# **Dozens rescued from Calif. flood**

#### By The Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Rescuers chest-deep in water steered boats carrying dozens of people, some with babies and pets, from a San Jose neighborhood inundated by an overflowing creek Tuesday.

The rescued residents had to be taken to dry land and rinsed with soap and water to prevent them from being sickened by floodwaters that had traveled through engine fuel, garbage and debris, and over sewer lines, San Jose Fire Capt. Mitch Matlow said.

Only residents who could show they had been cleaned off were allowed to board buses to a shelter for those displaced by the floodwaters.

'This is like once in a lifetime," said Bobby Lee, 15, of the water around him.

He was rescued with his brother and parents, who took clothes, electronics and some photos from their home in a neighborhood that ended up littered with submerged cars.

Earlier Tuesday, firefighters rescued five people stranded by flooding at a homeless camp along the same creek in San Jose.

Firefighters went door to door to tell residents to get out of their homes because the city does not have sirens or another emergency warning system, San Jose spokesman David Vossbrink said.

In the San Joaquin Valley in California's agricultural heartland, farmers used their was swept into a creek on

NEW YORK - Medical ex-

aminers who performed an

autopsy on Russia's ambas-

sador to the United Nations

said Tuesday that more tests

how and why he fell ill in his

Vitaly Churkin, who died

are needed to determine

Monday, a day before his

Russia's envoy at the U.N.

gest-serving ambassador

since 2006. He was the lon-

65th birthday, had been

office and later died.

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Rescue crews steered residents from a flooded neighborhood in San Jose, Calif., on Tuesday. The neighborhood was inundated by water from an overflowing creek.

tractors and other heavy equipment to help shore up a levee along the San Joaquin River.

The rains were the latest produced by a series of storms generated by socalled atmospheric rivers that dump massive quantities of Pacific Ocean water on California after carrying it aloft from as far away as Hawaii.

The rains have saturated the once-drought-stricken region but have created chaos for residents hit hard by the storms.

The latest downpours swelled waterways to flood levels and left about half the state under flood, wind and snow advisories.

The Los Angeles Times reported Tuesday that a motorist in Northern California

Saturday during another in the series of storms and drowned inside her car.

The current storm system began to weaken Tuesday after dumping more than a half-inch of rain in the San Joaquin Valley, over an inch in San Francisco, and more than 5 inches in the mountains above Big Sur over the previous 24 hours, the National Weather Service reported.

Dry weather was expected to return to the region today.

In San Jose, the fire department was called to Coyote Creek amid reports of as many as 40 people being stranded at the homeless encampment.

That number turned out to be inaccurate and everyone was located, Matlow said.

Near Monterey, the Car-

mel River and the Salinas River were also expected to approach flood levels.

In the Sierra Nevada, part of one of the main routes to Lake Tahoe was in danger of collapsing after a roadway shoulder gave way following heavy storms, leaving a gaping hole about 40 feet long and 17 feet wide, Caltrans engineer Jarrett Woodruff said.

Crews opened one lane Tuesday as workers tried to fix the road failure after numerous mudslides blocked it for days at a time in recent weeks.

The water level rose at Lake Oroville for the first time since authorities ordered an emergency evacuation of 188,000 people more than a week ago after a damaged spillway caused major flooding concerns.

### PERSONALITIES

A judge has ordered R&B singer Chris Brown to stay away from his ex-girlfriend after she accused him of physically abusing and threatening her. The Grammy winner and Tappa-



hannock native was ordered to stay 100 yards away from Karrueche **Tran** and not attempt to contact her after she wrote in court filings that Brown had repeatedly threatened her since December.

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Tran also accused the singer of punching her in the stomach and pushing her down stairs a few years ago. Her filing does not offer any additional specifics or note if she reported the events to police. It states that no one was present at the time.

The order, which was issued Friday, also calls for Brown to surrender any firearms he has until a March 9 hearing on the restraining order.

An email message sent to Brown's attorney Mark Geragos was not immediately returned.

Brown and Tran dated after the singer pleaded guilty to felony assault for an attack on Rihanna in 2009 just hours before the Grammy Awards.

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Tom Hanks is putting his love of vintage typewriters to good use - his collection of short stories will be published in October.

The Oscar-winning actor's first book, "UNCOMMON TYPE: Some Stories," features 17 stories, each in some way involving a different typewriter. It's due out Oct. 24 from Alfred A. Knopf, the publisher said Tuesday.

Among the stories written by Hanks, who owns over 100 typewriters, is one about an immigrant arriving in New York City, another about a bowler who becomes a celebrity, and another about an eccentric billionaire.

- The Associated Press

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Night Pick 4: 6-1-4-7

Night Cash 5: 6-7-8-22-25

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deaths investigated by the

Churkin's case was re-

ferred to the medical exam-

iner's office by the hospital,

office are not suspicious.

Churkin's "professional-

lomatic talents," spokesman Dmitry Peskov said, accord-

find a compromise," U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley said Tuesday, calling Churkin "brilliant, wise, gracious, and funny.

More tests needed to learn cause of Russian's death

Her predecessor, Samantha Power, described him on Twitter as a "diplomatic maestro and deeply caring man" who had done all he could to bridge differences between the U.S. and Russia.

Churkin died weeks into some major adjustments for Russia, the U.N. and the international community, with a new secretary-general appearance and friendly, at the world body and a new administration in Washington. Meanwhile, the Security Council discussed Ukraine on Tuesday and is set to discuss Syria later in the week. Ukraine currently holds the Security Council's rotating presidency, and Ukrainian Ambassador Volodymyr Yelchenko led members Tuesday in a moment of silence in Churkin's memory.

While noting "fundamen-tal differences" with Chur-kin's political positions and how he presented them, Ukrainian Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin said that divide "does not put us away from our point of expressing human condolences."

Churkin emerged as the face of a new approach to foreign affairs by the Soviet Union in 1986, when he testified before the U.S. Congress about the Chernobyl nuclear plant disaster. His fluent English, fashionable sometimes humorous, exchange with lawmakers marked a departure from the tone Congress had come to expect from the Soviet Union. After he returned to the Foreign Ministry in Moscow, he ably parried with Western correspondents at briefings in the early 1990s. He later held ambassadorships in Canada and Belgium, among other posts.

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on the Security Council, the U.N.'s most powerful body.

City medical examiners concluded Churkin's death needed further study, which usually includes toxicology and other screenings. They can take weeks.

The medical examiner is responsible for investigating deaths that occur by criminal violence, by accident, by suicide, suddenly or when the person seemed healthy, or in any unusual or suspicious manner. Most of the

ing to the state news agency TASS. Moscow had not yet given a date for Churkin's funeral.

**Diplomatic colleagues** from around the world mourned Churkin as a master in their field, saying he was deeply knowledgeable about diplomacy and dedicated to his country while also being a personable and witty colleague.

"He could spot even the narrowest opportunities to of-state numbers.

#### CORRECTION

The number of surveyed students who said they were gay, lesbian or bisexual for a JAMA Pediatrics study was 26,252. A story Tuesday on Page A12 about same-sex marriage laws and teen suicides included an incorrect figure that was published in the study.

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