

Four Mexican nationals die in California crash of bus headed to Pasco

ATWATER, Calif. (AP) — A husband and wife traveling to see their daughter in Pasco were among the four Mexicans nationals identified Wednesday as those killed when a bus slammed into a highway sign that tore through the vehicle in California's Central Valley.

The identities were released as investigators started piecing together what led to the crash early Tuesday. Among the possible factors being examined are driver fatigue and mechanical problems.

"At this point we don't know what occurred immediately before the crash," said Don Karol, a senior highway accident investigator for the National Transportation Safety Board.

Driver fatigue is a natural place to look considering the collision happened around 3:30 a.m., said Henry Jasny, senior vice president of Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety.

"We're daytime creatures," Jasny said. "Our bodies want to sleep at night."

Federal rules for bus drivers

needs to change, Jasny said.

After 10 hours continuously behind the wheel, bus drivers must be off for eight hours. Truckers are allowed to drive 11 hours, but have longer required rest periods at 10 hours.

"The consequences are very serious in terms of the numbers of lives at stake on a bus," he said.

It's unclear how long driver Mario David Vasquez, 57 of the Los Angeles area, had been behind the wheel. Investigators have not been able to interview him because of his injuries, California Highway Patrol Officer Moises Onsurez said.

There were 27 people, including the driver, aboard when the bus struck an exit sign post amid San Joaquin Valley farmland, officials said. Of the survivors, seven suffered major injuries, and 16 had minor to moderate injuries.

The California Highway Patrol initially reported five deaths, but Merced County Sheriff Vern Warnke lowered the count to four after canvassing hospitals and the corner's office in an adjacent county.

"It was chaotic," CHP Capt. Brian Hawkins said of the miscout.

The crash split the bus down the middle. The local sheriff has said rescuers pulled "bags of body parts" from the bus. Some survivors suffered severed limbs.

Investigations into such crashes can last months before a probable cause is determined.

The probe will also look into possible distractions or medical issues the driver suffered, as well as other drivers or hazards in the road and whether the bus company had a culture of safety problems.

Officials said they want to give survivors and relatives of the dead answers as well as make bus travel safe.

The dead include Fernando Ramirez, 57, and Petra Carillo Ruiz, 64, a married couple from Mexico who were traveling to visit a daughter in Pasco, Washington.

Jose Morales Bravo, 58, lived most recently in Avalon, California, but came from Concepcion de Buenos Aires in the state of Jalisco, according to relatives. Officials

said Bravo's wife was among those hospitalized.

A fourth victim was identified as Jaime De Los Santos, 38, of Tijuana, Mexico. Relatives describe him as a devoted family man with four children.

Eva Maria Morales wept as she talked about her father, Jose Morales Bravo.

"He was a good father," she said in Spanish from her home on Santa Catalina Island, off the Los Angeles coast. "He loved being with his children."

She said her parents made sure to visit all their children at least once a year and had most recently left Catalina for Washington state, where two of them live. Morales said her mother was devastated but expected to survive.

Moments before the crash, it appeared the driver was trying to pass another vehicle that he apparently expected to yield, but it would not let him merge, passenger Nakia Coleman told the *Tri-City Herald* newspaper.

The bus was traveling north on

State Route 99 when it crashed, only a few miles from its next stop, where it was scheduled to change drivers.

Passenger Leonardo Sanchez was sleeping peacefully on the bus carrying him to Oregon to pick blueberries when he was suddenly thrown face-first into the back of the seat in front of him.

He said only about eight people, including himself, escaped largely unscathed.

"We couldn't pull people out because there was shattered glass everywhere, seats destroyed," Sanchez said.

Some victims were thrown from the bus into a ditch.

Autobuses Coordinados USA was operating the bus. Calls to various telephone listings for the company have gone unanswered.

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration listed the carrier as having a "satisfactory" rating as of May 17. The bus was inspected in April and had three violations, including a lack of or a defective brake warning device.

BRIEFLY

GOP governor's allies suffer in backlash in Kansas primary

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Gov. Sam Brownback assured the public that the income tax cuts he championed would stimulate the Kansas economy, supply plenty of money for schools and give other states a "pro-growth" policy model to follow.

But voters, including many Republicans, appear to have rejected that idea in the face of budget woes and court battles over education funding. On Tuesday, they ousted 11 of the conservative governor's allies in favor of more centrist candidates.

The GOP incumbents who lost in the primary included the Senate's majority leader. Another three conservative House members were trailing Wednesday in still-undecided races.

"It's a mandate when you see the incumbents that supported the policies that have us in the position that we're in today," said John Skubal, a city council member in the Kansas City suburb of Overland Park, who defeated a conservative state senator. "The people are saying they don't work."

Kansas has struggled to balance its budget since the GOP-dominated Legislature slashed personal income taxes in 2012 and 2013 at Brownback's urging. That created concerns among

educators about future spending on schools, even as many Republicans regarded the \$4 billion-plus a year the state now spends as generous.

U.S. stocks tick higher as energy prices jump

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks edged higher Wednesday as energy companies climbed with the price of oil. Banks also rose, and investors sold traditionally safe stocks. A survey showed that hiring by private companies continued at a solid but uninspiring clip in July.

Stocks opened lower but gradually recovered to finish at their highest levels of the day. The price of oil jumped after the U.S. government said gasoline stockpiles shrank last week.

A survey showed private U.S. business payrolls grew by 179,000 in July as retailers and shipping firms hired more workers. That suggests hiring is still healthy, but that wasn't enough to excite investors.

The Dow Jones industrial average broke a seven-day losing streak and added 41.23 points, or 0.2 percent, to 18,355. The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 6.76 points, or 0.3 percent, to 2,163.79. The Nasdaq composite rose 22 points, or 0.4 percent, to 5,159.74.

Experts think a Friday report will show a gain of about 175,000 jobs.

Thursday Morning

STATION		6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
FOX	11 KFFX	11 AgDay	Friends	Animals	Paid	Hot/ Cleve.	Paid	Mother	Paid	Steve Harvey		Crime Watch Daily	
FOX	KPTV	3 Good Day Oregon at 6	Good Day Oregon					Good Day		The 700 Club		Paid	Paid
CBS	19 KEPR	2 News	News	CBS This Morning (N)				Meredith Vieira		The Price Is Right		Young & Restless	
CBS	KOIN	19 KOIN 6 News at 6 a.m.		CBS This Morning (N)				Let's Make a Deal		The Price Is Right		Young & Restless	
NBC	25 KNDU	6 Wake Up Northwest		Today Show Jennifer Garner (N)				Today Show II (N)		Today Show III (N)		Wendy Williams	
NBC	KGW	8 KGW News at Sunrise		Today Show Jennifer Garner (N)				Today Show II (N)		Today Show III (N)		The Dr. Oz Show	
ABC	42 KVEW	4 Northwest	Northwest	Good Morning America (N)				Live! With Kelly (N)		The View		Paid	Middle
ABC	KATU	5 KATU News Morning		Good Morning America (N)				AM Northwest		The View		Live! With Kelly (N)	
PBS	31 KTNW	Stretch	W.L. Yoga	Wild Kratts	Jet Gol	Nature Cat	C. George	D. Tiger	D. Tiger	Sesame St.	Peg + Cat	DinoTrain	Sit and Fit
PBS	59 OPB	13 Sit and Fit	Jet Gol	Nature Cat	C. George	D. Tiger	D. Tiger	Sesame St.	Peg + Cat	DinoTrain	DinoTrain	SuperWI	Thomas

AFTERNOON

STATION		12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
FOX	11 KFFX	11 Paid	Pat. Court	Divorce	Divorce	Judge Mathis		The People's Court		The People's Court		Mike&M.	Mike&M.
FOX	KPTV	3 The Rachael Ray Show	Wendy Williams	The Real				TMZ Live!		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	5 O'Clock News	
CBS	19 KEPR	2 NameG.	Bold & B.	The Talk		Let's Make a Deal		Dr. Phil		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	News
CBS	KOIN	19 News	Bold & B.	The Talk		The Doctors		Dr. Phil		KOIN 6 News at 4 p.m.		News	News
NBC	25 KNDU	6 TMZ	Ruff-Ruff	Days of Our Lives		Hot Bench	Hot Bench	Million?	Million?	Ellen DeGeneres		News	NBC News
NBC	KGW	8 KGW New	Paid	Days of Our Lives		FABLife		Ellen DeGeneres		KGW News		KGW News	NBC News
ABC	42 KVEW	4 The Chew		General Hospital		The Doctors		The Rachael Ray Show		Minute	Minute	News	News
ABC	KATU	5 The Chew		General Hospital		Meredith Vieira		Steve Harvey		KATU News @ 4		News	News
PBS	31 KTNW	Charlie Rose		Good Food	Knitting	C. George	Thomas	Arthur	Nature Cat	Jet Gol	Odd Squad	Wild Kratts	Business
PBS	59 OPB	13 Grand	Get Ready	Charlie Rose		Nature Cat	Bob Build	Cat/ Hat	Jet Gol	Speaks	WordGirl	Odd Squad	Wild Kratts

EVENING

STATION		6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
FOX	11 KFFX	11 Modern Family "Snip"	Modern Fam "The Butler's Escape"	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Home Free	"Overnight Success/ Dream Come True" One contestant will say goodbye and one will make their hero's wildest dreams a reality. (N)			FOX News First at Ten	:35 Law:CI A squad investigates high profile cases while focusing on the criminals' motives.	:35 Two and a Half "Untainted by Filth"	
FOX	KPTV	3 6 O'Clock News		Family Feud	Family Feud	Home	One contestant will say goodbye and one will make their hero's wildest dreams a reality. (N)			10 O'Clock News		11 O'Clock News	Everybody Loves Ray
CBS	19 KEPR	2 Action News at 6 p.m.	Inside Edition	The Big Bang Theory	The Simpsons "Brick Like Me"	The Big Bang Theory	Life in Pieces			Code Black	Dr. Leanne Rorish puts her four new first year residents to work on their first day.	Action News at 11:00 p.m.	:35 Stephen Colbert
CBS	KOIN	19 KOIN 6 News at 6	Evening News	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Life in Pieces			Code Black "Pilot"		KOIN 6 News/ 11	:35 S. Colbert
NBC	25 KNDU	6 Local News	Family Feud	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Rio Olympics	Bob Costas hosts this special that showcases the American Olympic Team. (N)			To Be Announced		Local News	:35 The Tonight Show
NBC	KGW	8 KGW News at 6:00 p.m.		Live at 7	Olympic Zone	Rio Olympics Preview Special (N)				To Be Announced		KGW News	:35 Tonight at 11
ABC	42 KVEW	4 Extra	Local News at 6:30	Entertainment Tonight	The Insider	BattleBots	The 16 teams continue to fight their way to the championship. (N)			Greatest Hits "1980-2005"	Features some of the most iconic and thrilling music artists of the 80s, 90s and 2000s. (SF) (N)	Local News at 11 /Kimmel	This distinctive late-night talk show features celebrity guests, bands & comedy.
ABC	KATU	5 KATU News at 6		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	BattleBots (N)				Great. Hits	Features some of the most iconic and thrilling music artists of the 80s, 90s and 2000s.	KATU News	:35 Jimmy Kimmel
PBS	31 KTNW	13 In the Americas	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour	Oregon Art Beat	Outdoor Idaho		Doc Martin	:50 Doc Martin "Aromatherapy"	:35 Red Green	Doctor Blake "Game of Champions"	The Politician's Husband	
PBS	59 OPB	13 In the Americas	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour	Oregon Art Beat	Outdoor Idaho		Doc Martin	:50 Doc Martin "Aromatherapy"	:35 Red Green	Doctor Blake "Game of Champions"	The Politician's Husband	

STATION	PEN	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
A&E	52	The First 48 "Cold Light of Day"		The First 48		The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	A man is stabbed 21 times when a night of drinking ignites a murderous rage. (N)			:05 First 48 "Soldier Down/ Blood Vendetta"	
AMC	60	☞ The Italian Job Thieves plan the heist of their lives by creating the largest traffic jam in L.A. history.		☞ Bruce Almighty A man is given God's powers in order to teach him how difficult it is to run the world.		☞ Harry Gilmore A would-be hockey player brings his slap shot & sportsmanlike attitude to golf.						:05 North Woods Law	
ANPL	24	North Woods Law		The Last Alaskans		Last Alaskans "Alone"	North Woods Law (N)	Lone Star Law (N)		Broken Skull Challen	Broken Skull Challen	Roseanne	Roseanne
CMT	43	☞ *** Tombstone '93, West) Val Kilmer, Michael Biehn, Kurt Russell.										Paid	Paid
CNBC	72	Shark Tank		American Greed (N)		American Greed: Scam	American Greed: Scam	American Greed: Scam	American Greed: Scam	American Greed: Scam	American Greed: Scam	CNN Tonight	CNN Tonight
CNN	68	Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight	CNN Tonight	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360		
DISC	51	Naked and Afraid XL		Naked and Afraid XL		Naked and Afraid (N)	Killing the Colorado (N)					:05 Killing the Colo	
DISN	26	☞ Spy Kids 3D: Gam...		K.C. Undercover		☞ Spy Kids 4: All the Time in the...	:35 Girl M.	Bizaard.	Underc.	StuckMid	Liv Maddie		
ESPN	33	NFL's Greatest		Super Bowl		E:60	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter		
ESPN2	34	CFL Football BC/Mtl. (L)		CFL Football Saskatchewan Roughriders at Calgary Stampeders (L)				SportsCenter Special				NFL Live	
FNC	66	The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		On the Record	
FOOD	61	Chopped "Hooftin' It!"		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		BeatFlay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay
FREE	32	☞ ** Dark Shadows	Johnny Depp.	☞ ** Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	Johnny Depp.			Pretty Little Liars		The 700 Club			
FX	65	☞ *** The Avengers		☞ *** 21 Jump Street	(12, Act) Jonah Hill.			Sex&Drug	Sex&Drugs	Sex&Drugs	Sex&Drugs	Movie	
GOLF	88	PGA Golf		PGA Golf	Travelers Championship Site: TPC River Highlands			Golf Central		PGA Golf			
GSN	76	Winsanity	Winsanity	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Winsanity	Winsanity	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Baggage	Baggage
HALL	87	Last Man Standing		Last Man Standing		Last Man Standing		Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	62	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	H.Hunt (N)	House (N)	H.Hunt	House
HIST	50	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Mountain Men "Killer Instinct"		Mountain Men		Mountain Men "Concussion" (N)		:05 Ice Road Truckers		:05 Ice Road Truckers	
LIFE	29	My Crazy Ex		My Crazy Ex		My Crazy Ex		My Crazy Ex (N)		I Love You (N)		My Crazy Ex	
NICK	27	H.Danger	H.Danger	Thunder	Thunder	☞ To Be Announced						Friends	Friends
ROOT	37	Griffey HOF	MarinersPr e-game (L)	MLB Baseball	Boston Red Sox at Seattle Mariners Site: Safeco Field -- Seattle, Wash. (L)			Post-game (L)	MLB Baseball	Boston Red Sox at Seattle Mariners Site: Safeco Field			
SPIKE	42	☞ Clash of the Titans	☞ ** Wrath of the Titans	When the ancient Titans are unleashed, Perseus braves the underworld to stop them.		Lip Sync Battle	Lip Sync Battle	Lip Sync Battle	Lip Sync Battle	☞ ** Final Destination 3			
SYFY	67	☞ ** Starship Troopers	Denise Richards.	☞ **** John Carter	(12, Act) Lynn Collins, Taylor Kitsch.			☞ **** John Carter					
TBS	59	Seinfeld "The Note"	Seinf. "The Truth"	Seinfeld "The Dog"	Seinf. "The Library"	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Conan	
TCM	56	☞ Wedding March Pierre Blanchar.	☞ King Kong A giant prehistoric ape escapes his captors & goes on a rampage through New York City.			☞ Thunderbolt (29, Cri)	Fay Wray, Richard Arlen, George Bancroft.	:45 ☞ ** Below the Sea (1933) Fay Wray, Ralph Bellamy.				Big Fat Fabulous Li.	
TLC	59	Toddlers & Tiaras	600-lb "Paula's Story"	600-lb "Susan's Story"	600-lb "Nikki's Story"	Skin Tight (N)		:15 ☞ Why Did I Get Married Too?					
TNT	47	Super. "Lucifer Rising"	Castle "Dressed to Kill"	☞ Madea's Big Happy Family	Tyler Perry.								
UNI	21	Includo	Noticiero	La rosa de Guadalupe	Un camino hacia el	Tres veces Ana						Impacto	Noticie.
USA	58	SVU "Noncompliance"	SVU "Consent"			Law & Order: S.V.U.	Law & Order: S.V.U.	Queen of the South (N)		Law&O: SVU "Honor"		Braxton Family Values	Braxton Family Values
WE	118	Braxton Values (N)	Cutting It: ATL (N)			Braxton Family Values	Braxton Family Values	ATL "Rest in Weaves"		Braxton Family Values		Rules	Rules
WGN		Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops		
STZ ENC	644	Movie	☞ *** Transporter 2			☞ *** From Russia With Love	Sean Connery.	☞ ** Die Another Day	Pierce Brosnan.				
HBO	518	:15 ☞ *** The Bucket List	Jack Nicholson.	Vice Princi	Real Sports With Bryant Gumbel	☞ ** Lucy	Scarlett Johansson.	Night Of					
HBO2	520	☞ *** Ghost	:15 ☞ ** The Fantastic Four	Miles Teller.		☞ The 33 (15, Doc/Dra)	Antonio Banderas.	:10 Sex On/!	Cathouse				
HBO3	521	Movie	:35 ☞ **** The Martian	(15, Act) Matt Damon.		☞ ****							