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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Families whose loved ones died in the fiery crash of a supersonic Concorde jet 10 years ago joined together near Paris on Sunday, laying flowers at a monument where the plane went down. Air France flew in family members from Germany, where most of the victims were from, and gave them flowers to place at the monument in Gonesse. After a decade of investigation, a French court held a trial earlier this year in which Houston-based Continental Airlines and two of its employees are accused of manslaughter in the crash. The trial focused on investigators' reports that a Continental jet dropped a metal strip onto the runway before the Concorde took off. The prosecution says the debris gashed one of the Concorde's tires, sending pieces of rubber into the fuel tanks and sparking a fire. The Concorde was taken out of service in 2003.

* The death toll rose to 19 on Sunday and police said that 342 people had been injured in a panicked crush of partygoers in an overcrowded tunnel that served as the sole entrance to a German festival billed as the world's largest techno music party. The co-founder of the Love Parade said it would never be held again. German media reported that there were at least 1.4 million people on the festival grounds in the western city of Duisburg. City officials chose not to evacuate the site, fearing it might spark more panic, and many people continued partying, unaware of the deaths.

* An air and ground search continues for two U.S. navy service members who disappeared in eastern Afghanistan amid unconfirmed reports that one or both were captured by the Taliban. The two failed to report back after leaving their compound in Kabul on Friday afternoon. The Taliban now claims to have abducted one of the

serviceman and killed another after an ambush in Afghanistan's Logar province. The Taliban has reportedly contacted Afghan officials, offering to exchange the body of the dead soldier for the release of several insurgents. Elsewhere, the leader of al-Qaeda's offshoot in North Africa says the group has killed a French engineer taken hostage in Niger in April. In an audio message broadcast Sunday on Al-Jazeera, Abdelmalek Droukdel said the group killed Michel Germaineau in retaliation for the killing of six al-Qaeda members in a recent raid by Mauritanian forces aided by the French military. Germaineau, 78, was abducted April 22.

* A Coast Guard admiral said Sunday after touring the scene that oil left on the surface of the Gulf of Mexico is breaking down naturally now that the flow of crude has been cut off beneath the surface. Rear Adm. Paul Zukunft told reporters that he saw only one large patch of emulsified oil, about 12 miles off Grand Isle, Louisiana, during his six-hour aerial tour, while only a light sheen was visible in other parts of the Gulf.

* Alberto Contador won his third Tour de France in four years on Sunday, heralding the arrival of a new cycling superstar as seven-time champion Lance Armstrong competed in the race for the last time. Victoria's Ryder Hesjedal, moving up one spot in Saturday's time trial, finished seventh overall for Canada's best showing since Steve Bauer's fourth in 1988.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Scott Dixon of Target Chip Ganassi won a controversial victory at the Honda Edmonton Indy on Sunday. Paul Tracy of Toronto was the top Canadian, in sixth place. Tracy had qualified 15th of 25 drivers. Meanwhile, Francois Dumontier, the president of Octane Racing Group says he is determined to build a better Edmonton Indy next year after taking over the race from Edmonton Northlands. Dumontier says his next step will be to set up an office in Edmonton to start on work immediately. The Indy lost more than \$9 million the first two years and is due for another deficit this year with Northlands.

* A forest fire about 50 kilometres northeast of Fort McMurray, Alta., has grown to 1,800 hectares since Saturday. The blaze, is burning 13 kilometres northeast of Suncor Energy's Firebag site. However, winds from the northeast are pushing the fire toward the Saskatchewan and Northwest Territories borders and away from any critical infrastructure at the Suncor site. RCMP say No other sites or communities are likely to be affected given the fire's current direction of travel.

* A full investigation into what caused a CF-18 fighter jet to crash Friday afternoon at the Alberta International Airshow in Lethbridge. Captain Brian Bews managed to eject from his aircraft moments before it struck the ground and exploded. Bews is expected to be released from hospital on Tuesday.

* Residents living in west Edmonton say they saw a toddler fall from a third-storey window at an apartment complex near 184th Street and 89th Avenue Sunday. Police say the baby girl was playing on a bed with her 5-year-old brother when they opened the window, pushed the screen and started throwing toys out the window. Police say somehow the toddler fell out the window. The child is in U of A Hospital suffering

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from head injuries.
 * Two provincial parks in Alberta will offer visitors the use of a life-jackets at no charge as part of a pilot program to raise awareness about the importance of water safety. The personal flotation devices will be available at Pigeon Lake today and at Carson Pegasus park by mid-August as part of Kids Don't Float program.

* Federal Industry Minister Tony Clement tweeted Sunday that he, his wife and his neighbours help save a woman from drowning in a river Saturday near their their home in Port Sydney, Ontario. They put the woman, into a lifejacket and got her out of the water.

BEEF BREAK

Tough law and order posturing by politicians is just so much hot air unless the governments are going to waste the taxpayers money on more jails and courts. Lindsay Lohan gets 90 days, but will get out early as the jails are crowded. Khabibulin faces extreme impaired driving charges, but there's no court time to hear his case. Chronic offenders keep the door revolving. Unless facilities are built to house and treat the chronic offenders, then all the hard line politicians are doing is spouting hot air.
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Today's Pop Quiz:

What is the world's largest freshwater island?

Yesterday's Quiz: What Paris landmark inspired George Ferris to invent the wheel that bears his name? **A.** The Eiffel Tower

Weather

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 Tomorrow: sunny, H 24

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