had swarmed the Valley's sorghum fields, gnawing away at the plants in 2014. The bugs also infested crops from Mississippi to southern Oklahoma while devastating Mexico's sorghum crop, according to researchers.

They had warned that sorghum growers in the Valley who didn't take preventive measures by spraying their fields with insecticide would face heavy crop losses. But they think rains and humidity may have helped stop the insect from attacking the crops.

## Kitten avoids flood by hitching ride under hood

**ROSHARON** A Houston-area woman named her new kitten Lucky after it rode under the hood of her SUV to escape Central Texas flooding.

KHOU-TV reports Pat Jablonski on May 24 was in San Marcos when the weather turned violent.

Jablonski said mandatory evacuations forced her to leave a vacation cabin and drive home to Rosharon, about 170 miles away.

Jablonski said Monday she remembers driving in the rain and thinking she heard a kitten meowing. The next day, she heard more meows, lifted the hood of her SUV and found the cat unharmed on the engine.

A cat at the San Marcos campground where Jablonski was staying recently had kittens. Jablonski said she thinks Lucky is from that litter.

## Man won't be prosecuted after shooting, killing dog

**HOUSTON** A Houston-area man who was facing a charge of animal cruelty after he shot and killed a Staffordshire bull terrier at a dog park will not be prosecuted.

A Harris County grand jury declined to indict 27-year-old Joseph Potts on Monday.

Potts, a concealed handgun license owner, shot the 2-year-old dog named Diesel at the Bay Area Dog Park in January, authorities said. Potts told police that the dog was aggressive toward him, his wife and their two pets.

Potts shot the dog three times, authorities said.

Diesel's owner Karey Wilson said her dog posed no danger.

## Aquarium fish capacity expected full by month end

**CORPUS CHRISTI** The Texas State Aquarium is nearly full of fish again after a chemical accident in April killed hundreds of creatures.

Aquarium President Tom Schmid told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times that, as of Monday, the fish collection topped 95 percent.

Nearly 400 fish died when a mislabeled container led aquarium personnel to put a

## Big trouble for black gold

## California spill cleanup draws wide criticism

MICHAEL R. BLOOD  
Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES** The leader overseeing a massive oil cleanup along the California coast defended the initial response, saying workers were on the ground after the spill.

The first wave of workers deployed booms in the water to corral the oil slick and placed them along the shoreline to protect ecologically sensitive habitats. Others vacuumed up oil from the site of the underground pipeline that ruptured May 19, sending up to 101,000 gallons of crude oil down a culvert and onto the beach north of Santa Barbara. An estimated 21,000 gallons escaped into the Pacific Ocean and quickly spread.

As more crews arrived the next day, they began raking oily sand and cleaning rocks on the beach — an exercise that continues more than a week after one of the largest coastal oil spills in California in 25 years.

"We had people on the ground on day zero — people who were actually physically doing things to prevent the worsening of the spill," Coast Guard Capt. Jennifer Williams said Friday.

The early response has come under scrutiny in recent days by environmentalists and witnesses who felt little on-the-ground cleanup was done the first day.

California's U.S. senators issued a statement Thursday calling the response insufficient and demanding Plains All American Pipeline explain what it did, and when, after firefighters discovered the leak from the company's underground 24-inch pipe. A diverse range of government agencies converged on the site after the spill was discovered, but it took some time to get ramped up.



JAE C. HONG / AP

In this May 21, 2015, file photo, a worker removes oil from sand at Refugio State Beach, north of Goleta, Calif. An underground pipe, owned by Plains All American Pipeline, spewed oil down a culvert and into the Pacific Ocean on May 19 before it was shut off. Democratic U.S. Sens. Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein say the response to the oil spill mile slick on the ocean was "insufficient."



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Hanks

## President appoints first black judge to Texas court

ERIN HEFFERNAN  
The Galveston County Daily News

**GALVESTON** Judge George Hanks Jr. stood in his new workplace: Galveston's historic federal court

The Galveston County Daily News reports the room gives the sense of history behind Hanks' role on the Galveston bench, the oldest federal judgeship in Texas. He's the first African-American judge to preside over the court and will serve with life tenure. President Barack Obama nominated Hanks in September.

Hanks has been a judge for more than 15 years, and also is an accomplished and scuba diver.

"When I was a kid growing up in small-town Louisiana, my dad told me, 'Always treat people with dignity and respect,'" Hanks said.

Then-Gov. Rick Perry appointed Hanks to the Texas 1st Court of Appeals in 2003, before joining the federal bench in 2010.

Hanks replaced Judge Gregg

Costa in the Galveston Federal Courthouse.

Galveston court's first judicial officer Judge John Watrous was one of only two judges serving in states joining the Confederacy to resign from the bench rather than serving as a Confederate judge.

"There is a lot of history to this role," Hanks said. "So that is something that I feel every day coming into this job."

Although Hanks has made his career in judge's robes, he lights up with the mention of his other life passion: the ocean. Hanks has gone on more than 500 open-water scuba dives.

Hanks said his interest began on his honeymoon to Hawaii

"The sun was blocked out by a stingray right over my head," he said. "And from that moment it became something I was always interested in. The law is my life's work, but that really is my passion."



Hanks

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JUDGE GEORGE HANKS JR.

## Second-longest-serving prisoner to be put to death

MICHAEL GRACZYK  
Associated Press Writer

**LIVINGSTON** Lester Bower Jr. said he's the same mild-mannered person he was 31 years ago when he arrived on death row — not bitter, not angry and not the killer of four men.

"I'm a little wiser, and a little older," Bower says.

Bower is set for lethal injection Wednesday in Huntsville for the fatal shooting of four men in 1983 at an airplane hangar on a ranch outside Sherman.

At 67, he'd be the oldest inmate executed in Texas since the state resumed carrying out the death penalty in 1982. He'd also be the second-longest-serving Texas prisoner put to death.

His attorneys had appeals before the U.S. Supreme Court, which declined to review his case — though three justices, Stephen Breyer, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sonia Sotomayor, said they would have thrown out his death sentence.

Bower was arrested and charged with capital murder after the men were found Oct. 8, 1983, on the B&B Ranch about 60 miles north of Dallas.

His appeals attorneys argued that Grayson County jurors didn't have the opportunity to fully consider

that Bower had no previous criminal record.

The men killed were building contractor and ranch owner Bob Tate, 51; Grayson County Sheriff's Deputy Philip Good, 29, who sold ultralights and was trying to sell one owned by Tate; Jerry Brown, 52, a Sherman interior designer; and Ronald Mayes, 39, a former Sherman police officer.

Prosecutors built a circumstantial case that Bower stole the aircraft and shot the victims as they showed up where Bower was to complete the purchase and

where the victims had planned to watch the Texas-Oklahoma football game on TV. Parts of the plane later were found at Bower's home.

Not cooperating with authorities was the biggest mistake, and I paid for it with my life.

LESTER BOWER JR.



"They can't prove it was stolen, and I can't prove I bought it," Bower said.

Defense lawyers suggested men involved in a failed drug deal were responsible for the carnage.

Bower's name surfaced in Good's telephone call records. Bower lied to his wife, who didn't want him to purchase the ultralight plane, and to investigators about his efforts to buy it.

"Not cooperating with authorities was the biggest mistake, and I paid for it with my life," he said.

## Trial to determine adequacy of former exec's estimations

KEVIN MCGILL  
Associated Press

**NEW ORLEANS** A former BP executive manipulated early estimates of the amount of oil spewing into the Gulf of Mexico after a 2010 rig explosion to conform to a low government estimate, then lied about it to federal agents, a prosecutor told jurors Tuesday.

Defense attorneys countered that David Rainey's estimates were the best he could do as he and other BP officials worked to shut down the flow of oil after the BP Deepwater Horizon disaster, and he had no reason to lie a year later when questioned about his calculations.

Rainey is on trial on a single count of making a false statement. Another charge, obstructing a congressional investigation, was tossed out Monday by U.S. District Judge Kurt Engelhardt, although federal prosecutors urged him in papers filed Tuesday to reinstate it.

In Tuesday's opening statements, federal prosecutor Leo Tsao said the oil flow rate was important information for those working to stop a flow that lasted for 87 days — the nation's worst offshore oil disaster.

"How big a problem BP had on its hands depended on how much oil was flowing," Tsao said. He said an early government estimate of 1,000 barrels a day was soon upped to 5,000. It was that second figure that Rainey, a geologist who the government said had no experience calculating flow rates, allegedly tried to match rather than come up with an independent assessment.

Ultimately, a federal judge ruled that roughly 3.19 million barrels spilled before the damaged well was capped after 87 days.

## Fence-jumper may face 21 months in prison

JESSICA GRESKO  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** Federal prosecutors say a judge should sentence a knife-carrying U.S. Army veteran who got over the White House fence and inside to almost 21 months in prison.

Omar Gonzalez, who has a history of mental health problems, had been set to be sentenced June 8, but his attorney asked Tuesday in a court document that it be delayed.

"The defendant's actions needlessly endangered White House occupants, Secret Service officers and civilians in the vicinity of the crime. Moreover, the defendant was aware for years before the crime that he needed treatment to address his PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder), paranoia and hallucinations, but did not make sufficient efforts to consistently obtain that treatment," prosecutors wrote in asking for the sentence.

Prosecutors also said, about a month before Gonzalez got into the White House, he was stopped Aug. 25 outside the home because he had a hatchet tucked into the rear waistband of his pants. He told officers it was for camping, agreed to put it in his car and was not arrested.

Gonzalez's attorney, David Bos, did not immediately return a telephone message Tuesday requesting comment.

After Gonzalez's arrest for entering the White House, investigators found rounds of ammunition, a machete and tomahawks in his car. When arrested, he was carrying a knife in his pocket with a blade longer than 3.5 inches, the sentencing document said. Gonzalez told a Secret Service agent after his arrest he wanted to tell the president the atmosphere was collapsing.

Gonzalez, 43, pleaded guilty in March to entering or remaining in a restricted building or grounds while carrying a deadly or dangerous weapon and assaulting, resisting or impeding a Secret Service officer. President Barack Obama and his daughters had just left the White House when Gonzalez got inside. The first lady was not home.



Travel experts and upscale magazines are urging travel to Cuba before it changes. But visitors envisioning salsa in the streets and glamorous vintage cars should also be prepared to manage without American essentials such as ATMs, credit cards, Wi-Fi, air-conditioning, seat belts or toilet paper. ■ **TOP LEFT** In this December 2014 file photo, a street entertainer waits for tourists in Old Havana, Cuba. ■ **TOP RIGHT** A vendor sells Ernesto "Che" Guevara T-shirts and souvenirs in Old Havana, June 2015. ■ **BOTTOM LEFT** In this January 2015 photo, the driver of a collective taxi steers his classic American car through Havana. ■ **BOTTOM RIGHT** In this May 2015 photo, a message believed to have been written by late U.S. novelist Ernest Hemingway, hangs framed at the bar inside La Bodeguita del Medio in Old Havana, Cuba. The writing reads: "My mojito in La Bodeguita, my daiquiri in El Floridita."

# FROM **TERRORISM** TO **TOURISM**

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The thawing of U.S.-Cuba relations has inspired many Cubans to think big. Local Cubans report American visits increased between January and early May compared to the same period a year ago, as well as international arrivals. That surge is likely to continue as interest in the destination grows and it gets easier for Americans to travel there.

Here's a look at three Cubans, part of a small class of entrepreneurs, often highly educated and well connected, who see increased tourism as the key to their dreams.

#### HIGHLIGHTING AMERICAN CONNECTIONS

Mario Otero, 25, is a waiter at San Cristobal, one of Havana's best privately owned restaurants. Whipping out his phone, he shows pictures of himself with some of the restaurant's famous guests such as Beyoncé and Jay Z and with Democratic Rep. Nancy Pelosi, the former speaker of the House.

Otero is renovating a house he hopes to rent to tourists, and he also works as a private guide, with a goal of opening his own tourism agency. He has friends with vintage 1950s cars who serve as chauffeurs.

Otero speaks excellent English, as well as French, and his knowledge of both Cuban and American culture makes tourism a natural fit for him. Showing a visitor around Ernest Hemingway's Havana estate at Finca Vigia amid crowds of tourists, he said, "Hemingway is like King Midas. Everything he touched here turned to gold."

He learned about Americans firsthand working odd jobs during a vacation from school spent in Tampa, Florida, but he's eager to learn new English terms he hears: What is a millennial? What is a hipster?

"American tourists are the most loved here," he said, and not just because they're good tipplers, but because "they want to have fun." He adds, "I really enjoy showing the most beautiful places of my country."

Otero, who earned his tourism degree from the University of Havana, said he is very hopeful for the industry.

"Tourism has been my life," he says. "I truly think that I was born for this."

#### A TWIST TO TRADITIONAL CUISINE

In a country where many people lack Internet access, Alain Gutierrez, 40, is making his mark online. As a Cuban food blogger with a website called ATasteofCuba.org, he's passionate about promoting traditional Cuban cuisine, and his dreams could be fueled if the island's evolving restaurant scene makes it a destination for foodies.

Gutierrez takes photos, makes videos and writes about Cuban food — restaurants, chefs, recipes,

culinary traditions. He contributes to a bimonthly magazine, OnCuba, that's available online and even in print in a few places in Florida. But he dreams of launching a digital magazine devoted to Cuban food that could potentially be supported by advertising from the culinary world.

An American food and culture writer, Anne Katata, wants him to shoot photos for a book she's planning on "paladares," privately run Cuban restaurants. They'd also like to lead Cuban food tours, and Gutierrez said he hopes to study food styling in America.

At a restaurant he likes, Cafe Ajiaco in Cojimar, near Havana, he points to dishes like fritters made from meat, sweet potatoes and corn, and Monteria, shredded pork with vegetables.

"I'm trying to contribute to the rescue of the roots of my food and my culture," he said. "I come from a really poor family. But my mom cooked really good."

#### INVESTING IN FUTURE VISITORS

Majel Reyes, 38, studied English language and literature at the University of Havana and worked as a government translator before carving a path in the Cuban film industry. With an MBA and experience in filmmaking, she assists foreign film crews shooting commercials and movies in Cuba.

But she's got another project she said she hopes will pay off. Reyes, who lives in her brother's house, bought a small apartment in Old Havana consisting of several tiny rooms and transformed it into a stylish one-room studio with soothing colors and handmade stone tiles. She even had an electronic tank system set up to ensure continuous water supply despite the neighborhood's sometimes unreliable flow.

The renovation, she said, cost three times the original estimate and took seven months, instead of the 45 days the contractor promised, but she's thrilled with the result. She rents it to visitors on Airbnb and other sites, and so far, she's gotten rave reviews.

"I used seven years of savings," she said. "It will take me a few years to see the investment back, but it's worth it. It will be a steady income in the future."

#### TIP 1: IF YOU NEED IT, BRING IT

Street vendors sell Che Guevara T-shirts and tropical fruit, but good luck buying sunscreen or Band-Aids. Fancy hotels sell some items in shops onsite, but Havana doesn't have many stores. Public bathrooms aren't bad, but it's wise to bring along a roll of toilet paper.

#### TIP 2: BE WARY OF LOCAL INTERACTIONS

Conversations with overly friendly strangers often turn into shakedown. Some want to sell cigars or try to exchange dollars, others want money for drinks or for their children. Violent crime in Havana is rare, but hassling is common.

#### TIP 3: DON'T EXPECT TO USE WI-FI

Cuba's offline culture makes going online difficult. Hotels sell Internet cards for lobby Wi-Fi, but even then the Wi-Fi may not work. A paper map is essential; drivers don't have GPS and there's no Googling an address on the fly.

#### TIP 4: PICK BETWEEN COMFORT AND COST

Cuba's vintage cars seem picturesque until you're in one with no seat belts, no air-conditioning, and broken windows. Havana's official, government-owned taxis seem to be in better condition than privately owned cars, but tourists are routinely overcharged. Meters supposedly exist, but you never see one.

#### TIP 5: LEAVE CARDS AT HOME

Bring cash to convert into pesos, also known as CUCs (not CUPs, the currency used by locals). Budget carefully: There are only a handful of ATMs in Havana and U.S. bank cards aren't accepted. MasterCard, Visa and American Express cards couldn't be authorized for use in Cuba in May. Even when the rules change (or if your card is from a non-U.S. bank), businesses rarely accept plastic.

#### TIP 6: FIND THE "PALADARES"

Avoid government-run cafeterias in public places like museums and stick to "paladares" — privately owned restaurants (you'll need reservations for the best). Prices are moderate but not cheap; food is good but not outstanding. A safe bet in most eateries is a ham and cheese sandwich — called a Cuban in the U.S., but jamón y queso there. Café con leche is uniformly superb, as is tropical fruit.

#### TIP 7: BALANCE TOURIST HOT SPOTS

Havana's best attractions include the waterfront promenade known as the Malecón, Old Havana, and Hemingway's estate at Finca Vigia. The stunning Cuban collection at the Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes ranges from colonial portraits to 20th century political pop art. Instead of pricey Tropicana shows, try the music scene at Casa de la Musica in Central Havana.

