

Boat Sinks In China's Yangtze River

BEIJING (AP) — A yacht carrying more than 450 people sank overnight in the Yangtze River during a cyclone in southern China, and eight people have been rescued, the state broadcaster CCTV reported Tuesday.

Further rescue work was underway but strong winds and rain were hampering the search, CCTV said. The boat was traveling from Nanjing to the southwestern city of Chongqing when it sank at about 9:28 p.m. Monday in Hubei province, the report said.

The official Xinhua News Agency quoted the captain and chief engineer, who were both rescued, as saying the ship sank quickly after being caught in a cyclone.

CCTV said the boat was carrying 406 Chinese passengers, five travel agency employees and 47 crew members.

The Eastern Star yacht measured 251 feet long (76.5 meters) and 36 feet wide (11 meters) and was capable of carrying a maximum of 534 people, CCTV reported. It is owned by the Chongqing Eastern Shipping Corp., which focuses on tourism routes in the popular Three Gorges river canyon region.

Ex-Inmates Regret Destruction Of Prison

BEIRUT (AP) — For decades, the mere mention of Tadmur Prison was enough to send chills down a Syrian's spine.

The notorious facility in the desert of central Syria was where thousands of dissidents were reported to have been beaten, humiliated and systematically tortured for opposing the Assad family's rule.

This weekend, it was demolished by the Islamic State group, which took over the site near the ancient town of Palmyra last month, bringing mixed emotions from many Syrians who wanted it to remain standing so future generations would know its horrors.

"They destroyed our memories, our catastrophe and the walls that we leaned on and told our stories to," said Ali Aboudehn, a Lebanese who spent four harrowing years in Tadmur. "They destroyed the land that absorbed our blood because of torture."

The sprawling prison — once one of Syria's darkest secrets — is located a few miles east of Palmyra, a desert oasis famous for its Roman-era colonnades, temples and artifacts. There were fears that the Islamic State militants might destroy the 2,000-year-old heritage site.

Bruce Jenner Completes Transition

NEW YORK (AP) — Bruce Jenner's transition is complete. "Call me Caitlyn," declares a headline on the July cover of Vanity Fair, with a photo of a long-haired Jenner in a strapless corset, legs crossed, sitting on a stool. The image was shot by famed celeb photographer Annie Leibovitz. Inside, more images show Caitlyn in gold lame, a black bustier and a cleavage-baring, off-the-shoulder gown.

Caitlyn Jenner also debuted a new Twitter account with: "I'm so happy after such a long struggle to be living my true self. Welcome to the world Caitlyn. Can't wait for you to get to know her/me."

The account broke a record for fastest time to reach 1 million followers, besting President Barack Obama's new (at) Potus handle with a mark of 4 hours and 3 minutes, according to Guinness World Records.

Vanity Fair took to Twitter with the cover Monday and said Jenner spoke emotionally about her gender journey: "If I was lying on my deathbed and I had kept this secret and never ever did anything about it, I would be lying there saying, 'You just blew your entire life.'"

Kerry Heads Home For Surgery

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State John Kerry headed home Monday to Boston from Geneva, Switzerland, for surgery on his broken leg, as U.S. officials insisted that his injury would not hinder his participation in nuclear negotiations with Iran.

With an end-of-June deadline for an Iranian deal fast approaching, the 71-year-old Kerry left Geneva aboard a U.S. military plane accompanied by his orthopedic surgeon Dennis Burke and additional medical personnel. Officials said Burke is expected in the coming days to perform surgery on Kerry's right femur, which Kerry fractured on Sunday in a bicycle accident when he struck a curb and fell on a regular Tour de France route in France located southeast of the Swiss city.

He had been receiving treatment at Geneva's main medical center, HUG, and is to receive further care at Massachusetts General Hospital once he returns home. Kerry, an avid cyclist, had hip replacement surgery several years ago. The fracture was near the hip, leading to speculation that his recovery would be lengthy and prevent him from being as involved in the Iran negotiations as he has been over the past two years.

The State Department sought to tamp down such suggestions, saying that Kerry is committed "to pursuing an aggressive recovery schedule" and had spent much of Sunday and Monday on the phone with colleagues, including President Barack Obama and counterparts, including the French, Spanish and Iranian foreign ministers. Kerry had spent six hours with Iranian Foreign Minister Mohamad Javad Zarif on Saturday in Geneva before his bike accident.

Who's in the race?

While there are many politicians considering a campaign for the 2016 presidential election, here are the people who have officially announced:

Democrats



Hillary Clinton



Bernie Sanders



Martin O'Malley

Republicans



Ted Cruz



Rand Paul



Marco Rubio



Ben Carson



Carly Fiorina



Mike Huckabee



Rick Santorum



George Pataki



Lindsey Graham

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Clash Of Priorities Define Debate

BY LISA LERER AND STEVE PEOPLES

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Listen to the Republican candidates for president and they'll tell you the country faces a dire threat from terrorism, and is on the brink of falling victim to Islamic State militants.

"I'm afraid some Americans have grown tired of fighting them," South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham said Monday when kicking off his campaign. "I have had news to share with you: the radical Islamists are not tired of fighting you."

Meanwhile, in a Democratic field topped by the nation's former top diplomat, foreign policy rarely comes up. Instead, Hillary Rodham Clinton and her peers see a nation crippled by economic anxiety, where financial titans grow ever richer and everyday families struggle to keep pace.

"Nobody expects everything to come easy," Clinton said during a recent campaign event in South Carolina. "But it shouldn't be quite so hard to get ahead and stay ahead in America."

As the presidential campaign starts to move past the question of who is and isn't running for the White House, the two parties find themselves setting out on sharply divergent paths to Election Day. While Clinton visits the early voting states, rarely mentioning her experience as a former secretary of state, her would-be Republican challengers fly to Israel and Poland, eager to gain a foreign policy edge in a crowded primary contest.

"Hillary Clinton is in a complete box on foreign policy," said Republican National Committee chairman Reince Priebus. "Eventually she's going to have to talk about what she did and didn't do abroad to further the position of our country and improve the safety of our people."

Yet Clinton's Democratic challengers don't see it that way. Rather than talk about foreign affairs as a way to criticize Clinton, they've joined with her to focus on pocketbook issues. Last week, Sen. Bernie Sanders described a "rigged economy" and argued the country's "grotesque level of inequality is immoral." Former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley got into the race last weekend with a message to

the "bullies of Wall Street" and promises to "rebuild the truth of the American dream."

The only Democrat driven by foreign policy is former Rhode Island Gov. Lincoln Chafee, and even then, his primary concern is Clinton's vote in favor of the Iraq war in 2002.

So far, Clinton's campaign has felt little need to stress her international record, though aides are confident that she would beat out a less experienced Republican challenger on the issue. Her advisers argue the failing unemployment rate masks a lingering economic anxiety that remains voters' core concern. The aides spoke on condition of anonymity, in order to brief reporters on campaign strategy.

Republicans don't ignore economic issues, but foreign policy has dominated their debate. That's especially true in recent days, as the Senate considers extending surveillance powers granted to the National Security Agency, prompting the party's candidates lash out at each other (and Clinton).

Republican Sen. Rand Paul has aggressively opposed the 9/11-era anti-terrorism tools and has used his push to end them as a way to raise money for his presidential campaign. New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie said Paul and his supporters suffer from 9/11 amnesia, while Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker said Monday that Paul's efforts won't help him in the Republican primaries.

Beyond their internal divisions over America's place in the world, the GOP's candidates are united in linking Clinton to President Barack Obama's record overseas. They frequently describe the "Obama-Clinton record" on issues such as Syria's civil war and the rise of the Islamic State group.

Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, who plans to tour eastern Europe next month, said Clinton has been "riding shotgun for four years" as part of the Obama administration. "It's her policies as well. And we will hold her to account," he said while campaigning recently in Michigan.

In a speech Monday in which he raised the prospect of Iran committing genocide with nuclear weapons, Graham was even more direct: "I've got one simple message: I have more experience with our national security than any other candidate in this race. That includes you, Hillary."

OBITUARIES

Erma Dykstra

Erma Ruth Dykstra (nee Jurrens) was born February 6, 1930, in rural Avon, in the home of her parents Tim and Lena Jurrens (nee Roll). She left her earthly life on Friday morning, May 29, 2015, from the Sister James Care Center in Yankton having spent 85 years, 3 months and 23 days.



Dykstra

Funeral services are 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at the First Baptist Church in Avon. Burial is in the Trinity Presbyterian Cemetery, rural Avon. Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Chapel in Avon is in charge of arrangements.

Erma gained her lifelong love of reading while attending rural schools near the Five Mile Corner. Her passion for the written word, her uncanny ability to complete with speed even the toughest *New York Times* crosswords and her amazing bookkeeping skills were remarkable considering her humble educational history.

Erma met the future and one love of her life, David James Dykstra, when he was brought by her brother Eldon Jurrens to spend the night at the family farm. They married on February 26, 1950, in the First Baptist Church in Avon and were joined by three children — Douglas Tim, Paul David and Barbara Jean.

Shortly after their mar-

riage, David ("Dyke"), was drafted and served in the Korean War, during which time Erma received untold love and support from her and David's families, as well as countless friends in the Avon area.

Erma was baptized upon confession of her faith in the First Baptist Church in Avon and along with David, was a lifelong member of the Trinity Presbyterian Church of Avon. She faithfully supported the Ladies Aid Society, worked as Sunday School Superintendent, and later served the Church on its Board of Elders. Additionally, she was a devoted supporter of the Avon Legion Auxiliary working in many officer capacities to promote Americanism in this area.

Sharing in the void of her passing are her children Douglas and Trudy Dykstra in Yankton, with their children Aaron and Kathleen Dykstra of Rapid City, Amanda and Jared Adamson and Allison and Cullen Kohles all from Yankton; Paul Dykstra and Bob Beach in Chicago; and

Barb and Mark Tanzillo, in Atwater, California with their children Christopher and Vanessa Tanzillo and Justin Tanzillo. Of special delight to Erma and the smile on her face were her five great grandchildren — Rozlyn Adamson, Emma Dykstra, Jayce Tanzillo, Sophia Dykstra and Sawyer Adamson. Joining Erma's children in loss are her brother Virgil and wife Maxine Jurrens of Madison, Wisconsin; sisters-in-law Louise Van Gerpen, Carol Jurrens and Arlene Dykstra of Avon and a myriad of nieces and nephews.

Erma was preceded in death by her loving David, her parents Tim and Lena Jurrens, her brothers and sisters: Chester Jurrens, Ray Jurrens, LeRoy Jurrens, Viola Voigt, Leatta Schortzmann and Eldon Jurrens; as well as Dyke's brothers and sisters: Dick Oorlog, John Dykstra, Garratt Dykstra, Henrietta Vilhauer, Ann Heidemann and Louis Dykstra. Special affection from Erma would be to acknowledge also the loss of dear brother-in-law Roland Van Gerpen.

Honored to escort Erma to her final earthly resting place are her grandchildren and their spouses as pallbearers.

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Robert Engen

Robert "Bob" Engen, 82, died on May 30, 2015.

Funeral services will begin at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 4, 2015, at Hope Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls.

Visitation will begin at 3 p.m. on Wednesday at George Boom Funeral Home, Sioux Falls, with the family present to greet friends from 5 to 7 p.m.

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Grateful for having shared his life are his wife of nearly 62 years, Helen; son: Bryan (Belinda) Engen; daughter, Brenda Engen; four grandchildren: Sara (Quincy) Schult, Michael Engen, Bryan Engen Jr. and Ashton Engen; six great-grandchildren: Trey, Hayley, Kaydon, Presley, Trystan, and Madelyn; one brother, Donald (Janet) Engen; one

sister, Sherry Fuller; grand-dog, Lucy; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents, Olin & Evelyn Engen; daughter, Linda; and son, Steven. A complete obituary is available at www.georgeboom.com.

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