

Satellite Spots 122 Objects Floating In Search Area

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — They are the most tantalizing clues yet: 122 objects spotted by satellite, floating in the turbulent Indian Ocean where officials believe the missing Malaysian jetliner went down. But bad weather, the passage of time and the sheer remoteness of their location kept answers out of the searchers' grasp.

Nineteen days into the mystery of Flight 370, the discovery of the objects that ranged in size from 3 feet to 75 feet, offered "the most credible lead that we have," a top Malaysian official said Wednesday.

With clouds briefly thinning in a stretch of ocean known for dangerous weather, aircraft and ships from six countries combed the waters far southwest of the Australian coast. Crews saw only three objects, one of them blue and two others that appeared to be rope.

But search planes could not relocate them or find the 122 pieces seen by a French satellite. Limited by fuel and distance, they turned back for the night.

That echoed the frustration of earlier sweeps that failed to zero in on three objects seen by satellites in recent days. Forecasters warned that the weather was likely to deteriorate again Thursday, possibly jeopardizing the search for the Malaysia Airlines Boeing 777 that vanished early March 8 en route from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing.

YAMWI

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"(The grant information) was shared over KELO and one of our board members happened to be tuned into it," she said. "She got it written up, (we) looked it over, sent it in and we were awarded. It was so fortunate and wonderful."

The PSA, shot by a KELO news crew, included a demonstration of equipment meant to help young children with disabilities learn to walk, a demonstration of a play-therapy room and the D.A.R.E. classroom, featuring officer Jeff Johnson of the Yankton Police Department. Staff members and their children took part in the production of the PSA.

Dr. Thomas Stange said the PSA will also help raise awareness for an upcoming conference, in addition to the caretakers.

"It's really going to talk about how these are people who all provide care in our community," Stange said. "We're also advertising the Yankton Area Mental Wellness Conference, which tries to take care of people who help people in our community."

Kettering said the community is full of caretakers, not just YAMWI.

The conference is set to take place June 4-5. Kettering expected anywhere from 250-280 professionals in the mental health field to be in attendance.

"It's all the counselors who work out at HSC; it's all the people who work at Lewis & Clark Behavioral Health; it's all the independent counselors that we have in the community; it's our teachers — in all school systems; it's drug and alcohol counselors throughout the area," she said. "We're talking about thousands of caretakers that we hope will gain the benefit of this PSA by raising awareness of what they do for everyone."

A total of 14 grants were awarded this year to groups within the KELO coverage area. The YAMWI PSA, as well as those by the other grant recipients, will be aired on a regular basis throughout the year. Kettering said she expects the PSA to start running within a month.

For more information on YAMWI, visit www.yamwi.org.

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Highway

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Safety concerns regarding Highway 46 are nothing new.

According to Ron Peterson, the Yankton-area engineer for the state Department of Transportation (DOT), the road has become a popular topic for area residents during DOT Statewide Transportation Improvement Program hearings.

"I think it's just the age-old concern with the geometrics of that section — lots of hills and up-and-downs," he said. "And there's very few opportunities to pass between Highway 81 and Irene, so there are people who do some things they probably shouldn't — passing on yellow lines and speeding to get around vehicles in select locations."

Peterson said residents from Yankton and surrounding communities have repeatedly asked that the highway be regraded to increase sight distance. Widening the road has also been proposed, but such work could only be done if the hills were regraded, he said.

"Up to this point, economics have prohibited that," Peterson said. "But I think there's a commitment on the department's part that the next time that road does come up for some kind of treatment, that they'll seriously look at that."

However, it's not likely for such a project to happen soon, he said.

"A lot of it depends on the availability of funding," Peterson said.

If improvements were to be made to Highway 46, Kindel said the school district could reconsider its decision to utilize the road. In the meantime, drivers will use other options, despite the addition of travel time and fuel expenses, he said.

"I feel the extra cost and time are worth the benefits for student and staff safety," Kindel said. "The value of a student or staff member's life is much more important to me than saving a few dollars by taking a shorter route when a safer route is available."

Despite the concerns voiced by some, Peterson stressed that Highway 46 is safe for travel, noting that the road was built to state standards and undergoes constant upgrades. The DOT has also completed its resurfacing project for the highway, he said.

"The overall integrity and safety is looked at every year by myself and our maintenance forces," Peterson said. "We're keeping it as safe a road as it can be. It's up to the drivers to make the right decisions when utilizing it."

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Program

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Interested youth are asked to complete an application and write a letter to Wenande explaining why they are interested in serving as the junior commissioner by April 7.

"I hope people get excited about careers in government through this program," City Manager Amy Nelson said. "Being an elected official is very important and rewarding, but I think you can also have a really great career working for a city, county or state. I'm interested in young people getting involved and knowing what types of opportunities they have. There will be a time when these high schoolers and college kids are running our community."

It is anticipated that the junior commissioner could be selected as early as April 14.

Depending on the schedule of the junior commissioner, the individual could start in May.

"If there is a new commissioner elected (during the April municipal election), we have new commissioner orientation in May and having junior commissioner orientation at the same time would be ideal for staff," Wenande said.

The junior commissioner may just serve through the summer or continue for a longer period if it works with his or her schedule.

The individual will have a seat and microphone off to the side of the commission at regular meetings and will also be invited to participate in various committees.

For more information regarding the program, interested applicants can contact the city manager at 668-5221.

Applications can be picked up at Yankton City Hall or can be found online at www.cityofyankton.org.

Letters and applications should be sent to: City Manager's Office, Attn: Junior Commissioner Program, P.O. Box 176 Yankton, SD 57078.

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Names

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involves a juvenile matter, no further information or details will be given by law enforcement of the state's attorney's office, Roth said.

Funeral services for Sean Hofer will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Hutterthal Mennonite Church of rural Freeman. Visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. Friday, also at the church.

Walter's Funeral Home of Freeman is handling the arrangements.

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MUNICIPALITY OF YANKTON

A Municipal Election will be held on April 8, 2014, in the City of Yankton, South Dakota. If the polls cannot be opened because of bad weather, the election may be postponed one week.

The election polls will be open from seven a.m. to seven p.m. central daylight savings time on the day of the election.

At the election, the following offices will be filled:

Three (3) Commissioners for a three (3) year term each

Nancy A. Wenande
Craig Sommer
Chris Ferdig
Jake Hoffner

The polling places of this municipality are as follows:

VOTE CENTER
1 City Hall
2 4-H Building
3 JoDean's Restaurant

ADDRESS
416 Walnut
709 Whiting Drive
2809 Broadway

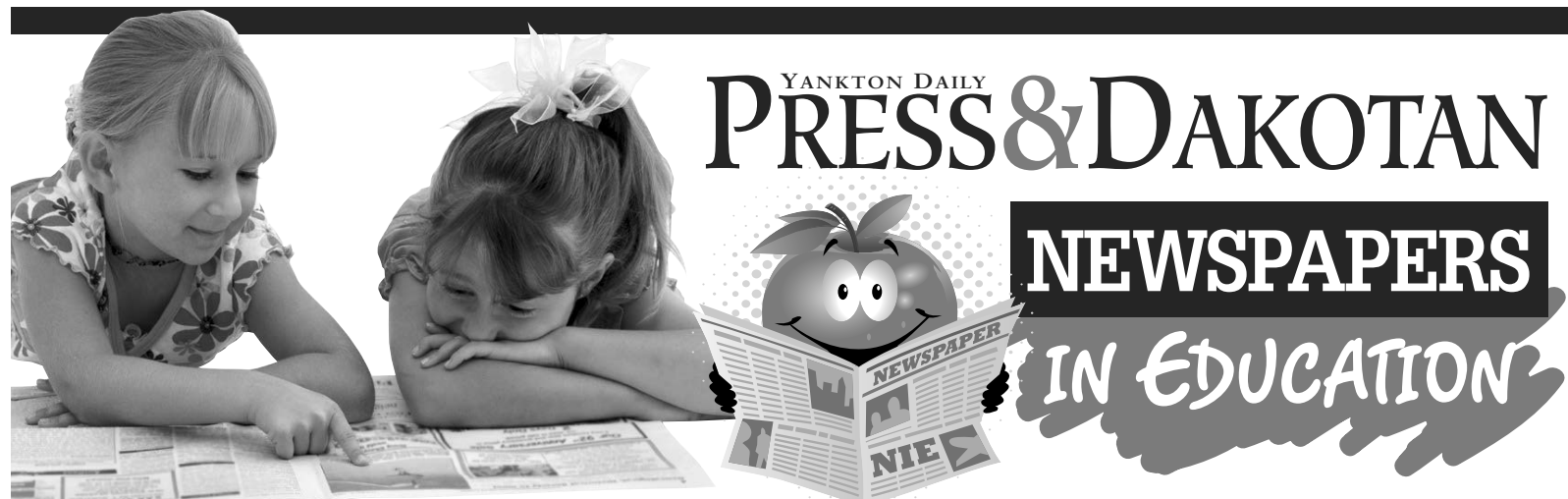
Voters with disabilities may contact the City Finance Officer for information and special assistance in absentee voting or polling place accessibility.

Finance Officer
City of Yankton

OFFICIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION BALLOT YANKTON, SOUTH DAKOTA

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