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With a roar, flash flood smashes into a Maryland community

ELLICOTT CITY, Md. — Roaring flash floods struck a Maryland city Sunday that had been wracked by similar devastation two years ago, its main street turned into a raging river that reached the first floor of some buildings and swept away parked cars, authorities and witnesses say.

News outlets showed photos and video of sudden, violent floodwaters surging down Main Street in Ellicott City, some 13 miles west of Baltimore. The community, set along the west bank of Maryland's Patapsco River, was also stricken by deadly flash flooding in July 2016.

This time, witnesses say, the flash flooding came with a roar of onrushing water after hours of heavy rain had soaked the region around Baltimore.

After the floodwaters receded, emergency officials had no immediate reports of fatalities or injuries. But by nightfall first responders and rescue officials were still going through the muddied, damaged downtown, conducting safety checks and ensuring people evacuated.

Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan, who declared a state of emergency for the flooded community, traveled there late Sunday for a firsthand look at the destruction.

Footage of Sunday's flash flooding showed the seething floodwaters engulfing cars and pickup trucks. The Howard County Fire & EMS agency tweeted that water was above the first floor of some buildings at the height of the disaster.

Some residents of Ellicott City told The Baltimore Sun the flooding appeared to be worse than the 2016 flooding that killed two people and destroyed local businesses.

Jessica Ur, a server at Pure Wine Cafe on the city's Main Street, told the paper she watched as gushing waters swept three or four parked cars down the street. She had been around the last time the area flooded, but said this time it appeared worse.

"It's significantly higher than it was before," she told the newspaper, comparing the floodwaters to those of 2016.

Subtropical Storm Alberto maintains strength as it approaches Gulf Coast

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Subtropical Storm Alberto headed toward anticipated landfall sometime today on the northern Gulf Coast, where white sandy beaches emptied of their usual Memorial Day crowds.

And just as the long holiday weekend marked summer's unofficial start in the U.S., Alberto gave it the unofficial start of what forecasters



Jason Seaman speaks to the media.

Teacher who stopped attack says he had to save students

NOBLESVILLE, Ind. — An Indiana teacher who was shot while tackling and disarming a student inside his classroom said today that his swift decisions "were the only acceptable actions" to save his seventh-grade students.

Jason Seaman, speaking publicly for the first time since the shooting Friday, thanked the Noblesville community for its support and stressed that he wanted the focus to be on the only other person shot during the incident: a 13-year-old student who was seriously wounded.

"Her courage and strength at such a young age is nothing short of remarkable," Seaman said during a news conference at the school district's administrative building. "We all should continue to keep her in our minds as she continues to recover."

Seaman is credited with stopping the armed student who entered his Noblesville West Middle School on Friday morning. Witnesses said the 29-year-old former college football player ran toward bullets as he tackled the student shooter. He was shot three times, according to his brother.

"I want to make it clear that my actions on that day, in my mind, were the only acceptable actions I could have done given the circumstances," Seaman said. "I deeply care for my students and their well-being. That is why I did what I did that day."

Injured student Ella Whistler was hospitalized in critical but stable condition, and school officials said Saturday that she was improving.

recently predicted would be an active hurricane season.

The National Hurricane Center in Miami said at 11 a.m. EDT today that Alberto was maintaining its strength as it approached the Florida Panhandle and was centered about 50 miles south of Panama City, Florida. The storm had maximum sustained winds of 60 mph and was moving north at 8 mph.

Forecasters warned of life-threatening surf conditions, the possibility of a few brief tornadoes in much of Florida and parts of Georgia, South Carolina and Alabama. And, it said, heavy rains are also expected in many areas.

Rough conditions were expected to roil the seas off the eastern and northern Gulf Coast region through Tuesday.

Lifeguards posted red flags along the white sands of Pensacola Beach, where swimming and wading were banned amid high surf and dan-

gerous conditions. Gusty showers began lashing parts of Florida on Sunday, and authorities warned of the possibility of flash flooding.

The hurricane center said a tropical storm warning was in effect from the Suwannee River in Florida to the Alabama-Florida state line.

US team in North Korea raises expectations of a Trump-Kim summit

A U.S. team was in North Korea to plan a summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, according to President Donald Trump, raising expectations that the on-off-on meeting would indeed take place.

Both the State Department and South Korea's Foreign Ministry said the American and North

Korean officials have been engaged in talks at the Korean village of Panmunjom, which straddles the border inside the Demilitarized Zone, or DMZ. One can cross the border simply by stepping across a painted line, but moving beyond several footsteps into the North at Panmunjom would be rare for U.S. officials.

Trump withdrew from a planned June 12 Singapore summit with Kim last Thursday, but quickly announced it could still happen. His tweet Sunday afternoon, which offered praise for the longtime U.S. adversary, was the latest signal that his concerns about the North's stance toward the summit had been allayed.

"Our United States team has arrived in North Korea to make arrangements for the Summit between Kim Jong Un and myself," he tweeted Sunday. "I truly believe North Korea has brilliant potential and will be a great economic and financial Nation one day. Kim Jong Un agrees with me on this. It will happen!"

South Korean President Moon Jae-in gave details about his surprise meeting Saturday with Kim in Panmunjom, saying Kim had committed to sitting down with Trump and to a "complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula."

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo tapped veteran American diplomat Sung Kim, the U.S. ambassador to the Philippines, to handle pre-summit negotiations. On a separate but complementary track was the CIA team Pompeo set up last year when he headed the spy agency. And on a third track was a White House logistical group sent to Singapore on Sunday to prepare in case the summit takes place. It was led by Joe Hagin, White House deputy chief of staff for operations.

Freed after 2 years, man jailed in Venezuela returns to US

WASHINGTON — Joshua Holt, who traveled to Venezuela from Utah in 2016 to marry a Spanish-speaking Mormon woman but soon found himself jailed and later branded the CIA's top spy in Latin America, was set free by the anti-American Maduro government on Saturday, saying he was "overwhelmed with gratitude."

Holt and his wife, Thamara Caleno, arrived Saturday evening at Washington Dulles International Airport for a tearful reunion with his parents, Laurie and Jason Holt. A few hours later President Donald Trump welcomed them to the White House.

"Those two years, they were a very, very, very difficult two years," said an emotional Holt, sitting next to Trump in the Oval Office. "Not really the great vacation that I was looking for ... I'm just so grateful for what you guys have done."

To Holt, Trump said: "You've gone through a lot. More than most people could endure."

The Utah man's mother, Laurie Holt, thanked Trump and the lawmakers for her son's safe return, adding: "I also want to say thank you to President Maduro for releasing Josh and letting him to come home."

Legion: Cause for the drop is hard to identify

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"We're not in dire straits. We're just coming to a point where we can't continue like this," Pavlovskis said.

Fewer people attending fundraising events is beginning to impact the Legion's ability to pay for community events like the Memorial Day wreath ceremony and Fourth of July parade, he said.

With less money coming in and newly-instituted city requirements to buy lia-

bility insurance cutting into reserves, for the first time the Legion will have to require parade participants to pay a \$5 fee to enter. The organization may need to find other revenue sources if the parade is to continue.

"It's a national trend," Pavlovskis said. "We do a lot of community service, but every time we dig out money from the reserves, the less we can do to help veterans."

The cause for the drop is hard to identify. Pavlovskis

said in general it is always harder to get younger people interested in community service when they are busy with jobs and families.

Some larger, cultural changes about how the military is perceived in general could be partially to blame, Phillips said. Locally, with an active Coast Guard population, there are probably more options for younger veterans in town to congregate elsewhere, Phillips said.

"The average age is 70

when you walk into the Legion," he laughed. "They probably still do a lot of their partying elsewhere."

But there is reason to be hopeful. With the 100-year anniversary of the American Legion approaching, Phillips hopes the message of helping veterans will again be at the forefront of people's minds.

"We just have to keep maintaining the spirit of the post," he said. "Because as long as you have that, you'll be okay."



The Compleat Photographer A historical photo shows the Clatsop Voiture 547s driving the Forty & Eight train during an Astoria Regatta parade in the late 1950s.

TV SCHEDULE Evening listings MONDAY

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11:30 PM) and rows for various TV channels (KATU, KOMO, KING, KOIN, KIRO, KGW, KRCW, KOPB, KPTV, KPDX, KCPQ, TBS, KZJO, ESPN, ESPNZ, NICK, DISN, FAM, FMC, LIFE, ROOT, F51, SPIKE, COM, HIST, A&E, TLC, DISC, NGE0, TNT, AMC, USA, FOOD, HGTV, FX, CNN, FNC, NBC, BRAV, BCM, SYFY, RFD). Each cell contains program titles and details.