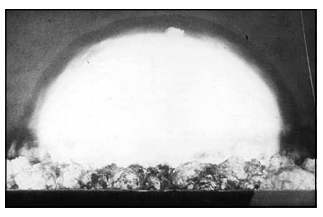
Daily Planner

TODAY

Today is Monday, July 16, the 197th day of 2018. There are 168 days left in the year.



TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

On July 16, 1945, the United States exploded its first experimental atomic bomb in the desert of Alamogordo, New Mexico; the same day, the heavy cruiser USS Indianapolis left Mare Island Naval Shipyard in California on a secret mission to deliver atomic bomb components to Tinian Island in the Marianas.

ON THIS DATE

In 1790, a site along the Potomac River was designated the permanent seat of the United States government; the area became Washington, D.C.

In 1862, Flag Officer David G. Farragut became the first rear admiral in the United States Navy.

In 1935, the first parking meters were installed in the United States, in Oklahoma City.

In 1951, the novel "The Catcher in the Rye" by J.D. Salinger was first published by Little, Brown and Co.

In 1957, Marine Corps Maj. John Glenn set a transcontinental speed record by flying a Vought F8U Crusader jet from California to New York in 3 hours, 23 minutes and 8.4 seconds.

In 1964, as he accepted the Republican presidential nomination in San Francisco, Barry M. Goldwater declared that "extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice" and that "moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue."

In 1969, Apollo 11 blasted off from Cape Kennedy on the first manned mission to the surface of the moon.

In 1973, during the Senate Watergate hearings, former White House aide Alexander P. Butterfield publicly revealed the existence of President Richard Nixon's secret taping system.

LOTTERY

Megabucks: $3.4 million
7-11-15-19-23-43

Mega Millions: $375 million
21-22-39-59-68-2-x2

Powerball: $110 million
22-41-42-49-67-PB 11-x3

Win for Life: July 14
23-33-76-77

Pick 4: July 15
- 1 p.m.: 7-0-1-0
- 4 p.m.: 7-6-0-0
- 7 p.m.: 3-9-5-7
- 10 p.m.: 5-5-5-8

Pick 4: July 14
- 1 p.m.: 1-4-7-0
- 4 p.m.: 6-1-5-1
- 7 p.m.: 9-9-9-1
- 10 p.m.: 4-6-7-5

Pick 4: July 13
- 1 p.m.: 5-2-7-1
- 4 p.m.: 0-8-8-7
- 7 p.m.: 7-3-3-2
- 10 p.m.: 7-3-5-4

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

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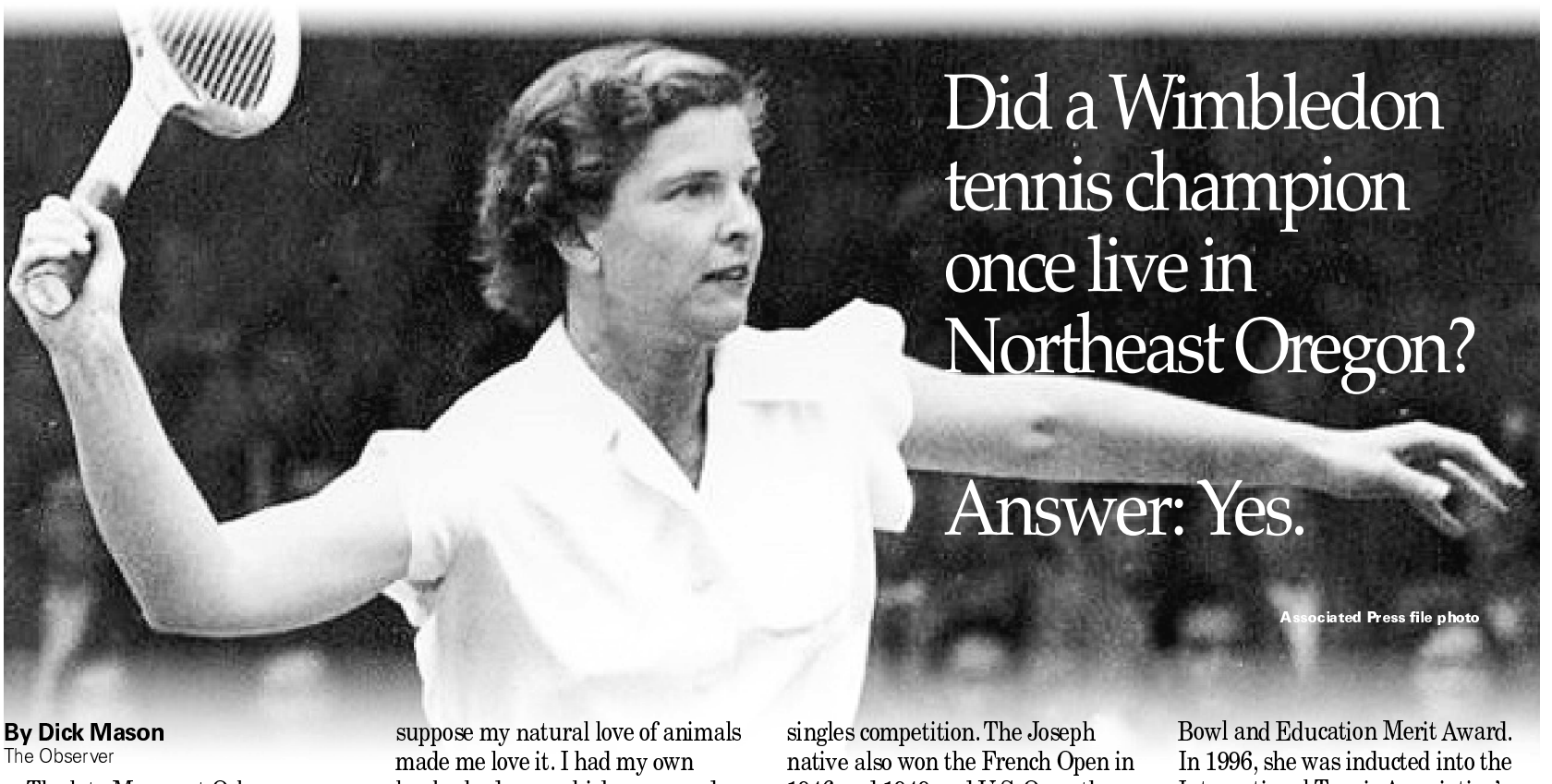
NORTHEAST OREGON HISTORY



Did a Wimbledon tennis champion once live in Northeast Oregon?

Answer: Yes.

Associated Press file photo

By Dick Mason
The Observer

The late Margaret Osborne duPont, a tennis star with a mark that may never be caught by Germany's Angelique Kerber — the winner of Saturday's women's final at Wimbledon — spent the first years her childhood in Wallowa County.

DuPont was born March 4, 1918, in Joseph. During her career she won seven Wimbledon titles, including the 1947 Wimbledon women's singles championship. Kerber, by contrast, has just one Wimbledon title to her credit, the one she claimed Saturday when she beat Serena Williams at the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in London.

DuPont lived on a ranch just outside Joseph the first nine years of her life. She rode a horse to and from school each day with her older brother, Charles, according to a June 28, 1998, article in the El Paso (Texas) Times.

"Oh, I loved the ranch, just loved it," duPont told the El Paso Times. "I suppose my natural love of animals made me love it. I had my own lambs, had some chickens — and dogs, of course."

Due to her father's health problems, though, her family gave up the ranch and moved to Spokane, Washington, where Margaret began to discover tennis — watching people play on a clay court each day on her way to and from piano lessons.

Two years later, in San Francisco, she played tennis for the first time, according to the El Paso Times.

Just one of duPont's Wimbledon titles was as a singles player. She won women's doubles titles in 1946, 1948, 1949, 1950 and 1954. The tennis star won her last Wimbledon title in 1962, playing on a mixed doubles team. In all, she won 37 major championships in singles, doubles and mixed doubles. Wimbledon, the French Open, the U.S. Open and the Australian Open are considered major or Grand Slam events.

DuPont's 1947 Wimbledon title was one of six majors she won in singles competition. The Joseph native also won the French Open in 1946 and 1949 and U.S. Open three times: 1948, 1949 and 1950.

The tennis star married William duPont Jr., an heir to the famous family's fortune, according to www.tennisfame.com. The couple divorced in 1964.

Margaret duPont discussed her love of tennis in a 2011 article in the El Paso (Texas) Times.

"It was just tennis, tennis and (more) tennis. I am not sure why I loved the game so much. But I just did and I always had," duPont said.

She was described by the New York Times in a 2012 article as a poised and canny playmaker. Her shots included "low-flying spin volleys and gravity-defying lobs," according to the article.

She gave back to the sport she loved by working earnestly as a tennis volunteer and teacher. For her longtime contributions, duPont was honored with both the United States Tennis Association's Service Bowl and Education Merit Award. In 1996, she was inducted into the International Tennis Association's Hall of Fame.

"She played with cerebral grace and poise, as humble an athlete as the sporting world has ever seen, but those who were fooled by duPont's sunshine smile usually ended up on the losing end," according to a story on www.tennisfame.com.

DuPont died in 2012 at age 94 in El Paso, Texas, where she had lived since 1966. Upon her death, legendary tennis star Billie Jean King issued this statement according to www.tennisfame.com: "Margaret duPont was a giant in tennis and had a huge impact in my career. She was one of my she-roes and was a great influence in my life both on and off the court. I hope today's players and any boy and girl who dreams of a career in tennis will go to the history books and read about Margaret, because her career wasn't just about winning matches. It was about mentoring others."

Oregon admits to lack of effective weed oversight

By Andrew Selsky
The Associated Press

How much medical marijuana is in the pipeline in Oregon? The managers of the state's program concede that they simply don't know because of lax reporting by producers and a lack of site inspectors.

That, they say, creates opportunities for marijuana to be diverted into the lucrative black market, something that federal authorities have long complained about.

Oregon was one of the first states to legalize medical marijuana in 1998, and in 2014 voters approved allowing recreational use. The state's struggle to transform a business that for decades had operated illegally in the shadows into a regulated industry sets an example for other states moving toward legalization.

In an internal review released late Thursday, the state's Health Authority, which oversees the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program, admitted it has not provided effective oversight of growers and others in the industry.

"Potentially erroneous reporting coupled with low reporting compliance makes it difficult to accurately track how much product is in the medical system. This limits OMMP's ability to successfully identify and address potential diversion," the report said.

The report showed there were more than 20,000 medical pot grow sites, but only 58 inspections were carried out in 2017.

Oregon Health Authority Director Patrick Allen ordered the internal review amid complaints from law enforcement authorities who say they often have trouble identifying which marijuana growers are legal. Seen from a helicopter just before harvest season, marijuana grows are like a green patchwork across one southwestern county, one drug enforcement officer said.

In Deschutes County, the sheriff and district attorney in February went public with their frustrations, saying the state was allowing black market operations to proliferate through lack of oversight. They asked the health authority to provide a list of medical marijuana grow sites, but the agency refused, telling the sheriff and prosecutor in an April letter that it is prevented from doing so by statutory confidentiality provisions. The agency could only respond on a case-by-case basis.

The health authority reiterated its position in a statement Thursday, but added it's exploring ways to work more closely with law enforcement to ensure medical marijuana grow sites are operating legally.

"Those locations should be made available to law enforcement," Deschutes County Sheriff Shane Nelson told The Associated Press on Friday in reaction to the report.

The report cited "inadequate funding and staffing resources to meet the demands of robust regulation," as one of its many challenges.

"More than 40,000 Oregonians depend on medical marijuana to treat their qualifying medical conditions," Allen said.

The medical marijuana program also lacks reliable, independent tools to validate grow site locations, relying on inconsistent county databases, the report said.

Oregon recently began requiring medical marijuana growers of more than a dozen plants to enter a comprehensive seed-to-sale tracking system run by Oregon's recreational marijuana regulatory agency. That agency, the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, is adding around 20 staffers, including inspectors and data analysts, to handle the increased workload, said liquor commission spokesman Mark Pettinger.

The review noted a sharp decline in the number of medical marijuana dispensaries since adult-use recreational shops began opening in January 2017. That month, there were 172; by December 2017 there were only 19 as many medical marijuana businesses switched over to the recreational side.

Those with medical marijuana cards obtained with a physician's statement can buy their products at recreational shops, tax free. Recreational users pay a 17 percent state tax, plus any local add-on taxes.

Deschutes County District Attorney John Hummel commended Allen for commissioning the study.

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