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Navy plane with 11 crashes into Pacific; 8 found alive

TOKYO — Eight people aboard a Navy plane that crashed today in the Pacific were recovered in good condition and a search continues for three other missing personnel, the Navy said.

The Navy said in a tweet that the eight were brought aboard the USS Ronald Reagan. Their C-2 "Greyhound" transport aircraft crashed while on its way to the carrier about 90 miles north-west of Okinotorishima, a Japanese atoll.

The Navy said the ship was operating in the Philippine Sea, which is east of the Philippines, when the crash occurred at 2:45 p.m. Japan time. The names of the crew and passengers are being withheld pending next of kin notification.

The cause of the crash was not immediately clear, the Navy said.

The plane was taking part in an ongoing joint U.S.-Japan naval exercise in waters surrounding Okinawa from Nov. 16-26. The Navy called it the "premier training event" between the two navies, designed to increase defensive readiness and interoperability in air and sea operations.

Teen idol David Cassidy, 'Partridge Family' star, dies at 67

NEW YORK — David Cassidy, the teen and pre-teen idol who starred in the 1970s sitcom "The Partridge Family" and sold millions of records as the musical group's lead singer, died Tuesday at age 67.

Cassidy, who announced earlier this year that he had been diagnosed with dementia, died surrounded by his family, a family statement released by publicist JoAnn Geffen said. No further details were immediately available, but Geffen said on Saturday that Cassidy was in a Fort Lauderdale, Florida, hospital suffering from organ failure.

"David died surrounded by those he loved, with joy in his heart and free from the pain that had gripped him for so long," the statement said. Thank you for the abundance and support you have shown him these many years."

"The Partridge Family" aired from 1970-74 and was a fictional variation of the '60s performers the Cowsills, intended at first as a vehicle for Shirley Jones, the Oscar-winning actress and Cassidy's stepmother. Jones played Shirley Partridge, a widow with five children with whom she forms a popular act that travels on a psychedelic bus. The cast also featured Cassidy as eldest son and family heartthrob Keith Partridge; Susan Dey, later of "L.A. Law" fame, as sibling Laurie Partridge and Danny Bonaduce as sibling Danny Partridge.

It was an era for singing families — the Osmonds, the Jacksons. "The Partridge Family" never cracked the top 10 in TV ratings, but the recordings under their name, mostly featuring Cassidy, Jones and session players, produced real-life musical hits and made Cassidy a real-life musical superstar. The Partridges' best known song, "I Think I Love You," spent three weeks on top of the Billboard chart at a time when other hit singles included James Taylor's "Fire and Rain" and Smokey Robinson and the Miracles' "The Tears of a Clown." The group also reached the top 10 with "I'll Meet You Halfway" and "Doesn't Somebody Want to be Wanted" and Cassidy had a solo hit with "Cherish."

Zimbabwe's incoming leader Mnangagwa returns home to cheers

HARARE, Zimbabwe — Incoming leader Emmerson Mnangagwa emerged from hiding today, departing from neighboring South Africa to return home in preparation to take power after Robert Mugabe's stunning resignation.

The 75-year-old Mnangagwa fled Zimbabwe after Mugabe fired him earlier this month, leading the military to move in and kick off a series of extraordinary events ending in Mugabe stepping down Tuesday amid impeachment proceedings.

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Mnangagwa met with South African President Jacob Zuma in a jovial "courtesy call" before taking a private jet from Johannesburg to Zimbabwe's capital, Harare. He went to ruling party headquarters to be briefed by officials.

He will be sworn in as Zimbabwe's new president Friday morning, the speaker of parliament said, after the ruling ZANU-PF party notified him of its nomination of Mnangagwa to replace Mugabe until the end of the current term next year.



ICTY via AP
Bosnian Serb military chief Ratko Mladic after an angry outburst in the Yugoslav War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, Wednesday.

Unrepentant Mladic sentenced to life for Bosnia atrocities

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — An unrepentant Ratko Mladic, the bullish Bosnian Serb general whose forces rained shells and snipers' bullets on Sarajevo and carried out the worst massacre in Europe since World War II, was convicted today of genocide and other crimes and sentenced to spend the rest of his life behind bars.

Defiant to the last, Mladic was ejected from a courtroom at the United Nations' Yugoslav war crimes tribunal after yelling at judges: "Everything you said is pure lies. Shame on you!"

He was dispatched to a neighboring room to watch on a TV screen as Presiding Judge Alphons Orie pronounced him guilty of 10 counts that also included war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Human-rights organizations hailed the convictions as proof that even top military brass long considered untouchable cannot evade justice forever. Mladic spent years on the run before his arrest in 2011.

For prosecutors, it was a fitting end to a 23-year effort to mete out justice at the U.N. tribunal for atrocities committed during the Balkan wars of the early 1990s. Mladic's conviction signaled the end of the final trial before the tribunal closes its doors by the end of the year.

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Advertisement for 'The Nutcracker' dance performance. It features the title in a large, stylized font, followed by 'Dancers with 50 piece symphony'. The performance dates are listed as Saturday, December 2nd at 2 PM and 7:30 PM, and Sunday, December 3rd at 2 PM. The location is AHS Auditorium, 389 S. Main Ave., Warrenton. Tickets are available online and at the box office. Maddox Dance Studio is mentioned as the production company.

TV SCHEDULE header for Wednesday Evening. It includes the logo 'THE DAILY ASTORIAN TV SCHEDULE' and 'Evening listings WEDNESDAY'. Below the header is a small table with columns for time slots (6 PM, 6:30, 7 PM, 7:30, 8 PM, 8:30, 9 PM, 9:30, 10 PM, 10:30, 11 PM, 11:30) and corresponding channel numbers and program titles.

Main TV schedule table for Wednesday Evening. Columns include Channel (A, L), Time Slot, Program Name, and a secondary program name. The table lists various news, entertainment, and sports programs across different channels like KATU, KOMO, KING, KOIN, KIRO, KGW, KRCW, KOPB, KPTV, KPDX, KCPQ, KZJQ, ESPN, ESPNZ, NICK, DISN, FAM, FMC, LIFE, ROOT, FS1, SPIKE, COM, HIST, A&E, TLC, DISC, NGE0, TNT, AMC, USA, FOOD, HGTV, FX, CNN, FNC, CNBC, BTV, TRM, SYFY, and RFD. Each entry includes a small icon and a brief description of the program.

Advertisement for DEL'S O.K. TIRE pointS. The ad features the company logo with a large 'S' in a circle. Text includes 'GET TO THE POINT. Expert Service. Guaranteed.', '(503) 325-2861', '35359 Business 101 Astoria, OR 97103', and 'TIRE and AUTO SERVICE'. It also mentions 'Same local owners, friendly service and guarantees on warranties.' and 'tirefactory.com/astoria'.